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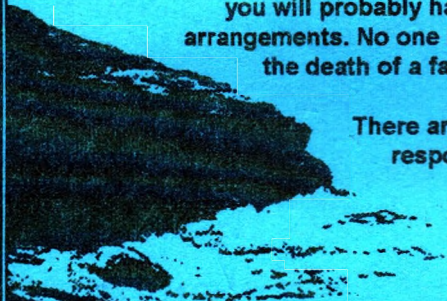
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*From the Vicar...*

## A YEAR OF WELCOME

Dear Friends,

A very Happy New Year to you and yours.

Of course you will be thinking that every New Year should be thought of as another opportunity to welcome people into the life of the Christian Church. Absolutely right...so how is 1997 going to be different?

Quite simply, we have plans set for three special periods of welcome. This will form our response to Bishop David's "Open Door" evangelistic challenge to each Parish in his last year as our Bishop.

We plan to 'launch' the year with a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, February 1st. This will lead naturally into our Lent Study Programme when, as individuals, we shall renew a 'Welcome to the Lord' into our daily lives.

Saturday, April 12th will then be our PARISH DAY (led by the Revd. Mick Woodhead) when we shall attempt to renew our 'Welcomes to one another' - a unique opportunity to become a more close-knit Christian family. The months following will be taken up with House Groups to enable us to deepen our faith and trust in one another.

From September to December, we shall, with God's help seek to show 'Welcome to our neighbours' by inviting them into our Home Welcome Groups, sharing our faith with them, and attempting to answer their questions. By this, we shall attempt to be a true 'Missionary Congregation'.

By the end of the year, we shall hope to be able to give a genuine **Welcome to the New Born King**. Will you commit this venture to God in your prayers, and be fully involved in every aspect of the **YEAR OF WELCOME?**

*David*

P.S. The Chairman of our Mission Team, Gordon Grayson, has outlined the Years Programme in more detail elsewhere in this Magazine. Perhaps you might cut it out and keep it for your prayers.



## Services in January

### 5th 2nd after Christmas:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)-*Theme: Rivers*  
     Old Testament: Ezekiel 47: 1-12  
     Gospel: John 4:3-14.  
 11.30am Cheshire Home Communion  
 6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
     Old Testament: Exodus 12:21-27  
     New Testament: Romans 8:11-17

### 12th EPIPHANY 1:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am Holy Communion (ASB)-*Theme: Trees*  
     Epistle:  
     Gospel:  
 6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
     Old Testament: 1 Samuel 16:1-13a.  
     New Testament: Romans 12:1-end.

### 19th EPIPHANY 2:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am "Come & Worship"-*Theme: Cities*,  
 6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)  
     Epistle: Acts 27:1,&9-20.  
     Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

### 26th 9th before Easter:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am Holy Communion (ASB)-*Theme: Clothes*  
     Epistle: Colossians 3:5-13.  
     Gospel: Matthew 6:25-34.  
 6.30pm Memorial Service

## EVENTS

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At our meeting on JANUARY 21st, Vicky Fidler  
 will tell us about the NUISANCE CALLS BUREAU.

We look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.  
 How about bringing along a new member in 1997.

Margaret B.

### HYMNS OLD AND NEW

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## Christian Response

Situations, events and issues of social importance, which challenge the judgement and conscience of us all feature with ever increasing frequency in press articles, radio and television reports.

What should our Christian response be?

Can it ever be unanimous?

To what extent does it measure up to God's commandment to love our neighbour as ourselves?

These and other questions should be addressed in an information and discussion evening to be held in the Church Hall lounge at 7.45pm on Tuesday 28th January.

Rachael Ross, our Diocesan Social Responsibility Officer has been invited to talk to us about her involvement with local projects and activities, and to help us review our own current and possible response, individually and collectively. (The information booklet entitled "Response", published by the Diocesan Office and available on the Church Bookstall, is worth reading).

The meeting is open to everyone interested. *Ken Filleul*

### **Milk of Human Kindness:**

**Vicar:** Did you like my sermon on the Milk of Human Kindness?

**Parishioner:** Yes, but I wish it had been condensed!

### **Garden of Eden:**

In the Garden of Eden, it wasn't the apple on the tree that was the problem, but the pair on the ground.

(From "Vicar's World" by Bill Ritson & Patrick Forbes)

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## Training

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Governments in a multitude of countries strive to make provision for their National work-force, and for those who wish to join that work-force, to get trained. Numerous schemes are set up to encourage participation in training courses. Employers also seek to get their staff on training courses in order to keep them up to date and in trim for the work. Likewise, many employees apply to go on training courses for the same reasons.

It may surprise you - perhaps it will even delight you! - to hear that the Clergy and Readers who preach at All Saints are going on a training course on "Preaching". There is an organisation entitled "The College of Preachers" with which I have some connections. We are exceedingly fortunate that the Director of the College is coming to Totley to give us a day's training on Saturday 25th January. This will be an all-day event. All in the Church may hope that the quality of our preaching will be improved as a result. (He might even blow some bees out of some bonnets!)

What sort of training are you involved in to keep your Christian discipleship up to date and sharp-edged? I have been horrified by the numbers of people I have met whose last piece of Christian training was a Confirmation Course, all too often given to them when they were far too young even to begin to appreciate what they were going in for. For most of them, that was upwards of 30 years ago. Since then, they have relied on a weekly 10 minute top-up through a Sunday sermon. No wonder their discipleship is blunt, their faith soggy and without a cutting edge.

If you get a Church full of people like that, you end up with little more than a social club. Is this what Jesus expects from his Church? St. Paul urged the young Timothy, who came from a Christian home, to study

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## Training (continued ....)

(or to be eager) to show himself worthy of God's approval.

Now, there are many ways to study. But belonging to a disciplined House Group is one of the best. Or to take on reading some worthwhile Christian books; a biography or two, a commentary on one or another book of the Bible (only make absolutely certain that it is written by a respected Christian scholar), a book that realistically and with a sane approach searches into some of the great and wonderful Christian doctrines. Any or all of these would help to blow out some bees and really would contribute to sharpening up discipleship.

If we can't be bothered .....

*John N. Collie*



**A man came near to the edge of the volcano.  
He looked over and saw the creator smoking!**

**Moses received the Ten Commandments on two stones, and these  
he impressed upon the people.**

**John the Baptist was beheaded with the Axe of the Apostles.**

**Jacob, son of Isaac, stole his brother's birthmark.**

**(From "Bats in the Belfry" by Murray Watts)**

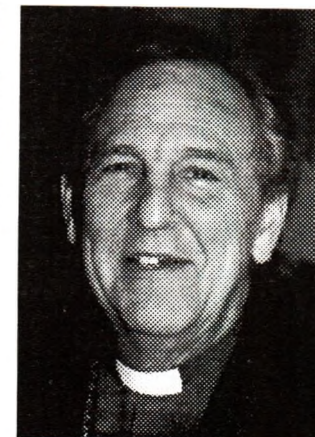
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# **SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS**

**January, 1997**

## ***"It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us"***

(Acts of the Apostles)



The process for appointing a new Diocesan Bishop is now well under way and I thought you should know what is involved and how the system works. Before a final decision is made, three groups of people are involved in seeing that proper consultations are held as widely and as thoroughly as possible. They are the Diocesan Vacancy in See Committee, the two Appointments' Secretaries and the Crown Appointments Commission.

### **VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEE**

The Vacancy in See Committee is made up of those elected by Diocesan Synod and ex-officio members. A new committee is formed every time a new Diocesan Synod is elected and only meets when the need arises for a new Diocesan Bishop to be appointed. With the announcement that Bishop David will be retiring this summer, our Vacancy in See Committee began its work. We met twice, in November and again in December, and have completed the tasks for which we are responsible. The main tasks of the committee were to prepare a brief description of the Diocese and a Statement setting out the needs of the Diocese and also to elect four of its members to serve on the Crown Appointments Commission. Following a long and wide-ranging discussion about our Diocese, including all aspects of life covered by the Diocese, the Description and Statement of Needs has been written and sent to the Crown Appointments Commission. At the December meeting, four people were elected to represent us on the Crown Appointments Commission when it meets sometime in the next few months. Please remember them in your prayers as they take part in the next stage of the Appointment.

### **APPOINTMENT SECRETARIES**

The Archbishops' secretary and the Prime Minister's secretary met with us at our November meeting and they spent two days in the Diocese during December when they met a whole range of people representing business and industry, civic and community life, as well as people from our parishes, lay and clergy, various Diocesan groups and church leaders from other denominations. All in all they will have met and listened to about 120 people. From this they will write their own report for the Crown Appointments Commission, having put in a tremendous amount of work on our behalf.

### **CROWN APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION**

When all the material is ready, the Crown Appointments Commission will meet for the purpose of submitting two names to the Prime Minister. He then recommends one of these names to the Queen who appoints the next Bishop of Sheffield. It is important to remember two things about the Prime Minister's choice. First, that he has the fullest information about the Diocese and about the two candidates before him when he makes his recommendation to the Queen. The second thing is that the Crown Appointments Commission believes that both of the names they send to the Prime Minister are suitable people to be appointed as the next Bishop of Sheffield.

The Crown Appointments Commission will be meeting for two days for a time of worship, reflection and discussion, with as much information as possible about the Diocese and possible candidates. Please pray for them, the members who represent the Church of England as a whole and the four people representing our Diocese; they offer their wisdom and experience in the service of Christ, His Church and the Kingdom of God.

With all of this in mind, I nearly forgot that we are at the start of a New Year, so here is a quote about appointing a new Bishop and the start of a New Year.

"For all that has been - thanks.  
For all that will be - yes."

(Dag Hammarskjöld - First Secretary General of the United Nations)

With my very best wishes and prayers.

**MICHAEL F. GEAR**  
Bishop of Doncaster



## Situation Vacant

Bishop David announced at the Synod meeting in November that he would retire on 31 August 1997. The procedure for filling the vacancy immediately swung into action. Since then the Diocesan Vacancy in See Committee has submitted a Statement of the needs of the Diocese to the Crown Appointments Commission and has elected four of its members to join the Crown Appointments Commission when it comes to discuss names of candidates who would be suitable for consideration for the appointment.

If anyone has advice to offer on what qualities might be needed in the new Bishop, or, indeed, names to suggest, they are urged to write, as soon as possible (and no later than 12 February 1997, Ash Wednesday) to our representatives c/o Diocesan Church House, 95-99 Effingham Street, Rotherham. S65 1BL, in envelopes marked "Private and Confidential". The date of the Crown Appointments Commission's meeting must be kept confidential. It will be meeting some time during the weeks leading up to Easter. At the time of the NEWS going to press, the names of our four representatives were not known, but they will be published as soon as possible.

## A First for Yorkshire...

The M.U. is proud to announce that for the first time in its history the new Honorary Chaplain to the World-Wide Mothers' Union is from this Diocese. The Right Reverend Michael Gear, Bishop of Doncaster has accepted this appointment and was present at the World-Wide Council in London in November. This is an important position in our society and we offer him our prayers and good wishes. His wife Daphne has worked for the M.U. for many years and is at present Honorary Vice-President for the Diocese of Sheffield. We wish them both well.

## Time for Barnsley

If you live in the Barnsley area, if you have a concern for Barnsley, if you are shocked that Barnsley is at the top of the list when it comes to unemployment, drug abuse, teenage abortion, etc; then you will be encouraged to know that the churches in Barnsley are as concerned as you are - and we are doing something about it.

10th May, 1997 will see two prayer initiatives - the like of which Barnsley has never seen before! From 12 noon to 12.30 p.m. there will be prayers at twelve centres on the Borough boundary. (Interdenominational groups will have walked to these centres during the morning.) Then in the evening there will be a prayer rally at the football stadium).

If you would like further information about:

- how to be involved in this unique day of prayer;
- how to support us with prayer and/or finances

please contact Revd. Judith Trickett, St. Luke's, Worsbrough Common on Barnsley (01226) 282619.

## St. Aidan's, Wheatley Hills, Doncaster

The Fortieth anniversary of the Church's consecration will be celebrated on Saturday, 1st February, 1997, with a Eucharist at 12 noon when Rev. Roger Ellis, a former vicar, will preach. This will be followed by a buffet lunch and a concert given by Bessacarr ladies choir.

Celebrations will continue on Sunday, 2nd February when "local lad" Rev. Peter Ingram (slightly older than the church!) will preach at the 9.45 a.m. Parish Eucharist. Everyone is welcome. Further details on 01302 342047.

## Lourdes '96

Canon Christopher Smith and a party of Anglican and Free Church Pilgrims will be joining the annual Hallam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes on May 2nd - May 9th this year. There will be an opportunity, for anyone interested in exploring the possibility of going, to see a video on Lourdes in the comfortable surroundings of the 'Hunter House Hotel' at Hunters' Bar, Sheffield (0114 266 2709) on Thursday, 9th January. 1.30 p.m. refreshments; 2.00 p.m. Video and Discussion.

## You've got to laugh...

*A new book by Jack Shaw*

One snowy winter when transport was badly disrupted and hundreds of cars were marooned in snow drifts, a lady telephoned BBC Radio Sheffield to say that her milkman always delivered her milk on a Sunday morning, but he hadn't arrived and could Jack Shaw find out where he was? Within minutes the milkman's wife was on the air saying that he was stuck at the bottom of their road in a snowdrift, but should be with her within the hour!

This is one of the great things about local radio, that it allows listeners to build up a rapport with presenters, and it is certainly the case for Radio Sheffield's Jack Shaw who, for umpteen years has presented the Sunday Morning Breakfast Show. It is this kind of intimacy which prompts listeners to send in all sorts of stories.

'You've got to laugh' is a collection of funny stories which listeners have sent in to Jack over the years. With a Foreword by Ken Dodd, and published by the Hallamshire Press, it is available from all good bookshops.

And what if the book does not make you laugh? You simply console yourself with the fact that for every book sold a donation of 50p will be made to Christian Aid.

## German Ecumenical Link Celebrates 10 years in 1997!

Our first official exploratory contacts as a Diocese with the German Church District of Hattingen-Witten in the Ruhr began in 1987. Next year our German Christian friends have invited us to visit them again to enjoy an enthusiastic welcome in their homes and to experience an extra special celebration of this relationship which has grown over the years in all sorts of unexpected ways.

Three of our Bishops have already visited and have preached there, one of whom attended V.E. commemoration services last year, preached and took part in a march and vigil for peace. The Christians were profoundly moved by what he had to say. The Archdeacon of Sheffield has also paid a short visit and impressed them with his concern for Social Responsibility. We have much to learn from each other. Contact between Mothers' Union members and the German equivalent have begun. Some German Parishes would love to explore Parish to Parish links. Brampton at present is the only one to have an official link with St. George's, Hattingen.

In October '96 we had a memorable and very successful week's visit from our German ecumenical partners in the area from Doncaster to Goole, thanks to the wonderful hospitality of the clergy and lay people there.

Our return visit is scheduled for Spring Bank Holiday week, Saturday, 24th May to 31st. We hope to travel by coach on the ferry from Hull to Rotterdam, leaving Hull 6.30 p.m. Friday (23rd). Precise costs for the week are not possible yet, but will be attractive and value for money. If you are interested to join us, please let us know immediately. Ring Geoff Hollingsworth (01405 763654) Grant MacIntosh (0114 236 0786) or Bob Fitzharris (01302 876272).

## Cathedral Epiphany

Sunday, 19th January at 6.30 p.m.

The Epiphany Procession

Music, Readings and Liturgy for the Season of Epiphany.

All are welcome.

## Christian Socialist Movement

Peter Hardy, M.P. for Wentworth, will be the speaker at the Annual General Meeting of the South Yorkshire Branch, to be held at St. Francis Vicarage, Main Street, Bramley, Rotherham at 7.30 p.m. on Friday 31 January. Visitors and new members are most welcome.

## Vocations Sunday 1997 19 January

Bishop David urges all parishes in the Diocese to use Diocesan Vocations Sunday 19 January, as an opportunity to instil confidence in a God who calls people to many ministries within the Church, and to alert people to God's call for them. He particularly feels that it is important that we are unapologetic about the ordained priesthood as a significant role among the many good and important ministries in the Lord's Church.

There is a residential conference at Whirlow Grange from 2nd - 4th May which will attempt to nurture some of the interest and awareness to vocations to ordained ministries. Bishop David sees this as an important priority in the Diocese's strategy to resource the ministry of the Church.

The conference is for suitable people aged 16-32 from the parishes, and further information about it is available from the Revd. Michael Goater, St. Augustine's Vicarage, 4 Clarke Drive, Sheffield. S10 2NS. Tel: 0114 266 1932.

## Clean up

Irene West and Frank and Charlie Appleyard have done a bit of late Spring Cleaning at the 150 year old St. John's Parish Church at Goole at the eastern edge of the Diocese. As they were cleaning behind the choir stalls in the chancel - there's very little space, and you have to be a contortionist to get down there - they discovered interesting evidence of a bygone age. For there, behind the stalls was a service sheet of hymns from 1919, a feather from a lady's hat, and would you believe it, a gas mantle!

## Church Pastoral Aid Society Ministry Among Women

Monday, 3rd March

In SHEFFIELD, a teaching day for men and women, 9.30 a.m. - 2.30 p.m., entitled 'God, Me and You, sharing your faith'.

In DONCASTER, an evening of colour for women, 7.15 - 9.30 p.m., entitled 'Colour, Beauty and You'.

The speaker at both events will be the Revd. Anne Hibbert, and the venues are to be announced. Further details are available from: Marion Smith 01709 892598, Dorothy Pettinger 0114 230 9287 or Gill Bewley 0114 233 3109.



## Yew Trees for the Millennium

Many parishes will know that the Conservation Foundation is donating a yew tree sapling, grown from 2000 year old stock, to each Church of England parish in the country.

Members of the Yorkshire Living Churchyard Project will be pleased to visit any parish where advice is needed as to the best place to plant the sapling. Although delivery will not take place until 1999, members of the Project team hope to begin these advisory visits next year in good time for the site to be prepared.

If you would like an advisory visit, the Churchyard Officer can be contacted at The Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, 10 Toft Green, YORK. YO1 1JT (01904 659570) on Tuesdays or Wednesdays or a message of inquiry left on other days.

The team members look forward to hearing from you.

## Opening Church Doors

**Making churches more accessible to local communities will be made easier thanks to a new practical guide published by The Children's Society.**

*Opening Our Doors* gives practical advice on all the issues a church needs to address when considering becoming more involved with residents and community groups in its parish. From ethical and legal issues to advice on funding, architecture and planning permission, the book focuses on working within communities facing high levels of unemployment and social tension.

"This book offers a fresh approach, which, while recognising that so many churches are part of our national heritage, does not mean that they should remain unaltered," said Rt. Revd. Dr. Michael Nazir-Ali. The Bishop of Rochester who wrote the foreword. "Church buildings that are under used can become a valued asset and a base from which the Gospel can be acted out."

The book includes several case studies of parish churches which have opened their doors as well as advice on setting up charities, play groups and developing links with community and single interest groups. The authors highlight the need to be sensitive to the treatment of worship space and provide a framework for planning and proceeding with change.

*Opening Our Doors* by Derek Akker and Michael Passmore is available from the Publications Department, The Children's Society, Edward Rudolf House, Margery Street, London WC1X 0JL. Tel: 0171 837 4299.

## Not too early

It is not too early to start thinking about Palm Crosses for this year. Did you know that over 400,000 Palm Crosses made in Nongoma, Kwa Zulu were distributed through the British Isles last year?

Palm Crosses for 1997 can be obtained from the Zululand Swaziland Association which supports the Palm Cross industry, hospital work and the church in Kwa Zulu. Order forms for 1997 are available from: Palm Cross Administration Office, Emmanuel Church, Weston Favell Centre, Northampton. NN3 8JR. Tel or Fax 01604 784330. First orders will be dispatched early in 1997.

## Congratulations

Rachel Ross, the hard-working Social Responsibility Officer for the Diocese has just gained her M.Ed (Master of Education) degree with distinction from the University of Sheffield. Her thesis work was on Adult Confirmation.

## Conference & Exhibition of Church Textiles in Autumn at Sheffield Cathedral

A major Conference and Exhibition of Church Textiles is to be held at Sheffield Cathedral between 31st October and 2nd November 1997. Part of the success of this ambitious project will be due to Parishes offering items for display, and Churchwardens have already been approached. The Cathedral will provide fitting surroundings for this whole celebration of Church Textiles and Embroidery.

## Chaplaincy Volunteers Wanted

The Chaplaincy Team at the Northern General Hospital have a small but dedicated group of Chaplaincy Volunteers who assist the Hospital Chaplains by visiting patients. This group needs to be expanded so that the quality of care given to patients can be improved. All volunteers, if suitable, will receive training. The next training course is due to start on Tuesday 14 January, and will run for eight consecutive weekday afternoons. Further information can be obtained from the Chaplains' Department at the hospital on 0114 271 5056.

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## 1997 ..... OUR YEAR OF WELCOME

### OUTLINE OF THE YEAR

|   |  |
|---|--|
| <b>FEB. to MARCH</b>  | <b>WELCOME the Lord into our own lives</b><br><i>What might HE do for me?</i>  |
| <b>FEB. 1st</b>   | <b>Prayer and Preparation Breakfast</b> -for Church Leaders and Representatives of Church Groups.  |
| <b>LENT</b>   | <b>Churches Together in S17 Lent Study Groups.</b><br>Emphasis on corporate and private prayer, and our own personal spiritual growth.                                     |
| <b>EASTER</b>   | <b>WELCOME to the Risen Lord!</b>  |
| <b>APRIL to JULY</b>  | <b>WELCOME to other members of our Church family.</b><br><i>What may we do to encourage and care for one another?</i>  |
| <b>APR. 12th</b><br><b>APR. 13th</b>  | <b>OUR PARISH DAY</b><br><b>SERVICES OF COMMITMENT</b><br>Formation and training of Welcome Groups.  |
| <b>SEPT. to DEC.</b>  | <b>WELCOME to friends and neighbours.</b><br><i>What may we do for you?</i><br>Welcome Groups become active, serving their neighbourhoods, and sharing Christ with others. |
| <b>CHRISTMAS</b>  | <b>WELCOME to the New Born King.</b>   |
| <b>(The events on February 1st and April 12th and 13th, will be led by the Revd. Mick Woodhead, Vicar of Deepcar)</b> |  |



## Preaching the Gospel

"The good news of Christ must be preached by word and by action. But go into the world and preach the gospel: Use words if you have to" (St. Francis of Assisi).

That would appear to say preaching by action holds preference over preaching by words. Certainly preaching by action is more easily understood. Gospel action is directed mainly to those outside the church at home or abroad who sadly are in need of our love and care. This was painfully apparent by the awful condition of a Rumanian Orphanage and prompted All Saints to break with tradition. Our Harvest Festival gifts were given to ease their problem.

The day after the County School had held their Harvest Festival I had occasion to enter the church. There behind the altar were piles of baby powder, baby soap, and baby food - in fact everything a baby needs. There was more in the choir vestry. I stood and gazed in awe and wonder. I said to myself "this is what it is all about". And Matthew's words made the scriptures come alive, Chapter 25 vv 35-40. "For I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me drink. I was a stranger and you welcomed me. I was sick and you visited me. The righteous will answer him 'when did we see you hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and gave thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee?' And the King will answer them 'Truly, I say to you as you did it to one of the least of these brethren you did to me'."

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## CANDLEMAS.

We do not regard Candlemas as so important a date as Easter or Christmas but nevertheless it has great significance in the Church Calendar. Always on February 2nd, it is that mysterious forty days again - this time after the Christmas season. Specifically we commemorate the Presentation of Christ in the Temple and this is a cause of rejoicing. With that in mind the 6.30 p.m. evening service on February 2nd - a first Sunday evening - will be a Praise Service. A full church would be a wonderful way to mark the occasion!

But there are several themes associated with Candlemas. Not least is the continuation and perhaps the climax of the idea of light which we pick up in Epiphany. Jesus is indeed the light of the world. So we plan to use candles at this special service and use the contrast between light and darkness to help us see what difference Jesus makes to our lives. Another theme is purification because these forty days marked the end of the traditional period after the birth. It is an opportunity for us to offer ourselves and pray that we too might be purified and made more fit for service for Our Lord.

We are familiar with the words of Simeon as he greeted the baby Jesus. They are used often in the words of the Nunc Dimittis. But Simeon went on to prophesy about the hard times that would follow and this shadow anticipates the season of Lent which closely follows. At the end of Lent, of course, comes the Passion of Our Lord and all that means to us. So Candlemas represents a turning point in the Christian Year when we begin to bring the Cross into sharper focus. This is all the more reason why we should mark this special day and take this particular opportunity of celebrating the presence of Jesus in our midst. See you in church on Feb 2nd!

Maurice Snowdon.



## Parish Rotas for JANUARY.

### Coffee Rota

January 5th Angela & Glyn Waite; Vera Cryan  
 12th Ann Ruthven, Dorothy Firth, Margaret Benson  
 19th Vivien & Ken Filleul, Claudine Murrell  
 26th Ro & Robin Carter, Eileen Davis  
 February 2nd Hazel & Alan Ludlam, Moreen Warrender

### Sidesmen.

|             | 8.00am            | 10.00am            | 6.30pm           |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| January 5th | Mr K. Filleul     | Mr F. H. Cooke     | Mrs S. Sturgeon  |
|             |                   | Mr R. F. Johnstone | Mrs M. Snowdon   |
| 12th        | Mr A. Ludlam      | Mr W. R. Bryer     | Mr J. A. England |
|             |                   | Mrs C. Billard     | Mr H. S. Powell  |
| 19th        | Miss A. E. Baldry | Mrs A. Powell      | Mr P. Purkiss    |
|             |                   | Mr J. Lawry        | Mr E. Simons     |
| 26th        | Miss H. Perfect   | Mr A. Webb         | Mr H. Mayson     |
|             |                   | Mrs M. Warrender   | Mr H. S. Powell  |

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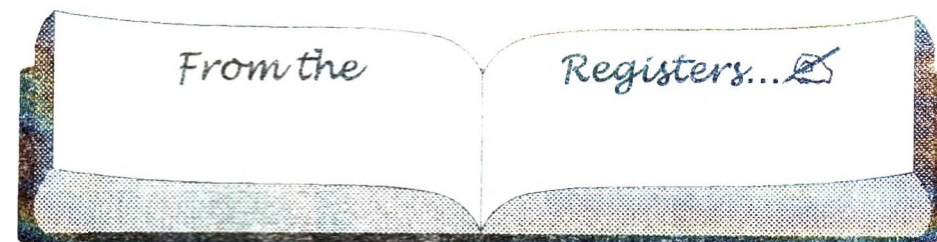
January: 5th Liz Hayden  
 12th Debbie Woods  
 19th (Come and Worship).  
 26th Mavis Kirton  
 February: 2nd Marie Cooper

### Flowers.

|              | Altar        | Memmory Table |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| January 5th  | Mrs Firth    | Mrs Parsons   |
| 12th         | Mrs Beeley   | Mrs Turner    |
| 19th         | Mrs B. Waite | Mrs Simons    |
| 26th         | Mrs Kirton   | Mrs Murrell   |
| February 2nd | Mrs Iosson   | Mrs Bramall   |

### Silver Cleaning Rota.

12th Jan.  
 26th Jan. Mrs Simons



### **BAPTISMS:**

None this Month

### **WEDDINGS:**

None this Month

### **FUNERALS:**

### **BURIAL OF ASHES:**

Nov. 7th Ruth Walden(86), 4, The Crescent  
 24th Doris Heap(76), 35, Meadow Grove Road  
 24th Nellie Garside(87), 10, Totley Grange Drive  
 Dec 1st Dorothy Turner(65), 26, Aldam Croft  
 22nd Leonard Duckett(77), 10, Laverdene Way

We shall remember all recently bereaved families, together with the following from our Memorial Book, at our Memorial Service on Sunday, January 26th at 6.30pm:-

William Smith, Nell Robinson, Alice Marples, Winifred Webster, Kenneth Turner, Robert Brown, Sydney Ellis, Joan Abson, Sandra Wigglesworth, Winifred Pearson, Polly Clarke, Mary Dearman, Frederic Unwin, Jack Williams, Patricia Bridgens, Arthur Birley, Eric Rowles, Vincent Bird, Walter Dunn, Alan John Murrell, Herbert Perkinson, Theresa Webb, Edith Crookes, Dorothy Allen, Emily Staines, Cyril Pratt, and George Clark.

### Enquiries

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 telephone the Vicar on 236 2322 to make an appointment.



## Dates for your Diary



Thur. 2nd 7.45pm Standing Committee  
 Sat 4th 7.30pm BARN DANCE in the Hall(See Events page)  
 Tue 7th 7.30pm Ladies Club in the Lounge-Beetle Drive  
 Thur 9th 8.00pm PCC meets in the Hall Lounge  
 Mon 13th 3.15pm Contemplative Prayer Group at 20, Totley Grange  
 Tue 14th 8.00pm Mission Team meeting at the Vicarage. Drive  
 Sat 18th - 25th WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY.  
 Sun 19th 10am 'Come & Worship' Service. Preacher: Rev. Grant Mac-  
 Mon 20th 7.30pm All Saints' School Governors meet. intosh.  
 Tue 21st 7.30pm Ladies Club meet-Vicky Fidler(Nuisance Calls)  
 Thur 23rd 9.00am Ministers' Fraternal meet at our Vicarage.  
 Sat 25th 10.30am Training Day for Readers and Clergy-our Hall  
 Mon 27th 9.30am Collation of the February Magazine-Hall  
 3.15pm Contemplative Prayer Group-20, Totley Gr.Drive  
 Tue 28th 12.15pm Liaison Lunch-Kate Turner(Victim Support)

### Saying for Stillness

**"I AM the bright and morning star"**(Rev.22 v.16 AV)

**'ECHOES OF THE HEART'** will be the title of our PARISH QUIET DAY to  
 be held at our Church on SATURDAY, MARCH 1st. It will be led by the Revd.  
 Canon Martin Tunnicliffe(Vicar of Tanworth-in-Arden, Warwickshire). He is the  
 General Secretary of the International Fellowship of Contemplative Prayer.  
 Further details will be available in Church, or from Rosalie Carter(236 5969)



Final date for items to be included in the  
 February edition will be Sunday, 19th of January

January, 1997

## All Saints' News

### Organisations (and meetings in the Church Hall).

**Sunday:** 10.00am "Young Saints"  
 Kath Lloyd 236 7056  
**Monday:** 10.00am Drop in Coffee  
 Maurice and Marjorie Snowdon 236 2822  
 3.30pm Junior choir practice in Church  
 Stella Jockel 236 9413  
 7.00pm Guides  
 Dorothy Firth 236 4190  
 9.00pm Prayer meeting in the Lounge  
**Tuesday:** 7.30pm Ladies Club (1st and 3rd)  
 Margaret Benson 236 2322  
**Wednesday:** 10.00am Parent and Toddler Group  
 Tracey Evans 235 1968  
 6.30pm "Trailblazers" (Children's club)  
 Ric Gray 236 9204  
**Thursday:** 2.00pm Under Fives Praise (1st and 3rd)  
 Roma Webb 262 1049  
 7.00pm Choir practice in Church  
 Stella Jockel 236 9413  
 8.00pm Standing committee (1st)  
 PCC (2nd)

#### Fellowship Groups:

These are informal gatherings, in homes of our parish. They provide  
 opportunities for Prayer, discussion, Bible Study and simple sharing. New members  
 are always welcome. Details are given below:

**Monday:**  
 Contemplative Prayer Group Rosalie Carter 236 5969  
**Wednesday:**  
 Monthly Morning Fellowship Pauline Perkinton 236 1601  
 Monthly Afternoon Fellowship Stella Jockel 236 9413  
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# All Saints' News

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| Readers:             | Gordon Grayson,    | Brook Hall, Mickley Lane | 236 0913 |
|                      | Dudley Nixon,      | 15 Totley Grange Drive   | 235 2663 |
|                      | James Powell,      | 126 Totley Brook Road    | 235 0612 |
|                      | Maurice Snowdon,   | 1 Quarry Road            | 236 2822 |
| Church Wardens:      | Elsie Mayson,      | 35 Wollaton Road         | 236 2321 |
|                      | Alan Walker,       | 2 Bushywood Road         | 262 0421 |
| Deputy Wardens:      | Eric Simons,       | 220 Baslow Road          | 236 4937 |
|                      | Cliff Job          | 126 Green Oak Road       | 236 0122 |
| PCC Treasurer:       | Neil Hayden,       | 33 Rowan Tree Dell       | 236 4944 |
| PCC Secretary:       | Maurice Snowdon,   | 1 Quarry Road            | 236 2822 |
| Organist:            | Harry Draper,      | 43 Longford Road         | 236 6298 |
| Choir Director:      | Stella Jockel,     | 108 Sunnyvale Road       | 236 9413 |
| Music Group:         | Vivien Filleul,    | 116 Green Oak Road       | 236 0872 |
| Flower Secretary:    | Dorothy Simons,    | 220 Baslow Road          | 236 4937 |
| Verger:              | Rex Beaumont,      | 75 Aldam Road            | 236 1414 |
| Sacristan:           | Derek Maltby,      | 61 Main Avenue           | 236 7566 |
| Good Neighbours:     | Ann Powell,        | 126 Totley Brook Road    | 235 0612 |
| Deanery Synod:       | Dudley Nixon,      | 15 Totley Grange Drive   | 235 2663 |
|                      | Dorothy Firth,     | 6 Milldale Road          | 236 4190 |
| Car Lifts to Church: | Valerie Loft,      | 10, Quarry Road          | 236 0759 |

### All Saints' School:

|              |                 |                   |          |
|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|
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| Caretaker:   | Jack Stevenson, | School House      | 235 2148 |
| Playgroup:   | Jane Lawry,     | 73 Sunnyvale Road | 236 8566 |

### Church Hall:

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| Payphone:          |              |                      | 236 7627 |
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### "All Saints' News":

|               |                |                        |          |
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Articles, letters, etc. for publication in this magazine are welcome, and may be placed in the box in Church.

## From the Vicar...

### 1997 ... OUR YEAR OF WELCOME

Dear Friends,

#### 'STEPPING STONES'

Dennis Lennon, our Diocesan Adviser in Evangelism, uses those two words to describe opportunities that can be offered to Parishioners to help them grow in their spiritual lives. These 'Stepping Stones' need not involve us praying at 5am, spending long hours on our knees or wading through thick theological works...though some may do so in Lent.

Which prompts me to remind you all that LENT begins on Ash Wednesday, **February 12th**. We shall hold two Holy Communion Services that day - 10am (Prayer Book) and 8pm (ASB Service). Now there are two 'Stepping Stones'-Anglicans **should** be in Church that day!

In connection with the launch of our 'Year of Welcome', our Mission Team and I propose to provide the following other 'Stepping Stones' to enable us to WELCOME THE LORD INTO OUR LIVES...

'Coffee Break' Prayer Cards: GREEN with our Welcome Year Prayer BLUE with a selection of prayers and readings

'The Word for Today': Short daily Bible readings and a prayer

Lent Books : A selection of suitable devotional reading for all ages.

Morning Prayers: Join me in Church daily at 9am(7.30am on Weds.)

Both Lent and the entire 'Year of Welcome' will only bring a blessing to ourselves and others if we spend some regular time in prayer each day.

May God help us to do just that.

With all good wishes to you and yours,





## SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

### 2nd 8th before Easter:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)-**Theme: Jeremiah's Call.**  
 Old Testament: Jeremiah 1:4-10.  
 Gospel: Matthew 11:28-30.  
 6.30pm 'First Sunday' CANDLEMAS SERVICE-all welcome.

### 9th 7th before Easter:(Unemployment Sunday)

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am Holy Communion (ASB)-**Theme: Jeremiah's Insight.**  
 Old Testament: Jeremiah 18:1-12.  
 Gospel: Mark 14:22-26.  
 6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
 Old Testament: Hosea 14:1-7.  
 New Testament: Mark 2:13-17.

### 12th ASH WEDNESDAY:

10am(BCP) and 8pm(ASB) Services of HOLY COMMUNION.

### 16th First Sunday in LENT:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am "Come & Worship" - **Theme: Jeremiah's Message.**  
 6.30pm Holy Communion(ASB)  
 Epistle: Hebrews 2:14-end.  
 Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11.

### 23rd Second Sunday in LENT:

- 8.00am Holy Communion(BCP)  
 10.00am Holy Communion(ASB)-**Theme: Jeremiah's Rescue.**  
 Old testament: Jeremiah 38:1-13.  
 Gospel: Mark 15:1-15.  
 6.30pm Memorial Service

# Mishpat... ...meaning the active justice of God.

God's justice is not a detached, impersonal assessment of guilt and innocence but the personal exercise of a positive energy on the side of right often to ensure the maintenance of community (e.g. Isaiah 11: 4).

Issue 1 February 1997

Communication of good news, the sharing of challenges to the kingdom of God as proclaimed by Jesus is at the heart of this special edition of Sheffield Diocesan News. Our Diocesan Faith in the City and Social Responsibility Committees are involved in an immense range of activities in this diocese and we would like every reader to become involved in our work. We hope that this will give everyone the opportunity to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest, and then maybe act.  
 The Ven. Stephen Lowe,  
 Archdeacon of Sheffield

## Census Data as a Mission Tool

Do the worshipping people of God reflect the parish make-up? What difference might it make?

In a recent exercise, one parish found the following:

| Congregation |                                    | Whole Parish |
|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------|
| 5%           | Unemployed                         | 20%          |
| 20%          | Without Car                        | 50%          |
| 10%          | Children in low earning households | 45%          |

How is the message we preach and live relevant if we are so unlike those around us? Are we sensitive to our differences and the pressures on others? Are we prepared to change to let others in?

Census data is a powerful tool for mission. An information pack is being prepared for parishes on how to use the census data as part of a parish audit or feasibility study.

Contact Ian McCollough / Rachel Ross on 01709 511116.

## Sale or Conversion

Are you selling land or spending £'s on converting a building? How does your vision for the future relate to your community? A parish audit can help you.

Contact Ian McCollough / Rachel Ross on 01709 511116..

## Head Above Water



Are you trying to survive separation or divorce of a long-term relationship? The Diocese, in conjunction with other agencies, is sponsoring a project open to anyone who is trying to recover from the break-up of a long-term relationship. Nancy Johnson and Patrick Bond are the two workers who are developing courses open to anyone regardless of race, religion or sexual orientation.

