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Dear Friends,

#### TIME AND TALENTS

Now that the financial challenge of our 'Thanksgiving & Pastoral Link Project' has been issued, I would like to say a sincere thank you to all who have responded in a sacrificial and generous way. There is still time for any others who would like to make a regular gift to All Saints' Church either through weekly envelopes or through Standing Order. The Government still hasn't changed the Covenanting system (yet!), so all who have to pay Income Tax can give your church an extra gift by simply signing a Deed of Covenant ... quite painless and at no cost to yourself.

At the start of this New Year, we want to give maximum thrust to the Time & Talents aspect of our Project. I am inviting everyone who reads this magazine to sit down for a few minutes and think of all the things that NEED doing in our Church and Parish. Please let your thoughts range wide ... from the simplest practical job to the biggest community project. Having thought, would you then please write down those NEEDS, as you envisage them, and let me have a copy at your earliest convenience. You can either bring them to church, leave them in the church or post them through my Vicarage letter box. I thank you most warmly in advance for your valued assistance.

Now, I hear you ask, what's he going to do with all those lists of NEEDS. Well, I'll tell you ... Totley All Saints' Church is totally committed to serve all the people in this Parish, whether they attend Church or not. Using our Time & Talents, which God has given to each one of us, we shall attempt to meet as many of the needs that you identify. We have a very talented crew in our Church all bursting to put their time and skills to good use. You may say that this has all been tried in the past; what I gather is that not much use was made of the skills and talents identified. Now is your chance to have NEEDS met and TIME & TALENTS offered in God's service.

May God richly bless you and yours this coming year,
All good wishes,

#### SERVICES IN JANUARY

Holy Communion Every Wednesday at 10.00am. Young Saints (Sunday School - with creche) Every Sunday at 10.00am (except Come & Worship - 3rd Sunday) during term time. TASH (Youth Group) every Sunday 6.30pm during term time.

#### 1st - CHRISTMAS 1

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Morning Prayer (ASB)

6.30pm Holy Communion (BCP)

#### 8th - EPIPHANY 1

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion(ASB)

Epistle: Acts 10: 34-38

Gospel: Matthew 3: 13-end

11.30am Cheshire Home Communion

6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

Old Testament: Exodus 14: 5-18 New Testament: Mark 1: 1-11

#### 15th - EPIPHANY 2

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Christingle - a service for everyone

3.30pm Cheshire Home Service

6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: Acts 26: 1, 9-20

Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20

#### 22nd - EPIPHANY 3

8.00am Holy Communion(BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle: 1 John 1: 1-7

Gospel: John 2: 1-11

6.30pm Memorial Service

#### 29th - EPIPHANY 4

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: I Corinthians 3: 10-17

Gospel: John 2: 13-22

6.30pm Praise Service

## SAYINGS FOR STILLNESS

"I AM the Alpha and the Omega ...
who is and who was and who is to come ...
Revelation 1.8

## QUIET DAY 1995

Instead of having our own Parish Quiet Day this year, we shall be joining in the newly initiated Deanery Quiet Day to be held on Sunday 18th March. It will be led by Revd. Sue Proctor who is a member of the Aston Team Ministry and priest-in-charge at Swallownest. Further details to be announced later. Ro Carter.



## A BIG THANK YOU

- on behalf of Christian Aid recipients and Traidcraft Producers for everyone who supported the stalls in October, when approximately £185.00 was raised.

### LADIES CLUB

Jan 3rd 7.30pm Come and enjoy a 'Games Evening' during the 'Festive Season'

Jan 17th 7.30pm Mrs Dunn makes a welcome return to talk about Queen Mary's Dolls House and other miniatures.

I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Margaret B.



#### Baptism & Wedding Enquiries

can be made at The Vicarage on Wednesday Evenings, between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. If this is not convenient, please 'phone 362322 to make an appointment with the Vicar.

#### BLACK and WHITE

I was greatly encouraged by the response to a sermon I preached in All Saints' at the end of November. In essence, the sermon compared the Advent hope in Christ with the hope of millions based on gambling of all sorts.

It set minds thinking, people talking (even between the end of the sermon and the start of the creed!), and for some a change in behaviour. Would that every sermon, mine included, had similar results!

Perhaps I was particularly moved by those who expressed to me their gratitude for a clear-cut statement of what a gamble is and of their appreciation of the setting of this against Christian ethics. The conclusion of the matter is clear and unequivocal: Jesus would not have taken part in the National Lottery, the pools, the office sweepstake or a raffle (even if it be run by a church or a charity).. It follows that no Christian should do so either.

It has been remarked that I was too black and white in the matter. Can any Christian be too black and white over right and wrong? If a course of action is wrong in the eyes of God then it is unequivocally wrong.

Or are there occasions when, for example, adultery is right? or perhaps murder? or a bank robbery and shop lifting? the examples are endless. We may be given the reasons why we or others do these things. We may understand. We may feel a deep sense of compassion. But none of these emotions overrules the fact that if a deed is wrong it remains wrong.

Nobody understands the frailties and the temptations of daily life better than Jesus. But never once did he condone wrong actions. On the contrary, he pointed men and women to God's standards for human behaviour and invited them to turn from the wrong and pursue the right. he never shied away from the moral distinction between black and white. and he did not allow others to do so. Nor does he allow us to do so.

That was one of the reasons why he was so unpopular with those who would wish to blur the distinction between what is morally black and what is morally white. To his followers he didn't and doesn't promise popularity for following his way. But he does promise peace of mind and peace with God, now and in eternity. There's a focus for a happy new Year.

**P.S.** If a Christian wants to support a cause for which a raffle is being held, we can just give them the price of the ticket but decline to take the ticket. Doing this is both doing what is right and quietly promoting the Christian witness.

#### **QUOTES**

The aim of education is the knowledge, not of facts, but of values

When madness climbs the throne, who escapes contagion?

J.M. Coetzee S. African Novelist on P.W. Botha

To be born a gentleman is an honour, to die a gentleman is an achievement.

History bears out the old saying, forests precede civilisation, deserts follow.

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT?

BEADSMAN: One appointed to pray for another, an almsman or workman.

BEDE HOUSE: A House of prayer, an almshouse.

BEAD ROLL: A list of names (originally of benefactors) to be prayed for.

#### LOTTERIES

A lottery is a taxation, upon all the fools in creation, And, heaven be praised, it is so easily raised Credulity's always in fashion
For folly's a fund, will never lose ground
While fools are so rife in the nation.

From "The Lottery" a stage farce by Henry Fielding (1707-1754).

Lotteries were prevalent in the period the play was written. Indeed, Westminster Bridge, 1736 and later, was built and completed by parliamentary granted lotteries. State lotteries were abolished in 1820. Progress?, however has today reviewed them

Rex B.



#### The Chrismon tree

The Chrismon tree was the theme of the service presented by Young Saints' on December 11th. We have been asked to share with you the background to this. The Chrismon tree originated in the Lutheran Church in Danville, Virginia, U.S.A. -the idea being that the Christmas tree we have in church should serve as a witness to God's Love and Glory, as well as being a decoration. Therefore Christian symbols are used that remind us of various aspects of our faith and the Life of Christ (the Chrismons - Christ Monograms).

The tree points to heaven and is an evergreen, symbolising the eternal life available in Christ. The white lights and candles speak of Him who is the Light of the World and the colours of white and gold are symbolic too. White is the liturgical colour for Christmas and suggests the innocence purity and perfection of Christ. Gold is the symbolic colour for the glory and majesty of God.



The circle reminds us that God's love is forever.

The triangle, trefoil, and the Fleur de Lys are reminders of the Holy Trinity The cross is always a reminder of Christ's death and its different forms have different meanings.

The Latin cross with its long upright, is the most widely used form of cross among Christians.

Cross of Glory. The rising sun behind the cross suggests the new day when Christ conquered death by His Resurrection.

Anchor Cross. The cross of hope. Christ is the Hope of the World. Or a cross rising from a crescent moon which is a symbol for our Lord's mother.

Cross over the world. Christ died for the whole world. A world united in Christ.

Jerusalem Cross is the cross of crusader kings made of five crosses.

Celtic Cross is composed of a cross and a circle representing eternal life.











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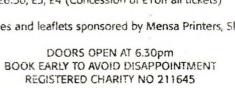
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From the Bishop of Doncaster

## 1995 - OUR CIRCUMSTANCES AND GOD'S CHARACTER

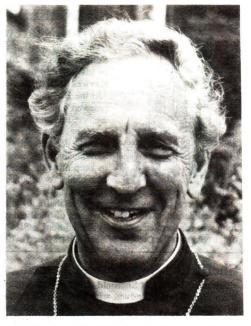
In one sense the answer to the question "so what's new?" is really "precious little!" The year may have changed but, for the vast majority of people, nothing much else has. Yet a New Year does bring the hope that we might have the chance to find new inspiration to face life's new challenges more creatively and with renewed determination.

Some of the circumstances in which we find ourselves are quite daunting and disheartening. They certainly provide a demanding challenge to a church called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Alongside all that people can enjoy and celebrate in our society, there exists a whole number of issues that should cause alarm and dismay. Such things include:-

- The growing gap between rich and poor.
- The violence and distrust in neighbourhoods divided by race and colour.
- The waste of resources and the destruction of the environment.
- The shameful increase in the abuse, neglect and exploitation of children.
- The complacent acceptance of the view that an ever increasing area of life is to be judged by financial implications, with little value being placed on compassion or concern for the disadvantaged.

For these reasons and for a host of others, we all become casualties in one way or another. 'People in need' is a statement of fact about the human condition and not just a way of describing a group. We all need the care, support and understanding of our fellow human beings. Yet so often we are too busy pointing the finger of blame or just too busy.

As well as social and personal needs, and intimately bound up with them, there is a spiritual vacuum. If there ever was a 'golden age' in our land, in terms of a faith that is rooted in understanding, lived with conviction and nurtured and celebrated in worship, today there is a huge void in our society.



If this is what we face, then this reality needs to be seen in the light of the eternally present reality of the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Our mission imperative, inspiration and courage all come to us in and through the nature of God himself.

It is from the reality of God's Holiness that we are called and inspired to be committed to Justice, Peace and the integrity of creation.

It is from the reality of God's Compassion that we are called and inspired to be people who care and support others in their time of need.

It is from the reality of God's Forgiveness that we are called and inspired to evangelism.

With the memory of 'Awake', the hope of 'Bridlington' and the opportunities of "The Walk of 600" and all else besides in 1995, a New Year quote about the Acts of the Apostles:-

"The story of Acts is a missionary achievement of a community inspired to make a continual series of creative experiments by the Spirit".

May that be true for the Acts of this Diocese.

With my best wishes and prayers for your New Year.

Tuichaut. gen.

MICHAEL F. GEAR Bishop of Doncaster



#### SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL

#### Provost's farewell.....

There was a royal send-off for Provost John Gladwin and his wife Lydia on Sunday November 20 when John laid down his office as Provost of Sheffield prior to his move to become Bishop of Guildford. He was the preacher at two special services held at Sheffield Cathedral.

At the Evening Service which was attended by civic and other guests, he called for a renewed understanding of "the common good" - a phrase from 1 Corinthians 12. "We are here tonight in the Christian Church and we cannot give up the vision that we are for love, for community and for the common good. We have lived through some grim times with the demise of the Coal Industry, the restructuring of Industry and times when selfish individualism has eaten away at the heart of love and goodness. But in Church we seek to keep alive the vision of Christ who, St. Paul says, has captured our hearts. With community rebuilt the people will flourish if we remember the Common Good".

Afterwards in the resplendent Cutlers' hall there were presentations to the Provost. From civic and cathedral donations a pectoral cross (designed and made in Sheffield) to be worn by John in his daily life as Bishop; from the Diocese an engraved decanter; from the Pewterers of Sheffield a claret jug and from the City of Sheffield a set of steak knives. John was consecrated as Bishop of Guildford at St. Paul's Cathedral, London on December 6 when several coachloads of friends from the Diocese of Sheffield travelled to be with him on that special occasion.

#### Sheffield's New Provost Named.....

The new Provost of Sheffield - in succession to the Very Revd. John Gladwin who has become Bishop of Guildford - is to be the Revd. Canon Michael Sadgrove who is at present Vice-Provost of Coventry Cathedral.

Canon Sadgrove - who is 44 - was born in London but has parish experience in the North of England, having served as Vicar of Alnwick in the Diocese of Newcastle from 1982 to 1987. His wife Jenny is a Psychotherapist working in general and private practice. They have four children: Joanna (17), Philippa (15), Aidan (12) and Eleanor (11). Canon and Mrs. Sadgrove enjoy fell-walking and are looking forward to exploring the hill country around Sheffield. Outside family life and work, music is Canon Sadgrove's great love and he plays the organ, the piano and enjoys singing.

After studying at Oxford he went on to theological training at Trinity College, Bristol and was ordained in 1975. From 1977 to 1982 he was Tutor at Sarum and Wells Theological College, where he taught Old Testament Studies. He became Vice-Principal in 1980, moving to the parish in Newcastle Diocese in 1982. From there he moved to Coventry Cathedral in 1987 to become Precentor (the person in charge of cathedral worship) and Vice-Provost. Liturgy (Church Worship) and Education are his special theological interests, with a decided emphasis on the training of lay people within the life of the Church. His previous experience as a lecturer in Old Testament Studies has given him a deep commitment to the place of the Bible in the life and work of the Church.

He has visited Sheffield several times and is now looking forward to getting to know the people of the City and Diocese when he moves from Coventry to Sheffield probably in the early summer. The appointment of a new Provost for Sheffield falls in turn to a patronage group called the Simeon Trustees, to the Sheffield Church Burgesses and to the Crown. This time it was a Crown appointment and Canon Sadgrove's appointment was officially announced by Downing Street.

#### Cathedral Choir to meet Springboks..

Glorious beaches, urban sprawl, the extreme of poverty and wealth set cheek by jowl, and the most fragile of political miracles: South Africa is a place of contrasts in many more ways than a black and white racial divide may seem to imply at first sight. It is to this land and among these peoples of great diversity that the Cathedral Choir will be travelling on a goodwill tour during the last two weeks of February 1995.

The Choir will be staying in Johannesburg and Capetown. Concerts and Services at the Anglican Cathedrals are planned, alongside workshops, some broadcasts, and a major community event in Soweto in support of StreetWise. The StreetWise charity has long associations with Sheffield Cathedral as the Cathedral has supported its work among homeless children on the streets of Johannesburg and Soweto. Whilst members of the Choir will take with them much of the music which they sing regularly in the Cathedral, they are looking forward to learning new music from choirs in South Africa. Doubtless the Choir repertoire will be much enriched by the Tour!

"Music is not the sole purpose of the Tour, however," writes Canon Jane Sinclair in the Cathedral's monthly newsletter 'Chapter and Verse'. "We hope to develop the Cathedral's links with the Church in South Africa, and to learn from the experiences of Christians living and working in a land of stark contrasts. We want to show our support for a new state struggling with the legacy of the evils of apartheid. Perhaps Sheffield Cathedral may, in its turn, one day host visitors from South Africa who wish to draw alongside us as we struggle with the evils of poverty, homelessness, and the secularisation of our society in Britain".

Over half the money needed to finance the Tour has already been raised by choir parents, donations from Trust Funds, and by fundraising events. If any reader of the "News" would be interested in becoming a named sponsor of the Tour, please contact Mr. R. Foster Sheffield Cathedral S1 1HA Tel: 275 3434 for further information. Donations towards the Tour will be gratefully received at the Cathedral.

#### **Bumper Response**

Sheffield Cathedral's Breakfast Project, which provides mid-week breakfasts for the homeless and needy in Sheffield, reports that the 1994 Harvest Appeal has been the most successful yet, with 54 churches, schools and organisations giving a vast quantity of tins and other produce.

From late September onwards, a team of dedicated volunteers have been sorting car loads of tinned produce, and items needed for breakfast. The goods donated saved £1500 for the Breakfast Project, and last year 900 food parcels were distributed to those in real need. This year that total will be exceeded.

The Cathedral Breakfast Project is closely linked with the Archer Project which seeks to give individuals who have problems with housing, long-term unemployment and other related issues access to sport, recreation, arts and educational facilities, so that people can feel valued in the community.

Many organisations support the two projects through regular donations of money and in kind, others give through the volunteer worker scheme. Please contact Alan Turner, the Projects Manager, for more details of how to become involved. Tel: (0114) 279 8435.

#### **Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust**

The Trustees of the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust are prepared to consider applications for financial assistance towards the cost of essential restoration works to buildings of Christian denominations currently used for public worship.

Grant Application Forms can be obtained from the Grants Secretary: The Revd. H.E. Hutchinson, 33 Limestone Grove, Burniston, Scarborough, N. Yorkshire, YO13 0DH, and returned to him duly completed not later than 31st March 1995.

The Trustees' decision will be notified to applicants following their meeting in May.

#### **Three night Bible Teaching**

The tenth series of three night Bible teaching evenings, organised by Mission Doncaster is to be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, 6th, 7th, 8th February from 7.30-9.00 p.m. at Doncaster Pentecostal Church, Cleveland Street, Doncaster. The Bishop of Doncaster, Michael Gear will take as the title, "Growing in Obedience. A look at the Epistle of James". All are welcome.

#### **Holy Land Tour**

29th May to 5th June 1995

A party of 25 from the diocese are visiting the Holy Land and have space for a few more to join them. They stay first in Jerusalem and visit the Garden Tomb, the Upper Room, Gethsemane, Bethlehem, Jericho and then stay by the Sea of Galilee, visiting Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum, Caesarea Phillipi. If you're interested in joining them, further details are available from Revd. Geoff Hollingsworth, The Vicarage, Rawcliffe, GOOLE DN14 80E. Tel: 0405 839298.

#### **Appointments**

**The Reverend Ian Davis,** Curate of St. Mary the Virgin, Beighton to be Rector of St. Helen, Thurnscoe from 30th January, 1995.

The Reverend Margaret Green, Curate, West Doncaster Deanery to retire on 31st December, 1994.

**The Reverend Sue Hope**, Priest in Charge of St. Margaret and St. Thomas, Brightside w Wincobank to be Vicar of St. Margaret and St. Thomas, Brightside w Wincobank from 24th November, 1994.

The Reverend Ken Jones, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Millhouses to be also Rural Dean of Ecclesall from 1st October 1994.

The Reverend Jane Tillier, Curate of St. Mark, Broomhill to be Cathedral Chaplain, Diocese of Gloucester from 1st March, 1995.

#### **Study Day**

The Sheffield Area Bereavement Forum has arranged a Study Day at Whirlow Grange on Tuesday, 4th March from 9.30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Entitled "Working with Bereaved People", it will deal with visiting, groups, training and organisation, and is particularly for those who are involved in any aspect of working with the bereaved. Further details are available by phoning Sheffield 273 7797.

#### In the footsteps of St. Paul & St. John

If you are interested in joining a study visit to Turkey from 11-19 April 1995, visiting Ephesus, Smyrna, Istanbul, Kusadasi, Pamukkale, Troy, Pergamum, Canakkale, Dardanelles, Bursa and other places at a cost of £559, then why not drop a line with a stamped addressed envelope to Mr. Colin Roberts, Oakwood School, Moorgate, Rotherham S60 2UE, asking for full details.

## Christian Survivors of Sexual Abuse (CSSA)

CSSA was formed in 1989 as a response to the needs of Christian adults who were sexually abused in childhood, giving them opportunities to meet together for mutual support as they come to terms with the impact of abuse on their lives and spirituality. The Yorkshire regional branch was set up in 1993, and since then we have established a number of support groups throughout the region, and host regular workshops, and prayer services for survivors and their partners, while also promoting parish discussions and educational events with the aim of encouraging awareness of child protection issues among our Christian communities.

Survivors may be interested in two forthcoming events in the region. The first, a workshop for male survivors takes place on Saturday, January 14th 12-3 p.m. in Wakefield.

The second event will be for those interested in forming a regular support group for women in the Doncaster area, and will be held in Doncaster, on January 28th, 2-4.30 p.m.

Programmes, venue details and maps can be obtained by sending an SAE, and indicating which event you are interested in to: Yorkshire CSSA, PO Box 22, Wakefield WF1 5XF



### SYNOD DIGEST

a brief report of the meeting of Sheffield Diocesan Synod, meeting in Sheffield on Saturday, November 12.

#### **BISHOP'S ADDRESS**

The Bishop of Sheffield welcomed new and old members to this the first meeting of the newly elected Synod also meeting for the first time at the Wilson Carlile College of Evangelism (Church Army) in Sheffield. In his Presidential address the Bishop called for enhanced INTEGRITY AND STABILITY in the life of the Church of England in matters of morality, theology and belief. "We need to regain a confidence in our own rooted security in what we believe and also an integrity in morality, especially when the general feeling of the nation is that anything can be bought. Through a new stability we need to remember that we are in the Eternity Business and not just involved with everlasting crisis management. We need to discern the proper pattern for an organisation which is in the Eternity Business".

EARLIER Synod members had divided into their respective Houses where the House of Laity elected Mrs. Elizabeth Paver of Doncaster as their Lay Vice President in the place of Professor David McClean (who had retired from the post). The House of Clergy re-elected unanimously the Revd. Canon Gordon Taylor as Clergy Vice President.

INTER-FAITH WORSHIP GUIDELINES, giving advice on what to do when organising interfaith worship events in the Diocese of Sheffield were endorsed by Synod members. These were produced by the Mission and Unity Committee.

THE SHEFFIELD-GUILDFORD LINK was endorsed and it was agreed that it should continue for another 5 years.

MATTERS FINANCIAL took up the remaining time of the November Synod as first of all Synod members approved the 1995 Budget of Churches together in South Yorkshire (One third of £15,981, the other two thirds being met by the Roman Catholics and Free Churches) and accepted the report of the Diocesan Finance Committee. The Draft Budget for 1995 (totalling £4,737,533) was approved. Mr. Leslie Fletcher was re-appointed as Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance and the Revd. Canon Jim Moore was appointed Clerical Vice Chairman of the Diocesan Board of Finance with Mr. Nick Hutton as Lay Vice Chairman (all these appointments to be for three year periods).

IN THE LIGHT of the financial challenges facing the Church of England, Sheffield Diocesan Faith in the City Committee asked the Bishop and Bishop's Council to set up a working party to review the Parish Share (Quota) and Ministry Contribution system by March 1996 in a way that will ensure the continued mission and ministry of the Church of England in all communities; to encourage realistic giving; to recognise the social and economic characteristics of the local parish, particularly Urban Priority Area parishes where the community and worshipping congregation is local and predominantly poor and finally to explore the principles of "potential and interdependence". This was ably and clearly introduced by the Revd. Richard Atkinson and Synod members gave this motion their approval. A second major motion, asking for a re-examination of the Parish Share/Ministry Contribution system was also ably presented (on behalf of Rotherham Deanery Synod) by Mr. Peter Rainford but - particularly in the light of the previous debate - the Rotherham Motion was lost on a procedural vote "that this Motion be not put", but the Rotherham proposals will be duly considered by the Working Party to be set up following the Faith in the City Motion.

**NEXT DIOCESAN SYNOD:** SATURDAY, MARCH 4 1995. THIS REPORT BY ROY ARNOLD.

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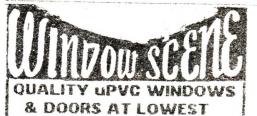
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Blessed is he who has nothing to say, and doesn't say it.

OSCAR WILDE

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PAM SHAW



There are two **crowns**. The **crown of thorns** is a reminder of the crown of suffering that Jesus wore. The **kingly crown** is a symbol of the victory of our Lord over sin and death.

The butterfly is a symbol of New Life in Christ.

The **lily** is another symbol of resurrection and is used at Easter because of this. The **wheat** is a reminder of the Body of Christ given for us.

The grapes are a reminder of the blood of Christ shed for us.

The chalice reminds of the Last Supper and is used at Holy Communion.

There are two symbols for the Holy Spirit. The descending dove is symbolic of peace and reminds us of the Prince of Peace. The seven tongued flame represents the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost and the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The lamb is a scriptural symbol for Christ - the Lamb of God. The shepherd's crook. Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd".

The fish is an ancient symbol for Christ. It was a sign during early Christianity's persecution. On catacomb walls, fish pointed to places of worship. IXOYS, the Greek word for fish, is an acronym of the Greek phrase - Jesus (1) Christ (X) God's (O) Son (Y) Saviour (S).

Angels symbolise the nativity of the Lord for they proclaimed His birth.

Stars remind us of the star that shone at Bethlehem to mark the birth of Jesus.

Many diffferent pointed stars exist. The number of points mean different things:

4 points - star Etoile (Star cross)

5 points - Epiphany

6 points - Creators Star

7 points - Gifts of the Spirit

8 points - Baptism - Regeneration

Several multi-pointed stars - Heaven

The Star of David is a Jewish symbol.

The daisy, a flower of simplicity and innocence reminds us of the innocence of the Christ-child and the simplicity of His birth and was presented to each member of the congregation.

Some monograms are based on Greek words or letters.

- IHS from the Greek word ISHOYS meaning Jesus.
- Alpha and Omega (The first and last letters of the Greek alphabet) since only God is before and after all things. Revelation 22:13.
- Chi Rho. The most widely known Chrismon is this combination of the first letters of the Greek word CHRISTOS (XPISTOS) or in English Christ. Chi Rho (xp) is the oldest monogram for Christ and was used by the early church.

J & J Lawry









#### MORE QUESTIONS THAN ANSWERS?

The theme of November's Come and Worship Service, "The Permanence of God and the Impermanence of Man", set me thinking. Though it would certainly be presumptuous of a species which has existed for the last one ten-thousandth of the age of the universe to consider itself as "permanent", may I suggest it is even more presumptuous of us to discuss the permanence of our creator? Though Genesis is not explicit on this point, modern science has shown that not only everything in the universe (the matter which forms the stars, planets and ourselves) but also space and time themselves were created together in the "big bang". Unfortunately, our human language is a very poor vehicle for describing such an event. We can easily come up with apparent paradoxes because of poor vocabulary. For example - Has the universe always existed? No. it came into being at a particular instant. So what was there before that instant? there was no "before", as time also began then. Then the universe has indeed existed for all time. - and we are left wondering what "always" really means! mathematics can provide us with a consistent description, but still leaves us struggling to interpret the meaning in terms we can grasp.

However even without considering creation, I believe we should be wary of talking as if God were, like us, "trapped" in time. Just as we know He is with each of us now wherever we may be, and is not constrained to be at one particular place like us, I don't believe that God moves through time as we do. Though to us, yesterday was, today is, tomorrow will be, those are surely descriptions of our human perceptions of time, rather than its reality, and I am sure they do not correspond to God's view. (This is not to say that God has special powers to see into our future, an approach which can lead to - in my view - meaningless discussions about predestination. Rather, God perceives what he created, the wholeness of space and time, while we gradually live through it.) Stirring hymns may describe God as "unchanging", yet how could He who created time be anything else? Perhaps they have something to say about how God has chosen to reveal Himself to mankind, but I doubt they say much about His true nature.

Placing God "outside" time in this way might seem to make him more distant, but this really ought not to be the case. Rather, the fact of the incarnation becomes all the more amazing and wonderful. In Jesus, God not only gave up His glory for a physically limited human body, but did indeed imprison Himself in the time He has created. Words surely fail us once more!

So how should we consider God? "who was, and is to come"? Not really, but that is perhaps the best English language can come up with - and in this case even mathematics is not going to be able to help us. (I doubt if a metric tensor would be any better way of describing our God!) Better perhaps to declare "All praise to the great I AM"!

Chris Rooth

## PREACHER'S DILEMMA

If his address is a few minutes longer than usual: 'He sends us to sleep'.

If it's short: 'He hasn't bothered'.

If he raises his voice: 'He's shouting'.

If he speaks normally: 'You can't understand a thing'.

If he's away: 'He's always on the road'.

If he stays at home: 'He's a stick-in-the-mud'.

If he's out visiting: 'He's never at home'.

If he's in the vicarage: 'He never visits his parishioners'.

If he talks finance: 'He's too fond of money'. If he doesn't: 'Nobody knows what he's up to'.

If he organises a bazaar: 'He wears everybody out'.

If he doesn't: 'The parish is dead'.

If he takes time with people: 'He goes on and on'.

If he is brief: 'He never listens'.

If he redecorates the Church: 'He's spending too much money'.

If he doesn't: 'He's letting everything go'.

If he is young: 'He lacks experience'.
If he is old: 'He ought to retire'.

And if he dies?...Well, of course: 'Nobody could ever take his place'.

KIRKBY OVERBLOW



# From The Registers

BAPTISMS

December 4th Ellen May Elizabeth Bergdahl

25 The Quadrant

December 4th Josephine Katie Lorna Davis

116 Abbeydale Road South



November 30th Edward John Heiser (82) 11 The Grove We shall remember the above together with the following from our Memorial Book at our Memorial Service on Sunday January 22nd at 6.30pm:- Phyliss Robinson, Alice Marples, Robert Brown, Sydney Ellis, Kenneth Turner, Winifred Pearson, Jack Williams, Arthur Birley, Alan John Murrell, Herbert Perkinton, Edith Mary Crookes, George Henry Clark.

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#### LEARNERS ONLY

Those who joined the autumn session left behind some questions which they wished to discuss, and I said I would look for space to deal with them early in 1995.

"Space" has been the problem! Because the hall seems to be totally occupied in the available dates before Ash Wednesday, David & Margaret have very kindly invited us to meet in the Vicarage. I am also very grateful to Martin Loft who has kindly agreed to lead one of the sessions.

Those who didn't come last time are also most welcome to come to any of this series. Here is the programme:

Place: Vicarage	Days: Mondays	Time: 8.00 - 9.00pm
	(Time	will be strictly observed!)
Dates: Jan 16th	Does the baptism of bable	s mean anything at all?
Jan 23rd	A look at the impossible -	the Holy Trinity
Jan 30th	A survey of some Christian and some sects	demonstrations
Feb 6th	Suffering - Healing - Praye	f John N. Collie

#### PARISH ROTAS FOR JANUARY

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COFFEE	1st	Mrs B Waite, Mrs Ruthven, Mrs Snowdon
	8th	Mrs Booth, Mrs Wright, Mrs Warrender
	15th	Mrs Walker, Mr & Mrs G Waite
	22nd	Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Firth
		Mrs Webb, Mrs Ibbotson, Mrs Ludlam

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FLOWERS:	Altar	<b>Memory Table</b>
1 st	TREES	Mrs Parsons
8th	Mrs Firth	Mrs Turner
15th	Mrs Manterfield	Mrs Simons
22nd	Mrs B Waite	Mrs Hardy
29th	Mrs Kirton	Mrs Bramall

#### SILVER CLEANING 8th Mrs Coates

CRECHE:	1st	No creche
	8th	Roma & Graham Webb
	15th	Christingle (no creche)
	22nd	Liz & Neil Hayden
	29th	Jean Dawson/Marie Cooper

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#### SIDESMEN:

6 30pm

8.00am	10.00am	6.30pm
1st		
Miss Perfect	Mr Cooke	Mr Simons
	Mr Johnstone	Mrs Snowdon
8th		
Mr Ludlam	Mr Bryer	Mr Powell
	Mrs Billard	Mr England
15th		
Miss Baldry	Come & Worship Rota	Mrs Mayson
•	(K. Dixon M. Warrender)	Mr Purkiss
22nd		
Mr Filleul	Mrs Simons	Mr Mayson
	Mrs Warrender	Mr Powell
29th		
Mrs Cooke	Mr Bryer	Miss Baldry
	Mrs Simons	Miss Perfect



#### FOR YOUR DIARY 1 Sun HAPPY NEW YEAR 2 Mon 10.00am - 12.00nn Morning Coffee - Hall 3.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 12 Marstone Cres. 3 Tue 7.30pm Ladies Club - Games Evening - Hall 4 Wed 10.00am Holy Communion 5 Thu 8.00pm Standing Committee - Vicarage 9 Mon 10.00am - 12.00nn Morning Coffee - Hall 3.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 1 Quarry Road 11 Wed 10.00am Holy Communion 10.00am Parent & Toddler Group - Hall 6.30pm 'Trailblazers' (childrens club) - Hall 12 Thu 2.00pm Under Fives Praise - Hall & Church 8.00pm PCC - Hall 16 Mon 10.00am - 12.00nn Morning Coffee - Hall 3.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 12 Marstone Cres. 8.00pm "Learners Only" 'Infant Baptism' - Vicarage 17 Tue 2.30pm Monthly Fellowship - 41 Meadowgrove 7.30pm Ladies Club - Talk by Mrs Dunn - Hall 18 Wed 10.00am Holy Communion - Church 10.00am Parent & Toddler Group - Hall 6.30pm 'Trailblazers' (childrens club) - Hall 10.00am - 12.00nn Morning Coffee - Hall 23 Mon 3.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 1 Quarry Road 8.00pm "Learners Only" 'The Holy Trinity' - Vicarage 25 Wed 10.00am Holy Communion - Church 10.00am Parent & Toddler Group - Hall 6.30pm 'Trailblazers' (childrens club) - Hall 26 Thu 8.00pm Readers Meeting - Vicarage 30 Mon 10.00am - 12.00nn Morning Coffee - Hall 8.00pm "Learners Only" 'denominations & sects'-Vicarage

12.00nn Liasion Lunch - Hall

7.30pm Churches Together in S17 - Totley Rise Methodist

31 Tue

#### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SERVICES: (Sundays)8.00am Holy Communion - every Sunday	
10.00am 1st Morning Prayer	
2nd 4th & 5th Holy Communion	
3rd Come & Worship	
6.30pm 1st & 3rd Holy Communion	
2nd Evensong	
4th Memorial Service	
5th 'Praise' Service	
Mid Week 9.00am Morning Prayers (except Fridays)	
10.00am Holy Communion (Wednesdays)	
2.00pm Under 5's Praise 1st & 3rd Thursday	s
ORGANISATIONS - (MEETINGS IN THE BALL)	
Sunday: 10.00am "Young Saints" - David Benson 36	2322
6.30pm "TASH" Youth Group - Alan Walker 62	
Monday: 10.00am Drop In Coffee - Maurice & Marjorie	
Snowdon 36	2822
3.30pm Junior Choir Practice in church	
- Stella Jockel 36	9413
7.00pm Guides - Dorothy Firth 36	4190
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Tuesday: 7.30pm Ladies Club (1st & 3rd) - Margaret Benson	2322
Wednesday: 10.00am Parent & Toddler Group	2022
- Gillian Grocott 62	DADE
- Gilliam Grocott	0500
6.30pm 'Trailblazers' (children's club) - Annette Job	0122
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Thursday: 2.00pm Under 5's Praise (1st & 3rd) - Liz Hayden 36	4944
7.00pm Choir Practice in Church	
- Stella Jockel 36	9413
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FELLOWSHIP GROUPS are informal gatherings, in homes of	ion
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Bible Study and simple sharing. New members are always	,
welcome. Details below:	
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Weekly Evening Fellowship - Marjorie Snowdon . 36	2822
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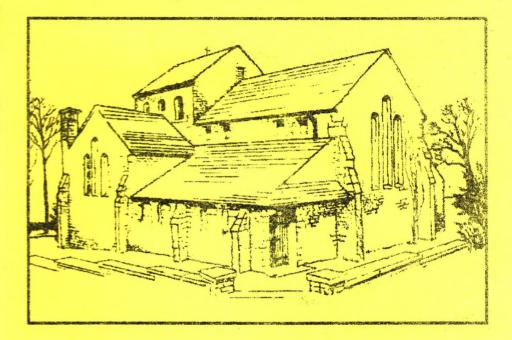
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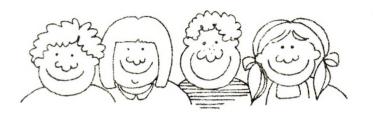
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## FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends,

#### THE FAMILY

1994 was designated "The year of the Family" and according to my records, only one 'Come and Worship' service (in August) gave a cursory consideration of the topic. Therefore, our February 'Come and Worship' service (19th at 10.00am) will major on "The Family" and I hope many families will come and worship with us.

In all kinds of ways, the family is under pressure in these days. I detect a general despondency from my various pastoral contacts. Many families are affected by unemployment or redundancy; other families have workers whose jobs are far from secure; many families are 'caring in the community' for sick and aged members without much support; there are too many homeless families; and Christian families in particular find it increasingly difficult to bring up their children and young people in our rather greedy, secular society.

What can the church do or say about these family situations? On the unemployment and redundancy scene all we can do is pray for better times from national policies that create more secure jobs. Meanwhile though, each one of us identifying NEEDS (see my letter last month ... have you responded?), there are voluntary jobs that have to be done in Totley .. supporting caring for sick or aged relatives is one that springs to mind. Lastly, Christian parents can only try to provide a secure, loving environment for their children so that they might be better equipped to stand up to the non-Christian influences in society.

My family prays for God's blessing upon your family

Ephesians Chapter 3, Verses 14-19

#### SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

Holy Commention Every Wednesday at 10,000cm. Young Saints (Sunday School - with crecke) Every Sunday at 10,000cm (except Come & Worship - 3rd Sunday) during term time. TASH (Youth Group) every Sunday 6,30cm during term time. Under Fives Praise every 1st & 3rd Thursday 2,000cm.

#### 5th - EPIPHANY 5

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion(BCP)

Epistle: I Corinthians 3: 18-end

Gospel: Matthew 12: 38-42

11.30am Cheshire Home Communion

6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

Old Testament: Job 12: 1-end

New Testament: I Corinthians 1: 17-end

#### 12th -THIRD BEFORE LENT (Education Sunday)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion(ASB)

Epistle: I Corinthians 4: 8-13

Gospel: Matthew 5: 1-12

6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

Old Testament: II Samuel 12: 1-14

New Testament: Mark 4: 21-34

#### 19th- SECOND BEFORE LENT

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am COME & WORSHIP - a service for everyone

3.30pm Cheshire Home Service

6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: James 5: 13-16

Gospel: Mark 2: 1-12

#### 26th - SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: Philemon 1-16

Gospel: Mark 2: 13-17

6.30pm Memorial Service

#### MATTERS OF CONCERN

In case there are others who, like us, are increasingly frequently concerned about situations, decisions and trends locally, nationally and internationally, which appear to contravene basic Christian principles, and who feel that 'something more needs to be said or done' in a non Party Political way, we are proposing to hold an Open Meeting in the Church Hall Lounge at 7 45pm on Tuesday 14th February, to explore possible ways forward. Everyone will be welcome. Please contact us if:-

- a) You would like transport
- b) You are unable to attend, but would like to be kept informed of developments
- c) Severe weather makes postponement likely.

Ken & Vivien Filleul (Tel 2360872)

#### SPREAD THE WORD

On Sunday 8th January, the BBC's 'Everyman' programme entitled 'For weddings and a funeral' looked at different peoples views, as to where the Church of England is going, as we approach the year 2,000AD

Many people regard themselves as 'Church of England', but only step inside a church for a baptism, wedding or funeral (hence the title of the programme).

Charles Handy from the London Business School, said that he liked to think of the Church as 'manure'. If left in one place it can become 'wiffy' but spread it around and just see what results you can get!

I like to think of All Saints News being spread around the Parish in a similar way. So if you have any thoughts you would like to pass on to others or would like to place an article in the magazine then please feel free to do so. Articles can be sent directly to me at 61 Longford Road Bradway, placed in the 'wooden box' at the back of church, or passed on to the vicar, David Benson.

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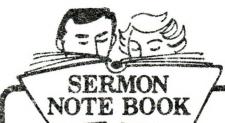












## THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP

LOST AND FOUND! We all know the joy of finding that which we've lost! Luke records the parable of the lost sheep along with two other stories on the same theme: the coin and son who were lost and found.

#### THE SETTING

Sheep scattered over the hillside were a familiar sight in Palestine. Even with 100 sheep, our shepherd would know when one was lost. He was responsible for finding it, since most of the sheep belonged to other villagers.

#### THE MESSAGE

· About ourselves

So often we are like sheep 'gone astray': we live lives without reference to the God who made us. In choosing to ignore the 'Maker's instructions', we forget that God created us to relate to himself.

'You made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in you' (Augustine).

· About God

This story also speaks of our immeasurable value to God. He is seeking a personal relationship with each of us. Joy is the serious business of heaven' (C.S. Lewis).

No wonder this is the response in beaven over one sinner who repents!

So what can this parable say to me?

We too can suffer from the pride and self-satisfaction that characterised the Pharisees and Scribes who listened to Jesus. If we want to share God's joy, we need to come to God in an attitude of repentence. Are we ready to turn away from what we know is wrong in our lives today?

Remember that whatever our circumstances. God is always ready to welcome us back. He is always MY shepherd. As somebody wrote: 'Dial Mine, Mine, Mine'.

PAUL HARDINGHAM



#### IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH

I always believed that silence is an essential part of worship, and that a Service without silence is like eating an egg without salt. At one time I was the chaplain of a home for blind people, where I discovered that if I kept silent during the service, they all decided that I had gone away and that the service was over. If they could not hear anything, nothing was happening.

I always believed that worship is enhanced when words are accompanied by appropriate attitudes and gestures, or 'body language' as it is now called; and that something to look at, be it an icon or an overhead projector transparency, can be a powerful reinforcement of what we are listening to. For the blind people this did not apply. Any illustration could only be audible, or sometimes tactile, something, other than words, that they could hear or touch.

I always believed that public worship should be conducted in an audible voice, with a careful enunciation of the words, so that everyone can hear properly; and that an efficient amplifying system can be useful for the deaf. A friend of mine is much involved in the whole question of worship for the deaf, and claims that they should see clearly everyone who is taking part in the Service. If they cannot see anything, nothing is happening.

I always believed that Music can be one of the most powerful accompaniments to worship, for good or ill. At a Deanery service I watched Roy Arnold conducting a 'choir' of deaf people in complete silence: it was incredibly moving.

I always believed that what we wear in church is very important. It is impossible not to give some kind of message by what we wear, or do not wear, which may not necessarily be the message we want to give. One of the most saintly priests I have known, during a period of severe unemployment in his deprived parish, urged the congregation not to wear their best clothes on Sunday, so that people without any best clothes would not be kept away through the shame. At the Parish Communion he made a point of wearing the most splendid vestments he could find, and filling the church with as many beautiful objects as possible.

I have always believed that the language we use in church should be easily understood. I was once present when a visiting priest could only speak Gujerati. When he turned towards the Cumbrian congregation with some unintelligible words, they replied firmly, "And with thy spirit." Everybody smiled at each other, and carried on worshipping. Martin Loft

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If you take too long deciding what to do with your life, you'll find you've done it.

PAM SHAW

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As we look back over 1994, it's hard to realise that we only started recycling cards in February. from then until December we sent a total of £332 to Goodwill. Some of it (£87) came from our 'Open House' in August and £37 from our stall at the Church Christmas Fayre.

Whether you've bought one card or a dozen, it all helped towards the total. The letters and cards we receive from India are full of thanks, and it is wonderful to read of the children's achievements, made possible by your generosity.

So we begin this new year full of hope and expectation, and we look forward to receiving your unwanted greetings cards, to enable us to continue the work God has given us to do.

Irene & Arthur Bell

THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS CARD beautifully drawn by Derek Maltby, raised £150 and this has been sent to Oakes Park school to buy equipment, thank you very much for all donations.

### FY TWO THANKYOUS FY

the members of the choir thank everyone who supported their concert, 'Sing with the Spirit', in October and the Christmas Coffee Morning. We'd pledged to raise £150 for the R.S.C.M. appeal, but were able to send £170.



### PILGRIMAGE/HOLIDAY TOUR OF ISRAEL

Forthcoming tour of Israel from 13th - 24th may 1995, with guided coach tours included. Part of the time we stay in Jerusalem and part in Tiberias on the sea of Galilee in 4 star hotels.

For centuries it has been the cherished desire of devout Christians to visit the Holy Land and to pay honour to the Son of God in the places where he lived, worked, died and rose again.

Frank and Marion Laughton have designed this tour both as a pilgrimage and a holiday. We will walk in our Lords footsteps and visit the sites connected with His work and also other famous sites in this beautiful land.

This is a comprehensive tour of Israel. If you would like a brochure, please 'phone (0742) 369075

## SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS FEBRUARY, 1995

## FEBRUARY MATTERS



My mind is a ragbag of not-that-useful quotations. So this month I find myself murmuring.

"Those three Sundays before Lent,
Will prepare us to repent;
That in Lent we may begin
Earnestly to mourn for sin" (English Hymnal 586)

I believe in a mobile Easter. This year with a latish Easter things work out exactly right for February: Candlemas, February 2nd, marks the end of the forty days of Christmas. Ash Wednesday, March 1st, is the beginning of Lent. So this year we have the whole of February to reflect on Christmas and look forward to Easter. Use it well.

The getting ready for the Walk of the 600 goes ahead apace. We want you all to make February 2nd a day of prayer - in your hearts, your homes, and your churches - for God's blessing on all that we are planning in His Name. The Service for the Walk in the Cathedral last December was a moving occasion: I knew then that the Diocese was walking with me. Each February 2nd there is a beautiful Candlemas Service in the Cathedral at which I give authority to the lay men and women who assist with the distribution of the Holy Communion. This year it will also be a rather special service of prayer for the Walk. Please come. The time is 7.30 p.m.

"February's ice and sleet, Freeze the toes right off your feet"

Maybe! But though in Bridlington from 13th-16th February the waves might be mountain high and the snow in the streets feet deep there will be a spirit of joyful purpose in the hearts and minds of the clergy of the diocese whom I've asked to join me there for study, prayer and fellowship. To my delight they have nearly all said 'Yes' and it is going to be quite a task to organise the retired and the stay-at-homes to ensure that you are not all neglected whilst we are away. In these last few years the Church of England has struggled through some deep drifts of snow and been battered by some mighty waves. The time has come for us to start looking forward rather than back. There is a job to be done and to do it we need a foundation of forgiveness, repentance and mutual trust and love. In God's strength there is nothing we can't do together. Please pray always - and especially on those Bridlington days - for your clergy.

The poets love not February. Perhaps it is as well that it is the shortest month. Lent this year means March. For many I hope this will mean Jonah and the Diocesan Lent Course "Sharing Treasure".

And it brings my last dip into that ragbag of my mind and a real poet, George Herbert, that saintly 17th century Vicar:

"Welcome, dear feast of Lent: who loves not thee,
He loves not Temperance or Authority,
But is compos'd of passion."

DAVID LUNN
Bishop of Sheffield

## **FAVOURITE HYMN POLL**

Some months ago, Canon Peter Harvey from Hastings in East Sussex wrote to editors of diocesan newsletters and leaflets inviting their readers to join in with a poll on favourite hymns. What originally began as a mini-poll, quickly became a major endeavour, especially since the Canon suffers from 'Parkinsons', and finds both writing and speaking properly difficult.

#### **Rewarding results**

The results of the poll, including responses from the Diocese of Sheffield, are now published by the Canon, whose breakfast times became quite prolonged with the numerous entries which arrived by every post. Since over 60% of the entries for the poll also included letters, the poll was that much more interesting and rewarding for him.

#### Top Hymn

And the results? The top three in the poll (with over 13,000 votes cast) were: 'Dear Lord and Father of mankind', 'Praise my soul the King of Heaven' and 'The day thou gavest Lord is ended' - and that is perhaps surprising for the hymn that came top was written by a Quaker (and the Society of Friends do not usually sing hymns), who simply intended it as a mystical poem.

#### **Good News Bible Study**

The Urban Theology Unit, based in Inner City Sheffield, has just published the second of its Peoples' Bible Studies, designed to serve the increasing number of groups and churches who expect to see the Bible 'coming alive' within their own context, and in relation to their own vocations and commitments. Entitled "Good News in Britain", the five session course includes a Gospel passage, stories from Britain today, prayers relevant to the theme, and things to do and discuss. Copies are available at £1 plus 30p postage from UTU, 210, Abbeyfield Road, Sheffield. S4 7AZ.

#### CMS honour

Towards the end of last year, at the Church Missionary Society General Council, the service of nine members of the Society was formally recognised. Amongst them was Mrs. Norah Cooper, a member of Sheffield Cathedral, and Secretary of the Sheffield CMS Association, who has given many years service to the CMS in this area.

Norah's certificate, along with a bouquet of flowers and a specially iced cake from Sheffield CMS Association, was presented to her by Mrs. Jackie Cox, CMS Area Secretary, at a local meeting.

But even though the first three hymns at the top of the poll were all 'oldies', the Top 20- include that liturgical hymn from the earliest centuries "Let all mortal flesh keep silence', as well as that fine modern hymn by Patrick Appleford 'Living Lord'. Ancient and Modern with a vengeance!

#### Back to the 50s

Peter Harvey's memory goes back to his previous poll way back in the 1950s, and the hymn which topped the poll then, that last century eucharistic hymn 'And now O Father mindful of the love'. The Canon's poll has provided him with many hours of interest and contact with people he has never met, from the length and breadth of the country, as well as from elsewhere in the world - even Australia.