A pioneering feature of this project will be work with children. Watch this space for more news.

If you would like information about the courses available, please speak to Nancy or Patrick on 01709 512436.

## Unemployment and the Churches

The 9th February is Unemployment Sunday. Your local church may have invited a speaker to come and speak on unemployment but where is it on your priorities? Is it on the PCC agenda, or would your church rather pretend the issue wasn't there, or is it seeking to support people and families? Listening and understanding are the first steps to taking unemployment seriously. The Churches Together in South Yorkshire have produced a pack to help churches work together with people who are unemployed.

Please contact Colin Brady, Churches Together in South Yorkshire, on 0114 266 6156.



# IMPACT

## What is it?

IMPACT is a broad based communities organisation (BBO) bringing together very diverse groups in the Sheffield and Rotherham areas to enable people to act together on issues that threaten community and family life. It will seek working relationships with those with the authority and power to effect change and deal with issues identified by its communities.

## Who is involved?

28 groups across Sheffield and Rotherham, including 12 Anglican; 5 Roman Catholic; 4 Methodist; 1 Mosque; the Islamic Society of Great Britain; the Black Community Forum; and 4 local community groups. Other groups are joining.

## What issues are being tackled?

- Police Community Consultative Groups
- Traffic issues; Sheffield and Rotherham
- Unsafe parks at Parson Cross
- Deteriorating Shopping Precinct at Parson Cross

## BBO Working Across the UK

The six UK groups: Bristol; Merseyside; North Wales; Black Country; East London; and IMPACT have been working with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on the cultural and racial sensitivity of Entry Clearance Officers towards Asian and Black Britons on their re-entry to Britain. BBO leaders will run a training day for Entry Clearance Officers.

## Influence beyond the UK?

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office has also agreed that BBO leaders monitor the work of Entry Clearance Officers. Leaders will sit in on interviews at different Visa Clearance Offices around the world. At the public launch in October, a member of the Bristol Sikh community told how effective this had been in India, and of its value to his community.

## Three Words of Welcome... and a warning

Following his welcome of IMPACT at its October launch, Sheffield City Council Leader Mike Bower wrote of IMPACT...

"I am always interested in ways in which individuals and groups can do constructive things rather than simply complaining about the failure of 'them' to put things right and, perhaps because I am one of 'them', I am very much aware of the limited ability for 'the authorities' to bring about all the changes that are needed to improve life for all of us...Power to their elbow." *Sheffield Morning Telegraph 11.10.96*

...and from the Bishop of Sheffield, two words of welcome and a word of warning...

"A great welcome to IMPACT because it takes people seriously, all people seriously, and changes people by taking them seriously. I rejoice at that. And it takes the churches and other faith communities seriously. Not many people do actually! You get used to being sidelined and ignored. There is something rather special about the way this secular organisation recognises that people in their religious faith have a great deal to contribute to the well-being of our communities. And I rejoice at that.

And a word of warning. 'Woe', says the scriptures, 'when all men speak well of you'. Well they won't! The more effective, the more successful you are, the more determined will be the cynical criticisms, the suggestions of some ulterior purpose, that you're up to no good. And I think you'll have to learn to live with that, and to expect that, and yet somehow or other to grow stronger and more determined because of that criticism.

Well done, and good luck."

## IMPACT at Gleadless Valley

"Constable Road, Gleadless is a narrow road, a Junior and Infants School on one side, a row of shops opposite. Buses often mount the pavement, people have been hit - including the 'lollipop' lady and children. Several attempts over 10 years to tackle the issue had led to nothing. The IMPACT group at Gleadless Valley parish organised traffic surveys, negotiated with the two bus companies, the police and the Passenger Transport Executive, who all agreed a one-way system.



The last hurdle is still to be won - the Highways Department of the City Council who are putting

forward other ideas that local people do not want...Discussions continue."

*Captain John Smith, Church Army Officer, Gleadless Valley Parish.*

"Since getting involved in Broad Based Organising the congregation and the community have become more positive and are making the change from underdogs. We see our own self interest as part of a care for the whole community - it's OK to receive as well as give and be involved" *Gillian Crossland, Member of Gleadless Valley Parish. For information in IMPACT contact Mark Waters on 0114 243 3177*

Item for All Saints' News, February 1997.

## LENT GROUPS.

As in previous years Churches Together in S17 are organising a series of ecumenical discussion groups during Lent. These will begin during the week beginning Monday 17th February and go on for the five weeks before Holy Week. They are offered in various people's homes and being led by members of our different congregations.

The course which is to be followed is "Called to be One" and it will offer an opportunity to examine the common ground which the churches have between them and how we can further develop our ecumenical relationships. Since members of the different churches in the area will be taking part it is more than likely that each of us will learn something new.

In past years some 70 or 80 people from different churches have joined in these groups and they have found them to be enjoyable and instructive. This year should be no different provided the groups are well supported. To join it is necessary to complete the slip at the bottom of one of the leaflets which are in church and then go along to your chosen venue at the time you have chosen. You are advised to buy one of the workbooks which are available at a cost of £1.25 as this will serve to remind you of the material under discussion.

It is particularly important to join a group this year because this will fit in with our "Year of Welcome" of which you will be reading much more. We do hope for large numbers at all the advertised venues and if necessary we will arrange extra groups to cater for the demand!

**Thank You, from Dorothy Hill-Wilson,** for all the kindness shown by your cards, flowers and enquiries. I am now feeling much stronger thank you, and have been sustained by all your prayers. Mission Praise Hymn no. 41 and Psalm 139 vv 1-18 have been of great comfort." Dorothy.



## I.O.U.

Not very long ago many people were sent to prison because they were in debt. These days debt is a trauma for some people, but is also apparently the sign of a healthy economy. So a great number of people want us to be indebted to them. Insurance companies, building societies, banks, shops, credit card companies, motoring organisations, and loan sharks, try to persuade us to borrow money from them to buy things we don't need at prices we can't afford. In fact it is probably impossible nowadays for us to be in a position where we neither owe anything to anybody, nor are owed anything by anybody.

We may have a lingering feeling that it is wrong to be in debt. we want to be independent, paying our own way, beholden to nobody, but only Robinson Crusoe could have truthfully made such a claim. Because even if we could claim to be self-sufficient financially, we could never claim to be self-sufficient in a social sense. If I could somehow quantify my dependence on other people, and theirs on me, I doubt if I would find that I have a credit balance. And I know that a balance sheet of my indebtedness to God would show me permanently in the red.

The season of Lent is a good time for taking stock, trying to assess the state of our religious and social balance sheets, with "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us" as an essential tool. The first requirement is our acceptance of the existence of sin, and in acknowledgement of its power in our own lives. Sin is much more than a question of right or wrong; it is a failure of a relationship, not the breaking of a law.

Repentance should be our response to this; it is the desire to restore the relationship, by a willingness to admit our responsibility for the failure and to do all we can to put it right, even if that is painful. Repentance, just as every other part of the Christian life, is based on love, not on fear or punishment, or on wounded pride, or self-contempt. We need a great deal of honesty and of courage to face the details of our sins. (cont..)

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## P.C.C. UPDATE.

Probably the most significant item discussed at the January meeting of the P.C.C. was the Year of Welcome which is planned for 1997. Details about this will emerge elsewhere but there is a feeling of warm anticipation of what is going to happen in the Parish.

Of course there were the usual things being said about the state of our finances but more will be made known about this when the 1996 accounts are presented at the Annual Parish Meeting on 13th March. Also on the financial front the fees for weddings and funerals for 1997 came up for review and these were approved.

One of the interesting items which needs some publicity concerns the Charitable Giving which will be undertaken in 1997. We have a number of charities which we normally support but this is the time for making suggestions about others if it is appropriate. Yet again the point is being made that we should support our favoured charities by prayer and concern as well as by financial contribution.

On a point of safety, attention was drawn to the use of the church boiler house as storage space. It is intended to have a skip and throw away all the debris so if anyone has anything of value stored there, please remove it now.

Although the meeting was comparatively (!) short there were a number of other items of wider interest. Mention was made that steps are in hand for appointing Joan Stratford's successor at the church school. The need to attend to the lighting in the church brought a discussion about long-life lamps. Another modification which we might be hearing more about (!) was the installation of a sound system.

On a longer term basis the growing threat of child abuse has brought guidelines from the Diocese and the P.C.C. is responding to these. We all have the feeling that "this couldn't happen here" but we need to make sure that it doesn't! It is recognised that the work that is done with the young people is amongst the most important of the things that we do.

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Can we please use a small space in the Magazine to say how grateful we are to all the people who have congratulated us on our Golden Wedding. We had a wonderful week-end and it was all the more special because we were able to share it with so many of our "extended family" in the church and in the community. It truly seemed right that the climax of our celebration was to join together in worship and to give thanks to God for our years together. To be able to bring so many of our natural family into this wider fellowship was a privilege and a joy. Thank you.

Marjorie and Maurice.

## TOO MUCH OF A GOOD THING

A YOUNG PREACHER was asked to give a sermon at a small country church. He worked hard on the sermon, but was disappointed when he arrived that there was only one man, an elderly farmer, in the congregation.

On being asked if he wished to hear the sermon, the farmer said: "Well, if I took a bucket of meal down to the yard and only one chicken turned up, I'd feed her."

So the preacher delivered his sermon, which took about an hour and a half. Afterwards he asked the old man what he thought of it. "Well," was the reply, "if I took a bucketful of meal down the yard and only one chicken turned up, I'd feed her of course – but I'm blown if I'd give her the whole bucketful."



## HYMNS OLD AND NEW

*We have purchased copies of this excellent Hymn Book at £4.99 each. A kind Parishioner has paid for the Choir Music Copies. Would your family like to purchase a Words Copy in memory of a loved-one. Names will be placed inside each book.*

# SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS

February, 1997

## THE QUEEN'S SPEECH 1997 An Election Wish-Dream!



"My Lords and members of the Commons,

My ministers believe that the people of this nation are its greatest resource and that therefore it makes economic, social and political sense that their first priority is to bring to an end the scandalous waste of that resource that results from the massive unemployment of recent decades. Others have argued that economic revival must come first and that out of the resulting prosperity and growth sufficient jobs will be created to end unemployment. The history of these last decades, my ministers maintain, has proved that this theory is false. Every citizen has the right to work for a living wage and thus to serve the whole community. Full employment, they believe, will precede and make possible permanent economic revival. And though my ministers will do all that they can to encourage the growth of that manufacturing industry on which so much of our international trade depends, they recognize that the technological changes of recent years mean that this is not the area through which we can end unemployment. But in every part of the country they see Schools and Hospitals desperately understaffed; they note with dismay a steady decline in the standard of care of the elderly and the sick; on every side they see the consequences of the neglect of our public buildings; we see this most shamefully in our school buildings; our children deserve better. There is an infinity of work waiting to be done. And we need houses.

Many of my ministers are old enough to remember a time when it was unthinkable that in this country the homeless should be found sleeping in the streets. They are appalled that so quickly this intolerable scandal has become acceptable. In the next few days they will bring measures before you designed to end this unforgivable evil.

My ministers recognize that good homes and good schools undergird the life of this Country. They believe, to use an old fashioned phrase, that "Righteousness exalteth a nation". They welcome the fact that we have become a multi-faith and multi-cultural community. They have no desire to curtail

individual freedoms. Yet they do believe that they have a duty to use some of the power that in a democracy is given to the Government to bring in measures designed to strengthen marriage and the family. They believe we have a duty to give our children the vital background of stable home life.

My ministers have sufficient confidence in the programme that they set before you to quote Karl Marx: "From each according to his abilities; to each according to his needs". This means that they are determined that the selfishness of the few shall not destroy the well-being of the many. They will shortly bring before you measures to curb "benefit fraud" and crime. This will include the re-introduction of identity cards.

Members of the House of Commons. We live in a wealthy nation. But the radical changes my ministers have in mind will inevitably involve some radical redistribution in this national wealth. They believe that the results of the recent General Election make it clear that the nation as a whole is no longer willing to accept a situation in which a few become very rich indeed and the number of those excluded from the full life of the nation by poverty steadily increases. One of the important measures in the emergency budget that will be brought to your house next week will be, as forecast in the election manifesto, an increase in the basic rate of Income Tax of 5p in the pound. My ministers believe that this will be widely welcomed as the price that has to be paid for full employment, good homes and good schools and hospitals.

My Lord and Members of the House of Commons,

I pray that the blessing of Almighty God may rest upon your counsels".

(Ah well! "Your old men shall dream dreams" says the prophet Joel. And this dream should at least be on the nation's agenda).

DAVID LUNN  
Bishop of Sheffield



## BURSARY AWARD



The Revd. Tim Ellis, Rural Dean of Ecclesfield and Vicar of St. Leonard's Norwood and Priest in Charge of St. Hilda's Shiregreen, has just received a Ministry Bursary Award from the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group.

The award (one of 22 presented in the Chapter House of St. Paul's Cathedral in London) will partly finance sabbatical leave during which Tim will be researching into church buildings, one of his long standing interests.

**Tim (centre) is shown receiving His Bursary Award from Bernard Day, Managing Director of Ecclesiastical Insurance Group, with the Rt. Revd. Donald Snell, former Bishop of Hull, looking on.**

### Did you know

that INSPIR Sheffield is an ecumenical group working in all aspects of Ignatian Spirituality in the Sheffield area? The group's 1997 programme includes weeks of guided prayer, workshops, prayer guide training courses, teaching and training days, ongoing individual guidance and supervision, as well as the AGM on Sunday, 13th April at St. Matthew's Church, Calver Street, Sheffield at 8 p.m.

For further information about INSPIR, or details of 1997's programme, contact: Neville Chambers, 28 Endcliffe Glen Road, Sheffield S11 8RW. Tel: (0114) 266 2439.

### SPCK on the move

Ian Barrett, Manager of the SPCK Bookshop, and his staff are settling into their new premises at 8 East Parade, by the side of the cathedral, having moved out of their old shop in the Cathedral, during January.

The new shop, with more space, has enabled an improved range of stock including Christian Interest Software. Whilst continuing to help people set up and run church bookstalls, the shop, in response to demand, has greatly expanded its range of resources for schools, teachers, and those doing assemblies.

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### EXTRA EXTRA

Notice an extra sheet with Diocesan News this month. 'MISHPAT' is produced by the Diocesan Faith in the City and Social Responsibility Committees, and Ian McCullough and Rachel Ross will welcome your comments at Diocesan Church House, 95-99 Effingham Street, Rotherham, S65 1BL or on (01709) 511116.

## The Politics of the Real World

*The Revd. Charles Hedley is Diocesan Development Representative and writes about particular preparations as the General Election draws nearer:*

If you have not already heard of the "Real World Coalition", then look out! You may soon hear of it as the General Election draws closer. "The Politics of the Real World" is the title of a book published by over thirty leading voluntary and campaigning organisations in preparation for the election. These charities, which are concerned with social justice and the environment (they include Christian Aid CAFOD, and Church Action on Poverty), have got together to contribute their expertise in different areas and produce what they call "a major statement of public concern".

### Worth Getting Hold Of

The book is well worth getting hold of. It reminds us that the 1992 election was fought on the issue that all recent elections have been fought on: the short-term fixation on tax levels. The next election agenda is unlikely to be very different but will have a few extra items added: the economy, crime, health, education and Europe.

### Too Materialistic

Recent opinion polls have confirmed the feeling of disillusion with our political system that many people have talked about. The polls also tell us that most of us believe that society has become far too materialistic. It will not be too easy to push such issues as poverty, social justice, and the environment onto an election agenda which is already mapped out by the major parties. This is what the "Real World Coalition" intend.

### Raising Issues

Although the Coalition does produce a twelve point programme, what is more important is not whether you agree with that programme, but their determination to change the agenda for the forthcoming election. They are not concerned so much with party politics, but with making sure that important issues are raised, and then, whatever government is elected, they intend to act rather as the conscience of the government. After the election, coalition members will vet winning members' parliamentary voting record to see if they honour their pledges.

### A Just World

What lies behind their thinking is the recognition that social justice, the relief of poverty and respect for our environment are not just altruistic ideals, but very much in our own interest.

This is very much in tune with the ideas in the Old Testament that a just world is in our own self-interest and that if we do justice and act with righteousness we "will live long in the land". Tackling the issues of poverty and social justice are essential to our health as Christians and as a nation.

### Getting Prepared

This article is about getting prepared for the election when it comes. Unfortunately the Bible seems to have more to say about the drawing of lotteries than about the running of elections! It does, however, prod us to take seriously our roles as citizens and to see that God's agenda is not always the same as the one presented to us by politicians whatever their party affiliation.

### Social Responsibility Committee Pack

The SRC is producing an election pack which is being circulated to all parishes. So ask your incumbent about it. The pack will contain, among other things, information (from the Council of Churches for Britain and Ireland) about planning general election meetings, some more information about the Real World Coalition and some questions which you might like to put to candidates and which we hope will, help you to broaden the agenda as you make up your own mind.

(The Politics of the Real World is written and edited for the Real World Coalition by Michael Jacobs and published by Earthscan, at £6.99).



## Archbishop to Rotherham

The Archbishop of York has kindly accepted an invitation from The Rotherham Grammar School Old Boys' Association to attend and preach at a service in All Saints' Parish Church, Rotherham, on Sunday, 9th March at 10.30 a.m. At this service the Old Boys' Association will join the usual congregation of All Saints', Civic Dignitaries and representatives from The Thomas Rotherham Sixth Form College (successor to The Grammar School), in celebration of the Centenary of the Association and to give thanks for Thomas Rotherham, who founded the Grammar School in 1483, and went on to be Archbishop of York and Chancellor of England.

After the service Dr. Hope will travel to Thomas Rotherham College where he will officially open a new building to be known as 'Chancellor's Court' in honour of Thomas Rotherham. The Archbishop will then take luncheon at the College.

## Holy Land Tour

After a successful tour of the Holy Land in 1995, a small party from the diocese are arranging another visit this year from 4th-11th September. Firstly staying in Jerusalem visiting the Upper Room, Gethsemane, Bethlehem and Jericho, the tour then moves on to Tiberias by the Sea of Galilee visiting Nazareth, Cana, Capernaum (by boat), and Caesarea Philippi. Before returning home the party will stay at Netyana visiting Meggido, Muhurka and the fortress harbour of Caesarea.

Further details are available from Elaine and Don Jones on Rotherham (01709) 551299.

## Roundabout!

A RESOURCES DAY will be held on SATURDAY 26 APRIL, 1997, 10.00 a.m. - 4.15 p.m., at Church House, Rotherham, for anyone interested in the following topics (related to working with or in groups of people of any age):

- What use is the Internet?
- What else can I do with a photocopier (or scanner?)
- Can reference books help me prepare group meetings and programmes?
- Can these groups live?...creative group work without using books
- How can I make best use of videos?
- The best resource is people...how d'you make the most of them?

There will also be opportunity to browse, borrow and (on this occasion!) buy books, videos and similar resources from the Diocesan Resources Centre. Further information and applications forms from Mary Kenchington, Resources Centre, Church House, 95-99 Effingham Street, Rotherham, South Yorkshire S65 1BL (01709 512447).

## Women's World Day of Prayer 1997

The Sheffield city centre celebration will be on Friday, March 7th at 11.00 A.M. This service has been prepared by the Christian Women of Korea and gives a disturbing insight into an area of the world very little known to most of us.

It will take place in the Victoria Hall Methodist Church Norfolk Street, Sheffield. The speaker on the theme "Like a seed which grows into a tree" will be Mrs. Helen Albans of the SOCIETY OF FRIENDS.

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## STAR continues to shine

Sheffield Temporary Accommodation for Relatives (STAR) continues to provide a much needed service to relatives of patients staying in Sheffield hospitals.

Many years ago the Mothers' Union realised that with patients, who were often critically ill, coming from an enormous area to Sheffield hospitals, their relatives often had great difficulty in finding overnight accommodation.

It was out of this concern that STAR was born, and continues to provide a much needed service. At times of great need the scheme is able to provide overnight accommodation at very modest cost, and usually within the hour. That's quite an achievement. And long may it continue!

**The Reverend David Palmer**, Vicar of Stocksbridge, to be Priest in Charge of the Team Parish of Seaton Hirst in the Diocese of Newcastle from February 1997.

**The Reverend Canon Roy Arnold**, Diocesan Communications Officer and Chaplain with Deaf People to retire in April 1997.

**The Reverend Brian Fretwell**, Vicar of All Saints Doncaster to retire from 31 March 1997.

**The Reverend Tony Bowering**, Vicar of Tickhill with Stainton to retire from 31 March 1997.

**The Reverend Michael Wright**, Priest in Charge of St. Edmund Anchorage Lane and Part Time Chaplain Doncaster Royal Infirmary and Montague NHS Trust to be Full Time Chaplain Doncaster Royal Infirmary and Montague NHS Trust from December 1996.

**Captain Philip Clark**, Church Army Officer of Woodlands to be Community Evangelist, Trinity Anglican/Methodist Church, Roby in the Diocese of Liverpool from February 1997.

**The Reverend Craig Smith**, Curate of Bramley and Ravenfield to be Senior Curate, Rainham Parish Church in the Diocese of Chelmsford.

**The Reverend Anesia Nascimento** to be Curate of Dinnington from March 1997.

**The Reverend Michael Blackman**, Vicar of St. Peter Barbados to be Vicar of Dalton from February, 1997.

## Harry Powell (1911-1996)

Born in Lancashire, the Son of a Station Master. Courtied and married the Sister of his best friend at Davyhulme Church in 1943. He didn't follow in his Father's footsteps instead he became an apprentice to a large Manchester clothing factory, eventually being an area representative and rising to be a Director. Harry and Elaine enjoyed 24 years happy retirement. His three great loves were Family, Church and Masonic. We rejoice that James and his family have been loyal All Saints' members; we thank God for Harry's 40 years service on the PCC, his 16 years as Treasurer, and over 8 years as

Churchwarden. He was also Area Stewardship Adviser for the Derby Diocese.

Everything Harry attempted was done from a strong personal Christian Faith and duty to God and his fellow Christians. He, like Elaine, loved the Book of Common Prayer, but would carry out his Sidesman's duty irrespective of the service. He would make his point of view known in discussions, but would graciously abide by majority decisions. His smiling welcome in Church will be missed.

We thank God for his long life and Christian service. Please support Elaine in the coming months.

David.

## LADIES CLUB

We welcome all members to the following meetings at 7.30pm in the Lounge:

Tuesday 4th February - Danny Barlow will talk to us about GLASS

Tuesday 18th February - Barry Nichols will hopefully inspire us with CREATIVE WRITING.

We also welcome anyone who may be interested in these topics

Margaret B.

## WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

The Service, which this year will be held at St. John's, Abbeydale, has been prepared by the Christian women of Korea. The theme will be "Like a Seed which grows into a Tree". The Speaker will be the Revd. Joy Bradley, Curate of St. Mark's Church, Mosborough. All ladies are warmly invited.



"We're on our way to Wembley, we shall not be moved"

No, United or Wednesday havn't (at time of writing) got to the FA Cup Final. We're going to the **CHAMPION OF THE WORLD** event.

A number of years ago one man had a vision that will become reality for over 70,000 people on 28th June 1997. He was watching the rock band Queen in concert at Wembley Stadium singing their classic anthem "We are the champions". He thought; we are not the champions of the world, there is only one - JESUS. At that point for Noel Richards, the vision was clear - fill Wembley Stadium with Christians singing praise to the one true God and **CHAMPION OF THE WORLD** was born.

We went to the "rehearsal" last year at Wembley Arena with 11,500 others. The atmosphere was electric, with a real sense of worship and celebration. Besides worship and music there was a focus on the needs of the disabled and the work of the John Grooms association. This showed how Christians can make a difference in practical ways. One of the highlights for me was when the announcement was made that the 72,000 seat Wembley Stadium had been booked for 1997. This event will be one of proclamation, praise and celebration of Jesus the **CHAMPION OF THE WORLD**.

There were 3,000 on a waiting list for returned tickets for last years event and we understand ticket sales for June are massive. We would like to make a booking for a group of Christians from Totley to go (for every 40 booked we get one free). We will gather in the place where the gods of sport and music have been worshipped, to worship Jesus Christ the true **CHAMPION OF THE WORLD**.

There will be a prayer focus for our nation and an opportunity for us to pledge ourselves to seeing the whole of the UK evangelised within our lifetime. Praise and prayer affects the spiritual atmosphere and when Christians unite, God commands a blessing.

This historic day will be an expression of the various streams of God's people flowing together as one river. Our unity, prayers and songs will help fan the flames of revival in our land. It will be a clear message to the Government, Royal Family and people of this country and wider that Jesus is **THE CHAMPION OF THE WORLD**.

Please contact us for more details as soon as possible. We get £1 off the cost of every ticket if we book before 28th February.

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## I.O.U. (continued)

When a human relationship has been damaged, and I want to do something to put things right, I cannot be certain whether my approach will be met with sympathy, or scorn, or anger. In my relationship with God in Christ there is no need for any such uncertainty; I can be sure that my sincere repentance will be met with perfect forgiveness.

My relationship with God has to be put right first, but I must not restrict my repentance to that one relationship, as though I am the only person God is interested in. I need to look with equal honesty at my relationships with other people and with the whole God-created world in which he has set us to live.

*Martin Loft*

## Echoes of the Heart

'The birth of Jesus was the time when heaven was so close with earth that we could hear the angels sing'. Surely a beautiful description of the moment when the Word became flesh, which conveys something of the wonder and mystery of God. Perhaps a tiny echo of that could be heard in the heart of anyone who has had a profound experience of the Holy Spirit in their lives. The man who gave that description is to lead our Quiet Day this year - the Rev. Canon Martin Tunnicliffe is Vicar of Tanworth-in-Arden in Warwickshire, and general secretary of the International fellowship of Contemplative Prayer. The fellowship 'sayings for stillness' are published in our magazine and displayed on our Prayer Board in church, and are used each month by the members of our contemplative prayer group as a way of absorbing the Word of God and using it to uphold the world in intercession.

Our Quiet day will be held in our church, using the hall for refreshments and lunch, on Saturday 1st March. Details are available on a leaflet in church, or from Rosalie Carter, Tel: 2365969.



## Parish Rotas for February.

### Coffee Rota

**February:** 2nd Hazel & Alan Ludlam, Moreen Warrender.  
 9th Ann Powell, Catherine Wrigglesworth, Marjorie Wales.  
 16th Sue Walker, Dorothy Smith, Eileen Mason.  
 23rd Josephine and John Collie, Beth Booth.  
**March:** 2nd Audrey & Ron Walker, Mavis Kirton.

### Sidesmen.

|                 | 8.00am            | 10.00am            | 6.30pm           |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| <b>Feb:</b> 2nd | Mr K. Filleul     | Mr F. H. Cooke     | Mrs S. Sturgeon  |
|                 |                   | Mr R. F. Johnstone | Mrs M. Snowdon   |
| 9th             | Mr A. Ludlam      | Mr W. R. Bryer     | Mr J. A. England |
|                 |                   | Mrs C. Billard     | Mr H. S. Powell  |
| 16th            | Miss A. E. Baldry | Mrs A. Powell      | Mr P. Purkiss    |
|                 |                   | Mr J. Lawry        | Mr E. Simons     |
| 23rd            | Miss H. Perfect   | Mr A. Webb         | Mr H. Mayson     |
|                 |                   | Mrs M. Warrender   | 1                |

### Creche

**February:** 2nd Marie Cooper  
 9th Roma & Graham Webb  
 16th (Come and Worship)  
 23rd Ann & Helen Powell  
**March:** 2nd Debbie Woods

### Flowers.

|                      | Altar      | Memory Table |
|----------------------|------------|--------------|
| <b>February:</b> 2nd | Mrs Iosson | Mrs Bramall  |
| 9th                  |            | Mrs Bryer    |
| 16th                 |            |              |
| 23rd                 |            |              |
| <b>March:</b> 2nd    |            |              |

### Silver Cleaning Rota.

9th Feb.  
 23rd Mrs Woodhead

## Young People and Crime - Whose Fault?

In 1997 four Northern Dioceses: Sheffield, Bradford, Wakefield and Southwell, will be working together to ask the question: "What is happening to young people in our society?" The Criminal Justice Group in Sheffield Diocese will be focusing on the issue of crime. Because young people are the greatest recipients of violence and crime, we will be listening to them and to their experience as perpetrators and as victims of crime. If you would like to be involved in this project; if you are a young person with a story you would like us to hear, then *please contact Rachel Ross on 01709 511116.*

## Getting Married - Day for Couples

10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. Saturday, 1st March, 1997 at the Sheffield Novotel. Cost £5 per head.



Maybe you've booked it up and worked out how to pay for it, now think of the important questions. What's good about our relationship now? What do we both expect and hope for? What difference will being married make? Why do we want to make a go of it? What experience, what attitudes can help? What are you afraid of?

The day will interest couples thinking about whether to marry and those planning to marry - wherever that will be.

The day will include workshops on - "Points of Attraction", Sex, Second Time Around, Pros and Cons, Family Relationships - mine and yours, Expectations, Life Together.

Contact Nancy Johnson on 01709 512436.

## Seeds of Hope in the Parishes



"The winter is thawing..." suggests a report on life in Anglican Churches for Black people. The report *Passing Winter* and its study pack offers hope, encouragement and practical suggestions to all churches for "we must ensure that the seeds sown in winter clearly face the spring and promise of a warm summer" *Bishop John Sentamu*. The Black Anglican Concerns Group is running a series of events open to all people. 'Our Story' on Saturday 22 February is an opportunity for all to hear the stories of Black people in the Diocese; a day of encouragement, challenge and celebration. Future events include a workshop on preparing for Racial Justice Sunday, and a joint Diocesan Conference with Liverpool and Manchester on suffering and survival.

For further details contact Cynthia Sutherland on 0114 281 1060 or Rachel Ross on 01709 511116.

## General Election

A free information pack is available to all churches, including issues of Taxation, Homelessness and Europe. All materials can be photocopied and the pack has been prepared by the Social Responsibility Board.

Please contact Rachel Ross on 01709 511116.

## Drugs-R-Us

Nobody will be surprised to hear that drug misuse is a major issue in our society and in particular among young people. You may be more surprised to hear that a survey by the Evangelical Alliance found that young people in churches were also caught up in the drug culture. Drug misuse and addiction is no respecter of class, age, gender, race or creed. Many parents in our churches are struggling with watching their children being destroyed. The Social Responsibility Drugs Group produced a leaflet as a first step to inform churches about the issue and what they can do in response. The Group is also working in conjunction with all statutory and voluntary agencies in South Yorkshire under the Government Tackling Drugs Together Plan, specifically to develop training and drug awareness in our communities. If you would like a copy of the leaflet or would like to be involved in this work, or you have a story or project to tell us about, *please contact Rachel Ross on 01709 511116.*



## Building on a Local Vision Good News for church and communities, and the needs being addressed.

In the last round of Church Urban Fund grant making in December, Sheffield Diocese received £104,000 in grants:

### Archer Project, Cathedral

*Revenue Grant £ £24,000 over 2 years*

The independent evaluation said "its vision, values and practice are one". The project enables some of the most vulnerable people in Sheffield to build up their sense of self-worth through a mixed programme of social, sporting, educational and recreational activities. It aims to expand its work developing life skills and healthy diet courses.

### St. Aidan's Trust, Manor

*Capital Grant £20,000*

The involvement of the parish in community action resulted in the parish being asked to be more involved, and to develop their premises with the community for wider use. Seeking European, Millennium and Single Regeneration Budget funding. "The community and church at St. Aidan's on Manor and Norfolk Park are delighted with the support and encouragement that this grant brings. We hope it will herald much larger sums from other funders."

*Rev'd Andrew Teal, Vicar, St. Aidan's*

Some of the other parishes and groups helped:

Intake, Doncaster

Bentley Area Credit Union

FACE, Ferham Advice (St. Paul's

Masbrough)

Maltby

St. Peter's, Abbeydale

Black Majority Churches Celebration

### SYAC Revenue Grant £30,000 over 2 years

A partnership between the African Caribbean Community, the black churches and City Council with the support of the BACG of the Diocese. Salary support of the Centre Manager's post, to enable African Caribbeans to access training and employment opportunities. Unemployment is at least twice that of members of the white community.

### Wolfe Road: Foxhill: Christ Church, Hillsborough & Wadsley Bridge

*Capital Grant: £20,000*

Following a parish audit of needs, Christ Church Hillsborough & Wadsley Bridge members are working closely with their community to purchase and develop premises for a 25 place nursery, new space for groups and a fully equipped training room. It is already a hive of activity - the hive needs to expand!

### St. Catherine's, Richmond Road

*Capital Grant: £10,000*

The developing ministry with the elderly and work with children, and the medical centre will benefit from the reordering of the church premises to provide better kitchen facilities, a coffee lounge at the west end of the church, and refurbishment of the entrance.

### Grants Received in 1996

|              |                 |
|--------------|-----------------|
| Small Grants | £8,200          |
| Main Grants  | £228,000        |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>£236,200</b> |

## St. Agatha's Kick-Start Fund

Are you looking to kick-start a project aimed at supporting local needs? Are you looking for start-up funds to help you get going? *Contact Hilary Young on 01302 882835 for information and an application form.*

**Regeneration:** This region has won significant money for regeneration of the area from the Government.

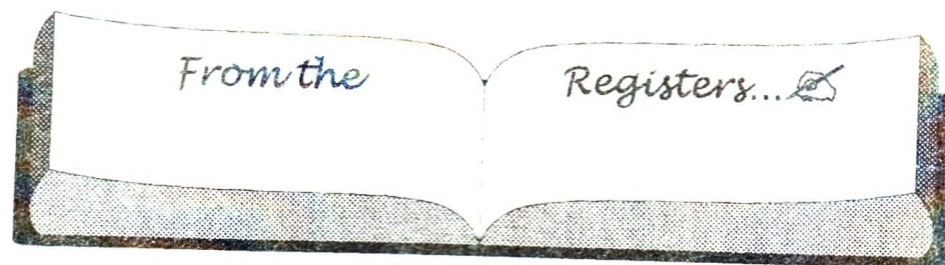
Sheffield £16m for Manor and Castle areas

Barnsley £14m for Education and Training

Rotherham £7m for Young People's Initiatives

Doncaster £14m for Bentley Businesses and Community

A number of churches are involved - if you would like to learn more of what is happening this year, please contact Rachel Ross / Ian McCollough on 01709 511116.



### BAPTISMS:

None this month

### WEDDINGS:

None this month

### FUNERALS:

January 8th Henry Sinclair Powell (85), 74, Main Avenue

28th Alfred Crofts (53), 24, Fernbank drive, Eckington.

We shall remember all recently bereaved families, together with the following from our Memorial Book, at our Memorial Service on Sunday, February 23rd at 6.30pm:-

Dorothy Bowie, John Drewery, Maggie Wortley, Blanche Wild, Arthur White, Dorothy Duckett, Edith Firth, Edna Brown, William Hossett, Keith Clark, Charles Cokeham, Jessie Shepherd, Carol Heiser, Mary Baylis, Dorothy Bingley, Lucy Kirkby, Raymond Phillips, Michael Ellis, John Burton, Craig Woodhead, Ian Pendall, Ida May Bramall, Eric Bardwell, Frank Poyser, Ellis Barber and Phyllis South.

Message from Elaine, James, Ann, Liz and Helen...

We write to thank everyone for their prayers, their kindness and support shown to us following Harry's passing.

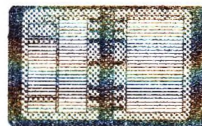
We were especially encouraged and touched by the many who were able to join with us at church to ensure that the service was a truly warm and sincere Service of Thanksgiving.

### Enquiries

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 telephone the Vicar on 236 2322.



## Dates for your Diary.



|       |      |         |   |
|-------|------|---------|---|
| Sat   | 1st  | 8.30am  | PrayerBreakfast in our Hall.                        |
| Sun   | 2nd  | 6.30pm  | CANDLEMAS SERVICE.                                  |
| Tues  | 4th  | 7.30pm  | Ladies Club: "Glass" -Danny Barlow.                 |
| Wed   | 5th  | 11.00am | Monthly morning fellowship at 2 Main Avenue.        |
| Thurs | 6th  | 7.45pm  | Standing Committee (at the Vicarage).               |
| Fri   | 7th  |         | Womens' World Day of Prayer.                        |
| Mon   | 10th | 3.15pm  | Contemplative Prayer Group,20,Totley Gr.Drive       |
| Tues  | 11th | 10.30am | Martha and Mary group in the Hall Lounge.           |
| Wed   | 12th |         | <b>ASH WEDNESDAY:</b> Holy Communion at 10am & 8pm. |
| Thurs | 13th | 8.00pm  | P. C. C. meets in the Hall Lounge.                  |
| Tues  | 18th | 7.30pm  | Ladies Club: "Creative writing"-Barry Nicholls.     |
| Mon   | 24th | 9.30am  | Collation of October Magazine (in the Hall).        |
|       |      | 3.15pm  | Contemplative PrayerGroup,20,Totley Gr.Drive        |
| Tue   | 25th | 10.30am | Martha and Mary Group in the Hall Lounge            |

## SOWING AND REAPING

*'THE IMAGERY OF harvest also contains a spiritual message. We can only harvest what we have sown and if we sow very little our harvest will be small. As members of the church it's our duty to sow the seed given to us, namely the good news of Christ.*

*Having sown the seed, the crops*

*need to be tended if a poor harvest is to be avoided. By daily prayers, regular worship and reading of the Bible, the seed sown in us, and others, is nourished and a good harvest can thus be achieved.*

*But...how many of us will suffer from crop failure?"*

*David Bradshaw*

### Saying for Stillness

*"Like the clay in the potter's hand,  
so are you in MY hand"*

*Jeremiah18:6 RSV*

*Final date for items to be included in the  
March issue will be Sunday, 16th of February*

February, 1997

## All Saints' News

### Organisations (and meetings in the Church Hall).

|                   |         |                                  |          |
|-------------------|---------|----------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | 10.00am | "Young Saints"                   |          |
|                   |         | Kath Lloyd                       | 236 7056 |
| <b>Monday:</b>    | 10.00am | Drop in Coffee                   |          |
|                   |         | Maurice and Marjorie Snowdon     | 236 2822 |
|                   | 3.30pm  | Junior choir practice in Church  |          |
|                   |         | Stella Jockel                    | 236 9413 |
|                   | 7.00pm  | Guides                           |          |
|                   |         | Dorothy Firth                    | 236 4190 |
|                   | 9.00pm  | Prayer meeting in the Lounge     |          |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | 7.30pm  | Ladies Club (1st and 3rd)        |          |
|                   |         | Margaret Benson                  | 236 2322 |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | 10.00am | Parent and Toddler Group         |          |
|                   |         | Tracey Evans                     | 235 1968 |
|                   | 6.15pm  | "Trailblazers" (Children's club) |          |
|                   |         | Ric Gray                         | 236 9204 |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | 2.00pm  | Under Fives Praise (1st and 3rd) |          |
|                   |         | Roma Webb                        | 262 1049 |
|                   | 7.00pm  | Choir practice in Church         |          |
|                   |         | Stella Jockel                    | 236 9413 |
|                   | 8.00pm  | Standing committee (1st)         |          |
|                   |         | PCC (2nd)                        |          |

### Fellowship Groups:

These are informal gatherings, in homes of our parish. They provide opportunities for Prayer, discussion, Bible Study and simple sharing. New members are always welcome. Details are given below:

|                   |                              |                   |          |
|-------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------|
| <b>Monday:</b>    |                              |                   |          |
|                   | Contemplative Prayer Group   | Rosalie Carter    | 236 5969 |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> |                              |                   |          |
|                   | Monthly Morning Fellowship   | Pauline Perkinson | 236 1601 |
|                   | Monthly Afternoon Fellowship | Stella Jockel     | 236 9413 |
|                   | Weekly Evening Fellowship    | Marjorie Snowdon  | 236 2822 |



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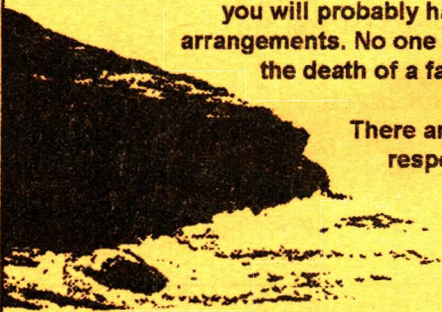
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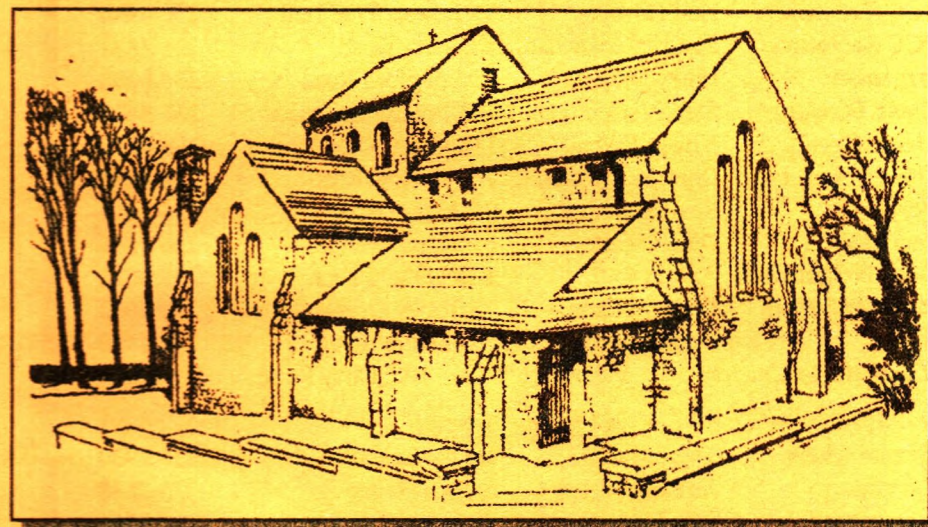
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## Contacts at All Saints' Church, Totley.

### Link Parish - Christ Church, Pitsmoor (Tel: 272 7756)

|                             |                    |                          |          |
|-----------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| <b>Vicar:</b>               | Rev. David Benson, | 37 Sunnyvale Road        | 236 2322 |
| <b>Readers:</b>             | Gordon Grayson,    | Brook Hall, Mickley Lane | 236 0913 |
|                             | Dudley Nixon,      | 15 Totley Grange Drive   | 235 2663 |
|                             | James Powell,      | 126 Totley Brook Road    | 235 0612 |
|                             | Maurice Snowdon,   | 1 Quarry Road            | 236 2822 |
| <b>Church Wardens:</b>      | Elsie Mayson,      | 35 Wollaton Road         | 236 2321 |
|                             | Alan Walker,       | 2 Bushywood Road         | 262 0421 |
| <b>Deputy Wardens:</b>      | Eric Simons,       | 220 Baslow Road          | 236 4937 |
|                             | Cliff Job          | 126 Green Oak Road       | 236 0122 |
| <b>PCC Treasurer:</b>       | Neil Hayden,       | 33 Rowan Tree Dell       | 236 4944 |
| <b>PCC Secretary:</b>       | Maurice Snowdon,   | 1 Quarry Road            | 236 2822 |
| <b>Organist:</b>            | Harry Draper,      | 43 Longford Road         | 236 6298 |
| <b>Choir Director:</b>      | Stella Jockel,     | 108 Sunnyvale Road       | 236 9413 |
| <b>Music Group:</b>         | Vivien Filleul,    | 116 Green Oak Road       | 236 0872 |
| <b>Flower Secretary:</b>    | Dorothy Simons,    | 220 Baslow Road          | 236 4937 |
| <b>Verger:</b>              | Rex Beaumont,      | 75 Aldam Road            | 236 1414 |
| <b>Sacristan:</b>           | Derek Maltby,      | 61 Main Avenue           | 236 7566 |
| <b>Good Neighbours:</b>     | Ann Powell,        | 126 Totley Brook Road    | 235 0612 |
| <b>Deanery Synod:</b>       | Dudley Nixon,      | 15 Totley Grange Drive   | 235 2663 |
|                             | Dorothy Firth,     | 6 Milldale Road          | 236 4190 |
| <b>Car Lifts to Church:</b> | Valerie Loft,      | 10, Quarry Road          | 236 0759 |

### All Saints' School:

|                     |                 |                   |          |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|
| <b>Headteacher:</b> | Joan Stratford, | c/o the School    | 236 1934 |
| <b>Caretaker:</b>   | Jack Stevenson, | School House      | 235 2148 |
| <b>Playgroup:</b>   | Jane Lawry,     | 73 Sunnyvale Road | 236 8566 |

### Church Hall:

|                           |              |                      |          |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------|
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### "All Saints' News":

|                      |                |                        |          |
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Articles, letters, etc. for publication in this magazine are welcome, and may be placed in the box in Church.

## From the Vicar...

Dear Friends,

### DOING WHAT GOD WANTS US TO DO

If we are really honest, we don't like being told what to do! Yet there are times when it is necessary for that to happen..children need to be told to do their homework instead of watching videos; teenagers need to be told not to go to the disco where ecstasy is being sold; adults in the Armed Forces or the Emergency Services have to respond to orders. So, we all have to do things, at times, that we don't like doing.

During Lent, we were learning about how Jeremiah had to do as God told him.. "You must go to everyone I send you to, and say whatever I command you to say". Part of what God wanted him to say was rather unpopular, and he had to stand up against the 'false prophets' who were giving the people an 'easy' message. It's tempting for us to give in to the 'false prophets' of our day....those who want us to water down our moral standards; those who want our Country to become less Christian, etc.

I, as your Vicar, am telling YOU that God wants YOU to do things for Him - especially in this our YEAR OF WELCOME. God wants each one of us to be more friendly to our neighbours, to build up a strong sense of community here in Totley; God wants us to make our Churches more welcoming and to be prepared to arrange some special short, user-friendly, Services for seekers; God wants us to continue what we started in Lent- having a regular prayer time and space for our Bible reading; like that great Prophet Jeremiah, God particularly wants us to speak out boldly, to write to the press and TV producers whenever we see Christian standards being eroded.

May God bless your work for Him, and may you experience all the joys of Easter.





## SERVICES IN MARCH

### 2nd 3rd Sunday in LENT:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)-**Theme: The way of Jesus- 1.**  
Epistle: Ephesians 6: 10-18.  
Gospel: Luke 4: 1- 13.
- 6.30pm 'First Sunday' Service of Evensong (ASB)-all welcome.

### 9th 4th Sunday in LENT (MOTHERING SUNDAY):

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00am "Come & Worship" Family service-**Theme: The Way of Jesus- 2.**
- 6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle: 2 Corinthians 3: 4- end  
Gospel: Luke 9:28-36.

### 16th 5th Sunday in LENT:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00am Holy Communion (ASB) - **Theme: The Way of Jesus-3.**  
Epistle: Philippians 2: 4-11  
Gospel: John 13:1-17
- 6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
Old Testament: Exodus 6: 2 - 13  
New Testament: Colossians 2: 8-15.

### 23rd PALM SUNDAY:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00am Holy Communion (ASB)-**Theme: Are You the King of the Jews?**  
Old Testament: Psalm 24:1-10.  
Gospel: John 18:28 -19:16.
- 6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
Old Testament: Isaiah 50:4-9a.  
New Testament: Matthew 21:1-13.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES *(see Over)*

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

### 27th MAUNDY THURSDAY:

- 8.00pm Holy Communion (ASB)

### 28th GOOD FRIDAY:

- 10.00am Short Family Service - all welcome!
- Noon The Three Hours Devotions

### 30th EASTER SUNDAY:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00am Easter Family Holy Communion-**Theme: Why are you crying?**  
Epistle: Colossians 3: 1-11  
Gospel: John 20: 11-18.
- 6.30pm Memorial Service



# Jesus is Lord!

### The Leprosy Mission.

You are invited to a **Coffee Morning on Wednesday, March 12th from 10am-Noon at 18, Rowan Tree Dell.** There will be items for sale from the Leprosy Mission and a Bring & Buy Stall. Please come and bring your friends, and let's hope it doesn't snow this time!

Betty Waite.

### Sheffield Children's Hospital -Asthma Research

We have received a **Thank You Letter** to acknowledge our cheque for **£144.19**, which represents your generous support through our 'In-House' Christmas Greeting Card. The money is being allocated to their CHRIS Fund which both provides needy equipment and research finance for the treatment of asthma and other respiratory illnesses. Thanks to you all.

Stella Jockel.



## General Election Pack.

In anticipation of the forthcoming General Election, the Diocesan Social Responsibility Committee has produced a small folder of leaflets containing material and questions which they feel ALL of the political parties should be considering at this time.

One leaflet also gives information about REAL WORLD - a coalition of some 30 voluntary and campaigning organisations (including Christian Aid) who are "committed to raising the importance in UK political debate of environmental sustainability, social justice, the eradication of poverty, and of democratic renewal".

Please contact **Ken Filleul (236 0872)** if you would like to borrow the pack.

## THANK YOU



everyone who sent cards, best wishes and said prayers for both Terry and myself during our recent illnesses. I had a 'slipped disc' and have still got some nerve pressure and/or damage, and Terry spent a few days in the Northern General Hospital due to developing Septicaemia, so it was really nice to feel the warmth and love that surrounded us both from our friends at Totley All Saints Church. We are now both 'on the mend' and are looking forward to better health this year. Kim Dixon.

The Christian Aid Challenge Walk (53 miles) takes place in May and the route comes through our area. The organisers are seeking to offer overnight accommodation in the Totley area for the walkers. It would involve offering facilities for a bath, an evening meal as well as bed and breakfast on Sunday 4th May. If you can offer accommodation or would be willing to consider the possibilities please speak to Maurice Snowdon as soon as possible or ring Clive Keech on 235 1248. Help in this matter would be a real contribution to the effort to raise funds for Christian Aid.

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## Richard Fitzroy 'Roy' Johnston

Born in Sheffield, and spent much of his early youth in Rotherham. On leaving School, Roy joined the firm of Peat, Marwick and Mitchell and rose to the responsible position of Trade Association Secretary. This brought him into contact with important figures in the Sheffield Steel Industry. He served his country during the war. He met and married his late wife Betty in Belgium in 1945, and they were happily married until she was tragically killed in a road accident in 1988. They had one daughter, Margaret, who brought them much joy. Roy and Margaret have remained close right up to his death. Most people found Roy to be super efficient in all he did. He was very traditional and liked things done 'properly'. I always thought he was an Accountant- especially when I tried to continue his methodical keeping of the Magazine Accounts! He served All Saints' Church faithfully and regularly. Like Harry Powell, Roy took his Sidesman's duties very seriously, likewise his Magazine distribution, and will be greatly missed. He had a wicked sense of humour, kept abreast of current affairs through his reading and listening to the radio. Praise God that he was a fit, well man for most of his life and was able to enjoy walking and the outdoors. He collapsed in the street near his home, suffering a serious coronary. It was wonderful that his Pastoral Link Visitor Bill Bryer was the last person to speak with Roy as he waited for the Paramedics. We thank God for his life and Christian Service. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

*David*

## LADIES CLUB

We welcome all members to the following meetings at 7.30pm in the Lounge:  
Tuesday, 4th March - this will be our AGM, which we hope will be short to allow us to celebrate our 40th Ladies Club Birthday Party. Come and join us!  
Tues. 18th March - Keith Hewitt, a former Chorister at Westminster Abbey will talk to us about his career and illustrate this with a video film.

*Margaret B.*

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## THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN

The ordination of women to the order of Priest caused some division in the Church of England. However, this division was miniscule compared with that which was threatened! For example, only about 350 male priests, not the 1,000 that were expected, left the C of E on the issue.

I repeat the position of those who opposed it at the time of the debate, and the reducing number that still do. Personally I support women's ordination. My chief reason for doing so is that I believe it to be in line with the New Testament Church.

Of course Jesus picked men for his band of disciples, who came to be called the Apostles. He couldn't possibly have done anything else in the social and religious climate of his day without killing at birth the ministry he came to exercise. To have included women would, at that time, have been a cause of total scandal and outrage to all around.

But women formed an integral part of his team and he elevated their status way beyond that which was normal. As the church grew and developed beyond the confines of Jerusalem and its Jewish base, we find women in even higher profile, although discretion was still called for in order to prevent offence to an unlightened society. (After all, that society called Christians cannibals because they ate the "body" and the "blood" of Christ.)

Eventually we find St. Paul writing that by faith and baptism we are united with Christ and consequently in the Church "there is no such thing as Jew and Greek, slave and freeman, male and female" (Galatians 3 : 26-29). Paul took the opposites in religion, status and sex, and said that in Christ the distinctions simply do not exist.

We are still working out the implications of this. But if it is true - and who would dare to say it isn't?-it seems to me to be equally true in regard  
(continued ...)

## Totley Residents' Association

Totley doesn't have a Parish Council. Perhaps we ought to have one, but that is a separate debate. The nearest thing at the moment is the Totley Residents' Association, which exists for the benefit of all who live in Totley. There is nothing which generally concerns the people of this area which is outside the scope of what the residents' Association can discuss. Furthermore, the Association is not without influence with our local councillors and with other outside bodies, so it is not just a talking shop!

You may already know something of what the Residents' Association does. The monthly *Totley Independent* prints about 850 copies per issue. The annual Totley Show is run by the T.R.A., as also is the summer Sports Day. There are about six free evening talks in the Library every year and an event is run every year for the benefit of local senior citizens. There have also been one or two other special events like an Open Meeting when the Police were invited to discuss some local traffic problems.

Perhaps there are other things which such an organisation should do? Perhaps you have a view on some of these things? The T.R.A. is run by a committee which is only too anxious to know what it is that people want. There are also vacancies on the committee, so it is open to anyone interested to influence the decisions which are made about all these matters.

Our church - All Saints - talks about reaching out into the community. Quite a lot is done in various informal ways, but the T.R.A. represents a channel through which more can be done. Historically the church played a major part in setting up the T.R.A. twenty years ago, so there is adequate precedent for church people playing a bigger role in what is going on today.

Of course the Residents' Association is not the only channel through



## Totley Residents' Association (continued ....)

which community action can take place, but it would be a pity to waste what is already available. It is not in danger of crumbling, but more support from individual members of our church would be very welcome. This support could be in a variety of ways, but perhaps the above will give you some ideas. Can you respond?

Maurice Snowdon

### JOIN THE CLUB

*Just a line to say I'm living, that I'm  
not among'st the dead  
Though I'm getting more forgetful and  
mixed up in the head  
I've got used to my arthritis, to my  
dentures I'm resigned  
I can cope with my bifocals, but ye  
gods I miss my mind!*

*Oft times I can't remember, when I'm  
standing by the stair  
If I'm going up for something or have  
just come down from there  
And before the fridge so often, my  
mind is full of doubt  
Now did I put some food away, or  
come to get some out!  
And if it's not my turn to write,  
I hope you won't get sore  
I may have written twice today and  
once the day before  
Just remember I do love you and wish  
that you lived near  
And now it's time to post this, so  
cheerio my dear,  
I stand beside the post box now, and  
boy is my face red!  
Instead of posting this to you, I've  
opened it instead.*

### "QUOTES"

**The difficulty of walking in the middle of  
the road is the considerable danger of  
being knocked flat from either side!**

— KEN SHARPE  
Vicar of Coley, Halifax

*'The British may not love God, but they  
love a theological row.'*

— PAUL JOHNSON  
Daily Mail reviewer

**Get it out of your heads that music's  
only good when it's loud. You must  
leave loudness to the Methodists.**

— THORNTON WILDER

**FUTURE, n.** That period of time in  
which our affairs prosper, our friends are  
true and our happiness is assured.

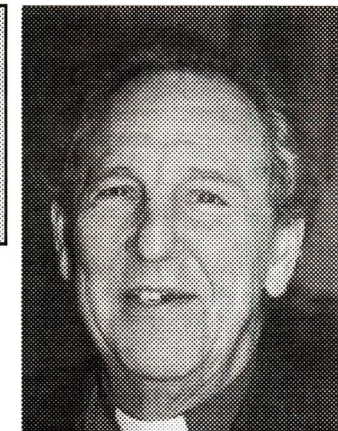
— AMBROSE BIERCE

**It's difficult to prove that God exists —  
but it's also quite impossible to prove  
that he doesn't!**

## SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS

March, 1997

## EASTER THE END RESULT



Fairy Stories used to end "and they lived happily ever after" but that was wishful thinking. Endings are important and that is why it is interesting to consider the ways the four Gospel writers end their account of the Easter story.

**MARK** for instance ends with the words "Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid". Was there a lost ending, was it left unfinished, or what? I have always thought that it speaks of the consequences of the resurrection as being something we 'write' with our lives. We are to be players and not just spectators of the Easter drama.

**LUKE** ends with Jesus blessing the disciples "and he parted from them .... then they worshipped him .... they stayed continually at the temple, praising God." For Luke the outcome of Easter is worship and praise from which will come spirit empowered mission to all the nations.

**MATTHEW** ends with a choice and we have to make a decision. One alternative is to join the mission of those sent out with a lie (the soldiers) "the body was stolen". Jesus is and remains dead. He will not disturb us, nor our world, life can go on as usual, the poor remain poor, injustice and death triumph and our universe remains closed to the Divine. The other alternative is to live the mission of the disciples of the risen Lord, making new disciples and living the obedient life in every aspect of human existence.

**JOHN** concludes with a memorable conversation and a memorable question .... "Peter, do you love me?" A breakfast meeting after a night's fruitless fishing sees Jesus reiterating and restoring his call to Peter to ministry and service. A meeting with the risen Lord raises questions about the quality and reality of our love for Christ.

The Gospel accounts of the ministry, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus end with a challenging variety of consequences which are well worth our fullest consideration and action as followers of Christ. They challenge us to face again what it means in practice, as individuals and as a parish, to be 'players not spectators' in a life of ongoing worship and praise, choosing the mission of the truth "Christ is Risen" and not the mission of the lie and to do so as those who love Him more than anything else.

*This Easter may we live his risen life,  
bring life to others  
and give light to the world.*

Michael Gear  
Bishop of Doncaster



# Visitors are welcome to services at Sheffield Cathedral during Holy Week and Easter.

They include

**Palm Sunday 23 March**

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist.

6.30 p.m. Choral Evensong

**Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday in Holy Week**

Compline and Address at 7.30 p.m.

**Maundy Thursday 27 March**

11.00 a.m. Chrism Eucharist

7.30 p.m. Liturgy of the Last Supper

**Good Friday 28 March**

10.00 a.m. Liturgy of the Day

12 noon Three Hours' Devotion

7.30 p.m. A Devotion for Good Friday -

Stabat Mater by Pergolesi

**Holy Saturday**

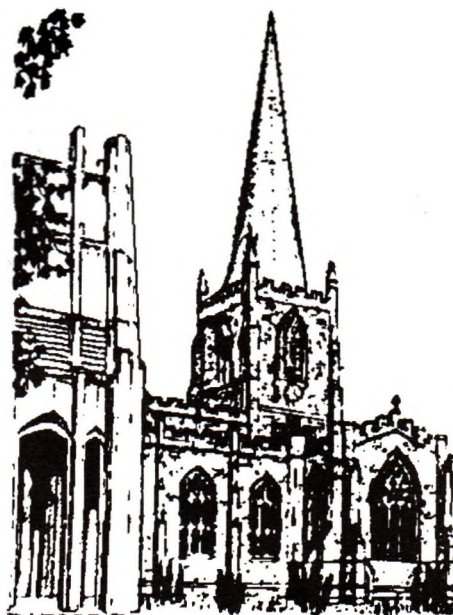
7.30 p.m. Easter Vigil & First Eucharist of the Resurrection.

**Easter Day**

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

4.30 p.m. Festal Evensong



## Candidate

Jonathan Redden, well-known as a lay member of General Synod for the Diocese, has announced that he has allowed his name to go forward as a candidate for the new 'Pro-Life Alliance' party at the forthcoming General Election. "My reason for doing this" says Jonathan, "is concern over the vast numbers of abortions carried out in this country each year (160,000) and the possibility of legalised euthenasia in the future."

## Prayers for those choosing new Bishop

The Bishop's Council, at its meeting in early February, urged all parishes and members of our Diocese to remember in their prayers those who are part of the process for choosing a new Bishop, especially the members of the Crown Appointments Commission. The members on the Commission from the Diocese are: Mrs. Elizabeth Paver, Rt Revd Michael Gear, Ven Stephen Lowe and Ven Bernard Holdridge.

## Celtic Spirituality



The programme of continuing education sponsored by the chaplaincy at Sheffield Hallam University announces a Day School on Celtic Spirituality - an exploration of our roots in Celtic Spirituality and a reflection on the 'guideposts' (guideposts mark a safe route across treacherous terrain) offered by a recovery of Celtic Spirituality for the church, in the immediate and post millennium future - using material from Iona and Lindisfarne. To be held at St. Peter's Abbeydale, Machon Bank, Sheffield on Saturday, 14th June from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Bring food to share for lunch, tea and coffee is provided and the cost is £12 waged, £6 unwaged. For further details or booking contact: The Chaplaincy Centre, Sheffield Hallam University, Pond Street, Sheffield S1 1WB. Tel: 0114 253 2132.

## St. Mary's Church, Greasborough

invites readers to a special concert of songs from the shows with THE MUSIC BOX SINGERS on Saturday, 1st March at 7.30 p.m. in the church. Tickets at the door are £1. Further details are available from Rotherham (01709) 551299. The concert is being held as one of the events in this year of evangelism.

## Giving goes up in every Diocese ... including Sheffield

Every Diocese in the Church of England saw parish income increase between 1994 and 1995. Latest statistics - just available - show that direct giving across the Church rose by 5.2% which is 1.7% above inflation. And despite not being one of the most affluent of areas covenanted giving in the Diocese of Sheffield in 1995 reached £6.90 per subscriber - the fourth highest in the Church of England.

Since 1984, direct giving over the whole Church of England has increased by around 40% in real terms. In Sheffield Diocese - which stretches from the City of Sheffield out to Rotherham, Doncaster and on to Goole - total planned giving in 1995 reached a total of £2,794,000 in 1995 compared with £2,550,300 in 1994. Mr. Derek Lane, Christian Giving Adviser in the Diocese of Sheffield commenting on the figures said: "I think the giving in the Diocese of Sheffield is absolutely remarkable!"

## All Saints, Ecclesall

is wishing to dispose of a three manual Keytes organ, as their major development programme gets under way. The Parish hopes that it can be sold complete. Although it is in need of some attention, it is a good example of its kind, and has served the needs of the church well for the best part of a century. Further details may be obtained from David Quinney on 0114 236 1671 or Colin Andrews on 0114 236 9853.

## Volunteers Wanted

Rotherham's Disability Information Service 'R-Dis' are seeking volunteers to staff their information and advice centre at Rotherham Central Library.

R-Dis is an independent voluntary organisation and a registered charity which provides a free, confidential and impartial service. It aims to provide information and advice on any aspect of disability to people in Rotherham and the surrounding area.

Travelling expenses and full training are provided by R-Dis and all volunteers are fully insured.

R-Dis operates an Equal Opportunities Policy and welcomes volunteers from all sectors of the community. Disabled volunteers are particularly welcome - the premises are fully accessible and has facilities for disabled people.

If you enjoy meeting people and would like to contribute to your local community in a voluntary capacity, please telephone or call in and ask for:

Martin Ensor, Service Manager, Rotherham's Disability Information Service, Central Library, Walker Place, Rotherham. Tel: (01709) 373658.

Visitors are always welcome.

## ASB sell-by date

Are you still being encouraged to buy the ASB? This is not a health warning from the Prayer Book Society! It's a gentle nudge from the Diocesan Liturgical sub-committee to remind you that now in progress is the revision, and eventual replacement, of the ASB by "Liturgy 2000". The ASB therefore has a limited shelf life and you should be aware of the potential drawbacks of investing too heavily in copies of the ASB.

For further information contact Mr. Alan Balme, Secretary of the Diocesan Liturgical sub-committee, 1 Wren's Way, Birdwell, Barnsley S70 5SQ.

## Christian Action Network Sheffield Caravan Project

Booking for Summer 1997. As a contribution to Christian Action Network Sheffield, Eyam Parish Church installed a caravan on a site within the parish last summer to offer free holidays to individuals, couples and families proposed by their churches for respite holidays. The caravan, which will accommodate two adults and three children, is on site at Stoke Hall Caravan Site, Grindleford, in the Derbyshire Peak District National Park and we are pleased to confirm that bookings are now being taken for April to September 1997. For more details and booking requests you are invited to contact: Mrs. Joan Plant, Parish Administrator, Church Centre Office, Church Street, Eyam, nr. Sheffield. S30 1QH. Telephone: 01433 630930.

## Pre-Election Debate

The Sheffield and Rotherham branch of "Real World", a national coalition of over thirty groups, including Christian Aid, Oxfam and Church Action on Poverty, has organised a pre-election debate with representatives from the three main political parties on Friday, 14th March, 1997 at 7.30 p.m. in the Library Theatre, Tudor Square, Sheffield. All are welcome. "Real World" is an agenda for reform, promoting environmental sustainability, social justice, the eradication of poverty in this country and internationally and of democratic renewal. Further information from Richard Buckley, Methodist Church, Stafford Road, Sheffield. S2 2SE. Telephone: 0114 279 6215 or 01226 742274.

## Spring Concert

The SHEFFIELD CHORALE is giving a SPRING CONCERT OF MUSICAL GEMS at St. Alban's Church, Wickersley on Saturday, 19th April at 7.30 p.m. Tickets at £2.50 including refreshments are available from Mrs. Pycroft on 01709 548626, and proceeds are for Rotherham Holiday Aid and St. Alban's Church Organ Appeal.



## Days out in the Dales?

Christ Church Caterers, Skipton, for several years have raised money through catering for visitors to the town. Many Christian based charities have benefitted, including missionary societies and children's charities, as well as a forest project in Nepal. Skipton is a busy town with a street market on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. Cruises can be enjoyed on the Leeds Liverpool Canal, and the Castle is always worth a visit. Nearby the bargains of the Lancashire Mill Shops can be sampled, and nothing beats a scenic trip through the Craven Dales.

Christ Church Caterers are able to serve Lunch, Tea or Supper on most days from Easter to the end of September at a cost of £4 per head.

Anyone wishing to find out more, or to book a meal should contact Fran Peers on 01756 793612.

## Open at Easter

St. Alban's Church, Wickersley, near Rotherham, welcomes visitors to the Open Afternoons on Monday, 31st March, Tuesday, 1st April and Wednesday, 2nd April from 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

On Monday, 31st March (Only!) the Church Tower will be open, with (on a clear day) magnificent views of South Yorkshire. There is a large free car park and refreshments are served every afternoon. The Church will be decorated for Easter, and the churchyard daffodils should be out.

## Not at St. Andrew's!

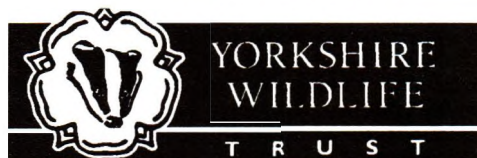
Concerts in the Music at St. Andrew's, Sharrow series have had to move to PSALTER LANE METHODIST CHURCH because of problems with St Andrew's building. The concert by the City of Sheffield Girls Choir is on Saturday, 1st March at 7.30 p.m. (Tickets at the door, £5, concessions £3.50 including light refreshments), and on Saturday, 19th April, the 24 voices of the Sheffield Motet Singers will perform sacred and secular choral music from the 16th to the 20th century.

## Young Musicians at St. Peter's, Bentley

The Doncaster Schools Symphonic Band, conducted and guided by the talented Andrew Gurnhill, will be giving a concert in St. Peter's Church, Bentley, near Doncaster on Saturday, 3rd May at 7.30 p.m. Admission is £2 for adults and £1 children and there is a large free car park adjacent to the church.

The 50 or so young musicians promise a memorable evening. For further details contact Howard Scarborough on 01302 784557.

## YORKSHIRE LIVING CHURCHYARD PROJECT



The Project was launched as a joint venture between the Church of England in the north and the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. It continues to inform and advise parishes and local communities about ways of making churchyards and cemeteries environmentally friendly, focussing, particularly on our native wild plants and animals.

If you would like to learn more about this kind of management for the churchyard or cemetery in your parish, why not come along to a half day Seminar at a Yorkshire church? Seminars being held this year in Spring are:

**KIRK ELLA** (near Hull)  
Wednesday 21 May evening

**FINNINGLEY** (near Doncaster)  
Tuesday 3 June afternoon

**CULLINGWORTH** (Near Keighley)  
Tuesday 17 June evening

Booking forms and further information are available from The Churchyard Officer, Yorkshire Living Churchyard Project, The Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, 10 Toft Green YORK YO1 1JT.

## Brodsworth Church Art Exhibition

Art Exhibition to be held on Easter Day, Easter Monday and Tuesday in Glebe Barn Brodsworth. Open daily from 10.00 a.m. until 7.00 p.m. Homemade refreshments available, various crafts for sale. Paintings for sale at prices fixed by the artists. Ample car parking space. Our ancient Parish Church of St. Michael and All Angels mentioned in Domesday Book will be open during the day.

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## ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING.

We usually get a good attendance at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting which this year is to be held on March 13th. As usual nominations are required for all the vacant posts and this includes Churchwarden, Deputy Churchwardens and members of the P.C.C. There is space on the church notice-board for nominations to be made and, as far as possible, it is helpful to have all the nominations in before the meeting.

This year, however, there is a special point to be made about the meeting itself. The P.C.C. have decided that matters to be raised under "Any Other Business" must be notified to the P.C.C. Secretary in writing at least three days before the meeting. It is not intended that any other matters shall be raised on the night. It is therefore strongly recommended that you have a look through the booklet of annual reports well before the meeting in order to see if there are any points that you want to raise. The booklet of annual reports should be available on Sunday 2nd March. If there are any points that you want to raise please let me have them by Sunday 9th March.

Maurice Snowdon (1, Quarry Road)





### P.C.C. UPDATE.

Being on the P.C.C is a serious business. Issues which affect the growth of the Church in Totley are discussed as well as issues which might well influence the personal faith of any one of us. Since we are approaching the time when we can vote new members onto the P.C.C. it is worth stressing that membership is a privilege and needs to be considered prayerfully by every one of us.

We do have our lighter moments though. At the last meeting the Treasurer reported that he had a request from the Charity Commissioners to wind up the William Green Charity. Reading from a bundle of papers he told us that this used to be worth the princely sum of 12 shillings per annum for giving bread and succour to the poor. No one seems to have any idea where the money actually comes from and certainly there is no sign of any money now. Since William Green died in 1786 it was agreed that the Charity be closed!

One of the items under discussion was the forthcoming Annual Parish Meeting. It was important to establish agenda items for all the important items of business.

We also discussed charitable giving plans for 1997. We identified a number of charities which we would like to support. We recognised however that more is involved than just sending money. All the charities we support ought to have someone in the parish who can keep us abreast of the work which they are doing so that we can support through prayer and interest as well as money. Offers would be welcome! Also we recognised that other charities may need our support if we can manage it.

The report from the Deanery Synod was particularly interesting as it gave information about the activities of some of the "problem" churches in our deanery. It made us realise that there are positive signs of spiritual growth even though some of the churches mentioned have very little resource - either financial or in numbers of congregation. We have so much for which to be thankful and so much to learn!

### The Ministry of Women (continued)

to the ministry in the Church. We have had women Deacons and women Readers in the Church's ministry for ages. Now we have women Priests. Soon we will have women Bishops, as some other parts of the Anglican and other Communion already have.

At the end of the day, the right to officiate in any parish church is given to a man or a woman by the licence of the Bishop, not by the status of the individual. Non-ordained men and women as well as ordained men and women are equally entitled to administer Holy Communion if they hold a licence from the Bishop.

I look forward to the day when this is accepted in all our parish churches and in every Christian denomination. I get the impression that most who worship in All Saints', Totley, do the same.

*John N. Collie*

## **"THAT'S A NICE BADGE IS IT A FISH?"**



ABOUT two years ago I bought a fish badge from a member of our house group. I was debating about the best place to wear it, when I thought of my uniform at work. There're about a dozen permanent members of staff around the Lewisham Hospital Casualty Department but the pupil and student nurses are coming and going every eight weeks. Then there is the tremendous number of patients passing through every day, 365 days of the year!

It's been a really good form of Outreach/Witness, call it what you may. Christian patients, doctors, physiotherapists, secretaries, policemen see the "Fish" and a conversation ensues. "Which church do you belong to?" etc. with, in some cases, other members of staff (not Christians)

'listening in'.

People who don't recognise the significance of the badge say, "That's a nice badge, is it a fish?" I can then explain what it means, why I wear it and that I'm a Christian. It seems a natural sort of witness.

Actually a drawing of a fish is one of the earliest Christian secret signs and used by Christians meeting in the catacombs of Rome. The initials of the words (in Greek) Jesus Christ, Son of God, Saviour make the word Ichthus which means fish.

You hear of fishermen bragging about the "big one that got away" - well this fish is really small fry - but it's here to stay!

(230 words)

- JOHN MARLEY

March 1997



In the early days of Quakerism, churches were known by them as steeple houses.

A feature of some of the MONMOUTHSHIRE CHURCHES was the chancel not being in line with the nave but leaning to the north, such deviation being accepted as a symbol of the drooping of Christ's head on the cross.

Charles Wesley in 1746 built at HEPTONSATLL, WEST YORKS., an octagonal chapel. he wanted all his preaching houses to be built in that shape so that the devil would not be able to hide. The roof was built in ROTHERHAM and carried by packhorse to the site. HEPTONSTALL stands high above HEBDEN BRIDGE, and well worth a visit.

[TAKEN FROM MIKE HARDING'S BOOK "WALKING THE PEAK AND PENNINES"]

LOTTERY VIEWS : The Heritage Secretary, Virginia Bottomley, regards this as *"the most dynamic insitution in Britain"*, but Professor Tim Congdon, one of the INDEPENDENT advisors, known as the seven wise men, says *"it constitutes disguised taxation and redistributes from the poor to the rich"*. There is 12½% tax on each ticket, but only 5.6% goes to good causes.

A LITTLE BOY was asked to recite Psalm 23. Either he did not know it at all or he knew it very well. He said, 'The Lord is my Shepherd . . . I'm not going to worry!'

#### ISN'T THERE SOME MISTAKE

"WHEN you have brass duty please include buffing and polishing the verger whenever the Bishop visits."

—Altar Guild minutes of Grace Cathedral, Topeka, Kansas

Rex B.

## TIME AND PLACE

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## Parish Rotas for March.

### **Coffee Rota**

**March** 2nd Audrey & Ron Walker, Mavis Kirton.  
 9th Betty Houldcroft, Catherine Brown, Maureen Allum  
 16th Valerie & Martin Loft, Roma webb  
 23rd Brenda Lewis, Kath Lloyd, Marjorie Snowdon  
 30th Ro & Robin Carter, Ann Ruthven  
**April:** 6th Angela & Glyn Waite, Dorothy Firth.

### **Sidesmen.**

|                 | 8.00am            | 10.00am                          | 6.30pm                               |
|-----------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Mar:</b> 2nd | Mr K. Filleul     | Mr F. H. Cooke                   | Mrs S. Sturgeon<br>Mrs M. Snowdon    |
| 9th             | Mr A. Ludlam      | Mr W. R. Bryer<br>Mrs C. Billard | Mr J. A. England                     |
| 16th            | Miss A. E. Baldry | Mrs A. Powell<br>Mr J. Lawry     | Mr P. Purkiss<br>Mr E. Simons        |
| 23rd            | Miss H. Perfect   | Mr A. Webb<br>Mrs M. Warrender   | Mr H. Mayson                         |
| 30th            | Mrs D. Cooke      | Mr. W. Bryer<br>Mr. A. Webb      | Miss A. E. Baldry<br>Miss H. Perfect |

### **Creche**

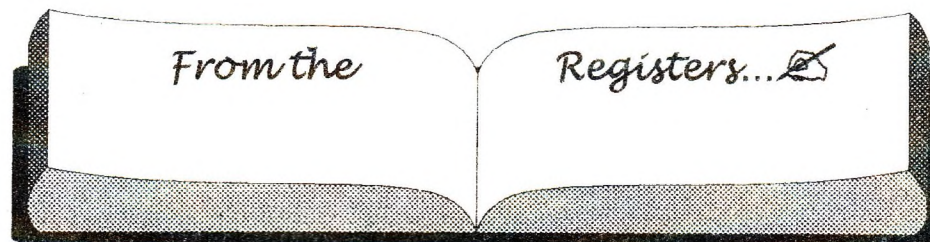
**March:** 2nd Debbie Woods  
 9th Liz Hayden  
 16th (Come and Worship)  
 23rd Ann & Helen Powell  
 30th No creche-Easter Sunday

### **Flowers.**

|                   | <u>Altar</u>   | <u>Memory Table</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| <b>March</b> 2nd  |                |                     |
| 9th               |                |                     |
| 16th              |                |                     |
| 23rd              |                |                     |
| 30th              | Easter Flowers |                     |
| <b>April:</b> 6th |                |                     |

### **Silver Cleaning Rota.**

9th March  
 23rd



### **BAPTISMS:**

None this month

### **WEDDINGS:**

None this month

### **FUNERALS:**

February 11th Arnold Harrison (49), 76, Jepson Road  
 20th Roy Johnston (77), 48, Aldam Road  
 24th Albert Wood (79), 5, Green Oak Road.