#### More details?

If readers wish to receive further details of the results of the poll for themselves, simply send a S.A.E. to Canon Peter Harvey, Prebenden, Smugglers' Way, Fairlight Cove, Hastings, East Sussex TN35 4DG. He doesn't say what his favourite hymn is, but with an address like that, and being in sight and sound of the sea, perhaps it should be 'For those in peril on the sea'!

#### Baby talk at Arksey!

OVERHEARD during the first rehearsal of the children's nativity play for the Christmas Eve Crib Service at All Saints' Arksey, near Doncaster, was the second Innkeeper (how else do you include ALL the children?), who, hearing the script indicating that Mary was going to have a baby, improvised out of the blue and said-"We shall need some oxygen!".

Intelligent lot, these Arksey children!

#### **Shiloh Gospel Choir**

is back in Rotherham on Saturday, 25th March at 7p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Greasbrough. Admission is by ticket (£1 including refreshments) available by phoning 01709 551299, or on the door on the night.

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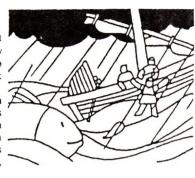
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#### THE DIOCESAN LENT COURSE

#### "Sharing Treasure" - a study based on the book of Jonah

1995 is a year of mission in the Diocese of Sheffield. We're halfway through the Decade of Evangelism, and this year from 7-21 May, Bishop David is leading the "Walk of 600" around the Diocese as a two week focus and stimulus to parish mission.

"SHARING TREASURE", based on the Book of Jonah has been commissioned by the Bishop as part of the preparation for the Walk as well as encouraging the ongoing local mission of each church. Its intention is to be as accessible and practical as possible, and could be ideally used in small group work, as well as being material for All Age worship. Copies (priced £1) are available from Graham Heeley, Diocesan Church House, 95-99 Effingham Street, Rotherham S65 1BL Tel: (01709) 837547.



#### A Book for Lent

"What's in a Word" is a new book from The Bible Reading Fellowship which might help readers to use Lent creatively.

It's author, David Winter, encourages us to read less, not more - to put the Bible under a microscope and look at just one word each day. He offers just forty words of Jesus for the forty days of Lent. And if you're travelling in your car, or housebound or in hospital, there's a cassette which is an ideal complement to the book. What better way to give thought to what Easter is all about. "What's in a Word" is available from SPCK Cathedral Bookshop and all good booksellers, priced at £5.99.

#### **Appointments**

The Reverend Marcus Wakely from the Diocese of Southwell to be Vicar of St. Matthew's, Sheffield from 20th March, 1995.

The Reverend Canon Michael Wright, Vicar of Wath upon Dearne with Adwick upon Dearne and Rural Dean of Wath to retire on 30th June, 1995. Canon Wright to resign as Rural Dean from 31st January, 1995.

The Reverend N.H. Elliot from the Diocese of Manchester to be Priest in Charge of Kilnhurst, St. Thomas from 7th April, 1995.

The Reverend Cynthia Fretwell was ordained Priest by the Bishop of Doncaster at Hooton Roberts on 22nd December, 1994.

The Reverend John M. Robinson, Curate of Dalton, Holy Trinity to be Vicar of St. Mark's, Ford and St. Bartholomew's Milehouse in the Diocese of Exeter from March 1995.

#### Church Urban Fund Grants/ Faith in the City

Sheffield and District Afro-Caribbean Community Association Day Care Centre, The Wicker, Sheffield.

The Church Urban Fund has given a capital grant of £40,000 towards this exciting project which is seeking to renovate part of an old steel works' office as a centre for health care provision for elderly Afro-Caribbean members of our community. This is the first grant of half-a-million pounds appeal and is a significant commitment by the Church of England to the black community in Sheffield and to the partnership between the Diocese, the black community and Sheffield's Family & Community Services in this joint initiative.

The project will provide health care services both at the Centre and to elderly Afro-Caribbean members who are restricted to their homes wherever they are in Sheffield.

This brings the total of grant monies received into the Diocese from the Church Urban Fund to over £830,000.

#### **Diocesan Cricket League**

Forget the dark and damp Winter days and cast your mind forward to the warm and long days of Spring/Summer. If you want a collective evening excuse for not painting the house, cutting the lawn or mending the kids' bikes, then here it is...diocesan cricket! Our aim is to enjoy inter-church fellowship through focussing on this most cultural of Yorkshire pastimes. A real aptitude for Cricket is not essential as we all play at varying standards. If your Church could raise a team, why not join us?

Further details from Dave Cousans (0114) 242 0480.

#### Women's World Day of Prayer 1995

On March 3rd at 11 a.m. the Sheffield City Centre Service for this day will take place in Sheffield Anglican Cathedral.

The service, observed throughout the world by all denominations, has been prepared this year by the women of Ghana. The theme is "The Earth is a House for All People".

The speaker on the theme will be Mrs. Anne Downing of the Wesleyan Reform Union of Churches.

## A new course in Evangelism and Church Planting

Next September, the Church Army will be launching a significant new course, leading to the award of the Certificate in Evangelism Studies. Developed in co-operation with and supported regionally by Northern Baptist College and Spurgeon's College/Oasis, the course is designed to make quality training in evangelism available as widely as possible.

The course can be studied full-time over one year, part-time over three years, or spare-time over five years. All three options will be available at the Wilson Carlile College in Sheffield. The part-time and spare-time options will also be made available at a variety of locations in response to demand. For those not wishing to commit themselves to the whole course, its modular nature will make it possible for individual segments of the course to be studied independently.

Send for further information to: Capt. Ian Maher, Course Co-ordinator, Certificate in Evangelism Studies, 50 Cavendish Street, Sheffield S3 7RZ (0114 278 7020). A course brochure is available on request.

#### St. Mary's Church, Kirk Bramwith, Doncaster

#### ANNUAL SNOWDROP FESTIVAL

## SATURDAY and SUNDAY 11th and 12th FEBRUARY

Visitors are invited to enjoy the exceptional display of snowdrops in the churchyard of the beautiful 12th century church of St. Mary in the small South Yorkshire village of Kirk Bramwith.

Tea and coffee will be served from 10a.m.-4p.m. on the 11th February.

On Sunday, 12th February, teas will be available from 1.30 to 4 p.m. and the Hatfield Main Junior Brass Band will play in Church during the afternoon

At 6.30 p.m. there is a 'Songs of Praise' service at which the Vermuyden W.I. Ladies Choir will sing.

#### Volunteers sought!

Since September 1994, parents of children with Special Educational Needs are entitled to have a "Named Person" allocated to them who will assist them with any problems with the system and generally befriend and support. Rotherham LEA has specially asked if there are any church members who would be willing to volunteer for this role; suitable training and continuing help will of course be provided. Anyone interested please contact Fiona Featherstone on 0709 382121 (extension 3627) or see the information sheet mailed to your vicar. If you live in one of our other local authorities and are interested try phoning your Education Department and ask for the Parent Partnership Officer.

#### A Faith worth sharing... A Church worth joining...

is the theme of an afternoon from 12 noon - 5 p.m. on Saturday, 11th February at Sheffield Cathedral, organised by Affirming Catholicism, with the Rt. Rev. Jack Nicholls, Bishop of Lancaster as speaker. Beginning with a Sung Eucharist at 12 noon, followed by a packed lunch (bring your own), and addresses and discussion, the afternoon ends with Evensong. For further details contact Patrick Linskill on (0114) 255 6025 (Home) or (0114) 273 7050 (Work).

## Unemployment Sunday 26th February, 1995

At the end on November last year, the 1994 Churches' Conference on Unemployment took place at Swanwick in Derbyshire, and challenged the churches of Britain to take seriously the reality of poverty and unemployment in our nation. The conference urged people prayerfully to work together as Christians and with others who are struggling to overcome the major causes of poverty. Amongst the specific challenges of the conference was that to use Unemployment Sunday, 26th February as an annual day of thought, prayer and fasting on poverty and unemployment., Why not get further details, it's still not too late for this year, from the Revd. Raymond Draper, The Rectory, Church Lane, Wickersley, Rotherham S66 0ES. Tel: (01709) 543111).

#### The Revd. A.G. Hounsome

Dr. Ian McCullough writes:

Allan Hounsome, who died on 3 November, came to Sheffield diocese in 1975, as curate of Goldthorpe. In 1978 he became Vicar of St. Hilda's, Thurnscoe, where he remained until his death. He was a generous man who placed himself almost totally at the disposal of the parish and the community in which he lived and died. He was gentle, but with an inner strength and resilience that became apparent to those working with him. But he was never autocratic.

After the miners' strike of 1984, unemployment rocketed in the South Yorkshire pit village. Fr. Allan had been active in caring for the whole community during the strike; with the closure of the pit, the Thurnscoe Project was born. This was a creative partnership between the Barnsley local authority, the diocese and the parish, in which Fr. Allan was the guiding light and a tireless worker. With the help of grants from the Church Urban Fund, the Urban programme and City Challenge, some farm buildings on the church-vicarage site were taken over by the PCC and converted into five start-up workshops, and a community centre involving many groups and activities. On the adjoining unused glebe land allotments, 23 bungalows for the elderly were built.

Fr. Allan was first and foremost a man of prayer. Everything started at the altar, for the heart of his life was the mass and daily office. He was a faithful priest and pastor, who will be sadly missed.

The people of Thurnscoe give thanks for his life, witness, ministry and loving humanity.

#### MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS

Magazine Subscriptions for 1995 are now due, the price is £2.40 per year. Please give this to Roy Johnstone 38 Aldam Road, along with an up to date list of subscribers, (or pass subscribers details on to the Vicar). many Thanks, Dorothy Firth.

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A MINISTRY OF HEALING will be offered after every 10.00am Morning Service on Sunday, beginning on February 5th. Teams of two have been formed, and people are invited to go into the Lady Chapel for prayer or the laying on of hands either for themselves or some other needy person. In order to provide a peaceful atmosphere, the congregation are asked to move out of the Church into the Hall, as quickly as convenient, where the usual refreshments will be served. We hope this ministry will be of value to our morning congregation. In the Evening Service of the first Sunday of each month, we shall continue to have a ministry of healing.

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THANK YOU on behalf of the Children's Society for your generosity in providing over £300 for their needy work from our Christingle Service and the Carols by Candlelight evening. When the final amount is known, an official receipt will be posted in the Church porch. Meanwhile, thank you all.

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#### LADIES CLUB

February 7th Enjoy an evening of perfumed relaxation at our 'Aromatherapy Road Show'

February 21st You have all purchased cards in aid of the GOODWILL CHILDREN'S VILLAGE, and tonight our own Irene and Arthur Bell will tell us all about this project. I look forward to seeing you and your friends.

Margaret B.

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**FAMILY PARTY** Saturday 15th February in the Church Hall 4.00 - 7.30pm Please see list in church for help and food required.

#### TRACTS AND TRAVEL

COLPORTEUR:

One who travels about selling religious books, tracts etc. for some society.

One such was THOMAS COOK - he of the travel business he founded, as the following item from the news letter of the SSM\* informs us.

"I once heard that the travel agency business of THOMAS COOK was in fact only a side line to what he considered his real vocation. He went round Europe as a bible colporteur, handing out Protestant tracts to bemused passengers in Catholic and Orthodox railway carriages and asking them whether or not they had seen the light. The compilation of timetables was a matter of gathering of the crumbs from these evangelistic tours. He may not have converted many Balkan peasants, but he certainly left behind a household name for the rest of us in richer and more Protestant lands".

(\*SSM Society of the Sacred Mission)

I have been told that our magazine is in need of some light reading, here is a sample for our readers approval. A clergyman called at the house of a Sheffield pigeon flying enthusiast who was at the last extremity. After some chat about the patients hobby, the parson directed the conversation into a more serious channel, and thought it no harm to tell the man that when he reached the better land, he would have wings and fly about.

"And will you have wings too", asked the man?
His reverence modestly hoped that he would.
The sick man meditated a moment, and then he said,
"Well, 'appen we'll meet, an if we do, ah'll fly thee for a fiver".

Rex B.

## QUIET DAY 1995

Instead of having our own Parish Quiet Day this year, we shall be joining in the newly initiated Deanery Quiet Day to be held on Saturdayday 18th March. It will be led by Revd. Sue Proctor who is a member of the Aston Team Ministry and priest-in-charge at Swallownest. Further details to be announced later. Ro Carter.

#### LENT DISCUSSION GROUPS

There is every reason to look forward with anticipation to the ecumenical Lent Discussion Groups this year. They will be based on the theme "LIVE YOUR FAITH" and are modifications from the course which was first offered through Radio York two years ago. The cassettes which will be used with the course have such notable people as Roy and Fiona Castle, Dr Donald English, Lord Tonypandy and the Archbishop of York contributing.

Groups in homes in the area will be available most afternoons and evenings during the weeks starting on Monday 6th March and finishing on Friday 7th April. During the next few weeks details will be available in all the local churches. Do take a leaflet, choose the group which is most convenient to yourself and fill in the slip which will be attached to the forms.

Because this is an ecumenical activity arranged through Churches Together in S17 people from other churches will be hosting and leading some of the groups but this should make for richer opportunities as to how each one of us can "live our faith!" It is also appropriate that we should regard this course as a good preparation for our evangelistic outreach this year. With that in mind it is also a good idea to bring along friends and neighbours who may be interested - but please tell us how many are coming - not everyone has got elastic sided lounges!

Maurice Snowdon.

#### QUOTES

Want is only one of five giants on the road to reconstruction, the others are, disease, ignorance squalor and idleness

The late Lord Beveridge

True strength is not the strength of the body, but the strength of the soul

Philosophy from Phillishave advert

Rex B

#### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

this service will be held on Friday 3rd March, 10.30am at the United Reformed Church on Totley Brook Road. The speaker will be the Diocesan Ecumenical officer, Rev. Hilary Smart (see November's Diocesan News)

## WHERE IS GOD ON DAYS WHEN YOUR LACES <u>DON'T</u> BREAK?

WHILE I was in the shoe shop inspecting the wares my shoelace broke.

It was a strange event. Because in my experience the only time a shoelace ever breaks is when you are in a tearing hurry already late for an important meeting.

There follows five to ten minutes frantic and fruitless search for a spare, followed by some intricate knotting that leaves the shoes untidy and ill secured. You arrive late, breathless and slipshod, knowing that when you get home the knot will have jammed solid, and you will have to be cut free.

## THE LAW OF MURPHY

It is all part of what is most politely known as Murphy's Law - If anything can go wrong it will, and at the worst possible moment'.

But here I was in clear contradiction of Murphy, with the most opposite accident imaginable. Not only were spares to hand but there was a charming young lady to fit them in that curiously professional crossover that we can never get right ourselves.



It was a minor piece of that contradiction to Murphy's Law, the 'Mysterious working of Divine Providence': the behef that as St Paul put it, 'All things work together for good to those who love God'.

Our forefathers made a great deal of providence, and saw evidence for it in the well ordered working of the World, as well as in the fortunate little happenstances of daily life. It was grounded in belief in the goodness of God the creator.

It is a cynical and demanding age that gives Murphy's Law more credit than Providence. It is, after all, a daily miracle how well the world does run. On many days your shoelaces never break at all.

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#### T FUNERALS

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Oswald Varley (104) 4 Green Oak Avenue

Thomas Edward Jervis (65) "The Cottage" St Georges Farm Totley's oldest gentleman (and Oswald certainly was that) passed away peacefully during the night of January 17th. Rex (his 'young' friend and our loyal Verger) had spent the evening with him before the "Guardian Angels" night nurse took over. Oswald was both blind and deaf, yet he was the most cheerful person one could hope to meet. He had an enormous laugh and a wicked sense of humour, he had been a baker by profession at Worksop College where he met his dear wife. He is buried with her in the family grave at Worksop. Clergy and readers have had the privilege of sharing Communion with him and the many Home Helpers who have been absolutely marvellous to him. We all received a two-way blessing, as he ministered to us whilst we were ministering to him. We praise God for his friendship and his deep Christian Faith.

K.I.P.

We shall remember all recently bereaved families, at our Memorial Service on Sunday February 26th at 6.30pm, together with the following from our Memorial Book: John Drewery, Maggie Wortley, Blanche Olive Wild, Arthur White, Edith Firth, William Hossent, Jessie Shepherd, Carol Heiser, Mary Baylis, Dorothy Bingley, Lucy Kirby, Raymond Phillips, John Burton, Ian Pendall, Craig Woodhead, Ida Mary Bramall, Eric Bardwell

Phylis South, & Tess Webb. 

#### THE PRODIGAL PICTURES

For those who were puzzled by the disappearance of the pictures in the Church Lounge and subsequent return, all is about to be explained. After a few months of being hung the pictures were damaged by the damp from the new walls and consequently had to be taken down and dried out slowly and naturally. We then had to have them repaired, treated and re-framed by professionals. This has of course taken many months, but we are now very pleased to see them back in their rightful places, where we hope they will continue to bring pleasure to those using the church Hall. Dorothy, Jenny & Families.

#### PARISH ROTAS FOR FEBRUARY

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Mrs A. Powell, Mrs Benson, Mrs Brown

12th Mrs Smith, Mrs Davis, Mrs Kiron

19th Mr & Mrs Collie, Mrs Houldcroft

Mr & Mrs Iosson, Mrs Cryan 26th

FLOWERS: Altar

Memory Table

Mrs Murrell

Mrs Parkin 12th Mrs Hurst Mrs Josson Mrs Coates 19th

26th

5th

Mrs Bryer

SILVER CLEANING 5th

CRECHE:

Karten & Mark Bergdahl

12th Ann & Helen Powell

Come & Worship (no creche)

Liz Hayden/Ro Carter 26th

SIDESMEN:

8.00am

10.00am

6.30pm

5th

Miss Perfect

Mr Cooke

Mr Simons

Mr Johnstone

Mrs Snowdon

12th

Mr Ludlam

Mr Bryer

Mr Powell

Mrs Billard

Mr England

19th

Miss Baldry

Come & Worship Rota (A. Powell J. Lawry) Mrs Mayson Mr Purkiss

26th

Mr Filleul

Mrs Simons

Mr Mayson

Mr Powell Mrs Warrender

## SAYINGS FOR STILLNESS

"I form light and create darkness" (Isaiah 45.7 RSV)



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	3.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 12 Marstone Cres.
7 Tue	7.30pm Ladies Club 'Aromatherapy Road Show'
8 Wed	10.00am Parent & Toddler Group - Hall
9 Thu	2.00pm Under Fives Praise - Hall & Church
	8.00pm Standing Committee - Vicarage
11 Sat	'Administry course' at Holy Trinity Millhouses
	Booking forms in church
13 Mon	10.00am - 12.00nn Morning Coffee - Hall
14 Tue	7.45pm Social Affairs meeting - lounge
15 Wed	10.00am Parent & Toddler Group - Hall
	2.30pm Monthly Fellowship - 108 Sunnyvale Road
16 Thu	8.00pm PCC - Hall
18 Sat	4.00 - 7.30pm FAMILY PARTY - Church Hall
	- please see list in church for help and food required
20 Mon	10.00am - 12.00nn Morning Coffee - Hall
	3.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 12 Marstone Cres.
21 Tue	7.30pm Ladies Club Goodwill Children's Village
	- a talk by Irene and Arthur Bell
22 Wed	10.00am Parent & Toddler Group - Hall
23 Thu	2.00pm Under Fives Praise - Hall & Church
	7.45pm Worship Committee - Lounge
27 Mon	10.00am - 12.00nn Morning Coffee - Hall
	Collation of March magazine

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can be made at The Vicarage on Wednesday Evenings, between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. If this is not convenient, please 'phone 362322 to make an appointment with the Vicar.

#### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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	3.30pm	Junior Choir Practice in church
	0.002	- Stella Jockel 369413
	7.00pm	Guides - Dorothy Firth 364190
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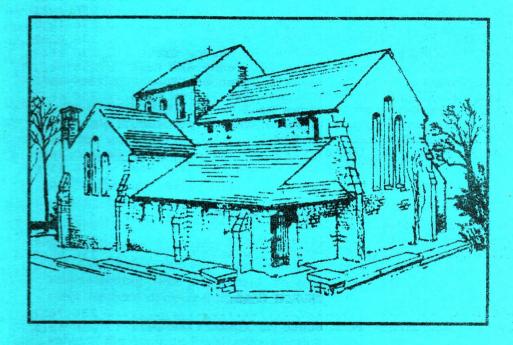
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## ALL SAINTS NEWS

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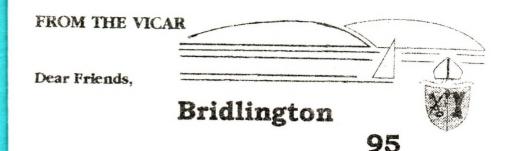


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Contributions can be either placed in the box in Church, or the Vicarage.



Bishop David and over 250 of his licensed workers spent three days recently at Bridlington. His hoped-for blustery gales were realised, but they blew in from Lancashire rather than Northumberland! Fortunately, this helped us concentrate on the major aim of the Conference, viz: 'To build a sense of purpose and hope for our distinctive role as a Missionary Church in our contemporary culture.'

Various speakers addressed this issue, but I gleaned greatest insight from my fringe group considering 'The future of the Anglican Church'. Our Consultant felt that (in order to be effective in Mission) the Anglican Church in each Parish should seek to exhibit certain characteristics:

- \* A CHRIST CENTRED CHURCH ... In worship, mission and strategy, Christ should be central instead of spending endless hours discussing drains, lack of money etc., etc.
- \* HAVING A RICH VARIETY ... We should continue to provide Services for all tastes, at the same time attempting mutual understanding. One person said "There is no one liturgy that can meet the need of every individual."
- It must be a <u>CHURCH FOR EVERYONE</u> ... We re-affirmed the value of the Anglican Parish system with its care for all families. We must continue to be available when folk need us.
- It must be ECUMENICAL ... Continuing dialogue and working with other Denominations seems vital, even if this leads to an adjustment to the "established" nature of our Church. Christ's mission to our contemporary culture will be only effective when Christians demonstrate their unity.

I hope this causes you to think. Please let me have your reactions.

May God bless you and your family

#### SERVICES IN MARCH

Holy Communion Every Wednesday at 10.00am.

#### 5th - LENT 1 - 'The Will to speak'

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion(BCP)

Epistle: Acts 8: 5-8

Gospel: Matthew 4: 1-11

10.00am Young Saints

11.30am Cheshire Home Communion

6.30pm Special Service of Praise

#### 12th -LENT 2 - 'Jesus - Lord of Lords'

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion(ASB)

Epistle: Acts 8: 9-13

Gospel: Luke 19: 41-end

10.00am Young Saints

6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

Old Testament: Isaiah 35: 1-10 New Testament: Acts 8: 9-13

#### 19th-LENT 3 - 'Say "Yes" to Jusus'

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: Acts 8: 26-31

Gospel: Luke 9: 18-27

10.00am Young Saints

3.30pm Cheshire Home Service

\*\* NO 6.30pm Service ... attending United Service

at Dore Parish Church, 6.30pm ... all welcome

#### 26th - LENT 4 (MOTHERING SUNDAY)

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am COME & WORSHIP Taken by All Saints' School pupils

6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: Acts 8: 26-31 Gospel: Luke 9: 28-36

#### MAGAZINE DISTRIBUTORS/ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

In the February magazine my address was given as 38 Aldam Road and that is incorrect. The correct number is 48 as stated on the inside of the front cover.

Hoping very much that you have not put any money through the wrong door, since I understand the recently new occupant spends a great deal of time away, ring me on 236 1340 - also front cover - and I will arrange to collect it.

R.F. Johnstone, Treasurer

Notice placed in the local parish magazine by a vicar.
"I shall be away for the next few Sundays. During my absence the preachers will be found pinned on the church notice board. All marriages, births and deaths must be postponed until I return."

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Liz Hayden 236 4944 (on behalf of Under Fives)

#### THE CHURCH IN THE (MODERN?) SOCIETY

We have heard much recently in church circles, not least our own, concerning the questionable morality of the national Lottery. Whilst recognising that we all have our personal obsessions, my own being the arrogance of some smokers, who not being satisfied with poisoning their own bodies, persist in polluting my air space and thereby poisoning mine. I am sure you can add many more.

But that is not the subject of this article, back to the lottery; whilst holding no personal belief for the lottery and with no intention of ever buying a ticket, I believe to criticise it in isolation, when there are so many more evils in our own midst, that have appeared in the last fifteen years which have created the climate that makes the introduction of a National Lottery acceptable, is a 'cop-out' on the part of the church.

It's alright for the church to gamble (recently very unsuccessfully, with the losers estimated at £800 million), on the Stock Exchange. Euphemistically, we, in our middle class manner, can excuse it by calling it 'wise investment', even when investing in apartheid ridden South Africa a few years ago. What would our Lord have said about that? It's also right for instance, for members of the clergy and laity to belong to dubious secret societies like the Freemasons.

During the last fifteen years the church has stood and watched, with little complaint, (with some notable exceptions, our own Bishop for one), the growth of a get rich quick society, (the lottery is a logical extension of this), the growth of a permanent underclass, with no hope. The destruction of our mining industry and the local communities of the pit villages, the systematic erosion of the N.H.S. and the wholescale danger in our education system, all to satisfy a political ideology.

Youngsters are leaving school today with little or no prospect of a job, many of whom will probably never work during their lives. Many of them end up on the streets living in cardboard boxes, witness the growth of organisations like H.A.R.C. in Sheffield who provide little comfort at Christmas time. During the same fifteen years the rich have become infinitely richer at the expense of the growing ranks of the poor, with the widest gap between rich and poor since Victorian times, culminating in the obscene salaries and perks now being paid to leaders of the recently privatised industries.

Two criticisms of the National Lottery that I heard, which would have been laughable if they had not been said in sincerity, were as follows: "You can only win the lottery at the expense of other peoples losses" and "It encourages those persons with little income, to gamble an ill afford £1 on the forlorn hope of a big win." To the first I would say that the statement is true, but what can you expect after fifteen years of being told, an excuse that you can only get on this free market economy at the expense of someone else? To the second I would say, for those on low fixed incomes or with no job and no prospect of a job, that a large win on the lottery or football pools, probably represents for many, the only chance they have of jumping on the 'gray train', have we the arrogant right to say they shouldn't spend £1 on the chance?

Whilst I applaud the introduction of a sermon on the morality of the National Lottery, to me it is a trivial matter when set alongside the subjects I have mentioned above. Maybe our clergy and lay readers are too genteel to tackle the Christian response to red-blooded issues that face people in the real world. Such as homelessness, job insecurity, family breakdown, depression, the dismantlement of the N.H.S. etc. Perhaps they should stand aside and vacate the pulpit to allow members of the congregation to voice their opinions from the pulpit. That's the challenge, what's the response?

Robin Carter (6.2.95.)



#### QUOTES

We all make mistakes - That's why you have a rubber at the end of your pencil

Father of Billy Connolly, comedian

Where there is animal worship, there is human sacrifice

G.K. Chesterton

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• The Christian world spends 99.9% of its income on itself.

> (Dr David Barrett, Global Consultation on World Evangelisation)

. The 'typical' family with a father in employment and a mother at home with young children represents only one in 20 of all households

(Family Policy Studies Centre)

DURING a long service a small but clear voice was heard to say: 'Mummy, is it still Sunday?'

- 'Kind Thoughts' comp. Phil Mason

### IN AND OUT...

A MISCHIEVOUS boy was asked by his mother 'How do you expect to get into heaven?' He thought for a moment and said. 'Well. I shall just run in and out and keep slamming the door until they say "For goodness sake come in or stay out", and then I'll go in'.

> 'Christian Crackers' by Phil Mason

#### WHO ARE WE?

IF YOU and I are together, there are often six people present:

There's who you think I am, who I think I am, and who I truly am. And then there's who I think you are, who you think you are, and who you truly are! Wouldn't our relationship be more effective if there were just the two of us?

The most important relationship we have is with ourselves. So what do we really think of ourselves? And how is that reflected in the way we speak. look and behave, and in the way we respond to others? What is it we are communicating?

The more we understand and accept ourselves, the more we can extend that understanding and acceptance to others. In accepting everything as it is, we accept everyone as they are, and we accept ourselves for what we are.

- From 'Healthy Living'

LILLY LIVERED LEGG.

The Ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind and they can be seen in the basement of the church on Friday afternoon.

> 'Christian Crackers' by Phil Mason

ASKED why no man can serve two masters, some (male) person too promptly replied: 'Because you aren't allowed to have two wives'

#### LENT DISCUSSION GROUPS

Groups in homes in the area will be available most afternoons and evenings during the weeks starting on Monday 6th March and finishing on Friday 7th April. During the next few weeks details will be available in all the local churches. Do take a leaflet, choose the group which is most convenient to yourself and fill in the slip which will be attached to the forms.

Maurice Snowdon.

#### WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

This service will be held on Friday 3rd March, 10.30am at the United Reformed Church on Totley Brook Road. The speaker will be the Diocesan Ecumenical officer, Rev. Hilary Smart (see November's Diocesan News)

#### **OUTET DAY 1995**

Instead of having our own Parish Quiet Day this year, we shall be joining in the newly initiated Deanery Quiet Day to be held on Saturdayday 18th March. It will be led by Revd. Sue Proctor who is a member of the Aston Team Ministry and priest-in-charge at Swallownest. Further details to be announced later. Ro Carter.

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#### MATTERS OF CONCERN

At the exploratory meeting on February 14th it was decided to:-

- (a) encourage letters to be sent to appropriate individuals and/or organisations, expressing Christian concern about unacceptable decisions, actions or instructions, as well as expressing support for those already engaged in campaigning.
- (b) Invite all who are in broad agreement with such letters to sign the accompanying lists by way of endorsement.
- (c) Hold a number of future meetings, the next being on Tuesday 25th April 1995 at 7.45pm in the Church Hall Lounge.

Ken Filleul

## SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS MARCH, 1995

## "THOSE WHO HUNGER"

"A season in the Church Calendar when lots of things can be given up, like money for example. Hence the expression 'Lent me a fiver'."

So says my Church English Dictionary, a book of humorous definitions of 'churchspeak', under words beginning with 'L'.

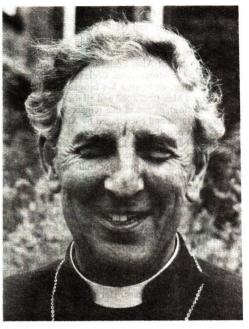
Apart from anything else, this definition acknowledges the fact that the period of forty days before Easter was a period of fasting. The length of time for the fast varied and the first mention of a period of forty days occurs in the Canons of Nicea (AD 325), a custom which may have originated in the preparation for Baptism at Easter. However, one factor remained constant, it was essentially a fast.

During the early centuries the observance of fasting was quite strict. One meal a day was allowed in the evening, but flesh-meat, fish and in most places, eggs and milk foods, were absolutely forbidden. From the 9th Century a more relaxed approach took over which included the interesting notion that the 'day' could end at 3.00 p.m. which involved moving the evening service of Vespers to mid-day, so that the rule of "not eating before Vespers" could be observed. Such is the ingenuity of the Church.

Gradually the idea of actually fasting became less significant and more emphasis was placed on Lent being a time of penance, avoiding festivity and, in recent times, a period for deepening one's devotional and spiritual life.

I offer this potted 'history of Lent' because whatever you do or don't do this Lent, I was struck by the idea that in its original form Lent was about being hungry. Of course no one is seriously suggesting that starving people are in some way "blessed". The world's hungry need feeding - full stop.

Lent asks questions about a different sort of hunger. It dares to ask the question about the whole range of



appetites, desires and ambitions. It invites us to listen with sharpened awareness to the Christ who says 'my meat and drink is to do the will of my Father'.

What are we hungry for? - as friends and followers of Jesus Christ. Are we recognised as those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness". The language and imagery may sound a little quaint to our ears but there is no mistaking the psalmist's priorities when he wrote:-

As the deer longs for a stream of cool water so I long for you O God.

I thirst for you, the living God;

When can I go and worship in your presence?

Those who are self-satisfied will have little appetite for such things but they really matter to hungry people. And, in a way, the same thing is true about the next 'march' in our calendars, the 'Walk of the 600'. Our commitment together to this Diocesan-wide mission reflects the degree of our hunger for the coming of the Kingdom, for lives and society transformed. It reflects our hunger to see all kinds of people, in all kinds of ways, discovering for themselves the love of God in Christ Jesus and committing themselves in faith, love and obedience.

In whatever way it takes, use the challenge of Lent to explore the nature of your own hunger, your hunger for God and His Kingdom. Our Diocesan Lent Course provides a real opportunity for you to do this. When Jesus said 'I am the bread of life', it really was good news for hungry people.

MICHAEL F. GEAR Bishop of Doncaster

#### **Longstanding Servants**

Over Christmas and New Year, the Diocese of Sheffield lost three of its longstanding servants.

Phoebe Webb was drawn into the Darnall congregation by the ministry of Alan Ecclestone. She died aged 80 just before Christmas. Alan Ecclestone's biographer, Tim Gorringe, dedicated his biography of Alan to Phoebe (and May Bearwood and all the members of the Parish Meeting), as one of that remarkable group of lay people, nurtured and encouraged by Alan and his wife, Delia, to reach their "full stature in Christ". "My education began when I entered Darnall Church," Phoebe said in her tribute at Alan's Memorial Service in the Cathedral. This quest for truth and justice never left her, either in her many years at Darnall, or latterly, at the Cathedral.

Sister Barbara Robinson, C.A. who also died just before Christmas, was also connected with Darnall, where she ministered as an Evangelist from 1986 to 1993. Born in Denaby Main, and later living and worshipping in Conisbrough, Barbara was commissioned by the Church Army in 1980. She worked with the homeless and with the elderly, both in the North of England and on the South Coast, until she came back to the diocese. Her patience and her faith over the long period of illness were typical of her deep commitment to her Lord. Paradoxically, she probably witnessed to Him as much during these long three and a half years of her illness, both in Darnall and at Weston Park Hospital, as she did during all her time with the Church Army.

The Revd. Chris Norwood died on January 2nd, shortly after his 48th birthday, and only two months after he received the diagnosis that he had cancer. Chris came to the diocese as Priest-in-Charge and then as Vicar of Dunscroft in 1975. He became Team Vicar of Frecheville and Hackenthorpe in 1981, and latterly he was Vicar of Christ Church, Hackenthorpe. In 1993 he became Chaplain of Weston Park Hospital, in addition to being Chaplain to Shrewsbury Hospital. It was, in some strange way, more than a mindless blow that he so soon found himself sharing the same sickness as those to whom he had been chaplain. For a man and a priest who so doubted his own gifts and who so longed to minister to those in greatest need, there seemed to have been a divine appropriateness that, in the end, he was made "like his brothers and sisters in every respect" (Hebrews 2 v.17), and by his death, he was able to go ahead of them, and for them, into the haven where they wanted to be.

#### Songs for a local Family Centre

A concert by the Mexborough Male Voice Choir, consisting of popular and lively songs, will be held at St. Margaret's Church Swinton on Saturday, 29 April at 7.30 p.m.

All profits will go to the Children's Society Family Centre on the Fitzwilliam Estate at Swinton, a centre which is working alongside the whole community.

A member of the choir heard Denise Casbolt, the project leader, talk about the Centre, and persuaded the choir to offer their services to raise money to support the work being done in their area. Tickets at £2 may be obtained from Betty Holden on (01302) 854467.

#### Shiloh Gospel Choir - Correction

The Shiloh Gospel Choir is back in Rotherham on Saturday, 8th April (not 25th March as previously stated) at 7 p.m. at St. Mary's Church, Greasbrough. Tickets are available by 'phoning (01709) 551299, or on the door for £1 including refreshments.

#### Singing in Cathedrals 1995

Many visitors to the UK from other countries enjoy the priceless heritage of Church Music to be experienced in our Cathedrals. They use a guide 'Singing in Cathedrals' published by the Friends of Cathedral Music in association with The Church Music Society and The Royal School of Church Music.

The guide for 1995, which includes details of Sunday and weekday services as well as festivals of music and other information useful when visiting Cathedrals, is available free by sending a stamped addressed envelope (220mm x 110mm) to: Singing in Cathedrals, 26 Dumbrells Court, North End, Ditchling, West Sussex BN6 8TG.

#### Hattingen-Witten

What will you be doing on St. Augustine's Day this year?

A number of us will be going to our partner Church District in Germany that day.

The date - as if you didn't know is the 26th May. It's the day after Ascension Day and two days before the regular date in that part of Germany for Confirmations to be held in parish churches.

We shall have the opportunity to see just how this important event in the Church's life is conducted so very differently in the Protestant Church of Germany from our own Church.

We are hoping that some forty to fifty of us will be able to go this time, matching the numbers who came from there to us last Autumn.

A very varied programme will be provided; and, as usual, there will be good provision made for those whose German is perhaps even less than basic! Please get in touch with Stuart Brindley on Rotherham 364341 or Grant Macintosh on Sheffield 360786 as soon as possible if you would like more information.

#### **Lincoln Organ Recitals**

Lincoln Cathedral's Celebrity Organ Recitals are on Mondays at 7 p.m. and include: April 17, Pierre Cogen (Sainte-Clotilde, Paris);

May 8, Roy Massey (Hereford Cathedral); May 29, Martin Neary (Westminster Abbey); July 3, Hans Hielscher (Wiesbaden, Germany); July 31, Stefan Kagl (Bad Kissingen, Germany); August 7, Jane Watts (London); and August 28, Colin Walsh (Lincoln Cathedral). Admission is £2.50 and further information is available on (01522) 544544.

#### **Christ Church, Gleadless**

is looking for an organist for Sunday services, weddings and funerals, and to work with a newly formed choir. Contact Revd. Charles Hedley on Sheffield 239 0757

#### Learning the Language of Prayer

by Joyce Huggett

Do you ever feel your prayer life is lacking, devoid of depth and reality? Do you long to have a closer, more intimate, more living relationship with God?

Joyce Huggett makes no apologies for taking us back to basics, and starting at the very beginning in *Learning the Language of Prayer*. In this book she has provided a prayer manual which will be of great value both to beginners, and those wanting a refresher course. This is a book of practice as well as theory - to do, as well as to read.

In Learning the Language of Prayer, there are bitesized sections, rather than long chapters, usually with Bible passages to reflect upon and a project, or exercise, to do. Joyce recommends that people keep a prayer journal as they work through the book, explaining how this may be done and the benefits it brings. She invites us to be open and flexible, to experiment as we learn about prayer - to learn and to go on learning.

She explores the nature of the God to whom we pray, and every aspect of prayer - confession, adoration, contemplation, forgiveness, listening, fasting, meditation, and much more. It is a straightforward yet profound book. The reader is encouraged to be real and personal - "to enjoy that great gift of God - an ever-deepening relationship with himself....the essence of true prayer".

This colour hardback is a book both to keep and to give, beautifully presented with charcoal line drawings, by Sister Theresa Margaret, and full page colour plates both of which aid the process of reflection and meditation. It is available from SPCK, Cathedral Bookshop or any good bookseller, priced at £9.99.

#### **Golden Moments**



January saw the 50th Anniversary of what used to be the Clergy Wives' Fellowship in the Diocese of Sheffield - now renamed 'The Other Half', a good number of whom along with their clergy partners celebrated the golden jubilee in style at the home of Bishop Michael and Daphne at Hooton Roberts.

Invited to wear something 'golden' for the occasion, several party goers showed their ingenuity - with Bob Fitzharris in gold jumper, Michael Jackson in gold cufflinks, and Gordon Taylor in gold crown - begged from Burger King. There is no record of what was said when he explained what he needed it for to the bemused member of staff behind the counter in Fargate. The wearing of a dog-collar must have said it all!

#### **Rotherham Holiday Aid**

Rotherham Holiday Aid helps some of the most disadvantaged families in Rotherham to enjoy a much needed family holiday. It works with the national charity, the Family Holiday Association and has been responsible over the last six years for holiday grants totalling £122,000 being made to 379 Rotherham families who are referred by Health Visitors or Social Workers. The chairman, the Revd. Raymond Draper of Wickersley, points out that the organisation has no premises, no paid staff, and no administrative budget it works through volunteers so that every penny raised goes to providing holidays. Donations can be made to him at The Rectory, Church Lane, Wickersley, Rotherham S66 0ES.

#### **Interested in Local History**

Local historians will undoubtedly find something of value in a newly-published facsimile edition of a memoir of 1850 written by the then Rector of Sprotbrough.

The Reverend J.G. Fardell offered his "passing notes" of mid-19th century life in a corner of South Yorkshire to, as he said, "the parishioners of Sprotbrough whose constant kindness on all occasions...has won my lasting regard."

Not only does he describe St. Mary's Church as it was in 1850: the heraldry to be found there; Sprotbrough Hall (pulled down in 1926) and its gardens, its Canalettos and Vandervelds, but he gives telling information about, and attitudes to the new schoolhouse, the "cottages of the poor" the newly built South Yorkshire Railway, the "very superior inn" known as the Sprotbrough Boat, and the peculiar history of Bell Pond.

Copies of the cloth-bound, gold embossed limited edition book may be obtained at £14.50 from Millie Barnard, 2 Deen Close, Sprotbrough DN5 7PU Tel: (01302) 783658.

#### Children's Society Jester Appeal

The Children's Society collectors in this Diocese will be joining in the national campaign to deliver and collect over 2 million envelopes as part of the Society's Jester Appeal from 25th March to 8th April.

Little and Large are among the personalities who have pledged their support and Norma Major has agreed that she will receive an envelope at No. 10.

Safe play and laughter are vital for the healthy development of children - opportunities for both are offered through the Society's family centres. Such centres are seen as important factors in reducing the number of children running from home and care situations, so clearly described in recent Society reports.

If you already support this annual appeal please accept the thanks of all those who will benefit.

If you would like to know more then please contact:-The Children's Society, 3rd Floor, Prudential House, 28-40 Blossom Street, York, YO2 2AQ.

Tel: 01904 627866.

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## Legend has it that a 15-century knight -

Sir Percival Cresacre riding home from Doncaster was knocked off his horse by a wild cat. A fight ensued and both knight and cat perished in the porch of St. Peter's Church, at Barnburgh near Doncaster. Sir Percival's blood is said to stain the stonework to this day. But the knight - in living replica - returned to Barnburgh recently in happier circumstances to provide some South Yorkshire publicity for the national launch by the Royal Mail of a new set of stamps depicting cats. And instead of leaving behind more bloodstains in the porch the knight in question (shown here accompanied by a shield-bearing maiden) left behind a much welcome cheque for £400 towards St. Peter's Restoration Appeal. The knight in shining armour -Northern Stamp Expert Cedric Jackson has even promised an encore appearance, to open the Church Fete in the summer.

Photo by courtesy of Mike Ford

#### **New Bible for church members**

Some members of St. James' Church, Clifton, have discovered a new "bible".

They are not turning from their faith. They are opening their doors to people of the surrounding area who need information on such things as benefits and rights.

Their new "bible" is the Citizens Advice Bureau Basic Information Pack. It will be an invaluable resource for the volunteers at the Information Drop-In Centre at the church on Cambridge Street, Rotherham.

On Thursday, 26th January the new Centre was officially opened by the Mayor of Rotherham.

The Drop-In is open to the public every Thursday morning from 10.00 a.m. to 12 noon.

#### **A Lent Meditation**

on Saturday, 1st April, 1995

at St. Peter's, Bentley, Doncaster conducted by the Vicar, The Rev. Bob Fitzharris 12 noon to 4.30 p.m. 12 noon Eucharist Followed by lunch, meditation and concluding with Stations of the Cross.

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#### **Appointments**

The Reverend Andrew David Wooding Jones from then Diocese of Rochester to be Team Vicar, St. Thomas, Crookes from 22nd January, 1995.

The Reverend Martin Baldock to be Rural Dean of Wath from 1st February 1995.

The Reverend Stuart Brindley to be made an Honorary Canon of Sheffield Cathedral.

The Reverend Peter Chambers to be made an Honorary Canon of Sheffield Cathedral.

The Reverend John Wright from the Diocese of Ripon to be Assistant Curate, Brightside with Wincobank on 5th March, 1995.

#### Holy Land, November 1995.

Members of Saint Mary's Church, Greasborough, Rotherham are going to the Holy Land from 2nd - 9th November, staying first in Jerusalem and then moving to Tiberias by the Sea of Galilee, and ending the tour at Netanya. If you would like to join them, you can get more details from Donald Jones on Rotherham (01709) 551288.

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#### ABRAHAM AND OSWALD

Whenever one suffers a slight contretemps (bad or adverse time) there is usually the consoling friend to say, "these things, or these little things are sent to try us." Who sends these and why, is often open to question, - I suppose we never think about it. These often comparatively trivial trials of daily life are in strict contrast with the most vital trials of Christians. Life is full of trials or tests of our faith. Abraham's faith was sorely tested but remained whole even when asked to sacrifice his son Isaac. In the first letter of Peter, verses 6-9, convey the whole meaning and essence of faith, "your faith, more precious than gold, which though perishable is tested by fire." In everyday life, fire is the cruelty of fate that consigns some to a life of ill health and pain, to see loved ones suffer life long illness, that mocks the meaning of life, abject poverty, wrongs suffered, tragic deaths of loved ones, all conspire to test faith. Like me, you will know of someone who has suffered the rebuffs mentioned, yet remain constant in their faith, never doubting. These thoughts are inspired by two of our church members and especially the late Oswald Varley a victim of blindness for over 60 years; and to have no family around him for almost a similar time. However, his faith sustained him. He never deprecated his unfortunate circumstances always courteous and grateful for any small kindness. I think in all honesty he is worthy of these lines, and of course all those who have been tested by fire, but whose faith so too is constant and whole.

> "A man of mean estate who died, as firm as Sparta's king Because his soul was great"

> > Pex B

#### Changes at All Saints School

Somewhat belated news on a staffing change - as announced last term Mrs Joan Roberts retired on 31st October. Our new teacher is Mrs Elizabeth Allen from Millhouses. Liz has worked in a variety of schools as a supply teacher since having her children (aged 5 and 2). She is, of course, a practising Christian, being a Roman Catholic, and with her bright friendly personality has immediately gained great popularity with both staff and pupils. We are very pleased to have her on the staff and hope she will be very happy with us.

We have two new Governors - Mr David Spencer (a member of our Church family) who was elected as a parent governor, to replace Mrs Barbara Ward who has moved to Nottingham. David has already spent a day with the Reception Class, who had a very exciting time learning about his experiences as a Police Diver, in connection with a topic on Water. The Revd Michael Goater (Vicar of St Augustine's, Endcliffe) has joined us as a Foundation Governor representing the Diocese. Michael is well known in Sheffield Schools, as he was an English Adviser with the Local Education Authority, before training as a clergyman. He has been a good friend to our school for many years. Michael has recently been appointed a member of the Diocesan Board of Education, on which I am continuing to serve for another term of 2 years. I am certain that David and Michael will be valuable members of our Governing Body and we hope they will find it very rewarding and worthwhile, even if somewhat demanding,

#### Joan Stratford

PS: Congratulations to some of our Year 6 pupils, Mary Davis, Michelle Daniel and Sarah Ho who have passed the entrance examination to Sheffield High School, and Andrew Lowes who has passed the entrance examination to Birkdale School.

#### **Busy Bishops**

On the afternoon of Wednesday 18th January The Very Revd Michael Gear, Bishop of Doncaster, visited our school. He toured the classrooms, talking to staff and pupils and taking a keen interest in everything which was happening.

On the morning of Thursday 30th March The Very Revd David Lunn, Bishop of Sheffield, will be visiting us. He will take part in our morning act of Worship, and will perform the official dedication of our new entrance and office block.

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#### IT'S BETTER THAN THAT!

I used to have awful trouble with one verse in the Bible. Truth to tell, I have trouble with lots of verses! Who was it said "It's not the bits of the Bible that I don't understand that trouble me. It's the bits I do understand"? Whoever it was who said it was well on the way to saintliness.

But the Particular verse I'm thinking of went like this in the version of the Bible on which I was brought up. (This of course was the King James' version, sometimes called the Authorised Version - even though later and modern translations are equally "Authorised"!) Anyway the verse went like this:

"All things work together for good to them that love God." (Romans 8:28)

My trouble with this verse was that I couldn't see how it was true. The evidence of life just didn't back up the claim. Do all things work together for good? Last year and this year we are being reminded of the horrors - as well as the glories - of World War II. Millions killed on battlefields and in towns and cities all over the world. Lives blighted for ever through horrendous war time experiences. Concentration camps in Europe and the Far East. Gas chambers to exterminate millions who were not of the "right" race. And so on. Did all these things "work together for good to let them that love God#? What about our lives today? Millions of children deprived of proper parenting through casual and through broken relationships. Millions more learning violence through violence in the home, through violation of parents through uncontrolled TV watching. Yet more, profoundly impoverished in body, mind and spirit through our permission for them to exist at or below the poverty line. Do they - indeed, do we - believe that all these things work together for good to them that love God? Hardly!