We shall remember all recently bereaved families, together with the following from our Memorial Book, at our Memorial service on Sunday, March 30th. at 6.30pm

Alan Herbert, Alan Jockel, Herbert Wood, Winifred Foulstone, Ernest Hall, Jessie Gibbs, Charles Swift, Willis Coates, Louis Reed Roy Wiggett, Anthony Williams, Keith Blackburn, John Holding, Dora Macfarlane, Dorothy Seaton, Harry Kelham, Stephen Wigglesworth, Eric Brownhill, Dorothy Rhodes, Walter Wild, and Marjorie Cokeham.

Message from Beverley Crofts and Family:

I would like to thank all the wonderful people of Totley who, over the past months have supported, encouraged and prayed for Alf, for me and for Samantha and Stephen. Alf loved Totley, and it broke his heart to leave, but he had a wealth of memories. We were overwhelmed by the vast crowd able to join us for the sincere Service of Thanksgiving for Alf's life.

### **Enquiries**

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 telephone the Vicar on 236 2322.



## Dates for your Diary.



|        |      |         |   |
|--------|------|---------|---|
| Sat    | 1st  | 10.00am | Parish Quiet Day-our Church                     |
| Tues   | 4th  | 7.30pm  | Ladies Club:AGM & 40th Party.                   |
| Thurs  | 6th  | 7.45pm  | Short PCC & Development Plan Co-ordinators.     |
| Fri    | 7th  |         | Womens' World Day of Prayer.                    |
| Sun    | 9th  | 10.00am | MOTHERING SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE                 |
| Mon    | 10th | 3.15pm  | Contemplative Prayer Group,12,Marston Cres.     |
| Tues   | 11th | 10.30am | Martha and Mary group in the Hall Lounge.       |
| Wed    | 12th | 10-Noon | Coffee Morn.(Leprosy Mission)18,Rowan Tree Dell |
|        |      | 11.00am | Wed.Monthly Morning Fellowship, 6,Milldale rd.  |
| Thurs  | 13th | 8.00pm  | ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING.                |
| Tues   | 18th | 12.15pm | Liaison Lunch.."Age Well"                       |
|        |      | 7.30pm  | Ladies Club:ex-Westminster Abbey Chorister      |
| Fri.   | 21st | 8.00pm  | United Nations Assn-Open Meeting at T.R.Meth.   |
| Mon    | 24th | 9.30am  | Collation of October Magazine (in the Hall).    |
|        |      | 3.15pm  | Contemplative PrayerGroup,12,Marston Cres.      |
| Tue    | 25th | 10.30am | Martha and Mary Group in the Hall Lounge        |
|        |      | 7.30pm  | Ladies Club Holy Week Service in Church         |
| Wed.   | 26th |         | Ecumenical Worship Event                        |
| Thurs. | 27th | 9.30am  | All Saints' School Easter Service-in School     |

### **United Nations Association**

On **Friday, March 21st at 8pm** Veronica Hardstaff (M.E.P.) will speak on the subject "European Union and the United Nations". This will be held in the Hall at **Totley Rise Methodist Church.**

### Saying for Stillness

"When I AM lifted up.....I shall  
draw all people to myself"

*John12:32(NEB)*

*Final date for items to be included in the  
April issue will be Sunday, 16th of March.*

MARCH, 1997

## All Saints' News

### Organisations (and meetings in the Church Hall).

|                   |         |                                  |          |
|-------------------|---------|----------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | 10.00am | "Young Saints"                   |          |
|                   |         | Kath Lloyd                       | 236 7056 |
| <b>Monday:</b>    | 10.00am | Drop in Coffee                   |          |
|                   |         | Maurice and Marjorie Snowdon     | 236 2822 |
|                   | 3.30pm  | Junior choir practice in Church  |          |
|                   |         | Stella Jockel                    | 236 9413 |
|                   | 7.00pm  | Guides                           |          |
|                   |         | Dorothy Firth                    | 236 4190 |
|                   | 9.00pm  | Prayer meeting in the Lounge     |          |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | 7.30pm  | Ladies Club (1st and 3rd)        |          |
|                   |         | Margaret Benson                  | 236 2322 |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | 10.00am | Parent and Toddler Group         |          |
|                   |         | Tracey Evans                     | 235 1968 |
|                   | 6.15pm  | "Trailblazers" (Children's club) |          |
|                   |         | Ric Gray                         | 236 9204 |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | 2.00pm  | Under Fives Praise (1st and 3rd) |          |
|                   |         | Roma Webb                        | 262 1049 |
|                   | 7.00pm  | Choir practice in Church         |          |
|                   |         | Stella Jockel                    | 236 9413 |
|                   | 8.00pm  | Standing committee (1st)         |          |
|                   |         | PCC (2nd)                        |          |

### Fellowship Groups:

These are informal gatherings, in homes of our parish. They provide opportunities for Prayer, discussion, Bible Study and simple sharing. New members are always welcome. Details are given below:

|                   |                              |                            |
|-------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Monday:</b>    |                              |                            |
|                   | Contemplative Prayer Group   | Rosalie Carter 236 5969    |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> |                              |                            |
|                   | Monthly Morning Fellowship   | Pauline Perkinton 236 1601 |
|                   | Monthly Afternoon Fellowship | Stella Jockel 236 9413     |
|                   | Weekly Evening Fellowship    | Marjorie Snowdon 236 2822  |



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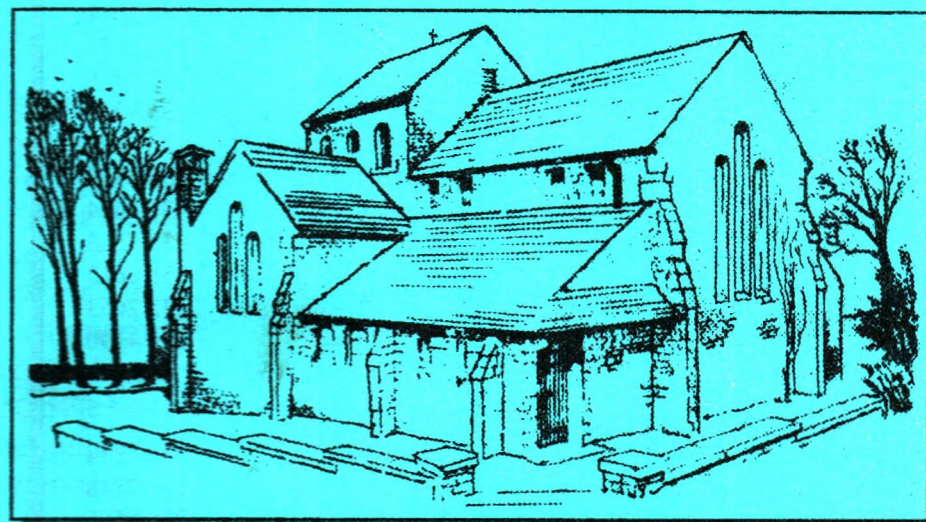
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|                             | James Powell,      | 126 Totley Brook Road    | 235 0612 |
|                             | Maurice Snowdon,   | 1 Quarry Road            | 236 2822 |
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| <b>PCC Secretary:</b>       | Maurice Snowdon,   | 1 Quarry Road            | 236 2822 |
| <b>Organist:</b>            | Harry Draper,      | 43 Longford Road         | 236 6298 |
| <b>Choir Director:</b>      | Stella Jockel,     | 108 Sunnyvale Road       | 236 9413 |
| <b>Music Group:</b>         | Vivien Filleul,    | 116 Green Oak Road       | 236 0872 |
| <b>Flower Secretary:</b>    | Dorothy Simons,    | 220 Baslow Road          | 236 4937 |
| <b>Vergers:</b>             | Rex Beaumont,      | 75 Aldam Road            | 236 1414 |
| <b>Sacristan:</b>           | Derek Maltby,      | 61 Main Avenue           | 236 7566 |
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|                     |                 |                   |          |
|---------------------|-----------------|-------------------|----------|
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|                           |              |                     |          |
|---------------------------|--------------|---------------------|----------|
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|                      |                |                        |          |
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Articles, letters, etc. for publication in this magazine are welcome, and may be placed in the box in Church.

## From the Vicar...

Dear Friends,

### OUR PARISH DAY ..APRIL 12th

Our **YEAR OF WELCOME** now moves into its Third Phase, in which we shall seek to be more welcoming to each other as members of All Saints' Church family. To launch this Phase, we are planning a spectacular Parish Day on Saturday, April 12th. You are invited to come for coffee at 10.30am and the day's activities will end with tea around 3.30pm.

The Day has been arranged by our Mission Team, and will be led by the Revd. Mick Woodhead - a 'Totley lad' who is now the Vicar of St. John's Church, Deepcar. There will be plenty of opportunities during the Day to meet members of our Church family who perhaps attend Services at different times or on different occasions to yourself. This is a fairly common experience in most Churches, but it is a wonderful feeling when one has the opportunity to meet someone, who perhaps has been coming to All Saints' for years, whom you have never met before...even though you too have been coming for years!! It would be a tragedy if you never had the opportunity to get to know each other. This Parish Day will give us all chance to change all these contacts into genuine friendships.

I sincerely hope that as many of you as possible will try your very best to join us on that Day. Children are being cared for in their own programme by Sue from Children World Wide, so families can be there together. **SUNDAY, APRIL 13th** will then be a **DAY OF COMMITMENT** at the **10am and 6.30pm** Services. (There will be **NO 8am Service**)

I too look forward to getting to know you all better. God bless you.





## SERVICES IN APRIL

### 6th 1st Sunday after Easter:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)-**Theme: King Solomon.**  
Old Testament: 2 Chronicles 1:1-13.  
Gospel: Luke 11:1-13.
- 6.30pm 'First Sunday' Service of Evensong (ASB)-all welcome.

### 13th 2nd Sunday after Easter (SPECIAL SUNDAY of COMMITMENT):

**NO 8am Service Today-please come at 10am to re-dedicate our Church Family to be more Welcoming to each other.**

- 10.00am Holy Communion (ASB)-**Preacher: Revd. Mick Woodhead.**  
Old Testament: 2 Chronicles 17:1-9  
Gospel: Matthew 6:19-24
- 6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
Old Testament: Isaiah 25: 6-9  
New Testament: Revelation 19: 6-9.

### 20th 3rd Sunday after Easter:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00am "Come & Worship" All-Age Service-**Theme: King Joash**
- 6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11.  
Gospel: John 21: 1-14.

### 27th 4th Sunday after Easter:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
- 10.00am Holy Communion (ASB)-**Theme: King Manasseh.**  
Old Testament: 2 Chronicles 33: 1-20.  
Gospel: Luke 23:32-43.
- 6.30pm Memorial Service.

## *Events.*

PLEASE ACCEPT THIS PERSONAL INVITATION  
TO  
**OUR PARISH DAY**  
ON

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12th**  
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LEAVING AFTER TEA AT 3.30pm.

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David's letter in the March edition of the magazine nudged my depleting memory banks when he told us that God wants us to be prepared to arrange some special short, user friendly, services for seekers. Allow me to tell you about a wonderful creative service that I had the privilege of attending about four years ago.

### **"SUNDAY NIGHT LIVE"**

This is the name given to an innovative cabaret style presentation, produced monthly by members of Greenhithe Parish Church.

The warm church hall is the venue and the audience is made up of local people who might feel out of place in the church building itself. There is no admission charge and by going in you are not committing yourself to anything. The advertising states "if you dislike church or have never attended church, this is for you".

**Sunday Night Live** is a one hour stage presentation using music (classical and contemporary), live band, drama, video and visual media. The aim is to encourage the audience to look at everyday issues and problems of life and for the Church to bring help, support, encouragement and show the relevance of Jesus Christ.

Some of the areas explored have been "Is there life after life?", Disaster area - "Why doesn't God stop disasters?", The greatest gift of all, "I'd like to believe in God, BUT!" and Jesus - Man or God?

Comments received about Sunday Night Live have included:

"You won't catch me going to church, but this is different."

"It's great, it really is. It's nothing like what I expected!"

"I thought it was going to be a typical boring church service, but that was the best church thing I've ever been to. I'll certainly come again and bring my friends."

I believe Greenhithe has shown the way and as part of our vision for mission and the "Year of Welcome" we as a church should think very seriously and pray earnestly about the idea of producing something similar of our own for the people of Totley and Sheffield.

*Ric Gray*

### **From Eyam Church**

I DREAM OF Churches here on earth:-

WHERE not only the person who cleans is valued as highly as the person who preaches, but where the person taking a rest from all tasks is valued too.

WHERE fashions in the style and structure of worship are recognized as here today but gone tomorrow; held in cupped hands so each movement can pour in for a while and grow, and then pour out again.

WHERE order and structure are recognized as necessary and valuable, so that people can have a part to play and see where their contribution fits in as they work with others.

WHERE senior citizens are valued for being reservoirs of life's experiences which are there to be poured out for the benefit of others.

WHERE people are given space to grow. Where each can prayerfully reflect, reconsider, move on, make different and more appropriate contributions to the fellowship and receive affirmation and support for others while doing so.

WHERE we have learnt to love and accept one another as we are.

WHERE what happens outside the life of the church is seen to be of as much importance to God in his world as what happens inside, and both are given attention.

WHERE the inner strength of Christians is built up so that, no matter whether the immediate environment is secular or Christian, they feel secure enough to make their contribution; alone or with others. Where this inner strength enables them to withstand social pressures and realize their God-given abilities to take initiatives and make choices.



## From Eyam Church (continued ....)

FINALLY, I dream of a church here on earth where Christians realize that they are part of the local body of Christians, who are part of the whole national body of Christians, who are part of the whole international body of Christians, who are part of the body of Christians throughout all ages. A rich variety of all sorts, but all HIS. To the glory of God, amen!

### **On the Annual Report.**

I can recall the "Sally Army" (a term of endearment) having a self-denial week when the value of some denied luxury or treat was put in the collecting tins of the "foot soldiers". After reading our Annual Report, it seems that our Church has many members who practice self-denial every week - we are indebted to them. This results in a happy, warm, loving and successful church. When I read the Report, I said to myself "These pages are simply bursting with love." I hope you will agree, and join me in thanking all who have made it possible.

Rex B.



## **'POLICY MISSION STATEMENT FOR ALL SAINTS' (APRIL 1994)**

I came across this paper in my files the other day. I wonder how many of you remember reading it? More importantly, do you think we have managed to implement this policy since 1994?

Chris Booth and Robin Carter were our Churchwardens at that time, they wrote 'We have attempted to provide the church with a policy statement that reflects the common ground' (From four documents prepared by the PCC):-

- 1) At the Lord's direction, we should be an outward-looking, mission church, in close contact with our fellow Christians in the local churches.
- 2) We must be a welcoming and warm community, engaged in joyful but reverent praise and worship of our Lord, which can take several forms of expression.
- 3) a) We must improve our communications, which are essential for a loving understanding of each other.  
b) The language used in our services must have an immediacy relevant to all ages and groups in our society.

Has our vision changed as we continue in our **Year of Welcome?**

David.

### **RIDE FOR RWANDA.**

Our 'Trailblazers' Club are hoping to support this needy project to help rebuild the lives of many people in that Country. Canon Geoffrey Daintree is planning to lead a **Sponsored Ride for Rwanda** in May. A team of 26 motorcyclists will visit 26 Cathedrals, hoping to raise £100,00! If you are approached by one of our young people, please give a generous sponsorship. Thanks.

Ric Gray.



## LIBERATION

About fifty years ago the word Liberation suddenly acquired a new topical freshness. Village by village, city by city, and nation by nation, people in Europe were rejoicing because they had regained the freedom that had been denied them for years. Our newspapers and newsreels had photos of Allied soldiers being welcomed with flowers and wine and kisses by happy French, Belgian, and Dutch communities.

There was soon another, darker, side to Liberation as the ghastly existence of the concentration camps was revealed to us. Their occupants also experienced Liberation but it was a rather different experience, which could not find expression in exuberant rejoicing.

In fact the exuberance could not last for anyone. There was still an acute shortage of food, and other difficulties to be faced. Sometimes liberation produced new problems, concerning the way people had behaved during the days of the occupation by the enemy. But they were free! Whatever happened in the future could not take this away from them. And the exuberance would sometimes return. A friend of mine used to go to Belgium every year to take part in the annual ceremony of Liberation in a little village which he and his mates had freed in 1944. There was a non-stop party, and again the flowers were thrown, the wine flowed, and the kisses were exchanged. Everyone was reminded how precious freedom is, and the cost that sometimes has to be paid for it. My friend never saw the village, because he had paid for its freedom with his eyes.

On the first Easter Day Jesus's friends knew the exuberance of Liberation, as they discovered that their friend was back with them. They were free from fear, and doubt, and sorrow, just as he was free from the grave clothes and the tomb. For the time being that was enough, and their response was utter happiness. The disciples rejoiced so much because they had previously grieved so much. Now gradually they had to discover what they were free for, which was even more important than what they had been freed from. They had been liberated so that they

(continued.....)

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could become God's people, doing his work, speaking his words, and spreading his message. The happiness would always be part of their experience, even though it would be accompanied by difficulties, and sometimes pain.

Easter Day can be the same kind of experience for us, as we are reminded of the sheer joy that should be ours, because Jesus is always with us, risen, unrestricted, unlimited, setting us free to be his people. But Easter cannot be separated from Good Friday, for Jesus paid the price of our freedom by his death. We have to experience the sadness of Calvary, before we can sing the Easter Alleluias with real conviction.

*Martin Loft*

### LADIES CLUB

Members really enjoyed their AGM as they celebrated the **40th anniversary of the Ladies Club** with cake, wine and refreshments after a short business meeting. (It was amazing how the Vicar managed to time his visit just as the food was being served!) He volunteered to pour the wine, then proposed a toast. My thanks to all who contributed, and **many Happy Returns**. A shrub is being planted in the Church grounds to commemorate our 40 years.

There will be no meeting on April 1st, but we look forward to hearing from our much-travelled **Robin Carter** on April 15th. His talk is entitled "**Wide-eyed in a Wide World**".

Unfortunately, due to previous Hall and Lounge bookings on April 29th, we must postpone our Coffee Evening to a later date.

Margaret B.

*The Shepley Spitfire*

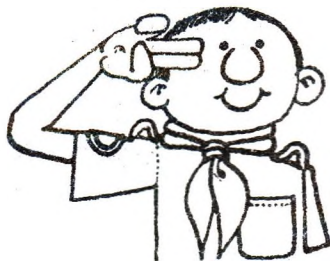


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### An Unsolicited Testimonial.

Recently, I was in a queue when I recognised an old 'Totleyite' (now exiled to the North of our City) next but one to me. As I gave him the latest news of Totley, he asked me who I was! "Verger at All Saints" I replied, but the shock was indeed a blow to my ego... 'who was I indeed?'. However, the man next to me (who had overheard that conversation) said that he had been to All Saints' Church Totley about a year ago to a Baptism. It must have been during a "Come and Worship" Service, for he spoke highly of the music group, and the warm friendly welcome the family had received. He was, as we say, 'full of it'. That unsolicited testimonial more than compensated for that blow to my ego.

Rex B.



With God on our side, who can be against us?

If you were arrested for being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict you?

## SERMON NOTE BOOK

### THE RESURRECTION

**DID JESUS RISE** from the dead?

It has been said that the resurrection of Jesus Christ and Christianity stand or fall together (1 Corinthians 15.14). This month we examine afresh some of the facts.

#### Documentary evidence

1 Corinthians chapter 15 was probably written about AD 55 and many of the generation of people who heard and knew about the death of Jesus of Nazareth would still have been alive then. Paul lists several appearances of Christ after the resurrection..(see also Acts 1.3).

Anyone who wished could have checked out the evidence by talking with eye-witnesses.

#### Alternative explanations

From earliest times various theories have been put forward to explain away the resurrection of Christ.

**The theft theory** (Matthew 28.11 - 15)

The disciples hid his body and then spread a tale about resurrection. *But* could nearly 2000 years' faith be founded on deception?

#### The swoon theory

Jesus did not die on the cross, but swooned and later revived in the cool tomb. *But* could someone in such a condition do that described in Luke 24.13 and John 20.19,26?

#### The hallucination theory

The disciples had visions of the departed, an experience common to many who grieve the loss of a loved one. *But* what about Thomas (John 20.24 - 29)? One or two people may have hallucinated at the same time but *five hundred* (1 Corinthians 15.6)!

#### The women went to the wrong tomb

*But* could the disciples and angels have been wrong as well? (See John 20.2-8; Matthew 28.6 and Mark 16.5,6)

*All* the theories come unstuck at one point or another leaving only one satisfactory explanation - *the Lord is risen indeed!* In spite of the compelling evidence men and women refuse still to believe.

#### Jesus's prediction

The resurrection was not an optional extra tacked on to a tragic story of betrayal and death in order to turn it into something better. It was an essential part of the same mission Jesus came to fulfil. He had predicted his suffering and death; He had also predicted rising again (Mark 8.31).

Norman Anderson: *The evidence for the resurrection*



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## **A WORD FROM THEO, Gen. Sec. of I.E.M.**

Dear Friends,

My wife Diana and I greet each one of you in the gracious and loving name of the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord has been good to us in the past year and led us through various situations.

The Indian Evangelical Mission is an indigenous interdenominational missionary movement in India. Our aim is to present Christ in every person and to plant churches among every people group. About 430 missionaries serve among 68 people groups in 30 districts of India and five countries abroad.

India has become a land of opportunities in many ways. For Christians, it is a land open for the Gospel. In spite of the opposition from some groups of people in some areas of India, the people in general are responding to the Gospel. Christians in India are involved in missions today. More and more unreached people groups are being reached with the Gospel. Many missionaries in mission fields are persevering in the face of persecution.

Pray for a stable and just Government in India; more labourers to reap the harvest of souls in different places in the country; that the Indian Church should mature and improve qualitatively.

The theme for 1997 is .. "Take hold of the hope" .. (Heb.6 :18). The hope that God has given us in our Lord Jesus Christ. Will you pray that the Lord Jesus Christ will also become the hope of millions of our people?

With warm Christian greetings and prayers,  
Yours in God's sustaining power.  
R. Theodore Srinivasagam

*The above is abridged and culled from the I.E.M. Outreach Magazine Prayer Digest. Please also pray for Theo's ageing parents and Di's ageing father, all suffering health problems.*  
D. Nixon



## Parish Rotas for APRIL.

### **Coffee Rota**

**April** 6th Angela & Glyn Waite, Dorothy Firth.  
 13th Margaret Benson, Vera Cryan, Eileen Davis.  
 20th Vivien & Ken Filleul, Moreen Warrender.  
 27th Hazel & Alan Ludlam, Marjorie Wales.

### **Sidesmen.**

|                   | 8.00am            | 10.00am          | 6.30pm           |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>April:</b> 6th | Mr K. Filleul     | Mr F. H. Cooke   | Mrs S. Sturgeon  |
|                   |                   | Mr N. Hayden     | Mrs M. Snowdon   |
| 13th              | Mr A. Ludlam      | Mrs C. Booth     | Mr J. A. England |
|                   |                   | Mrs C. Billard   | Mrs S. Sturgeon  |
| 20th              | Miss A. E. Baldry | Mrs A. Powell    | Mr P. Purkiss    |
|                   |                   | Mr J. Lawry      | Mr E. Simons     |
| 27th              | Miss H. Perfect   | Mr A. Webb       | Mr H. Mayson     |
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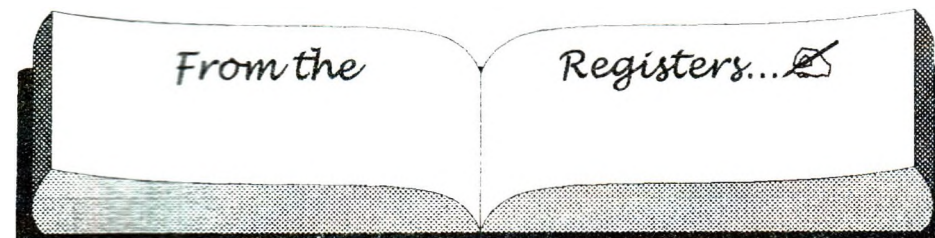
**April:** 6th Marie Cooper  
 13th Mavis Kirton  
 20th (Come and Worship)  
 27th Karen & Mark Bergdhal

### **Flowers.**

|                   | <u>Altar</u>   | <u>Memory Table</u> |
|-------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| <b>April:</b> 6th | Easter Flowers | Mrs Noton           |
| 13th              | Mrs Simons     | Mrs Bryer           |
| 20th              | Mrs Simons     | Mrs Jones           |
| 27th              | Mrs Wales      | -                   |
| <b>May:</b> 4th   | Mrs Sturgeon   |                     |

### **Silver Cleaning Rota.**

**April** 13 -  
 27 -



### **BAPTISMS:**

None this month

### **WEDDINGS:**

None this month

### **FUNERALS:**

March 6th Lynn Rawson (51), 28, Totley Grange Drive

17th Edith Sykes (95), 45, Green Oak Avenue

We shall remember all recently-bereaved families, together with the following from our Memorial Book, at our Memorial Service on Sunday, April 27th at 6.30pm:-

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## APRIL

|      |      |               |  |
|------|------|---------------|--|
| Wed  | 2nd  | 11.00am       | Monthly Morning Fellowship, 2, Main Avenue     |
| Thur | 3rd  | 7.45pm        | Standing Committee at the Vicarage.            |
| Mon  | 7th  | 8.00pm        | Readers & Retired Clergy at the Vicarage.      |
| Tue  | 8th  | 10.30am       | Martha & Mary Group in the Hall Lounge.        |
| Thur | 10th | 7.45pm        | PCC meet-Holy Communion in Church.             |
| SAT  | 12th | 10.30am       | OUR PARISH DAY-Hall & Church.                  |
| SUN  | 13th | 10am & 6.30pm | DAY OF COMMITMENT SERVICES.                    |
| Mon  | 14th | 3.15pm        | Contemplative Prayer Group, 12, Marstone Cres. |
| Tues | 15th | 7.30pm        | Ladies Club-Traveller's Tales-Hall Lounge.     |
| Mon  | 21st | 7.45pm        | Residents Assn. - Annual Meeting-Library.      |
| Tues | 22nd | 10.30am       | Martha & Mary Group in the Hall Lounge         |
| Mon  | 28th | 3.15pm        | Contemplative Prayer Group, 12, Marstone Cres. |
| Mon  | 28th | 9.30am        | Collation of May Magazine (in the Hall).       |
| Tues | 29th | 7.30pm        | AGM of Churches Together in S17-our Lounge.    |



## SUMMER FAIR '97

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### Saying for Stillness

"I AM alive for evermore"

(Revelation 1, verse 18)

Final date for items to be included in the  
May issue will be Sunday, 20th of April.

### Organisations (and meetings in the Church Hall).

|                   |         |                                  |          |
|-------------------|---------|----------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | 10.00am | "Young Saints"                   |          |
|                   |         | Kath Lloyd                       | 236 7056 |
| <b>Monday:</b>    | 10.00am | Drop in Coffee                   |          |
|                   |         | Maurice and Marjorie Snowdon     | 236 2822 |
|                   | 3.30pm  | Junior choir practice in Church  |          |
|                   |         | Stella Jockel                    | 236 9413 |
|                   | 7.00pm  | Guides                           |          |
|                   |         | Dorothy Firth                    | 236 4190 |
|                   | 9.00pm  | Prayer meeting in the Lounge     |          |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | 7.30pm  | Ladies Club (1st and 3rd)        |          |
|                   |         | Margaret Benson                  | 236 2322 |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | 10.00am | Parent and Toddler Group         |          |
|                   |         | Tracey Evans                     | 235 1968 |
|                   | 6.15pm  | "Trailblazers" (Children's club) |          |
|                   |         | Ric Gray                         | 236 9204 |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | 2.00pm  | Under Fives Praise (1st and 3rd) |          |
|                   |         | Roma Webb                        | 262 1049 |
|                   | 7.00pm  | Choir practice in Church         |          |
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|                   | 8.00pm  | Standing committee (1st)         |          |
|                   |         | PCC (2nd)                        |          |

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|               |                |                        |          |
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## From the Vicar...

Dear Friends,

### 'SETTLERS' or 'PIONEERS'?

By the time most of you receive this Magazine, we shall have elected a Political Party to govern us for the next 5 years. I hope you will pray for them, as well as our local M.P., that they may be guided by God in the many decisions they will have to make.

The concept of 'Settlers' and 'Pioneers' was introduced during our recent Parish day by the Revd. Mick Woodhead. Those able to come were asked to complete a personal assessment sheet, containing statements such as 'I can organise well, clearly and efficiently' or 'I love to talk to others about Jesus'. A score from 0 to 5 was needed for each statement, and when totalled up, we found ourselves to be either 'Settlers' or 'Pioneers'.

Mick explained that 'Settlers' were those who (in the Westerns) set up camp- organised things and showed some pastoral care. 'Pioneers' went out from the camp and broke new ground, lived a bit dangerously and had positive leadership qualities. We discovered that in the life of every Church **both kinds** of folk are needed. On that day, out of 65 participants, 41 thought they were 'Settlers'; 21 seemed to be a mixture of both (like me), and only 3 judged themselves to be brave 'Pioneers'. Perhaps this is par for most congregations!

The challenge, both for Church and Government, is to encourage the 'Settlers' and pray for more 'Pioneers' who will give strong Christian leadership and preach the Gospel by word and action in every community, including our own.

May God richly bless you all.

*David*



## SERVICES IN MAY

### 4th 5th Sunday after Easter:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)-**Theme: Baptism.**  
Old Testament: Exodus 14:10-25.  
Gospel: Matthew 28: 18-20.  
6.30pm 'First Sunday' Guest Service - all welcome.

### 8th (Thursday) ASCENSION DAY: Holy Communion(ASB) at 8.00pm.

### 11th Sunday after ASCENSION:

- 8.00am Holy Communion(BCP)  
10.00am Holy Communion(ASB) **Theme: Broken Bread**  
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 11:23-26  
Gospel: Luke 22:17-20.  
6.30pm Evensong(ASB)  
Old Testament: Daniel 7: 9- 14.  
New Testament: Ephesians 1: 15-end..

### 18th PENTECOST(WHIT SUNDAY):

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
10.00am "Come & Worship" Service-**Theme: 'Many Voices- One Song'**  
6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)  
Epistle: Acts 2: 1 -21.  
Gospel: John 20: 19-23.

### 25th TRINITY SUNDAY:

- 8.00am Holy Communion(BCP)  
10.00am Holy Communion(ASB)-**Theme: Gifts.**  
Epistle: Ephesians 4: 7- 16.  
Gospel: Matthew 25:14 - 30.  
6.30pm Memorial Service.

## SHEFFIELD CHURCHES COUNCIL FOR COMMUNITY CARE

This title is quite a mouthful, so the group has become known as "S4C's" or S.C.C.C. However cumbersome the title, the work achieved is very much worthwhile and All Saints' congregation is glad to be able to support the work financially and with time and effort.

The best known aspect of the work locally is the Good Neighbour Scheme. Anyone needing a friendly helping hand can ask for a volunteer helper and the organisation to allow this to happen is provided by S.C.C.C.C. Ann Powell from our congregation is deeply involved in this and can be contacted either to ask for or to offer help.

Other schemes offered city-wide are After Care Schemes serving the major hospitals, an Accident and Emergency to Home Scheme, a Bereavement Support Scheme and an Escort Scheme which allows elderly patients about to leave hospital to view suitable nursing homes.

To allow all these schemes to happen S4C is constantly recruiting volunteer effort and training people in the basic skills they might require. Help in the community is something that is very worthwhile, as many previous volunteers have found. There is a special request out now for more volunteers in all these areas of activity. This is especially needed in some of the deprived parts of our city. Can you help? Would you like to know a bit more about what is involved? You are invited to contact S4C on 275 9452 or 275 7310. The office is at number 8 Backfields in the centre of Sheffield if you prefer to drop in sometime. They will be pleased to hear from you!

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**Hymn Books** : The hymn books removed from church are currently being stored pending final disposal. If you know of any church or any group who would be interested in acquiring some of these books please speak to Maurice Snowdon very soon. We have put a deadline of the end of June for the disposal of any unwanted books.

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## P.C.C. UPDATE

It was fitting that the first meeting of the P.C.C. after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting should be preceded by a Communion Service. Not only did it help to bind the new and old members together, but it served as a reminder that, above all else, the P.C.C. is about God's business. Perhaps this helped the newly formed Council off to a good start for we had a harmonious meeting which seemed to cover a lot of ground.

After welcoming several new members there were some quick-fire arrangements like appointing a Vice Chairman (Elsie Mayson), representative on the Standing Committee (Gordon Grayson), and so on. Once again finance loomed large on the agenda, especially when the Treasurer reported that the income from all sources for the first three months of the year was more than £1,000 less than the outgoings. Stewardship is obviously a matter which will attract more attention in the months to come.

In addition to the problems of keeping the books, reporting and designating of accounts is going to have to change slightly. This may not make much difference to the parish in general terms, but it has to be sorted out and there is likely to be a difficult period of transition. Inevitably, after only a short P.C.C. meeting in March, there were several items of correspondence. It was agreed to send £50 to All Saints', Cotgrave, who have had a serious fire and appealed to other churches with a similar dedication. There was also a letter from Whirlow Grange Conference Centre, which will be explained in a separate magazine article. The Ladies Club drew attention to their space problems when they met. The J-Team were asking for money so that they can continue the good work which they are doing.

It wasn't actually said at the meeting, but of course any member of the parish can get any topic which they wish raised at a P.C.C. meeting. Correspondence is welcomed either to the Vicar or P.C.C. Secretary.

*Maurice Snowdon*

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## A PENNY PER MILE FOR T.17

In June I am off on another walk - not as long as the last one, only 90 miles this time - along Offa's Dyke, on the Welsh Border.

If anyone would care to sponsor me a penny per mile (though I could be persuaded to accept more) the proceeds will go towards Transport 17's new bus, replacing the "G" registered one.

I will leave a form on the Church Hall notice board, if anyone cares to sign up. Thanking you in anticipation.

Dorothy Firth



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## A SUMMARY OF THE WORLD

[This is a reprint from *Hoarding*, February 1997. It is an unofficial publication for euro-bvrsers and ex-bvrsers. BVS is Brethren Volunteer Services.]

If we could, at this time, shrink the Earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all existing human ratios remaining the same, it would look like this:

There would be 57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 from the Western Hemisphere (North and South) and 8 Africans.

70 would be non-white; 30 white.

70 would be non-Christian; 30 Christian.

50% of the entire world wealth would be in the hands of only 6 people.

All six would be citizens of the United States.

70 would be unable to read.

50 would suffer from malnutrition.

80 would live in sub-standard housing.

Only 1 would have a college education.

When one considers our world from such an incredibly compressed perspective, the need for both tolerance and understanding becomes glaringly apparent.

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## **REFLECTIONS OF A HEADTEACHER**

On the Parish Day we enjoyed a stimulating and interesting time, planning our future outreach at All Saints' Church. It is obvious that a very exciting period lies ahead, and along with many others I will be praying for God's guidance for the Church in this matter. However after this summer I will no longer be around to be part of this, as I retire as Headteacher of All Saints' School at the end of the academic year. My last Sunday at All Saints' Church will be Sunday 20th. July.

Inevitably I am going through a period of reflection on my 12 years working at the school and being involved with the Church. On my appointment the Diocesan Authorities expressed their concern regarding what they saw as a weak relationship between the Church and the School. My brief was to work with the new Vicar, the Revd. Stewart Rayner, to make everyone in the Church and Parish aware of the fact that they had a Church School, and to integrate and strengthen the mission of both Church and School. In fact the words of the Diocesan directive have always remained vividly with me - "make this school the flagship of Christian Education in the South-West of the City". I think I can say that we succeeded!

Over the 12 years I have made some very special friends at the Church - and I hope to keep in touch with them. I have received so much love and support from so many people that at times I have felt quite overwhelmed. However I realise that I must have led a very protected life as a Christian prior to 1985, for I had never had the experience of some fellow Christians wanting to believe the worst of me and seeking to undermine my work. I found this hard, although on reflection even that has been an important part of my Christian education, to realise that those in positions of leadership within the Church - such as Vicar, Headteacher, etc. - are not always treated lovingly by their fellow Christians. To have to hide the hurt and act in a pleasant way with people within the Church family who have wounded you is not always easy.

Happily most of my reflections have been positive. I had tremendous help and support from Stewart Rayner in the early days of my Headship, he was a very hard-working and committed Chair of Governors, who contributed

a great deal to the school, when it was struggling to grow and develop. In recent years that role has been equally well filled by John Lawry, who has worked particularly hard in establishing the school in its Grant Maintained Status in 1994. Latterly too, David Benson has been around to offer his pastoral support and friendship.

The 12 years have also seen tremendous growth - both in pupil numbers and in the size of the building. Our numbers have risen from 70 in 3 classes to 184 in 7 classes from September 1997. This has necessitated a well-designed internal conversion of the Victorian block, and by inserting an upper floor it has given us the space for two extra classrooms and increased toilet, washroom and shower facilities. An extension to the front of the school has provided two additional offices and an enlarged entrance. Hopefully by the end of this term the new Library will be built.

During this term we will be holding various events to which you are invited. Do come along - you will be very welcome!

Joan Stratford

## **CELEBRATORY EVENTS AT TOTLEY ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL**

This year sees the 120th Anniversary of the school on its current site - the original school in Totley Hall Lane being 170 years old - and Joan Stratford retires at the end of this term after 12 years as Headteacher.

On **Saturday 19th. July** the P.T.A. will be organising a social function to mark these two events. It will be held during the late afternoon/early evening - more information will be available nearer the time.

On **Monday 21st July between 2pm and 7pm** the School will be open for people to come and look around to see all the changes that have taken place. If any ex-pupils have photographs or other memorabilia which they would be able to lend us to put on display we would be most grateful. If you require any further information, or if there are any ex-pupils who want to visit the school but are unable to come on the Open Day, please ring the school on 0114-236-1934.



### THREE DATES

GOOD FRIDAY. "It's all over."  
EASTER SUNDAY. "No it's not - not by a long chalk!"  
PENTECOST. "Get up an go time - and that includes you."

Such might have been a conversation between some of Jesus's friends and disciples.

Certainly, Good Friday seemed to be a disaster area. All they had hoped for, all they had banked on seemed to vapourise in the sordid mess of death by crucifixion. They didn't then realise, indeed they couldn't possibly have realised that the death at Jesus's crucifixion was the death of the power of sin over human life; it died because Jesus took it with him to his death.

Easter Sunday was the day for shocks. They had seen him die. Now they saw him alive again. he wasn't a myth. Nor was he a ghost. He was the same Jesus, but raised to life again by the power of the Father. He walked with them. He ate with them. No doubt about it. What Jesus had done on Good Friday was a total success. Not even death, supervised by the might of the Roman army, could destroy him. He lives for ever. Even the 20th century with all its avowed sophistication cannot alter that historical fact.

50 days later comes the Power Day. It is dated 50 days after Passover; in Christian terms, 50 days after Easter. It is called Pentecost (this year it is on 18th May). For us, it is the anniversary of the day when the Spirit of the risen Lord Jesus was released into the lives of all those who, from the heart, call Jesus "Lord". And once that Spirit was received the disciples got up an went - to the ends of the earth with the news: "Jesus lives!". No disciple remained at home. They all went. The news was too great to be suppressed. The power given to them could not be suppressed either. For it was the power of the Spirit of Jesus.

That power, that Spirit of Jesus is given to us today in whatever ways God chooses. But if we receive the Spirit then we too are similarly equipped to pass on the news that "Jesus lives". *John N. Collie*

May 1997



## **SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS**

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### **Into the World of All**

The problem of taking the Gospel into all the world is not so much the distance you have to travel, but the different worlds of people you meet as soon as you start. Two recent experiences brought this home to me; the first world was only four feet away, on a railway train and the other involved worlds that are thousands of miles away.

#### **The 30's something World.**

On a train to London I became fascinated by three people in the 30+ age range, talking about their world. They talked about their work, holidays, friends, favourite TV programmes and so on. I got a glimpse of their values, world view, life style, agendas and priorities. I then began to wonder what they would make of their local church's values, agendas, priorities and life style, in the light of their own. Could they possibly step from their world into ours? What would they make of it? Were we worlds apart?

#### **The Other side of the World.**

Selly Oak, Birmingham gives a remarkable opportunity to meet Christians from all over the world. I spent three days there on a conference, as part of the preparation for the Lambeth Conference in 1998; a coming together from all parts of the Anglican Communion.

Amongst the staff and students I met - a Japanese priest, a Korean student, clergy from various parts of Africa and clergy from India. We shared together, both in the sessions of the conference and in the many informal conversations, how the Gospel, lived, expressed and proclaimed by Christians from our western world met the world of Africa, Asia and South America. Beneath it all was the shared conviction that the Gospel is never confined to one particular culture, for the Gospel is concerned with all people in time and space.

We explored the difficulties encountered in allowing the Gospel to become really a part of a world that is different from the world of the west. There was also the chance to discover how the churches were becoming and have become truly the church of the culture to which they belong.

#### **In the Beginning.**

Of course there is nothing new about this. It is all there at Pentecost and onwards. Peter faced the problem when asked to share the Gospel with Cornelius. They came from different worlds. The first Christians debated whether Gentiles should become Jewish before they could become Christians. Would they have to give up their culture and take up a Jewish Christian one in order to be a Christian? Fortunately they concluded that no they did not!

It seems however that we are slow to learn from the story of the first Christian mission of going into the world of all.

#### **Open Doors.**

The 'Here and Now' Live programme is under way. It needs to be open to all and it needs all of us to help people have the opportunity "to hear in our own tongue the wonderful works of God" (Acts 2:6). How tragic if it is just a gathering of the 'faithful'. People need to be invited and accompanied by friends. It is part of that great commission to go into all the world, which means going into the world of all. It reminds us of the challenge that sometimes the Gospel becomes over identified with **our** cultural expression of it, which means for them - the Christian door is closed.

With my prayers and best wishes  
Michael F. Gear  
Bishop of Doncaster



## Rhododendrons Open Days

Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council and Silkstone Church invite readers of the News to spend a pleasant couple of hours touring the gardens at Wentworth Castle near Barnsley on 25th & 26th May from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission for adults is £2, accompanied children free. Refreshments are available from 11 a.m. until 4.30 p.m. and there are various stalls as well as free car parking. The Rhododendrons are The National Collection, and the Camellias and Azaleas are The Northern Collection. Proceeds are for Silkstone Church and Northern College.

## Final Concert

The final concert in the St. Andrew's Concert Series will be on Saturday 14th June at 7.30 p.m. at Psalter Lane Methodist Church, Sheffield, when the High Storrs School Orchestra will be performing music from the classical era, 1940's dance music, and a major symphonic work. Admission is by programme available at the door (£5, concessions £3.50) and includes light refreshments at the interval. All proceeds will go to church funds.

## Adlingfleet Wedding Dresses

All Saints' Church, Adlingfleet in the Marshlands beyond Goole, and still in the Diocese of Sheffield, is to hold an exhibition of wedding dresses and photographs past and present which all have a connection with Adlingfleet Church. The Church will be open from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday 24th & 25th May and refreshments will be served. All will be welcome.

## St. Mary's Church, Greasbrough, Rotherham

presents a former member to the 60s pop group Herman's Hermits, John Gaughan, who will tell his story of how he was saved from alcoholism, sing his songs and play his music at the church on Saturday 31st May at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £2, available on the door or by reservation by phoning 01709 551299.

## Sheffield Area Bereavement Forum

holds the Annual General meeting on Wednesday 4th June at 5.15 p.m. (refreshments 4.30 p.m.) at the Wilson Carlile Centre, Cavendish Street, Sheffield 3. The guest speaker is Dr Colin Murray Parkes MD FRCPsych on the subject of 'The effect of multiple deaths on individuals'. For further information contact: SABF, 182 Norfolk Street, Sheffield. S1 2JH. Tel: 0114 273 7797

## Art at Ecclesfield

Ecclesfield Parish Church holds the Annual Exhibition of Local Art and Craft Stalls in the church on Monday 5th May from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Proceeds are for local charities.

## Wentworth (Nr Rotherham) Welcome

The 18th Annual Art Exhibition of over 600 paintings (many of them local scenes) will be held on Spring Bank Holiday Monday and Tuesday in the Parish Church (10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday; 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Tuesday). All the paintings are for sale, refreshments of course available, church souvenirs and Traidcraft stalls, and the added bonus of Wentworth Old Church open.

## Appointments

**The Reverend Ken Jones** Vicar of Millhouses to retire 31 October 1997.

**The Reverend Michael Jackson** Vicar of Swinton to retire 30 April 1997.

**The Reverend Philip Hacking** Vicar of Fulwood to retire 31 October 1997.

**The Reverend Nigel Holmes**, Vicar of Mexborough to be Priest in Charge of Hoyland St. Peter.

**The Reverend Kevin Thompson** Vicar of Kimberworth Park to be Vicar of Grenoside.

**The Reverend Mike Gilbert** Curate of Chapelton to be Vicar of Brightside with Wincobank.

**The Reverend Steve Tricklebank** Chaplain of Aintree NHS Trust in the Diocese of Liverpool to be Hospital Chaplain, Doncaster Royal Infirmary/Priest in Charge of St Edmund, Anchorage Lane.

## Painting for Pleasure at St. Peter's Warmsworth, Doncaster.

Following the success of the Art Exhibition held at St. Peter's last year another exhibition will be held in May this year. The exhibition, under the title "Painting for Pleasure", will feature the work of local artists. This year however local schools will also be exhibiting. Artists will be painting pictures all day and some pictures will be for sale. The exhibition will take place in St. Peter's Church on Saturday 3rd May (10.00 - 4.00), Sunday 4th May (11.00 - 4.00) and Monday 5th May (10.00 - 4.00). Light refreshments will be available.

## Why not visit

three of the Dearne Valley's most beautiful churches, St. Peter's, Barnbrough, St. James', High Melton and St. John's, Adwick on Dearne at the May Bank Holiday 3rd, 4th & 5th May. With Music at St. Peter's, Arts & Crafts at St. James' and Flowers at St. John's and refreshments in all three churches on all three days from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The churches lie south of the A635 between Barnsley and Doncaster.

## The Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield

holds Commemoration Day on Saturday 12th July which will begin with the Solemn Eucharist at 12 noon with Canon Roger Royle as preacher. Programmes and Service Books can be obtained from: The Commemoration Day Secretary CR, House of the Resurrection, Mirfield, West Yorkshire. WF14 0BN.

## Event off

It has proved impractical to stage "Sacred Threads", the exhibition of church textiles planned for the Cathedral at the end of October and into November. Not sufficient material was presented to the Diocesan Advisory Committee, which is grateful to those who did offer textiles or embroidery for the exhibition.

## Gardens of Hatfield Weekend

On June 7th & 8th, eleven gardens in Hatfield near Doncaster will be open to visitors from 2 p.m. - 6 p.m. to help raise funds towards the upkeep of the ancient Parish Church building. The ticket price of £2.50 will admit the purchaser to all the gardens, and there will be no charge for children accompanied by an adult. Tickets will be available in the Church Porch, or in advance by 'phoning 01302 840280.

During the afternoon there will be the opportunity to look round the fine church building, ascend the Tower for a panoramic view of the surrounding area, enjoy light refreshments in the Barn, purchase from a Craft Stall and have your garden queries solved by two experienced award winning enthusiasts.

## Old Church Open

The Kirk Sandall Art Club is to hold an Exhibition of Art and Crafts in St. Oswald's Church, Kirk Sandall (near Doncaster) on Saturday and Sunday 7th & 8th June from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. each day. Monies raised are to support the Church Conservation fund which has the care of the former Parish Church which has its origin in Norman times and has a fine 16th century chapel. A programme of supporting events is also planned, and information can be obtained by 'phoning 01302 882810 or 01302 884336.

## Farewell Fair

**Plans are well in hand for Bishop David's Farewell Fair, all being well on the forecourt of Sheffield Cathedral on Thursday 17th July. The fiesta evening will include brass bands, entertainers, two speeches, a firework display, and a short but impressive farewell service, to mark his retirement after 17 years as Bishop of the Diocese.**

## Praying for Change

A number of Lent Groups around the Diocese used the Course 'Praying for Change', in which they were asked to amplify the Lord's Prayer to express the change they saw as important in their own community. The following was written by one of the Lent Groups on the Manor Estate in Sheffield:

*Our Father in Manor*

*Holy is your name.*

*Your kingdom come*

*Bring peace and confidence and dignity.*

*Let us do your will*

*With courage and integrity.*

*Give us today a chance*

*to earn our daily bread.*

*Forgive us for thinking that the*

*sins of others are worse than our own sins.*

*Forgive us for keeping silent in the*

*face of injustice and for burying our dreams.*

*Don't let us fall into the temptation of using*

*the same tactics as those who wrong us.*

*Deliver us from the evil that disunites us.*

If you have been part of a group writing a prayer for your community, the Social Responsibility Officer would love to receive a copy. Please don't be shy, and send them to Rachel Ross at Diocesan Church House, 95-99 Effingham Street, Rotherham. S65 1BL, who hopes to compile them in time for the summer

## One World Week

If you have not done anything before about One World Week (19th - 26th October), whose theme this year is "Stretching the limits", there is an ideas evening on 26th June at 7.30 p.m. at Central United Reformed Church, Norfolk Street, Sheffield, to which parish representatives will be warmly welcomed. The World Development Movement has invited Paul Brown, the Guardian's Environment Correspondent to talk on "The Politics of Global Warming" on Thursday 22nd May at 8.00 p.m. also at Central United Reformed Church. Further information about both events is available from Charles Hedley, Diocesan Development Representative on 0114 239 0757.



## **SYNOD DIGEST: REPORTING DIOCESAN SYNOD, MARCH 8TH, 1997 UNITY THUMBS UP .....**

Christian Unity was high on the agenda at the March meeting of Sheffield Diocesan Synod. Members had before them the Report "Called to be One" from Churches Together in England. Despite fears and misgivings about the Report expressed by the Bishop of Sheffield, Synod members endorsed the Report and its main thrust.

After noting the Report they reaffirmed the commitment to the goal of visible unity and the value of local ecumenical co-operation, both in Local Ecumenical Partnerships and less formally. They welcomed bilateral initiatives to visible unity in England (e.g. with Methodists etc.) seeing these within the context of commitment to "all round ecumenism" while recognising that on the Unity Front much more still needs to be done.

Dr. Mary Tanner, Secretary of the General Synod's Council for Christian Unity spoke to the Motion and said it was her belief that "Ecumenism is not an optional extra." The "Called to be One" process - although complicated - was a way of reconciliation and healing. As a process it sought to clarify ecumenical issues by calling member churches of Churches Together in England each to define their understanding of the terms **CHURCH UNITY** and **VISIBLE UNITY**. In questions (to Dr. Tanner) and debate which followed the Bishop questioned why the Called to be One process had started before the full benefits of Churches Together in England had been felt. He felt that the goal of visible unity was a snare, improbable of achievement before the Second Coming of Christ. Nevertheless he was happy to work with brother and sister Christians while still accepting one another's faults and failings. The Rev'd Richard Oakley (Doncaster Deanery) asked how the process made any sense when the Church of England itself was so divided over the issue of the Ordination of Women. The only two lay members who spoke - Mrs Jill Timmins (Doncaster) and Mr Ken Gale (Ecclesall) - who proposed the Motion on behalf of the Diocesan Mission and Unity Committee - were far less half-hearted about the process, as indeed the whole Synod proved to be when it came to voting on the Motion.

A **PROGRESS REPORT** on the "Working as One Body" process (also known as the Turnbull Report) aimed at re-organising the central structures of the Church of England was given by the Archdeacon of Sheffield (the Ven Stephen Lowe). He outlined the "much simpler structure" of central organisation proposed by the Report with clearly defined roles for the House of Bishops, the Church Commissioners, the General Synod and Pensions Board together with the proposed Archbishop's Council. Final approval of the Report by General Synod is likely in February 1998.

**THE ANNUAL REPORTS** of Diocesan Committees provided the final item on the March agenda. The Bishop of Sheffield paid tribute to the work of Assistant Bishop Kenneth Skelton as Chairman of the Diocesan Advisory Committee. There were questions about Faith in the City Committee visits to Urban Priority Area parishes, about photographs of Vicarage interiors before and after occupation by the clergy and about pastoral re-organisation in the Barnsley area. There were congratulations to the Redundant Churches Committee on the sale of St. Stephen's Eastwood, Rotherham.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN SYNOD** will be Saturday June 7th at the Yorkshire Residential School for the deaf in Doncaster.

*The "Called to be One" report is available from SPCK Bookshop, Sheffield or from Churches Together in South Yorkshire, Crookes Valley Methodist Church, Crooksmoor Road, Sheffield S6 3FQ. The price is £2.50. There is also a Workbook for parish and group study at £1.25 and there is a Video at £8.50. The latter can be borrowed from Churches Together in South Yorkshire.*

This Synod digest is the last by the Diocesan Communications Officer, Canon Roy Arnold. The Diocese and Readers of the News send him good wishes on his retirement, as did Bishop David in his remarks at the Synod in Rotherham.

## **CHRISTIAN AID NEWS : 11th to 17th May**

Our house-to-house collectors managed to gather £768.90 last year, which was a 10% increase on the previous year. This was achieved through the hard efforts of every collector in trying to bring in as many envelopes as possible, resulting in an increase in spite of the siren calls of the National Lottery.

Because of last years success we need more volunteers just to stand still. Collectors fall ill, go on holiday, or become tired of doing it, so replacements are always needed. With more collectors more roads could be covered, or some of the longer rounds could be split. People often say they are too busy or they are at work, but many, if not all, of our collectors are extremely busy people who make the time to do this work once a year.

If you can help for the first time or would like to do it again after having a break, you will be doing useful work.

*Gary & Lorna Davis. Tel : 2369878*

## **DAWN CHORUS AT WHIRLOW**

We are planning to listen to the dawn chorus in the wood by Whirlow Brook, with the guidance of a member of the Sheffield Bird Study Group, on Saturday 10th May and invite anyone interested to join us. Meet at 4.15am in the lay-by by the entrance to Whirlow Brook Park, wearing warm clothing. bring your binoculars, but please leave your dog at home.

We shall also be cooking breakfast afterwards on our camping stove, but regret that we haven't the facilities to cook for anyone else, so please bring your own if you want to join in.

*Josephine Collie & Rosalie Carter*



## FUND RAISING EVENTS

The 1997 fund raising events for selected charities will all be held in the latter part of the year. Please put the following dates in your diaries:-

**SATURDAY 21ST JUNE** : Summer Fair (see below).

**SATURDAYS IN JULY** : Cream teas in the Church Hall.

**SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER** : Table Top Sale.

**FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER** : Family Quiz.

**SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER** : Christmas Fayre.

**FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER** : Carols by Candlelight.

If you can help in any of the above events, or would like more information, please contact either Glynn Waite (236 4728) or Margaret Benson (236 2322).

Should you require a stall at the Summer Fair, or be willing to help in any way, could you please contact Dorothy Firth (23 6 4190), who will be co-ordinating the arrangements for this event.

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The **Martha and Mary Group** will be holding a Christian Dance Workshop on Tuesday 27th May from 10am to 12 noon. Please come along and 'taste and see'. It doesn't require any physical fitness level (did you know that you can dance whilst sitting?), or any previous dance experience (you can have two left feet!). Dance is just a way of communicating without words, so come along and experience the freedom that this can bring to our lives. There is no charge and tea and coffee will be served.

*Pauline Perkinton*

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May 1997

## JUST ENOUGH?

We may be justifiably puzzled by the sharp contrasts in our world, and by some of the seemingly indiscriminate sufferings and inadequacies among its inhabitants.

We may also feel that neither the Bible in general nor Jesus in particular determine in sufficient detail, or with sufficient clarity, how we should spend every minute of each day, or every penny of our wealth.

Fortunately, we do know that we shall always endeavour to be loving and generous, and hopefully that will help us to respond appropriately to the work of organisations like Christian Aid and Traidcraft, in support of whom goods will once again be on sale in the Church Hall after the 10am service on Sundays 11th and 18th May.

At this, and indeed at all times, we might do well to ask ourselves whether being and giving 'just enough' should be our slogan, or whether God requires any more of us in whatever respect.

*Ken Filleul*

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## LADIES CLUB

**6th May** at 7.30pm. We welcome all friends and family to hear the Dronfield Hand Bell Ringers in the Church. Refreshments will be served in the Lounge. Everyone welcome. £1.

**13th May.** MacMillan Nurses Sponsored Walk. Please come and walk a mile with us, or sponsor a walker.

**20th May** at 7.30pm. Annual Plant Auction. We would appreciate gifts of plants, seedlings, cuttings, etc. - with names please!!

Many thanks,

*Margaret B.*



May 1997



## Parish Rotas for MAY.

### Coffee Rota

May 4th Claudine Murrell, Ann Powell, Marjorie Snowdon.  
 11th Catherine Wrigglesworth, Catherine Brown, Maureen Allum.  
 18th Eileen Mason, Audrey and Ron Walker.  
 25th Josephine and John Collie, Sue Walker.

### Sidesmen.

|          | 8.00am            | 10.00am          | 6.30pm           |
|----------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| May: 4th | Mr K. Filleul     | Mr F. H. Cooke   | Mrs S. Sturgeon  |
|          |                   | Mr N. Hayden     | Mrs M. Snowdon   |
| 11th     | Mr A. Ludlam      | Mrs C. Booth     | Mr J. A. England |
|          |                   | Mrs C. Billard   | Mrs S. Sturgeon  |
| 18th     | Miss A. E. Baldry | Mrs A. Powell    | Mr P. Purkiss    |
|          |                   | Mr J. Lawry      | Mr E. Simons     |
| 25th     | Miss H. Perfect   | Mr A. Webb       | Mr H. Mayson     |
|          |                   | Mrs M. Warrender | Mrs S. Sturgeon  |

### Creche

|          |                       |
|----------|-----------------------|
| May: 4th | Liz Hayden            |
| 11th     | Debbie Woods          |
| 18th     | (Come and Worship)    |
| 25th     | Karen & Mark Bergdhal |

### Flowers.

|          | Altar        | Memory Table |
|----------|--------------|--------------|
| May: 4th | Mrs Sturgeon |              |
| 11th     |              | Mrs Harvatt  |
| 18th     | Mrs Wainford | Mrs Beeley   |
| 25th     | Miss Perfect | Mrs Ruthven  |

June: 1st Mrs Perkinton Mrs Mason

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Some years ago the "Friends of Whirlow" organisation was set up to give support to the Centre through prayer, active interest, financial backing, and publicity. Some fundraising events are organised to provide the Centre with some of the extra comforts that might otherwise not be available. There is also a monthly Bible Study at 10.30am (coffee from 10am) on the first Thursday of each month. Friends pay a small annual subscription and receive details of the programme and the prayer needs of the Centre.

I strongly recommend anyone who has not had experience of Whirlow to pay a visit, perhaps to one of the Bible studies, which are free! Anyone wanting to know more should contact Marjorie Snowdon (Tel: 236 2822).

**V.A.T. on Church Building Work** : The recent petition supporting the Diocesan move to rationalise V.A.T. on Church Building Work has been rejected by the Government. Copies of the reply are available at the back of the church. Please take a copy if you are interested in the details of the argument.



## NOW IS THE TIME

A national debate is raging about morality in public and private life. **Now is the time** for Christians to respond. That's why **SPRING HARVEST 1997** looked at the **TEN COMMANDMENTS** and their implications for us.

Should we impose our rules on those who don't accept biblical standards? Didn't Jesus come to set us free from laws like these? How do the Ten Commandments fit into our complex, modern world?

These questions and many more like them were considered and answered during the event. We took part in praise full acts of worship and heard the word preached in a direct and often challenging way. We were refreshed by the gentle love of our great God in so many ways, especially the opportunity to spend a number of lazy afternoons on the sandy beach with the temperature in the seventies and children (some of them big kids!) splashing in the clear, warmish?!, blue?!, sea (This is Skegness we're talking about here, isn't it?).

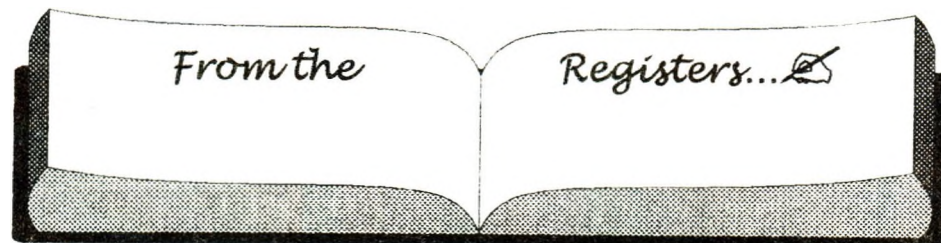
It would not be appropriate to detail what we got or what we would get from Spring Harvest as it is an entirely personal experience. However, having been on four separate occasions now, we have recognised how much more we have grown in the wonderful faith that is Christianity and without reservation recommend next year's event to all.

We have early booking forms and after the success of our Parish Day and Service of Commitment feel it is right to take a step of faith and make a group booking. For every 20 adult places booked we will get one free.

The seeds are sown, come and reap the harvest. **Now is the time** to make our plans and encourage others to reap the benefit.

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### **BAPTISMS:**

March 30th James Richard Bridgens, 181, Baslow Road

April 6th Rebecca Emily Gillard, 40, Sunnyvale Road.

### **WEDDINGS:**

None this month

### **FUNERALS:**

April 7th Mary Pearce(89), "Ash Cottage", Butts Hill

We shall remember all recently- bereaved families, together with the following from our Memorial Book, at our Memorial Service on Sunday, May 25th at 6.30pm:-

Edward Roberts, John Sullivan, Elaine Clark, Violet Hannan, Jessie Leeson, Janet Raven, Charles Thompson, Rose Askham, William White, Elizabeth Brownell, Eileen Bryer, Elsie Williams, and Sybil Cole.

Joan Nixon would like to send a big "thank you" to all those lovely people who have been praying for me, sending messages and Get Well cards - totalling 34!- and visiting me. I brought my new knee home on Friday 18th April.

### **Enquiries**

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 telephone the Vicar on 236 2322.





## MAY

|      |              |         |   |
|------|--------------|---------|---|
| Thur | 1st          | 7.45pm  | Standing Committee at the Vicarage.           |
| Tue  | 6th          | 7.30pm  | Archdeacon's Visitation-the Cathedral.        |
|      |              | 7.30pm  | Ladies Club- Dronfield Bell Ringers.          |
| Wed  | 8th          | 8.00pm  | Home group Leaders Training-Lounge            |
| Thur | 9th          | 8.00pm  | ASCENSION DAY-Holy Communion in Church.       |
| SAT  | 11th to 17th |         | CHRISTIAN AID WEEK                            |
| Tues | 13th         | 10.30am | Martha and Mary group meet in the Hall        |
|      |              | 12.30pm | Liaison Lunch 20th Anniversary Social         |
| Wed  | 14th         | 11.00am | Monthly Morning Fellowship,3,Akley Bank Close |
| Thur | 15th         | 8.00pm  | PCC meets in the Hall lounge.                 |
| Sun  | 18th         | 3.00pm  | WHIT SUNDAY Cathedral Outdoor Witness.        |
| Tue  | 20th         | 7.30pm  | Ladies Club- a Plant Auction.                 |
| Mon  | 26th         | 9.30am  | Collation of the June Magazine-Hall.          |
| Tues | 27th         | 10.00am | Dance Workshop in the Church Hall             |

## DRIVERS WANTED FOR CHESHIRE HOME TRANSPORT

Residents at the Cheshire Home cannot get about unless someone will drive the special 'buses' which are fitted with clamps for the wheel chairs. The buses are not particularly difficult to drive, but need someone who is reasonably able-bodied. At present two or three residents are brought to church two or three times a month, but if this is to continue at least one or two more drivers are required. Enquiries to Maurice Snowdon or Alan Sheperdson please.

## Saving for Stillness

"(Jesus breathed on them and said to them) 'Receive the Holy Spirit'"  
(John 20:22)

*Final date for items to be included in the  
June issue will be Sunday, 18th of May.*



## Organisations (and meetings in the Church Hall).

|                   |         |                                  |          |
|-------------------|---------|----------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | 10.00am | "Young Saints"                   |          |
|                   |         | Kath Lloyd                       | 236 7056 |
| <b>Monday:</b>    | 10.00am | Drop in Coffee                   |          |
|                   |         | Maurice and Marjorie Snowdon     | 236 2822 |
|                   | 3.30pm  | Junior choir practice in Church  |          |
|                   |         | Stella Jockel                    | 236 9413 |
|                   | 7.00pm  | Guides                           |          |
|                   |         | Dorothy Firth                    | 236 4190 |
|                   | 9.00pm  | Prayer meeting in the Lounge     |          |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | 7.30pm  | Ladies Club (1st and 3rd)        |          |
|                   |         | Margaret Benson                  | 236 2322 |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | 10.00am | Parent and Toddler Group         |          |
|                   |         | Tracey Evans                     | 235 1968 |
|                   | 6.15pm  | "Trailblazers" (Children's club) |          |
|                   |         | Ric Gray                         | 236 9204 |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | 2.00pm  | Under Fives Praise (1st and 3rd) |          |
|                   |         | Roma Webb                        | 262 1049 |
|                   | 7.00pm  | Choir practice in Church         |          |
|                   |         | Stella Jockel                    | 236 9413 |
|                   | 8.00pm  | Standing committee (1st)         |          |
|                   |         | PCC (2nd)                        |          |

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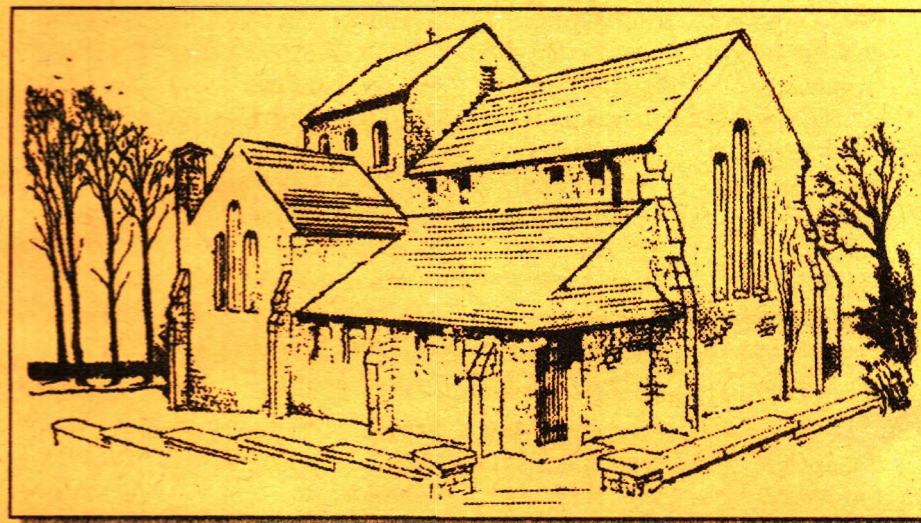
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Articles, letters, etc. for publication in this magazine are welcome, and may be placed in the box in Church.

## From the Vicar...

Dear Friends,

### MORE WELCOMES!

Margaret and I had the privilege to be part of the 100,00 crowd that gathered in Whitby Harbour on Friday, May 9th to 'Welcome Home' the replica of Captain Cook's ship HM. Bark "Endeavour". The sun shone, the Abbey Bells rang out as, in magnificent full sail, she glided into the outer Harbour, at the end of her long voyage from Australia, and fired a gun salute.

A group of pilgrims left Rome recently, and arrived on the Kent coast on Trinity Sunday, May 25th to be 'Welcomed' by Archbishops Carey and Hume. The journey, which will end in Londonderry on June 9th, celebrates the joint 1400th anniversaries of the arrival of St. Augustine in Canterbury and the death of St. Columba on Iona.

During June and July, members of All Saints' family will be giving a 'Welcome' to each other in their homes to mark the second phase of our "Year of Welcome". (P.S. Please sign up on the chart in Church-before June 9th) These gatherings will form part of our preparation to welcome friends and neighbours into our homes in the Autumn. We also are making plans to 'Welcome' the families who will be moving into the houses on the proposed Highfields sites.

On Saturday, June 21st, we shall have our annual opportunity to 'Welcome' family, friends and neighbours to our SUMMER FAIR from 2pm. (More help still required on the various Stalls - please sign the list in the Church Hall - thanks!)

Finally, there is always a 'Welcome' at our Sunday Services.

May God richly bless you all.

*David.*



## SERVICES IN JUNE

### 1st PENTECOST 2:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) - Theme: "People or Buildings"  
 Epistle: Ephesians 2:11-22  
 Gospel: John 17:20-26  
 6.30pm "First Sunday" Service - All welcome.

### 8th PENTECOST 3:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am Holy Communion (ASB) - Theme "Our relationship with God."  
 Old Testament: Deuteronomy 10:1-16  
 Gospel: Mark 12:28-34  
 6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
 Old Testament: Deuteronomy 6:17-end  
 New Testament: Romans 6:3-11

### 15th PENTECOST 4:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am "Come & Worship" - SPECIAL GUEST: Linda Chambers (Schools Development Worker)  
 6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)  
 Epistle: Galatians 3:23-4:7.  
 Gospel: John 15:12-17.

### 22nd PENTECOST 5:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am Holy Communion (ASB) - Theme: "Our Home Life"  
 Old Testament: Deuteronomy 11:8-21  
 Gospel: Matthew 9:9-12  
 6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
 Old Testament: Exodus 20:1-17  
 New Testament: Matthew 19:16-26

### 29th PENTECOST 6:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am Holy Communion (ASB) - Theme: "Concerning our Possessions"  
 Old Testament: Deuteronomy 14:22-15:18  
 Gospel: Mark 14:3-9  
 6.30pm Memorial Service.

## Events.

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## ON BELONGING

When Bishop Jim Thompson, Bath and Wells, was Bishop of Stepney, and a supporter of West Ham United, he commented "*football is a harmless way of belonging*", and while the supporter feels he belongs to the club, one cannot imagine the club having reciprocal feelings. And when Harry Lauder sang "*I belong to Glasgow*", he had to have a couple of drinks on a Saturday before Glasgow belonged to him. But here at All Saints it is quite different, and it is more fulfilling, where all Church members believe they all belong to each other. Their maxim surely echoes the words of Gerald Massey, poet and chartist: *the world is full of beauty, as other worlds above, and if we did our duty, it might be us full of love*".

Rex B.



### P.C.C. UPDATE.

The P.C.C. were pleased to welcome Dave Fenton who is the Youth Officer at Christ Church, Fulwood. He was able to tell us a great deal of his experience in integrating the young people into the worshipping body of the church. This is a topic of great importance in Totley and we need to address a strategy urgently so that we attract and hold young people who, after all, are as much a part of our community as those of us who have been around a bit longer. A group of members of the P.C.C. are meeting again to push forward some ideas so more will be heard of this but meanwhile we can all pray for God's guidance in this sphere.

Another important matter was that the P.C.C. agreed to ask the Bishop to licence Mrs Enid Varney as a Reader in this parish. Enid was first admitted as a Reader several years ago and her experience and scholarship will be invaluable.

The vicar told us about changes to the use of the SALT scheme in the 10.00 a.m. service. From October we shall revert to the A.S.B. lectionary although the SALT themes will still be used for the Introductory slot. Keeping the balance between the expressed wishes of different members of the congregation is obviously a difficult task and we all need humility and understanding when our own thoughts seem to be superceded by others.

Our treasurer was justifiably 'put out' as he reported that some people have been spending money on behalf of the church without prior budgeting and without P.C.C. sanction. This throws into relief the need for all organisations to budget carefully so that our financial affairs can be kept under control.

The Deanery Synod report was largely concerned with information from other neighbouring churches. It was good to hear encouraging news from some of them. A working party is being set up to consider the future strategy for the Deanery. It will report in 1998!

### THE DEVIL'S BEATITUDES

Blessed are those who are too tired, busy or discouraged to meet with fellow Christians on Sundays each week. **They are my best workers.**

Blessed are those who enjoy noticing the mannerisms of clergy and choir. **Their hearts are not in it.**

Blessed are those Christians who wait to be asked and expect to be thanked. **I can use them.**

Blessed are the touchy. With a bit of luck they may even stop going to church. **They are my missionaries.**

Blessed are those who claim to love God at the same time as hating other people. **They are mine forever.**

Blessed are the troublemakers. **They shall be called my children.**

Blessed are those who have no time to pray. **They are easy prey for me.**

Blessed are you, when you read this and think it is about other people and not about yourself.

**I've got you.**

*Source unknown*

### MONDAY PRAYER GROUP

Except for the Christmas and New Year period, the group has continued to meet on Monday evenings throughout the year. For a variety of reasons the number of those attending has dropped significantly, which is disappointing to the extent that the need for and value of group prayer have certainly not diminished. We would certainly love to see others responding to God's calling in this way.



The Bishop's Farewell  
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## Bishop's Fiesta farewell

Although Bishop David Lunn does not officially retire as Bishop of Sheffield until the end of August, the Diocese is getting set to officially say Goodbye (God be with you) on THURSDAY JULY 17th. And far from being a solemn occasion this event is to be a FAREWELL FIESTA. An Act of Worship combining a Presentation to the Bishop will be obvious ingredients but - as the Bishop wishes it - this will be a time of fun and thanksgiving for the whole Diocesan Church Family. Time to say thanks for the Bishop's 17 years with us...for the occasions when the Bishop has shared in the life of individuals - maybe even your's through Confirmation - or of parishes and of the wider community. Time to say thanks for the Bishop's speaking up for the Steelworkers and for Miners. Time to say thanks for the Bishop's steady hand and honesty through times which have been far from easy for the Church of England.

So to the Farewell Fiesta...YOU are invited...to come along and celebrate. There will be a Brass Band, a Jazz Band and a Big Band and music from Church Schools. There will be entertainers and sideshows...something for young and old. The venue will be Cathedral Square in the heart of Sheffield. The date again: THURSDAY JULY 17TH. It's an opportunity to meet Churchfolk from all over the Diocese. The bells will ring, the bands will play...the only thing missing ( because of Safety Regulations ) will be fireworks. The central Act of Worship and Presentation will be from 7-30 pm to 8-15 pm but the overall festivities will start at 6-30 pm and end at 10 pm. *If you are planning to come along, don't forget that parking isn't all that easy in the centre of Sheffield, so allow yourself plenty of time to get to Cathedral Square. BUT COME ALONG AND JOIN IN THE BISHOP OF SHEFFIELD'S FAREWELL FIESTA !*

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Muslim countries no Headteachers would be found undermining Islam.

Another issue which gives me cause for concern is how the fear of being accused of child abuse affects every day contact with our pupils in school. I have always been a Head who has comforted a distressed child with a hug. I have sat and nursed reception children who might have been tearful at leaving a parent in the early days of their school life. My children know that they can come to me for the sort of treatment they would receive in a good home. The whole ethos of All Saints School is one of a big Christian family, but nowadays teachers are advised to avoid all physical contact with children, and one can understand why this advice is given, when we live in a world where one can so easily be accused of wrong-doing, and where people are so ready to believe the worst of others.

Of course there are still many positive things in schools today, but they do tend to be overshadowed by the negatives.

Joan Stratford

### MOZAMBIQUE -- HERE WE COME!

Liz Powell has written to say that she is joining the REAP (Riverside European and African Projects) project to Mozambique from July 29th to September 11th. She asks for support in the form of our prayers and finance. The P.C.C. have agreed to send £100 but the total cost is in excess of £1000 so there will be retiring collections on the first two Sundays in June.