It's no wonder I've had such a hard time with this verse. And it's no wonder I wince when I read it or hear it churned out as man's or woman's blank cheque to God!

Then to my relief I discovered that it was a wildly inaccurate translation of the original Greek (from which all our new Testament is translated). Literally, the English is "to the ones loving God, God works together in all things for good". And that makes a lot of sense, so it reads:

"In everything God co-operates for good with those who love God."

In the horrors of our lives, even in the ones we make ourselves, God is co-operating for good with those who love him. He continually strives in every imaginable human situation to bring good out of even the worst evil. This is what God did in the crucifixion of Jesus. *John N Collie.* 

#### PENTECOST '95

#### PRAYER GROUP MEETINGS

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 World champion tennis player MARTINA NAVRATILOVA



# From The Registers

February 10th Dorothy Duckett (67) 10 Laverdene Way.

Dorothy was married to Len in 1951, and they lived all their married life in Totley. She was Secretary to Cutlery and Steel firms and was well loved both at work and in our Parish. She was a great reader and crossword expert. She was a true 'green finger' gardener. Her family of two sons, Michael and Philip was the centre of her life. Sadly, cancer was diagnosed over two years ago, but she was very strong and battled to the end, which came in her own home with her family nearby. She is now at peace free from suffering. Please pray for her family.

We shall remember the above, together with the following from our Memorial Book, at our Communion Service on Sunday March 26th at 6.30pm: Alan Herbert, Alan Jockel, Herbert Wood, Winifred Foulstone Ernest Hall, Jessie Gibbs, Charles Swift, Willis Coates, Louis Reed. Roy Wiggett, Keith Blackburn, Dora MacFarlane, Dorothy Seaton, Eric Brownhill, Stephen Wrigglesworth, Dorothy Rhodes, Walter Wild, Marjorie Cokeham, and Elizabeth Mitchell. \*

## PILGRIMAGE/HOLIDAY TOUR OF ISRAEL \$\frac{\tau}{2}\$

Forthcoming tour of Israel from 13th - 24th May 1995, with guided coach tours included. Part of the time we stay in Jerusalem and part in Tiberias on the sea of Galilee in 4 star hotels.

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COFFEE:

5th Mr G Hazlehurst

12th Mr & Mrs Job, Mrs Carter Mr & Mrs Filleul, Mrs Allum

26th Mr N & Miss b Hazlehurst, Mrs Booth

FLOWERS: Altar

Memory Table

5th LENT 12th LENT 19th LENT 26th LENT

CRECHE:

5th Roma & Graham Webb

12th Joan Beeley/Mayis Kirton

19th Come & Worship (no creche) Felicity Goodliffe/ Neil Hayden 26th

SIDESMEN

8.00am 5th

10.00am

6.30pm

Miss Perfect

Mr Cooke Mr Johnstone

Mrs Mayson Mrs Snowdon

12th

Mr Ludlam

Mr Bruar Mrs Billard

Ma Dawell Mr England

19th

Miss Baldry

Come & Worship Rota (M Allum K Filleul)

Mr Simons Mr Purkiss

26th

Mr Filleul

Mrs Simons

Mr Mayson

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## SAYINGS FOR STILLNESS

"I have not come to call the virtuos but sinners to repentance" (Luke 5.32)

## FOR YOUR DIARY

1 Wed	10.00am Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday
	8.00pm Holy Communion for Ash Wednesday
2 Thu	8.00pm Standing Committee - Vicarage
3 Fri	10.30am Womens' World Day of Prayer
	- Service at United Reformed Church
6 Mon	3.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 1 Quarry Road
7 Tue	7.30pm Ladies Club
9 Thu	7.30pm Annual General Meeting - Hall
13 Mon	10.00am - 12.00nn Morning Coffee - Hall
15 Wed	10.00am - 12.00nn Coffee Morning in aid of
	The Leprosy Mission - 18 Rowan Tree Dell
	2.30pm Monthly Fellowship - 2 The Grove
18 Sat	Deanery Quiet Day led by Revd. Sue Proctor
19 Sun	6.30pm United Service at Dore Parish Church
20 Mon	3.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group - 1 Quarry Road
21 Tue	7.30pm Ladies Club
23 Thu	7.45pm Worship Committee - Lounge
27 Mon	9.30am Collation of April magazine- Hall
28 Tue	12.15pm Liaison Lunch - Hall

For details of regular and/or group meetings, please refer to 'Weekly Activities' on inside of back cover.

Please note, these are not now included as 'Diary entries'

Baptism & Wedding Enquiries

can be made at The Vicarage on Wednesday Evenings, between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. If this is not convenient, please 'phone 236 2322 to make an appointment with the Vicar.

#### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SERVICES: (Sundays) 8.00am Holy Communion - every Sunday
10.00am 1st 2nd 4th & 5th Holy Communion
3rd Come & Worship
6.30pm 1st & 3rd Holy Communion
2nd Evensong
4th Memorial Service
5th 'Praise' Service
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Mid Week 9.00am Morning Prayers (except Fridays)
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10.00am Holy Communion (Wednesdays)
2.00pm Under 5's Praise 1st & 3rd Thursdays
ORGANISATIONS - (MEETINGS IN THE HALL)
Sunday: 10.00am "Young Saints"-Kath Lloyd 236 7056
6.30pm "TASH" Youth Group-Alan Walker 262 0421
Monday: 10.00am Drop In Coffee-Maurice & Marjorie
Snowdon 236 2822
3.30pm Junior Choir Practice in church
- Stella Jockel 236 9413
7.00pm Guides - Dorothy Firth 236 4190
Tuesday: 7.30pm Ladies Club (1st & 3rd) - Margaret Benson 236 2322
Wednesday: 10.00am Parent & Toddler Group
- Gillian Grocott 262 0406
6.30pm 'Trailblazers' (children's club)
- Annette Job 236 0122
Thursday: 2.00pm Under 5's Praise (1st & 3rd)
- Liz Hayden 236 4944
7.00pm Choir Practice in Church
- Stella Jockel 236 9413
8.00pm Standing Committee (1st) PCC (2nd)
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS are informal gatherings, in homes of our
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Wednesday: Monthly Morning Fellowship-Pauline Perkinton 236 160
Monthly Afternoon Fellowship-Stella Jockel 236 941
Weekly Evening Fellowship-Marjorie Snowdon 236 2822
Thur/Mon:
Contemplative Prayer Group-Rosalie Carter 236 596
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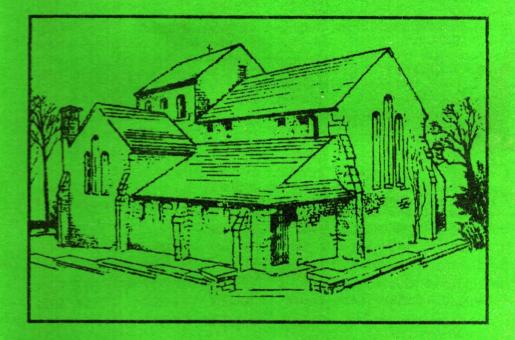
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### FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends.

## PARISH DEVELOPMENT PLAN

We had a very successful Annual Parish Church meeting to which 60 people came. Our out-going Churchwarden Robin was thanked for his leadership; Kim and Terry Dixon (who have temporarily, we hope, moved to another Church) were thanked for their work with our young people and the preparation of our Magazine and publicity material; and Roy Johnstone was thanked for looking after the Magazine Accounts for many years. Our new Churchwardens Chris Booth and Alan Walker were duly elected, and Elsie Mayson generously offered to stand in as Deputy Warden whilst Cliff Job works in Austria.

At the end of the meeting, I outlined our three year Development Plan which we pray will bring new life to our Church and Parish, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Five groups will be formed, namely-Pastoral & Education; Outreach & Publicity; Finance; Worship; and Maintenance. Each group will have a Co-Ordinator who will be responsible for supervising the various Teams in each Group. We have decided to abolish the word Committee from our Plan. A board will appear in Church listing the 5 Groups, and I ask that each member of our congregation sign up under one or more of the Group headings, offering your talents and skills to God through our Church. Signing does not mean that you will automatically be part of a Team...should you only just wish to be a consultant to a particular Team. Here is your long-awaited opportunity to offer your talents; we already have a list of needs; all we need now is your involvement.

I thank you in advance, in the Lord, and pray that each one of us will take this challenge seriously. If we offer this Plan for the Holy Spirit's guiding, it can breath new life into All Saints Church. God bless you all.

## SERVICES IN APRIL

## Holy Communion Every Wednesday at 10.00am

## 2nd - LENT 5 - What are the questions?"

8.00am Holy Communica

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle: Acts 8: 28 - 34 Gospel: John 12: 20 - 32

10.00am Young Saints

11.30am Cheshire Home Communion

6.30pm Special Service

## 9th - PALM SUNDAY - Where are the answers?'

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: Acts 8: 34&35

Gospel Matthew 21: 1 - 13

10.00am Young Saints

6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

Old Testament: Isiah 5: 1 - 7

New Testament: Acts 8: 34& 35



## EASTER SERVICES

Wednesday 12th April: - 8.00pm United Service at Totley URC

Maunday Thursday: 7.30pm Holy Communion (ASB) &

short PCC

Good Priday: 10.00am - Children's' Service; Noon - The Three Hours Devotions;

8.00pm - Service of 'Tennebrae' at Totley URC

## 16th - EASTER DAY - 'The Final Victory'

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Family Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: Acts 8: 36-39 Gospel: Mark 16: 1 - 8

11.30am Cheshire Home Communion

6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

Old Testament: Isiah 26: 1 - 9 New Testament: Acts 8: 36 - 39

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## 23rd - EASTER 1 (St George's Day)

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am COME & WORSHIP

6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: 1 Peter 1: 3 - 9 Gospel: John 20: 19 - 29

## 30th - EASTER 2

8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: Revelation 19: 6 - 9

Gospel: Luke 24: 13 - 35

10.00am Young Saints

6.30pm Memorial Service

## An Open Letter

Dear Robin Carter,

Greetings to you in the name of the Lord Jesus.

It has been suggested that I write a reply to your article in the March magazine, "The Church in the (Modern?) Society".

Fortunately you can escape the 'poisoning' of your air space by smokers. But who can escape the poisoning of everybody's air space from your car (and mine) resulting in so many children suffering from asthma? Maybe we should give up our cars?

The sermon to which you refer and which I preached was not on the National Lottery. It was a comperison between Christian hope in Christ with the world's hope based on all forms of gambling, including the gamble of raffles to which the Church seems so sadly addicted, and which has been condemned over a period of 30 years by three successive Lambeth Conferences of over 500 bishops from the world-wide Anglican Communion. I don't imagine they would have bothered with it if they didn't consider it to be a dangerous evil.

Did you know that two respected members of All Saints' Church started gambling in a small way when they were young, that for them also it became addictive, and that each only abandoned it when they came to know Jesus Christ?

You accuse the Church Commissioners of gambling. Sorry but this just isn't correct. It is possible to gamble on the Stock Exchange but the vast majority don't; they invest.

No doubt you benefit from such investment in a hundred different ways. In point of fact, the Church invested in the housing market to help deal with one subject you mention, 'homelessness'. As you know, the housing market collapsed affecting the value of the Church's investment as it affected the value of your house. It is vitally important to have a proper interpretation of the word 'gamble'.

Of the other subjects you mention, I dealt briefly with job insecurity in a sermon just the day before your article was published; but some of your subjects are more fit for political party meetings than pulpit preachings. The pulpit is the place for setting out the word of God in such a way that it will affect the way we conduct our personal lives and we can exercise our political right at the ballot box.

You are apparently not very impressed with the preachers you get here. At least you have SEVEN to choose from, four of whom are laymen like yourself. But the common factors to all of them are that (i) they have been trained in theology and in preaching and (ii) they have been licensed to preach by the Bishop. The licence is important; without it no members of the congregation have the right 'to voice their opinions from the pulpit'. (That's not what the pulpit is for.) The licence seeks to ensure that the congregation is protected from people venting their personal bees and uttering doubtful theology on a captive audience.

Finally thank you for your ministry as Church Warden which many of us so greatly appreciated.

Yours in the service of Christ and his Church
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## In Response to: "The Church in the (Modern?) Society".

I read the article by Robin Carter in March All Saint's News with great sadness. Robin takes a swipe at many things from the National Lottery (mentioned in five of the seven paragraphs) to Freemasons, from the Church Commissioners investment policy to education, the N.H.S. etc. There is a great deal of concern about all these issues and, I suspect, my concerns are not very different from Robin's.

The sadness however is because he fails completely to understand the reason for sermons from the pulpit. My view is a personal one but surely it is the responsibility of clergy and readers alike to expound the Word of God. We endeavour, (but often not very well, we admit) to open up the Bible so that the congregation can see that the teaching therein is relevant to their own personal lives. May we not have the same confidence as Isiah had about the Word of God "it will accomplish that which I purpose and succeed in the task I gave it"? We should also note that in the ASB, the appointed readings, the sermon and the creeds all together form 'The Ministry of the Word'. We have no options in this. It is our duty, our aim and our privilege.

But beyond that, granted that a unified and considered Christian response to the current social ills would be welcome, we ought to consider the practicalities. If I wanted for example to argue that a greater amount of Government money should be put into education how best I might further that argument? Such a proposition would

need debate to sharpen it, to explore the ramifications, to test the consequences. One needs a two way approach for such development and not a one-sided statement such as a sermon has to be.

The corporate act of worship for which many of us attend church, is not the right place anyway. It is hard enough for all of us to realise the everlasting and continuous presence of God in our lives with such a once or twice a week emphasis in church. It would be incredibly harder if the attendance at church became less worshipful through debate of contentious social policies.

To produce the sort of result that Robin appears to be advocating we need a different strategy. Some other meeting perhaps which could determine actions and establish clearly that democracy was at work? Such a meeting was held on February 14th and demonstrated that no consensus can be achieved without debate and exchange of ideas.

The final argument however must be to refute completely that the world can be put right by our actions or by our looking out on the world. This is God's world in which we live for a short span. Jesus' teaching and example was essentially to the individual. Christianity is a personal challenge for us to be 'right with God' and this is the task of Christian leadership both from the pulpit and elsewhere. If we allow God to work in us and through us then we may find ourselves taking a part in His action. If that should be the case He will give us wisdom, strength and guidance to act in the way He wants. We do well to remember Paul's words to the Romans "Do not conform any longer to the

pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good pleasing and perfect will".

Maurice Snowdon

## OUOTES

"Goodness is the only investment that never fails."

"I agree with Mr Illingworth that our players should be tough, I know of no tougher person to walk the face of the Earth than my boss-Jesus Christ"

Reverend Andrew Wingfield Digby, Chaplain English Cricket Team.

"It is never too late to tell your mother you love her, but it can easily be too late."

Mavis Nicholson



## Baptism & Wedding Enquiries

Can be made at The Vicarage on Wednesday evenings between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. If this is not convenient, please 'phone 2362322 to make an appointment with the Vicar.

Notices & Events

## THANK YOU KIM

Many thanks to Kim for producing the Church Magazine for the last two years and for her work as Parish Secretary. Articles for the magazine can be put in the box at the back of the Church as usual or handed to Karen Bergdahl, 25 The Quadrant, Tel: 2363382, Fax: 2352672

## **BEST WISHES TO CLIFF**

Cliff Job leaves us in April to work in Austria. We wish him good luck and look forward to his return in a years time.

## LADIES CLUB

Tuesday 4th April - Sue Sturgeon will show slides of her working visit to Canada.

Tuesday 11th April 7.30pm - we shall hold our Annual Holy Week Service in the Church followed by refreshments in the hall. Everyone is invited.

## TABLE TOP SALE ~ Saturday 29th April 10.00am - 3.00pm

If you wish to sell off some of your own goods, white elephants etc hire a table for £5 and keep the profit. There

## SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS APRIL, 1995

# GOOLE AND THE RIVER DON

Goole must have been the first place in the Diocese of Sheffield in which I ever set foot. On a teenage cycling tour "round Britain" with my twin brother, I have never forgotten, first our astonishment when battling north through Lincolnshire on coming to a sign which read "West Riding of Yorkshire" and secondly our delight in finding ships in the streets of Goole. Innocent youths, we had assumed that a journey up the east coast (and back to civilisation on Tyneside) would bring us to the East Riding. But now I know the fact that the Town and Port of Goole was in the West Riding is a matter of some historical and geographical (and for the Diocese of Sheffield, pastoral) importance.

History, very briefly, first. Yorkshire, with its three ridings, the experts tell me, was invented by the Danes but the huge 'West Riding' is older than that. For, basically, it is the result of coming together of the ancient British Kingdoms of Craven and Elmet. But it is the geography of its great rivers all flowing down together into the Humber that binds it together. Spit into a stream on the distant Pennine peaks and sooner or later your spittle will float past Goole.

Our Diocese of Sheffield is the southern and frontier strip of the West Riding (step south from it and you are abroad and indeed there you will find dragons). Our river is the Don with its notable tributaries the Rother and the Dearne, From Stocksbridge, via Sheffield, Rotherham and Doncaster to Goole, none of us live far from these rivers. My official title should really be "Lord Bishop of the Valley of the Don". And very beautiful these rivers can be. I remind you of the famous opening sentence of Sir Walter Scott's 'Ivanhoe' (written around 1817) "In that pleasant district of merry England which is watered by the River Don, there extended in ancient times a large forest, covering the greater part of the beautiful hills and valleys which lie between Sheffield and the pleasant town of Doncaster". Congratulations today to those, especially in Sheffield, who are restoring the Don and its banks to their ancient beauty and splendour.



Goole was built by the mouth of the Don and at the end of the Aire and Calder Canal, to give an opening to the sea for the coal and manufactured goods of the West Riding. It is the sea-port of the Diocese of Sheffield. Goole is us.

The re-organisers of local government have treated and are treating Goole very badly. In 1974 it was snatched from the West Riding to which it was so umbilically attached and put in the near county of Humberside. Now in 1995 Humberside is going and being replaced by four unitary authorities - Hull, Grimsby, "East Riding" and North Lincolnshire. This has left Goole (and Snaith and the Marshlands - all the part of Humberside that is in the Diocese of Sheffield) sometimes forgotten, always a problem and usually unloved. The various proposals for the area had collapsed from their obvious absurdity almost as soon as they were published. Now "provisionally" the area is to be linked to the new "East Riding". Consultation on its future is going to take place. Very curious, it seems to me, that consultation should begin after the work of the Boundary Commission, which was supposed to sort out these problems has ended.

Thanks to the M18 (a speedier route than the River Don) Goole and the Marshland are less than an hour from Sheffield. But sometimes they feel themselves to be remote from and forgotten by the Diocese. But the links that bind us together are strong. It must therefore be the concern of the whole Diocese that the right decisions are taken for the future of Goole and its neighbourhood. London may have forgotten Goole. We will not.

DAVID LUNN Bishop of Sheffield

#### **Brodsworth Art Exhibition**

is to be held at the Glebe Barn (Brodsworth & Pickburn Village Hall) at Brodsworth on Easter Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, 16th, 17th & 18th April from 10.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. There's Art and Crafts in abundance as well as refreshments, and the proceeds are for St. Michael and All Angels Church, Brodsworth. Further information on Doncaster 01302 723318.

#### "Who am I?"

The Archbishop of York, in a recent address to the Sheffield Theological Society told the true story of a certain Bishop who had been taken to visit an Old People's Home. He dutifully went over to one resident, and (evidently rather stumped for small talk) asked her "Do you know who I am?". "No dear", came the reply, "but if you ask at Reception, they'll tell you."

#### Peace-A-Peal

The Children's Society has invited Captains of Bells and handbell teams to join its Peace-A-Peal on or around 8th May. This is a sponsored ring event to proclaim our thanksgiving for the freedom and opportunities that peace has given to children and young people.

The teams may keep upto half of the money raised for their own funds and all teams raising £75 or more for The Children's Society will receive certificates. Commemorative prizes will be presented to the team raising the most money from both sections, tower bells and handbells

Further information and supplies of posters and sponsor forms are available from The Children's Society Peace-A-Peal, Edward Rudolf House, Margery Street, London, WC1X 0JL, or by telephoning 0171 837 4299.

### Rawcliffe Needlecraft Fair & Exhibition

The second Needlecraft Fair is to be held on Sunday, 30th April and will be open from 1.00-5.00 p.m. There is a wider variety of stalls this year, with needlecraft, knitting and lacemaking suppliers, plus ready made gifts, knitwear, etc., and demonstrations, in the Village Hall; with exhibitions and refreshments in St. James Church, on the Green. Entrance on the day will be £1.50 for adults, and 50p for schoolchildren. However, tickets are available prior to the event for £1. These are available from Mrs. D. Bingham, 12 Gossips Wood Road, Rawcliffe Bridge, Nr. Goole, N Humbs., DN14 8PA. SAE please. Cheques made payable to Rawcliffe PCC. All proceeds will go to Rawcliffe Parish Church Funds.

## Music at St. Alban's, Wickersley, Rotherham

There's a Grand Musical Concert by the Mexborough Male Voice Choir in St. Alban's School Hall on Friday, 5th May at 7.30 p.m. Tickets priced £2, which includes refreshments are available from Mary Cooper, 01709 542848, and all proceeds are for the homeless.

## Holy Land, November 1995

Members of Saint Mary's Church, Greasborough, Rotherham are going to the Holy Land from 2nd-9th November, staying first in Jerusalem and then moving to Tiberias by the Sea of Galilee, and ending the tour at Netanya. If you would like to join them, you can get more details from Donald Jones on Rotherham (01709) 551299. (NOTE NOW CORRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER)

#### **Arts and Crafts Festival**



St. Michael's, Rossington, Doncaster - Saturday, 6th May - Sunday, 7th May, Monday, 8th May.

To be opened by Daphne Gear (11 a.m. Saturday 6th) Light lunches etc. can be booked: 01302-867597.

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Peter Atkin, Community Development Worker at Rotherham's Disability Information Service, Central Library, Walker Place, Rotherham, S65 1JH. Tel: (01709) 373658

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REPORTING DIOCESAN SYNOD MEETING (March 4th at Doncaster)

## Clergy cuts ahead if...but Yes to Unity and MU

CLERGY NUMBERS. Recognising that the existing pattern of ministry across the Diocese of Sheffield CANNOT BE MAINTAINED if the quota deficits of 1993 and 1994 are repeated this year, Synod members voted overwhelmingly in favour of asking the Bishop's Council, as a matter of urgency, to prepare a strategy for stipendiary ministry that will ensure that, if numbers in stipendiary ministry have to be REDUCED, it will be done in a way that does as little harm as possible to the pastoral, evangelistic and prophetic ministry of the Church in this Diocese. The Bishop of Sheffield said it was clear enough that if the money did not come in, the monthly pay cheque could not go out. "We cannot continue with deficits. The belief that somebody else will pay is just not true". Planning ahead (as proposed) was a matter of prudence and planning carefully so as to avoid panic measures, he said.

DIOCESAN OFFICERS. In a related motion, it was decided that the review of Diocesan Officer appointments (at present made on a piecemeal basis usually every five years related to when the appointment started), should, in future take place on a common date, commencing with the first common review in June 1996. This will enable Synod to take a better view of the overall pattern of work of Diocesan Officers and Diocesan needs.

LINKS ABROAD. Voting by Houses on a Motion sent down to Dioceses by General Synod, Diocesan Synod Members voted in favour of what is known as the Porvoo Declaration (It's pronounced Porvoh...and it's the name of a city in Finland). The Porvoo Declaration relates to close ties of unity between the Church of England and the other Anglican Churches of Great Britain (Scotland, Wales and Ireland) with the Lutheran Churches of Scandinavia and the Baltic, a total of 12 churches with an overall membership of some 50 million Christians. The Bishop and other expressed anxieties about the understanding of Apostolic Succession contained within the Declaration, but in the vote which followed the Bishop abstained, therefore the Motion supporting the Declaration was carried in the House of Bishops by the yes vote of the Bishop of Doncaster and by 28 to 6 (6 abstentions) in the House of Clergy and 25 to 8 (5 abstentions) in the House of Laity. The Dean of Durham, the Very Revd John Arnold presented the Declaration to Synod.

MOTHERS' UNION. The new Diocesan President of the Mothers' Union, Mrs. Margaret Cornick - and other MU members - made a brief presentation about the work of the MU (alive and kicking...and growing) in the Diocese and at the national and international level. This was well received and Synod members went on to express their support of the aim of extending its work and membership. Deanery Synods are to be asked to consider the co-option of an MU representative.

BRIDLINGTON AND THE WALK. The Bishop reported on "a lively, busy and exhausting" conference for the clergy of the Diocese at Bridlington in February Groupwork had been very successful, he felt, and a lot of work had been put into the Fringe Groups. Everybody had been fed and watered very well and he sensed an overwhelming feeling that it had all been worthwhile. He commended the organising committee and especially the work of the Archdeacon of Sheffield and the Social Responsibility Officer, Rachel Ross. On the WALK OF 600 the Bishop said that lots of events were being planned. 99% of what was happening was local but he commended the major diocesan events especially the middle Sunday (May 14) event which was to be a straightforward Baptism and Confirmation Service on the (hopefully by then) restored forecourt of Sheffield Cathedral. "And if there are no candidates forthcoming on that date, I will go to the Job Centre and hire some" said the Bishop who said that he hoped that the overall effect of the Walk of 600 would be that of "a good do". He looked forward to an exhausting fortnight May 7 to

## ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY VISITS COMMISSIONERS

The Archbishop of Canterbury recently met many Church Commissioners' staff when he and Mrs. Carey paid an informal visit to the Church Commissioners' offices.

Dr. and Mrs. Carey visited several departments and chatted with about eighty staff over coffee at the end of the morning.

The Archbishop spoke encouragingly to the staff, and thanked them for their commitment at a difficult time. He was heartened by the way in which the recommendations of the Lambeth Report had been implemented or put in hand in the eighteen months since the Report commissioned by him had been published.

Afterwards he said: "These are years of growth and change in all quarters of our Church of England, but the maintenance and material support of the active ordained ministry, nationwide, remains crucial to our mission."

"I fully support the work now in hand to strengthen and reformulate the achievement of these objectives and also, in consultation with the Pensions Board and Diocesan Boards of Finance, to establish secure and lasting financial provision for future clergy pensions."



#### **Christian Socialist Movement**

The National Organiser, David Cairns, will be speaking on "The Future of the Welfare State' at the branch meeting on Friday, 21st April at 7.15 p.m. at St. Mary's Parish Room, Northgate, Tickhill (close to the Buttercross). Members, friends and anyone interested are all welcome.

## **Appointments**

The Reverend Bruce Edgar Leng, Rector of Handsworth, St. Mary to be Priest in Charge and Rector Designate of Thrybergh from 24th April, 1995.

The Reverend Martin Douglas Brown, Rector of Darfield to resign from 31st March, 1995.

The Reverend Lawrence Clifford Jenkins to resign as Rural Dean of Doncaster from 28th February, 1995.

The Reverend Peter Boulton-Lea to be Rural Dean of Doncaster from 1st March, 1995.

The Reverend Mark Wigglesworth, Assistant Curate of Brinsworth with Catcliffe to become Assistant Curate of Goole.

The Reverend Mervyn Thompson, Assistant Curate of St. Catherine Richmond Road to become Vicar of St. Hilda, Thurnscoe from 19th April, 1995.

The Reverend Trevor Hudson, Vicar of Worsbrough, St. Mary to retire from 30th June, 1995.

The Reverend Hilary Anne Jowett Chaplain with Central Sheffield University Hospitals and Assistant Curate Sharrow to become Assistant Curate of Broomhill St. Mark

## **Music & Devotions for Good Friday**

Good Friday, 14th April - 12 noon-3.00 p.m.

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## Parish Experience Week

Every year the Church Pastoral Aid Society runs a Parish Experience Week to provide those considering professional ministry with an opportunity to workshadow a clergy person and to reflect theologically on what they are seeing. This year we are in Islington (9-17 Sept.) where a good number of churches are taking part. The event is open to men and women aged 18 and over and costs £90.

Participants meet together during the week and a visiting Speaker gives a series of Bible Readings. We also invite others to speak on a variety of special topics to do with issues of Ministry in Today's Church.

Information on vocational topics and Ministry in the Church of England is also available on the 10 You and the Ministry weekends held around the country each year. Full details are available from Pauline Walden, Vocation and Ministry, CPAS, Tachbrook Park, Warwick, CV34 6NG, Tel: 01926 334242.

## **Newspaper Thinks Big**

One of the certainties of Life is that the 'equipment' we were born with will eventually wear out. The timescales varies from person to person, but we are indeed fortunate if we retain all our faculties until a ripe old age.

Loss of eyesight is one of the most common causes of disability in the UK. There are one million blind and partially sighted people and a further 700,000 find it difficult to read ordinary print such as this. About 45 per cent live alone, so they have to suffer the frustration and indignity of being denied access to the printed word, or rely on other people to read it for them. Newspapers are an integral part of our lives as they keep in touch with the outside world. But as well as information and chit-chat, they also provide TV and radio listings and puzzles to keep our minds active.

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## **European Retreats**

The first organised programme of retreats on the Continent has just been launched by a new organisation 'Retreats beyond Dover'. Retreats in France, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Ireland, Belgium and Malta are featured in the programme for 1995. Famous venues include the Benedictine Monastery of Santo Domingo de Silos in Spain, where the monks have topped the charts with their best selling recordings of Gregorian chant.

Anthony Weaver, Director of 'Retreats beyond Dover' says that more and more people are discovering the peace and quite of retreats, and hopes that this organisation will provide British people with the opportunity to visit some of Europe's most beautiful and contemplative retreat houses and monasteries. More information from: Retreats beyond Dover, St. Ethelreda's Church, 14 Ely Place, London EC1N 6RY. Tel: 0171 403 6552.

### "Praise Be..."

Don't miss an evening of joyful praise and thanksgiving for Christian service in the community with The Salvation Army Sheffield Citadel Band and Chesterfield Mission Choir on Saturday, 1st April at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £2.50 (£2 concessions) from Mary and High Ebbins on Sheffield 0114 255 2847. Proceeds are to The Salvation Army and St. Oswald's Family Fund.

will also be a Church table selling goods which have been donated by the congregation - Can you help? Please contact Angela Waite Tel: 2364728.

## SUMMER GARDEN PARTY

We hope to hold this event on 8th July at 2.00pm. There will be a list of stalls in the Church Hall and organisations will be asked to be responsible for a stall or games. Please take note of the date and invite all your friends!

#### ALL SAINT'S PLAYGROUP

There are places available most afternoons. Contact Jane Lawry on Tel:2368566

#### MAN FRIDAY WANTED

Could you please spare a couple of hours to help with our luncheon club on a Friday at the United Reform Church. Please ring Valerie Simpson Tel: 2361483 (Desert Island not included)

## CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

Over £600 was raised for the Children's Society from the Christingle service, Carols by Candlelight and the boxes. THANK YOU ALL.

### UNITED NATIONS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

There will be a Grand Concert of popular songs, arias and choruses by the JOHN WADE SINGERS in aid of UNICEF on Saturday 29th April at 7.30pm in St John's

Church, Abbeydale. Tickets are £4 (£3 concessions) Tel: 2364803 or 2366668 or at the door.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14th - 20th MAY - CLASH OF DATES

Can I advise anyone who will be door to door collecting for Christian Aid this year of a local difficulty. This is the same week as the Bishop of Sheffield's walk of the 600. I understand events for this will occur in our deanery in the last three days of this week. If you would like to collect for the first time or missed collecting last year and can be available this year, please contact Lorna or I at Church or telephone 2369878 - Gary Davis.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK ORGANISER

I organised the distribution of envelopes and other materials to our collectors last year and I am happy to do so this year. However there may be someone else who would like to do this. If so please contact me and I will arrange a handover - Gary Davis Tel:2369878

## **UNDER FIVES PRAISE**

On Thursday 7th April we are having a Springtime Party. Join us from 12.30pm in the church hall (bring your sandwiches, drinks provided) for fun and activities. We will have our usual short service at 2.00pm in Church followed by refreshments. Please come and join us. There will be no Under Fives meeting on Thursday 20th April. We will meet as usual on Thursday 4th May. Contact Liz Hayden.

## ECUMENICAL SERVICE

As in previous years there will be a joint ecumenical service on the Wednesday in Holy Week - 12th April. This will be held at the United Reform Church in Totley Brook Road starting at 8.00pm. The material for the service will be welcome.

## HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

There will be a special 11/12 day holiday pilgrimage on 13th - 24th May 1995. The cost is £820 each. For further details please contact Rupert or Judith Norris or 'phone for a brochure Tel: 2369075.

### LUNCHTIME SOCIAL

Everyone is invited to a 'Bring and Share' Lunch at 12.00 noon on Sunday 7th May in the Church Hall. Those attending should bring enough food for themselves but everything will be pooled for a big share out. Please put names on the Church Hall noticeboard. An afternoon walk and/or other activities may be arranged for those willing to stay on.

## MATTERS OF CONCERN

Meeting at 7.45pm, Tuesday 25th April in the Church Hall Lounge for anyone interested in discussing future action in respect of matters which give rise to Christian concern. Two letters of support have already been sent following the initial meeting in February - Ken Filleul.

## DARE TO BE A DANIEL

Recently a 'quality' newspaper devoted almost half a page to what to many is a controversial, highly sensitive problem. It had many 'ifs' and 'buts' and 'ahs' and 'look here's', the sort of wriggling reply that is affecting many of the higher echelons of Church leaders, who when confronted with this and other problems of today adopt the same procedure with the resultant declining respect for them and possibly diminishing the authority of the 'Good Book', that has for so long been the guide and sustenance of our personal faith and Christianity in general. However painful and unpleasant the words of the 'Good Book' are to those affected, those who preach the word or comment should have no fear with such authoritative and irrefutable backing. No subject is immune whether it be injustice anywhere, human behaviour and other contentious matters. Which is why I find it puzzling that so many Church leaders find it so difficult to invoke its aid when making a pronouncement, surely a case where silence is not golden. Who will be the first prelate or parish priest to condemn the bullying of the nurses to accept an unfair pay offer? We all recognise their dedication and opposition to strikes, I find it offensive and entirely unchristian to attack, humble and demean such excellent people.

Rex B

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"I know the plans I have for you....plans to prosper, not to harm you." (Jeremiah 29.11NIV)

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## CHILDREN'S PAGE

## Patience by Bobbi Katz

Chocolate Easter Bunny, in a jelly bean nest I'm saving you for very last, Because I love you best. I'll only take a nibble, From the tip of your ear And one bite form the other side, So that you won't look queer.

Yum, you're so delicious! I didn't mean to eat
Your chocolate tail til Tuesday. Oops! There go your feet!
I wonder how your back tastes, With all that chocolate hair.
I never thought your tummy, Was only filled with air!
Chocolate Easter bunny, In a jelly bean nest,
I'm saving you for the very last, Because I love you best.

## The Bunnies All Sleep Soundly (Anonymous)

The Bunnies all sleep soundly, Beneath the moon's bright ray;

They nod their heads together, And dream the night away.

## The Bunny Hop Dance:

1. Everyone lines up behind each other and holds on to the person in front by the waist, feet together. 2. Everyone puts their right feet out to the side, then back in place again. Do this again. 3. Repeat step 2 with the left foot. 4. Everyone jumps forward then back once. 5. Jump forward three hops. 6. Repeat steps 1 through 5.

## PENTECOST '95

## Prayer Group Meetings

## PRAYER SUPPORT



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Tuesdays @ 9.45cm Totley Rise Methodist Churci

Alt. Wednesdays @ 7.30em All Saints Parish Chu

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## Grandma's Easter Boanet

by Bobbi Katz

Grandma's Easter bonnet flutters to her head each April, to be pinned in place by translucent fingers.

It has been sleeping, silently sleeping in a round cardboard nest,

sleeping, sleeping in the darkest corner of her closet, Like a robin that reappears each Spring, it returns to its proper perch,

quietly preening in the soft sunshine, ready for Easter Sunday.



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### FROM THE REGISTERS:

#### FUNERALS:

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George was very well known in our City, largely through his work with the Public Works Dept. where he became Asst. General Manager Many buildings will be his lasting memorial... Norfolk Park Flats, Polytechnic, Totley Hall College, Sheaf Valley baths and market, etc. In retirement, he enjoyed Whist and Solo, was a member of our Conservative Chub, and drove his car to age 80. We thank God for his work and friendship.

We shall remember the above together with the following from our Memorial Book at our Special Service on Sunday, March 30th at 6.30pm:- Alexander Sims, Albert Foulatone, Alison Firth, Frank Brittain, Barbara Steward, Margaret Wooffinden, Charles Henry Jones, Evelyn Scruton, Cecil Noton, Willhelmina Lloyd, Gladys Wass, Alan Sollitt, Harry Edwards, Cyril Swift, Archie Thomas and Eric Quinn.

## OAKES PARK SCHOOL

Our sincere thanks for the £150 dossation. The money has been spent on a therapy roll for use in school and several peices of much needed equipment such as fun barrel skilts, beanbags, clear playroll and sensorings to be used by our physiotherapists who hold group sessions for children from throughout the city with co-ordination difficulties - Pat Jackson, Physiotherapy Support Worker.

#### PARISH ROTAS FOR APRIL

Mrs B Waite, Mrs Walker, Mrs Webb
Mrs Lloyd, Mrs A Powell, Mrs Ruthven
Mr & Mrs Dixon, Mrs Snowdon
Mrs Warrender, Mr & Mrs G Waite
Mrs Wright, Mr Lewis, Mrs Firth

#### LOWETE

	Alter	Memory Table
3rd	EASTER	Mrs Noton
10th	EASTER	Mrs Coates
17th	Mrs Wainford	Mrs Bryer
24th	Mrs Wright	Mrs Jones

#### Creche

2nd	Ann & Helen Powell
9th	Beth Booth, Jean Dawson
16th	EASTER DAY - no creche
23rd	Karen & Mark Bergdahl
30th	Liz & Neil Hayden

#### Sideamen

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	8.00mm	10.00mm	6.30pm
2nd	Miss H Perfect	Mr F H Cooke	Mr JE Simons
		Mr R F Johnston	Mrs M Snowdon
9th	Mr A Ludiam	Mr W R Bryer	Mr J A England
		Mrs C Billard	Mr H S Powell
16th	Miss A E Baldry	E Booth	Mrs E Mayson
		Miss C Job	Mr P Purkiss
23rd	Mr K Filleul	Mrs D Simons	Mr H Mayson
		Mr E Simons	Mr H Powell
30th	Mrs D Cooke	Mr W R Bryer	Miss A E Baldry
		Mrs D M Simons	Miss H Perfect

#### Silver Cleaning

3rd	Mrs Noton
17th	Mrs A Waite

## DIARY DATES FOR APRIL

3rd 3.00pm, Contemplative Prayer Group at 1 Quarry Rd
6th Standing Committee at 8.00pm at the Vicarage
9th PALM SUNDAY Procession of Witness, 3.15pm
from outside the Vicarage to Green Oak Park. Service at
4.00pm
11th Ladies Club service in Church at 7.30pm
12th Monthly Morning Fellowship at 11.00am at 2 Main
Avenue
United Service at 8.00pm at Totley United Reform
Church
13th MAUNDY THURSDAY Holy Communion at
7.30pm, followed by a short PCC meeting in the Lounge
14th GOOD FRIDAY Children's' Service at 10.00am;
Three Hours Devotions from noon; "Tennebrae' Service at
Totley URC, 8.00pm
16th EASTER DAYplease consult 'Services in April'
page
19th Wednesday Fellowship (Venue to be announced)
24th Collation of May Magazine from 10.00am in the Hall
3.00pm, Contemplative Prayer Group at 1 Quarry Rd
25th 'Matters of Concern' meeting in the Lounge at 7.45pm
26th Wednesday Fellowship - 27 Mercia Drive
(Ecumenical Prayer Meeting)
29th Table Top sale in the Hall 10.00am - 3.00pm
United Nations 50th Anniversary Grand Concert, John
Wade Singers, 7.30pm, St John's Church, Abbeydale

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

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SERVICES: 1	Sundays /	D.00am 1st 2nd 4th & 5th Holy Communion
	1,	3rd Come & Worship
		5.30pm 1st Special Service
		2nd Evensong
		3rd Holy Communion
		Last Memorial Service
Mid Week		Morning Prayers (except Fridays)
		Holy Communion (Wednesdays)
	2.00pm	Under 5's Praise 1st & 3rd Thursdays
	ORGANISAT	rions - (MEETINGS IN THE HALL)
Sunday:		"Young Saints"-Kath Lloyd 236 7056
DAMENT.	6.30pm	"TASH" Youth Group-Alan Walker 262 0421
Monday:		Drop In Coffee-Maurice & Marjorie
General.		Snowdon 236 2822
	3.30pm	Junior Choir Practice in church
		- Stella Jockel 236 9413
	7.00pm	Guides - Dorothy Firth 236 4190
Tuesday:		Ladies Club (1st & 3rd)
		- Margaret Benson 236 2322
Wednesday:	10.00am	Parent & Toddler Group
		- Gillian Grocott 262 0406
	6.30pm	'Trailblazers' (children's club)
		- Annette Job 236,0122
Thursday:	2.00pm	Under 5's Praise (1st & 3rd)
		- Liz Hayden 236 4944
	7.00pm	Choir Practice in Church - Stella Jockel 236 9413
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FELLOWSEIP	GROUPS at	re informal gatherings, in homes of our
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Bible Study	and simp	ple sharing. New members are always
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Wednesday:		
Month	ly Mornin	ng Fellowship-Pauline Perkinton 236 1601
Month	ly After	noon Fellowship-Stella Jockel 236 9413
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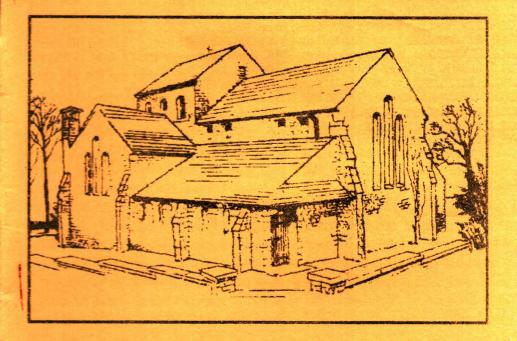
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Articles letters etc. are welcomed by the editor.

Contributions can be either placed in the box in Church, or the Vicarage.

## FROM THE VICAR Dear Friends,

## WHO'S NEEDED?

Following my April letter about our Development Plan, it has come to my notice that the list of Groups in Church is not specific enough and therefore could give the impression that those who currently carry out such vital tasks as washing up, arranging flowers, serving, helping in the creche or making coffee are not needed! Nothing could be further from the truth, we need the skills and labours of everybody in our Church family. So please, if you haven't yet signed up under one of the groups, have a word with the person whose name appears at the head of the Group list (whom we would now like to call Co-Ordinators) and see if your skill or talent fits into that Group. As I indicated at the Annual Meeting, those lists will stay up in Church until the end of May, when each Group Co-Ordinator will gather together those whose names appear in his/her Group. Our list of needs (which people have already identified) will then be allotted to the appropriate Group, and small Teams will be formed to begin to meet those expressed needs.

Such an arrangement is not new..it started with the Romans and was taken up by the Early Church. In the writings of St.Paul, it was given a theological framework. I Corinthians 12:4-11 spells out clearly that every Christian Community is composed of individuals with Gifts, and these gifts are to be used in the service of God in the community. Moreover, Paul emphasizes that these gifts have been given to everyone by God, and that they belong to God. So, failure to use the gifts God has given (either through humility or pride) is really to sin against God! One of our Lent Groups wondered if we knew each other well enough to know what each other's gifts were... perhaps in these coming days we should talk to each other more and find out!

Finally, something interesting I read in my Bible Reading Notes. "Paul's central message was that every Church should be 'charismatic': in other words, its ministry should flow from the 'charisma' or gifts of every member." May that be true of All Saints' Church Totley.

God richly bless you and your family,

## SERVICES IN MAY

7th-EASTER 3: PASTORAL LINK SUNDAY

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion(BCP) Preacher: Canon George Tolley

Epistle: 1 Cor 15: 1-11 Gospel: John 21:1-14

11,30am Cheshire Home Communion

6.30pm Special Service

14th-EASTER 4:

8am Holy Communion

10am Holy Communion(ASB)

Epistle: Revelation 3:14-end.

Gospel: John 21: 15-22.

10am Young Saints

6.30pm Evensong(ASB)

Old Testament: Isaiah 2: 1-5

New Testament: 1Peter 1:10-21

21st- EASTER 5 -ROGATION SUNDAY

8am Holy Communion

10am COME & WORSHIP hands around the Church!

4pm Final "Walk of 600" Service in the Cathedral.

6.30pm Holy Communion(ASB)

Epistle:1 Cor.15: 21-28

Gospel: John 16: 25-end

25th-ASCENSION DAY- Holy Communion at 8am.

28th- SUNDAY after ASCENSION

8am Holy Communion

10amHoly Communion(ASB)

Epistle: Ephesians 1:15-end

Gospel: Luke 24: 45-end

10am Young Saints

6.30pm Memorial Service.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Thank you Robin, John and Maurice for your fascinating contributions to All Saints News.

They were written with great sincerity and conviction and raised the magazine above the announcements and platitudes of most church magazines.

Please can we have more articles in similar vein from other members of the church?

Thinking about the comment that Maurice made about strategy for achieving change, I suggest that there are three ways of doing this.

- a) doing something yourself
- b)persuading others to do it
- c) raising the finds to pay somebody else to do it.

As I am not particularly persuasive I tend to concentrate on the other two options, which is probably why I only appear in the churches and church halls in the locality when there is something practical to do within my limited capabilities.

On a less contentious subject, could we have some short articles on the many organisations and fellowship groups that are listed inside the back cover of the magazine? Who goes? Mainly men or women? How old? What do you do? The more that people know

about a group the more likely they are to make a tentative enquiry about joining. Even then they would probably like to meet somebody from the group beforehand and go along with them.

How many people do you know that have turned up at a meeting without some prior introduction? My wife runs a fellowship group on Monday afternoon and tries to meet all prospective members to assess their needs and arranges for them to be collected. As there is generally a waiting list to join, it is a technique the Outreach team might consider - or has All Saints also got a waiting list?

Colin Wells

(Magazine Articles can be given to Karen Bergdahl, 25 The Ouadrant, Totley ~ Tel: 2363382)

## CHRISTIAN AID FAIR TRADE CHALLENGE

Regular readers of Christian Aid News will know that the Charity is challenging Church members in particular to buy and supply only those TEAS and COFFEES which are being **fairly traded.** i.e. the producers are not being exploited.

As a (hopefully initial) response to this challenge I am planning to offer those attending Parish Breakfast on Sundays 14th and 21st May (i.e. at both ends of Christian Aid Week) an opportunity to try some of the tea and coffee as an alternative to the brands currently used-samples are being donated by the *Tradecraft Shop*. Packets will also be available for sale on both Sundays.

Please ask me for further information and/or read the Christian Aid poster on the hall noticeboard which asks:

WILL YOUR CHURCH RISE TO THE CHALLENGE?

Ken Filleul

THANK YOU to Roy Johnstone who resigned at the Annual General Meeting from the post of Magazine Treasurer. As an Accountant by profession, Balance Sheets were frequently and meticulously prepared for us, and we shall miss this professional service to our Church. Thank You Roy for your years of sterling service - David.

## THE DERBYSHIRE MONUMENTS CHALLENGE WALK - Saturday 15th July

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## PENTECOST '95

#### PRAYER GROUP MEETINGS

## PRAYER SUPPORT



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Tuesdays @ 9.45am Totley Rise Methodist Church

Alt. Wednesdays @ 7.30am All Saints Parish Church

Prayer Triplets are being formed in your church.

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## DAY OF PRAYERFOR 'PENTECOST'95'

In addition to the regular times of Prayer in each of our Churches, it has been agreed that we should hold a Day of Prayer for God's richest blessings upon our Mission from June 17th to 25th, based in Green Oak Park. You are therefore warmly invited to join us on Saturday, May 6th at Totley Rise Methodist Church from 9am until 4pm. Ken Filleul.

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## WHAT ARE THE QUESTIONS?

What are the questions of those "out there"? I've been to find out. I've talked to two men in their early thirties. One is the manager of a sports and fitness centre, the other is an assistant worker in a hostel for some 60 homeless people. I asked them each this question: "If you were to consider, seriously, becoming a Christian what would be the questions you would want answering?" Neither of these men was a Christian although, like millions of others, they expressed a general belief in a God 'up there'. But that was all. Then the questions flowed. Here are some of them.

- 1. "Why do Christians give off an attitude of being so self satisfied, so smug with the 'I've got it' attitude? Frankly, it's Christians who put me off wanting to become a Christian."
  - 2. "Is there any proof that there is a God?"
  - 3 "If there is a God, is there anywhere to go from there?"
- 4. "Why is there so much hypocrisy among people who claim to be Christians? Their attitudes are so selfish. They don't really spread their money on those without it. They generally don't give any sign of caring for the homeless. They also do unethical jobs. They see their Christianity as a hobby. They like to be seen doing things and getting credit for doing them rather than just doing things because it is right. I call this sheer hypocrisy. Why is there so much of it among Christians?"
- 5. "Much of what Christians teach seems out of touch with today's world; for example, the Roman Catholic opposition to birth control when the world's population is spiralling out of all sense. Why don't Christians teach what is relevant to our lives today?"
- 6. "Why do the vast majority of Churches contain only people who subscribe to a middle class code of dressing?"
- 7. "Why don't Christians take people at face value, at the real value of the individual person rather than the value of their outward appearance?"
  - 8. "Christianity is supposed to be all about a relationship

with God, so why do most Christians see it as a religion with rules, regulations and absurd practices?"

- 9. "Why is it that the Church people I've talked to can never explain to me what Christianity is all about?"
  - 10. "Why is Christian worship always on a Sunday?"
  - 11. "Why do worshippers always look so miserable?"

(The above is an extract, reprinted at the request of many, from a sermon preached by Canon Collie on 2 April in the series which seeks to prepare the Church for evangelism this summer.)

## SAYING FOR STILLNESS

"Not by might, not by power, but by MY spirit saith the land of hosts" (Zechariah 4.6 AV)

## ALL SAINTS SCHOOL NEWS

On March 22nd we were involved in the National Science and Technology Week activities in Sheffield which were being coordinated by the City's two universities. In the morning all classes were engaged in Science and Technology work. The afternoon activities were for pre-school children and were attended by youngsters from nurseries and playgroups in the South West of the City.

Congratulations to Sarah Barker in Year 5 who was chosen to appear in "The Wizard of Oz" at the Lyceum at the end of last month.

Also congratulations to our ex-pupil **Daniel Fletcher** (who left us last summer) who has been chosen to train at the National School of Excellence for football in Shropshire. This is the training centre for the National Schoolboys football team.

## CHILDREN'S PAGE

### WIND AND WAVES

It was late in the day, Jesus was teaching by the lake. Many people had come to see him and Jesus was tired. "Let's go to the other side of the lake," he said to his friends. So they got into their boat and started to sail across the lake. The boat rocked gently up and down. But the wind began to blow stronger and the waves began to crash into the boat. It bobbed high and then dipped low. Water sloshed into the boat! Everyone was afraid. Everyone but Jesus.

Jesus was asleep on a pillow in the back of the boat. His friends woke him up. "Jesus! Don't you hear the wind howling? Can't youyfeel the boat tossing? We are all going to drown!" "Why are you afraid?" Jesus asked. Then he looked at the wind and the stormy sea. "Peace!" he said. "Be still." The wind stopped blowing and the waves stopped crashing. Everything was quiet and still. Jesus' friends were amazed. "Even the wind and the waves obey Jesus," they said.

(Jesus stills the storm - from Matthew 8, Mark 4, & Luke 8)

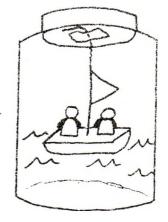
## MAKE YOUR OWN LAKE AND BOAT

Have ready a clean acrewtop jam jar

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lengthways for you, using a sharp knife.

2. Push a cocktail stick into the cork
for a mast and cut cut a sail from card
(or coloured plastic to make it waterproof)
Tape onto the cocktail stick.

- 3. Model some simple head and shoulder figures from plasticine and carefully press into place on top of the cork boat.
- 4. Tape some thread to the sail along the mast and tape the other end of the thread onto the inside of the jam jar lid. This will stop the boat falling over.



5. Pour some water into the jar and use a drop of blue food colouring to create the sea. Lower the boat down onto the water and screw the lid on. Adjust the length of the thread or water level if necessary.

Use your own ideas to create more mini sea-scenes: a pirate ship, a seagull flying, a memmaid sitting on a rock.

TONY BAYLISS has been a Server here for almost 19 years. Sadly due to increased immobility, he is having to give up his work - but (we hope) only for a short time. He is due to have some more surgery on his knee which we pray will restore him to full mobility. For now Tony, our thanks for your valued ministry. We will remember you in our prayers. - David.

SUMMER FASHION SALE ~ (Totley All Saints PTA) Tuesday 16th May, 8.00pm-10.00pm, Totley All Saints School.-Famous chain store seconds, including M & S and Principles Tickets £1.50 each (including a glass of wine) available from School after Easter

## COAST WALK .... 190 Miles

Starting on Saturday May 27th, I am attempting to walk from St. Bees in Cumbria to Robin Hood's Bay in aid of H.A.L.T. (Hallamshire Asthma & Lung Trust).

I would be very grateful if anyone would be able to sponsor me. (Would menyone be brave enough to walk all that way with Dorothy?-Ed.) There is a form for you to fill in your sponsorship in the Church Hall.

Thank you all. Dorothy Firth.

VERY MANY THANKS to all who supported our coffee morning and stall in the Church Hall in aid of The Leprosy Mission. We raised the magnificent sum of £189.20. This is "The year of the Leprosy Mission" who aim to raise £1,000,000 to eradicate Leprosy by the end of the century. - Betty Waite & Sue Wright

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## PENTECOST 95

Plans continue to develop for this major outreach from the various Churches in this area. There is a growing sense of excitement and anticipation as we come to realise that we are about to experience a real exposure of our faith to the activity of the Holy Spirit in our lives and the lives of people in the community around us.

The joint service of Commissioning was held in Dore Parish Church on March 19th. It was attended by representatives of all the local churches and proved to be a wonderful inspiration to all who managed to get into the packed church. Rob Frost treated us to a serious challenge to go home and witness in our community to the truths of the gospel and the love of the Lord Jesus Christ in our lives

More and more of us are being drawn in to various aspects of the planning but there still remain many opportunities. All the team leaders identified on the Prayer Card will be happy to discuss possibilities with you.

On the financial side it is necessary to be clear that everyone in the churches is being given an opportunity to contribute. In All Saints' we are specifically having a Gift Day on Sunday 14th May when contributions in the special envelopes provided will be devoted to the costs of the week. This includes the hire of the marquee, the provision of the childrens' facilities, the hospitality and the expenses of the Rob Frost team. Quite specifically any proceeds from the Carnival on the Saturday will be given to Transport 17 and not towards the Outreach Fund.

Above all, however, it is important that we continue to pray for the event. It is God's work that we are about and we must seek His guidance in all the arrangements and details.

## THE WORSHIP DEBATE

The following is part of an article by the former Bishop of Birmingham, the Very Rev. Hugh Montefiore. He was commenting on recent pronouncements by the Archbishop of York.

Another suggestion of the Archbishop is that state schools might be required to have only two days a week when there is Christian worship at the daily assembly. This seems to me a wise and sensible suggestion. Many of us have met adults who have been permanently put off religion by formal worship led by unbelieving teachers at school assemblies. Today there are comparatively few Christians in the teaching profession willing to lead such worship. Many nonbelieving head teachers give it scant attention. I cannot see why reducing the daily worship to two assemblies a week should lead to the ending of all school worship; on the contrary, there would be time to prepare more imaginative acts of worship, and the legal requirement of a weekly period for RE would remain. In any case the USA has no school worship and yet is a far more religious country than Britain. But the debate seems to have missed the main point. Reduction of formal worship in the county school should mean an increased emphasis on Christian worship in the voluntary sector of the dual system. Church of England schools are one of its most precious possessions. They need to be cherished as institutions where parents can be sure that their children will receive a Christian education.

When you were born, Your Parents brought you
When you were married, Your Spouse brought you
When you die, Your friends will bring you
Why not try coming on your own?

Elizabeth Maltby

#### PARISH ROTAS FOR MAY

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14th Mrs Smith, Mr & Mrs Collie

21st Mrs Davies, Mr & Mrs Iossen

28th Mrs Kirton, Mrs Houldcroft, Mrs Cryan

#### Flowers

	Altar	Memory Table
7th	Mrs Sturgeon	Mrs Watson
14th	Mrs Wright	Mrs Harvatt
21st	Mrs Wainford	Mrs Beeley
28th	Miss Perfect	Mrs Mason

#### Crèche

7th Marie Cooper, Ro Carter
14th Liz Hayden, Joan Beeley

21st Come & Worship

28th Roma & Graham Webb

### Sidesmen

	8.00am	10.00am	6.30pm
7th	Miss H Perfect	Mr FH Coc	oke Mrs E
Mays	on		
		Mr RF Johnston	Mrs M Snowdon
14th	Mr A Ludlam	Mr WR Bryer	Mr JA England
		Mrs C Billard	Mr HS Powell
21st	Miss AE Baldry	P Pearson	Mr E Simons
		E Hayden	Mrs P Purkiss
28th	Mr K Filleul	Mrs D Simons	Mr H Mayson
		Mrs M Warrender	Mr H Powell

## Silver Cleaning

7th	Mrs Powell		
21st	Mrs A Waite		

## T FUNERALS

March 16th Anthony Henry Darwin Williams (80) March 27th Graham Albert Edwin Tooze (76)

Major Tony Williams was well-known and greatly respected in our community, chiefly through his membership both of the British Legion and and our local Conservative Club. His family had long connections with All Saints' Church- his Son Nicholas sang in the Choir and was a member of the groups that met in the Vicarage. Tony's whole life was devoted to 'military matters' having joined the T.A. (Royal Engineers) as a young man. He saw distinguished war service in India, and actually escaped out of the Burmah jungle, through which he contracted TB. He returned to his former employment at Williams Brothers, serving there until he was aged 78! He was a very 'correct' person, but was always fair in his dealings with others. He had a wicked sense of humour, loved entertaining people in his home, and was generous with his "liquid hospitality"! Sadly, he suffered a serious road accident two years ago from which he didn't really recover. This restricted his movements somewhat, but without complaining, fulfilled his community duties right to the end...not least in arranging our Remembrance Sunday parades. It was a privilege to have known Tony, and we pray for Nicholas and his family.

Graham was born in Somerset, trained as a Window designer but rapidly rose 'through the ranks' to become Departmental then General Manager in one of our large City Stores. In his leisure time, he enjoyed gardening, stamp collecting and was an accomplished water colour artist. However, his real love was music and singing in particular. He learned that under Choirmaster Jones here at All Saints', and became a member of various Choral and Operatic Societies, members of which attended his service at All Saints'

We shall also remember the following from our Memorial Book, at our Service on Sunday, May 28th at 6.30pm: Dorothy Isobel Harris, Alec Watson, Edward John Wilkes, Irene Middleton, Thomas Green, Ronald Laver, Audrey Lowe, William Carter-Wigg, Rose Taylor, Peter Mitchell, Contance Stansfield and Ernest Jackson.

## DIARY DATES FOR MAY.

please invite your friends.
21st Sun 4.00pm Final "Walk of 600" Service-Cathedral.

25 Ascension Day: Holy Communion Service at 8am.

29 Mon 9.30am Collation of the June Magazine

For details of regular and/or group meetings, please refer to 'Weekly Activities' on inside of back cover

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## **Baptism & Wedding Enquiries**

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#### WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SERVICES:	Sundays) 8.00am Holy Communion - every Sunday	
	10.00am 1st 2nd 4th & 5th Holy Communion	
	3rd Come & Worship	
	6.30pm 1st Special Service	
	2nd Evensong	
	3rd Holy Communion	
	Last Memorial Service	
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Mid Week	9.00am Morning Prayers (except Fridays) 10.00am Holy Communion (Wednesdays)	
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	ORGANISATIONS - (MEETINGS IN THE HALL)	
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A.MAAMAJ.	6.30pm "TASH" Youth Group-Alan Walker 262 04	
Monday:	10.00am Drop In Coffee-Maurice & Marjorie	
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	3.30pm Junior Choir Practice in church	
	- Stella Jockel 236 94	13
	7.00pm Guides - Dorothy Firth 236 41	
Tuesday:	7.30pm Ladies Club (1st & 3rd)	
	- Margaret Benson 236 23	22
Wednesday:	10.00am Parent & Toddler Group	
	- Gillian Grocott 262 04	06
	6.30pm 'Trailblazers' (children's club)	
	- Annette Job 236 01	22
Thursday:	2.00pm Under 5's Praise (1st & 3rd)	
	- Liz Hayden 236 49	44
	7.00pm Choir Practice in Church	
	- Stella Jockel 236 94	13
	8.00pm Standing Committee (1st) PCC (2nd)	
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	ey provide opportunities for Prayer, discussion	,
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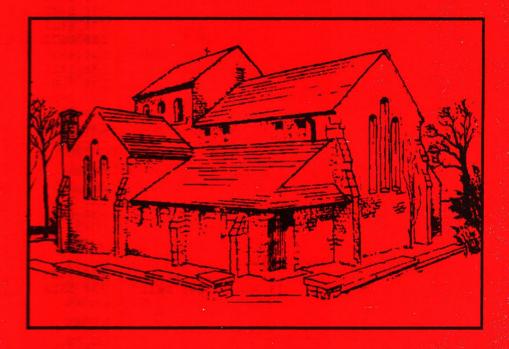
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FROM THE VICAR

## **BEING A 'MISSION CHURCH'**

## Dear Friends,

During the recent Evangelistic Event "Walk of 600", Bishop David pointed out that the Church of England (throughout its long history) had failed to be a 'Mission Church'. Once the initial flush of evangelistic enthusiasm had begun to cool, the C.of E. seemed to become respectable; became part of the establishment; failed to minister to the working class, and generally drifted along on a tide of complacency supported financially by the bequests of those who had gone before, invested through the Church Commissioners!

Praise God, this state of affairs wasn't true in every C.of E. Parish, as successions of faithful Clergy and Laity, have preached the Gospel by word and example in many places...Totley included. However, there is an urgent need in these days to re-kindle some of that early evangelistic enthusiasm in the face of increasing materialism on the one hand, and despair on the other.

Our forthcoming joint Churches 'Mission to Dore and Totley - Pentecost '95' from June 17th to 25th provides every Christian with a unique opportunity to bring family, friends and neighbours to a living faith in Jesus Christ. A programme of events will be sent to every house, so your task and mine is to encourage folk personally to come along and hear Rob Frost present the Christian Faith in an interesting and down to earth way. This is the least we can do if we are to be pat of an on-going 'Mission Church' in Totley. In addition, there are challenges to take up some house visiting, stewarding each night, chatting to folk after each meeting, or being willing to get involved in the important work of 'follow up'.

The Lord is challenging each one of us to get fully involved in 'Pentecost '95'. Here is a work for Him which only YOU can do. I pray that you will not fail Him.

May God richly bless you and yours.

## **SERVICES IN JUNE**

## Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10.00am

4th PENTECOST 1

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle: Acts 2: 1-11 Gospel: John 20: 19-23

10.00am Young Saints

11.30am Cheshire Home Communion

6.30pm Special Service of Pentecost Praise

#### 11th TRINITY SUNDAY

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: Ephesians 1: 3-14

Gospel: John 14: 8-17

10.00am Young Saints

6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

Old Testament: Isaiah 6:1-8

New Testament: Matthew 11:25-30

## 18th PENTECOST 2

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Come & Worship

3.30pm Cheshire Home Service

6.30pm United Service for Pentecost '95 in

Green Oak Park

## 25th PENTECOST 3

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle:Romans 6:3-11

Gospel: John 15: 5-11

10.00am Young Saints

6.30pm Memorial Service

## **PENTECOST '95**

At about the time this magazine is available to you there will be a much more detailed information sheet about Pentecost '95 distributed throughout Totley, Dore and Bradway. Do read it carefully, join in as much as you can with all the events and also invite your friends and neighbours to share in the programme. Maybe the outreach is directly for the people who live next door to you!

It is still not too late to offer your help with most of the activities planned. A special plea though is for help with the Carnival on the afternoon of Saturday June 17th. There will be many side shows and attractions which need help. Totley Residents Association are arranging the programme but need people on the day as well as provision of wrapped cakes and buttered scones for refreshments. All the proceeds from the Carnival will be given to Transport 17.

Whatever else you may be able to do for Pentecost'95 do pray for the success of the outreach. We are concerned that many more people in the area in which we live should be able to share in the Good News of the Risen Lord Jesus. We have a Gospel to proclaim - let us pray that the Holy Spirit will enable us to do it effectively.

\*\*Maurice Snowdon\*\*

## **GIFT DAY-**

Sunday May 14th was observed as a Gift Day for individuals within the parish to contribute personally to the costs associated with Pentecost '95. Letters inviting contributions were prepared for all Church families but if you didn't receive a letter a gift can still be made. Special envelopes for this purpose are available in Church but it is possible to use any plain envelope, mark it for Pentecost '95 and leave it in the Church collection.

A sum of £500 for this event has already been paid by the PCC out of Church funds and many other generous gifts have been received. The result of all this is that the expected costs have very nearly been covered but any surplus money is promised for the continuation of outreach from all the churches into the area. It is a matter of deep thanksgiving to God for His provision for the financial needs of the week.

\*\*Maurice Snowdon\*\*

**MONDAY COFFEE** - Because of Pentecost '95 Monday Coffee on June 19th will be available in the marquee from 10.30am

CAKES, PASTRIES AND SCONES are required for refreshments and a cake stall at the Carnival. Scones should be buttered and everything wrapped in cling film. Please will you tell me if you can provide any of the above and I need to know if you wish me to collect them. Will you let me have your contributions by early Saturday morning. If in tins, please mark with your name and Church. Thank you.

Mavis Kirton Tel: 2351286

## PASTORAL LINK PROJECT

A recent survey among Pastoral Link visitors has revealed the following situation which may be of interest to parishioners generally as well as the visitors themselves.

Half of those visitors who responded consider that the Pastoral Link does have <u>some</u> beneficial value. A quarter rate it more highly but the remaining quarter see it as having little or no value - clearly a variable scene!

The general organisational structure of the project is thought to have operated well, as has the process of the primarily geographical linking of visitors and households though there are a few exceptions.

Asked whether the periodic issue of the Pastoral Link letter is a useful addition to the monthly All Saints News visitors were almost equally divided, but a clear majority are in favour of the Thanksgiving aspect of the project being administered separately.

No doubt these findings will be taken into consideration at future meetings of any new Pastoral Link 'Team'. Ken Filleul

## SAYING FOR STILLNESS

"I am the Alpha & The Omega (the beginning and the ending).....the Almighty."

(Revelation 1.8.R.S.V.)

## WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

The above greeting formed the title of a training event run by AdMinistry a few weeks ago. Here I present some of the questions that faced those of us who attended, together with a few possible answers. I would like to provoke us all into considering how important it is that we are welcoming, and how we can best provide the type of welcome we feel is appropriate.

What are the reasons for new people arriving in our Church for the first time? Some will be new arrivals in the area, some wedding couples or baptism families. Others will have accompanied friends, come as a result of a personal invitation or perhaps be trying out a new church. Some people come at times of illness or bereavement, or when they are lonely. Especially following times of outreach we should expect those who are newly converted or searching.

How do the newcomers see us? Is the strongest impression that of arriving in a strange building, hearing unfamiliar language and seeing people wearing unusual clothes? There is a need for a human contact to make them feel at home - a welcome. (The appropriate words of welcome may depend on each person's needs, so there is a need for sensitivity and prayer.)

When and how do we provide the welcome? There is time for a few brief words before the service, not much more, though we do see everyone then as they enter the church. More time is available after the service. The ideal, relaxed time to begin to get to know newcomers is in the church hall after coffee - but many people will not make it that far unless by personal invitation.

Who should provide the welcome? The first friendly greeting must come from the sidesmen, and clearly the wardens have an important role to play too. However, both these parties can be to a large extent involved in the administrative side of ensuring the service begins smoothly, with the correct books, noticesheets etc., and usually cannot follow up any contacts made. An ideal answer might be 'the whole congregation must be welcoming', and I'm sure most of us are on the look out for new faces near us in church, where guidance with service or hymn books can be appreciated. Similarly in

the church hall we should always be aware of any unfamiliar faces in order to introduce ourselves - but so often we have regular church members we must talk to in order to sort out important church business! Time for greeting newcomers easily gets squeezed out. The solution strongly recommended at the training day was to have a welcoming team, working on a rota, who in our situation would look out for new arrivals in church (or have them pointed out by the sidesmen), greet them after the service and accompany them to coffee. After getting to know them a bit themselves, the welcomers would then introduce newcomers to other members of the congregation as appropriate. Being a member of the welcome team would be a responsibility, and members would need some preparation e.g. to know what church groups might be of interest to a new arrival. In some cases they might also need to know whom to refer someone on to who needs more professional counselling, rather than simply friendship and a welcome. Sidesmen obviously must be included in such a welcoming team.

Another aspect of welcoming was stressed at the meeting. It is not only newcomers who need to be welcomed at each service. The regulars also should be reminded that they are an important part of the body of the church - independent of their age or degree of involvement in church activities. There should also be a chance for their own needs to be recognised and addressed.

In summary, a welcomer is involved in three front-line areas of church ministry:

- \* Evangelism and outreach as the first point of contact for a new arrival. "We never get a second chance to make a first impression."
- \* Pastoral care caring for the needs of members.
- \* Worship putting people at ease and helping prepare for the service, both spiritually and practically.

I believe that, with major outreach events imminent, now is the time for us to consider how we welcome new arrivals, and whether we need to set up a specific team for the job. The practical details of how such a team would work have only been touched upon here. A further set of questions and ideas emerged during discussions and can be made available for further consideration. A final point for us to ponder. At the training day, it became clear that the churches whose congregations were growing all had active and appreciated welcome teams. Did the other churches not need such a team because they were not growing? Or were they not attracting new members because they gave less priority to the welcome newcomers received?

Chris Booth

(The above document was discussed at the meeting of the PCC on the 12th of May, and the general principles outlined were approved.)

ADVANCE NOTICE - An outing on Saturday 16th
September to Denby Pottery and Corsington Water. Adults £6,
Children £3.50 which includes the cost of a tour round the craft
rooms. Leaves Totley at the top of Main Avenue 9.30am and returns
approx 6.30pm. Please add your name to the list in the Church Hall.

Mavis Kirton

## MATTERS OF CONCERN

At the follow up meeting held on 25th April in the Church Hall Lounge it was agreed:

- 1. to invite Dr John Vincent to talk at a future meeting about his work with the Inner City Ecumenical Mission
- 2. to maintain our consultation link with the Sheffield City Liaison Group, whose objectives for City regeneration seem to correspond closely with our own Christian principles
- 3. to encourage individual Church members to initiate whatever action(s) they recommend at any time, and to seek appropriate support from as many as are in agreement. Ken Filleul

## BARN DANCE

Tickets are on sale price £5 Adults and £3 Children for a Summer Barn Dance and supper on Friday 21st July 7.30pm to 11.00pm in All Saints Church Hall. Music provided by the Airs and Graces band.

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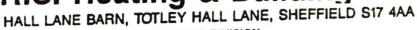
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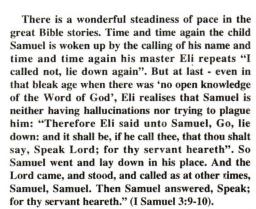




## SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS

**JUNE, 1995** 

## **MORE SAMUELS** PLEASE!



One reason why I have Samuel much in mind at present is that it is almost exactly forty years since I became an ordained minister in the Church, I had been, by Samuel's standards, an ancient eighteen when I had begun to hear God's call to serve him and seven years were to pass before Trinity Sunday, 1955 (5th June) I was ordained deacon in Newcastle Cathedral. In the ensuing forty years I have never doubted the reality of that call, or ever (well, hardly ever) regretted that, by God's loving grace, I have been able to use the greater part of that one life which I have been given, in His service within the life, fellowship and discipline of the Church of England. And on those forty years I make only one comment: I have tried to be obedient to the Word of God.

Thankfully today we have learnt that God gives His Church many ministries. We can truthfully speak of "every member ministry". I'd hate us to go back to the mediaeval (and indeed Reformation) mistake of thinking that every parish should be a one man band. But none-the-less I believe that the ancient pattern of the dedicated parish priest who, in respect to God's call, knows that the whole of life is to be lived for God and His people, remains of crucial importance in



the life of the Church today.

Today as in the time of the Old and the New Testaments, God is still asking the question "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us" and waiting for the answer "Here I am, send me" (Isaiah 6:8). It would be a terrible mistake if our proper commitment to a rich variety in ministry, led us to become blind and deaf to that solemn calling of God to individuals to offer back to Him their whole lives in His service.

Such a response to God's call is of special importance in the life of the Church of England today. We have become victims of a great campaign of media denigration. And, sadly, some of our own clergy have 'jumped ship' and others threaten schism. But, "The Church of God is an anvil that has worn out many hammers". The Church of England is still hard at work in every city, town and village of our Country. And so we need men and women ready to say a joyful 'Yes' to God's call to give their whole lives in His service as ministers and priests. And especially young men and women.

Which brings us back to Samuel! His call came at an evil time. It was God's response to His promise that He would raise up "a faithful priest, that shall do according to that which is in mine heart and in my mind". It needed Eli to convince Samuel that it was God who was speaking to him. Today we need parents and priests to remind young people that God may be calling them very specially into His service.

And I can't believe that alleged uncertainty about career prospects and pension rights is going to stop anyone we could possibly want in the ordained ministry from saving 'Yes' to a call from God! We need not only more Samuels, but more Abrahams who "obeyed and went out, not knowing whither he went". (Hebrews 11:8).

> **DAVID LUNN** Bishop of Sheffield

## Never to be forgotten

It was with great sense of excitement that the Cathedral Choir and helpers set off in our double-decker coach on a cold and rainy lunchtime in February, heading for Heathrow Airport. A more unpleasant day I cannot remember and so it was wonderful to step into 80° sunshine on arrival the next morning in Johannesburg. After a lunchtime swim, we were taken off to visit a gold mine and to watch traditional African Gumboot Dancing.

After a good night's rest we set off for the State Capital, Pretoria, where we visited the Union Building where President Mandela has his offices. After a most interesting and moving visit to the StreetWise hostel in the Township of Mamelodi, where we met some of the street children, we went to the Cathedral to give a lunchtime concert. After lunch, and a birthday drink for one of the Songmen, we returned to Jo'berg to St. Mary's Cathedral, a huge Byzantine style building, for a choir practice.

Sunday was a day we shall never forget. The morning Mass in the Cathedral, a very formal high-church affair, was attended by well over 1,000 people- predominantly black. The warmth of their welcome and fellowship was astonishing. Immediately following, we gave a recital with many of the street children from Soweto and other surrounding Townships. Their participation was so moving to see that it left us in tears.

A choir barbecue was followed by a packed church for Choral Evensong.

Monday saw us flying to Cape Town, where we found scenery more beautiful than our wildest imagination -Table Mountain, the Indian and Atlantic Oceans, and a climate normally associated with holiday brochures!

On Tuesday we visited the University of West Cape - a black university - and sang to rapturous applause and enthusiasm from the students. They were not used to little boys singing! A tour round the Campus and a wonderful reception and lunch sealed a great day, together with time on a beautiful beach.

Wednesday brought a concert with our hosts at Christ Church, Kenilworth - quite an Evangelical church. It was almost unpleasant rehearsing in such hot weather and we ended up outside! A full church that evening made for a very moving event.

On Thursday the Choir went up Table Mountain, whilst Tim gave an organ recital in the Town Hall. Breathtaking views were to be had from the top of the mountain across Table Bay, whilst breathtaking sounds came out of the Town Hall organ! Later that day we sang Choral Evensong in the Chapel of Bishop's College - Cape Town's equivalent to Eton - and then we were regally entertained with a barbecue by the Royal School of Church Music.

Friday was our big day at St. George's Cathedral, with a major concert being recorded by the South African Broadcasting Corporation. When one thought of all the historical events connected to this great Cathedral, it gave all a true sense of privilege to be there. The best singing that I have ever heard from the Choir made this another evening to savour - and we had a marvellous supper with their Cathedral Choir, both groups being able to swap stories.

Saturday was a day on the beach for the Choir, whilst Tim and I led a singing day for 250 African musicians near Stellenbosch. Their enthusiasm for life and for singing was a joy to behold. The day closed with a party on world-famous Clifton Beach.

Sunday was our last day and was rounded off with us singing Mass at the Cathedral. Sunburnt little boys found it a little too much, but a very emotional Choir left in high spirits after a marvellous Service.

The new South Africa is a joy to behold and we all felt very humble and privileged in playing our small part there.

SIMON LOLE

Simon Lole is Master of the Music at Sheffield Cathedral and Tim Horton is Assistant Organist.

## Christians Unemployment Group



The Christians Un-employment Group for South Yorkshire is organising a VIGIL OF PRAYER at Sheffield Cathedral on Friday 23rd June. This will be held in the Chapel of the Holy Spirit from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. The vigil will be broken up into half hour periods to allow people to come and go during the day. Leaders of all the churches will be involved, and the vigil gives us the opportunity to pray for all those who are affected by unemployment, for all those who seek to work with them, and for a more

adequate response to unemployment. We will be praying particularly for an amendment to the proposed Job Seekers Allowance regulations. All are welcome at this vigil. Further details from Martin Clark Tel: (0114) 268 0516.

An excellent new booklet on unemployment has been produced for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. Called 'A new community of work" (ISBN 0 851839444) it can be ordered from The Catholic Truth Society, 192 Vauxhall Bridge Road, London SW1V 1PD, priced £2.75.

Copies are also available for loan from the Revd. Raymond Draper, The Rectory, Church Lane, Wickersley, Rotherham S66 0ES.

## **David Thomas Bottley 1939-1995**

A former colleague writes: In 1975, a fresh-faced David Bottley arrived in Owlerton, with wife Sue and three young children. After over seven years as curate of a thriving church in Leeds, he came with a determined air, a spark of life in his eyes, a passion for his Master and the ministry He had called him to, and the expressed view that there was much to be gained from continuing, long-term ministry. Twenty years later a renewed building, with every seat taken and many standing for his funeral service bore testimony to his faithfulness and effect in pursuing that ministry.

David's life was marked by the depth and reality of his faith, his determination to see a job through and a deep desire to see others grow in their faith. Such qualities did not always lead to comfort for others, or indeed himself. Such qualities could not but command respect, and provide a very deep and certain basis for his own and his family life, and his ministry.

In recent years, he struggled with a chronic and debilitating illness but showed his unflagging sense of purpose in sustaining his ministry. The continuing life of the Church, in which David was decreasingly able to play a full part, demonstrated the fruit of his patient and prayerful years in Hillsborough. In that time he had become very much a part of the area, and of many people's lives. Involvement in Hillsborough Boys' Club, Rivelin School, the ATC, St. George's Hospital, as well as playing his part in local and city-wide Christian activities added to the ongoing parochial ministry and kept him a man of ordinary people.

In his time at St. John's much of the housing in the parish was demolished, the old barracks became a major supermarket etc. Life within the church evolved too, as a series of men received training, serving as curates with David, a major reordering of the church was completed amazingly quickly after years of agonising, and most important for David, people came to, and grew in faith.

David was a whole-hearted man. Whether it was preaching a sermon, leading a week of prayer, playing squash or enjoying a joke, he entered into it fully. He has left his mark on the lives of many, and will be widely and greatly missed, above all of course by Sue, Graham, Anne and Stephen. His memorial will be in the lives of a whole host of people, and will abide for many years.

### Awake in Wath?

One of the responses of the Deanery of Wath to the challenge of the AWAKE CONFERENCE, was to hold regular meetings for Taizé Prayer of Reconciliation. Three meetings so far have been much appreciated and the next is at ST. HELEN'S CHURCH (High Street), THURNSCOE on FRIDAY, 17th JUNE at 6.30 p.m., with a song practice on the evening before at St. Helen's at 7.30 p.m. Anyone is most welcome, and Kate Bouch (01226 288550) or Harry Mattingley (01709 873936) are on the look out for venues in the Wath Deanery for Advent Prayer this year.

## Visit to Taizé - October 1995

It is not too late if you wish to visit Taize from 21st-29th October Contact John Bouch on 01709 837547 or 01226 288550.

#### **Appointments**

The Reverend Matthew Joy, Vicar of Masbrough to be Priest in Charge of St. Benedict's, Bordesley and Adviser on Christian/Muslim Relations in the Diocese of Birmingham from September 1995.

The Reverend Ralph Weston, Chaplain to Rotherham District Hospital to be Team Vicar (NSM) Raddon Team Ministry in the Diocese of Exeter.

#### Wanted

Would anyone in the Doncaster area consider inviting to lunch on Christmas Day two students from the Developing Countries (probably the People's Republic of China or other Far Eastern states)? In all cases these would have a moderate or good knowledge of English. Please contact Canon Colin Hickling (Arksey) at 01302-874445.

#### Record Treasurer?

The people of Saint Mary's, Wheatley, Doncaster have recently expressed their gratitude to Mr. Geoffrey Oates, who has retired as Church Treasurer - after 50 years of service. They wonder if this is a record?

### **Thomas Merton Society**

The Society was started again in this country in 1993 by people interested in Thomas Merton as a monk and contemplative, who studied in particular philosophy and eastern religions.

Neville Chambers of 28 Endcliffe Glen Road, Sheffield S11 8RW. Tel: (0114) 266 2439 wonders if anyone is interested in getting together to form a local chapter of the Society. It is not intended that there be anything too formal, but simply an opportunity to meet together and perhaps study some of his particular books and poems etc.

If you are interested, why not give Neville a ring?

## **New Identity**

Way back in 1990, the Parish of Christ Church, Doncaster reluctantly took the decision that it could no longer afford the huge costs required to restore and maintain the old Christ Church building on Thorne Road.

Since then the Parish's temporary church has been the Chapel of St. Mary Magdalene at the Yorkshire Residential School for the Deaf, who have very kindly allowed the use of the Chapel whilst the Parish continues to find a site to build a new church. Meanwhile Royal Assent has been given to change the name of the Parish to Holy Trinity, Doncaster - and so it's a new name, and eventually a new church!

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Why not visit some of the churches in the diocese and beyond during June and July and receive a warm welcome at local festivals?

St. Peter & St. Paul, Barnby Dun, near Doncaster hold their ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL on Saturday 17th June and Sunday 18th June. This is the second time that the talents of local artists have been able to display and demonstrate their artistic treasures within the walls of this picturesque church. Everyone will be made welcome from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Light refreshments will be available. Further information from Doncaster (01302) 886539.

Great Heck Church celebrates its 100th Anniversary on 25th June with a weekend of special events. This small village church situated 4 miles from Snaith will be holding a FLOWER FESTIVAL and **EXHIBITION**, depicting the life of the church from 1895 to the present day. Why not come and visit one of the two churches in the Diocese of Sheffield which are in North Yorkshire.

St. Thomas & St. James, Worsbrough Dale hold their FLOWER FESTIVAL from Friday, 30th June to Sunday 2nd July. All proceeds are for the church stained glass restoration fund. The weekend begins with a concert in church at 7.30 p.m. by Houghton Male Voice Choir. The church will be open on the Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m., and on Sunday from 2 p.m. until 6 p.m. There will be refreshments and various stalls in and around the Parish Hall, Ring 01226 289419 or 01226 246823 for more details.

All Saints Church, Owston has its FLOWER FESTIVAL on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 7th, 8th,

9th, July, with the theme "Symbols of the Christian Faith". The church is open daily from 10 a.m., and a warm welcome will be extended to any who wish to join in with Holy Communion on Friday at 7.30 p.m., a concert by the Meden School (Warsop) Choir and Band on Saturday at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, Family Service at 11 a.m. and Songs of Praise at 6.30 p.m.

The Church is to be found at Owston which is signed off the A19 6 miles north of Doncaster. There is no access for coaches. Refreshments available every day and details from Mrs. M. Grieve on 01302 337101.



St. Helen's Church at Thurnscoe have their ART EXHIBITION & CRAFT FAIR on Saturday, 15th July and Sunday 16th July, from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. on

both days, in the Sunday School Hall, opposite the church on High Street. There's always an abundance of Arts and Crafts, and St. Helen's is well known for delicious refreshments

Whilst further afield. St. Peter's Church, Fairfield. Buxton, Derbyshire, invite visitors to "From Elizabeth I to Elizabeth II - a FLOWER and MUSIC **FESTIVAL** to celebrate 400 years of the parish. From 16-23 July. Refreshments are available. Further information is available from the Revd. A. Sidebottom on 01298 23629.

## The Seven Last Words of our Saviour on the Cross

A recording is available of the 3 hour service held on Good Friday at St. Andrew's, Sharrow, with music by Haydn played by the Alesi String Quartet, and addresses by the Very Revd. Alfred Jowett, and the Revd. Nick Jowett.

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## Being there...for those at sea.

"Why should anyone round here care about what happens to seafarers?" It was a perfectly valid question for a local radio programme serving three counties miles from the sea. "Because almost everything you take for granted day after day either is or uses something brought to this country on board ship," I replied.

One and a half million seafarers worldwide face danger, loneliness, long periods away from homes and families to keep the world's trade flowing. On Sea Sunday every year we ask you to remember them in your prayers. Please pray too for the Missions to Seamen, the Anglican Church's worldwide ministry to seafarers with full time staff in some 90 ports and part time chaplains in around 200 other ports.

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# IN RESPONSE TO 'THE RESPONSE TO THE CHURCH IN THE MODERN SOCIETY'

After re-reading the letters of Robin, Maurice and John, the words of Father Matthew Fox, a Dominican monk, came to mind; "Compassion is more important than religion in society, it is the living the spiritual engage in, whereas religion is what empires need to sustain themselves."

It is a mistake to think that God is only interested in religion (The late Archbishop William Temple). The great contribution of Jesus to religion was that he did away with it (The late Rev. George McLeod, Iona Community).

A pulpit is for discourse founded on a text of scripture, a moral reflection. The art is equating it with present day living. Noone is asking for debate, only for unequivocal Christian guidance. Maurice's assertion that the world cannot be put right by our looking out on the world is confounded by Nelson Mandela looking out on the world for 25 years through a cell window and by Father Lapsley S.S.M. still ministering to his people despite having both hands blown off and losing the sight of one eye by a letter bomb of the proapartheid South African supporters. Examples of dedication and compassion. I suppose it is all a matter of commitment.

Politics is the art of civil government (party politics is another matter) that affects our daily lives, both churchgoers and non churchgoers alike. Archbishop Tutu and the late Bishop of Wakefield said; "When people say religion and politics shouldn't mix, I can only wonder which bible they have been reading". What the people want is the Church to pronounce the Christian view on issues that trouble our conscience; the corruption of public affairs, the arms sales to our enemies, the miscarriages of justice. The silence of the Church is most disturbing. People are longing for men, forthright in their ministry - Mervyn Stockwood, David Shepperd, Derek Worlock, Jim Thompson, Trevor Huddleston, Richard Rosevere, Ambrose Reeves, David Jenkins and Ted Wickham are good examples.

I have a certain amount of sympathy with 'The Unobtrusive Christian' in Sir Frances Doyles poem;

'His creed no person ever knew,
For this was still his simple plan,
to have with Clergymen to do,
As little as he can.
He shirked their sermons if he might,
If not he crouched, and slept them through,
Half hidden from revealing light,
A violet planted in a pew.

The trouble today is so many people, clerics and laymen, who would, if possible, re-write the bible to suit their own prejudices, and it just cannot be done.

\*Rex B\*\*

## **QUOTES**

An orator preaches to get a Bishopric, an Apostle to save souls. The latter deserves what the other aims at - L A Bruyere

Those who can do, those who cannot teach.

I am my brother's keeper and he's sleeping pretty rough these days - Archbishop Derek Worlock RC

True Godliness doesn't turn men out of the world, but enables them to live better in it, excites their endeavours to mend it - William Penn 1644/1718

Rex B

## AN ENCOUNTER WITH THE ONE TRUE GOD

This was the subtitle of the theme for Spring Harvest 1995. This annual event, held at three different Butlins sites across the UK over a four week period around Easter, brings together Christians from every denomination. It is a holiday, a celebration and a challenge.

The holiday is reasonably priced and the facilities a considerable improvement on the 'Hi Di Hi' image of a holiday camp. The celebrations of worship are joyful but as with the challenging teaching seminars they are pitched at all levels to suit different tastes. You really do not have to be of the hands up 'Praise the Lord! ' persuasion to gain from Spring Harvest.

When Moses had an encounter with God at the burning bush it changed his life. We were challenged not just to learn and understand about God; there is no point in having head knowledge unless we have a heart and living experience of a contact with a one true God.

We're not going to tell you what we got or what you would get from Spring Harvest as it is an entirely personal experience. However over 50,000 adults and goodness knows how many children have the opportunity of fun, fellowship and to meet afresh with the only true God.

In 1996 there are four weeks to choose from at two venues and 4,000 more places will be available, offering a wide choice of accommodation and prices. The programme is designed to help build our faith in real, practical ways. We will definitely be going and would be glad to hear from you if you would like to make it a group booking.

\*\*Ric\*, Debbie\*, Becky and David Gray\*

\*\*Alan, Sue, Jonathan and Rachel Walker\*.

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## PENTECOST '95

## PRAYER GROUP MEETINGS

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Alt. Wednesdays @ 7.30am All Saints Parish Church



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## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

As in previous years this is being marked locally in the week immediately following Pentecost '95. Prayers will be said in our Churches as follows:

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Monday	June 5th	
·Tuesday	June 6th	St John's, Abbeydale
	June 7th	Totley Rise Methodists
Wednesday		All Saints' Church
Thursday	June 8th	
Friday	June 9th	Dore and Totley URC
-		Christ Church, Dore
Saturday	June 10th	Christ Chartin, -

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## **Funerals**

April 11th, Joan Keyworth (72) 42, Marstone Crescent. May 5th, William Arthur Heap (73) 35, Meadow Grove Road.

'Bill' was a much loved friend and neighbour, who always had time for people and a fund of funny stories to tell. He served with distinction in the War and still retained his love of aeroplanes... the walls of his house are covered with paintings and plaques. he also had a love of steam railways, and was part of the local 'information network' (when trains are due) which includes both Dr. Rees-Jones and the Vicar! We send our love and sympathy to Doris and his son John. A good congregation attended his funeral in Church taken by Revd.Wilf Walton, friend and neighbour. R.I.P.

In Bill's memory, his family have generously donated two beautiful glass cruets for use at the Holy Communion.

At our Memorial Service, on June 25th at 6.30pm we shall remember also Edmund Roberts; John Sullivan; Elaine Clark; Violet Hannan; Janet Raven; Rose Askham; Elizabeth Brownell; Eileen Bryer and Elsie Williams.



## **BAPTISM & WEDDING ENQUIRIES**

Can be made at The Vicarage on Wednesday evenings between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. If this is not convenient, please 'phone 2362322 to make an appointment with the Vicar.

## PARISH ROTAS FOR JUNE

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## **COFFEE**

4th Mrs Carter, Mrs Morrell, Mr Hazelhurst

11th Mrs Job, Mr & Mrs Loft

18th Mrs Allum, Mrs B Waite, Mrs Booth

25th Mrs Walker, Mrs Webb, Mrs Lloyd

## **FLOWERS**

Altar	Memory Table
Mrs Perkinton	Mrs Wilson
Miss Gillott	Miss Gillott
	Mrs Parsons
	Mrs Simons

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4th	Helen & Ann Powell
11th	Mavis Kirton, Felicity Goodliffe
18th	Come & Worship

25th Roma Webb

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## SILVER CLEANING

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18th	Mrs Carter	

## FOR YOUR DIARY

1 Thur 5 Mon	Standing Committee at 7.45pm at the Vicarage 3.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group at 1 Quarry Rd
5 - 10	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. Prayers at a different local Church at 7.00am each day of the week. All Saints' Church on Thursday.
6 Tue	Ladies Club. Alan Cottam (former Head Verger)
8 Thur	PCC at 7.45pm in Church Lounge
17 - 25	PENTECOST '95 see separate programme of events delivered to each home.
18 Sun	United Evening Service in Green Oak park at 6.30pm
19 Mon	3.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group at 1 Quarry Rd
19 Mon	Morning Coffee in marquee at Pentecost '95.10.00am
20 Tue	Ladies Club - A Musical Evening
26 Mon	All Saints' School Governors at 7.30pm

\*\*\*JULY 8th SUMMER FAIR at 2.00pm\*\*\*
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## CHESHIRE HOME DRIVERS WANTED!

Services are held in the Cheshire Home on the 1st and 3rd Sundays in the month but on the other Sundays we welcome residents into the Church. This is only possible if someone will drive the bus from the Home to the Church and back again and if there is an able bodied escort to be the second person on board. Beyond having an ordinary driving licence each driver needs a permit from the Home, only to ensure that any driver is instructed in methods of securing wheelchairs in the bus and one or two other simple administrative requirements. It is mainly a question of one or two more drivers being available to take turns with the present 'crews'. Further information can be obtained from Alan Shepherdson, Maurice Snowdon or direct from Norman Taylor at the Home. Thank you.

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	3rd Come & Worship
	6.30pm 1st Special Service
	2nd Evensong
	3rd Holy Communion
	Last Memorial Service
Mid Week	9.00am Morning Prayer(except Fridays)
	10 00am Holy Communion (Wednesdays)
	2.00pm Under 5's Praise 1st & 3rd Thursdays
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	- Stella Jockel 236 9413
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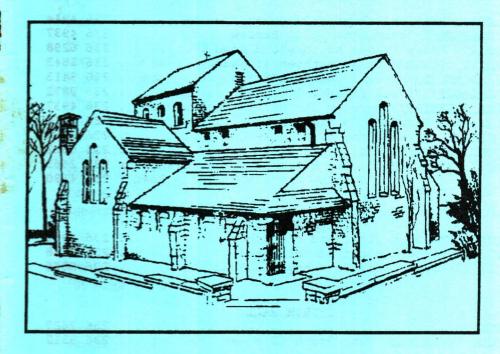
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#### FROM THE VICAR

## PENTECOST '95.....WHAT NOW?

## Dear Friends,

"Well that's another evangelistic event over, praise the Lord...wasn't it fun!" Is that how you feel now? If so, the message from Bishop Richard Hare (on that first Sunday) hasn't got through. Quoting the prayer of Jesus (John 17, verse 23 - "that they may be completely one, in order that the World may know") Bishop Richard emphasised that Pentecost '95 was chiefly for the benefit of those at present outside the fellowship of the Church.

Of course it was for us also. There is no doubt that the event has drawn all the Churches in S17 closer together through prayer meetings, bible study sessions, various planning meetings as well as the fun and fellowship of the week itself. We truly praise God for this new found unity, and may it continue to be a source of strength and support for each other.

However, Jesus only draws Christians together to enable Churches to be more caring and loving fellowships. This means that we have to support those new Christians helped during the Pentecost '95 event; to make sure that our congregations are friendly an welcoming to any who may come to our services; and to explore all possible ways of sharing our faith with our families, friends, and neighbours.

May God continue to bless this work of mission and evangelism in this part of our City, and bless each one of us in His service.

My very best wishes to you and yours,



## **SERVICES IN JULY**

## Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10.00am 2nd PENTECOST 4

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) Epistle: Galations3:23-4:7

Gospel: John 15:12-17

10.00am Young Saints

11.30am Cheshire Home Communion

6.30pm A Favourite Hymns Service

### 9th PENTECOST 5 (SEA SUNDAY)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion (ASB) Epistle: Ephesians 5:1-10

Gospel:Matthew 19:16-26

10.00am Young Saints

6.30pm Evensong (ASB) Old Testament: Exodus 20:1-17

New Testament: Luke 10:1-12

### 16th PENTECOST 6

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Come & Worship

3.30pm Cheshire Home Service

6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB) Epistle: Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:11-end

### 23rd PENTECOST 7

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion (ASB)Epistle:I Corinthians12:27-13end

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-end

10.00am Young Saints

6.30pm Evensong (BCP) Old Testament: Deuteronomy 10:12-11:1

New Testament: Mark 12:28-34

## 30th PENTECOST 8

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion (ASB) Epistle: Galatians 5:16-25

Gospel:John15:16-end

10.00am Young Saints

6.30pm Memorial Service

## REALITY

I've never been attracted to the idea of going on one of the organised tours to the Holy Land.I think I understand the reasons why so many people do wish to do it. But it's just not for me.

However, this year we found ourselves on holiday within relatively easy striking distance of the Holy Land, and the possibility of a very limited one day tour, disembarking at Haifa at 8.00am and embarking again at 7.30pm. So we decided to go for it.

Of course it was brief! We visited Bethleham and Jerusalem and were taken by a very fairminded guide to a number of the holy sites. I suppose it is inevitable that over places like the birth spot of Jesus, the place of his crucifixion, the place of his burial and resurrection, and others, Christian devotion has built a place of worship. These are in Byzantine style and adorned with Orthodox religious items. As I say, this is inevitable. But for me these churches may mask the simple New Testament record of, for example, the stable in the yard of the village Inn.

One place, however, moved us greatly. When the Romans destroyed Jerusalem in AD 70 they not only demolished every building including the Temple; they even cut down all the trees including those in what is now called "The Garden of Gethsamene". But the tree stumps survived and are still growing 2,000 years old. The word "gethsamene" apparently means "bitter olives", and there is one - and only one - place outside the walls of the City where bitter olives can be picked.