One aim of the project is to construct a classroom extension at the Maforga Christian Mission and some of the money is needed for this. The team will also join in the work of the Mission and spend some time assisting at the orphanage. Fuller details are on the notice board in the Church Hall.



## ANYTHING TO DECLARE?

We think it is a good idea to buy goods that are 'duty free', because they do not cost as much. It seems almost miraculous that at an airport we can acquire exactly the same bottle of gin as we could buy at the local supermarket, but for a fraction of the cost. Nobody seems to mind - except the supermarket perhaps. It is not smuggling, or tax evasion, but perfectly legal. We benefit from the transaction because we have not had to pay the duty. Therefore duty is a bad thing, and our lives are better without it; or so it seems.

The same outlook can be applied to other aspects of life, as well as shopping. People think that the less part that duty plays in our lives the better, if by duty we mean the idea that we are under an obligation to behave in a certain way, which may be contrary to our own desires. It is so much easier to lead a duty free life.

The promises of the Scout and Guide Associations have a different view of duty, since they are both based on the idea that duty is the real basis of their movements. *"I promise that I will do my best to do my duty to God, and the Queen.."* It is a view that found its expression in the lives of many of the heroes and heroines of history. (Are we allowed to have heroes and heroines these days?) I own a slightly bad-tempered note, hastily scribbled by the Duke of Wellington, saying that he has more than enough duty to perform without undertaking any extra. He was 81 at the time, but still driven by the same sense of being under an obligation to his country that had enabled him to achieve his great victories.

No society or cause or religion can prosper if it does not produce people who are willing to do their duty; to behave in accordance with a set of rules and a code of conduct which may conflict with their own personal wishes. The Catechism expresses it very clearly in terms of Christian duty to God and to our neighbours, as an extension of the Ten Commandments.

But although duty is a necessary element in our decisions about what to do, and what not to do, it is not enough. As a former colleague of mine

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## **SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS**

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### **Keen Disciples in a Learning Church**



Retirement brings reflection: sometimes despondency at things undone (the Ground Elder - unfairly nick-named Bishop's Weed - still holds its own in the garden despite a seventeen year long campaign of destruction) but sometimes an unchanged confidence that I was (and am!) on the right track.

In February 1991 (in an article with the splendidly catchy title "Lent is for learning and Easter for Joy" I wrote "I will do everything I can to persuade the people of the Diocese of Sheffield to become **keen disciples in a learning Church**."

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

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

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

Has much changed since 1991? In some places yes: there have been serious efforts to take seriously the learning needs of an all age congregation. I welcome all such experiments. I believe too that the traditional sermon - the expounding of the written word of scripture so that it becomes a living truth for today can be an effective method of feeding us hungry souls. We need a greater commitment to, and expectation from, the Sunday learning opportunity and experience. And if we were to be remembered for only one thing I would be happy for it to be those six words: **Keen Disciples in a Learning Church**.

DAVID LUNN

Bishop of Sheffield



## Fairs, Festivals and Fun...

**14th June 2p.m.** BRAITHWELL CHURCH SUMMER FAIR on the Playing Field (off Doncaster Road), with stalls, sideshows, band, majorettes, refreshments, trips up the church tower, and evening barbecue.

**14th June 10a.m.-3p.m.** ST. GEORGE DONCASTER SUMMER FAIR at St. George's House at rear of church. Refreshments available and many stalls.

**20th June 8 p.m.-9.30 p.m.** ST.ALBAN'S WICKERSLEY CHURCHYARD OPEN EVENING with guided tours of the churchyard and a 'Churchyard through the seasons' photographic competition with entries on display. Refreshments available.

**21st June 3p.m.** HOOTON ROBERTS CHURCH GARDEN PARTY in the gardens of Bishop's Lodge, next to the church, opened by Bishop David.

**21st June 7.30p.m.** ST. MARY'S GREASBROUGH, Concert by SOUTH YORKSHIRE POLICE BAND. Tickets £2 on the door, or bookings 01709 551299.

**28th - 29th June (Sat 10-7.30p.m, Sun 10-4p.m.)** SS PETER & PAUL BARNBY DUN, Doncaster, ART FESTIVAL, EXHIBITION & SALE OF PAINTINGS & CRAFTS (01302 886539).

**5th July 10a.m.-5p.m.** ST. GABRIEL'S CHURCH, DOBBIN HILL, Greystones, Sheffield. STRAWBERRY FAIR with many stalls and strawberry teas.

**6th July 10a.m.-5.30p.m.** THE PARISH OF SYKEHOUSE (between Doncaster & Goole) will welcome visitors to a FESTIVAL OF GARDENS & DISPLAY OF SCARECROWS. Programmes from the church £1, creche facilities, refreshments and Service on Village Green at 6.30 p.m. (01405 785279)

**11th, 12th, 13th July 10a.m.-6p.m.** ALL SAINTS OWSTON (5 miles north of Doncaster on A19) FLOWER FESTIVAL with light lunches, cream teas. Parties welcome (tel: 01302 721617). Services: Friday 6.30 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. & 6.30 p.m. Concert Saturday evening (01302 726381)

## Homeless in Rotherham

All Saints Parish Church in Rotherham is host to a service to highlight homelessness on Tuesday 10th June at 7.30 p.m. A Sponsored Sleep Out in the churchyard follows the service and finishes at 6.00 a.m. the following morning. More details from Bryan Jackson on 01709 518471 or David Walker on 01709 702828

## Affirming Catholicism

in the Diocese of Sheffield, along with Wakefield and Bradford Groups, have a Pilgrimage to Ripon Cathedral on Saturday 7th June. There will be a Sung Eucharist at 11.30 a.m. in the Cathedral, followed by an opportunity to explore the historic city. Details from Patrick Linskill on 0114 255 6025 (home) or 0114 273 7050 (work)

## Appointments

**The Reverend Dr. David Ottewell**, Assistant Curate (Non Stipendiary) of Barnby Dun to be Priest in Charge of Finningley-with-Auckley in the Diocese of Southwell.

**The Reverend Dr. Brian Twohig**, Vicar of St. Cuthbert, Fir Vale to retire due to ill health from 30 June 1997.

**The Reverend David Rhodes**, Vicar of Mortomley to be also Warden for Lay Evangelists.

**The Reverend Dr Peter Bold**, Assistant Curate of Grenoside, to be Assistant Curate of Rotherham, Priest in Charge of St. Barnabas Rotherham and Diocesan Communications Officer from September 1997.

Please pray for those to be ordained in **Sheffield Cathedral on Sunday, 29 June at 10.30 a.m.**

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| <b>Jane Bolton</b>     | of Ripon College, Cuddesdon to serve in the parish of <b>Broomhill St. Mark.</b>             |
| <b>Margaret Caunt</b>  | of the Northern Ordination Course to serve in the parish of <b>Brightside with Wincobank</b> |
| <b>Hector Franklin</b> | of the Northern Ordination Course to serve in the parish of <b>Chapelton St. John.</b>       |
| <b>Ian Jennings</b>    | of the Northern Ordination Course to serve in the parish of <b>Hackenthorpe.</b>             |
| <b>Mark Meynell</b>    | of Ridley Hall, Cambridge to serve in the parish of <b>Fulwood.</b>                          |

Please pray too for those to be Ordained Priest this Petertide:

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| <b>Jennifer Barnes</b> | at Thorne St. Nicholas on Thursday 3 July at 7.30 p.m.  |
| <b>Ian Birkinshaw</b>  | at Chapelton St. John on Wednesday 9 July at 7.30 p.m.  |
| <b>Linda Boulnois</b>  | at Brampton Christ Church on Tuesday 1 July at 7.30 p.m.  |
| <b>Alan Isaacson</b>   | at Kimberworth St. Thomas on Thursday 3 July at 7.30 p.m.   |
| <b>Andrew Morris</b>   | at Conisbrough St. Peter on Monday 30 June at 7.30 p.m.   |
| <b>Matthew Porter</b>  | at Dore Christ Church on Monday 30 June at 7.30 p.m.  |
| <b>Andrew Savage</b>   | serving in the parish of Ecclesall All Saints to be ordained in Sheffield Cathedral on Sunday 6th July at 2.30 p.m. |
| <b>Jeffrey Stokoe</b>  | at St. Catherine, Richmond Road on Saturday 5 July at 6.00 p.m.   |



## Hunting for a job

VASANTHI BHASKARAN is in her final weeks as a Trainee Administrative Officer at Diocesan Church House at Rotherham. For the last two years she has been on a PATH placement which comes to an end in August. PATScHeme (Positive Action Training Scheme) is an organisation designated under the Race Relations Act 1976 to provide training, education and encouragement to Black people within vocational areas in which they are under-represented. Based in Sheffield, the scheme has been running for ten years.

Vasanthi began the project by researching the needs for the database development which would best serve the Diocese, its employees and the parishes. She is now designing and creating databases for different departments working in Microsoft Access.

For two years running Vasanthi has created a database for the Archdeacons' Enquiry, has worked on databases for Churchwardens' Conferences, Church School Foundation Governors, and aspects of InService Training, as well as systems for the Resources Centre. Her biggest task has been working on the Diocesan Year Book Database. After such a productive placement, Vasanthi now faces the prospect of finding a job!

## Cathedral Arts Festival

**4-8 June 1997**

Following last year's highly successful first Cathedral Arts Festival, the 1997 Festival once again sees a variety of events for all sorts of lovers of the Arts. Martin and Kate Rose, Paul Martin and others have a display of paintings, and on **Wednesday 4th June**, the magnificent and internationally known organist, **Carlo Curley**, will be offering a musical spectacular with the Cathedral Choir and Organists. **The Sheffield University Chamber Orchestra**, under the baton of Edward Warren, provides an evening of summer favourites on **Thursday 5th June**, and, on **Friday 6th June**, the Cathedral welcomes the **Mastersingers** for an afternoon's workshop and evening concert with Sheffield schoolchildren.

**Saturday Evening 7th June** sees a performance of Rossini's Petite Mass Solonnelle, and the Festival is completed on **Sunday 8th June** with a morning Eucharist with the wonderful 'Vierne Mass', a Festal Evensong, and then an evening concert by Bernard Gregor-Smith and Yolande Wrigley and their friends Roland Birks and Christopher Underwood. The concert programme explores the use of folk music in the classical repertoire with music by Beethoven and Sibelius. Included in the Festival is a programme of lunch-time recitals and late night jazz.

**For information or a Festival Brochure** call the Festival Hotline on 0114 279 9554.

## Additional Curates Society 160th Anniversary

The Society which provides for additional members of staff in poor and populous parishes will welcome people to a Festival Eucharist on Saturday 12th July at 12 noon at Sheffield Cathedral, when the Principal Celebrant will be the Bishop of Sheffield assisted by the General Secretary Fr. Stephen Leach. Last year, parishes in the Diocese received nearly £10,000 in grants for assistant clergy.

Book the date in your diary -  
**Thursday 17th July**  
**6.30 p.m. - 10 p.m.**  
Cathedral & Forecourt  
**The Bishop's**  
**Farewell Fiesta**  
(Details through parishes and in next month's NEWS)

## The Effective Christian School Governor

is the title of an evening (7.15 - 10.00 p.m.) on Thursday 12th June at Cemetery Road Baptist Church, Napier Street, Sheffield. School Governors, or those intending to be Governors, can make further enquiries of Linda Chambers on 0114 230 5193.

## 'Learning to Listen'

is a Christian Listener Course in four sessions, aimed at increasing awareness of listening in general, but especially at home, at work and within the church. Running from 7.30 p.m. - 10.00 p.m. on Mondays 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th June at Diocesan Church House, Rotherham, the course costs £16. More details from Daphne Gear, Bishop's Lodge, Hooton Roberts, Rotherham. S65 4PF Tel: 01709 853370.

## Forward in Faith

holds a Eucharistic Festival at the Cathedral on Tuesday 3rd July at 7.30 p.m. when the Celebrant and Preacher will be The Bishop of Sheffield.

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# Mishpat... ...meaning the active justice of God.

God's justice is not a detached, impersonal assessment of guilt and innocence but the personal exercise of a positive energy on the side of right often to ensure the maintenance of community (e.g. Isaiah 11: 4).

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## DAWN PROJECT

The official launch of the Dawn Project took place on 19 May at the Novotel Hotel, Sheffield. The Guest Speaker was Ceridwen Roberts, Director of the Family Policy Studies Centre. Dawn provides short courses to help those recovering from the end of a close relationship. For further information telephone Nancy or Patrick on 01709 512436.

### Urban Priority Area Forum

At the Training Day for Churchwardens from Urban Priority Area parishes overwhelming support was given for the setting up of an UPA Forum to

1. work with other UPAs in identifying issues of specific and common concern; to give mutual support and promote collective action.
2. promote UPA representation on Diocesan Committees to ensure urban concerns are known.
3. work with the Diocese in presenting the issues of concern within the structure of the Diocese and other suitable bodies.
4. work with the Diocese in finding answers to meet urban concerns.

A small steering group has already met to start to implement the purposes of the Forum. The contact person for further information is Ian McCollough on 01709 512448

### Church Urban Fund Grants Update

#### Main Grants

St Paul's, Wordsworth Ave. £15,000 *Healthy Cross Project*

Shiregreen URC £12,000 *Family & Children Project*

St Paul's Masbrough £20,000 *Advice Centre*

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### Racial Justice Sunday Workshop



14 September is Racial Justice Sunday. The Churches Commission for Racial Justice have produced a pack for the day. The Diocesan Black Anglican Concerns Group have organised a free workshop on using the pack (copies available there) on Friday 18 July at 7.00 pm in St Mary's Parish Centre, Handsworth. It will be chaired by the Revd Indejit Bhogal.

### SHOULD I GO INTO A HOME?

The South Yorkshire Partnership for Community Care in collaboration with Sheffield Churches Council for Community Care, have produced a practical, down to earth pack to help clergy and ministers who often find themselves being asked to help in this huge decision. The pack is being launched at various venues in June and details of dates and places can be obtained from Briony Broom on 0114 275 4021.

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### 'Anything to declare' (continued...)

was fond of saying, "Duty is the worst of good reasons for behaving well". Duty can be a cold thing, and lacks the warmth of love. Jesus did his duty, he even paid the Temple tax. But that is not how he changed the world. he went far beyond his duty, by making love the ultimate cause of all his words and actions, and he calls us to do the same. "We are servants and deserve no credit; we have only done our duty".

*Martin Loft*

I would like to think that most of you know me as the Scout Leader of 1st Totley Scout Troop, or perhaps as the Chairman of Governors of T.A.S. School. A few may know of my profession, namely a research doctor in the Institute for Cancer Studies in the University Medical School. This post is funded by the Yorkshire Cancer Research Campaign, and we work closely with many departments in the hospitals of Sheffield, including Weston Park Hospital.

I have volunteered to abseil 200 feet down the Royal Hallamshire Hospital to raise funds for the Weston Park Hospital Cancer Care and Research Fund. The original date was 22nd June, but due to the popularity of this event, I have been asked to abseil at about 11:20am on Saturday 21st June.

I would therefore be most grateful for sponsorship. If you are interested, please see me after the 10:00am services, or 'phone 2368566, or call at 73 Sunnyvale Road. To aid in the collection of sponsorship money, donations can be made in advance. I will complete the abseil!!!

To you all, a very sincere thank you.

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## MORE REFLECTIONS OF A HEADTEACHER

Over recent months I have spent a good deal of time reflecting on the changes which have taken place generally in the country's primary schools. Of course there are the changes which get a good deal of publicity such as the National Curriculum, which was introduced in the late 1980's, and then changed every year until 1995, which involved school staff in lots of extra work. If only it could have been carefully thought out and implemented when it was near to being workable!

However other changes worry me much more. I am very concerned about the attitude to Christianity in schools. It is very easy for people living in this area of Sheffield to be unaware of negative influences on pupils by the approach of some Headteachers in this City. We are fortunate in that several of the Heads around here are practising Christians and those that aren't, do not undermine Christianity in their schools. But conversations which I have had over the last 12 years, and comments which I have heard made at meetings worry me greatly. Some Heads will "bend over backwards" to accommodate other religions and will be very caring and sensitive to the worshippers, but these same people have no time for Christianity in their schools, and are quite unsympathetic, and are at times scathing to practising Christians. Some even seem pleased if they are criticised for their failure in areas of R.E. and Worship during their OFSTED Inspections! In the light of these experiences I was not surprised to hear on the radio, a recent report has suggested in the year 2000 there will be more practising Muslims than practising Christians in this country. I am quite certain that in

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The clergy Pensions Measure comes into effect from 1998. It provides for a new funding partnership. We will continue to



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pay for all existing clergy pensions and pension rights earned up to the date of change. Parishes and dioceses will pay for pension rights earned in the future. We expect to spend above one-third of our capital on pensions over about 60 years. We will spend about £60 million between 1998 and 2002 to help dioceses phase in the impact of the cost of pension contributions.

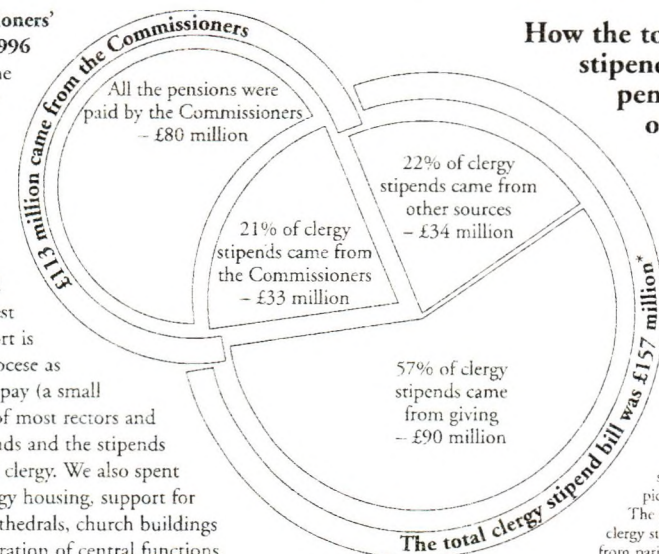
The income from our remaining capital will help to provide extra stipends support focused on the parochial ministry in the needier dioceses, as well as the statutory payments due to most rectors and vicars. It will also pay for bishops' ministry and stipends for some cathedral clergy, who we have a legal duty to support arising from our strong historical connections. We plan to provide a minimum of £20 million per annum towards stipends, rising in line with stipends from 2003.

Together, these measures lay the foundation for a renewed partnership for funding the Church's nationwide ministry.

## Sharing the Cost of the Church's Ministry

The Commissioners'  
Expenditure in 1996

Most of our income is spent on clergy pensions and stipends. Last year we contributed £113 million. Most of our stipends support was allocated selectively, and the majority of this was concentrated on the 12 neediest dioceses. The rest of our stipends support is paid to clergy in every diocese as part of our legal duty to pay (a small part) of the stipends of most rectors and vicars, bishops' stipends and the stipends of some cathedral clergy. We also spent £23 million on clergy housing, support for bishops and cathedrals, church buildings and administration of central functions.



\* These figures show the national picture. The proportions for the clergy stipend bill will vary from parish to parish.



## WHAT IS A CARER?

Carers are people whose lives can become restricted by taking responsibility for the care of someone who, due to severe illness, disability or frailty is unable to manage alone. They can be mothers, fathers, daughters, sons, neighbours or friends, and come from all racial, ethnic and religious backgrounds.

The role of the carer needs to be recognised and valued, as does the carer's need for information, emotional support, the occasional break from caring and the right to be consulted on the planning and provision of services.

Should you need help, or wish to know how you can help more, contact:-

**Sheffield Carers centre, 33-35, Charles Street, S1 2HU or Tel: 278 8942**

**GOOD QUALITY CLOTHES SALE** at our Church School on Tuesday, 10th June from 8.00pm. Ladies and childrens wear will be for sale, and a changing room will be available. Income from this event will help boost School Funds. Tickets are £1.50 (to include a glass of wine or fruit juice) and can be obtained from the School Office or any PTA Committee Member. Joan S.

**THANK YOU** to all who contributed to the costs of paying for **all** of our new Hymn books -Music and Words Editions. Thanks too to Martin Loft for his expert calligraphy on the Dedication Labels for each copy.

**THANK YOU** also to Peter and Eileen Davies for their excellent work on our Church garden. Special thanks to Peter for his sterling work cutting the beach hedge in preparation for our Summer Fair.

**THANK YOU** from Marjorie and Peter to all who have been supporting them since Marjorie had her Major operations in February and April. Now that the operations are over (including a small '4 stitcher' on her wrist) she is starting the Chemotherapy Treatment. Peter writes..."Without your prayers, your love and your concern, we would have had difficulty during these uncertain times. God does answer prayer, and we bless Him for giving us a family like All Saints. Please don't stop praying; you are our lifeline. You perhaps will never know how you have helped us until we all come to Him who loves to hear us pray and to answer prayer."

Bless you all. Marjorie and Peter.

## LADIES CLUB

On Tuesday, June 3rd, we shall meet for an evening of Flower Arranging by Gail Helmsley. On June 17th, Eileen Mason will be Hostess, and will show her video "Sacred Fire" about the Atomic Mirror Pilgrimage. We look forward to seeing you on both occasions.

Margaret B.

## STRAWBERRY TEAS

Each Saturday in July, we plan to sell teas to visitors and the fruit pickers. We would welcome gifts of scones, cakes, jam, cream, etc. as well as lots of offers of help in order to support families of Cerebral Palsy sufferers.

Angela W. & Margaret B.

## OUR YEAR OF WELCOME ....SUMMER FAIR

**On SATURDAY, JUNE 21st, we have a wonderful opportunity for our Church to meet lots of visitors and to introduce them to "All Saints". This will only be possible if every member of our Church Family helps in some way. Please can you give 2 or 3 hours to help on the stalls, serve teas, run games, or help to set out and clear up. Please sign the notice in the Hall as soon as possible. All funds will be given to Transport 17, Mind, and the Church Housing Trust. Thank you in advance.**

David.

## SO - WHAT'S NEW?

.... We trained hard, but it seemed that every time we were beginning to form up into teams, we would be reorganised. I was to learn later in life that we tend to meet any new situation by reorganisation, and a wonderful method it can be for creating the illusion of progress, whilst providing confusion, inefficiency and demoralisation ....

*Gaius Petronius, died in A.D.66*



## Parish Rotas for JUNE.

### Coffee Rota

**June** 1st Mavis Kirton, Betty Houldcroft, Roma Webb  
 8th Beth Booth, Pauline & Alan Shepherdson  
 15th Valerie & Martin Loft, Brenda Lewis  
 22nd Angela & Glyn Waite, Margaret Benson  
 29th Kath Lloyd, Dorothy Smith, Dorothy Firth.

### Sidesmen.

|                  | 8.00am            | 10.00am          | 6.30pm            |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| <b>June:</b> 1st | Mr K. Filleul     | Mr F. H. Cooke   | Mrs S. Sturgeon   |
|                  |                   | Mr N. Hayden     | Mrs M. Snowdon    |
| 8th              | Mr A. Ludlam      | Mrs C. Booth     | Mr J. A. England  |
|                  |                   | Mrs C. Billard   | Mr P. Purkiss     |
| 15th             | Miss A. E. Baldry | Mrs A. Powell    | Mr P. Purkiss     |
|                  |                   | Mr J. Lawry      | Mr E. Simons      |
| 22nd             | Miss H. Perfect   | Mr A. Webb       | Mr H. Mayson      |
|                  |                   | Mrs M. Warrender | Mrs S. Sturgeon   |
| 29th             | Mrs D. Cooke      | Mrs L. Hayden    | Miss A. E. Baldry |
|                  |                   | Mr A. Webb       | Miss H. Perfect   |

### Creche

**June:** 1st Ann & Helen Powell  
 8th Mavis Kirton  
 15th (Come and Worship)  
 22nd Marie Cooper  
 29th Debbie Woods

### Flowers.

|                  | Altar           | Memory Table |
|------------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>June:</b> 1st | Mrs Perkinton   | Mrs Mason    |
| 8th              | Miss Gillott    | Miss Gillott |
| 15th             | Mrs Carter      | Mrs Parsons  |
| 22nd             | Mrs Hill-Wilson | Mrs Simons   |
| 29th             | -               | Mrs Mayson   |

### Silver Cleaning Rota.

**June:** 8th -  
 22nd Mrs Carter

*From the*

*Registers...*

### BAPTISMS:

May 11th Alice May Raven, 26, The Quadrant.  
 18th Abigail Louise Marshall, 77, Green Oak Avenue  
 25th Helen Olivia Noble, 31, The Grove.

### WEDDINGS:

None this month

### FUNERALS:

May 21st Alan Harvey (78), 9, Totley Grange Drive

We shall remember all recently-bereaved families, together with the following from our Memorial Book, at our Memorial Service on Sunday, June 29th at 6.30pm:-

Edward Roberts, John Sullivan, Elaine Clark, Violet Hannan, Jessie Leeson, Janet Raven, Charles Thompson, Rose Askham, William White, Elizabeth Brownell, Eileen Bryer, Elsie Williams, and Sybil Cole.

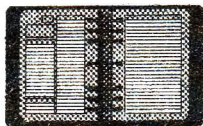
*Treat people as if they were what they ought to be, and you help them to become what they are capable of being. (Goethe)*

*When legalism replaces pastoral concern, the Gospel is well and truly nullified. (Father Edmund Wheat S.S.M.- commentary on Michael Lapsley's book "Priest and Partisan", who lost both hands and one eye by a letter bomb during his Christian opposition to apartheid and apparently lacking support from higher authority)*

### Enquiries

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 telephone the Vicar on 236 2322.





## JUNE

|  |      |           |   |
|--|------|-----------|---|
| Mon  | 2nd  | 3.15pm    | Contemplative Prayer group-20, Totley Gr.Drive. |
| Tue  | 3rd  | 7.30pm    | Ladies Club-Flower Arranging-Lounge.            |
| Thu  | 5th  | 7.45pm    | Standing Committee at the Vicarage.             |
| Sat  | 7th  | 2.30pm    | Wedding of Andrew Rose & Claire Williams.       |
| Tues   | 10th | 10.30am   | Martha and Mary group meet in the Hall          |
|  |      | 8.00pm    | Quality Clothes Sale-Church School Hall         |
| Thur   | 12th | 8.00pm    | PCC meets in the Hall lounge.                   |
| Sat  | 14th | 2.00pm    | Wedding of Michael Shaw & Charlotte Hirst.      |
| Sun  | 15th | 10.00am   | 'Come & Worship'-visit of Linda Chambers.       |
| Mon  | 16th | 3.15pm    | Contemplative Prayer group-20, Totley Gr.Drive  |
| Tue  | 17th | 7.30pm    | Ladies Club- Hostess Evening.                   |
| Wed & Thurs  |      |           | Lincoln Agricultural Show-County Showground.    |
| <b>SAT 21st 2.00pm SUMMER FAIR-all very welcome!</b> |      |           |   |
| "  | "    | 11.20am   | John Lawry abseiling from Hallamshire Hospital. |
| Mon  | 23rd | 9.30am    | Collation of the June Magazine-Hall.            |
| Sat  | 28th | Afternoon | Cheshire Home Summer Fete                       |
| Mon  | 30th | 3.15pm    | Contemplative Prayer Group-20, Totley Gr.Drive. |

## BEACHIEF ABBEY

**SAT.7th JUNE: A One Act Play**

**SAT.14th JUNE: Ecclesall Male Voice Choir.**

**SAT.21st JUNE: An evening of Gilbert & Sullivan.**

**SAT.28th JUNE: Newfield Concert Band.**

**Tickets (£5/£4) from 30, Meadowhead,S8 7UD.**

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### Saying for Stillness

" You must be holy, because I, the Lord  
your God, AM holy"

*(Leviticus 19,verse 2)*

*Final date for items to be included in the  
July issue will be Sunday, 15th of June.*

### Organisations (and meetings in the Church Hall).

|                   |         |                                  |          |
|-------------------|---------|----------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | 10.00am | "Young Saints"                   |          |
|                   |         | Kath Lloyd                       | 236 7056 |
| <b>Monday:</b>    | 10.00am | Drop in Coffee                   |          |
|                   |         | Maurice and Marjorie Snowdon     | 236 2822 |
|                   | 3.30pm  | Junior choir practice in Church  |          |
|                   |         | Stella Jockel                    | 236 9413 |
|                   | 7.00pm  | Guides                           |          |
|                   |         | Dorothy Firth                    | 236 4190 |
|                   | 9.00pm  | Prayer meeting in the Lounge     |          |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | 7.30pm  | Ladies Club (1st and 3rd)        |          |
|                   |         | Margaret Benson                  | 236 2322 |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | 10.00am | Parent and Toddler Group         |          |
|                   |         | Tracey Evans                     | 235 1968 |
|                   | 6.15pm  | "Trailblazers" (Children's club) |          |
|                   |         | Ric Gray                         | 236 9204 |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | 2.00pm  | Under Fives Praise (1st and 3rd) |          |
|                   |         | Roma Webb                        | 262 1049 |
|                   | 7.00pm  | Choir practice in Church         |          |
|                   |         | Stella Jockel                    | 236 9413 |
|                   | 8.00pm  | Standing committee (1st)         |          |
|                   |         | PCC (2nd)                        |          |

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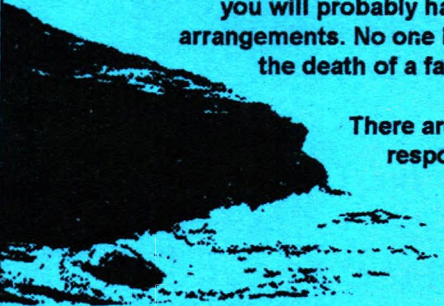
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|  |                    |                          |          |
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|  | Maurice Snowdon,   | 1 Quarry Road            | 236 2822 |
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|                     |                 |                   |          |
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### Church Hall:

|                           |              |                      |          |
|---------------------------|--------------|----------------------|----------|
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|                      |                |                        |          |
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Articles, letters, etc. for publication in this magazine are welcome, and may be placed in the box in Church.

## From the Vicar...

Dear Friends,

### GETTING AWAY FROM IT ALL!

School holidays here again...families will be dashing around putting together all the necessary bits and pieces that are needed for the average family holiday. Tents and Caravaners will be checking pegs, awnings, gas, water and waste containers, and batteries; Bed and Breakfasters will need maps and books giving details of farmhouses, etc; Hotel types need to ensure that all bookings made are confirmed; those going to Centre Parks or some Holiday Camps will need to do the same; and Walkers and Bikers will need to check their boots, bikes, rucksacks, and...the Kendal Mint Cake!

Why all this frenzied activity for just two or three weeks? Is it all worth it in the long run? "Of course it is" you all say....until the packing and the sorting gets on top of you, and the children persist in getting in the way! Yet, once you arrive at your chosen destination, or begin your chosen activity, all that preparation does seem worth while.

It is vital to have a time for recreation. In fact, that word has two parts... re-creation, in other words to renew something. What is it that we hope to renew on our holiday? Perhaps several things...if you have been teaching all year, you will need to renew your creative strength; Mothers who have been cooking and cleaning will need to be waited on; those with physical occupations need to simply relax or take up a different interest; those who work with people everyday need to renew their spiritual vision. All this would be approved of by Jesus if He were to come in the flesh. Many times in His earthly Ministry, Jesus withdrew from His people to be alone, to renew His spiritual strength. We all need to do the same from time to time.

May God give you and your family a truly restful break.

With all good wishes.

*David.*



## SERVICES IN AUGUST

### 3rd: PENTECOST 11:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)-**Theme:Praying in times of difficulty.**  
 Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12.  
 Gospel: Matthew 5:10-12  
 6.30pm 'First Sunday' Service -**Outdoor Praise.**

### 10th PENTECOST 12:

8.00am Holy Communion(BCP)  
 10.00am Holy Communion(ASB) **Theme:The Power of Christ displayed**  
 with Baptism of Liam Alfred Jackson(Alf Croft's Grandson)  
 Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-12  
 Gospel: Matthew 24: 1-31  
 6.30pm Evensong(ASB)  
 Old Testament: Isaiah 49: 1-6.  
 New Testament: 2 Corinthians 5: 14 - 6: 2

### 17th PENTECOST 13:

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am "Come & Worship" All-Age Service.  
 6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)  
 Epistle: Acts 7: 54 - 8: 1.  
 Gospel: John 16: 1-11.

### 24th PENTECOST 14:

8.00am Holy Communion(BCP)  
 10.00am Holy Communion(ASB)-**Theme:Proclaiming God's Message.**  
 Epistle 2 Thessalonians 3: 1-5.  
 Gospel: Luke 10: 1-12.  
 6.30pm Memorial Service.

### 31st PENTECOST 15:

8.00am Holy Communion(BCP)  
 10.00am Holy Communion(ASB)- **Theme:Continue..at any cost!**  
 Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-18  
 Gospel: Matthew 12: 1-14.  
 6.30pm Evensong(BCP)  
 Old Testament: Isaiah 45: 1-7.  
 New Testament: Matthew 22: 15-22.

## *Events.*

### CONTINUING OUR "YEAR OF WELCOME"

Various Events, Services, etc have  
 been arranged for you and your friends  
 to come along and enjoy.....

**FANCY A TRIP TO HORNSEA FREEPORT?**  
**(FORMERLY CALLED HORNSEA POTTERY)**

**ON SATURDAY, SEPT. 20TH A COACH WILL LEAVE  
 TOTLEY AT 9.00AM VISITING HORNSEA AND  
 BRIDLINGTON (LEAVING AT 6.00PM)**

**If you would like to go, hurry, and sign up on the list in the  
 Church Hall. Adults: £6 and Children: £4..**

### HARVEST FESTIVAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

A special "Come & Worship" All-Age Service  
 will be held at 10am.

**VISITING PREACHER: Revd. David Williams,**  
**(Vicar of Dore and our new Rural Dean)**  
**HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES**  
**at 8am (Prayer Book) & 6.30pm (ASB)**

**FAMILY EVENING CONCERT**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4th**  
 to be held in the Church Hall  
**(Watch this space for further details)**



## AGENT OF CHANGE

Sharing and office with Mary, a woman who was charged with the responsibility of 'changing the culture' amongst the admin and clerical staff within a small department of three separate buildings in the health service was an interesting experience that others may well relate to.

Paula was a very experienced personal secretary to an established consultant and was senior to two other secretaries in the adjacent office. She used an old style word processor and had an electric typewriter on standby by her right arm (for typing envelopes). She became very flustered at the thought of the new Microsoft word system and would only consider going on a course that excluded junior staff members.

Pat, always smiling and pleasant, and twenty years younger than Paula was desperate to convert her temporary contract to full-time and eagerly applied for courses that would smooth the process. She was keen to adopt the new system, since she was using one of Paula's old typewriters. Lacking in self confidence she had grave doubts that she would be good enough to effect the change personally, yet could see great benefits it could bring.

Petra, also pleasant and easy in manner got on very well with her office mate Pat and although close in age they worked for different departments. She had a new computer with all the up to date software and could easily correct any work to a very high standard. Her self confidence, speed and accuracy were enhanced by the new system which enabled her to communicate directly with her manager, to monitor his every movement through an electronic diary and send copies to his laptop for direct approval. She had plenty of time to assist Pat with her work, but was not allowed to let her use her departmental equipment.

The general trend was towards the new equipment and nothing less than every department 'on line' at the same time would be possible since each department must enter their bed occupancy and staffing figures daily through the system and be analysed through a network of like machines.

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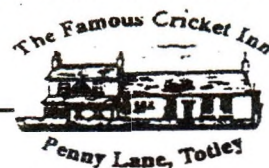
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## Agent of Change (continued)

Mary had to effect the change in this as well as two other departments simultaneously. She was new and had no knowledge of admin and clerical work, knew nothing about the staff and had previously failed in a management position in another department. Previously unwell and supporting a dependent relative she was on more than one occasion reduced to tears as each personal slight landed on her doorstep from her new staff and their supporters. As the system came on board the staff grew more hostile and attacks became more personal.

The system was fully operational within a years but Mary had by then begun her long term sickness. No one would wish to return to what is laughingly referred to as the days of chalk and slate, nor give Mary credit since she was instructed to effect the change by others. The complaints about Mary's style disappeared as she was buried along with the hatchets in the grave and no polite person should speak ill of the dead.

Graham Webb

## THAT'S CHAMPION

A BIG THANK YOU to the most generous members of All Saints' Church who paid for the coach fares and the admission for five people to attend the CHAMPION OF THE WORLD event at Wembley on 28th June.

The event was AWESOME, with well over 50,000 in the stadium praying for the nation and praising God. The mangement of Wembley said they had never seen such a well organised event and well behaved crowd, and even some of the stewards were seen to break their folded arms poses and praise and dance.

I'll leave it to others to tell you more about the day, needless to say it was "CHAMPION".

Ric Gray

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## UGH!

How does the spider get into the bath? Some people insist that it climbs up the waste-pipe, and they always keep the plug in the plug hole to prevent such unauthorised entry. It is pointed out to them that since the spider is unable to climb up the sloping sides of the bath, it is unlikely to be able to climb up a vertical pipe, they insist that the pipe is coated with a layer of soap which gives the spider's feet enough grip to get up. The presence of water in the u-bend need not be an insuperable barrier, if you are convinced that a spider can hold its breath while it swims round the bend. Just what the beast is doing in the waste-pipe in the first place is rather obscure. My mother always held that it is useless to keep the plug in the plug hole, since any self-respecting spider can easily lift the plug by bracing most of its feet against the grating, and pushing with the other ones.

The theory that spiders live in the overflow pipe, and sometimes lose their footing as they emerge, before they reach the safety of the bath surround, is not worthy of serious consideration. Another explanation is that spiders sometimes for unknown reasons fall off the ceiling. If they make a soft landing on the floor, they can scuttle away unseen. It is only when they fall into the bath that their presence is noted.

If you consider that the bath occupies an area of only about twelve square feet (fairly small compared with the total floor area of the house) it suggests that there is a fairly constant drip of spiders in every room. So it would be possible to produce a formula giving the total number of spiders falling throughout the house during a day, based upon the frequency with which one specimen is found in the bath. On the other hand, it maybe that it is only the occasional particularly stupid spider which loses its grip. Another theory is that the inhalation of bath essence fumes renders some particularly susceptible specimens incapable of climbing polished surfaces, and that the healthier specimens scramble out without difficulty. In both cases the survival of the fittest will ensure that such stupidity disappears within a few million

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## **SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS**

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## **ADAM'S CHILDREN**

With time and prayer the Bible gets better and better! It is only now that I am beginning to grasp what astonishing vision and insight was given to that unknown man or woman who, under God, wrote for us those first two chapters of Genesis. Our knowledge today of the possible time-scales and ways of happening of creation - big bang and all that - is unimaginably greater than that of three or four thousand years ago but I do not think we can improve on the Genesis understanding of the relationship of God and His creation, of us human beings to God and of us human beings to the rest of the natural world.