This then was the place where Jesus agonised in prayer as he contemplated the cross; this was where he was betrayed by a kiss and arrested; this was where his disciples deserted him to save their own skin. And this place has not been smothered with a church or any religious symbol.

Somehow all this seemed to carry a message to us. We are all part of a religious tradition which sets aside particular places as holy places and we adorn these places with all manner of items, supposedly to assist us to worship God. The idea is that in these

places we should be able to meet with God. From that has grown the idea that it is ONLY in these places that we will meet with God.

Yet if we abolished them all, God would still be around. For he does not live in temples made with human hands. The universe itself only exists because he gives it life. And he can be met everywhere in it. To be brutally frank, if we don't meet him outside a church building, we are highly unlikely to meet him inside one.

John Collie

Magazine Articles can be given to Karen Bergdahl, 25 The Quadrant, Totley ~ Tel: 2363382)

## SAYING FOR STILLNESS

"My Peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you." (John 14.27 RSV)

## **QUOTES**

If your day is hemmed by prayer, it is less likely to unravel.

Let us not be so heavenly minded, that we are of no earthly use.

Life is like a hot bath - the longer you stay, the more wrinkled you get.

Smile - it adds to your face value

**LADIES CLUB** - We hope to see everyone at our July meetings. The first meeting will be on July 4th for our **strawberry** evening with a light buffet, fresh fruit and a glass of wine. Our **annual outing** on 18th July will be to John Wesley's house at Epworth, followed by supper at an old Inn on the way home. We leave Totley at 6.00pm.

BLAZING NEW TRAILS - Over the past couple of years Trailblazer leaders and children alike have been extremely fortunate in having the enthusiastic (and frequently energetic!) support of Carolyn Job, Elizabeth Powell and Christine Riley, whose respective careers will now be taking them pastures new. We do thank God and them for their valued support, wish them every blessing for the future, and pray that other young folk may follow in their footsteps.

**COFFEE MORNING** - Eric and Dorothy Simons are holding a coffee morning on Wednesday July 19th at 220 Baslow Road. Everyone is welcome between 10.00am and 12 noon. Proceeds are for the Children's Society.

**SEW A LITTLE HOPE** - May I say a big thank you to all who sponsored the 'sew a little hope' picture for the British Lung Foundation which raised £115.30. The completed quilts will be on display at the Knitting and Stitching Shows at Alexandra Palace 19-22 October and Harrogate 23-26 November. *Vivien Filleul* 

MATTERS OF CONCERN - Anyone interested is invited to the next meeting at 7.45pm on Tuesday 25th July in the Hall Lounge, when Dr John Vincent will speak about the Sheffield Inner City Ecumenical Mission, and what the Christian response might be to policies which give rise to situations of deprivation. At the meeting on May 30th no fewer than three committee members of the Sheffield Christian Constituency Movement (Hallam Branch) came to tell us about their work, and those attending agreed to maintain the link with a possible extension through Churches Together in S17.

## HELP!!

Our trustworthy second-hand copy printing machine has finally 'expired'! Bought 26 months ago for £1,000, it has saved us around £4,000 in printing costs, so it was a good investment (which included a service agreement). The engineers have kept it in good order until now, when they have reported that the micro-chip 'brain' has given up, and would cost to much to replace. Copy printing technology has galloped on, so that inks and masters now reproduce to the quality of our June Magazine. We could have a brand new machine giving similar quality for £2,937 (inc VAT), and the Standing Committee feel this would be a wiser buy rather than spending more money on outdated technology giving imperfect reproduction. Our only problem...LACK OF FUNDS...as our money for this year has been carefully budgeted. I am therefore appealing to you good parishioners to help us purchase this machine. I have already received anonymous promises of £600, which is a splendid start. If you believe, as I do, that our printed material (which is our shop window) should be as good as that which comes through our letterboxes, then I know you will want to help. My sincere thanks to you in advance.-

#### David.

ADVANCE NOTICE - An outing on Saturday 16th September to Denby Pottery and Corsington Water. Adults £6, Children £3.50 which includes the cost of a tour round the craft rooms. Leaves Totley at the top of Main Avenue 9.30am and returns approx 6.30pm. Please add your name to the list in the Church Hall.

## Mavis Kirton

**BARN DANCE** Tickets are on sale price £5 Adults and £3 Children for a Summer Barn Dance and supper on Friday 21st July 7.30pm to 11.00pm in All Saints Church Hall. Music provided by the Airs and Graces band.

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## **FOOTPRINTS**

One night I had a dream.

You would leave me."

I dreamed I was walking along the beach with God and across the sky flashed scenes from my life. For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand, one belonged to me and the other to God.

When the last scene of my life flashed before us I looked back at the footprints in the sand. I noticed that at times along the path of life there was only one set of footprints. I also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times of my life. This really bothered me and I questioned God about it. "God, You said that once I decided to follow You, You would walk with me all the way but I noticed that during the most troublesome time in my life there is only one set of footprints. I don't understand why in times when I needed You most,

God replied, "My precious, precious child, I love you and I would never, never leave you during your times of trial and suffering. When you see only one set of footprints it was then that I carried you."

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## SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS

**JULY, 1995** 

# "HOSPITALITY TO STRANGERS"

## The Bishop of Doncaster Writes:

There has been quite a lot of hospitality shown lately. The Walk of 600 involved giving and receiving hospitality right across the Diocese. Local people opened their homes and their hearts to those taking part in this Walk and food and accommodation were generously provided and thankfully received. One of the happy outcomes of all this was the fact that from this hospitality people from different parts of the Diocese, who once were strangers, first became guests and then became friends.

Exactly the same thing is happening this summer with our overseas links. A fifty strong party left here to visit Hattingen-Witten Church District, as guests of the church there in Germany. Many of them went as strangers and returned with new friends from another part of the christian family. The same is about to happen to a group of ten young people from our Diocese going on a visit to the Diocese of Argentina. They are going to a different continent, culture and way of life. They will be the guests of strangers and through the willingness of others to give hospitality, friendships will be deepened and extended between our two Dioceses as well as for those who go. Early next year a youth party from Argentina are coming here as our guests.

The giving and receiving of hospitality is a very "biblical" idea and is spoken of as being a very normal and central part of the life and witness of the family of God. The New Testament word for 'hospitality' means 'to love strangers'. The word 'stranger' means something more than just a person you don't know, it also means a person who is 'foreign' and appears strange. Jewish laws concerning strangers arose out of the importance and practice of hospitality. When Paul wrote about presenting our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, he went on to say "practice hospitality". The

writer of the letter to the Hebrews also says "do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers". Perhaps the most striking reference to hospitality is that of Jesus in the parable where he says of himself "I was a stranger and you welcomed me". Those who need to be fed, clothed and visited are presented as strangers who are welcomed. In welcoming them we welcome Christ who himself experienced the loneliness of the alien.

The value of giving hospitality to strangers has been shown in many ways recently and from this it would be good to take a serious look at its place in the life and mission of the Diocese. In the first place we should ask about our own church as a community where 'guests' become 'friends' through a ministry of hospitality in its varied forms. It is worth remembering that for many people the life of their local church is 'strange' to them and there exists here a need for us therefore to be God's hospitable people. We also need to remember that for many people in our society, circumstances have made them strangers in their own land. Strangers to the benefits and opportunities which being part of society should and ought to bring. Such people are economic 'aliens' in a land which claims the name 'civilised'. Who is there that is really their friend? Who 'comes to their own and their own received them not?' The love of Christ for them speaks clearly to us, his Church:-

I was hungry; you gave me food

I was thirsty; you gave me drink

I was a stranger - and you welcomed me.

"Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers" for in this way we follow the way of Christ.

With my prayers and best wishes.

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Michael F. Gear

## ARGENTINA - THE LONG HAUL LINK

The Revd. Brian Cranwell, Vicar of Woodhouse, writes about a recent visit to our Link Diocese of Argentina.

"When I was invited to join the management committee of the Chapeltown Area Bereavement Group ten years ago, I little thought that it would lead to me offering training in bereavement visiting to the Church in Argentina. But that is just how it turned out. Bishop David Leake of Argentina and his clergy invited Hazel and me to spend four weeks in their Diocese. It was our intention from the start that part of the time should be holiday, and we even managed a trip to the awesome Icquanzu Falls and a week with some friends from our Kenya days, on a farm in Brazil. We are left with a wide range of memories and impressions after our visit.

#### COMMITMENT TO SERVICE

We were enormously impressed by the fact that over 100 people attended the bereavement seminars, even though they knew that the work would have to be done through translators. We came away encouraged by the high level of commitment shown by the congregations of the diocese to service in their communities.

#### SMALL BUT SIGNIFICANT

It soon became clear that although the Anglican Church is very small in Argentina, with only 12 clergy and the Bishop, it is held in considerable esteem both by other denominations and the authorities. This is partly due to the church's involvement in pressing social issues, such as feeding unemployed homeless immigrant workseekers off the streets of Buenos Aires, AIDS counselling, and providing creches for single mothers who have to go to work. Bereavement help is a natural extension of these concerns.

#### RELIGIOUS OBSERVANCE

The population at large as well as particular congregations take religious observances very seriously. On a visit to a Roman Catholic Cathedral for the Stations of the Cross, and at a Good Friday Service in St. Mark's Anglican Church at Hurlingham, Buenos Aires, it was a pleasure to find congregations considerably larger than we experience here at home.

The secular world also still recognises what these occasions mean, and shops and offices are closed on Good Friday.

#### A LEARNING EXPERIENCE

What did Hazel and I learn? At first we had been tempted to make comparisons with our previous overseas experience in Africa and although sights, sounds and smells and situations were evocative of East and Central Africa, we quickly realised that making comparisons stopped us seeing Argentina and her people and appreciating what was in front of us.

Because Christian life in Argentina is Argentine, it has evolved with its own spirituality and worship, not just through the influences of Europe, but through the mixture of Latin warmth, the insights and spirituality of the indigenous tribes, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit

A feature of Argentine life is long coach journeys. Bishop David Leake made one of 12 hours overnight, one way, to conduct a weekend retreat, just before we left. He compares the Anglican Church in Argentina to a long distance coach which is entirely suited to the journey, has all the infrastructure and fuel necessary, but is waiting to take on passengers. He particularly asks for our prayers for this continued growth, and for vocations for more indigenous clergy.

Hazel and I express our heartfelt thanks to Bishop David Leake, Jeremy Howatt, and all those who welcomed and entertained us so warmly."



The Walk of 600 sets off in Clifton Park, Rotherham at the Diocesan Picnic

### Oliver Tomkins by his friends

A short book in celebration of the life of Oliver Tomkins is being published by the Tomkins family. Bishop Oliver, who was Vicar of Holy Trinity, Millhouses during the War, was a leading ecumenist and Bishop of Bristol (1959-75). Priced at £8.50 inc. p&p, it is available from Monica Cleasby, Low Barth, Dent, Sedbergh, Cumbria LA10 5SZ. Cheques should be made payable to: "Oliver Tomkins Memoirs Account".

## **Gospel Singers**

Gospel Singers 'After Ours' are giving a concert at Emmanuel Church Thorpe Drive, Waterthorpe, Sheffield on Saturday, 8th July. The evening begins with a barbecue from 6 p.m.-7.15 p.m. with the concert from 7.30 p.m.- 9.30 p.m. Tickets priced at £2 (£1 barbecue, £1 concert) are available from 0114 247 6160

### **Holiday Aid Concert**

A Recital by some of the advanced pupils of JOAN ROWE is being held at St. Alban's Church, Wickersley, near Rotherham on Friday, 21st July at 7.30 p.m.

The recital will include music on the piano and other instruments, and tickets are available from Mrs. E. Aizlewood on 01709 548251. All proceeds are for Rotherham Holiday Aid, which hopes this year to help over 200 people from Rotherham to have a much needed family holiday.

#### **Ramsey Memorial Lecture**

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## The Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield COMMEMORATION DAY

Saturday, 8th July, 1995

Solemn Eucharist on the Front Lawn - 12 noon

The Preacher will be the Venerable Timothy Raphael who was born in New Zealand, trained at Mirfield and is Archdeacon of Middlesex.

Applications for programmes and Service Books (50p) to be sent to:

The Commemoration Day Secretary, CR House of Resurrection, Mirfield, West Yorkshire WF14 0BN.

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### Down in the Churchyard

St. Alban's Church, Wickersley, near Rotherham planned an unusual event in June - in the Churchyard!

Visitors were invited to explore and enjoy the Churchyard, with guides available to show the way along a new Green Trail. The Church Tower, with views of South Yorkshire, North Nottinghamshire, and Derbyshire was open for those fit enough to climb the stairs, and exhibition of the Churchyard was on display, and refreshments were served. What an original idea.

## **Appointments**

The Reverend Tony Attwood, Chaplain Industrial Mission in South Yorkshire and Rural Dean of Adwick le Street to become Senior Chaplain, Teeside Industrial Mission in the Diocese of Durham from 1 October, 1995

**The Reverend John Batty**, Chaplain Dusseldorf in the Diocese of Europe to be Vicar of Marshland Parishes from October 1995.

The Reverend David Warner Vicar of Wortley with Thurgoland to be Vicar of Worsbrough St. Mary.

The Reverend Graham Creasey Vicar of St. Paul Wheatley Park to be Priest in Charge of Gleadless Valley.

The Reverend Julian Blakeley Curate of St. Mary's and St. Hugh's with St. John the Baptist, Old Harlow, Essex in the Diocese of Chelmsford to be Rector of Darfield.

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## FLOWER FESTIVALS, SUMMER FAIRS, GARDEN PARTIES, ARTS & CRAFTS AND GARDENS......

#### YOU WOULD BE VERY WELCOME AT:

St. Gabriel's Church, Dobbin Hill, Greystones, Sheffield for the Flower Festival, Mini-Market and other attractions, with refreshments on Saturday, 1st July 10 a.m - 5.30 p.m. and Sunday, 2nd July 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

St. Mary's, Handsworth, Sheffield, Summer Fair, a fun day for all ages on Saturday, 1st July, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

St. Peter's Barnburgh, near Doncaster, Garden Party on Saturday, 1st July at 2 p.m. at the Rectory.

St. John the Baptist, Pollington-cum-Balne, near Goole, Flower Festival 'The Parables of Jesus" and Craft Display on Saturday and Sunday, 8th & 9th July 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

St. Wilfrid's Church, Hickleton, near Doncaster hold their Summer Fair in the beautiful 14th century church on Saturday, 8th July 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. and Sunday, 9th July 12 p.m. - 8 p.m. with displays of flowers and crafts, and refreshments. 'Music for a Summer Evening' is a concert of choral music by the choir of St. Mary's, Worsbrough on Saturday, 8th July at 7 p.m.

St. Katherine's Church, Loversall, near Doncaster, have as the theme of their Flower Festival 'True Happiness' in the church on Saturday, 8th July 10 a.m. - 5.30 p.m. and Sunday, 9th July 10.30 a.m. - 5.30 p.m. with teas in the Women's Institute Hut.

All Saints' Parish Church, Silkstone, Barnsley is celebrating the 500th Anniversary of the rebuilding of the church tower with a Flower Festival on Friday, 7th July 4 p.m. - 8.30 p.m. Saturday, 8th July, Sunday, 9th July 10 a.m. - 8.30 p.m.

St. James', High Melton, near Doncaster has a Garden Party at 2 p.m. at the church on Saturday, 15th July.

Holy Trinity, Thurgoland, near Sheffield, has a Gardens Open Day with nine gardens ranging from cottage to manor house on Sunday, 16th July from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Start at Thorpe's Garage on A629. Teas, refreshments, plant and cake stalls. Further information from 0114 288 4167.

The Bishop of Sheffield's Garden at Bishopscroft, Snaithing Lane, Sheffield 10 is open on Sunday, 16th July from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m., with teas and plants, as part of the National Gardens Scheme.

St. John the Evangelist, Hoylandswaine, near Barnsley, (of A628 between Barnsley and Penistone) has a Festival of Flowers & Music on Friday, 28th July 2.30 p.m. - 9 p.m. Saturday 29th July 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. with Garden Party at 2.30 p.m., Sunday, 30th July 10 a.m. - 9 p.m., Monday, 31st July 10.30 a.m. -4.30 p.m., with refreshments all four days. Further details from 01226 762910.



## **ORDINATIONS**

Please pray for those ordained deacon in Sheffield Cathedral on Sunday, 2nd July 1995:

Darren Bailey of Lincoln Theological College. To serve in the parish of Mexborough St. John the Baptist.

Peter Bold of Cranmer Hall College, Durham. To serve in the parish of Grenoside St. Mark.

Richard Parker of the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield. To serve in the parish of Norton St. James.

Martyn Snow of Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. To serve in the parish of Brinsworth St. Andrew and Catcliffe with

Keith West of the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield. To serve in the parish of Rawmarsh with Parkgate.

#### Pray too for those to be ordained priest:

Thomas Caswell at Norwood St. Leonard on 4 July at 7.30 p.m.

Adrian Fereday at Gleadless Christ Church on 2 July at

Michael Gilbert at Chapeltown St. John on 2 July at

John Hellewell at Greasbrough St. Mary on 12 July at

Stephen Millwood at Anston St. James on 6 July at

Wendy Moore at Rotherham All Saints on 9 July at 5.00 p.m.

Mark Osborne at Goldthorpe on 12 July at 7.00 p.m.

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## HOW THE OTHER HALF LIVES WORSHIPS

Remember those two fellas asking those two questions in the May issue - well I've got most of the answers. Let them go to the 'upper Wincobank non-denominational chapel'. It is a grimy, gritstone building and has a chapel house of the same material, all fronted by a patch of tended grass and a few small trees. And inside? I'm going to disappoint you, it is just what the outside suggests - bleak. Black beams and cross roof beams, white washed walls, better described generously as off white, except where ugly patches of damp has marred the walls and ceiling; indeed on one wall it is like a black curtain.

Decorated, it would be beautiful. I attended a baptism there. Facing the congregation was the organ, the pipes painted a drab brown. Below there were three rows of platform seats and wooden rails. At one side was a pulpit holding two baskets of artificial flowers and a wooden cross. In front of the rails were three dining chairs, a solid backed chair and a lovely oak table, quite the grandest piece of furniture, and a wooden cross. A basket of more artificial flowers graced the table. To supplement these splashes of colour a bright red banner some three metres square hung across the organ pipes proclaiming proudly, I hope,, 'Upper Wincobank Non-Denominational Sunday School 1840'

As you would have expected the organ did not function, no choir, no piano, not the Albert or Victoria Hall by any means but the hymns were sung with sincerity and warmth. Before the service a member gave out the coming events including the good old fashioned Whitsuntide sports and tea. He ended his remarks saying he would not collect the offering but he would take a chance and leave it to us. On the wall beside the organ was a faded picture of the last super, a smaller one at the opposite end. A framed collection of historical postcards completed the decorations. The Priest was Indian, Reverend Ghopal. He wore a dark jacket and darker trousers with a dark blue roll neck jumper. His sermon was no worse for that. There

was no font. The children clustered round the Priest; a candle was lit. The Priest spoke his piece, clipped his fingers in a bowl of water. The baptism over, the Priest held the child at arms length and walked up and down the aisle showing the babe to the congregation.

Drab it may be but there was a comforting warmth about the place. During conversation afterwards one comment was; "it's third world country compared to Totley All Saints" - it was, or it is, but they are both equal in the sight of the Lord; they have to work harder. It was a happy but chastening experience.

\*Rex B\*

## **WORSHIP AS A LIFESTYLE**

Exodus 30 v3-6

The Greek word most commonly used for worship in the New Testament is PROSKUNEO, which is a very intimate word meaning 'to draw near to kiss'. We use the word 'worship' in connection with Church activities, which relegates it to something that happens once or twice a week, in the lives of God's people.

From this passage it's clear that God wants more than this - He wants us to put him first all the time. But how many of us do? Worship as a lifestyle, simply means loving God. For a Christian the whole of life is worship. As we acknowledge Him as the Lord of our lives, and as we are obedient to His word, so the Lord promises that he will make himself known to us (John 14:21)

I find this truth mind-blowing. That the Lord I love wants me to love him, to give him a kiss, and when I put him in the centre of my life, he promises to draw close to me. What more could I ask of any relationship.

\*Red Rose\*

### **CHILDREN'S PAGE**

Many people came to hear Jesus' stories. He told stories about God's kingdom. This is wherever God is King and wherever God is King his love will be found.

Jesus told how bakers use yeast. They mix it with flour and water to make dough. The yeast makes the dough rise and grow big and puffy, which is then baked to make loaves of bread.

Jesus said God's Kingdom is like yeast. God's love can start small like yeast. It can mix into our hearts. There it grows bigger and bigger. Soon we have enough love to share with everyone. (Parables of the Kingdom, from Matthew 13)

Why not try the following yeast recipe:

#### SMART BREAD ROLLS

250g/9oz packet white bread mix 25g/1oz sultanas or raisins 25g/1oz caster sugar 1 egg beaten and 1 tube smarties

- 1. Place the bread mix in a bowl and add the sultanas and sugar. Mix to a dough.
- 2. Divide the dough into 8 pieces, roll each into a ball, on a lightly floured surface. Place each roll onto a lightly greased baking tray and press some smarties into each roll to decorate. Cover loosely with cling film and leave for about an hour in a warm place or until well risen.
- 3. Heat oven 220c/425FGas 7. Brush rolls with the beaten egg. Bake for 10-15mins until lightly golden. (ask an adult for help with the oven). Leave to cool.

These rolls are nicest eaten fresh and whilst still slightly warm. **Roma Webb** 

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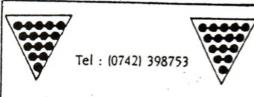
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### **Funerals**

June 5th - Leonard Gibbons (77), c/o 41 Meadow Grove June 14th Jessie Leeson (95), "Green Oak View" June 15th Marion Adele Pugsley (87), c/o 96 Sunnyvale Road

We will remember all recently bereaved at our memorial service on Sunday July 30th at 6.30pm, together with the following from our Memorial Book: - Patricia Sneath, Dorothy Walker, Alan Haywood, Joan Glentworth, Enid Taylor, Clarice Loukes, Linda D'Arcy, Mavis Wilson, David Peason, Sylvia Mary Hall, Willie Beckett, Clifford Walden and Mark Shipman.

## With Thanks....

Ann, David, Brian and Valerie would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and kind wishes during their recent sudden bereavement.

God has not promised skies ever blue,
Flower-strewn pathways all our lives through;
God has not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain;
But God has promised strength for the day,
Rest for the weary, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, strength for the trials, strength from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love

## **BAPTISM & WEDDING ENQUIRIES**

Can be made at The Vicarage on Wednesday evenings between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. If this is not convenient, please 'phone 2362322 to make an appointment with the Vicar.

## PARISH ROTAS FOR JUNE

### COFFEE

2nd	Mrs A Powell, Mrs Ruthven, Mrs Snowdon
Oth	

9th Mrs Wright, Mr & Mrs Waite

16th Mrs Warrender, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Firth

23rd Mr & Mrs Filleul, Mrs Benson

30th Mrs Ibbotson, Mrs Ludlam, Mrs Smith

## **FLOWERS**

	Altar	Memory Table
2nd	Mrs Haywood	Mrs Mayson
9th	Mrs M Wales	Mrs Mason
16th	Miss Taylor	Mrs Perkinton
23rd	Mrs Billard	Mrs Billard
30th	Mrs Jockel	Mrs Smith

## **CRÈCHE**

Please refer to notice in Church Hall

### **SIDESMEN**

	8.00am	10.00am	6.30pm
2nd	Mr F Filleul	Mr FH Cooke	Mrs E Mayson
		Mr RF Johnston	Mrs M Snowdon
9th	Mr A Ludlam	Mr WR Bryer	Mr JA England
		Mrs C Billard	Mr HS Powell
16th	Miss AE Baldry	P Pearson	Mr E Simons
		E Hayden	Mrs P Purkiss
23rd	Miss H Perfect	Mrs D Simons	Mr H Mayson
		Mrs M Warrender	Mr H Powell
30th	Mrs D Cooke	Mr W R Bryer	Miss AE Baldry
		Mrs DM Simons	Miss H Perfect

## SILVER CLEANING

7th	Mrs Billard
23rd	Mrs Bryer

## FOR YOUR DIARY

July	
3 Mon	3.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group at 12
	Marstone Crescent
4 Tues	Ladies Club Strawberry Evening
8 Sat	SUMMER FAIR at 2.00pm
15 Sat	Derbyshire Monuments Challenge Walk
17 Mon	3.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group at 12 Marstone
	Crescent
18 Tues	Ladies Club Annual Outing
19 Wed	Coffee Morning 220 Baslow Rd 10.00am-12 noon
21 Fri	Barn Dance 7.30pm, Church Hall
25 Tues	7.45pm, Matters of Concern - Hall Lounge
31 Mon	3.00pm Contemplative Prayer Group at 12 Marstone
	Crescent

## \*\*\*JULY 8th SUMMER FAIR at 2.00pm\*\*\*

Please bring your friends...lots of helpers needed please.

We hope to see everyone at our Summer Fair together with friends and family. We shall appreciate help on the day to sell programmes, assist on stalls, serve teas etc. and also to set out and clear away. There will be games, a painting competition and a fancy dress competition for the children, a baking competition for the family, as well as lots of bargains on the stalls. Details will be on posters and on the church hall notice board - see you there!

SERVICES:	(Sundays) 8.00am Holy Communion - every Sunday
	10.00am 1st 2nd 4th & 5th Holy Communion
	3rd Come & Worship
	6.30pm 1st Special Service
	2nd Evensong
	3rd Holy Communion
	/ Last Memorial Service
Mid Week	9.00am Morning Prayer(except Fridays)
	10.00am Holy Communion (Wednesdays)
	2.00pm Under 5's Praise 1st & 3rd Thursdays
	ORGANISATIONS - (MEETINGS IN THE HALL)
Sunday:	10.00am "Young Saints"-Kath Lloyd 236 7056
	6.30pm "TASH" Youth Group-Alan Walker 262 0421
Monday:	10.00am Drop In Coffee-Maurice & Marjorie
	Snowdon 236 2822
	3.30pm Junior Choir Practice in church
	- Stella Jockel 236 9413
	7.00pm Guides - Dorothy Firth 236 4190
Tuesday:	7.30pm Ladies Club (1st & 3rd)
	- Margaret Benson 236 2322
Wednesday:	10.00am Parent & Toddler Group
	- Gillian Grocott 262 0406
	6.30pm 'Trailblazers' (children's club)
	- Annette Job 236 0122
Thursday:	2.00pm Under 5's Praise (1st & 3rd)
	- Liz Hayden 236 4944
	7.00pm Choir Practice in Church
	- Stella Jockel 236 9413
	8.00pm Standing Committee (1st) PCC (2nd)
FELLOWSHIP	GROUPS are informal gatherings, in homes of our
Parisn. Th	ey provide opportunities for Prayer, discussion
Bible Study	and simple sharing. New members are always
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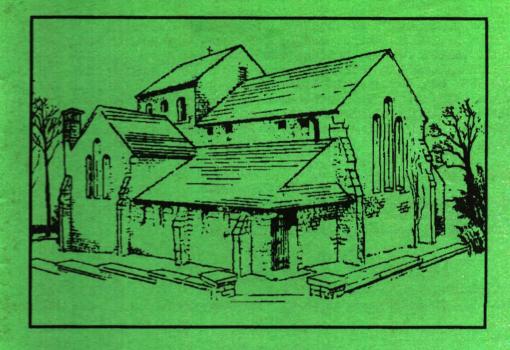
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#### FROM THE VICAR

## LISTENING TO GOD

Dear Friends,

When I was a Diocesan Youth Chaplain, someone commented 'I think our DYC was vaccinated with a gramophone needle!' I guess that was because I perhaps talked too much, but at least it enabled some of the shy adults and young people to feel less threatened by awkward silences.(For CD enthusiasts, a gramophone was the old word for record player) As the years have moved on, I have come to appreciate the value of silence...though I am by no means a 'monastic' person.

Do you feel sometimes battered by noise? Our television programmes seem to contain too many noisy, violent scenes; go for a pleasant meal in a pub or restaurant and before very long noise blasts out of speakers above your head; in the City or in the country, the majority of cars are mobile discos; during "Pentecost '95" many people found that a good deal, but not all, of the worship music was rather noisy; and parts of our worship here at All Saints lacks space for quiet prayer and reflection.

This brings me back to my regular theme of 'loving acceptance' of each other and our various ways of worship and expressing our faith in the Risen Lord Jesus. Just because someone doesn't worship our Lord as I do (either by words or actions) they must never be regarded as strange or dull or 'not saved'. We must continue to be sensitive to others so that our style of worship does not prevent others from deriving blessings from the Service. Surely, we need to spend more time LISTENING TO GOD rather than battering Him with sounds or words. Rob Frost, in his excellent book "When I can't pray" says... 'If I don't give time and space to LISTENING, I might just miss what God is trying to tell me'.

May God bless you and your family at this time,

### SERVICES IN AUGUST

## Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10.00am

## 6 th PENTECOST 9 (THE TRANSFIGURATION)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle: Ephesians 6: 10-20

Gospel: John 17:11-19

10.00am Young Saints

11.30am Cheshire Home Communion

6.30pm Special Service (see Diary for details)

#### 13th PENTECOST 10:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: John 13: 1-15

10.00am Young Saints

6:30pm Evensong (ASB)

Old Testament: Job 42: 1-6

New Testament: Luke 7: 36-end

## 20th PENTECOST 11:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Come and Worship - a Service for everyone.

3.30pm Cheshire Home Service

6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 4: 1-10

Gospel: John 13: 31-35

## 27th PENTECOST 12:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5: 14-6:2

Gospel: John 17: 20-end

10.00am Young Saints

6.30pm Memorial Service

## **CAN'T YOU TAKE A JOKE?**

Did Jesus ever laugh? And if so, at what? There is no mention of him laughing in the Gospels, and I can remember seeing only one painting in which he is depicted as laughing. I think it was called "Christ of the Wind", and showed Jesus striding across a sunny hill top, with the wind blowing through his hair and fluttering his clothes, laughing with delight at the glory of his father's world, rather than at anything funny.

Yet Jesus obviously knew alot about humour. Some of his stories must have been greeted with great gusts of laughter when he first told them. After all, a man with a plank in his eye, or a camel trying to squeeze through the eye of a needle, is Monty Python material. So that even if we don't know what made Jesus laugh, we know that he appreciated humour, just like the rest of us. As Rufus Moseley said, "I don't know if Jesus ever laughed, but he certainly fixed me up so that I can". It seemed very right during Pentecost '95, that the marquee in Green Oak Park should be filled with laughter at times, as well as with tears.

My daily paper started a Lonely Hearts column, and I was puzzled by the abbreviations used in it. I worked out that N/S meant non-smoker, and that WLTM meant would like to meet, but it took me quite a long time to realise that GSOH, which appears in almost every advertisement, must mean Good Sense Of Humour. Have you ever met anybody who admitted that they did not have a sense of humour? On the other hand, have you ever met anyone who invariably laughs at the same things as you? I can watch a TV programme which is reducing my sons to gibbering idiocy, while they will claim to see nothing remotely amusing in a passage which leaves me helpless with mirth. A statement in the House of Commons can seem hilarious to one side, and pathetic to the other.

All too often people make a "sense of humour" the excuse for uttering cruel, thoughtless, or prejudiced statements about other people or groups of people. Humour can rightly be motivated by genuine moral outrage, as well as by compassion or affection, but should never be confused with contempt or lack of understanding. If

humour is a gift of God, and so part of the human nature which we share with Jesus, it should only be used in such a way that it serves his purpose of love.

Martin Loft

## PENTECOST '95 - WHERE NOW?

We prayed that many people would come to know the Lord - but God reached out to those who already knew Him, and brought healing, reassurance, peace and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

We prayed that the rain would stop on the first Saturday of the mission - and the sun shone all week. For months we prayed and planned (and worried) - it came together like pieces in a jigsaw and made a complete picture.

We came as several different churches with our own ideas and beliefs, stepped out of our fortresses and let down the drawbridge - God gave us a spirit of unity, of oneness. We discovered that we loved each other, that we had gifts to share with each other, that we could work and worship together.

God has sent His sparks among the stubble in our churches - we must not let them go out. We must not pull up the drawbridges ever again.

I.B (All Saints)

## NAUGHTY BUT NICE! (OVERHEARD AT THE GARDEN PARTY CAKE STALL)

"We men must stick together, so I'll have a piece of George's parkin and some of Albert's buns."

"I didn't have any breakfast so I'd better have a cake." (Time:2.15pm)

""I'm on a diet but my wife is away today, so I'll have six pieces of flapjack1"

And the three stall holders caught eating Anna's famous cheese scones:-

"We're sampling the goods so we can recommend them To our customers"(they did pay the going rate for them!)

Then there was the disappointed late-comer sadly surveying the empty plates and a few spilt crumbs......"What happened...was it a plague of locusts?"

Maureen, Pauline & Sue (Stall Holders)

## DO WE CARE

BETWEEN 1980 and 1990, 1,000 people left the Church of England each week.

Other denominations suffered a similar decline.

TODAY more than 90% of the British population do not go to church.

Of the rest, many only go at Christmas or Easter.

EVERY DAY in Britain at least 480 couples are divorced.

EVERY DAY in Britain 170 babies are born to teenage mothers.

EVERY DAY in Britain 470 babies are aborted.

A NEW CRIME is committed every six seconds in Britain - and a violent attack every two minutes.

ALTHOUGH there are 30,000 Christian clergy in Britain, there are more than 80,000 registered fortune tellers and witches.

WORLD WIDE there are more new Christians each day than babies born each day.

BUT CLEARLY NOT IN BRITAIN.

THE QUESTION is real enough. DO WE CARE?

John Collie

## **SAYING FOR STILLNESS**

"Be still and know that I AM God" (Psalm 45.10)

## WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE CHURCH MAGAZINE?

Do you like it? Do you have any suggestions for changes? What would you like more of? Less of? I would welcome your comments - Please let me know, either by a note in the box or a chat over coffee in the hall. THANKS - Karen B

## PASS THE PLATE by Helen Lawes

We love the Church at Easter!
After all we're C of E
And we all know how much Jesus gave
When he died for us on the tree.
To give, they say, is blessed;
To receive not quite so hot,
And we all must do our duty
Give back some of what we've got...
But the mortgage rate's gone up again
And the telephone bill was high
So pass the plate, my darling,
Let the Gentleman go by.

We love the Church at Harvest!

It's a chance for a jolly good sing
Our plough the fields and scatter
Always makes the rafters ring.

And we see the good gifts around us,
And we know they come from above.

We must give back a little of what we have
And rejoice in our Harvest of love...

But the cars just failed its M.O.T

And the deep freeze has just started to die,
So pass the plate ,my darling,
Let the Gentleman go by.

We love the Church at Christmas!
Well, it isn't the same without!
And after we've been, we can all settle down
Conscious - free, for a good blow out.
And we know half the world is starving
And if we could, we would put it right
It isn't as if we don't care...
But last year's holiday's still on the slate
And this year we want to fly.
So pass the plate, my darling,
Let the Gentleman go by.

## CALLING ALL 5 TO 11 YEAR OLDS







## THE J TEAM

This letter is to tell you about an exciting
holiday project called the "J TEAM".
You may well have become a member of the "J TEAM
at the big tent in Green Oak Park in June. If not
then that's OK because new members can join any
time and you won't even have to pay to come in!
We are going to meet on Wednesday 9th August from
10am till 4pm at All Saint's Church Hall, Totley
and you must make sure your parent or guardian has
given permission. Please ask them to fill in the
slip below and bring it with you on the day.
Please bring a packed lunch and make sure that the
container has your name on it. We will provide
drink and biscuits in the morning and afternoon
breaks.

We look forward to seeing you there! LOVE FROM THE "J TEAM" Contact Ric and Debbie Gray 0114 236 9204

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## SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS AUGUST, 1995

## CALVES AND COAL

## The Bishop of Sheffield Writes:

In my one and only journey on a plane I discovered that the 576 square miles are mostly made up of green fields and woods and the 1,187,000 people are corralled in small clumps here and there. I know we are not really an agricultural Diocese but we do have farms and farmers and are well placed to help town and country understand each other. So I am glad to be able to reprint here an article on Calf exports from "The Marshland Messenger" that arose out of discussions during Swinefleet's Rogation Service.

#### Calf Exports - The Farmers' View

"Although, thankfully, the furore over the export of calves has abated, I am grateful for the opportunity to put the farmers' viewpoint forward in an attempt to bridge the growing rift between town and country. Marshlands is of course, a rural area, and most people are well informed but, in cities, some children need reminding that milk comes from cows, not bottles and that cows must produce a calf each year to enable them to produce milk.

Every dairy herd needs to replace about 20% of its cows each year and to ensure this, 50% of the herd's best cows are mated (served) by a black and white Friesan or Holstein bull, which are a breed where the female calves will develop into cows which give high yields of good quality milk, but where the male calves will only develop into poor quality beef. It is therefore the black and white bull calves from this 50% which cause the problem.

The other 50% of the dairy herd's cows are mated with a beef type bull such as a Belgian Blu, Charolais or Aberdeen Angus, which are suitable for farmers to rear, summer on grass, and sell fat at two years old. The beef is of good quality and is not a problem to keep or sell in this country.

The black and white bull calves, which number 600,000 each year are not suitable for beef production, they never put on any amount of meat, but they are suitable for the production of veal. In this country, the true veal crate is rightly illegal and we do not eat much veal anyway, therefore they are exported to the Continent, where much more veal is eaten. The calves



are sold for up to £200 each if exported, which amounts to a total of £100,000,000 towards the balance of payments deficit and is an essential income to hard pressed small dairy farmers. If the Animal Rights lobby persuaded the Continentals to stop eating yeal, the trade would stop. The alternative outlet is through markets where they are bought for less than £50, to be used either for glue manufacture and slaughtered at ten days old, or reared to produce inferior beef to be added to the EEC intervention beef mountain.

In relation to the transport and rearing of calves, not farmer would deny that there is room for improvement in conditions and there are always rogue operators who need weeding out. If the Animal Rights lobby concentrated on improving conditions, everyone would co-operate. The films you see on TV of poor conditions are almost always abroad and shown by producers who are interested in shocking viewers and increasing their viewing ratings. If farmers took film of calves exported under good conditions, no producer would screen them.

If any readers are interested in visiting a livestock farm, they can ring the local National Farmers Union Office at Selby, who will arrange a farm visit Telephone No. 01757 704336."

#### Coal

But it was coal not calves that led to the creation of the Diocese of Sheffield. At the height of its growth nearly one in ten of the population would have been employed in coal mining. Even in 1980, when I came to Sheffield their were 33 pits and over 30,000 employed in the mining industry. Today there are four pits left and they have a workforce of not much more than a thousand Since 1961 when the Revd. Charles Grice became the first Coalfield Chaplain, there has been a distinguished succession of Chaplains which is now, alas, with the Revd. Tony Attwood's departure for County Durham coming to an end. We are proud and grateful for all that those Chaplains have done. As we look to the future as a Diocese, we must have a special concern for those mining communities whose roots were in coal and now face a very uncertain future.

DAVID LUNN Bishop of Sheffield

## COALFIELD CHURCHES PREPARE FOR 21st CENTURY MISSION

"You haven't got a job now, have you, Daddy", said the miner's daughter, aged six years old. The harsh economic realities of life were no longer the hot topic of conversation in the infant school playground. They'd come home! All this is a far cry from a few generations ago when the pits of the new Doncaster Coalfield were being sunk. Then, as the population of the mining communities increased, in 1910 a most significant 20th century development began in home mission. New parishes were created and new church buildings consecrated. Today that work of the Coalfield Church Extension Scheme is really coming into its own, even as the industry that gave these villages their new life has been run down. Apart from four collieries that remain, coal-mining has been excised from our economic life, yet the churches are there with the people in their loss.

Even as people share the pain of unemployment and try to ease all the uncertainties of working life, we can also take further steps in mission. Through the setting up of advice and information points ('friendship centres') and the creation of co-operative businesses in craft work or furniture renovation, signs of hope can take on practical reality. Ventures are already up and running in Conisbrough at 'Highway'. At Stainforth a cafe will be the base for the Community Credit Union. Meanwhile, the Bentley Association for Supportive Help is to be dedicated at a Service in St. Peter's Church, Bentley on Saturday, 23rd September. This Community Event will start with a Commemoration on the Pit Top at 2.30 p.m. The Bishop of Doncaster will be with us as the chairperson of Churches Together in South Yorkshire. The music will be led by Armthorpe Elmfield Band. Anyone is welcome.

As the builders of the Extension Churches built for their own denomination and for the community, these new ventures in mission involve people **building together.** The work will bring the healing and new life of Christ alive in our shattered communities.

Tony Attwood, Coalfield Chaplain

## The Training Team - Working With Parishes

Two of the children at the Diocesan picnic painting on the giant mural; many saw the finished work at the Cathedral service at the end of the Walk of 600. The photograph says many things about the Training Team's work in the Diocese.

The children symbolise people and parishes beginning a new project, discovering the resources available, recognising and using talents and finding the confidence to give themselves to a greater purpose. The boy stirring the pot suggests the way different people can come together to plan an activity for a parish, each person affecting the outcome. The girl drawing the circle illustrates the way learning together can be like a cycle or spiral; we share experience and are stirred to ask questions, we then explore and reflect upon what we have found, and go on to act upon what we have learned...

The members of the training team (John Bouch, Bridget Fudger, Tim Smithies and Peter Chambers supported by Eileen Jones and Susan Byers) work together with parishes and in support of diocesan events. Earlier this year, 'More than Numbers', the conference for youth workers was a great success; so too was a Resources Day for those working with children. The training course for Pastoral Workers and Readers involving 40 people each year has been reviewed and revised ready for those starting it in September. Much of our work so far this year has been part of major diocesan events; 'Bridlington', the 'Walk of 600' and 'Here and



Now live'. Look out for reviews and news of coming events in *Interface* sent to all parishes three times a year.

The Resources Centre at Diocesan House is being increasingly used; we urgently needed volunteers able to offer about three hours a week. ..(Tel: 01709 837550).

#### St. Peter's Conisbrough

holds its Flower Festival on the theme of "THE GLORY OF GOD"

from Thursday, 7th - Monday 11th September from 10. a.m. - 8 p.m. daily, with refreshments and stalls

#### St. Alban's Church, Wickersley

presents a Concert by the Sheffield Chorale
"ON WINGS OF SONG"
on Saturday, 23rd September at 7.30 p.m.
Tickets £2.50 are available from (01709) 548626

**Crosslinks Family Day** 

Crosslinks, a Church missionary agency has organised a Family day for members of churches in the Northern Province on Saturday, 2nd September from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. at St. Matthew's Hall, Hartlepool, on the theme of "Power" - there's even the possibility of a visit to the local Power Station! Mrs. Monica Walker of Treeton, on 0114 254 0359 is the person to approach for more details of the day.

## Study Visits to Egypt & South Africa

Colin Roberts, Reader at Whiston, Rotherham, has for many years organised study visits to the Holy Land and other places through Oakwood School, and announces visits for 1996 for adults only, with provisional dates of 8th-15th February to Luxor and Aswan for £450; 7th-14th March to Cairo and Alexandria for £495.

A new venture for 6th-19th August 1996 is a study visit to South Africa, with visits to Johannesburg, Pretoria, Kruger National Park, Durban and many other places, with possible options to Capetown and the Victoria Falls. The price, depending on numbers will be between £1840 and £1995.

Readers of the News who have previously joined parties have found the study visits enjoyable and stimulating, and if you are interested for next year contact Colin at Oakwood School, Moorgate, Rotherham S60 2UE for full details. Please enclose a 9"x4" s.a.e.

#### **Appointments**

The Reverend Nicholas Dawson, Assistant Curate of St. Saviour Mortomley High Green to be Vicar of Owlerton

The Reverend Alan Murray, Assistant Curate of Wombwell to be Assistant Curate of St. Saviour Mortomley High Green from July 1995.

Ms Helen Stanton University of Sheffield Chaplain to be Social Responsibility Officer for the Diocese of Bath and Wells from 18 September 1995.

The Reverend James Mather, Assistant Curate of Cantley to be Vicar of Lakenheath in the Diocese of St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich from September 1995.

The Reverend Alan Whiteley, Vicar of Malin Bridge to be Vicar of Ellesmere.

#### Degree in Church Law.....

Miss Margaret Barlow, Deputy Diocesan Secretary in the Diocese of Sheffield, has just gained her Master of Laws (Canon Law) degree after two years of study through the University of Wales' Cardiff Law School. With this award she becomes the first woman "Canonist' (expert in ecclesiastical law) in the Church of England. She will receive the degree on July 10. Over the two years she has studied Canon Law - the special laws which govern the life of many Christian and other religious churches and groups (Anglican, Roman Catholic and Muslim) Her final dissertation examined the effects of legal reform on Diocesan Administration. Margaret lives in Sheffield and works at Sheffield Diocesan Church House in Rotherham, having served as Deputy Diocesan Secretary for the past five years. She originally comes from Farnworth in Lancashire and before starting her present job with the Diocese of Sheffield she worked for the Geographical Association in Sheffield.

#### Live in Concert

The gifted worship leader and songwriter, Bryn Haworth is Live in Concert on Saturday, 7th October at The Sports Hall, Notre Dame School, Fulwood Road, Sheffield 10 at 7.30 p.m. Tickets at £4 each are available from Trevor Kay on 0114 258 9819, or send s.a.e. and cheque payable to G.T. Kay to 108, Sandford Grove Road, Sheffield, S7 1RT.

### **Training Day**

The Training Day "Unemployment and the Local Church" is to be held at Eastwood Methodist Church in Rotherham on Wednesday, 15th November from 10 a.m.-3.30 p.m This Training Day is for clergy, church community workers, lay workers and church members. It aims to help local churches to see what can be done about unemployment within the local church and within the local community. It is being arranged ecumenically through Churches Together in Rotherham. Application forms are available from the Revd. Raymond Draper on 01709 543111, The Rectory, Church Lane, Wickersley, Rotherham S66 0ES.

## St. Cuthbert's Church, Fishlake, Doncaster Art Exhibition & Sale

Saturday, Sunday & Monday: 26th, 27th and 28th August Daily 1-6 p.m. Refreshments available Selection of Craft Stalls

#### St. James & St. Christopher's Church, Shiregreen, Sheffield

are holding a Flower Festival on Saturday and Sunday, 2nd and 3rd September.

The theme is "Women of the Bible". The Church will be open on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 7.30 p.m. and on Sunday from 11.30 a.m. until 5.30 p.m., with Evensong at 6 p.m. Tea and biscuits will be served in the Church Hall on Saturday and Sunday and afternoon tea on Sunday from 3.30 p.m. until 5 p.m..

For further information ring 0114 2456526.

## ST. MARY'S HANDSWORTH, SHEFFIELD SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER

Patronal Festival / Horticultural Show Show open to the public 2 p.m. -Afternoon Teas available. Church Services 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Choral Evensong

The beautiful spire at All Saints', Laughton-en-le Morthen can be seen from many parts of the Diocese, and the recent target of £150,000 for the restoration of the church has been reached and the work carried out. To celebrate, Laughton Mothers' Union have organised a weekend of events on the 8th, 9th & 10th September, to which visitors are most welcome. At 7.30 p.m. on Friday, Anston Male Voice Choir sing in the Church. On Saturday in the Church School from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., there are various stalls and all day refreshments and tours of the village leaving Pear Tree Pottery at 11 a.m. and 2.30 p.m. Bishop Kenneth Skelton is the Preacher at the 6.30 p.m. Thanksgiving Service on the Sunday, and refreshments are served afterwards.

Summer Synod meets at Wickersley

## Job-seeking, Evangelism and Finance...

Roy Arnold, Diocesan Communication Officer reports on the Summer meeting of Sheffield Diocesan Synod at Wickersley on June 23, 1995

JOB SEEKERS' ALLOWANCE. A Motion from Tankersley Deanery Synod expressing strong opposition to Government proposals to change benefit arrangements for the Unemployed provided an excellent debate at the Summer Synod. Although the Bishop and others underlined the fact that present benefit arrangement are far from perfect and often fail to get people back to work, there was overwhelming support for the Tankersley Motion (presented at Synod by the Revd. Lewis Atkinson) and Synod also went on to send the Motion forward to General Synod even though the Government proposals have already begun their progress through parliament. The Motion "That this Synod is concerned that the Job Seekers' Allowance may be motivated by a desire to cut Government expenditure rather than help unemployed people, and that, if it becomes law, this measure will further distress and stigmatise large numbers of jobless people. We call upon Her Majesty's Government to withdraw its proposals and invite the General Synod also to support this Motion" was carried.

HALFWAY INTO THE DECADE. The former Vicar of St. Thomas', Crookes, Canon Robert Warren (now National Officer for Evangelism) returned to give an update on the Decade of Evangelism now at its half-way mark. He gave a fascinating checklist of ways in which the whole business of Evangelism had been changing over the five first years of the Decade. The need to listen to people and society, the need to allow people time to grow in faith rather than always pressing for immediate "crisis" conversions, the need to answer people's spiritual needs (through worship and prayer) as well as presenting people with doctrinal truths and the need to see the work of evangelism as a team job for the whole people of God and not just for the clergy (for orchestras rather than organists) were among the points underlined by Canon Warren some of whose views, however, were not wholly endorsed by everyone present and listening.

**PLEASE READ BEFORE JUDGING.** The major report on Family Life "Something to Celebrate" - published by the General Synod's Board of Social Responsibility was due to be debated at the June Synod but this item was withdrawn so that members of Diocesan Synod might be better informed about the Report (by at least reading the summary of the report if not the whole report) before either condemning or commending it. This will now be debated in November.

**GERMAN LINK POPULAR.** Synod members voted unanimously to continue to Link between the Diocese of Sheffield and the German Church District of Hattingen-Witten recommended by the Mission and Unity Committee and moved by the Revd. Grant Macintosh.

STILL IN THE BLACK. On matters financial Synod members accepted a report from the Finance Committee and the 1994 Diocesan Board of Finance Annual report and Accounts. The Bishop commented that the Diocese had not gone into the red financially in 1994 (and hopefully in the current year) for the simple reason that there had been a de facto cut in the number of clergy working in the Diocese of Sheffield. "We have not been appointing Curates....simply because the Curates have not been there to appoint" said the Bishop who went on to say that it was still important, despite this, to closely examine the question of manpower in the Diocese.

Messrs Barber Harrison and Platt (Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors) were appointed Auditors to the Diocese, the Diocesan Board of Finance Memorandum and Articles (as revised) were accepted as as the 1996 financial Forecast. This will form the basis of the 1996 Diocesan Budget to be debated in November.

THE NEXT MEETING of Diocesan Synod will be on Saturday November 11 in the Church Army College, Sheffield.

## DIARY DATES.....

#### **Eve of the Assumption of Our Lady**

The Eve of the Assumption will be celebrated at St. Wilfrid's Church, Hickleton on Monday, August 14th. Solemn Vespers of the Assumption will be sung in church at 7.30 p.m. when the preacher will be The Venerable Bernard Holdridge, Archdeacon of Doncaster, this will be followed by a Procession of Our Lady to the Front Lawn of Hickleton Hall where Benediction will be given.

Refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall. There is ample free parking and everyone will be welcome.

#### VJ DAY "Share the Peace"

Toc H will be holding a Vigil to mark the 50th anniversary of VJ Day. This will be held for 1 hour from 11.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 15th August at St. Mary's Church, Bramall Lane, Sheffield. All are welcome to share this with us for all or just part of the time.

### ST. HELEN'S CHURCH, BURGHWALLIS

Patronal Festival Sat & Sun. 19 & 20 August 2-5 each day, Local people display Arts and Crafts in the Church Hall. Stalls and Refreshments. Call and see this beautiful Saxon Church.

#### **August Bank Holiday Weekend**

will see the Ninth Annual Art Festival at St. Wilfrid's Church, Hickleton. Artists from all over South Yorkshire will be exhibiting their work in this beautiful and ancient Church. Visitors will be able to view and purchase original works by local artists. Refreshments will be available in the Church Hall and there is ample free car parking.

The Festival is open on Sunday the 27th August from 12.00 noon to 7.00 p.m. on Monday the 28th from 10.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m. and on Tuesday the 29th from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

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## THE TEA AND SUGAR AND THE C OF E

Every Thursday morning a mixed goods train pulls out of Port Augusta to travel 1005 miles across the Nullarbur Plain to Kalgoorlie (the trip includes the longest straight length of railway line in the world at 310 miles). This is Australia. Known as the 'Tea and Sugar' the train has two box cars - which are mini markets, to supply the needs of the thirteen small settlements of track men and their families. Anything you can't get on the Tea and Sugar train you can do without.

When there were fifty-two settlements cattle were slaughtered as required; now, the meat comes refrigerated in various cuts. Every month the payroll services double as a post office. Every month a health team comes out; at Cook there is the Bishop Kirkby C of E hospital with six beds. Every Spring a specially refitted car has all the latest appliances and the latest style of clothes. On the first Thursday in December Alf Harris a loco inspector dressed in full Santa Claus costume distributes presents to the 'Sunday best' dressed children. To them he is the real Father Christmas; they do not see one in every big store as city children do.

Despite all this plus libraries and videos (TV reception is very poor), there is hardship for the families living in isolation in the most desolate of regions in the world. There is some grumbling and moaning as you would expect, but Margaret O'Reilly, a Yorkshire lass ignores it saying, "I have a hearing problem - I hear too much." October and Easter Reverend Henry Noakes, in his mid 70's, 26 years on the line, makes the run, lavishing tracts and exhortations on everyone from the moment the train stops to the moment the whistle blows. He is spreading the word. He has no illusions, is impervious to despair and universally respected for his dedication. "My job", he says "is to meet as many people as I can even if only once. That way they can't say to the Lord 'I didn't have a chance'. I tell the lads that when I go to heaven I'm going to tell Jesus I have a whole string of lads and they want to come too. They listen to that. I think rough men can be softer inside than women. They know everything is 'crook' and it shouldn't be that way. I tell them, ' you keep on the rails and you'll get there'."

(National Geographic Magazine - 'crook' is Australian slang for anything that is not as it should be, if you are ill you are crook.)

Rex B

**JUMBLE SALE** at Totley All Saints CE Primary School, Hill Foot Lane on **Saturday 23rd September 10.00am - 12 noon**. If anybody has any jumble please bring it to school during the week leading up to the event or contact Cath Lloyd on 2367056.

The school's **AUTUMN FAIR** is on Saturday 14th October - details next month.

LADIES CLUB - on 5th September Mr Stuart Jackson (Gardening writer for The Star and broadcaster on Radio Sheffield) will give a talk illustrated by slides. As this will appeal to both men and women, the meeting will be an open one. Please note - there will be no meeting of Ladies Club during August.

## **OPEN HOUSE** Tea, coffee and good company!

When? August 29th 2.00pm-5.00pm

Where? Irene and Arthur's, 153 Green Oak Road

Why? For Goodwill Children's Village

**What?** NOT A BRING AND BUY <u>but</u> preserves, pastries & Greetings Cards will be on sale.

### **UNDER FIVES PRAISE**

In the annual report I indicated that Roma Webb was going to lead Under Fives Praise from September, when I am no longer available to do so. Due to job relocation, Roma, Graham and their family will be moving to Edinburgh, so she too will not be able to lead the worship. Are **YOU** able to do so? Under Fives meet twice a month on a Thursday from 2.00pm to 3.15pm. Please consider prayerfully if you could lead this valuable worship for the youngest members of our church family. I am happy to explain what is involved. If you are able to help, please contact the Vicar.

Liz Hayden

Magazine items can be given to Karen Bergdahl, 25 The Quadrant, Totley ~ Tel: 2363382

## FURTHER TO THE TREASURER'S REPORT

I thank God for Neil Hayden's report in the last edition of the magazine. I agree entirely with his conclusion that the solution lies with us.

Some people say "The Church is always asking for money", thereby excusing themselves from the Christian duty to look at money from God's angle. **Money belongs to God.** It is part of the world He has made, even if humans seem to have invented it. Money represents human work, it represents human possessions. But work and possessions are things that God gives us. When we put money in the offertory plate, it is offered back to God at the altar.

The Jews faced the problem of money and possessions and came up with a simple answer. You give back to God a regular part of your money and goods as a way of thanking Him for the rest of the gift. The proportion was ten percent and it was called the tithe. It is recognised that life today is more complex than in ancient times and some assess the tithe at five percent - a twentieth of our available income, after tax and insurance has been paid.

With this in mind the question we must ask ourselves is - are we giving enough back to God?

It is true that stewardship of God's gifts to us is a much wider thing than money. It includes all our possessions, skills, talents and time. But if we give sufficiently in financial terms we could concentrate on these other aspects in order to promote the Good News of Jesus which we have received.

I do not believe God is calling us, the local Church to die. I believe he is challenging us to identify his vision for us and to go forward with this firmly in view, together as a united body.

Many people have said that we should be continually praying about our mission which includes our giving and asking God to guide us. An integral component of prayer is action and I therefore take this opportunity to remind you that a prayer fellowship meets at 9pm every Monday evening in the Church building for this purpose.

Ric Gray

#### LADIES' CLUB OUTING TO EPWORTH

Epworth is situated in the Isle of Axeholm, the landscape being low -lying and totally different from the Totley area. We enjoyed the coach ride on a warm evening with far distant views and wonderful skies. The purpose for our visit was to see the Epworth Rectory, at one time the childhood home of John and Charles Wesley. After a very informative slide presentation, 32 ladies were allowed to tour this impressive house with some 17th Century furniture and household articles. We tripped daintily up stairs designed for crinoline-dressed ladies and surveyed the Rector's bedroom and Study which now accomodates visitors for Bed and Breakfast. (There wouldn't be room in my untidy study! Ed.) We also ventured into the 'haunted' room which is now a small museum.

After that most interesting tour, we set off in search of "The Black Bull" on Thorne Road. When we had all tried to remember what we had previously ordered from the menu, we sat down in an attractive restaurant to enjoy delicious meals. hearty sandwiches, freshly caught fish, scrumptious pies, all served with lavish helpings of chips, vegetables and imaginative salads. (You can see now why this was my favourite 'local', Ed) Everyone thoroughly enjoyed their food and I'm sure many will want to return with their families to enjoy the fare and warm hospitality. We set off for the long journey home, arriving a bit like Cinderella, soberly, quietly and just after Midnight!! Many thanks to all who organised this visit.

Margaret B.

This month's Magazine has been printed on our new COPY PRINTER costing £2345.13p. Our new printer is a very basic model, but we hope you agree that the reproduction is first class. At our last PCC meeting it was voted to take £1000 from the Magazine Fund to add to many anonymous generous gifts from Parishioners(currently standing at £750) and hoped-for sponsorship from some firms to whom the Vicar has written. Meanwhile, one of our Church members (who believes our publicity should be top quality) has very generously agreed to underwrite any shortfall. If any other members feel able to make a contribution, this will be very gratefully received.

THANKS to the members of our Ladies' Club and their sponsors for raising over £450 for the MacMillan Nurses Appeal Fund. Members walked many miles, and one anonymous member went all the way to Australia and walked around a huge lake in a park in Melbourne...what some folk will do for publicity!

ALAN WALKER has looked after our TASH Group ever since Terry Dixon resigned to take up a university course. Each Sunday evening, over 25 teenagers have met in our Hall and Alan has been both confidant and spiritual guide to those young Christians. Many of them are now going to university or other work, so it has been agreed that TASH should close, and remaining members be invited to join a similar group down at Totley Rise Methodist Church. We say thank you to Alan for this valuable work. If any adults from All saints would care to assist on Sunday nights at Totley Rise you would be made welcome.

Two of our TASH members deserve special CONGRATULATIONS...BRIAN RUTHVEN our Organ Scholar was awarded a major prize recently for attaining a Distinction at Grade 8 in his pianoforte examinations. He has been tutored by Beryl Drewery to whome we also offer congratulations. The week after this award, Brian had to take his Grade 8 Organ Examination and we confidently await that result. CHRISTINA RILEY hopes to take the next year out from her studies to join Rob Frost's Seed Team. This will be a time of both challenge and blessing for her, but we know that her enthusiastic Christian faith will rub off on to many others. Please pray for her

CONGRATULATIONS also to GILLIAN JOB who gained an Honours Degree in music at Liverpool University. As she is qualified to teach her subject, she very much hopes to develop work with autistic children. CATHERINE(KATE) STRATFORD was the only Student at Newcastle Medical School to gain First Class Honours in both General Medicine and Surgery. She is now MB.BS.Her Brother RICHARD also gained First Class Honours in Bio Chemistry. Congratulations to all these Students and to their Parents for their unstiniting support.

PETER AND DIANA PURKISS were recently received at Buckingham Palace by HRH The Princess Royal. They, and many others, were being recognised for their years of devoted caring for disabled and other folk in the community. Their own daughter Elaine is confined to a wheelchair and is an inspiration to others. This is a very deserved 'reward' for the many hours Peter and Diana give to this vital Christian service.

HELP! Our Under-5's Group will be short of a leader when Roma and Graham Webb move with their family to Edinburgh, where Graham takes up his new post. We wish them well, and thank Roma for offering to take over from Liz Hayden who has looked after the Group for the past few years. Special thanks to Liz for her energetic and enthusiastic leadership. Please can someone offer to look after this group. there are plenty of Mums to help each 1st and 3rd Thursday afternoons.

## PARISH ROTAS FOR AUGUST

## **COFFEE**

6th Mrs Kirton, Mrs Brown, Mrs Davies

13th Mr & Mrs Collie, Mrs Carter

20th Mr & Mrs Iosson, Mrs Houldcroft

27th Mrs Morrell, Mr & Mrs Loft

### **FLOWERS**

	Altar	Memory Table
6th	Mrs Benson	Mrs Hill Pickford
13th	Mrs Holding	Mrs Collison
20th	1110 1100	Mrs Heap
27th	Mr Hazlehurst	Miss Bird

## **CRÈCHE**

No crèche in August

## **SIDESMEN**

DIL	0.00	10.00am	6.30pm
6th	8.00am Mr F Filleul	Mr FH Cooke Mr RF Johnston	Mrs E Mayson Mrs M Snowdon
13th	Mr A Ludlam	Mr WR Bryer Mrs C Billard	Mr JA England Mr HS Powell
20th	Miss AE Baldry	P Pearson E Hayden	Mr E Simons Mrs P Purkiss
27th	Miss H Perfect	Mrs D Simons Mrs M Warrender	Mr H Mayson Mr H Powell

## SILVER CLEANING

6th	Mrs Snowdon
20th	

## **OUTING**

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

Mavis Kirton

## FOR YOUR DIARY

- 9 Wednesday J TEAM/J ZONE fun day at All Saints. (Details in this Mag)
- 14 Monday Contemplative Prayer Group, 3pm, 1 Quarry Rd..
- 22 Tuesday.. Finance Group meeting at the Vicarage at 7.45pm.
- 28 Monday Contemplative Prayer Group, 3pm, 1 Quarry Rd.
- 29 Tuesday Open House, 153 Green Oak Rd, 2-5pm.

PLEASE NOTE: Prayers for the Parish and others in August on MONDAYS at 9pm and WEDNESDAYS at 8pm.

## FROM THE REGISTERS

We shall remember all bereaved families at ourMemorial Service on Sunday, August 27th at 6.30pm, including the following from our Memorial Book: Laura Hall, Deborah Anne Jockel, Mabel West, Charles Hill-Pickford, Leslie Jackson, Elsie Seals, and Isabelle Turner.

Our SUMMER FAIR by any standard was a huge success and a very happy social occasion. Despite the fact that there were many other local attractions on the same day, a good crowd supported us, and we were able to put £713.96 towards paying off the Diocesan loan on our Church Hall Extension. Many thanks to all who supported us in any way.

Dorothy & Eric Simons wish to thank all who supported the recent Coffee Morning for The Childrens' Society. To date, £333 has been raised. A superb effort

A FAITH TEA has been arranged for Saturday, September 30th at 4pm in our Church Hall, for all those from our Churches in S17 who were involved in "Pentecost '95". As well as tea, there will be 'Faith Activities'...this means that anyone led to organise some activity(be it with a message or just for sheer fun) for youngsters or us 'old uns' should let Vivien Filleul know before hand. All are welcome. Viv is on 236 0872.

SERVICES: 15	Sundays) 8.00am Holy Communion - every Sunday
	10.00am 1st 2nd 4th & 5th Holy Communion
	3rd Come & Worship
	6.30pm 1st Special Service
	2nd Evensong
	3rd Holy Communion
	Last Memorial Service
Mid Week	9.00am Morning Prayer(except Fridays)
	10.00am Holy Communion (Wednesdays)
	2.00pm Under 5's Praise 1st & 3rd Thursdays
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Sunday:	10.00am "Young Saints"-Kath Lloyd 236 7056
	6.30pm "TASH" Youth Group-Alan Walker 262 0421
Monday:	10.00am Drop In Coffee-Maurice & Marjorie
	Snowdon 236 2822
	3.30pm Junior Choir Practice in church
	- Stella Jockel 236 9413
	7.00pm Guides - Dorothy Firth 236 4190
Tuesday:	7.30pm Ladies Club (1st & 3rd)
Tuesday.	- Margaret Benson 236 2322
Wednesday:	10.00am Parent & Toddler Group
HCMICE AND	- Gillian Grocott 262 0406
	6.30pm 'Trailblazers' (children's club)
	- Annette Job 236 0122
Thursday:	2.00pm Under 5's Praise (1st & 3rd)
	- Liz Hayden 236 4944
	7.00pm Choir Practice in Church
	- Stella Jockel 236 9413
	8.00pm Standing Committee (1st) PCC (2nd)
FELLOWSHIP 6	ROUPS are informal gatherings, in homes of our
Parish. The	y provide opportunities for Prayer, discussion,
Rible Study	and simple sharing. New members are always
welcome De	tails below:
Wednesday:	
Month!	y Morning Fellowship-Pauline Perkinton 236 1601
Monthl	y Afternoon Fellowship-Stella Jockel 236 9413
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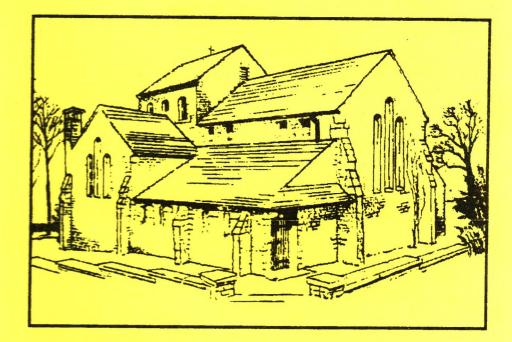
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#### FROM THE VICAR

## **IONA RE-VISITED**

Dear Friends,

I'm writing this letter in the Scottish Border town of Melrose. This area has witnessed many bloody battles over the years. Another place where battles of a different kind were once fought was the Island of Iona to where Margaret and I made our pilgrimage.

In 563 AD, St. Columba crossed over from Ireland to found a monastery from which place missionaries were sent to spread the Christian Faith on the mainland. However, his monastery was repeatedly destroyed by the Norse invaders, and many of his monks died in trying to defend Iona. Our early Christian roots therefore had their origins in conflict.

On this visit to Iona, we found a completely different atmosphere to that quiet, peaceful one experienced on our first visit many years ago. On a day when record numbers had crossed over to Mull from Oban, Iona throbbed with hoards of tourists of all nationalities. However, prayer and worship was being offered in the Abbey in the midst of all that throng...and the noise of motor-wind cameras! Margaret and I sat and joined in the prayers for peace in our world. We reflected on St. Columba's great prophecy before he died, on Iona in 597 AD... "this place, small and mean as it appears, shall be honoured not only by the Kings of the Scots and their people, but by the rulers of strange nations and those subject to them." Scottish Kings are buried there; peoples of all lands continue to make their pilgrimage to Iona.

You and I have to continue to bear witness to that same Faith, which St. Columba fought to keep alive, in the places where God puts us day by day.

Being a Christian is NOT an easy option - Jesus never promised it would be!Perhaps these words of St.Paul will strengthen you in your Christian witness.."Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast,immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain."(1 Cor. 15:58)

May God richly bless you in your Christian ministry.

With my greetings to your family,

## **CONFIRMATION & STUDY GROUPS**

The Confirmation for Churches in this area will this year be held in our Church on **THURSDAY,NOVEMBER 30th at** 7.30pm. I therefore invite any Adults and young people (aged 11+) who would like to think about Confirmation to come to the Church Hall Lounge on Wednesday, September 6th at either 4.30 or 8pm.

An Autumn and Winter series of Study/Discussion Groups will start onWednesday, October 4th at 8pm in the Church Hall Lounge. Any suggestions about topics/themes you would like to consider should be given to the Vicar. We will begin with a series of three evenings looking at Prayer. This will take us to the Half Term break, and we will begin a fresh series on October 1st. Do come along, and please send in your suggestions.

A FAITH TEA has been arranged for Saturday, Sept. 30th at 4pm in our Hall. As well as tea, there will be 'Faith Activities'.... these can have a message or just be for sheer fun. Please contact Vivien Filleul(on 236 0872) and offer your contribution.

## SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10.00am

### 3rd PENTECOST 13

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle: Acts 7:54-8:1

Gospel: John 16:1-11

10.00am Young Saints

11.30am Cheshire Home Communion

6.30pm Special Service (see Diary for details)

## 10th PENTECOST 14:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: Ephesians 5:25-6:4

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

10.00am Young Saints

6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

Old Testament: Proverbs 31:10-end

New Testament: Mark 3:31-35

## 17th PENTECOST 15: (HARVEST THANKSGIVING)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Come and Worship - a Service for everyone

3.30pm Cheshire Home Service

6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9:6-end

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-end

## 24th PENTECOST 16:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: Romans 12:9-end

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

10.00am Young Saints

6.30pm Memorial Service

## FROM THE REGISTERS

#### **BAPTISMS:**

August 20th...Caroline & Alexander HOWE, 48, The Grove.

## **FUNERALS:**

July 28th .... Thomas Ronald ARKELL(85) 3, Stonecroft Rd.

August 4th.. Mary FIRTH(87) 28, Stonecroft Road.

We shall remember all recently-bereaved families, together with the following from our Memorial Book, at our Memorial Service on Sunday, September 24th at 6.30pm:- Lucy Meadowcroft, Stanley Rawlings, May Jackson, George Hill-Wilson, Roy Parr, Doris Sneath, John Knowles, Elizabeth Mary Codd, Dorothy Haywood and Doris Russell.

## WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

Please can you help us break our record again by supporting the Macmillan Appeal on FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29th at 11.15am in the Church Hall.

## FOR YOUR DIARY-SEPTEMBER

Sat 2nd TOTLEY SHOW

Wed 6th Confirmation Enquiries-4.30 & 8pm (Lounge)

Th. 7th Standing Committee, 7.45pm (Vicarage)

Mon11th Contemplative Prayer Gp.3pm(1,Quarry Rd)

Th. 14th P.C.C. at 7.45pm (Church Lounge)

Sat 16th Outing to Carsington Water & Denby Pottery.

1st Totley Scout Jumble Sale

Sun 17th HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICES.

Mon18th All Saints' School Governors, 7.3opm.

Mon25th Contemplative Prayer Gp.,3pm (1,Quarry Rd)

Tu 26th Churches Together in S17,7.30pm(Lounge)

Sat 30th 'Faith Tea' in the Church Hall from 4.00pm.

## TRANS-PENINE WALK...JUNE 24th,1995

Bert Lowe and Simon Hutchinson would like to thank everyone who sponsored them for this walk from Totley to Greater Manchester. This event raised £300 for Imperial Cancer Research. Well done you lads!(Editors)

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

## Dear Editor,

I wouldn't say I was a possessions person but one thing that I have which I treasure is my grandfather's Book of Common Prayer. It is signed and dated by him in 1892. He died when my father was still very young and didn't leave much for hid family to live on. My grandfather was a freemason and the lodge to which he belonged stepped in, provided an allowance for my grandmother and paid for my father's education.

Debbie's grandmother became ill with Althzeimers disease and deteriorated until she was a husk of a human being. Her house had to be sold to pay for the specialised care she needed, but after a while the money ran out and it seemed she would have to be moved to another hospital. In the event the freemasons came to the rescue and paid the bills until she died. Apparently her long dead husband had been a mason.

The churchwarden at my mother's church is a mason, he used to be my scout leader and when I started a mobile disco he was one of the first to book me.

One of mine and my father's friends who helped us run a cub pack is a member of the Baptist church and also a mason.

I understood freemasonry to be a benevolent organisation and a fraternity dedicated to good works. So you can imagine my great concern and confusion when I picked up a leaflet clearly stating reasons why freemasonry is not of God. How can this be? My grandfather, Debbie's grandmother's husband, my two friends - all masons, all good men and three of them certainly Christian!

I'm sure you have felt greatly shocked and bewildered when something you have considered as true is suddenly challenged or when something you held dear is exposed as a fraud. I have often wondered how the people who sincerely believed the Turin shroud was the actual sheet that Jesus was wrapped in after the crucifixion must have felt when carbon dating proved it was the most elaborate fake.

My initial feelings of shock and disbelief have subsided somewhat now and I sincerely and objectively want to ask a few questions, because I do not know the answers. Is freemasonry compatible with Christianity? Can you be a mason and a Christian? Is it true what the leaflet suggests that masonry in its finality is a worship of Satan?

I would be very grateful if any masons reading this could answer my questions either privately or in the pages of this magazine.

Ric Grav

## **JOHN WIMBER AGAIN**

John Wimber, now happily coping very well with his recent illness, is coming to Harrogate from November 13th to 16th to lead a conference on Healing. He will be accompanied by Francis McNutt and Mahesh Chavda. The Snowdons have a booking form which contains more details. Tel: 2362822.

## FOR MISSION

One of our faithful choir, music group and TASH members is about to embark on a years mission work with the Rob Frost Seed Team. Christina Riley, as a result of our recent "Pentecost '95" Mission, offered and has been accepted by the Seed Team managers. She will be seeking to pass on her deep Christian Faith (generally to other young people) and mainly in deprived areas. We send her off with our prayers and ask for God's blessing upon this vital mission work.

## **BAPTISM & WEDDING ENQUIRIES**

Can be made at The Vicarage on Wednesday evenings between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. If this is not convenient, please 'phone 2362322 to make an appointment with the Vicar.

## **NEW WINE '95**

As in the past few years we attended the New Wine week at Shepton Mallet in August. Once again there were 7,000 Christians gathered together to worship, learn and enjoy ourselves. It was indeed a wonderful experience and a great encouragement. It is difficult to convey an adequate impression caused by such a gathering but there is no doubt that the Holy Spirit is very much at work in the Church today.

There were healings of both bodies and spirits and fresh understandings of what discipleship means to the 'ordinary' Christian. There was worship and praise because there was a deep understanding that God was indeed with us. But also it was fun and we enjoyed the fellowship both of people we knew beforehand and also new friends we made during the week. We haven't signed up for next year yet but a decision must be made soon for this year's event was fully booked in February!

Do pardon us if we talk about it for many weeks to come but it really was important too us.- Marjorie and Maurice Snowdon

### THE LADIES' CLUB

The meeting on Tuesday, September 5th at 7.30pm will be held in the CHURCH SCHOOL HALL. The speaker will be Mr. Stuart Jackson (Writer of the Gardening Column in "The Star" and regular presenter of the BBC Radio Sheffield's Sunday Morning Gardening Programme) As this will be an OPEN EVENT Tickets will be available, priced 50p, from Elsie Mayson. The meeting on September 19th in the Church Lounge will be a talk by Mr. Howard Turner entitled "Do vou remember?"



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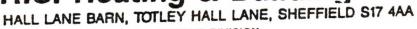
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## SHEFFIELD **DIOCESAN NEWS**

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## "ALL GOOD GIFTS AROUND US



The Bishop of Doncaster writes:

I suppose there are some people who would take issue with the claim that Doncaster is the centre of the world, but what they could not argue with is the fact that the Earth Centre is in Doncaster.

This summer the Earth Centre, at Kilner's Bridge, Denaby Main, opened its gates to visitors. Although it is still in its early stages, you can see something of the vision and optimism for the future of those involved in the project. It is becoming a place for education, entertainment and enterprise for a sustainable future for our planet. Sustainable development is its main theme. That means finding new ways of development instead of those ways we have used and still use, which result in the pollution, extinction and destruction of great areas of the earth and some of those "good gifts around us". It is about ways of obtaining and using those "good gifts" for the benefit of people, without destroying the environment in the

As well as the opening of the Earth Centre, thoughts about Harvest Festival also arose from what you might call an unsolicited letter. This letter arrived on the same day that the Earth Centre opened. It came from a Malawian Pastor asking for help. I don't know how or from where he got my name and address, but I imagine he has written to others as well. Here was a letter from a complete stranger, saying that because of the famine and therefore the high prices of what little food was available, his community was in a desperate plight and please could I help. A charitable response is called for and necessary, but that is by no means enough. His letter takes us into the realms of political will and international trade. It stands as an indictment of the greed that is to be found in Western civilisation.

In terms of the consumption of God's good gifts in His creation, it is right that those of us in the Northern hemisphere should sing of the gifts being around "us"; we have certainly got more than our fair share of them! If you were to compare the benefits gained from the earth's resources between the countries of the North and South then the parable of the Rich man and Lazarus tells us that we have got some explaining to do.

At our traditional Harvest Festival season we will and should be giving thanks to God. In God's one world, however, that can only be a starting place. It must lead us into the issues of what we are doing to the earth to obtain and enjoy its resources. It must also challenge us about how God's gifts are shared in all the world. So Harvest Festival really must be a springboard for involvement and action. It speaks of Green issues and justice in a divided world of rich and poor people and nations.

"All good gifts around us are sent from Heaven above....." is worth singing when we are engaged in whatever way we can in endeavouring to see that it can be sung all over the world now and that we can protect and use the earth today, so that future generations can sing it tomorrow.

> Michael Gear Bishop of Doncaster

#### NEWS travels.....

After reading an article in Sheffield Diocesan News about singer/songwriter Rodger Fisher and 'Daybreak' from Conisbrough, Mrs. Audrey Prince, who lives and worships at St. James the Great Parish Church, Galloway Lane, Woodhall, Pudsey, has arranged a concert with them on Saturday, 23rd September at 7.30 p.m. Admission is £2 and payable on the door, and everyone is welcome, even from as far away as the Diocese of Sheffield. NEWS clearly goes far and wide!

#### Who Profits? Who Pays?

There will be a day conference about the effect of Transnational Companies on the developing world on Saturday, 14th October, 10-4.30 at the Quaker Meeting House, St. James' St., Sheffield. It is organised with the support of CAFOD, Christian Aid, Oxfam, United Nations Association War on Want and World Development Movement in Sheffield. For more information and to register, contact: daytime 0114 2683307 (ask for Claire) or evenings 0114 2390757.

#### **Holy Land Tour**

2nd November to 9th November, 1995

A small party from the diocese are visiting the Holy Land and have space for a few more to join them. They stay first in Jerusalem and visit the Garden Tomb, the Upper Room, Gethsemane, Bethlehem, Jericho and then stay by the Sea of Galilee, visiting, Nazareth, Cana Capernaum, Caesarea Phillipi.

If you are interested in joining them further details are available from Don Jones on Rotherham (01709)

551299.

### Joseph Arthur Paul Booth

The funeral of Joseph Arthur Paul Booth, Rector of St. Peter, Warmsworth, took place on 1st July, 1995. Paul trained for the ministry at St. Aidan's College, Birkenhead. He served his Title at Blackley, Manchester, moving on to Chelmsford diocese where he became Curate of Wickford, then Vicar of New Thundersley in that diocese. A move back to Lancashire to become Rector of St. James, Gorton lasted eight years. On his wife's death in 1979, he moved back to Chelmsford to become Rector of Bradwell. In 1987 he moved to South Yorkshire to become Rector of St. Peter, Warmsworth.

He was an artistic and creative person enjoying painting, sculpture and writing. He wrote and produced a number of plays, together with songs and hymns. Two of his most popular, "Who put the colours in the rainbow" and "When God made the Garden of Creation", are to be found in "Come and Praise: Hymn Book for Schools". Paul was a very devoted parish priest whose spirituality was lightened with a delightful dry sense of humour.

### **Quality Craft Fair**

A Quality Craft Fair is to be held on Sunday October 1st, in Rawcliffe Village Hall, to raise funds for the Parish Church, It will be open from 10.30 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Quality handmade goods will be on sale from a wide variety of craft stalls. The Church will be celebrating Harvest Festival and is open to visitors, and an exhibition is to be arranged as an added attraction. Further details from 01405 839546.

Bishop's Visitors

Bishop's Visitors who take a particular interest in the Religious Education and worship of one of our C of E schools and who provide a personal link between that school, its parish and the diocese by undertaking the following:-

Regular visits to the school to build a working knowledge of its R.E. and worship. 'Regular' is difficult to define but a minimum of once a term, more frequently if possible, is suggested.

2 Encouragement and assistance to the school in strengthening and developing its R.E. programme

and school worship

3 Personal contact with the chairman of governors and/or the governor with a special interest in R.E. and school worship (assuming you are not a governor).

4 Reporting to the Diocesan Director of Education any special features, developments or difficulties

arising in the particular school.

We need some more volunteers, currently in Sheffield (from Walkley around the south of the city to Treeton) and in Barnsley. If you think you could help, please contact John Hoare (Director of Education) at Church House on 01709 837549.

Pilgrimage to Beverley Minster

and the Shrine of St. John of Beverley, organised by Affirming Catholicism on Saturday, 16th September 1995.

12 noon Eucharist and Procession to the Shrine of St. John of Beverley

John was born in Yorkshire in 640 AD and became a monk at St. Hilda's Abbey at Whitby, was consecrated Bishop of Hexham in 687 AD and Bishop of York in 705 AD. He ordained the Venerable Bede, and features in Bede's History of the English People. The magnificence of the present building owes much to the popularity of St. John in the Middle Ages.

During the afternoon you can explore the many attractive squares and streets of this historic market

town

The visit concludes with Choral Evensong in the Minster at 5.30 p.m. sung by the RSCM Northern Cathedral Singers.

A coach will pick up at Sheffield and Rotherham at a cost of about £5. The coach leaves St. Matthews, Carver Street, Sheffield at 9 a.m. Please bring a packed lunch (the Church Hall will be available for our use). To book a place or for further details please contact Patrick Linskill. Tel: (0114) 2556025 (home) or (0114)

2737050 (work).

**Holy Trinity, Thurgoland** 

report an excellent result after recent publicity in the NEWS for their open gardens day - over £2,000 was raised. There's a further chance to visit one of the homes and gardens, the home of Mr. & Mrs. Haigh, 2 Hallfold, Thurgoland on 6th September from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. for coffee. Proceeds are for the Church Restoration Fund.

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## "Seven days without prayer makes one weak"

## YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU

WHEN? - every Monday evening at 9.00pm WHERE? - All Saints Church WHY? - To pray for God's work throughout the world DO COME.

## STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP

## **Spring Harvest 1996**

Places are still available for the 4 weeks over April 1996. Spring Harvest is a time of fellowship with Christians from many denominations, a time for growth, a time for God, a time for fun, a holiday.....whatever you need.

Ric and Debbie Gray have full details so speak to us if you feel you would like to join 6,000 fellow Christians praising Jesus. Tel: 2369204.

A few places are still available for the outing to:

## DENBY POTTERY and CARSINGTON WATER.

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Adults £6, Children £3.50

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I have worshipped in Churches and Chapels
I have prayed in the busy street
I have sought my God
And have found him where the waves of the ocean beat

I have knelt in the silent forest In the shade of some ancient tree But the dearest of all my altars Was built at my mother's knee

Anon

May God bless all mothers and their ministry - Debbie Gray

## ANGLICAN RENEWAL MINISTRIES

Our experience of Pentecost '95 and New Wine confirm to us that the work of A.R.M. is very important. A.R.M. has been in existence since 1981 and seeks to work for a renewed church with a renewed mission. Several teaching courses have been produced as well as sundry day and longer conferences. The magazine (four times a year) always has articles of great insight and encouragement.

They are currently seeking Prayer Partners and also advertising a conference in Derby in April 1996. Main speakers will be Marc Dupont from the Toronto Vineyard, Sue Hope who is Vicar of Wincobank and Mark Stibbe who is Vicar of Grenoside. There is thus a local and an international flavour to this event.

Further details available from Marjorie or Maurice Snowdon Tel: 2362822.

Magazine articles and items can be given to Karen Bergdahl, 25 The Quadrant, Totley. Tel: 2363382

## IN PRISON

"The walls of British prisons are no barrier to the Holy Spirit, according to two chaplains who claim a Christian revival is sweeping their goals." So began a news report in the Church Times at the end of July.

The Chaplain of Exeter Prison reports that over the past year, 200 inmates have become Christians and been "gobsmacked" by their own conversions. He is quoted: "We have definitely experienced a move of the Spirit that has nothing to do with us as chaplains. Non Christians just think that what is going on is wacky. But there are heavy-duty criminals involved, those who have respect from other inmates; it's not just weak people."

The Chaplain at Lewes Prison gives a similar report. In the 14 months since he started working at the prison, 319 inmates have found faith. "Inmates have said that the Holy Spirit is better than crack." One inmate wrote to the Crown Prosecution thanking them for sending him to prison because it allowed him to find Christ. Another inmate asked for a move from another prison to Lewes Prison in order to become a Christian. The Governor at Lewes said: "Those who have become Christians are completely changed men."

The Chaplain at Lindholme Prison, from which 200 inmates recently attended an evangelistic event, agrees that there has been a spiritual revival - but attributes this to stricter regimes. He added: "Home leaves have been reduced and the general mood in prison has become more punitive."

I find the explanation of that last prison chaplain utterly extraordinary. What do you think? Of course there's a proper place for discipline- and not only in prisons! Indeed, if we had more discipline in our homes, our places of work, our areas for recreation, we would without doubt have fewer inmates in our prisons. And no doubt a stricter regime in a prison will make the inmates a good deal more submissive. But to equate the invasive work of the Holy Spirit, who is not in any way put off by barbed wire, high walls or alarm systems, with a strict regime of imposed discipline is no less than an insult to God the Spirit.

God's love reaches out to all, whether they be imprisoned by the State, by their homes or by their own deeds. It is His love which changes the lives of men and women. The experience of God the Spirit transforms us. So pray for all who are imprisoned. And do pray for prison chaplains.

John Collie

## 50 years of Christian Aid

To help celebrate Christian Aid's 50th Anniversary Week-End, there will be opportunities to buy from the Charity's range of Christmas cards, calendars, gift wrap etc at the **FAITH TEA** on **Saturday 30th September** in the Church Hall and after the 10.00am service on 1st October again in the Church Hall.

## 1st TOTLEY SCOUT GROUP NEWS Jumble Sale

Saturday 16th September 11.00am HQ, Aldam Road. Refreshments will be served. If you have any jumble please contact: Peter Casson Tel: 2363881, or John Lawry Tel: 2368566. Set up on Friday 15th Jan from 7.00pm. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

## Your Local Troop

**Beavers:** aged 6 to 8 years, meeting on Tuesday nights from 6.00pm - 7.00pm. Beaver Leader: Alan Smith, Tel: 2361287 **Cubs:** aged 8 to 10 1/2 years meeting on Tuesday nights from 7.00pm - 8.15pm. Cub Leader: Mick Stokes, Tel: 2351669. **Scouts:** aged 10 1/2 to 15 1/2 years meeting on Friday nights from 7.30pm - 9.15pm. Scout Leader: John Lawry, Tel: 2368566.

Coffee and Carol evening Tuesday 5th December 7.00pm.

## COAST TO COAST WALK - June 1995

I would like to say a big "THANK YOU" to all the people who supported my walking challenge - not a single blister.

The 8 of us who set out to cover the 190 miles, completed it without any particular difficulty, just an occasional muscle twinge or sore foot.

Thanks to the generosity of so many people, I raised £950 for the Hallamshire Asthma and Lung Trust. **Dorothy Firth** 

## Saying for stillness

"Fear not.....I AM thy salvation"
(Luke 1.30 & Psalm 35.3 AV)



## HARVEST THANKSGIVING

We give you and your family a very special invitation to join with us in giving thanks to God for all His goodness to us. Here in a City location we not only come to give thanks to God for the harvest of the fields, but we also praise Him for the harvest of Industry and Commerce, of the Sea, of the mines, and of people. At this years 10am Family Service, we shall dedicate our Development Plan, its Co-Ordinators and Teams, and we shall pray that through this Plan more people will come to join our Church family -the real harvest.

## PARISH ROTAS FOR SEPTEMBER

## COFFEE

3rd Mrs Walker, Mrs Webb, Mrs Powell
10th Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Ruthven, Mrs Booth
17th Mr & Mrs Filleul, Mrs Snowdon
24th Mrs Wright, Mr & Mrs Waite

## **FLOWERS**

	Altar	Memory Table	
3rd	Mrs Powell/Ibbotson	Mrs Gray	
10th	Mrs Holding	Mrs Parr	
17th	Mrs Greenhoff	Mrs Parsons	
24th	Ladies club	Mrs Parkin	

## **CRÈCHE**

Please see Liz Hayden

## **SIDESMEN**

	8.00am	10.00am	6.30pm
3rd	Mr F Filleul	Mr FH Cooke	Mrs E Mayson
		Mr RF Johnston	Mrs M Snowdon
10th	Mr A Ludlam	Mr WR Bryer	Mr JA England
		Mrs C Billard	Mr HS Powell
17th	Miss AE Baldry	P Pearson	Mr E Simons
		E Hayden	Mrs P Purkiss
24th	Miss H Perfect	Mrs D Simons	Mr H Mayson
		Mrs M Warrender	Mr H Powell

## SILVER CLEANING

3rd	Mrs Mayson
17th	Mrs Jockel

SERVICES: [Sunday	10.00am Holy Communion - every Sunday 10.00am 1st 2nd 4th & 5th Holy Communion 3rd Come & Worship 6.30pm 1st Special Service 2nd Evensong 3rd Holy Communion Last Memorial Service
Mid Week 9.00	am Morning Prayer(except Fridays)
	am Holy Communion (Wednesdays)
2.00	pm Under 5's Praise 1st & 3rd Thursdays
	SATIONS - (MEETINGS IN THE HALL)
	Dam "Young Saints"-Kath Lloyd 236 7056
	pm "TASH" Youth Group-Alan Walker 262 0421
Monday: 10.00	am Drop In Coffee-Maurice & Marjorie
	Snowdon 236 2822
3.30	pm Junior Choir Practice in church
	- Stella Jockel 236 9413
	pm Guides - Dorothy Firth 236 4190
Tuesday: 7.30	pm Ladies Club (1st & 3rd) - Margaret Benson 236 2322
Wednesday: 10.00	am Parent & Toddler Group
Hedriesday. 10.00	- Gillian Grocott 262 0406
6.30	pm 'Trailblazers' (children's club)
	- Annette Job 236 0122
Thursday: 2.00	pm Under 5's Praise (1st & 3rd)
-	- Liz Hayden 236 4944
7.00	pm Choir Practice in Church
	- Stella Jockel 236 9413
8.00	pm Standing Committee (1st) PCC (2nd)
	are informal gatherings, in homes of our
	ovide opportunities for Prayer, discussion,
	simple sharing. New members are always
welcome. Details	below:
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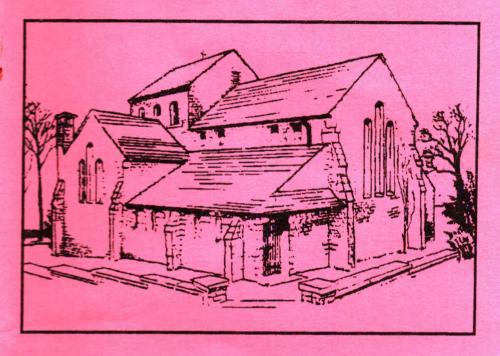
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Contributions can be either placed in the box in Church, or the Vicarage.

# FROM THE VICAR

# FREE TO WORSHIP

Dear Friends,

At our last PCC meeting, I was asked to give some clear direction and teaching about our Worship here at All Saints. Before I attempted to suggest any changes, it seemed important to underline certain fundamental truths about WORSHIP.

- 1. When we come to Worship, we come to Worship GOD.
- 2. In Worship, we RECEIVE from God, and GIVE to God.
- 3. Part of that giving involves Giving to OTHERS -which means that we must see how our style of worship affects others.
- 4. We need to do more **LISTENING** to God-more times for quiet, so that we don't drown Him out.
- 5. We need to have more **LOVING ACCEPTANCE** of each other's way of worship.

Therefore, it is only when we have understood and accepted these fundamental truths, that we are 'Free to Worship'. I have taken this title from a paper, given to me after the PCC meeting, which also states... "Most important still, worship is **not** a form of spiritual entertainment. In worship, we do not focus on ourselves, or our experiences, but on God. Worship is direct, intimate, personal communion with our Creator."

So, whatever changes are made to our Services (and our Worship Group will be considering some in due course) they should never divert us from true worship of Almighty God. Our chosen style of worship must not(to quote that paper again)"result in mere religious activity. The scriptural pattern of worship requires the harmonious interaction of ...spirit, soul and body".

May God bless each one of us in our Worship,

David

# SERVICES IN OCTOBER

# 1st PENTECOST 17:

8 00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle: James 116-end.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19.

10 00am Young Saints

11.30am Cheshire Home Communion

6.30pm Special Praise Service-bring your friends.

# 8th PENTECOST 18: Visit of Steve & Jo Wright(CMS)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion (ASB) Preacher: Steve Wright

Epistle: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9.

Gospel: Matthew 5:17-26.

10.00am Young Saints Speaker: Jo Wright

6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

Old Testament: 1 Chronicles 29:10-20

New Testament: 2 Corinthians 9:1-15.

### 15th PENTECOST 19:

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10,00am Come and Worship - a Service for everyone.

3.30pm Cheshire Home Service

6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: Hebrews 11:1-2,8-16.

Gospel: Matthew 6:24-end

# 22nd LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: Philippians 3:7-end

Gospel: John 17:1-10

6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

Old Testament: Isaiah 33:17-22.

New Testament: Matthew 25: 1-13.

# 29th FIFTH BEFORE ADVENT:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion(ASB)

Old Testament: Genesis 2:4-9,15-25.

Gospel: John 3:1-8.

6.30pm Memorial Service

# FOR YOUR DIARY

### October

Mon 2	7.30pm, Parish Review of Pentecost '95. Lounge.
Tues 3	Ladies Club 'Deaf Awareness'
Wed 4	Study Group on Prayer, 8.00pm. Lounge
	Diocesan Renewal Group meeting
	J Team planning meeting
Thurs 5	Standing Committee, 7.45pm. Vicarage
Fri 6	Ladies Club Silent Auction. Hall.
Sat 7/Sun 8	Visit from our Link Missionaries Steve and Jo Wright
	Sat - 7.45pm Lounge/ preaching on Sunday.
Mon 9	8.00pm School prayers
	Contemplative Prayer Group, 3.00pm at 12 Marstone
	Crescent
Wed 11	Monthly Morning Fellowship, 11.00am 2 Main
	Avenue
Thurs 12	PCC. Lounge
Sat 14	All Saints School AUTUMN FAIR
Mon 16	J Team meeting
Tues 17	Ladies Club Talk on Australia. Lounge 7.30pm
Wed 18	Study Group (2)
	J Team meeting
Thurs 19	J Team meeting
Mon 23	Contemplative Prayer Group at 3.00pm at 12
	Marstone Crescent
Mon 30	Collation of November magazine
Tues 31	J Team Party
Remember the	e Scargill weekend - Nov 4th and 5th!!

# **BAPTISM AND WEDDING ENQUIRIES**

Can be made at the Vicarage on Wednesday evenings between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. If this is not convenient please 'phone the Vicar on tel 2362322 to make an appointment.

# Our close relatives?

Three monkeys sat in a coconut tree Discussing things as they're said to be, Said one to the others - "Now listen you two, There's a certain rumour that can't be true. That man descended from our noble race -The very idea is sure a disgrace. No monkey ever deserted his wife, Starved his babies and ruined their life; And you've never known a mother monk To leave her babies with others to bunk. Or pass them on from one to another Till they hardly know which one is their mother. And another thing you'll never see -A monk build a fence round a coconut tree And let the coconuts go to waste Forbidding all other monkeys a taste. Why, if I put a fence round this coconut tree Starvation would force you to steal from me. And there's something else a monkey won't do -Go out at night and get in a "stew", Or use a gun or a club or a knife To take some other poor monkey's life. Yes, man descended - the ornery cuss -But brother, he didn't descend from us!"

# CALLING ALL CHILDREN

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# On A Hiding To Nothing

Newspapers were recently blaming the Church of England for holding a consistory court to deal with the alleged misconduct of a clergyman. Last month the same newspaper was blaming the Church of England for not holding a consistory court to deal with another case of misconduct. In fact whatever the Church does or does not do it will catch it from the newspapers. The picture of the Church which they present probably bears little resemblance to what goes on in the average parish, but who cares, if it sells papers? Moreover "The Church of England" can mean more than one thing to the media. It may be the General Synod, an outspoken Bishop, an eccentric theologian, a wayward incumbent, a figment of the journalist's imagination, or a remote memory of his youth.

If there is too strict an adherence to regulations, the Church is condemned as legalistic and unsympathetic. If the rules are interpreted more freely, then it is condemned as undisciplined and culpably lax. Any experiment with new forms of worship or music is seen as evidence of emotional sentimentality, while an appreciation of traditional forms is thought to be proof that the Church is out of touch with the real world. If high standards are demanded, then of course the Church is hypocritical; if compassion is allowed to influence its judgement, then equally clearly it is revealed as condoning immorality. If it speaks of financial matters it is obviously materialistic, and if it does not it is unrealistic.