And Genesis Truth challenges every form of racism. Every human being is both "made in God's image and after God's likeness" and also genetically linked to every other human being: we are all Adam's children and God's children.

In this century we have seen uncountable millions of our fellow human beings - Armenians, Jews, Hutus, - murdered for no other reason but their race. In this decade in our own country we have seen young men murdered simply because they were black. And with increasing virulence in this last year or two we have been encouraged to hate and despise even those neighbours in Europe who share with us a common faith and culture but who are not "British". Here we dare not be content with half measures. All racism is of the Devil. We Bible-believing Christians have no choice: we must be in the front line of the battle against racism. For we know that we are all Adam's Children.

### **AND BROTHER TO THE OX**

Genesis Truth too compels us to be "green". For it reminds us that we share with the rest of the natural creation the privilege of having been made by God. That writer knew nothing of Charles Darwin and Evolution, but he did know that there was a linking ladder between the "plants yielding seed", "every living creature with which the water swarm", "every winged bird", "cattle and creeping things" and us humans. And Adam is given responsibility for the whole of our planet. We are in this Garden to "till it and keep it" - not to destroy it.

Thank you for your friendship and kindness all these years. May God guide and bless you always.

DAVID LUNN  
Bishop of Sheffield

P.S. For fourteen years with abundant skill, great patience, and much tact Canon Taylor has edited and guided this Diocesan News. Thank you very much.



## Second Year, second miles!

Barnby Dun Church, near Doncaster is organising for a second year, a Sponsored Cycle Ride to support the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust. Contact Mr. A. Ladley Tel: 01302 886062 for more information.

## Michaelmas Concert

Sheffield Chorale present a varied programme including light classical, spiritual and part songs at **St John's Church, Ranmoor on Saturday 20th September** at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £5 (concessions £3.50) and available by phoning 0114 266 1076 or 0114 250 8997 or calling at Sheffield Music Shop, Whitham Road, Broomhill.

## St Wilfrid's Church, Hickleton, near Doncaster

invites readers to visit Hickleton on the Eve of the Assumption of Our Lady on Thursday 14th August at 7.30 p.m. for Solemn Vespers with Preacher Canon Peter Cobb, Master of the Guardians of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, with outdoor procession of Our Lady and Solemn Benediction on the front lawn of Hickleton Hall, and to the 11th Annual Art Festival on the Bank Holiday, Sunday 24th 12 noon - 7 p.m., Monday 25th 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Tuesday 26th 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. with hundreds of original paintings by local artists on display and for sale in the beautiful 15th century church. Light refreshments and souvenirs.

## B. T. Voices for Hospices

British Telecom are promoting a special performance of Handel's Messiah on Saturday 18th October at the City Hall, Sheffield. Taking place at the same time at many places throughout the U.K. and in 32 other countries, it will be an event not to be missed with professional soloists and orchestra and a choir of 350 of Sheffield's best choral singers. Proceeds are for St. Luke's Hospice, and tickets available from the City Hall, Ponds Forge, the Arena, the Lyceum/Crucible and the University of Sheffield Students' Union.

## St Cuthbert's Church, Fishlake near Doncaster

is famous for its bats, and for its Annual Art Exhibition and Sale, which this year is from 23rd-25th August daily 1 p.m. - 6 p.m., with a selection of Craft Stalls and Refreshments. Visitors will be most welcome.

## St. Helen's, Burghwallis

Craft Fair and Patronal Festival is on Saturday and Sunday, 16th & 17th August from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. each day. Craft Fair in the Church Hall, Abbe's walk, and Tea & Cakes. Why not visit the beautiful Saxon Church with Songs of Praise on Sunday at 6 p.m. Car parking in Church Drive.

## St. Mary's Church, Tickhill

holds a Flower Festival from 21st - 25th August from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. (except Sunday Services), with refreshments available.

## Appointments

**The Reverend Julian Raffay**, Assistant Chaplain, Derby City General Hospital in the Diocese of Derby to be Team Vicar of Gleadless from September 1997.

**Ms Margaret Halsey**, Industrial Mission in South Yorkshire to be Director of Laity Development in the Diocese of Manchester.

**The Reverend Graham Marcer**, Vicar of Balby to be also Rural Dean of West Doncaster from 1 July 1997.

**The Reverend David Morling**, NSM, Parklands St. Wilfrid in the Diocese of Chichester to be Priest in Charge of All Saints Intake and Holy Trinity Doncaster from August 1997.

**The Reverend Hilary Jowett** to be Assistant Curate of Mosborough St. Mark from September 1997.

**The Reverend Hugh Palmer**, Associate Vicar of Fulwood to be Vicar of Fulwood from December 1997.

**The Reverend Dr. Martyn Percy**, Chaplain and Director of Theology and Religious Studies, Christ's College Cambridge to be Director of the Lincoln Theological Institute for the Study of Religion and Society in the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Reverend Canon Roy Arnold** to be Canon Emeritus of the Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, Sheffield

## Lay Appointments:

**John Wilson** to be Parish Evangelist of Kendray.

**Andrew Chadwick** to be Parish Evangelist of St. Thomas Crooks.

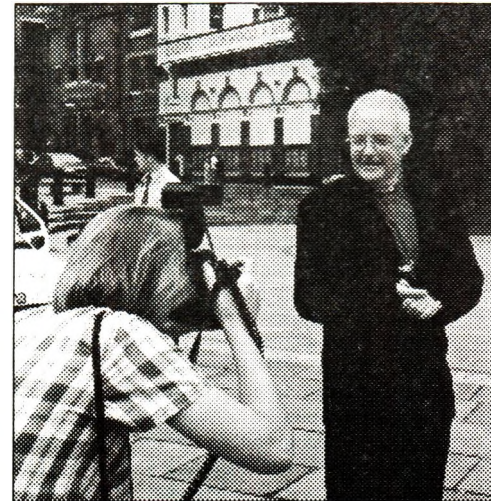
**Pauline Cusworth** to work with the Cathedral Breakfast and Archer Projects.

**Deborah Orriss** to be the Laughton Deanery Youth Worker.

**Tim Smith** to be Youth Evangelist in the Parish of St. Leonard Norfolk Park.

## NEW BISHOP OF SHEFFIELD

The next Bishop of Sheffield is to be the Rt. Revd. Jack Nicholls who is at present Bishop of Lancaster in the Diocese of Blackburn. His appointment was announced by Downing Street on Wednesday June 18th. He will succeed the present Bishop, the Rt. Revd David Lunn who retires at the end of August.



**Being snapped by "Yorkshire Post" photographer on the day his Yorkshire post - as the next Bishop of Sheffield - was announced, Bishop Jack Nicholls outside Sheffield Cathedral on June 18th, 1997.**

Bishop Nicholls (53) is a Lancashire man having been born and brought up in the Rossendale Valley. He was educated at Bacup and Rawtenstall Grammar School and Kings College, London. For most of his ministry he has worked in the Diocese of Manchester first as Curate at St. Clement with St. Cyprian, Ordsall, Salford - the original "Coronation Street" parish - and then for nine years as Curate and later Vicar of All Saints and Martyrs, Langley - a large council estate to the North of Manchester where he says "the people taught me how to be a priest". In 1978 he became Director of Pastoral Studies at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield and five years later was appointed a Residentiary Canon of Manchester Cathedral. He became Bishop of Lancaster in the Diocese of Blackburn in 1990.

Bishop Jack (as he prefers to be known) has been closely involved in the fostering and developing of vocations to the priesthood of the Church of England both in the parish, at theological college and as Director of Post Ordination Training in Manchester. He has been closely involved with Parish Missions, retreat work and Spiritual Direction particularly of the clergy. He has ordained women to the Priesthood in the Diocese of Blackburn but has always been keen to

listen to those opposed on this issue. "The important thing is that we hold things together" he says. This year he will be leading a Mission in the Diocese of Blackburn and in Bloemfontein, South Africa. In addition to his Diocesan responsibilities he is Warden of the Community of St. Mary the Virgin, Wantage (an Anglican Convent) and he has been President of the Lancaster and District Homeless Action Service and President of Age Concern Lancashire.

He is co-author of "A Faith worth sharing? A Church worth joining?". He enjoys music (mainly pre 20th Century) especially classical and baroque. He used to sing but gets little opportunity now and he enjoys history and "watching rubbish on T.V....mainly films".

Bishop Jack is married to Judith and they have four children: Antony (26), Michael (23), Rachel (19) and Clare (18). They have one grandchild - Jack - who was born in 1995. Mrs Nicholls works as a Nursery Nurse in a Primary School. At present she is learning Sign Language and recently made her debut as a member of a local Signing Choir. Antony works at the Midland Hotel, Manchester; Michael is doing post graduate studies at UMIST, Rachel is studying "Physical Theatre" at Salford University and Clare is taking her A Levels hoping to go on to Manchester University.

The Bishop hopes to take up his work in Sheffield in the New Year. In the intervening months (after August 31st) the Bishop of Doncaster - the Rt. Revd. Michael Gear - will have pastoral oversight of the Diocese.

## New Editor

The new Editor of the Diocesan News is the Revd. Peter Gascoigne, St. Luke's Vicarage, The Circle, New Rossington, Doncaster. DN11 0QP. Tel: 01302 868288. Copy for the October issue of the News should be sent to him by 20th August.

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## A Date for your Diary

Unemployment and the Future of Work is the title of a day to help church members understand unemployment and work and what to do about it pastorally as a community and politically. National Speakers Workshops are on 8th October 11 a.m. - 3.30 p.m. at the Hallam Pastoral Centre or 10th October 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. and 11th October 10 a.m. - noon at Church House. Further information from Faith in the City and Social Responsibility Committees on 01709 512448.

## Concert

by Young Peoples Gospel Choir on Saturday 6th September at 7 p.m. at St. Christopher & St. James, Bellhouse Road, Shiregreen, Sheffield. £1 at the door. All are welcome.

## Argentina - Sheffield Diocesan Link

A pack of resource materials specifically designed for children's groups about life in Argentina has been compiled. The Pack costs £1, and could be used in children's groups, for a Lenten Project, or even as a gift to children under 11 years old. The Pack, available from Diocesan Church House Resource Office, is a wonderful way of introducing children to the world wide church.

## Anyone for the Holy Land?

The Revd. Bob Fitzharris is leading a tour of the Holy Land from 24th November - 1st December this year. Departure will be from Manchester Airport, saving the trouble of a journey to London, and while in Israel accommodation will be in 4 star hotels. Further details and booking forms from: Bentley Vicarage, 3a High Street, Bentley, Doncaster DN5 0AA. Tel or Fax (01302) 876272.

## Building Missionary Congregations

is the title of a day led by Robert Warren, the Church of England's National Officer for Evangelism, at the Bailey Suite, Rotherham on Wednesday 17th September from 10 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.. The programme is designed for clergy and church members, who can then work together on ideas when they return to their local situation. More details from: David Sherwin, Diocesan Church House, 95-99 Effingham Street, Rotherham. S65 1BL. 01709 511116.

## Something to tell?

The Faith in the City and Social Responsibility Committees would be delighted to hear stories of what parishes and churches in the Diocese are doing - from raising money for cystic fibrosis to starting a cafe. They would also like to know of any support or help that parishes would value. They might not be able to help directly, but they will certainly know someone who can! Contact them at Diocesan Church House at Rotherham.

## Obituaries

It is with sadness that we record the deaths of the Revd Herbert F. Friess on 3rd April (born in 1909) and his wife Hildegard (born in 1907) on 1st May in County Mayo, Ireland. During and after the War, Herbert had served in the Attercliffe Parishes and in Elsecar. The Revd. John Barbour Pears, who will be particularly remembered for his chaplaincy work in the Sheffield Hospitals, died on 31st May at the Church of England Pension Board's Nursing Home, Manorhead in Surrey aged 86.

## The Revd John Barbour Pears R.I.P.

The Revd Tony Stratford writes of John's life and ministry. "I first met John Pears at Whirlow Grange, a place to which he frequently returned. He was a delightful companion, with his conversation enlivened through years of experience in hospital chaplaincy work. Some years after my own retirement, and when Hilda and I moved to Dulverton Hall in Scarborough, who should be one of the first residents there to welcome us but John Pears, with his characteristic smile, his gentle nature and his sincerity. Many people will remember John. His chaplaincy work in Sheffield Hospitals over 15 years was legendary, and the people of St. Cuthbert's, Fir Vale remember him lovingly. To have known John was to have known a "good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith." Just over a year ago, John's health began to fail and he moved to Manorhead in Surrey where he died. I, and many others will never forget him. May he rest in peace."

## Social Action Groups

Does your church have a Social Action Group, or would it like to be part of one? If so, why not come to an evening and a morning with the Social Responsibility Committee at Whirlow Grange on February 27th evening and 28th morning (1998). The sessions will be looking at: what support would participants like, what does the SRC do, where is God in what we do, and how can parish links be made more effective. Make a note of the dates.

## Church Urban Fund Grants Update

**St Leonard's, Norfolk Park:** A grant of £21,000 over 3 years to support the employment of a Church Army Youth Worker from St. Leonard's to work with young people in the Foyer Project and detached youth work.

## Wildwood Furniture Recycling Project:

A grant of £16,000 over 2 years towards salary costs of workers in the furniture recycling project - a part of Bentley Association for Supportive Help (B.A.S.H.) The project collects and distributes basic furniture items to families in need in the parishes of Adwick le Street, New Bentley, Hexthorpe and surrounding areas. A much needed grant for an important piece of work.

## ugh! (continued)

years. Yet again, there may be a breed of sadistic spiders that deliberately sit in order to terrify people.

You can go on creating theories like this for a long time, but the spider is still in the bath. Theologians and scientists sometimes seem to behave something like this. They can offer us a range of possibilities and theories and dogmas, each of which is likely to be refuted eventually, but the facts remain as we experience them. As far as I am concerned the presence of God in my life is as real as the presence of the spider in the bath.

*Martin Loft*

## HOW'S YOUR GEOGRAPHY?

Some years ago we met Dr. Vincent Jayakumar and his wife Swarup when he was doing research at Warwick University. They both attended our church, and have written to us regularly since they returned to their home city of Madurai in South India. Vincent recently told us that he is the President of a Building Committee, which is trying to raise funds to complete a new Church to accommodate their growing congregation, and asked us for some help. We have devised a Quiz, consisting of 60 questions, the answers to which are all names of English rivers. If you would like to take part, please ask us for a copy, and return it to us with your answers by 1st September, with a donation of £1. First Prize is £10.

Valerie and Martin Loft, 10, Quarry Road. Tel: 236 0759.

## ALTAR and MEMORY TABLE

There are a few vacancies on the flower list for both these locations. If anyone would like to do the flowers, please contact Dorothy Simons. 236 937.

Thank You



### OUR NEW RURAL DEAN

I know it sounds odd to call someone working in Sheffield 'rural', but that's how the C. of E. works. The Revd. David Williams, Vicar of Dore, has been chosen to fill the post made vacant by the impending retirement of the Revd. Ken Jones, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Millhouses. We warmly welcome David (who will be our Guest Preacher at our Harvest Festival "Come & Worship" Service on Sept. 21st) and we say a very sincere thank you to Ken, and his wife Sheila, for their hard work in our Deanery these past three years. We hope you have a long and happy retirement. David.

### PRAYING IN AUGUST

Not that we give up praying after August...but the tradition has been to have a time of prayer, in Church, at 8pm each Wednesday during August. We invite Christians from all the Churches in Totley to come and spend an hour with us. The 7.30am prayer group will transfer to the 8pm slot for August.

### FOOTPRINTS

Jane Needham wishes to commend to anyone who might need help the work of the "Footprints" Christian Counselling Service. This agency is based at Carterknowle Community Rooms in Edgedale Road (Tel: 258 7495). A leaflet about their work is displayed in the Hall. Jane will happily talk to anyone in the strictest confidence. Her number is 236 8935.

### COOKS REQUIRED.....URGENTLY!!

Ladies or gentlemen are urgently required to cook for the Dore & Totley Lunch Club/Day Centre in order that we can keep it open on a weekly basis. This Club (held on Tuesdays at the URC Church on Totley Brook Road) is for housebound people and has, thanks to the support of many volunteers, been running for the past 23+ years. There is a five week rota for cooks, but should we get plenty of volunteers, this could become less frequent. We provide a hot meal for our visitors, for which there is a generous allowance. Normally there are two cooks to share the cooking. The reward is guaranteed job satisfaction. Should you wish for more information or to discuss this further, please phone Vivien Filleul on 236 0872.

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### P.C.C. UPDATE.

The item on the agenda which took most time was to do with the Development Plan. As a result of a discussion in the previous month and also some letters addressed to the P.C.C., the Standing Committee has offered to undertake a major review of the Plan and to report its findings to the September meeting of the P.C.C. Subsequently several dates in July and August have been earmarked for this task.

In another sphere the P.C.C. received a report on the present position over the developments on the College site and the ways in which it will affect the church. The future of the land which we know as the South Lawn will have to be decided soon but also it was recognised that the building of houses so close to the church creates an opportunity for evangelism that is a real challenge.

There was a report on Stewardship in the parish - a topic that will have to be addressed again in the very near future. Also the treasurer reported on modifications which are necessary in our accounting procedures - measures which don't actually produce any more money but give the treasurer more work to do! The Diocesan Secretary has recommended that 1/3 of the church capital should be invested in Equity funds and 2/3 in Fixed Interest funds - this again is more work for the treasurer!

A copy of the Bishop of Sheffield's address to the June Synod is available from the P.C.C. secretary on request. One small but very encouraging item is that a regular men's meeting has begun and is planning to go on meeting on Tuesday evenings. This is in addition to the meetings of the Home Groups which the Mission Team are planning.

For with God all things are possible.

*Mark 10:27*



## Parish Rotas for August.

### **Coffee Rota**

**August 3rd** Ann Powell, Eileen Mason, Sue Walker  
 10th Catherine Brown, Audrey & Ron Waker  
 17th Josephine & John Collie, Marjorie Snowdon  
 24th Maureen Allum, Mavis Kirton, Roma Webb  
 31st Betty Houldcroft, Pauline & Alan Shepherdson

### **Sidesmen.**

|                   | 8.00am            | 10.00am          | 6.30pm           |
|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>August 3rd</b> | Mr K. Filleul     | Mr F. H. Cooke   | Mrs S. Sturgeon  |
|                   |                   | Mr. N. Hayden    | Mrs M. Snowdon   |
| 10th              | Mr A. Ludlam      | Mrs. C. Booth    | Mr J. A. England |
|                   |                   | Mrs C. Billard   | Mr. P. Purkiss   |
| 17th              | Miss A. E. Baldry | Mrs A. Powell    | Mr P. Purkiss    |
|                   |                   | Mr J. Lawry      | Mr E. Simons     |
| 24th              | Miss H. Perfect   | Mr A. Webb       | Mr H. Mayson     |
|                   |                   | Mrs M. Warrender | Mrs S. Sturgeon  |
| 31st              | Mrs D. Cooke      | Mrs L. Hayden    | Miss A. Baldry   |
|                   |                   | Mr. A. Webb      | Miss H. Perfect  |

### **Creche**

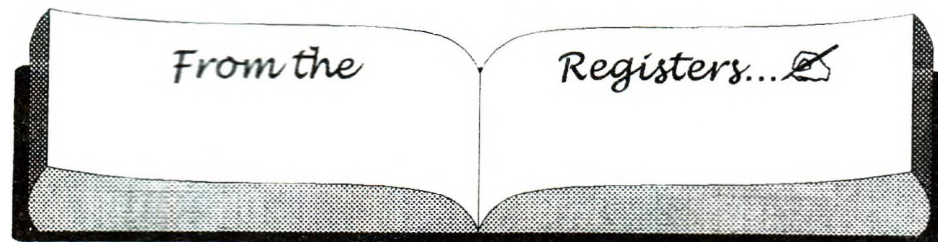
**There is no official Creche in August.**  
 (As we want to encourage families to come to the 10am Service. Perhaps an informal arrangement can be made each Sunday-except for the 17th "Come & Worship" Sunday, when we all meet in the Church)

### **Flowers.**

|                   | Altar         | Memory Table      |
|-------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| <b>August 3rd</b> | Mrs Jockel    | Mrs Hill-Pickford |
| 10th              | Mrs Holding   | -                 |
| 17th              | Mrs Pearson   | Mrs Collison      |
| 24th              | Mr Hazlehurst | Miss Bird         |
| 31st              | -             | -                 |

### **Silver Cleaning Rota.**

**August:**  
 10th Mrs Bryer  
 24th -



### **BAPTISMS:**

July 13th Sophie Louise Cook, 57, Sunnyvale Road  
 Emily Georgia Hayward, 17, The Grove

### **WEDDINGS:**

July 12th Paul Stuart Burton, of Thorpe Hesley, to  
 Julie Elizabeth Perkinson, 2, Main Avenue.

### **FUNERALS:**

July 25th Ernest Akrigg Newman(93), 42, Aldam Road.

We shall remember all recently-bereaved families, together with the following from our Memorial Book, at our Memorial Service on Sunday, August 24th 1997 at 6.30pm:-

Dora Rodwell, Laura Hall, Gertrude Mary Sullivan, Deborah Anne Jockel, Jack Ledgerd, John Bowie, Ethel Ada Coleman, Mabel Beatrice West, Charles Hill-Pickford, Beatrice Mary Gilpin, Leslie Jackson, Eric Varah, Elsie Seals, Isabelle Turner, and Dennis William Heap.

### **Enquiries**

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 telephone the Vicar on 236 2322.



## Dates for your Diary.



### AUGUST

Mon 11th 3.15pm Contemplative Prayer Group-12,Marstone Cres.  
 Tue 12th 7.30pm Standing Committee meets at the Vicarage.  
 Wed 13th 8.00pm Mission Team meet in the Lounge.  
 Mon 25th 9.30am Collation of the September Magazine.  
 3.15pm Contemplative Prayer group-12,Marston Cres.

**COFFEE & TEA ROTA**  
 Ro Carter is anxious to fill some vacancies that have occurred on this Rota for making the coffee and tea after our 10am Services. Male or Female will be most welcome...the current males on our Rota seem to make excellent cup washers! If you volunteer, it will work out at about once every eight weeks. Please contact Ro- the new Rota will be printed to start in September. Thanks.



### Saying for Stillness

"This shall be MY resting place for ever;  
 here will I dwell, for I delight in her"  
 (From the version in "Celebrating Common Prayer")  
 (Psalm 132,verse15)

Final date for items to be included in the  
 September issue will be Sunday, 17th of August.

August, 1997

## All Saints' News

### Organisations (and meetings in the Church Hall).

**Sunday:** 10.00am "Young Saints"  
 Kath Lloyd 236 7056  
**Monday:** 10.00am Drop in Coffee  
 Maurice and Marjorie Snowdon 236 2822  
 3.30pm Junior choir practice in Church  
 Stella Jockel 236 9413  
 7.00pm Guides  
 Dorothy Firth 236 4190  
 9.00pm Prayer meeting in the Lounge  
**Tuesday:** 7.30pm Ladies Club (1st and 3rd)  
 Margaret Benson 236 2322  
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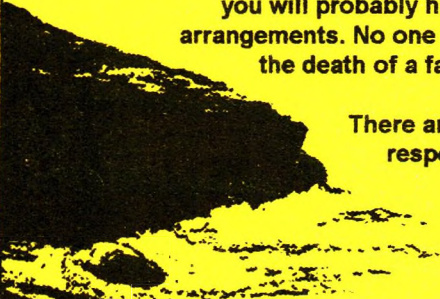
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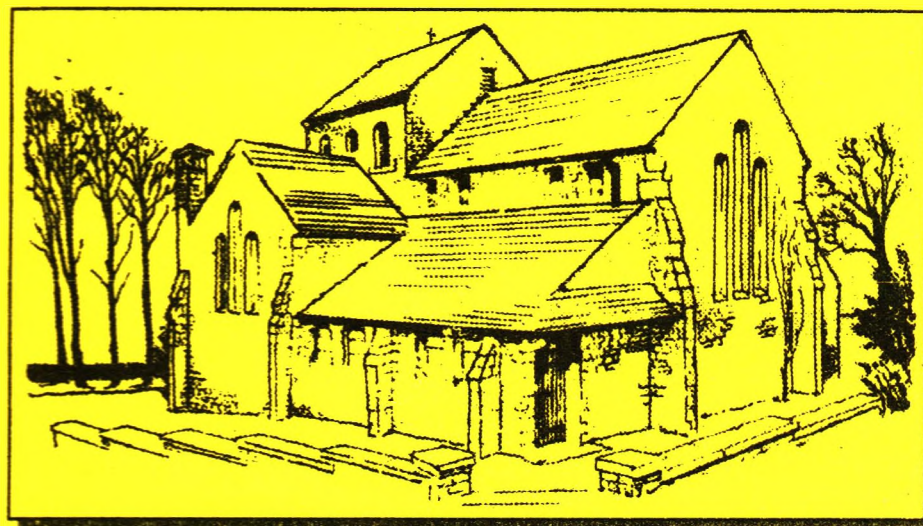
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## From the Vicar...

Dear Friends,

### SOMETHING BEAUTIFUL FOR GOD.

The deaths of Princess Diana and Mother Teresa have caused us all to look again at our lives. The words of Jesus "Whatever you did (or did not do) for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did (or did not do) for me" must now challenge us all.

Princess Diana (despite her wealth) had experienced tremendous sadness, rejection and tragedy in her family life. What love and care she had missed in her life, she transferred to others in her work amongst the outcasts of our society. Her acts of compassion (many of which only came to light after her death) were spontaneous responses to that suffering, rather than any dutiful outworking of her public position. As a recent 'Church Times' Leader commented - "If she had a personal motive for her public works, it was not the desire for fame (of which perhaps she had more than enough) but out of a need to love and be loved." Ric Gray's letter in this magazine affirms that she did 'something beautiful for God.'

Mother Teresa was without doubt a humble, devoted disciple of Jesus. Billy Graham said "she was one of the most humble and sweetest of God's servants"; Archbishop George Carey said that "Mother Teresa was a truly inspirational servant of the gospel of Jesus Christ." She died in the Calcutta that had been the base for her life's work of love and care for the homeless, the hungry, the outcast and the diseased. We pray that the R.C. Church will quickly move to bestow the title of Saint upon her..for that is what she truly was..doing 'something beautiful for God.'

The deaths of these two women should challenge us to live our lives as Jesus Christ did. Show others today that you love them; tell them what they mean to you, so that you will have no regrets if they die suddenly. Live your life reaching out to others, as Diana and Mother Teresa did do supremely.

May God bless us and help us to do just that.

*David*



## SERVICES IN OCTOBER

### 5th PENTECOST 20:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) **Theme: Story of Elisha-1. Guest Preacher**  
**Rev. Jan Hardy, Vicar of Christ Church, Pitsmoor**  
 Old Testament: 2 Kings 4: 1 - 7.  
 Gospel: Luke 6: 20 - 26.  
 11.30 am Holy Communion at The Cheshire Home.  
 12.15 pm Baptism of Richard Mark Chadburn.  
 6.30pm "First Sunday" Service - All welcome.

### 12th PENTECOST 21: CHURCH THANKSGIVING SUNDAY:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am Holy Communion (ASB) **-Theme: Giving to God.**  
 Epistle: 2 Corinthians 9: 6 - 15.  
 Gospel: Luke 6: 34 - 42.  
 2.30 pm Service at "Green Oak View" - all welcome.  
 6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
 Old Testament: Habakkuk 2: 1-4.  
 New Testament: Luke 18: 1 - 8.

### 19th Last Sunday after Pentecost :

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am "Come & Worship" All-Age Service., everyone welcome.  
 3.30 pm Service at "The Cheshire Home" - all welcome.  
 6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)  
 Epistle: Philippians 3: 7 - end.  
 Gospel: John 17: 1 - 10.

### 26th FIFTH SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT :

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am Holy Communion (ASB) **-Theme: Story of Elisha (Contd)**  
 Old Testament: 2 Kings 6: 8 - 23.  
 Gospel: Luke 6: 27 - 36.  
 6.30pm Memorial Service.

## Events.

### CONTINUING OUR "YEAR OF WELCOME"

Various Events, Services, etc have  
 been arranged for you and your friends  
 to come along and enjoy.....

### TRANSPORT 17..PIE & PEA SUPPER

Will be held in our Church Hall on **Saturday, November 1st.** Doors will be open from **6.30pm**, and the meal will be served **between 7 and 7.15pm**. The tickets will cost £3.50 to also include tea and biscuits. There will be a **slide show by Jack Cartledge..** always brilliant!! Telephone 236 2962 if you need transport -book your tickets early to help the catering. Margaret Barlow.



### ALL SAINTS' SCHOOL ...AUTUMN FAIR

- \* Saturday October 18th from 2pm to 4.30pm.
- \* Admission 30p by programme, or on the door.
- \* Stalls, childrens' games, raffles, refreshments, bouncy castle, etc.
- \* We look forward to seeing you there.

### FAMILY EVENING CONCERT

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4th**

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at 7 pm.



## DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES REST IN PEACE AND RISE IN GLORY

None of use finds it easy to accept the tragic death of a woman in her prime and especially a young mother. We feel a sense of injustice, and maybe anger. We want to ask WHY?

Christians don't have easy answers to these difficult questions. We do, however, believe that there is an answer. We believe that it is found at the cross of Jesus, where a young man, near enough the same age as Diana, suffered and died. We believe we have there a window into the heart of God. He loves us so much that He gave Jesus to die for us. We also believe that our loving God is with us in our own suffering. We are confident in believing these things, because the Cross is only part of the story. We also believe that Jesus was raised from the dead and is alive forever. That he has conquered death itself. That death is now the gateway to life eternal. We also dare to believe that in some way God is able to bring good from suffering.

None of these things means that we shall know any less grief at the loss of one we have loved, respected and admired. Diana has been delivered from her suffering, and she is now with the Lord. We are sure that she has inherited the promise of Jesus, "Where I am, you may be also". We are sure also that the strong love of God will hold her and keep her and us now and forever.

The Rev. Tony LLoyd, Executive Director of the Leprosy Mission, travelled extensively with Diana, Patron of the Mission. She told him during one of many discussions about Christianity, "I could not get through life without prayer". As God's people, we commit ourselves to praying for her family and especially William and Harry, and to reaching out to the hurting people in our society with Christ's compassion.


*Ric Gray*

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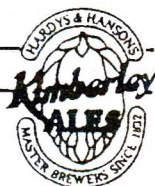
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### LADIES' CLUB

*We are always ready to welcome new members to our friendly group. If you are not already a member, why not come along on the first and third Tuesday in each month to the Church Hall at 7.30 pm. where we shall be pleased to see you.*

*7th Oct. Mrs. Spencer will be bringing her "Treasures with a Tale"*

*21st Oct Mrs. Enid Varney will be telling us about life in the rural communities of the S.W. Algarve..... "Under the Bright Wings"*

*24th Oct. Members and non members are invited to a FASHION SHOW/ SALE. TICKETS are on sale from Ladies 'Club members at £2 each inc. refreshments.*

**MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**

**FRIDAY 3RD OCTOBER AT 10 30 am IN THE CHURCH HALL**

*Please come and support our Coffee morning as part of this National event.*

### MORE AID THROUGH TRADE

The usual opportunity to help the less affluent people of the Third World will be available on **Sundays 19th and 26th October**, when the range of Christian Aid Christmas Cards and a selection of Traidcraft Products will be on sale in the Church Hall after the 10am Services. Your support will as always be much appreciated. Ken.

### DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES, MEMORIAL FUND

Josephine Collie will be selling Christmas and Peak District cards, made from her photos, on **November 16th** after Church on behalf of this charity. Please prepare to give generously!

### PARISH CHRISTMAS CARD

A card for members of our church family to sign greetings to one another for the Christmas season will as usual be in church in December. More details later.

Ro Carter.



### P. C. C. - UP-DATE.

P.C.C. meetings seem to get longer and longer but we were all conscious that we had achieved a lot at the September meeting. The first item was to warmly welcome Yvonne Twelvetree and Alan Burt as co-opted members. Then we went on to discuss the Development Plan. The modifications introduced will help to improve communication in the parish. In the coming months it is hoped that everyone will find their own personal slot or slots if they have not already done so. It will help us to become a more vibrant, active and forward looking church. The plan was discussed in the light of papers from the Diocese discussing Ministry Teams. The concept of ministry is so important that a separate page is given to it.

The P.C.C. agreed to support Ric Gray in his course which has just started. Money is being sought from various grant making bodies and of course many of us will personally want to support him and his family in whatever way we can but the church will make up the money required for the first years' tuition fees. Our treasurer was authorised to open a special account and will be pleased to receive money to fill it so that we can fulfil our intention.

Another issue requiring help from the congregation at large is the problem of staff for Young Saints. There is a very serious shortage which actually threatens to close down this important activity amongst our youngsters. Fortunately there was one volunteer from within the P.C.C. but more help is still needed - and urgently!

We noted an invitation to attend the 25th anniversary of the formation of the United Reformed Church at 10.30 a.m. on October 5th. The invitation is for everyone. Also on the ecumenical front, we agreed to try and persuade the Sheffield Council of Churches to become Churches Together in Sheffield and to avoid duplication of mailing and information.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.**

- \* Saturday November 22nd - Autumn Fair from 2pm.
- \* Sunday December 7th - Christingle Service at 4.30pm.
- \* Sunday December 21st - Carol Service at 6.30pm.
- \* Christmas Eve - Crib service at 4.30pm.

*Please come and bring all your friends to these events.*

# **SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS**

**October 1997**

## **Renewing the Cathedral**

**In the short time I have been here, I have grown very fond of the Cathedral. Ours is an endearing intriguing building, much loved by many in Sheffield for whom it is still *t'owd church*. I rarely go into the nave without finding people sitting quietly there, lighting candles or saying prayers.**

The fact that it is not a premier league building and not on the heritage tourist track releases us to discover, I think, what is really of the essence of being a cathedral.

The Howe Report defined it as being "the seat of the bishop and a centre of worship and mission". We are trying to explore how that insight, embodied in our mission statement, can become more of a reality.

You often hear it said that the church isn't buildings: it's people. That is only half the truth. We all need sacred space to resort to in order to revisit our lives, find healing for our broken selves, begin to see things as God does.

Every church building is a sacrament in stone of God's presence in the life of the world. It is a sign of his mission. It shapes the attitudes and experiences of those who come into it, not least the faith community for whom it is the regular focus of prayer. That is especially true of the cathedral building which is so visibly a symbol of 'public faith' in the city centre.

So we want to be sure that our building will continue to be an affective symbol of presence and tool of mission into the new millennium. A whole raft of maintenance tasks is now becoming urgent. The lantern will be rebuilt and new stained glass installed next year. The nave floor needs to be taken up so that the underfloor heating system, now in a state of terminal decline, can be replaced. The organ is at the end of its useful life and beyond repair. The hall needs thorough refurbishment so that the Breakfast Project can operate effectively from there.

The Cathedral's Development Group has been debating how this maintenance agenda can be turned into an opportunity to enhance the building. Its 'vision' for the building has now been accepted in principle by the Cathedral Council and work on drawing up detailed plans is about to begin.

Briefly, the aim is to enhance the church by putting down a new floor in stone, simplifying and renewing the furnishings so as to create a greater sense of freedom and space, and creating a new high sanctuary by bringing the high altar forward so that it is central to the space east of the tower, with a new *cathedra* behind it.

We also intend to install a new organ with a west-end nave division and a choir section underneath the tower. (Until then, because of the deterioration of the pipe organ, a Copeman-Hart digital organ is to be introduced at the end of the year).





## Renewing the Cathedral *(continued from the previous page)*

All this will not only renew a beautiful interior and enable us to celebrate the liturgy more effectively. It will also make the building more serviceable for the needs of the people who use it. At the same time, we are proposing to improve disabled access from the Narthex, and to extend the hall by building an additional floor at the nave level and opening up access from the Church, and creating there a first-rate educational facility with the needs of school groups especially in mind.

This far-reaching project will only be achieved with the goodwill and encouragement of those who care for the Cathedral. That means the people of the city, its own worshipping community, and above all (because of what a cathedral essentially is) the Diocese. We are working on a presentation of our thinking that will give everyone a chance to see what is envisaged.

The arrival of a new Bishop is an auspicious moment at which to be laying down the plans for the future. His views of the Cathedral and its mission will be crucial. But ultimately, the Cathedral belongs to you, the people of this Diocese. So I hope that you will let us know what you believe about your Cathedral and how its building should be developed for a new century.

MICHAEL SADGROVE

Provost

## Round and About the Diocese

### Inflame our hearts

A weekend to help parishes to prepare for mission is being organised by Forward in Faith Sheffield. It will be led by the Bishop of Horsham from Friday, 24th to Sunday, 26th October at Goldthorpe. Parishes are being asked to send at least five laity as well as their parish priests. It is intended to be the start of an ongoing programme leading to the celebration of the Millennium and beyond. The all-important foundation has to be prayer and so all are asked to support this venture with prayer

For further details contact Fr. Oakley 01302-535133

### Millennium Celebrations

Holy Trinity, Millhouses, Sheffield, as part of their Diamond Jubilee Year are beginning a series of lectures on "2000 YEARS OF THE ENGLISH CHURCH", Three bishops, two canons and a provost are among the 12 or so speakers who will give their talks between now and 2001. Provost Michael Sadgrove is the next speaker, and he will cover the years 597 to 1066. The talk takes place in the Church Hall, Grove Road, on Friday, 5th December at 7.30 p.m.

### Coping in a Crisis

Church Pastoral Aid Society Ministry Among Women are holding a teaching day for women and men on Thursday, 13th November from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at St. Andrew's Church, Becket Road, Doncaster, when the Revd Pam Harvey will talk about 'COPING IN A CRISIS'. More information from Marion Smith (01709-892598) or Gill Bewley (0114-2333109).

### Polish Flood Appeal

The Sheffield Floral Art Club are holding their Annual Exhibition at Ecclesall Parish Church Hall, Ringinglow Road, Sheffield, on Friday 17th October from 10.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Tickets on the door (£1.50), including refreshments. Tombola, cakes and sales tables. The profits will be donated to the Polish Flood Appeal.