An Anglican Bishop cannot make a theological statement without being denounced as a heretic or a fool. If he mentions politics he is interfering in what is not his concern, and if he remains silent he is uninterested in the concerns of ordinary people. To some extent all denominations and religions suffer like this, but the Church of England suffers more than most, in its position as national whipping boy.

In a way I am glad that this is so, however uncomfortable it is for us. The Church would not hit the headlines if it were not thought to be important, and if it did not seek to be true to its original calling, as a comprehensive body in which people of all kinds can find a

welcome. I am glad to share in the life and worship of other Christian Churches, but that does not lessen my love for the maligned Church of England. I can recognise its failings and shortcomings but it is my Church, because it is the instrument which brought me to a revelation of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, and which has nurtured me in that faith.

Martin Loft

# **AUTUMN & WINTER STUDY GROUPS**

An Autumn and Winter series of Study/Discussion Groups will start on Wednesday, October 4th at 8pm in the Church Hall Lounge. Any suggestions about topics/themes you would like to consider should be given to the Vicar. We will begin with a series of three evenings looking at Prayer. This will take us to the Half Term break, and we will begin a fresh series on October 1st. Do come along, and please send in your suggestions.

# FROM THE REGISTERS

### **BAPTISMS:**

September 24th...Matthew John & Lewis James Balmforth, 22, Laverdene Avenue.

# **WEDDINGS:**

September 9th...Luke Jean-Louis Haseldine to Kerri Jane Hickman, 27, Fulmer Road, Sheffield S11.

FUNERALS: (None during September)

We shall remember all recently-bereaved families, together with the following from our Memorial Book, at our Memorial Service on Sunday, October 29th at 6.30pm: Doris Thomas, Nora Mavis Holding, Dorothy Phillips, Geoffrey George Bingley, Kate Hirst, Edith Roberts, Dorothy Jones, Jack Hague, Rose Askham and Lionel West...

'CAT & CABBAGE' is the title of an interesting book written by Harry Kelham. Copies, priced £4, can be obtained from either the Author(at 60, Sunnyvale Rd), Dorothy Firth(6, Milldale Rd) or the bookshelf at Totley Rise Post Office. Already, £400 has been raised for Hallamshire Asthma & Lung Trust from the sale of this book. Do buy a copy...you will be truly enthralled. CARPET AND 3-PIECE SUITE CLEANING IN-YOUR-HOME W. E. FRANKLIN ISheffield Ltd.

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# events....

The **TRAMP'S SUPPER** will now be held on *February 17th* - Time to organise your outfits!!

This year's **AUTUMN FAIR** will be held on 25th November - let's make it the best one ever. Lots of help required please to make it a successful event!!

# LADIES' CLUB

3rd October - Mrs Julie Cadman will speak about "Deaf Awareness" 17th October - David and Margaret Benson will show a video and speak about their visit to Australia. All welcome.

A SILENT AUCTION will be held in the Church Hall on October 6th at 7.30pm. This is organised by the Ladies Club to raise funds foe the Senior Citizens' Christmas party and the Printer. Any goods for sale would be appreciated. Looking forward to seeing you there - 50p admission to include refreshments.

The **DIOCESAN RENEWAL GROUP** will meet at Church House, Rotherham on *Wednesday 4th October* from 12.00 noon to 2.00pm. Rev. Michael Mitton will speak. All welcome but if you are interested please speak to Maurice Snowdon.

Totley All Saints School AUTUMN FAIR will be held on Saturday 14th October 2.00pm - 4.30pm.
Tombola ~ Crafts ~ Toiletries ~ Dried Flowers ~ Children's games ~ Refreshments ~ etc. ALL WELCOME.



# Having done all - to stand

Unusually for our green and pleasant land, this year has seen one of the hottest summers on record. Those of us that had previously longed for unbroken days of sunshine and high temperatures, are now not so sure that these were really such good ideas in the first place. There is, after all something to be said for cooling showers of rain.

On top of this there is added aggravation. The water companies which supply our homes, are now asking for ever greater self restraint in the way we use our supplies. Nothing immoral about this. But an awkward new element has appeared in the equation. For now we know that water companies themselves are wasting water on a huge scale. This, inevitably, reduces the moral impact of requests to the public to act like responsible citizens.

But all these irritations and inconveniences are as nothing compared to the needs of our brothers and sisters in Bosnia and in almost any other part of the former Yugoslavia. Events there defy the imagination. What seemed so unimaginable only a few years ago is now actually taking place a short flight from Manchester. The anguish of yet another race of innocents tugs at our heartstrings.

The plight of normal human beings hounded out of house and home by the act of war is nothing less than evil. There is no relief for those on foot in the open. Even the places which were cordoned off and called 'safe areas' have become places of butchery and slaughter.

And, so what can the Christian do, and what should the Christian do, about this? Paul gives the answer clearly and unmistakably "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" Ephesians 6 v 12.

As to the method "Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit." Ephesians 6 v 18. More succinctly, he adds "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds". 2 Corinthians v 4.

For some time the flame of the Spirit of God has been flickering at the heart of the Christian Church. Now it seems ready to burst into a conflagration - if only it will be allowed.

Let all Christians then, determine to make a stand for truth and righteousness. Remembering that we were not called to be successful - we were called to be faithful. A prayer fellowship meets to pray for the Church and the World on Monday evenings at 9.00pm in church. All are welcome.

"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand." Ephesians 6 v 13.

Ric Gray

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# ON STAGE

Cherry Challis and Sarah Barker, pupils of All Saints' School, sung and acted in the recent Lyceum Theatre production of "Evita".

# SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS OCTOBER, 1995

# OUR .. ANCIENT FOES



The Bishop of Sheffield writes:

At our peril we underestimate the strength and malice of our ancient foes, the world, the flesh and the Devil. In this eternal warfare there are always on offer terms for peace: "Stay quietly in your own corner with your 5% of believers and you will be guaranteed peace, popularity and prosperity - but the rest of the world is mine!" Sometimes, to our shame, we accept the terms.

### 1. THE NINE O'CLOCK SERVICE

We should have expected the attack. For NOS was taking the battle into the heart of the enemy's territory. They were bringing the good news of Jesus Christ to the vast section of the community who had long since ceased to believe that the words used by the Christian Church could have any meaning for people living at the end of the Twentieth Century, in a world threatened with destruction by our lack of understanding of its fragility and our misuse of its resources. That could not be allowed to continue "Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered".

We have lost the battle but the war goes on. The real defeat would be if there was none ready to carry on the work begun by the Nine O'Clock Service.

I find myself repeating the old hymn from St. Matthias Day:

"The highest and the holiest place
Guards not the heart from sin;
The Church that safest seems without
May harbour foes within.
But not the great designs of God

Man's sin shall overthrow; Another witness to the truth

Forth to the lands shall go.

The soul that sinneth, it shall die;
Thy purpose shall not fail;
The word of grace no less shall sound
The truth no less prevail."

### 2. OUR HOUSING ESTATES

Tragically these can sometimes seem to be areas captured by the forces of darkness: unemployment and hopelessness with vandalism and crime do not make up an attractive cocktail for life and living.

Geography can tempt those who don't live there to forget they exist, for our ordinary journeys rarely lead us in such directions. But, and I am very proud of this fact, the Church of England won't leave the estates: almost always there is a Church with a Vicar living nearby, ready to serve all the people of that neighbourhood. Often the Vicar, with his wife and family (or very occasionally now, her husband and family) are the only people who have really chosen to live there and of course they - and especially the children - face the same trials and difficulties as everyone else - notably vandalism and theft.

And sometimes more, (and again this shouldn't surprise us) for the Church building itself sometimes becomes the target for attacks of extraordinary venom and vandalism. There are forces at work keen to see these outposts of the Gospel destroyed so that the Church can be safely corralled in the respectable suburbs. "We will not be moved": neither vandalism, indifference nor lack of resources will stop us bringing the Gospel, "not just where it is needed, but where it is needed most".

Two events this autumn highlight this determination. On Tuesday 5 September I will have dedicated the new Church of St. Leonard, Norfolk Park. The story is too long to tell here, but after grim setbacks, the congregation of St. Leonard's, under the leadership of the Reverend Bill Craft, with help from the Diocese of Sheffield and St. Thomas, Crookes, have built a new Church, and there it is now serving that community with its tower blocks on the outskirts of Sheffield. And then at 2 p.m. on Saturday 14 October I will be dedicating the new Church of St. Andrew, Kendray. Here again there is a long story to tell, but now the congregation there (on the outskirts of Barnsley if you are asking) under the leadership of their Vicar the Reverend Steve Donald with help from the Diocese of Sheffield and Christ Church, Fulwood, have built a notable new Church and Centre. To get the actual building built, has been a real battle but, despite everything, it has been done.

The War goes on - but the Devil doesn't always win: the opening of two new Churches in five weeks makes this a notable month!

Please pray for the people of Norfolk Park and Kendray at this time. And please pray too that the Church never gives up its calling to be truly "Catholic" - that is to bring the unchanging Good News to all in a language and style that they can understand.

David Lunn Bishop of Sheffield

# A time to cry

Sheffield Area Bereavement Forum (SABF) is hosting a seminar entitled 'A time to cry' on Wednesday 8th November at Whirlow Grange Conference Centre, Sheffield 11. The seminar is for healthcare professionals and carers as well as members of the public whose daily life involves contact with people with learning difficulties. Further details are available from SABF Office, 182 Norfolk Street, Sheffield. Tel: 0114 273 7797.

## **Arts & Crafts**

St. Peter's, Barnburgh are hosting an Art Exhibition and Craft Festival on the weekend of 7th and 8th October. Visitors will be most welcome at the Church.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

**The Reverend Cheryl Anne Collins,** Curate of St. Andrew, Sharrow, to be Chaplain Sheffield University.

The Reverend John Michael Richards, Curate of Wath, to be Rector of Warmsworth.

The Reverend David Royston Sherwin, Curate of Conisbrough, to be Vicar of Wheatley Park, St. Paul, and also Assistant Diocesan Adviser on Evangelism.

The Reverend P.J. Anderson, Vicar of Greasbrough, St. Mary, to be Rector of Cobh in the Diocese of Cork.

The Reverend Harry Bagnall, Vicar of Hook and Airmyn, to retire on 30 September, 1995.

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# From Handsworth to India with USPG



Sarah Mark from St. Mary's, Handsworth will travel to India in October to begin a 6 month placement as part of USPG's Experience Exchange Programme. Sarah will be working with the Deep Griha Society in the city of Pune.

'Deep Griha' means 'light house' and, through a series of community-based health care and education programmes, the Society aims to be a beacon of hope amongst the poorest people in urban Pune. The Society runs a variety of programmes, from feeding and nutrition schemes and mobile clinics to evening classes in literacy, sewing, tailoring, welding and electrical work.

Sarah hopes to pursue a career in social work but needs to obtain some practical experience before commencing her training. Her placement in Pune will enable her to do just that: Whilst at Deep Griha she will undertake a variety of tasks and gain some insight into what Christians in India are doing to bring good news to the poor.

The Experience Exchange Programme is open to anyone aged 18-65+ and is just one of the opportunities for service available through USPG. If you would like to know more, please contact Vivien Easom (USPG Fieldworker) at 103 Percival Road, Sherwood, Nottingham. NG5 2EZ.

# **Gracias Argentina!**

The Revd. Steve Millwood writes about a visit from Sheffield Diocese to Argentina during the summer.

"On Thursday 27th of July a small coach finally left St. James' Church in Anston at about 1 p.m. with thirteen people from different churches of this Diocese with their destination Buenos Aires, the capital city of Argentina. There were 10 young people aged from 16-25, led by Janet Millwood. Janet's husband Steve, who's curate at Anston, and daughter Rebecca 10, were also part of the party. Twenty six hours later we arrived at Ezeiza International Airport and we had arrived! We "sailed" through all the various controls with no problems and were greeted with a large banner held aloft by some Argentinian young people which said "BIENVENIDOS SHEFFIELD", which simply means "Welcome Sheffield" and every member's first name was written on the banner.

We were whisked off to different parts of this HUGE city. Someone was heard to remark later, during the first week, that Buenos Aires was so big that it made London look like Conisbrough, which is almost true. Most of us on that trip to the homes where we were staying were travelling through the city for well over an hour and only passed through a fraction of it.

During the first week we saw quite a lot of the city, with its many fine cathedrals and the beautiful Colon Theatre which is one of the most magnificent opera houses in the world. Steve took 7 young people to the mighty water falls of Iguaçu, which involved a 20 hour bus ride there and a 20 hour bus ride back, but all those who went though said it was all worthwhile.

After eight days the group split up again with more than thirty Argentinian young people at a retreat centre near to the city of Rosario. That final weekend, apart from being freezing cold, was tremendous, with the theme being unity. As we all went our different ways at the end of that weekend there were many hugs and tears and many good friendships had been made.

The day before we left Buenos Aires we had the privilege of visiting a day care centre for the children of live in maids, who live in some of the many poor areas of the city. It was just one of many ways in which the small Anglican Church of Argentina is sharing the love of Christ.

We left many good friends on the Tuesday afternoon, the 15th August, made in just nineteen days. The young people here have a difficult act to follow next year as 10 Argentinian youngsters visit Sheffield, as the welcome, the hospitality, the hard work and the love, left a big impression on each one of us.

Gracias Argentina!"

# **Church Army News**

Wilson Carlile College of Evangelism, 50 Cavendish Street, Sheffield S3 7RZ, has announced details of its Winter School, 'Waves of the Spirit' from 6th-9th ChurchArmy November at the College. With



keynote speakers including Dick France, Alan Kreider, Clyde Binfield and Nigel Wright, 'Waves of the Spirit', with lectures, workshops, groups and private study, will offer those who may be aware of the renewal movements in the 20th century, the chance to see them in the light of similar waves of the Spirit throughout the Christian centuries. Full board costs £125 and non residential participation with lunch and dinner £95. Further details from Ann Harvey at the College on 0114 278 7020.

Church Army also announces appointments at the College in Sheffield: Alan Isaacson is now to be Director of Studies, Dr. Mary Kenchington is now to be Education and Training Officer (Resources) and Capt. Michael Reader, C.A., Assistant Chaplain with Norfolk and Norwich Health Care NHS Trust, to be Field Training Officer.

# The Organisation of the Church of England

The much-heralded report of the Turnbull Commission, 'Working As One Body' is the result of the most major review there has ever been of the central structures of the Church of England. The Commission's recommendations include new machinery for policy making in the Church as a whole, and urge a change in the style in which the national institutions of the Church approach their work.

'Working As One Body' will be discussed in General Synod, and to facilitate informed debate in parishes beforehand, incumbent clergy will be sent summary leaflets and a cassette.

# Celebrity Choir at St. Andrew's

The Choir of Sheffield Cathedral are gaining an international reputation, and after their recent tour of South Africa, have broadcast on Radio 4. At St. Andrew's, Sharrow, Sheffield, near Nether Edge Hospital, on Saturday, 14th October at 7.30 p.m. they will be presenting under the direction of the Master of Music, Simon Lole and Organist Christopher Betts, an exciting and varied programme of choral and organ music. Tickets are £5 including refreshments (£3.50 concessions), available at the door.

# **Church Pastoral Aid Society**

announces two teaching evenings by its Ministry amongst Women team with the Revd. Anne Wright entitled 'More of God in my life'. They are in Doncaster on Wednesday, 1st November at 7.30 p.m. at St. Mary's, Wheatley, and in Sheffield at a venue to be announced on Thursday, 2nd November also at 7.30 p.m. Further information is available from Marion Smith on 01709 892598, Dorothy Pettinger on 0114 230 9287, or Gill Bewley on 0114 233 3109.

# Coachload of theologians held up by gunman

- this was a headline that the Editor of Arksey Church News, Canon Colin Hickling, could not resist. However, there was in fact no danger of half the leading New Testament scholars in the world being taken hostage. The scholars in question, taking time off from their conference in Prague were HELD UP in their coach for over an hour at a police czech (sorry) point. searching for an armed escaped convict! And how does Colin know all this? He was on the bus himself as one of the scholars!

### **Pensions Board Work**

Not everybody is aware that the work of the Church of England Pensions Board extends far beyond the provision of a pension at retirement. For clergy pensioners, and this includes widows, widowers, deaconesses and licensed church workers, help is available for the more frail and elderly in residential homes run by the board.

At the moment there are 265 places available in ! residential homes run by the Pensions Board, and this. aspect of the Board's work receives no help from the central Church funds, but must rely solely on the generosity of individuals, PCC's and charitable trusts to continue. Donations and legacies to the charitable funds enable the Board to run and maintain its own homes, assist beneficiaries with fees in other residential or nursing homes, and also to finance the building of new homes.

If readers of the News would like further information about this aspect of the Board's work, they can write to: The Church of England Pensions Board DN, 7 Little College Street, London. SW1P 3SF.

# "Sunday by Sunday"

by Joy Tetley, published by The Bible Reading Fellowship as an aid for all those involved in worship at Holy Communion Sunday by Sunday.

Based on the Alternative Service Book (year two), this book has a double page spread for each Sunday, with the three set Communion readings and high quality commentary on them as a set, together with the collect and prayers for the Sunday. Her commentaries first appeared in the Church Times.

There are also additional spreads for non-Sunday festivals such as Ascension, Christmas, Harvest.

The book is useful for preachers, and is designed as an aid for worshippers preparing for Sunday services.

Joy Tetley is well known for her regular feature in the Church Times. She is Principal of the East Anglia ! Ministry and Training Course.

Sunday by Sunday is available from the Cathedral Bookshop, SPCK, in Sheffield and any good bookshop for £9.99 ISBN 0745932002.

# Taize Praver

Ecumenical worship after the manner of Taize is held monthly in Sheffield Cathedral and all are welcome. It takes place in the Crypt chapel at 11 a.m. on the last Saturday of the month (with the exception of August and December). For enquiries telephone Harold or Muriel at Sheffield 255 1473.

# Dear Friends.

# JTEAM

Thank you very much for all your efforts on behalf of the J Team summer project on 9 August, your contribution was very much appreciated and it helped the day become the tremendous success it was.

The J Team marches on and the baton of responsibility moves again to Nan Alder. The plan is to hold an event at Totlev Rise Methodist church hall on the afternoons of 16th, 18th, 19th October 1995. between 3.45pm and 6.00pm.

Nan will be contacting us all shortly for our availability and preferences for what we want to do.

We will be using the remainder of the material from the Light Factory project and it is the intention that each church involved will be responsible for an afternoon. Our day is the Thursday and we will be focusing on Peter's relationship with Jesus.

A meeting will be held on 4th October at 8.30pm at our house for representatives of our three churches to finalise plans and we'll keep you informed of progress.

There is also to be a "HIGHLIGHT PARTY" for 5-11 year olds on 31st October as an alternative to Halloween. The venue is Totley Rise and will start at 6.00pm finishing at 8.00pm. We would be most grateful for any contribution towards this; food, drink, table cloths. paper plates/cups, decorations, materials/costumes for games etc. More importantly, please accept this as your invitation to come to the party dressed in as bright a costume as possible and we'd be glad of any assistance you can give on the night.

Ric & Debbie Thank you for your prayers and support.

# A PSALM FOR TODAY

Come with me to the Lord's house and let our voices soar up to mingle with angels, For the Lord has shown His loving kindness and my heart is bursting with praise.

Remember my body's weakness, How age overtook me before its due time. Recall my tears of sadness and pain as I come to you for strength and support.

My friends, you were faithful in your prayers and your love held me up when I grew faint. The Lord heard every one of your prayers; He gathered them up and kept them close Until the time was right.

Then in His mercy He rescued me and I was healed.
His spirit touched my heart and calmed the storm within, His breath released new life in me and a new strength flooded my veins.

My stick has been cast aside, and my feet are shod with joy. Come run with me, come sing with me,
Let us praise the Lord together;
For as you shared in my hours of darkness
So shall you also rejoice in my happiness.
We will lift our eyes to the Light
and bathe in the richness of His blessing

"I am with you always," says the Lord,
"As the rainbow follows rain and sunshine
So my blessings come after tears and compassion".
Let us go to His house and worship Him,
Let us sing of His mercy and love,
For we witnessed His living power.
We shall tell it to all who will listen
and they, too, shall know our God. Sue Wright

# thank you....

....to everyone who contributed to Helen Spencer's wheelchair fund. By the time you read this Helen should have had delivery of her new chair. Thank you all for your efforts.

....from Betty Waite to everyone for their prayer, cards and good wishes when she was in hospital recently - they were much appreciated.

....to everyone for their generous support at the Harvest Shared Lunch. £125 was raised for Christian Aid

....Christine and I would like to thank everyone at Totley All Saints Church as well as all our own friends at Totley Rise Methodist church for all the love and support we have both received in recent months prior to Christine's departure for a year working with the Rob Frost Seed Team.

This year's Seed Team is the smallest one there has been. Hence the only groups abroad are 5 in Poland and 3 in Cork. There are 6 groups in England and Christina is working with Karen (from Guernsey) and Vicky (from Chester) in Snodland near Maidstone. The church is a joint Methodist and URC. Snodland itself is expanding and it is hoped that the Seed Team will find ways of making themselves known to people and providing appropriate activities to welcome them and particularly young people into the Church. The two ministers are very enthusiastic and their initial meetings have been most welcoming.

The two weeks training prior to this were intensive, tiring, but very rewarding. Christine has commented on the tremendous level of pastoral support which I find very reassuring. I will keep you informed as time goes on. Thank you for your prayers - Gay Riley.

....to everyone who contributes to this magazine - Karen.

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# Aiding by trading

While unemployment and comparative poverty are all too prevalent even in the wealthiest of countries, including our own, conditions in many Third World countries continue to be far far worse in this respect.

The anxieties and hardships arising from such disparity of opportunities and wealth are hardly likely to be in accordance with God's will or the Christian vision of His Kingdom on Earth.

Fortunately Christian based organisations like Traidcraft and Tearcraft are striving hard to improve the situation by enabling small producer groups in some of the worst affected countries to earn a livelihood through international trade.

As a small (but hopefully not isolated) gesture in anticipation of One World Week there will again be opportunities to support this campaigning work by purchasing from a selected range of 'fairly traded' crafts, stationery and foods in the Church Hall after the 10.00am service on Sunday 15th and 22nd October and throughout the year from the Traidcraft Shop on Devonshire Street. All support, no matter how little will be greatly appreciated. Ken Filleul

# PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

The Revd. David Williams, together with Canon George Tolley and Revd. Brian Ashley are taking a group from this part of Sheffield to Israel next Spring. March is a superb time to visit Israel, the land comes alive with the onset of Spring and the temperatures are not uncomfortably high. The seven day pilgrimage will follow the chronology of the life of Jesus Christ as closely as possible. We start at Bethlehem, move to the Temple in the old city of Jerusalem and then go to spend a few days around the sea of Galilee.

At the end of our time in Galilee we have an optional half day of quiet and retreat before setting our face to Jerusalem to recall the main events of the Gospel stories that are focused there. This will be a tour covering the major biblical sites. We will stay in comfortable 3 and 4 star hotels and will have an air-conditioned coach and guide throughout. Brochures and further details are available from Dore Parish Office, 51 Vicarage Lane, Dore, Sheffield S17 3GY or telephone (0114) 236 3335.

# As others see us

A young woman went to Church a few weeks ago - the first time since her baptism over 20 years ago. Afterwards she said she would not again and wrote a list which read:

"You asked me to change the way I speak, the sort of music I enjoy, the length of time I usually listen to a speaker, the type of people I mix with, my body temperature, the type of chair I sit on, the type of clothes I am used to seeing people wear, my sense of humour. You expect me to know when to stand, sit and kneel and the answers to prayers I've never heard. I am prepared to change but there was nowhere I could connect any part of my life with that service."

The above is taken from OUTLOOK, the newspaper of the Diocese of Canterbury. Of how many other churches in England would the same be true?

# **SAYING FOR STILLNESS**

"I AM the bread of life; whoever comes to ME will never be hungry, & whoever believes in ME will never be thirsty." John 6.35 R.E.B.

# CHRISTMAS CARD

We shall again this year have a large Christmas Card in Church for us to send Christmas Greetings to one another. A charity will be suggested for donations of the money saved by not buying individual cards.

# Never mind the quality - feel the width

....meaning ignore how good or bad or what value it has so long as we have a lot of it. This sums up the attitude of those appreciative of the huge numbers a certain sect attracted and counted it a success. The more cautious had their reservations and sadly theirs was the wiser view.

Attendance at Church services, specifically on Sundays is only part of the Christian ethic. It prepares us for the following six days, or at least should, by invigorating sermons, hymns of meaningful words with tunes to match, and of course prayers; enabling us to carry out good works - yes good works -just look around our congregation and register how many in so many different ways are freely involved. A few are restricted by age or infirmity.

Certainly the Church needs more members, perhaps with a more worldly emphasis but still Christian view on the problems that beset us. A more worldly view of the inequalities and unchristian decisions that are taken may show to those both inside and outside of the Church that the Church really cares. This just might fill the churches.

After all Church members through charitable works help to pick up the tabs of unchristian activities and thought. I had outlined the gist of this article before finding a kindred spirit in the letter by a Canon in a respectful national newspaper: "the other four (most senior Bishops), YORK,LONDON, DURHAM AND WINCHESTER - have shown in public, neither interest nor ability in relating Christian faith to our national, political, economic or social life"

"the church is not concerned to give prophetic Christian leadership to the nation. Its chief concern is with mere survival". ... WOULD NOT THE FIRST, IF IMPLEMENTED, ENSURE THE REALISATION OF THE SECOND?

# Have you ever thought about... meeting to pray for your child's school?

School prayer support groups are currently developing in many parts of the city. These are groups of parents and friends who meet to pray for their local schools and related issues.

A group meets once a month at 126 Totley Brook Road to pray for King Egbert School. The dates for the autumn term are:

Monday 9th October 8.00pm Monday 6th November 2.00pm Monday 4th December 8.00pm

We would be very pleased to welcome anyone who would like to join us. Please contact Ann Powell, phone 2350612 if you would like any more information.

A group also meets to pray for Totley All saints C of E School on Wednesday mornings each week at the school at 8.50am and twice termly in the evening. For details phone Lorna Davis on 2369878.

# Quotes

"I feel as close to fulfilling my priestly vocation when I am washing an old woman's feet, as when I am presiding at the Eucharist."

Ronald Farrow, Radio Producer and Priest, who ended his days caring for the elderly.

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"If you have no God, then your moral code is that of society; if society is turned upside down so is your moral code."

Jung Chang, best selling author of 'Wild Swans' describing China

# CHURCH SCHOOL GROWS

At the end of the Summer Term, Mrs. Janet Randall left after working at the School for two and a half years. She is doing a Post-Graduate Course through the Open University and she wishes to concentrate full time on her studies. We are very grateful for her contribution to the School.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Rachel Hurding to our staff. She is teaching the Reception Class. Rachel graduated from Manchester University in Arts and Biblical Studies. After trying a variety of jobs she decided to train for teaching. She completed her Post-Graduate Certificate in Education at Hallam University in July. She is a committed Christian and we know that she will be a very valuable member of our team. We hope she will enjoy working with us.

Other exciting news is that we have experienced another summer of building work. You may recall that last year we had our new offices and entrance reception area built. This year it was a new classroom constructed in the upper part of the Victorian Block accessed by an extremely impressive new staircase. This work has really transformed the building and also made the classroom below much more attractive. The building work took the whole of the five weeks when the children were on holiday. Consequently the painters and decorators are having to work at weekends to complete their part of the work.

It was personally very satisfying for me to know that the School had grown sufficiently for us to need a sixth classroom as ten years ago when I arrived it was a 3 - Class School. Since then the School has more than doubled in numbers and , indeed, we anticipate that next summer, funds permitting, we shall most likely be building another upstairs room in the remainder of that block. By September 1997 we will be a full One-Form Entry School with seven classes.

Later in the term when the decorating is complete we hope to hold an 'Open Day and Evening' for anyone to come and look around. This may be of particular interest to former pupils. Please watch this space for further details.

Joan Stratford

# Martha and Mary Group.

Four Christians met after 'Pentecost'95' to share their thoughts and experiences of being C20th Christians in Totley. The story of Martha and Mary kept coming to mind. (Remember how Jesus visied them; Mary sat at His feet listening to Him, whilst Martha continued with her house work). This group will meet twice each month(10th & 24th in Oct.) in our Hall Lounge at 10.30am. for a time of prayer, reflection and coffee. Do come along and see just how like Martha and Mary you are too. "Come unto me all you who are heavy laden, and I will refresh you."

# PARISH ROTAS FOR OCTOBER

# COFFEE

1	Mrs Warrender, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Ludlam
8	Mrs Ibbotson, Mrs Firth, Mrs Benson

15 Mrs Brown, Mrs Smith, Mrs Davies

22 Mr & Mrs Collie, Mrs Kirton

29 Mr & Mrs Iosson, Mrs Houldcroft

# **FLOWERS**

	Altar	Memory Table
1	Mrs A Waite	Mrs D Hull Wilson
8	Mrs Simons	Mrs Hardy
15	Mrs Loft	Mrs Parsons
22	Mrs B Waite	Mrs Bramall
29	Mrs Hazelhurst	Mrs Simpson

# CRÈCHE

1 Ro Carter, Marie Cooper

8 Ann & Helen Powell

15 Come & Worship

22 Mavis Kirton & Liz Hayden

29 Half Term

# SIDESMEN

DEED.	ELOIVER I		
	8.00am	10.00am	6.30pm
1	Mr F Filleul	Mr FH Cooke	Mrs E Mayson
		Mr RF Johnston	Mrs M Snowdon
8	Mr A Ludlam	Mr WR Bryer	Mr JA England
		Mrs C Billard	Mr HS Powell
15	Miss AE Baldry	P Pearson	Mr E Simons
	•	E Hayden	Mrs P Purkiss
22	Miss H Perfect	Mrs D Simons	Mr H Mayson
		Mrs M Warrender	Mr H Powell
29	Mrs Cooke	Mr Bryer	Miss Baldry
		Mrs Simons	Miss Perfect

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	10.00am 1st 2nd 4th & 5th Holy Communion
	3rd Come & Worship
	6.30pm 1st Special Service
	2nd Evensong
	3rd Holy Communion
	Last Memorial Service
Wid Work	
Mid Week	9.00am Morning Prayer (except Fridays)
	10.00am Holy Communion (Wednesdays)
	2.00pm Under 5's Praise 1st & 3rd Thursdays
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Sunday:	ORGANISATIONS - (MEETINGS IN THE HALL)
patray.	10.00am "Young Saints"-Kath Lloyd 236 7056 6.30pm "TASH" Youth Group-Alan Walker 262 0421
Monday:	10.00am Drop In Coffee-Maurice & Marjorie
Honday.	Snowdon 236 2822
	3.30pm Junior Choir Practice in church
	- Stella Jockel 236 9413
	7.00pm Guides - Dorothy Firth 236 4190
Tuesday:	7.30pm Ladies Club (1st & 3rd)
	- Margaret Benson 236 2322
Wednesday:	10.00am Parent & Toddler Group
	- Gillian Grocott 262 0406
	'6.30pm 'Trailblazers' (children's club)
	- Annette Job 236 0122
Thursday:	2.00pm Under 5's Praise (1st & 3rd)
	- Liz Hayden 236 4944
	7.00pm Choir Practice in Church
	- Stella Jockel 236 9413
	8.00pm Standing Committee (1st) PCC (2nd)
FELLOWSHIP	GROUPS are informal gatherings, in homes of our
Parish. The	ey provide opportunities for Prayer, discussion,
Bible Study	and simple sharing. New members are always
	etails below:
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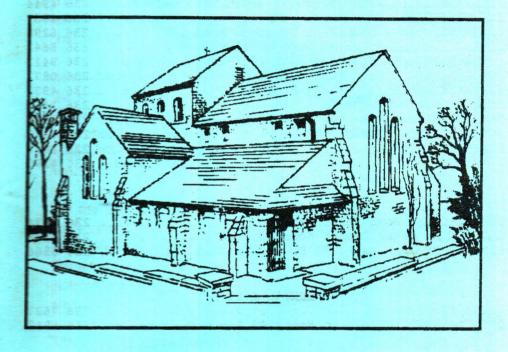
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FROM THE VICAR

# **ACCEPTANCE**

Dear Friends,

This last Half Term, my School assemblies have focussed on the Parables of Jesus. These are stories from life which He told to all kinds of folk, whether they attended the synagogue or not. He used very familiar themes, like sheep and shepherds, sowers and seeds.

One such Parable we looked at, concerned a group of unemployed workers and a farmer, who needed his crop of grapes harvesting before the bad weather came. He took on some at different times all through the day. He agreed a wage with those who came early in the day, and he promised the same wage to those who were hired at the later hours. I don't suppose that way of working would be accepted by todays Trades Unions!

Jesus taught that this showed both generosity and concern for the unemployed by a fairly rich farmer. However, when the early crews discovered that the later crews had received the same rate of pay as them, they were very angry. They confronted the farmer, claiming he had dealt unfairly with them. The farmer rightly pointed out that he had paid them the agreed wage. He was then free to pay other workers as he wished.

Of course, this is a Parable about Jesus the generous Master. It is also a Parable about the love and mercy of God. It teaches that no matter when we put our whole trust in Him - in the first flush of youth or later in life - we are accepted equally by God. As He comes to us again this Advent and Christmas, may I invite you, if you have not yet done so, to ask Him to take full control of your life.

May God richly bless you and your family,

## SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

# 5th FOURTH before ADVENT: (Parish Weekend at Scargill House)

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle: Romans 7:7-13.

Gospel: John 3:13-21.

10.00am Young Saints

6.30pm Special Service-bring your friends.

# 12th THIRD before ADVENT (Remembrance Sunday):

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Special Service & Parade to the War Memorial.

Noon Holy Communion(ASB)-said service,

6.30pm Evensong (ASB)

Old Testament: Genesis 13:1-18. New Testament: Luke 20:9-17.

### 19th SECOND before ADVENT:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Come and Worship - a Service for everyone.

3.30pm Cheshire Home Service

6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: Hebrews 11:17-31.

Gospel: Mark 13:5-13.

# 26th SUNDAY next before ADVENT(Thanksgiving Sunday):

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: Philippians 44-8.

Gospel: John 10:7-16.

6.30pm Memorial Service.

# Dear Editor,

As a freemason of some 43 years standing (further qualifications on request!) I would like to deal with the questions posed by Ric Gray in your September issue. The answer to his questions is very simple but first it would be helpful, I think, to include a word of explanation about Freemasonry and its attitude to religion.

Freemasonry is a fellowship organisation which not only encourages and practices charity but also attempts to encourage its members to live up to a high standard of ethical conduct which I would suggest is universally acceptable. For example an injunction to do to your neighbour as in similar circumstances you would wish he would do to you. It demands a belief in God by whatever name He is called and however He may be perceived by the Brother concerned but beyond this merely encourages a Brother to practice his own religion as exemplified in the volume of the Sacred law relevant to his own religion. It prohibits religious discussion and consequently cannot form any religious doctrine of its own. It offers no sacraments and no path to salvation. It is incidentally totally colour blind.

I could spread to many pages of print on this subject but will now content myself with answering the questions posed by Ric Gray:-

- 1. Is Freemasonry compatible with Christianity? -Most certainly.
- 2. Can you be a Mason and a Christian? Yes, or a Jew, Muslim or Hindu. Hundreds of thousands of Brethren over the centuries have been Freemasons and practising Christians without any problem.
- 3. Is it true that masonry in its finality is a worship of Satan? This is absolute nonsense. But in any case Freemasonry itself is not a worship of anything but merely encourages Brethren to follow their own worship of God.

Incidentally, you will find me, twice most Sundays, in the back row of the Choir in Christ Church, Dore together with two other Freemasons and the wife of a fourth!

Yours faithfully,

# David C Law

# diary dates

Wed 1	All Saints' Day: Holy Communion at 10.00am and 7.45pm
Thur 2	Standing Committee at the Vicarage 7.45pm
Fri 3 to Sun 5	Parish Weekend at Scargill House
Mon 6	Contemplative Prayer Group at ! Quarry Rd, 3pm
Tues 7	Ladies Club at 7.30pm - Peter Grey, Sheffield
W 10	Newspapers
Wed 8	Bible Study Course begins at 8.00pm in the Lounge
	Monthly Morning Fellowship at 6 Milldale Road
TTI O	11.00am
Thur 9	PCC meets in the Lounge at 7.30pm
Sat 11	Cross Church Fellowship, Totley Rise 8.30am
Sun 12	Remembrance Sunday: Special Service and Parade
	10.00am
Tue 14	Joint Chapter Deanery Meeting with Readers at 7.30pm
	Martha and Mary Group 10.30am, Church Lounge
Wed 15	Bible Study Course at 8.00pm in the Lounge
Fri/Sat 17/18	Sheffield Floral Club Exhibition in Church Hall
Mon 20	All Saints' School Governors at 7.30pm
	Contemplative Prayer Group at 1 Quarry Rd, 3pm
Tue 21	Ladies Club at 7.30pm - Songs and poems by Mr &
	Mrs T Funnell
Wed 22	Bible Study Course at 8.00pm in the Lounge
Sat 25	AUTUMN FAIR: from 2.00pm, Church Hall
	Day of Prayer in Church 8.00am-4.00pm
Sun 26	Thanksgiving Sunday: Holy Communion at 8.00am and 10.00am
Mon 27	Collation of December magazine
Tue 28	Churches Together Committee at St John's, 7.30pm
100 20	Martha and Mary Group, 10.30am, Church Lounge
Wed 29	Bible Study Course at 8.00pm in the Lounge
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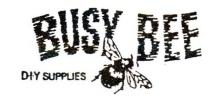
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# Realisation of a childhood dream

When I was a child I loved to read Enid Blyton's Famous Five books. Oh, how I longed to have an ADVENTURE! My mother said it was only a story, it did not happen in real life, but when pressed she admitted there may be a slight possibility in the future. I clung on to that vain hope.

The dictionary defines adventure thus: noun - risk, daring enterprise, unexpected incident, hazardous activity. verb - incur risk, dare to go or come to a place, dare to enter on, upon. (undertaking).

Recently I have come to recognise that the greatest adventure I ever hoped for is now taking place. it is my journey into faith, is it not summed up by the above dictionary definition? In my journey I have Christ as my guide, companion and friend. He charts the course, he navigates and I have to trust his leadership in all circumstances. When I meet hazards I may be afraid; an unexpected incident may throw me off course, but Christ is always there to lead me back. If I allow myself to trust his leadership then I will be willing to incur risks, dare to enter upon undertakings, knowing that I can rely on his help and strength. Together, we shall enjoy the challenge, we shall develop a unique intimacy which comes from sharing joy and suffering; and together we shall rejoice in the outcome at the end of our adventure, (which, of course, will be the beginning of an even greater one)

How about you? Are you ready for an adventure? Sue Wright

A large Christmas Card will be available in Church from the beginning of December for us to sign to send Christmas Greetings to one another. We are invited to give the money thus saved from buying individual cards to charity.

# **Fathers and Sons**

I heard a snippet on the radio today about the awful pain and sadness that fills a father's life when any of his children go off and lose contact with him.

In our messed up society this happens times without number. And it happens for all sorts of reasons. But I think of it now in the context of the children who leave home just because they want to "do their own thing" and be freed from the contacts and the restraints that belonging to living in a family life. How many father's hearts have been broken in this way?

My thoughts immediately ran on to the story Jesus told of the son who claimed his rightful share of the family wealth and went off to lead an unrestrained life. His father gave him what he asked for and respected his freedom to go off. But the father's heart must have been broken by the event. He knew his boy. He knew the type of life that he would get into. he knew all the dangers. He would also have known the tragic outcome of his son's actions.

In due course the son reached the pit of degradation and loneliness - and decided that the painful path of humiliation was the only possible option open to him. He would creep back to his father and ask to be given the lowliest job on the family farm in exchange for board and lodging.

But his father saw him coming. How many times had he stared down the road for that sight? Seeing him, he rushed to greet him, to embrace him, to kit him out with new clothes, and to set up a celebration party. What did the father say about all this? "This son of mine was dead and has come back to life, he was lost and is found."

The hero of what is wrongly called "the parable of the prodigal son" is the father. The story is all about the father. For it is a story to illustrate our Father God.

God is our Father. He gives us freedom and respects our right to use it as we choose. We are free to leave the security and the discipline of living in his household. But each time we go, his heart is broken afresh. He awaits our return. He will not cajole or browbeat

or trap us to come back. If we come, we come because we choose to. But as we start to return we find he is on his way to meet us. And when we get to him we are totally accepted a the child of his unchangingly loving heart.

John N Collie

# thank you

.....to all the good friends who sent 'get well' cards, flowers and fruit to me during my recent illness. I was overwhelmed by the volume of correspondence I received. Your good wishes and prayers were greatly appreciated and I am pleased to say I'm slowly improving and hope to be with you all again in the not too distant future. God bless you all. **Joan Gray** 

.....Doreen and Bill Bryer would like to thank all our friends for their prayers, good wishes and help during the past few months.

.....'Helen's wheelchair fund' - Almost to date one year on I find myself writing another thank you to our friends in Totley, their friends, our friends, new friends and anonymous friends. It's thanks to everyone's enormous generosity that I am now zooming around Totley in my new pearlised pink, go fast, lightweight wheelchair.

With my wheelchair I have found new independence and I am eternally grateful to you all. I have been overwhelmed by everyone's efforts in fund-raising and their enormous goodwill. It has enabled me to actively participate I my children's fun and games and endeavour to get fit again.

My family and I thank you very much.

Helen Spencer

saying for stillness 'I will walk among you and will be your God, and you shall be MY people

Leviticus 26.12 cf. 1 Corinthians 6 16



# SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS

**NOVEMBER, 1995** 

# A SLIMLINE TONIC FOR THE CHURCH?

The Bishop of Doncaster writes:

Two perceptive friends of mine presented me with a book on the occasion of my appointment as an Archdeacon, and again as a Bishop. Each book was given with 'tongue in cheek' but not without some insight and relevance to what lay ahead.

For the new Archdeacon the book was called 'Conflict Management and Organisational Development", a secular book on organisational theory. The part that helped me most was the section on being the person in the middle between two conflicting parties. It offered a summary of steps and strategies to handle the situation, eg "get one or both to change" - "lead a double life and agree with both" etc and then it said "if all else fails evade the situation entirely by reporting sick or by taking a different job".

The second book they gave me, for my move here, was entitled 'The Organisation of Hypocrisy', which is actually a serious text book written by a Swedish economist on Institutions and their structures of leadership for growth and survival in a free market economy. I suspect it was the title that appealed to the sense of humour of my friends.

Any connection between these books and the Report 'Working as One Body' is entirely coincidental, as they say, but they did remind me that understanding and improving the way we work together, as a nationwide body of people, bound together by a common loyalty, aim and purpose is both normal and important.

By now you will have some idea of the main recommendations of the Archbishop's commission on the organisation of the Church of England. It's main thrust is the establishment of a completely new National Council which would take an overview of the needs and resources of the whole church and have the authority to make decisions which are necessary to give the support to the ministry and mission of the church at the local and national level. It will have four particular areas of responsibility, namely:-

(a) Resources for Ministry, (b) Mission Resources, (c) Heritage and Legal Services, and (d) Finance.

It will, therefore, bring together under one roof, both literally and metaphorically, various bodies which at present exist separately and own different parts of the same responsibility.

The debate about this proposed new way of working together as a church is now taking place and it is important that at every level of church life we are informed and involved. Not everyone, by any means, is excited by the subject of the reform of church structures and organisation, that is perfectly understandable. But what is not acceptable is to regard it as a matter of no consequence or irrelevance. It does matter and it is important. Change is needed, desirable and recognised as being of real importance. Of course, as people have been quick to point out, this in itself is not the simple solution to the great challenge of mission facing the church. No one pretends it is, as the Report itself points out. But what is important, is that we find a better way to use the resources of all kinds that God has given us in such a way that we bear each others' burdens, share together in our common calling as Christians and build up the church as the worshipping, serving, mission people of God.

In deciding on the right way forward, questions will need to be asked about the accountability of those who hold office in a new structure of leadership at national level. We will also want to ensure that such a change will deepen the sense that we really do belong to each other in a supportive way and that there are real channels of communication between all parts of the church at national and local level. Above all we need a way of working as 'One Body' which will release the church more and more to grow as described by the Report itself:-

"It is to be one, that is to proclaim and to embody the reconciliation of all things in Christ; to be holy, to have about it the marks of the sanctifying presence of the Holy Spirit; to be catholic, that is to be, as Christ is, for all people, at all times, in all places; and to be apostolic, to witness to the authentic and liberating gospel as taught by the apostles."

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Michael F. Gear Bishop of Doncaster

### Partnership blossoms.....

Members of eight parishes from those in Sheffield Diocese who share a partnership link with parishes in Guildford met in the early autumn at St. Francis Church, Bramley, Rotherham to compare notes on the experiences of their particular link. All the parishes spoke warmly and enthusiastically about the deepening friendships over the miles, and the value of the link, and plans are afoot for a 1996 conference which will have some concern of the wider church and the world on its agenda.

For the fourth year running, people from St. Cuthbert's, Fir Vale, Sheffield, and St. Martin's, East Horsley, Guildford met half way at Coventry Cathedral for a Eucharist and a shared meal. The sixty six people from the two linked parishes were welcomed to the Cathedral by the Provost, John Petty, who was once a curate at St. Cuthbert's. The people at St. Cuthbert's have come to call their annual visit 'The Half Way Eucharist', although there is nothing half way about their enthusiasm for the link and its value to both parishes.

For more details about the Sheffield/Guildford Link, and about how contacts can be made, have a word with Joan Gordons on 0114 236 9750.

## **Reader Sunday**

Many churches in the Diocese welcomed Readers from other parishes to preach at their Sunday services on Reader Sunday in October, thus highlighting the importance of Reader Ministry in the lives of our parishes. Tony Hawkins recently went with Readers from all over the country to the Central Readers National Conference, and came back refreshed and invigorated for his work as Reader at All Saints', Wathupon-Dearne. The theme of the conference, 'The Reader as Communicator of Christian Values in Today's World', aimed at affirming the role of the Reader as a Christian communicator day by day, as well as in the life of their parishes.

## Almost too late

Rotherham Action Group for World Development, celebrating its 25th year, has arranged a busy programme for One World Week which includes a performance by JABBOK THEATRE entitled "Tina Tanner's Tenner". Tina discovers that the World Bank takes ten pounds out of her taxes each year...but what happens to it? We find out through comedy, music and dance. JABBOK's performance, their last in the region before they retire, is at ROTHERHAM ARTS CENTRE, Walker Place, Rotherham on Saturday, 4th November at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £3.50 (Concessions £2) and are available at the door. The performance will be followed as Asian food and International Craft Stalls.

## **New Year Book**

The Diocesan Year Book for 1996 is now available from Graham Heeley, Diocesan Church House, Rotherham, tel: 01709 837547, priced £2.50. + postage.

# Santa at Sykehouse

Holy Trinity Church, Sykehouse is holding a CHRISTMAS MARKET in Sykehouse Village Hall from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday, 11th November, with Craft Stalls, Preserves and Cake Stall. Refreshments are available. Why not make a pre-Christmas visit, and be assured of a warm welcome?

# St. Andrew's Church, Sharrow, Sheffield

The ALESI STRING QUARTET perform Borodin: Quartet No 2, and Schubert: 'Death and the Maiden' quartet at St. Andrew's on Saturday, 18th November at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £5 including glass of wine (£3.50 concessions) Tel: 0114 255 1473.

# Listening for Healing Day at Christ Church, Brampton

There's an introductory day workshop to the Ministry of Christian Healing on Saturday, 23rd March from 9.30 a.m. - 4.15 p.m. at Christ Church, at a cost per person of £8. Sharon Stinson of the Acorn Christian Healing Trust, who used to be on the staff of St. Michael-Le-Belfry, York, and now heads up the Christian Listener Project in the North East, will lead sessions on Christian Healing. The Day workshop is open to people who are involved in a healing group in their own church, or who have attended any Christian Listener training courses, or desire that the whole of the church be included in the healing of God's world. Upto 30 people can take part, so if you want to reserve a place, contact Martin Baldock on 01709 873210.

## **Christian Socialist Movement**

The South Yorkshire Branch will welcome Veronica Hardstaff, Sheffield resident and MEP for Lincolnshire, to speak at its next meeting on Friday, 1st December at 7.30 p.m. at the Ranmoor Parish Centre, opposite Ranmoor Parish Church (unmissable with its tall spire), just off Fulwood Road about half a mile beyond Broomhill on the West side of Sheffield. Do come to hear and discuss about Britain in Europe from a Christian standpoint. All welcome.

# **Pre-Christmas Sale of Paintings and Crafts**

Kirk Sandall Art Club are to hold a sale of original works by Doncaster area artists and craftspeople. The sale will be held on Sunday November 12th between the hours at 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. Venue: The Church Hall, Kirk Sandall, Doncaster. Why not come to seek that unique Christmas gift? Many items will be offered at bargain prices!

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# Project Sinai



Sally Davies, of St. Luke's, Worsbrough Common, near Barnsley, is off to Mount Sinai in the New Year. Travelling with Egyptian Christians and a group of Bedouin people, Sally is just one of 14 young people from the UK, and the only one from the Diocese of Sheffield.

Project Sinai is a unique opportunity for young people to experience a different way of life and broaden their awareness of the world around them. On a specially designed programme, organised by the McCabe Educational Trust in co-operation with the Church Mission Society (CMS), Sally and the other young people will be introduced to Bedouin culture, learn about the history of the region, trek through the mountains of South Sinai, and snorkel in the Red Sea. The group of young Egyptians whom Sally will join visited the UK during this year.

Sally is busy preparing for her pilgrimage of a lifetime, and so is St. Luke's, and she has already raised some of the £550 she needs for the trip with a 20 mile sponsored walk, but she still has some way to go before she leaves in January. Any readers who wish to support her should make cheques payable to Project Sinai, and send them to Sally at 27 Dillington Square, Worsbrough Common, Barnsley, South Yorkshire S70 4DY. Sally can provide more information on 01226 283085.

We wish her well walking across a desert wilderness, loading up her camel, climbing to the summit of Mount Sinai at sunrise, and sleeping under the stars with Bedouin nomads.....

## **Appointments**

The Reverend Roy Arnold, Diocesan Communications Officer and Chaplain with Deaf People to be also Honorary Canon of Sheffield Cathedral.

The Reverend Michael Jarratt, Vicar of Ranmoor St. John to be also Honorary Canon of Sheffield Cathedral.

The Reverend Elizabeth Drax Assistant Curate of Kimberworth to be Assistant Curate of Doncaster St. Mary.

The Reverend Canon Gordon Taylor, Vicar of Beighton to be Vicar of Goole.

# **Unemployment and the Local Church**

is the title of a conference to be held at Eastwood Methodist Church, Rotherham on Wednesday, 15th November from 10 a.m.-3.30 p.m. It aims to help local churches to see what can be done about unemployment in and from the local church and the local community. For clergy, church community workers, Pastoral Workers, Lay Readers and church members, it promises to be a fulfilling day. LATE BOOKINGS ARE WELCOME!

Further details from Raymond Draper on 01709 543111.

# **Escafeld Chorale Christmas Concert**

Escafeld Chorale, a local mixed choir of some 40 people, will present their annual Christmas Concert at two different venues this year. On Saturday, 9th December at 7.30 p.m. they will perform in HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, WENTWORTH, and on Tuesday, 19th December, at 8.00 p.m. they will repeat their concert in ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, BROCCO BANK.

The programme will include carols and longer items of Christmas music, and there will be a chance for the audience to join in. The music will be interspersed with seasonal readings, and the evening will close with mince pies and mulled wine!

Tickets are £3.00 each (concessions available). For the Wentworth concert, see the Churchwardens or phone 01226 350718 or 01909 560795. For the Brocco Bank concert, ring SHEFFIELD 2556626. Alternatively, you can pay at the door at both concerts.



# **Admin Opportunity**

Highway, the Christian Unemployment Group craft centre in Conisbrough has an urgent need of assistance with its administration and is seeking volunteers. Begun six years ago, the centre offers a wide variety of craft opportunities which can be carried out at either therapy or job training level. It is also involved in recycling and innovative job creation, pastoral support and community enterprise. The price of success is paper work! Anyone willing to give time to this would be most welcome. For further details please contact Jane Thomas 01709 861269 between 9.30 and 4.00 p.m.

# CATHEDRAL MUSIC AND THE DIOCESE

As part of its ministry, the Music Department at the Cathedral would very much like to strengthen its links with churches in the diocese. In the past year, musicians from the Cathedral have been able to help out a number of churches, including those at Sharrow, Gleadless, Ranmoor and in Sheffield City Centre. We would like to be able to expand on this in the future.

We know that it is sometimes difficult to find organists for occasional services such as weddings and funerals, or that there are ways that we could help with choirs, and we would like to offer our services in these areas. Should you find that you need any practical assistance, or would like advice on musical matters, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

# Visiting Choirs at the Cathedral

Sheffield Cathedral is keen to enlarge its programme of visiting choirs, so that it can maintain a constant routine of choral services

throughout the year. It is often an enjoyable and rewarding experience for choirs to sing in a different environment, especially in a Cathedral setting.

Beginning in January 1996 we would like to invite choirs to sing at Evensong on Saturdays at 4.00 p.m. Also, during the Cathedral Choir summer vacation we would welcome visiting choirs to sing at Saturday Evensong, and/or at Sunday services (Eucharist 10.30 a.m. and Evensong 6.30 p.m.).

We would welcome choirs from all over the country (or even from abroad) and we are hoping to attract choirs from within the diocese. If your choir might be interested in doing this, or if you know of any choir that might, please contact Christopher Betts, the Assistant Master of the Music, who would he happy to answer any enquiries. (Tel: 0114 275 3434, Fax: 0114 278 0244)

Simon Lole

Master of the Music

Christopher Betts
Assistant Master of the Music

# No trouble pets!

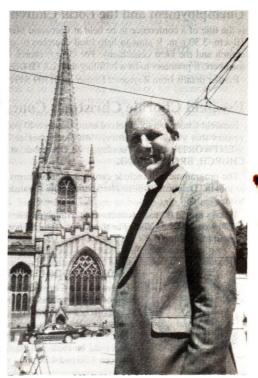
During October, St. Alban's, Wickersley, Rotherham held its third annual Pets Service, to which large numbers of people as well as pets were welcomed. Dogs, cats. mice, guinea pigs, rabbits, gerbils, hamsters, stick insects, spiders, budgies and goldfish all made their usual appearances, with the interesting addition of a chicken (without egg!)

Other new additions this year, brought without exception by little boys (who says the Rector of Wickersley, Raymond Draper, still like to find and bring creatures that little girls don't like) included snails, worms and even ladybirds - all brought and kept of course in environments suitable for them.

One animal visitor who caused no trouble at all at the service, was the full sized cardboard cow Lulubell who had just been visiting Wickersley Methodist Church on behalf of the Wickersley Send-a-Cow Project which is raising £2,000 to send a dairy cow to Uganda, through the established national "Send-a-Cow" Charity which since 1988 has sent 400 cows which are given to widows and other groups caring for children.

Provost of Sheffield, Michael Sadgrove has found his way round the Cathedral, the City, and indeed the Diocese since his arrival in early June.

The completion of Cathedral Square, in front of the Cathedral, with Supertram passing by, was marked by an Opening and Dedication at the end of October, and a public lecture in the Cathedral by Neil Kinnock Esq., European Commissioner for Transport



# events....

This year's **AUTUMN FAIR** will be held on 25th November - let's make it the best one ever. Lots of help required please to make it a successful event!!

Tickets for the **NEW YEAR BARN DANCE** Jan 6th, 1996 are on sale Adults £5, Children £3 - Supper included. Tel Mavis Kirton on Tel: 2351286

The 1st Totley Scout Group invite you to their annual **COFFEE WITH CAROLS** evening on Tuesday 5th December starting at 7.00pm in the HQ Aldam Road. There will be chance to buy <u>or win</u> Christmas Gifts, Games, refreshments and carol singing. Everyone welcome.

**JUMBLE SALE** - Saturday 27th January 1996, 11.00am HQ of Totley Scout group, Aldam Rd. Jumble can be collected and stored, Tel John Lawry, Scout Leader on 2368566.

# quotes

"the creation of a just society is not incompatible with economic well being" - Salman Rushdie

"the religious life is not a dull, grim drive towards moral virtue but a response to a vision of greatness" - Thomas F

Green 1952

"it is a dead end job, you've no sooner learnt the skills than you are redundant" - Claire Rayner on motherhood

# **HOW WELL DO WE COMPARE?**

I thought it would be helpful in our present process of reappraisal and development at All saints to reproduce part of an article in a recent Evangelical Alliance magazine on the way the Holy Spirit should be reflected in the lives of Church members.

"The essence of work of the holy spirit according to the scriptures includes the following:

- \* Christ is central and glorified
- \* Hunger grows for the Word and for prayer
- \* Spiritual gifts are distributed and exercised in the Church
- \* preaching becomes empowered
- \* the love and joy of God are poured into our hearts
- \* Greater passion arises for the lost, those without God and without hope.
- \* Greater compassion arises for the disadvantaged, demonstrated in Social Action."

I wonder to what extent any or all of the above ring true for each and every one of us?

Ken Filleul

# someone does care

I found God in the morning, We just sat and talked.

I kept Him near me, Everywhere I walked.

I called on God at noontime, A heart filled with despair.

I felt his quiet presence, I knew He was there.

We met again at Sunset, the waning of the day,

I had made him happy, I had lived His way.

Then when at bedtime I knelt, Silently in prayer

Again his gentle presence I felt., "Someone does care."

Many people attending Bible Studies during Pentecost '95 asked that there should be further meetings. As a result it has been agreed that three meetings of **CROSS-CHURCH FELLOWSHIP** will be held on Saturdays at 8.30am til 10.00am at Totley Rise. The dates still to come are 11th Nov and 9th Dec. Everyone is welcome. Leaflets in Church or ask Maurice Snowdon for more information.

# THE WORSHIP TEAM

The worship team met recently and as there seemed to be some confusion as to its role within the Church, I set out the basis on which I had agreed to lead the team. I feel it would be helpful to let you know too.

The worship team is NOT now responsible for organising services, but will act as a link between all those involved in worship.

The worship team CANNOT make decisions alone, but will make suggestions and representations to the Vicar and the PCC. The team are answerable to the above but the responsibility for making decisions remains with them. (i.e. elected representatives of the Parish)

The worship team should examine the content of worship and the spirit in which it is conducted, but can ask the Vicar and PCC to give a lead.

I also stressed that there is no point in being upset and not letting people know. If we need to change action and attitudes that are hurtful to others, we need to be made aware of it.

I feel very strongly that we should seek to unite the Church in worship. This may mean that we have to accept things that benefit the majority. We can not unite in worship if everyone "does their own thing". This does NOT mean that all views are not welcome. EVERYONE has different views on worship, and hopefully these will be represented in discussion. Your views are always welcome on all aspects of worship, and will be discussed. This does not, however, mean that they will automatically be adopted or passed on to the PCC. The worship team will consider all shades of opinion and base its recommendations on these.

Christians today face enormous pressures from an increasingly secular world. The foundation stone of our faith is that Jesus died for us all, and if we accept Him as our saviour we are redeemed. Our worship should be built upon this, and I can't think of a better start to building a strong and enduring faith.

Liz Hayden (Worship Team Leader)

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CHRISTIAN CHURCH which meets in Heeley. There is a general invitation to everyone to join in their bi-lingual services which are held at 2.30pm every Sunday. Richard Lamb has suggested that a small group of anyone interested should go together for at least one service in the near future. He can be contacted on 2362807 and will make any

A local link has been established with the CHINESE

necessary arrangements.

I was very interested to read David's letter in the October "News" for I also had a chance to read the article by Derek Prince on worship and had intended writing this note. Derek Prince points out that our heavenly Father is seeking people to worship Him. It is in worship that we come to know Him better because we are then being obedient to His Word - the Bible!

It is important to realise that worship is not merely singing, bible reading or praying. However these lead us into worship which is achieving a personal relationship with our Creator. Thus it can be a private activity as well as a public one.

Derek Prince has searched the Bible and states that "every word used for worship describes a posture of the body." We partially use our body in every public worship by standing or kneeling etc. but of course there are many other parts - hands, arms, head, eyes, feet as well as our voices. When we sing "let angels prostrate fall" we are reflecting an activity which clearly happened in Bible days.

The body is no less important than the spirit of the soul. The important point though is that worship is a matter for the whole self and the whole of our time. We do well to be reminded of the totality of our response to the God who loves us and who wants us to worship Him.

Maurice Snowdon

# IT HAPPENED A LONG WHILE AGO

The women in the parish were puzzled as to why their minister had not married. They tactfully told the new curate and he agreed to try to find out why.

At an opportune moment he said to the minister, "I find it extraordinary that a man of your appearance and gifts did not find someone to be your wife."

The minister after a little meditation replied, "I was in love with a lady once; she had one fault, she was superstitious. One night I saw her to her gate, I had decided to propose to her. It was while I was doing this that a cat came between us. To the lady this was an ill omen and my offer was rejected. So you see it is not my fault I have no wife."

The curate replied, "I am afraid I disagree with your conclusion Sir." - "What do you mean?" asked the minister. Said the curate, "Had I been in your place Sir, there would not have been room for a cat to get between the lady to whom I proposed and myself!"

Rex B

# CHRISTIANS UNEMPLOYMENT GROUP

In preparation for Unemployment Sunday on 18th February next year ChUG are planning to produce a book of testimonies. Contributions are invited from any who have first hand experience of unemployment or who can speak about the effects of unemployment in people they know.

ChUG are also running a training day under the title 'Unemployment and the local church - What can be done? This is on Wednesday 15th November from 10.00am until 3.30pm. Further details on both these matters can be obtained from Maurice Snowdon.

# **BAPTISM AND WEDDING ENQUIRIES**

Can be made at the Vicarage on Wednesday evenings between 6.30pm and 7.30pm. If this is not convenient please 'phone the Vicar on Tel 2362322 to make an appointment.

# PARISH ROTAS FOR NOVEMBER

### COFFEE

- 5 Mrs Cryan, Mrs Carter, Mr Hazlehurst
- 12 Mr & Mrs Loft, Mrs Allum
- 19 Mr & Mrs Filleul, Mrs Morrell
- 26 Mrs Webb, Mrs Booth, Mrs Walker
- 29 Mr & Mrs Iosson, Mrs Houldcroft

### **FLOWERS**

	Altar	Memory Table
5	Mr Hazlehurst	Mrs Dixon
12	Mr JohnstonMrs (	CroatesMrs Manfredi
19	Mrs King	Mrs Clark
26	Mrs Loft	Mrs Bramall

# CRÈCHE

5	No crèche, Parish Weekend at Scargill
12	Liz and Neil Hayden
19	Come & Worship

25 Karen & Mark Bergdahl

# **SIDESMEN**

	8.00am	10.00am	6.30pm
5	Mr F Filleul	Mr FH Cooke	Mrs E Mayson
		Mr RF Johnston	Mrs M Snowdon
12	Mr A Ludlam	Mr WR Bryer	Mr JA England
		Mrs C Billard	Mr HS Powell
19	Miss AE Baldry	A Powell	Mr E Simons
• •	,	J Lawry	Mrs P Purkiss
26	Miss H Perfect	Mrs D Simons	Mr H Mayson
		Mrs M Warrender	Mr H Powell

# SILVER CLEANING -

- 5 Mrs Ludlam
- 19 Mrs Noton

## FROM THE REGISTERS

### **BAPTISMS:**

October 22nd...Danielle Suzanne Gash, 109, Green Oak Road. October 29th...Charles John Hamish Porter-Thaw, 12, Laverdene Cl.

### **WEDDINGS:**

None this month.

### **FUNERALS:**

September 29th..Robert Hodgson(90), 10, Milldale Road. October 10th.....Louisa Mary Rowley(84),c/o "Cheshire Home".

We shall remember all recently-bereaved families, together with the following from our Memorial Book, at our Memorial Service on Sunday, November 26th at 6.30pm:- Neill Lycett, Bertha Wilks, Elsie Perkinton, Winifred Twigg, Janet Bingham, Kathleen Hazlehurst, Gerald Waite, Edmund Couldwell, Alfred Hall, Ronald Twigg, Betty Johnston, May Jackson, Gwynneth Freeman, Ivy Wilcockson, Edward Heiser, Pamela Burton, Jessie Couldwell, and May Tym.

# AUTUMN FAIR-NOV.25th at 2pm.

Please do your best to come and support this special event, by helping on stalls, supplying gifts for stalls (especially lots of delicious cakes) and by bringing friends and family along for a pre-Christmas afternoon. There will be refreshments and children's games.

Stalls looking for goods are:- cakes, books and tapes, bottles, Something Special, toys, Christmas decorations, tombola, crafts, plants and produce, gifts and cards, as well as refreshments please.

You may like to add your name to the list in the Church Hall, or contact me at the Vicarage. Many thanks. Margaret B.

# **AUTUMN & WINTER STUDY EVENINGS**

Please come along to the Lounge on Wednesday Evenings at 8pm starting again on Nov.8th with a **Bible Study** led by Peter Pearson. All are very welcome!

SERVICES:	(Sundays) 8.00am Holy Communion - every Sunday
	10.00am 1st 2nd 4th & 5th Holy Communion
	3rd Come & Worship
	6.30pm 1st Special Service
	2nd Evensong
	3rd Holy Communion
	Last Memorial Service
Mid Week	9.00am Morning Prayer(except Fridays)
	10.00am Holy Communion (Wednesdays)
	2.00pm Under 5's Praise 1st & 3rd Thursdays
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Sunday:	ORGANISATIONS - (MEETINGS IN THE HALL)  10.00am "Young Saints"-Kath Lloyd 236 7056
Sunday.	6.30pm "TASH" Youth Group-Alan Walker 262 0421
Monday:	10.00am Drop In Coffee-Maurice & Marjorie
Monday.	Snowdon 236 2822
	3.30pm Junior Choir Practice in church
	- Stella Jockel 236 9413
	7.00pm Guides - Dorothy Firth 236 4190
Tuesday:	7.30pm Ladies Club (1st & 3rd)
	- Margaret Benson 236 2322
Wednesday:	10.00am Parent & Toddler Group
	- Gillian Grocott 262 0406
	6.30pm 'Trailblazers' (children's club)
	- Annette Job 236 0122
Thursday:	2.00pm Under 5's Praise (1st & 3rd)
	- Liz Hayden 236 4944
	7.00pm Choir Practice in Church
	- Stella Jockel 236 9413
	8.00pm Standing Committee (1st) PCC (2nd)
	GROUPS are informal gatherings, in homes of our
	hey provide opportunities for Prayer, discussion,
	y and simple sharing. New members are always Details below:
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# FROM THE VICAR

# WORSHIP CHRIST THE NEW BORN KING

Dear Friends,

Much has been written and talked about worship in recent weeks, but the best words came from the Chaplains at our recent Scargill weekend. We were pointed to Psalm 145 to discover some important Images of God....

King- all powerful and majestic

Loving, Compassionate and Merciful

Faithful-someone who will not let us down

Long-suffering- especially with me!

Someone Greater than any one of us, beyond understanding

We were then challenged about our images of God, and it was suggested that if we have a distorted or inadequate image, then our worship would neither be very meaningful to ourselves nor worthy of Him who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

However, at this Advent and Christmas Season, He who was born in humble circumstances, invites us humbly to rededicate our lives to Him; to accept Him as our Lord and King and Saviour. What better Christmas gift could we have than that! Having restored our image of Him, then please come along to All Saints' at this Christmastide and with us "Worship Christ the new born King"

Margaret joins me in wishing you a truly blessed Advent and Christmas. May God be with you and your family,

PS: A special invitation to come with your children to our Crib Service at 4.30pm on Christmas Eve.

# SERVICES IN DECEMBER

### 3rd ADVENT SUNDAY:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

Epistle: Romans 13:8-end.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-end.

10.00am Young Saints

11.30am Cheshire Home Communion

6.30pm Special Service-bring your friends.

# 10th BIBLE SUNDAY:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion(ASB)

Epistle: Romans 15:4-13.

Gospel: Luke 4:14-21.

6.30pm Evensong (BCP)

Old Testament:

New Testament:

# 17th THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am "Young Saints" Presentation.

3.30pm Cheshire Home Service

6.30pm Festival of Lessons & Carols (followed by tea/coffee and mince pies in the Hall)

# 24th CHRISTMAS EVE:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion (ASB)

Epistle: Revelation 21:1-7

Gospel: Matthew 1:18-23.

Noon Short Service of remembrance of the departed

4.30pm Family Crib Service

11.30pm First Communion of Christmas -all welcome!

Epistle: Isaiah 9:2,6&7.

Gospel: John 1:1-14.

# 25th CHRISTMAS DAY:

8.00 am Holy Communion(BCP)

10.00am Family Communion (ASB) with Carols

Epistle: 1 John 4:7-14.

Gospel: Luke 2:8-20.

11.30am Holy Communion at Cheshire Home.

### 31st FIRST SUNDAY after CHRISTMAS:

8.00am Holy Communion(BCP)

10.00am Holy Communion(ASB)

Epistle: Romans 12:1-8.

Gospel: Luke 2:22-40.

6.30pm Memorial Service.

LATEST NEWS...All the hard work and effort be so many people for our Autumn Fair was rewarded by the total money raised..£738! Thank you to you all- we can now pay off the last part of the loan from the Diocese.

### THE 10 O'CLOCK SERVICE

Don't panic or 'phone the Bishop...All Saints' is not going trendy! OurWorship Team and PCC have approved the following small changes toour 10am Holy communion services until further notice:-

- \* Try to have your family seated **before** the bell stops ringing, when the Vicar will welcome everyone, lead a period of quiet before announcing the Processional Hymn. Any Notices will follow.
- \*Someone will introduce the SALT(Sharing & Learning Together) Theme for the day-material suitable for all ages.
- \*A prayer will then be said, followed by a Hymn, after which the "Young Saints" children and helpers will leave for the Hall.
- \*There will be a short period of silence before the Confession.
- \*During the distribution of bread and wine, a Prayer Ministry will beoffered in the Lady Chapel.(In this part of the Service, Hymns andmusic will be of a more reflective nature)
- \*The "Young Saints" will return for a blessing at the Altar rail.

We very much hope that these changes will help our worship to be more meaningful and reverent. We hope the SALT All-Age material will help families share common experiences. These changes will come into force on Sunday, February 4th. We shall however use the SALT material for Sermons and "Young Saints" from January 7th.

# prayerful considerations

Prayer is (not surprisingly) a regular feature of our Church services and hopefully too of our private lives, but several additional opportunities are now available for prayer to become an increasingly important and significant part of our individual and corporate spiritual growth, faith and practice.

On Monday evenings at 9.00pm for example, informal sessions of worship and prayer have been led by no fewer than 17 different individuals (including one URC member) over as many weeks and many of those attending have been greatly encouraged by God's response to prayers for both individuals and situations. No doubt the same is true for similar meetings being held in Totley Rise Methodist Church at 9.45am on Tuesdays and for the Contemplative Prayer Group participants meeting on Monday afternoons.

The comparatively recent introduction into Sunday Services of Ministry for Prayer and Healing should similarly be seen as a response to the many Scriptural exhortations for us to resort to prayer. Those called to take part do not lay claim to any special gifts or spiritual superiority and (as with the prayer groups) anyone and everyone is welcome to participate.

The same is true in respect of the prayer chain which will hopefully have been restarted by the time this article appears. The chain is a mechanism by which urgent requests for prayer (most commonly relating to bereavement, hospitalisation, serious accident, or illness etc.) can be most easily communicated to everyone wishing to offer prayer support.

You are invited to get in touch with the Vicar or myself if you would like to join and/or make use of the prayer chain or would like transport to any of the prayer meetings, though for the latter you are always welcome to just turn up

I do hope and pray that all readers will give these matters their prayerful consideration and respond accordingly.

Ken Filleul (Tel: 2360872)

# ALF HIDES - a tribute

Alf Hides with his wheelchair bound wife attended Wednesday Communion service and occasional events, such as the Garden party - and it's all up hill from Aldam Way to All Saints. Born in Pitsmoor, he started his working life with the Co-op. His war service 1939-1945, was spent with the Royal Artillery in Malaya and Burma. Returning he progressed to a metal buyer for an engineering firm. Kathleen and he had no children but adopted an orphaned nephew. Kathleen contracted cancer, a creeping paralysis. For ten years he nursed her and did his own housework.

After Kathleen's death his sister-in-law, a widow suffered Alzeimers disease. He nursed her with all its tribulations. Then sadly when he should have had a respite, he too had cancer. One never heard him bemoan his misfortunes, it was as if the fates had conspired to crush him - they never did. It was a privilege to have known him. George Hazlehurst and myself were regular visitors and he had a wonderful friend in Mr Morley of Aldam Way ~ Rex B.

# CHOCOLATE RUM CRUNCH CAKE

34 packet plain Hobnob biscuits (not chocolate covered) - crushed 1 200g bar Bourneville chocolate

1 egg (optional)

1/2lb/200g butter or margarine

2-3ozs/50-75g glace cherries - halved

2-3ozs/50-75g chopped walnuts

3 teasps rum essence

Flaked almonds to decorate

Melt the butter and chocolate in a saucepan over a low heat watch it carefully and keep stirring. Add the rum essence, biscuits, walnuts and beaten egg (if using). Mix together and add the cherries.

Line the base of a 10"x 7" tin with greased greaseproof paper. Pour mixture into tin. Sprinkle the flaked almonds over the top and put into the fridge to set. When hard, cut into small squares.

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# WHAT'S IN IT FOR ME?

What do you hope to get out of Christmas?

In the later part of the second World War I was in a troopship on its way to the Far East. If all went well I was due to spend Christmas Day on the ship with several thousand other men approaching Port Said in Egypt. So whatever else happened there would be no church bells, no carol services, no parties, no presents, no family gatherings. What about a Christmas Dinner?

Frankly I don't now remember what we had for dinner! But like millions of others at home throughout the world, it was certainly a meal totally different from what most people will try to enjoy this year.

I do recall however that the naval and military authorities did give to each of us on board a small bottle of beer. It ws unexpected. It showed forethought. It was a small token. It was as much as was possible under the circumstances. And for all these reasons it was greatly appreciated.

Apart from that, Christmas that year was not so much a matter of what's in it for me as of what am I going to put into Dec 25th to make it a celebration of the birth of the world's Saviour. For each of us it was an occasion to look in and to bring out from within the celebration of worship for God's greatest gift. Fortunately as a Christian, I did have a few resources within me to do just that.

But I learned a lesson from Christmas Day. Of course it's an obvious one. No doubt it's one that at least some of my readers will already have learned. But perhaps not all. And certainly not most of the millions who won't read this.

The heart of Christmas of course is Jesus Christ. He lives in the lives of those who are open to him. He is not on a Christmas tree, he's not locked up in a church. He lives within our human-ness. And as we look within we can find him - an worship him.

So take some space in the bustle of Christmas and look within. If you find the living Christ there, then worship him. And worship him with others. They will encourage you and you will

# Not Envy Queues - NVQs

NVQs (National Vocational Qualifications) give recognition to individuals who can show that they have the skills and experience to do a particular activity to a National Standard.

### What have NVQs to do with the Church?

Church Members undertake a great variety of work activities and tasks within their parishes, demonstrating skills and knowledge which could be the basis for them gaining an NVO qualification.

It does not matter where and how someone develops their skills, but that they are competent to apply them in practice.

### A Feasibility Study

This is being undertaken voluntarily by Neil Morris of Christ Church, Swallownest for the Diocesan Training Committee.

A questionnaire has been sent to individuals & parishes in the Diocese, to find out what people are doing in their Lay Ministry that is in the areas for which training is already provided i.e. Children's Leader, Youth Worker, Reader.

From this a wider appreciation of the activities of Lay People will be gained, giving an in-depth view of what skills are being used, what knowledge is needed, etc. This will help to identify activities which might be used by people, if they wish to seek to acquire an NVQ.

Whilst all this is going on, existing National Standards from a great many occupational areas are being reviewed. The aim here is to seek out what could be relevant NVQ units, for which people might want to seek accreditation for the work activities they do in their parishes.

NVQs have been set up by the Government because the existing system of qualifications relating to work activities was:-

- not closely related to what people actually do in their work activities.
- over complex, resulting in too few of the working population having relevant qualifications.

NVQs are based on **competence**, they provide clear and recognisable evidence of expertise in a particular area of work, allowing people to gain qualifications whilst they undertake their work activities.

Interest in the study has already been shown by The Board of Education at Church House, Westminster and other Dioceses.

If you would like further information on NVQs, the work in hand or as it develops, please contact Neil Morris through the Diocesan Training Team at Church House on 01709 837547.

### **Moorends Church Boxes Clever**

St. Wilfrith's Church, Moorends has always wanted to play a full part in village life and when the vicar, Fr. Kevin Northover, was approached by several villagers to see if they could use the old parish hall as a home for a boxing club both he and the PCC felt that it was a good way to support young people in the village, so the St. Wilfrith's School of Boxing was born. That was back in February and now the Boxing Club have held their first Tournament which proved to be a huge success. The Archdeacon of Doncaster and Dr. Ian McCollough were present for the Tournament and the Archdeacon presented a shield on behalf of the Bishop of Sheffield to Dean Cockburn as the most promising boxer of the evening. St. Wilfrith's School of Boxing



raised over £900 on the evening, most of which will be used to help them in their bid to find a new home before the old church hall is pulled down as part of a land deal. The Ven Bernard Holdridge said that this kind of involvement in the community was vital if the Church was to survive as a relevant force in peoples' lives into the 21st Century.

# Education Sunday - 4 February, 1996

Every parish has schools attended by its children, most contain schools. Please at the very least remember them in your intercessions on 4 February. Better still give the schools a special invitation and encourage children to take part in a suitable service or take the education and upbringing of children as sermon themes. And, if you have any further or higher education establishments in the parish, please include them also.

The national theme this year is "Work and Education: Opportunities for All". The Diocesan Religious Education and Worship Adviser (Fr. Alan Parkinson) and Director of Education (Joan Hoare) are available to help. Contact them on 01709 837549.

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## Fireworks at Beighton

It was a case of 'Remember, remember the fifth of November' at St. Mary's Beighton, Sheffield when Bill Mallender celebrated his 85th birthday - and twenty seven years as a Reader at the church. Bonfire Night was being celebrated all around in Beighton with bonfires, rockets and loud bangs, as Bill was presented with an outdoor tub of evergreen plants by members of the congregation.

Knowing that Readers Barbara Wadsworth and Roger Walters (seen here with Vicar Gordon Taylor) who became Readers in 1994, are now in full swing and settled into their new role within the life of the church, Bill (on the right) now enters into semi-retirement from his Reader's duties.



### Rossini in Rotherham

Rotherham Choral Society is to present its next concert in the Parish Church of All Saints' at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday, 2nd December. The main work to be sung is

Rossini's 'Petite Messe Solennelle'. The Society's new Musical Director, Christopher Wiltshire will conduct and Alan Eost is to be the organist, with Nigel Gyte at the piano. Principals are Rachel Copley, Judith Barker, Paul Wilson and Steven Critchlow. There will also be a performance of Gerald' Finzi's 'In terra pax', a lovely setting of St. Luke's story of the shepherds and one of Robert Bridges' poems for Christmas.

Tickets are £5 (£4 concessions) available from members or at the door.

## **Anyone for Football**

Gleadless Parish Men's Football Team (16+), which has recently been formed seeks opposition: eleven, seven or five a side. Lacks own pitch, so happy to play away. If interested contact: Revd. Andrew Coleby, St. Peter's Vicarage, 51 White Lane, Sheffield S12 3GD. Tel: 0114 239 6132.

# **Great Tenth Anniversary**

This month, December sees the tenth anniversary of the publication of the Faith in the City Report. "Some will remember the vilification with which it was received..." writes the Bishop of Sheffield in an autumn letter, "but we can be thankful that, none-the-less, the Church has made a serious effort to respond to that report.... In the Diocese we are keeping this anniversary as a double birthday: on Advent Sunday, 3 December, every church in the Diocese is asked to remember the needs of the Inner City (and Urban Priority) parishes; to give thanks for what has been achieved in this last decade (including the work of the Church Urban Fund) and to renew our commitment to each other in all the parishes of the Diocese....And then on Sunday, 10 December, there is to be a great Diocesan Service in the Cathedral at 6.30 p.m. preceded by a series of Faith Teas. I urge every parish to be involved in some way in this event. Everyone is welcome at the Cathedral."

# **Appointments**

The Reverend Michael Wright to be Priest in Charge of St. Edmund Anchorage Lane and Part Time Chaplain to Doncaster Royal and Montagu Hospital from October, 1995.

The Reverend Anthony Atkins to be Full Time Chaplain to Rotherham District General, Badsley Moor Lane and Doncaster Gate Hospitals from January 1996.

### Please pray for:

Liz Drax serving in the parish of St. Mary Wheatley to be ordained priest in Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday 16 December.

Jenny Sankey who is to serve in the parish of Mosbrough to be ordained deacon in Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday 16 December.

# Lourdes '96

May 1996 will be the fifth year in which a party of Anglicans have joined with their brothers and sisters from Hallam RC Diocese on their Pilgrimage to Lourdes. The dates in 1996 will be 2-9 May, and the cost approximately £320 inclusive.

Anybody who is interested in joining the pilgrimage is warmly invited to an introductory meeting at Sheffield Cathedral on Thursday 7 December at 7.30 p.m. Further information from Canon Christopher Smith, Sheffield Cathedral, Sheffield S1 1HA, Tel. 0114 275 3434.

### DIRE-ECT MAIL

Ian McCollough, Faith in the City Development Worker in the Diocese and working from DIOCESAN CHURCH HOUSE in Rotherham, never quite knows what to make of his mail - especially when it comes addressed to him at DIRE SEASONS CHURCH HOUSE, Rotherham!

Ian wonders whether the particular letter from the Single Regeneration Budget Office in Sheffield, came from DIRE-ECTOR'S Office, and notes that a simple telephone call, having first consulted the telephone DIRE-ECTORY, would have resolved any uncertainty.

# Sheffield Diocesan Synod November 11th

# Rainy day in Sheffield.....

It rained and it rained on Saturday November 11th (writes the Revd Canon Roy Arnold, Sheffield Diocesan Communications Officer) but there was a businesslike atmosphere at Sheffield Diocesan Synod meeting on that day at the Church Army College. Maybe picking up from the weather outside the Bishop of Sheffield in his PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS warned us all to ignore the steady drip, drip drip, of media men and women in their portrayal of the Church of England as being in terminal decline. He called on Church of England folk to get to grips with sad divisions over the Ordination of Women and also to sort out the question of how many men and women are required in ordained ministry to ensure that the Gospel is preached in every part of the Diocese. First item on the agenda was a good introduction to THE TURNBULL REPORT ("Working as One Body"). This report which proposes a radical re-shaping of central structures of the Church of England including the setting up of a new National Council of the Church of England - was introduced by the Archdeacon of Sheffield, himself a member of the Commission. The report (to be debated at General Synod in February) was received. Also received were reports from CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SOUTH YORKSHIRE and from the FINANCE COMMITTEE of the Diocese. Still with matters financial Synod members approved the BUDGET FOR 1996 after a slight tussle over the expenses of the two Archdeacons. The Revd John Corbyn (Dalton) proposed that these be capped at £24,000 (£7,000 less than in the budget) but this move was defeated. MR. DOUGLAS HURLEY was presented with a sherry decanter to mark his impending retirement after nine years as Diocesan Giving Adviser. The Bishop paid warm tribute to Doug's work. TWO MOTIONS FROM DEANERY SYNODS were up for discussion. The first (from WATH DEANERY) was on payments to the Board of Finance for Curates Houses - when vacant - was referred to the Finance Committee for further thought. The second (from LAUGHTON DEANERY) on "inclusive language" in Church worship and especially anxious about the prospect of calling God "Our Mother" was carried by 30 votes to 26 although the Provost of Sheffield, the Very Revd Michael Sadgrove said that General Synod had debated inclusive language three times and there was no possibility of referring to God as Mother. Synod members were reminded about the DIOCESAN LINK WITH ARGENTINA. There was a report on the visit from Sheffield Diocese to Argentina which is to be reciprocated in February 1996 when, Mr. Peter Rainford, said he hoped that - despite the prospect of wintry weather - there would be a warm welcome in the Diocese for young people from Argentina. THE NEXT MEETING OF DIOCESAN SYNOD WILL BE ON SATURDAY MARCH 2nd 1996.

### **Elected**

In the October Elections for General Synod the Revds Richard Atkinson, James Forrester, Jack Harris and Canon Jane Sinclair were elected to the House of Clergy (Proctors in Convocation) the latter three being new members. Professor David McClean, Mrs. Elizabeth Paver, Mr. Jonathan Redden and Mrs. Janet Vout were elected as members of the House of Laity all of them being members of the former General Synod. The Archdeacon of Sheffield, the Ven Stephen Lowe, was elected as representative Archdeacon.

### **Homelessness Forum**

Sheffield Churches Homelessness Forum is an ecumenical group of congregations and projects in Sheffield seeking to support people who are homeless or in housing need.

If you believe that a home is more than just brick walls and that everyone has a right to one, then why not join the Forum. For membership details contact: Alan Turner, Sheffield Cathedral, Sheffield S1 1HA Tel: (0114) 279 8435.

# **Cross Talk Youth Group**

This small group of young people from St. Mary's Church, Greasbrough, Rotherham will be selling Christmas cards of their own design during December.

All money raised is to go to the CHRISTMAS CRACKER project which helps the plight of young street girls in Thailand.

To find out more please ring Rev. John Helliwell on  $01709\ 562378$ 

# thank you

I am writing to say thank you for the prayers and words of comfort which I have received from so many in my church family on the occasion of yet another personal loss. The tragic death of my beloved daughter Gillian at the age of 34 has been hard to accept and would have been unbearable without your friendship, love and prayers. I wish to thank David in particular for his warm support and for providing a special Evensong for Gillian.

As a Sister Midwife, Gillian devoted much time and effort to pregnant women who were HIV positive or drug users. She was the only counsellor for such women in Sheffield and had recently won a Westfield award to study the problem in America.

Gillian was very much impressed by the thoughtful and compassionate care of HIV infected people at the Lighthouse, a London based charity which she had hoped to visit but did not live long enough to do so and I am grateful that this year's proceeds from Christmas Cards will be devoted to this charity ~ Claudine Murrell

Rex wishes to thank all those Church members who kindly did and those who kindly offered to take him to hospital to visit his daughter at a time of great stress. Thank You all..



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More importantly they will be taking Father Christmas to the children and need GIFT WRAPPED TOYS (new or second-hand in excellent condition with labels on stating age range and boy or girl), SWEETS, BISCUITS and CASH donations to buy fresh fruit.

Also required are SEEDS of all kinds and CASH donations to buy seed potatoes.

So far 18 convoys have been taken out. Our help is greatly appreciated. Please contact: Brenda Rose, 4 Gelderd Place, Dronfield Tel: 01246 410674. Items can be left at the back of the church. **THANK YOU.** 

# ORGAN SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

As many of you will know, Brian recently auditioned for an organ scholarship at several colleges both at Oxford and Cambridge.

Unfortunately he was not successful and, due to pressure of A level work and lack of music preparation time, he has decided not to apply elsewhere.

I would like to thank All Saints for giving Brian this opportunity; however my special thanks go to our choir members and organist for their unfailing encouragement, interest and practical help over the past few years. You may be assured that Brian will continue to serve All Saints for as long as he is here in Totley.

\*\*Ann Ruthven\*\*

# MAGAZINE SECRETARY NEEDED!!!!!!!!

Unfortunately due to an increase in workload I am unable to continue to assist David to produce the magazine in the New Year. Can anyone take over this role?

\*\*Karen B\*\*

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# FROM THE REGISTERS

# **BAPTISMS:**

November 19th...Bethany Anne Cousins, 28, Windermere Road.

### WEDDINGS:

None this month.

## **FUNERALS:**

November 8th...Lawrence Tym(88), 18, The Quadrant.

November 9th...Alfred Hides(80), 64, Aldam way.

November 16th. Violet Moorhouse (79), 68, Green Oak Avenue.

We shall remember all recently-bereaved families, together with the following from our Memorial Book, at our Memorial Service on Sunday, December 31st at 6.30pm:- Marjorie Brittain, Robert Seaton, Gladys Atkin, Emily Weighton, Leonard Wright, David Sutton, Gertrude Swift, Miriam Beckett, Joy Russell, Eleanor Green, GaynorHadley, Francis Bramall, Eirene Calverley, Gerald Shale, Doris Atkinson, and John Liversidge.

# **AUTUMN & WINTER STUDY EVENINGS**

Please come along to the Lounge on Wednesday Evenings at
Peter Pearson will lead us in a study of Paul's Letter to the
Philippians. All are very welcome!

THANK YOU to all our Advertisers for their support; to our Distributors for their hard work; to you our readers for taking our excellent publication; and extra special thanks to Karen (and her husband Mark) for preparing the pages for printing. Well done! Thanks also from Ted and Sue Wright to everyone for your prayers, support, help and good wishes during Ted's illness. Your kindness was much appreciated.

Children's Society Boxes are now due for emptying. If you don't have a box and would like one, Ann Ruthven has spares. Last year's total was £300...can we beat that this year?

# on communities

A recent contributor to the religious 'slot' in a national newspaper put forth the view that religious cults primarily in communities were beneficial to the religious life of the members concerned. He either wrote with tongue in cheek or his memory had failed him, for we know all perish in disaster and disillusion. These cult communities should not be confused with established communities within the ambit of the main denominations. Examples - the Community of the Resurrection here at Mirfield in Yorkshire, that gave us Archbishop Trevor Huddleston; the Society of the Sacred Mission, once of Parson Cross and Kelham, Notts that produced three bishops; the Society of St John the Evangelist. These and others brought forth priests and disciples propagating the gospel in both a practical and prayerful manner (James 1 vv22/25) world-wide often in areas of personal danger. (A visit to one of these communities is a great morale booster).

Religion is like football, the simpler the better; leave the deeper and perhaps unfathomable answers to the questions that perplex us to the theologians and academics; have they the answers? Certainly the extremist cults cannot claim that distinction.

Our task is to believe and trust and as far as possible obey. As a very aged member of the Cowley Fathers, a member from boyhood, said, "Little children, love one another.", and when challenged as to its adequacy, replied, "If you perform it, it suffices." (James v27)

# saying for stillness

"You shall be called 'Sought out'"
(Isiah 62.12 RSV)

# events....

Tickets for the **NEW YEAR BARN DANCE** Jan 6th, 1996 are on sale Adults £5, Children £3 - Supper included. Tel Mavis Kirton on Tel: 2351286

The 1st Totley Scout Group invite you to their annual **COFFEE WITH CAROLS** evening on Tuesday 5th December starting at 7.00pm in the HQ Aldam Road. There will be chance to buy or win Christmas Gifts, Games, refreshments and carol singing. Everyone welcome.

**JUMBLE SALE** - Saturday 27th January 1996, 11.00am HQ of Totley Scout group, Aldam Rd. Jumble can be collected and stored, Tel John Lawry, Scout Leader on 2368566.

# LIVING WILLS (& PASSIVE EUTHANASIA)

What are they?

What attitude should we adopt, and

What decisions should we take as Christians?

Are there realistic alternatives?

These and other relevant questions will be discussed at an SCCM Open Meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 4th December in the lounge of Endcliffe Methodist Church on Ecclesall Road. The panel will include The Chaplain of St Luke's Hospice, a lawyer, an intensive care anaesthetist and (possibly) a member of the Voluntary Euthanasia Society. A discussion paper is displayed on the Church Hall notice board, and the meeting is open to anyone interested.

# **CROSS CHURCH FELLOWSHIP**

Next meeting: Saturday 9th December, 8.00am - 10.00am at Totley Rise Methodist Church.

Subject: "Equipped to speak" led by Terry Irwin.

Meetings held to date have been very helpful and it is hoped that more people will take advantage of the arrangement. They contribute to a deepening of our fellowship since several of our local churches have been represented and there is a strong feeling that some such fellowship should continue to make arrangements for the New Year.

# PARISH ROTAS FOR DECEMBER

# COFFEE

3	Mrs Powell, Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Snowdon
-	July Show and the state of the

10 Mr & Mrs Waite, Mrs Ruthven

17 Mrs Wright, Mrs Warrender, Mrs Lewis

24 Mrs Ludlam, Mrs Ibbotson, Mrs Firth

31 Mrs Benson, Mrs Brown, Mrs Smith

# **FLOWERS**

	Altar	Mamore Table
3	Mrs Sturgeon	Memory Table Mrs Cooke
10	Mrs Marshall	Mrs Bergdahl
17	TREES	Mas Deiguaiii
24	<b>CHRISTMAS</b>	Mrs Wiggett
31	CHRISTMAS	Mrs Parsons
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3	Ann & Helen Powe	ell
10	Marie Cooper, Ro	
17	Come & Worship	
24	No Crèche	
31	No Crèche	
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### SIDESMEN

3	<b>8.00am</b> Mr F Filleul	10.00am Mr FH Cooke	6.30pm Mrs E Mayson
10	Mr A Ludlam	Mr RF Johnston Mr WR Bryer	Mrs M Snowdon Mr JA England
17	Miss AE Baldry	Mrs C Billard M Allum	Mr HS Powell Mr E Simons
24	Miss H Perfect	K Filleul Mrs D Simons	Mrs P Purkiss Mr H Mayson
31	Mrs D Cooke	Mrs M Warrender Mr W R Bryer	Mr H Powell Miss A EBaldry
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# SILVER CLEANING -

- 3 Mrs Kirton
- 24 Mrs Noton

# diary dates

Sat 2	Senior Citizens Party at Totley URC Hall from 4-8pm
Mon 4	"Living Wills" meeting at Endcliffe Methodist Church
	7.30pm
	Contemplative prayer group, 3pm, 12 Marstone Cres
Tue 5	Senior Citizens Christmas Party in our Hall 2.30pm
	Ladies Club, speaker from Radio Sheffield, 7.30pm
	COFFEE WITH CAROLS, 7pm, Totley Scouts, HQ
	Aldam Rd
Wed 6	Bible Study on Philippians, Church Lounge 8pm
	Monthly Morning Fellowship, 6 Milldale Rd 11am
Sat 9	Cross Church Fellowship Meeting, Totley Rise Meth
	Church, 8.00am - 10.00am
Mon 11/Wed	13 All Saints' School Pageant times in Magazine
Tue 12	Martha and Mary Group, Lounge 10.30am
r	(contact Pauline Perketon 236 1601)
Fri 15	Carols by Candlelight in the Hall
Sun 17	Young Saints presentation at 10am
	Festival of Lessons and carols at 6.30pm - mince pies
	afterwards
Mon 18	Contemplative prayer group, 3pm, 12 Marstone Cres
Fri 22	Carol singing at Green Oak View from 7pm, singing
	round the Parish afterwards
Sun 24	CHRISTMAS EVE: Remembrance of the departed at
	Noon
	Crib Service at 4.30pm
	Midnight Communion, 11.30pm
Mon 25	CHRISTMAS DAY: Holy Communion 8.00am,
	Family Communion with carols at 10am,
	Cheshire Home at 11.30am
Sat 30	Wedding of Mark Platton and Sunerie Patel at 2pm

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL

SERVICES:	(Sundays)8.00am Holy Communion - every Sunday
	10.00am 1st 2nd 4th & 5th Holy Communion
	3rd Come & Worship
	6.30pm 1st Special Service
	2nd Evensong
	3rd Holy Communion
	Last Memorial Service
Mid Week	9.00am Morning Prayer(except Fridays)
	10.00am Holy Communion (Wednesdays)
	2.00pm Under 5's Praise 1st & 3rd Thursdays
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	ORGANISATIONS - OMEETINGS IN THE HALL)
Sunday:	10.00am "Young Saints"-Kath Lloyd 236 7056
	6.30pm "TASH" Youth Group-Alan Walker 262 0421
Monday:	10.00am Drop In Coffee-Maurice & Marjorie
	Snowdon 236 2822
	3.30pm Junior Choir Practice in church
	- Stella Jockel 236 9413
	7.00pm Guides - Dorothy Firth 236 4190
Tuesday:	7.30pm Ladies Club (1st & 3rd)
77 - 3 1	- Margaret Benson 236 2322
wednesday:	10.00am Parent & Toddler Group
	- Gillian Grocott 262 0406
	6.30pm 'Trailblazers' (children's club)
Thursday:	- RIL Gray 236 9204
THREE PARTY.	2.00pm Under 5's Praise (1st & 3rd)
	- Liz Hayden 236 4944 7.00pm Choir Practice in Church
	- Stella Jockel 236 9413
	8.00pm Standing Committee (1st) PCC (2nd)
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FELLOWSHIP	GROUPS are informal gatherings, in homes of our
Parish. Th	ey provide opportunities for Prayer discussion
Bible Study	and simple sharing. New members are always
welcome. D	etails below:
Wednesday:	
Month.	ly Morning Fellowship-Pauline Perkinton 236 1601
Month.	Ly Afternoon Fellowship-Stella Jockel 236 9413
Weekly	y Evening Fellowship-Marjorie Snowdon 236 2822
Thur/Mon:	
Conter	mplative Prayer Group-Rosalie Carter 236 5969