### Elsecar Craft Fair

The Mothers' Union and Elsecar 'Y' Group are co-ordinating a Craft Fair in the Parish Hall, Church Street, Elsecar, on Sunday, 26th October between 11.15 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. A variety of quality craft stalls will be present at this Holy Trinity Church event. Cakes, refreshments and light lunches will be on sale. This will all complement other activities in the village during the weekend when the Elsecar Heritage Centre will be holding their third THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE WEEKEND.

### Autumn Fayre

Sheffield Cathedral will be holding an AUTUMN FAYRE on Saturday, 25th October from 11.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please come along to support this event and join in the fun. Proceeds for Cathedral funds.

### Listening Day

An introductory day workshop on THE IMPORTANCE OF LISTENING will be held from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. on Saturday, 18th October at St. Peter's Church, Conisbrough. Course fee £8. Contact Mrs. Jackie Morris (01709-863525).

### Hexthorpe celebrate

A Patronal Festival Mass will be celebrated at St. Jude's Church, Hexthorpe, on the eve of St. Simon and St. Jude, Monday, 27th October at 7.30 p.m. Preacher - Father John Gribben, C.R. Refreshments afterwards

### Quality Craft

A 'Quality' Craft Fair is to be held on 26th October in the Rawcliffe Village Hall. Open to the public from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., there will be quality handcrafted goods for sale, refreshments and tombola. Proceeds are to be divided between St. James' Parish Church funds and the NSPCC.

## FROM ROSSINGTON WITH LOVE - LAND FOR DUMBUTU

An urban priority parish in Doncaster has bought a piece of land near the city of Serrakunda in the Gambia.

The people of St. Luke New Rossington have purchased the land for £2,600 so their adopted village, Dumbutu, can establish a compound there.

Now, they have launched an appeal for the extra £2,403 which is needed to buy materials for dwellings on the barren, dusty land.

Spearheading the project are the Walker family who worship at St. Luke's - Michael has twice been out to Dumbutu taking aid to the needy people from friends in Rossington.

Thanking all who have raised money for the compound, his wife, Mandy says: "Absorb what this means for the people of Dumbutu.

"A group of poor rural villagers, struggling to survive in the harsh jungle of West Africa, will now own land close to the city where they will be able to go for education, medical attention and employment.

"They will not have to pay out their meagre coins to sleep on someone else's floor - it will be Dumbutu land for ever."

It is hoped that other parishes will feel moved to support the appeal - the government has the right to confiscate the lands if the people fail to erect buildings.

So far, the Walkers have received £12 to pay for three bags of cement, but much more money is urgently required.

Perhaps, as well as contributing cash, you could send items with Michael when he returns to Dumbutu in November.

For offers of help or further information, contact Michael or Mandy Walker, Piotol House, Canon Close, Rossington DN11 0XJ, Tel: 01302-864516.

## Latest Appointments

**The Revd. Canon John Browning**, Chaplain, Community Health Sheffield NHS Trust, is to retire from 31st October 1997.

**The Revd. Ken Sargeantson**, Assistant Curate (Non-Stipendiary) of Goole, to retire from 31st October 1997.

**The Revd. Richard Buckley**, Vicar of Wentworth to resign from 14th November 1997.

**The Revd. Glenn Martin**, Senior Mental Health Chaplain of Southern Derbyshire Mental Health Trust in the Diocese of Derby, to be Chaplain, Community Health Sheffield NHS Trust.

**The Revd. Emma Percy**, Chaplain, Anglia Polytechnic University for the Cambridge Campus in the Diocese of Ely to be Priest in Charge of Millhouses, Holy Trinity.

**The Revd. Dr. Martin Percy**, Director of the Lincoln Theological Institute for the Study of Religion and Society, Sheffield, to be Honorary Canon of Sheffield Cathedral.

**The Revd. Nigel Williamson**, Priest in Charge of Nether Hoyland St. Andrew, to be Vicar of Swinton.

**The Revd. Nigel Holmes**, Priest in Charge of Nether Hoyland St. Peter, to be also Priest in Charge of Nether Hoyland St. Andrew.

**The Revd. David Williams**, Vicar of Dore, to be also Rural Dean of Ecclesall.

**The Revd. Timothy Davies**, Curate of St. Leonard Eynsham and St. Peter Cassington in the Diocese of Oxford, to be Associate Vicar of Fulwood.

**The Revd. Bob Fitzharris** Vicar of Bentley St. Peter, to be also European Link Officer for the Diocese of Sheffield.

**The Revd. Geoff Hollingsworth**, Vicar of Airmyn Hook and Rawcliffe, to be also Link Officer for the Partnership with the Church District of Hattingen Witten.

**The Revd. David Sherwin**, Vicar of Wheatley Park and Assistant Adviser in Evangelism, to be Vicar of Wheatley Park and Diocesan Adviser in Evangelism.

### Festival Weekend

The Patronal Festival Weekend at St. Luke the Evangelist, New Rossington, begins on Saturday, 18th October with a Festival Mass and Confirmation at 11 a.m. The principal celebrant and preacher will be the Bishop of Beverley, the Rt Revd. John Gaisford, and the service will be followed by a parish feast. On the following day, the preacher at the 10 a.m. Parish Mass will be the Archdeacon of Doncaster, the Ven. Bernard Holdridge. Visitors welcome, especially to the Festival celebration on the Saturday.

### Shiloh Gospel Choir

Responding once again to the call for this year of 'Open Doors' evangelism, St. Mary's Church, Greasbrough, are presenting another concert which should appeal to a wide range of people. This special concert will be presented by the SHILOH GOSPEL CHOIR in St. Mary's Church on Saturday, 25th October at 7.30 p.m. The choir, back in Rotherham for one night only, are not to be missed. Tickets £2 on the door. Telephone bookings on 01709-551299. Everyone welcome.



# Mishpat. . ....meaning the active justice of God.

God's justice is not a detached, impersonal assessment of guilt and innocence but the personal exercise of a positive energy on the side of right often to ensure the maintenance of community (e.g. Isaiah 11:4).

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## All Change

The Social Responsibility Committee and the Faith in the City Committee are hoping to become one new committee from January 1998. This will enable the Officers, Rachel Ross and Ian McCollough, to co-ordinate their work with parishes more effectively. It will help parishes work out the implications of their faith both locally and more widely. Please contact Rachel or Ian on (01709) 512448 if you have any concerns you feel your parish would like help in addressing.

## 'Calling all churchgoers and non churchgoers!'

Are you concerned that the goods you buy at the supermarket are fairly traded? If so, contact Christian Aid's 'Change the rules' campaign on (0171) 523 2248 and help to make sure your supermarket is doing all it can.

## Prisoners' Week

With four prisons in our diocese, this week may have particular poignance for us. If you would like to remember prisons, staff, inmates and families on Prisoners' Sunday, **16th November**, please contact Rachel on (01709) 512448 for a resource pack.

## New Deal for the Unemployed

Are you wanting to find out how to do something about unemployment? Come to one of the two Workshops on Unemployment and the Future of Work on **8th October or 10th/11th October**. Phone now for details from Colin Brady on (0114) 266 6156.

## Dawn Project

'Surviving the break up' course, in conjunction with Rotherham WEA, for anyone experiencing separation or divorce. Monday evenings in **October**. Further details from Nancy on (01709) 512436.

## Roots & Wings (celebrating the promise of service and freedom)

Black Anglicans are welcoming anyone from across the northern region to join them to recognise and celebrate the diversity of gifts Black people bring to our churches on **18th October**, 10.00 a.m. - 4.00 p.m. at Handsworth Parish Centre, Handsworth, Sheffield. The day will also be to encourage young people in their Christian Life, and develop confidence and leadership potential. The Black Anglican Concerns Group want to encourage everyone to join in the fun and celebration, including the African Caribbean and Asian buffet lunch. Please contact Cynthia on (0114) 237 3926.

## From the Editor

### This is my first issue as Editor of the Diocesan News

I must take this opportunity to express gratitude to Canon Gordon Taylor, who has edited this publication so well during the past 14 years.

With YOUR help, I shall try to maintain the high standard he has set, which is not easy with so little space at our disposal and a ridiculously early deadline for copy.

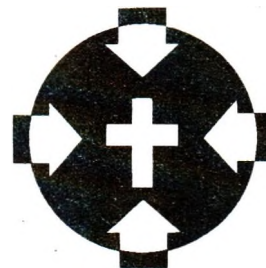
Thank you for submitting your contributions in good time (well, one or two items were late). It is great to hear from so many parishes.

Copy for DECEMBER issue of the Diocesan News should be sent to me no later than 20th OCTOBER. So post or FAX those December items early to avoid disappointment.

My name is the Revd Peter Gascoigne. Address: The Vicarage, The Circle, New Rossington, Doncaster DN11 0QP. Tel or FAX: 01302-868288



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There will be an exhibition in the Library all week and an aluminium can collection point. Save your cans! There will also be a mode of transport survey.

On Wednesday 22nd October the "Traidcraft" stall will be in the Library. It will also be at Totley Rise Methodist Church in the evening, when Canon Mike West will give a talk on South Africa, commencing at 8pm.

On Thursday 23rd October there will be a skip in the Library Car Park. Get rid of your rubbish. Help keep Totley tidy.

On Saturday 25th October there will be a coffee morning from 10am to 12.30pm at Totley Rise Methodist Church. The "Traidcraft" stall will be there, as well as a "Bring and Take Recycling stall". Bring your own unwanted items - e.g. books, tapes, crockery, bric-a-brac, and take home something in exchange.

We hope that children from our local schools, as well as residents, will be able to take part in this special week.

### FAMILY QUIZ NIGHT

A Family Quiz night will be held in the Church Hall on Friday 17th October, commencing at 7.30pm. All proceeds to charity. See notices for further details.

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The article by Ric Gray in the September Magazine (A Passion for Jesus) needs to be followed up. Ric has taken this step of faith and our prayers and good wishes go with him as he prepares himself for greater opportunities for ministry which will surely come to him. However we need also to support him in practical terms and, for most of us, that means money. To be most effective we need to get this right. (See also P.C.C. Up-date)

Needless to say all money will be welcome however much the amount. Neil Hayden has opened a special account in the church funds to hold everything which we can give to him for this purpose. Because the church is recognised by the Inland Revenue as a charity such money can be increased by recovery of tax in those cases where the donor pays tax.

There are three basic ways of giving in this tax efficient way. A covenant for four years requires that an agreed sum of money (which can be quite small) is paid regularly every week, month, quarter or year. The requirement is that the church books need to identify such payments with the donor who must therefore give either through periodic cheques or standing orders.

The second method is a deposited covenant whereby a single sum of money is paid to the church. This is then effectively regarded as a loan until the fourth year and the church can recover the tax on a quarter of the total amount each of the four years.

The other method is known as "Gift Aid" and this only applies to amounts of £250 or over. Such a payment would be a one off payment but the big advantage to the church is that the tax can be recovered immediately without waiting until the end of the financial year.

In any of these cases the important point is that the covenant papers must be completed **before** the payment is made. The Inland Revenue are quite firm about this so we would encourage everyone thinking about helping Ric in this way to speak to one of us first.

Do please pray earnestly as to what you can do to help Ric and his family in this way.

Neil Hayden, Treasurer.

Maurice Snowdon, Covenant Secretary.

October 1997



## Parish Rotas for OCTOBER.

### Coffee Rota

**October**    5th Hazel & Alan Ludlam, Claudine Murrell  
                  12th Vera Cryan, Marjorie Wales, Ann Powell  
                  19th Vivien & Ken Filleul, Catherine Wigglesworth  
                  26th Enid & Joe Varney, Eileen Mason.

### Sidesmen.

|                 | 8.00am            | 10.00am          | 6.30pm           |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Oct. 5th</b> | Mr K. Filleul     | Mr F. H. Cooke   | Mrs S. Sturgeon  |
|                 |                   | Mr N. Hayden     | Mrs M. Snowdon   |
| 12th            | Mr A. Ludlam      | Mrs C. Booth     | Mr J. A. England |
|                 |                   | Mrs C. Billard   | Mr P. Purkiss    |
| 19th            | Miss A. E. Baldry | Mrs A. Powell    | Mr P. Purkiss    |
|                 |                   | Mr J. Lawry      | Mr E. Simons     |
| 26th            | Miss H. Perfect   | Mr A. Webb       | Mr H. Mayson     |
|                 |                   | Mrs M. Warrender | Mrs S. Sturgeon  |

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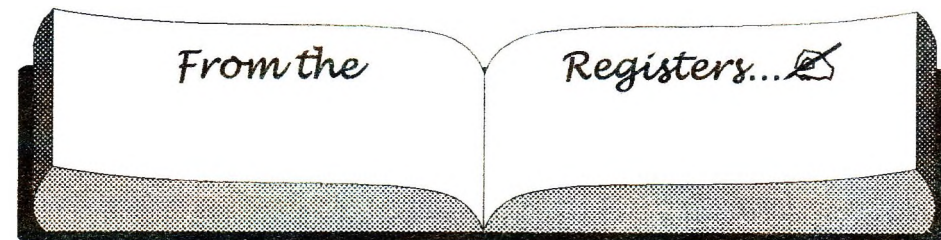
(As we want to encourage families to come to the 10am Service. Perhaps an informal arrangement can be made each Sunday-except for the 21st "Come & Worship" Sunday, when we all meet in the Church)

### Flowers.

|                 | Altar        | Memory Table |
|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Oct. 5th</b> | Mrs A. Waite | -            |
| 12th            | Mrs Simons   | Mrs Thompson |
| 19th            | Mrs B. Waite | Mrs Mayson   |
| 26th            | Mrs Beeley   | Mrs Bramall  |

### Silver Cleaning Rota.

**October:**  
 12th Mrs Snowdon  
 26th Mrs Parkin



### BAPTISMS:

October 5th Richard Mark Chadburn, c/o, 4, The Crescent.

### WEDDINGS:

None in September

### SERVICE OF BLESSING on a Marriage:

October 4th Ian Gordon Clarke, 73, Marstone Crescent, to  
 Kerry Jane Davis, 2, Totley Hall Lane..

### FUNERALS:

September 24th Harvey Dawson(75), 44a, Green Oak Road.

We shall remember all recently-bereaved families, together with the following from our Memorial Book, at our Memorial Service on Sunday, October 26th 1997 at 6.30pm:- Kate Dorothy White, Dorothy Phillips, George Creswick, Doris Thomas, Nora Holding, George Bingley, Kate Hirst, Edith Roberts, George Merrill, Dorothy Jones, Arthur Webster, Mary Wilson, Jack Hague, Mary Linfoot, Rose Askham, Harry Freeman, Frank Taylor, Albert Stacey, Dorothy Felton, Doris May Rowles, Doris Heap and Lionel West.

### Enquiries

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 telephone the Vicar on 236 2322.





## OCTOBER:

Thur. 2nd 7.30pm Standing Committee at the Vicarage  
 Fri. 3rd 10.00am MacMillan Coffee Morning-Church Hall.  
 Sat. 4th 9.30am -Noon Cleaning & tidying in the Hall,etc.  
 7.00pm FAMILY CONCERT in the Hall.  
 Mon 6th 3.15pm Contemplative Prayer group-50,Rowan Tree Dell.  
 7.45pm Mission team meeting in the Hall Lounge.  
 Tues 7th 7.30pm Ladies Club meeting in the Church Hall.  
 Thur 9th 8.00pm PCC Meets in the Hall Lounge.  
**SUN 12th CHURCH THANKSGIVING SUNDAY**  
 Sat. 18th 2pm Church School Autumn Fair at the School.  
 Sun.19th to 26th ONE WORLD WEEK-various local events.  
 Mon 20th 3.15pm Contemplative Prayer Group-20,Totley grange Drive.  
 Tues 21st 7.30pm Ladies Club meeting in the Church Hall  
 Sat 25th to 31st WORLD OF FAITH WEEK -BBC Radio 2.  
 Thurs 23rd to 25th Christian Resources Exhibition-Manchester G-Mex.  
 Mon 27th 9.30am Collation of November Magazine.

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### Saying for Stillness

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*Final date for items to be included in the  
 November issue will be Sunday, 19th of October.*

## Organisations (and meetings in the Church Hall).

**Sunday:** 10.00am "Young Saints"  
 Kath Lloyd 236 7056  
**Monday:** 10.00am Drop in Coffee  
 Maurice and Marjorie Snowdon 236 2822  
 3.30pm Junior choir practice in Church  
 Stella Jockel 236 9413  
 7.00pm Guides  
 Dorothy Firth 236 4190  
 9.00pm Prayer meeting in the Lounge  
**Tuesday:** 7.30pm Ladies Club (1st and 3rd)  
 Margaret Benson 236 2322  
**Wednesday:** 10.00am Parent and Toddler Group  
 Tracey Evans 235 1968  
 6.15pm "Trailblazers" (Children's club)  
 Ric Gray 236 9204  
**Thursday:** 2.00pm Under Fives Praise (1st and 3rd)  
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 7.00pm Choir practice in Church  
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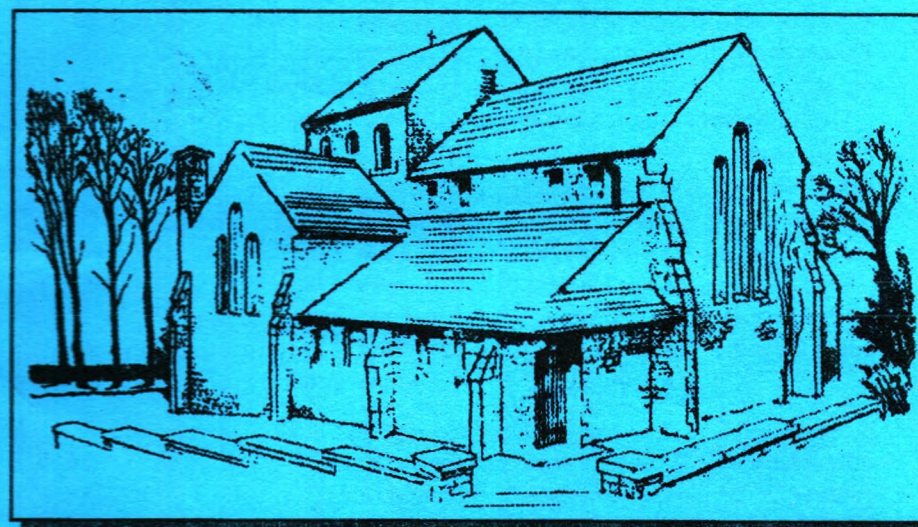
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Articles, letters, etc. for publication in this magazine are welcome, and may be placed in the box in Church.

## From the Vicar...

Dear Friends,

### SOME ODDS AND BOBS FOR AUTUMN

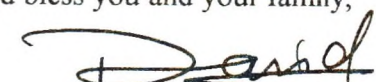
The first thing that comes to mind in Totley ..or should do..is the thought of **All Saints' Day** at the very beginning of November. By the time you receive your Magazine, our Church celebrations will be over. However, being a 'saint' is something we are all called to...and not just in November. Each one of us is challenged by God to be His representatives in this community. This means that we have to live Christ-like lives, serving Him by the way in which we love and serve one another - putting others first; caring for the sick, lonely and aged; coming to worship at your Church.

At the end of the month, comes **Advent Sunday** the start of a period of preparation for the season of Christmas -the celebration of the birth of Jesus. Why not try to come to Church during that season. On the next pages you will see details of Services arranged specially for those who perhaps haven't been to All Saints' Church for a while. Please try to come - you will be made welcome.

In the 'Diocesan News' in the centre of our Magazine, Bishop Michael (who is valiantly looking after our Diocese until Bishop Jack comes in January) draws our attention to **Prisoners' Week Nov.16-22**. He asks us to pray for all who work in our Prisons - Chaplains, Teachers, Christian Officers, Farmers (esp. our two Sons) and Prison Visitors. Time spent in prison should equip a prisoner for life back out in the community. The influence of those Christians working in our prisons can be crucial to a person's future. Please do pray for them.

Lastly, could I invite you to our **Autumn Fayre on Saturday, Nov.22nd** you will find lots of bargains for Christmas presents-saving on the bus and train fares! All profits will go to charities, to be decided by our Church Council.

May God bless you and your family,





## SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

### 2nd 4th Sunday before Advent:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) **Theme: Being the Church-1.**  
 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:1-end.  
 Gospel: Luke 2: 25 - 35.  
 11.30 am Holy Communion at The Cheshire Home.  
 12.15 pm Baptism of Richard Mark Chadburn.  
 6.30pm "First Sunday" Service - 'SAINTS ALIVE!'.

### 9th 3rd Sunday before Advent: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am Special Service & Parade to the War Memorial  
 Noon Short Service of Holy Communion (ASB).  
 2.30 pm Service at "Green Oak View" - all welcome.  
 6.30pm Evensong (BCP)  
 Old Testament: Genesis 22: 1- 18.  
 New Testament: Luke 20: 9 - 17.

### 16th 2nd Sunday before Advent:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am "Come & Worship" All-Age Service..everyone welcome.  
 3.30 pm Service at "The Cheshire Home" - all welcome.  
 6.30pm Holy Communion (ASB)  
 Epistle: Hebrews 11:17 - 31.  
 Gospel: Mark 13: 5 - 13.

### 23rd Sunday next before Advent:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am Holy Communion (ASB) - **Theme: Workers for Christ**  
 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4: 1 - 21.  
 Gospel: Matthew 7: 1 - 5.  
 6.30pm Evensong (ASB)  
 Old Testament: Isaiah 10: 20 - 23  
 New Testament: Romans 9: 19-28.

### 30th ADVENT SUNDAY:(ST. ANDREW'S DAY):

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am Holy Communion (ASB) - **Theme: Sharing & Caring.**  
 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 5: 9 - 6: 11.  
 Gospel: Matthew 13: 24 - 35.  
 6.30pm Memorial Service

## Events.

### CONTINUING OUR "YEAR OF WELCOME"

Various Events, Services, etc have  
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 DECEMBER 14th - 'YOUNG SAINTS' SERVICE at 10am  
 DECEMBER 21st - LESSONS & CAROLS at 6.30pm  
 DECEMBER 24th - CRIB SERVICE at 4.30pm



## ON HEAVEN

"The mystery of heaven to us is a closed book" Tony Banks, Minister of Sport said on being appointed. "It is like going to heaven without having to die first", and there probably lies the answer. But that does not prevent some according heavenly status to earthly situations. Some are ridiculous, but others are almost worthy of being heavenly. Vide, the dictionary "HEAVEN" - "THE ABODE OF GOD AND THE BLESSED" : "THE PLACE OF SUPREME FELICITY." I hope that what follows belongs to the latter meaning.

I have an O.A.P. widow neighbour who has spent the past year or so with her sister in Berkshire at the local hospital nursing her sister's husband all day and every day, feeding, cleaning, washing, etc. Her sister lived in an isolated spot, with no bus service (my neighbour has a small car). Time took its toll on them. My neighbour suggested she move to Sheffield; the sister agreed. My neighbour contacted councillors and the housing department, but as she was not homeless, could do nothing. However, a local housing association offered a bungalow in Sheffield in an area where Pakistani and Indians were in a majority. That was no calamity. My neighbour's sister had spent several holidays in India, and had times been happier would have retired there. Her acceptance began a frenzy of activity by my neighbour. She scrubbed floors, etc., put up curtains, had carpets fitted, bought kitchen furniture, and was at hand to put everything in its place.

Now her sister's husband is at home, a home carer calls daily. My neighbour still goes every day - it is only at Darnall. In telling me this, I said "My word, you're well up the ladder to heaven." She replied. "I guess she (her sister) thinks she is already there." On asking a retired priest for his view on heaven, he replied "Heaven is where Christ is." Well, having read this, what do you think? The least that can be said is that it adds credence to the aphorism "The Lord finds ordinary people to do extraordinary things."

Rex B.

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## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN S17

### CALLED TO BE ONE

The Lent Study Groups this year discussed a number of ways in which the local churches might work more closely together. Several of the suggestions already happen; some have been made before and rejected or deferred, but it has been suggested that the list should be offered to Magazine Editors for publication in whole or in part and an invitation given for further comment. Please give these to either the Vicar or Maurice Snowden.

1. Periodic or occasional joint Sunday evening services (especially at major festivals) on a rota basis. The services to be in the manner of the host church.
2. Requesting each church to prepare a policy statement as to how they would be prepared to seek greater unity with other denominations.
3. Offer regular CTS17 reports to the individual church councils or committee.
4. To explore the possibilities of responding together to the social needs of the community.
5. The formation of an inter-church choir.
6. Further encouragement of Childrens' Mission and holiday programmes.
7. Further encouragement and extension of the ecumenical prayer activities which already take place.
8. Change the name of CTS17 to something like "The Church of Christ in Totley".
9. CTS17 should concentrate on responding to and co-ordinating the initiatives of individual churches rather than seeking to impose committee ideas.
10. Seek further ways of social co-operation as well as spiritual.



## Churches Together in S17 (continued)

11. An open-air service (or services).
12. Erection of a large cross at Easter somewhere visible.
13. Witness walks - silent on Good Friday and joyful on Easter Day.
14. Exchanging congregations on specific Sundays (say 12 at a time).
15. Share a Christian Youth Leader.
16. Changes to the Holy Week joint service to include more for getting to know each other followed by worship and also to hold the service on different days to enable more people to participate.
17. A shared programme of Marriage Preparation.
18. Greater sharing of Magazine material and possibly a joint local 'insert' or magazine.
19. A shared "drop-in Coffee Shop".
20. Greater co-operation through the uniformed organisations and possible sharing of school assemblies.
21. Sharing of help where individual churches have special needs.
22. Sharing of what we already do, e.g. breakfasts, meetings, etc.



**UNITED CHRISTIAN BROADCASTERS**, who send us those free copies of "Word for Today" are praying for the £3.5 million needed to set up a Broadcasting Station in the UK. They already broadcast from the Isle of Man with marvellous results. The mission Team read a letter from Pauline Perkinton asking if we could find 50 Share-Holders from our Church who would pledge just £1 per month for a year, so that we could be one of 7,000 UCB Partners raising £500 in a year. If you would like to be a 'Shareholder' in this vital Christian work, please give your name to Pauline (236 1601). She would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to pledge more! This is not 'scrounging for money', it is just one way of saying thank you to UCB for the copies of "Word for Today".

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## SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS

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## PRISONERS OF THE PAST, PRISONERS WITH HOPE

This month's title was prompted by the fact that 16-22 November is Prisoners' Week. It gave me the chance to draw your attention to the fine ministry being exercised by the Prison Chaplains in our diocese, both full-time and part-time, and also the many church people who give active support to them in their various prisons.

### HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

The prison population in our diocese is 2,600 and rising. In England and Wales the number is 62,500 and is increasing at a rate of about 200 per week. Whilst the prison population has risen dramatically over the years, the staffing levels have been reduced; a fact which bewilders and dismays those who actually have to make the system work.

This has had its affect on the Ministry of Prison Chaplains. The reduction in Chaplaincy levels at some of our prisons has affected the level of pastoral care and support needed by prisoners and their families. Where Chaplains worked collaboratively with the uniformed staff and the probation service to provide offending behaviour programmes, resources are no longer available.

The Chaplains, along with many others in the Prison Services, ask for our support in demanding that our prisons are not just places that exist because of a person's past, but are also part of the community which offers prisoners some kind of hope for the future.

There are a number of issues which demand the political will to be faced and resolved.

We cannot go on ignoring overcrowding, the length of time prisoners on remand spend awaiting trial, how we deal with those who have some form of mental illness and young people given a custodial sentence. We know that there are no easy solutions for complex situations but that does not mean a humane society can leave things as they are. A way must be found to make things better.

### THE GOSPEL AND HOPE

The theme of Prisoners of the Past, Prisoners with Hope also reminded me of one of the most powerful addresses I heard during my time in Southern Africa at a Congress on mission and evangelism in Durban in the Apartheid era. The speaker was Dr. Alex Boraine, a former President of the Methodist Church in South Africa. To him the problem of the past in South African history and church life lay in a Christian unwillingness to pay the price of repentance and change. He spoke of his own pilgrimage of discovery which led him to a deeper understanding of the truly rounded nature of the Gospel and his grasp of the truth that we must not separate the personal and social dimensions of the Gospel. I end with some quotations from his address in Durban:-

"I begin to see that there is indeed the general truth of the gospel once for all delivered to the saints. But it only becomes real in the particulars of a given situation.

"For example, you can't talk about justice without talking of acting justly. You can't talk about mercy unless you are also talking of merciful deeds. You can't talk about love unless you are talking of loving someone or some community specifically.

At that point, I began to learn the meaning of the incarnation. I suddenly realised that this Jesus was indeed alive, and that his cross was made of wood. I saw that he couldn't be locked up in my heart or in my language or in my church or in my colour, or in my culture. He would break loose again and again, and disturb me. At that point a great barrier broke down between the secular and the sacred. I needed to learn the costliness of the gospel. I needed to learn that we do violence to the gospel when we present it as something cheap."

With my prayers and best wishes,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Michael F. Gear'.

Michael F. Gear



## Round and About the Diocese

### Farewell to St Andrew Sharrow

Owing to serious structural defects, St. Andrew's Church in the parish of Sharrow was declared redundant on July 22nd this year. This brings to an end 127 years of the life of a much-loved Victorian church. Before the congregation move on, in the New Year, to a Local Ecumenical Partnership with Psalter Lane Methodist Church (to be known as St. Andrew's Psalter Lane), there will be a series of farewell services in the old church, in thanksgiving for all it has meant. These will be held in the week before St. Andrew's Day.

|                  |          |                                     |
|------------------|----------|-------------------------------------|
| Monday 24 Nov.   | 7.30 pm  | Holy Communion (BCP)                |
| Wednesday        | 9.30 am  | Holy Communion (ASB)                |
| 26 Nov.          | 7.30 pm  | Evening Prayer (BCP) (sung)         |
| Thursday 27 Nov. | 7.30 pm  | Taize Prayer                        |
| Friday 28 Nov.   | 7.30 pm  | Choral Communion (ASB)              |
| Saturday 29 Nov. | 11.30 am | Children's Service and Picnic Lunch |

For insurance and safety reasons, only the chancel and Lady Chapel can be used (hence the number of services). Anyone with past connections with St. Andrew's will be most welcome. For more details (and for information about times when the chancel of the old church will be open in the above week for silent prayer) please telephone the Vicar, the Revd. Nick Jowett (0114 255 0533).

### Sharing in Prayer with Argentina

The Anglican Dioceses of Sheffield and Argentina will be sharing in another Day of Prayer on Sunday 23rd November. Parishes are invited to remember our companion diocese and the country of Argentina on that day (more details will be mailed nearer the time to help inform our prayers). In turn, Anglican churches in Argentina will be sharing in our ministry and mission by praying for us in this diocese. On a recent visit, Bishop David Leake of Argentina spoke warmly of the support and encouragement received from friends in Sheffield, and of the spin-offs for churches in Argentina, especially among young people. We look forward to welcoming him again next year just before the Lambeth Conference. For more information about the Day of Prayer contact Peter Rainford (01709 553238) or Patrick Coghlan (01909 563447).

### Quiet Afternoon

A Quiet Afternoon is being organised by Affirming Catholicism for Saturday 29th November at St. Peter's Abbeydale (the Eve of Advent Sunday). It will be conducted by the Vicar, the Revd. Robert Beard. There will be Eucharist at 12 noon followed by lunch and addresses, concluding with Evensong, to finish at 4 p.m. Please bring packed lunch (tea and coffee will be available). For further details contact Patrick Linskill (0114 2556025), home or (0114 2737050), work.

### Music Marathon

The parish of St. Luke, New Rossington, will be celebrating St. Cecilia with a Musical Marathon - 26 hours of non-stop music. This will include all-night music by the young people on Friday 21st November, musical contributions throughout the Saturday (St. Cecilia's Day) and an evening concert by the Wheatheaf Singers, Rossington Male Voice Choir and St. Luke's Choir, 7.30 p.m. Choir leader Anne Hudson is planning a special musical Mass for the Sunday at 10 a.m. Further details from the Revd. Peter Gascoigne (01302 868288)

### Victoriana Display

As part of the town's Yuletide Fayre celebrations during the weekend of December 5th-7th, St. Nicholas Church, Thorne, are staging a display of Victoriana. The church will be open between 9.30 a.m. and 4 p.m. on the Friday and Saturday, and between 12.15 p.m. and 3 p.m. on the Sunday. There will be a varied programme, including a spinning demonstration, and performances by the Heritage Players. Refreshments available. All proceeds for the Tower and Roof Appeal.

### The Vicar's Weight

Guess-the-weight-of-the-vicar will be one of the attractions at the All Saints Owston with St. Michael Skellow Autumn Fayre, to be held at Carcroft Working Men's Club, Chestnut Avenue, Skellow, from 2 to 4.30 p.m. on Saturday 8th November. The Mayor of Doncaster will be present from 3 p.m. Inquiries to Fr. John (01302 337101), but don't ask how much he weighs.

### An Unfaded Garland

A Watercolour Exhibition will be held at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday and Sunday 22nd, and 23rd November, to coincide with the publication of a new book by Mary Burton, *An Unfaded Garland*. Wine and Cheese at noon on the Saturday.

### One Voice Choir

Responding once more to this year's call of "Open Doors" evangelism, St. Mary's Church, Greasbrough, are presenting a concert on Saturday 29th November which should appeal to a wide range of people. The celebrated One Voice Choir return by popular demand - tickets £2 on the door. Bookings can be made on 01709 551299.

### Market Day

Christchurch, Hackenthorpe, are holding a Christmas Market on Saturday 8th November from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be lots of ideas for Christmas

## The Heart of the Matter

### A New Institute in Sheffield

Education never ceases. In an ideal world, it is never just about "getting through" a course or particular stage. It is not a functional activity, but a lifelong process. Moreover, it has a wider purpose - to do with individuals and their citizenship, and how society is best able to reflect upon itself and move forward. Education is for the enrichment of lives. 'An education which is not an education of the heart,' wrote Aristotle, 'is no education at all'.

The Lincoln Theological Institute is now established in Sheffield. A designated College of the University, it exists to promote research and teaching into contemporary, church and society. The Institute has grown out of Lincoln Theological College, which trained ordinands from 1874 to 1994. Following its closure, the library was transferred to the new site in Wilkinson Street, nestling amongst a number of other University buildings and Research Institutes.

The need to study religion and society is perpetual. Some of the greatest and most damaging conflicts in the world have been shaped and influenced by religion. Yet religion can bring peace and reconciliation. Church attendance has allegedly declined in Western Europe in recent decades, yet faith in God - believing without belonging - persists and continues to flourish. Phenomena from New Religious Movements to the mass display of 'civic religion' at Princess Diana's funeral, seem to counter the proposition that society is becoming more secular. Religion remains an integral part of much social life, and continues to influence and inform a wide range of issues, from healthcare to politics, through to morality and polity.

The Lincoln Theological Institute for the Study of Religion and Society is a resource for both the University and the Diocese. A considerable part of its work will be to develop postgraduate and postdoctoral research projects related to issues in religion and society. Project Directors, Fellows and students will collaborate on a range of issues that will often have a direct bearing on how churches reflect on their work. There will also be publications, seminars and conferences that underpin this aspect of the Institute. A taught MA on Religion and Society is also being planned (details to follow).

In addition to the University work, the Lincoln Theological Institute is also planning to run some courses that will have a wider appeal. An 'Autumn School' at the Cathedral is being inaugurated in

1998 (Wednesday lunchtime, from September 16th to October 28th). The first 'School' will be on the subject of 'Conversion', and will look at the phenomena in different faith traditions, as well as examining the psychology of conversion and some narratives of notable converts. Contributors to the series will be drawn from Universities all over the country, with the lectures pitched at an accessible level. In due course we hope to expand this type of work, possibly in association with the University Department of Continuing Education.

### THE HUB OF THE BUILDING

The Library is the hub of the building in Wilkinson Street. We have over 20,000 volumes and periodicals, covering doctrine, patristics, history, philosophy, liturgy and ministry. We are fortunate in that we have been able to develop the library on the new site without increasing charges for membership. Applications are welcome from now, and clergy of the diocese are able to enrol for free. Caroline Dicker is the Chief Librarian, and will be pleased to deal with all enquiries. The library is open during weekdays (closed from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.).

I am delighted to be part of this diocese, and that the Institute is located in the City of Sheffield. I trust you will find it a valuable resource. I hope to visit local deaneries in due course, to talk more about the work of the Institute. I also hope that the diocese, in turn, will encourage and support the different types of work the Institute undertakes.

With a new Millennium approaching, deeper and broader understandings of religion and society are of vital importance for the shaping of our futures. Our education here will not just be a matter of the mind, but as Aristotle reminds us, of the heart also.

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# Mishpat. . . meaning the active justice of God.

God's justice is not a detached, impersonal assessment of guilt and innocence but the personal exercise of a positive energy on the side of right often to ensure the maintenance of community (e.g. Isaiah 11:4).

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## Church Urban Fund Grants

The following grants have been received by UPA parish projects in the Diocese:

### Eastwood View Local Ecumenical Project

A capital grant of £28,000, part costs of refurbishment of the premises for community use.

### All Saints, Denaby Main/Denaby Main Forum

£24,000 over 3 years towards salary costs of a Development Worker. This is a vibrant partnership with local Roman Catholic Church, members of the community, the Local Authority, and other statutory bodies.

### St. Peter's, Abbeydale

£17,000 over 2 years towards salary and running costs for the Nether Edge Community Cafe being set up in a multi-racial and multi-cultural area of the City. It will be a safe place providing support facilities for members of the different communities, and vegetarian food will also be available.

### Drug Conferences

#### Making a difference - the Church and Drug Culture

Conferences held throughout Sheffield on the 8th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 20th, and 25th November, cost £5 and will be of interest for anyone concerned to learn more about drug culture. For further information and booking form contact BNTL on 0114 267 9976.

An **Urban Priority Area (UPA) Forum** is being set up for UPA parishes in each of the local authority areas of Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham, and Sheffield. The initial aims of each Forum are:

- To provide a place where expertise and experience can be shared
- For UPA parishes to work together in identifying issues of specific and common concern; to give mutual support and promote collective action.
- To encourage UPA representation on Diocesan Committees, Boards and Councils to ensure urban concerns are acknowledged and addressed in appropriate ways.
- To work with the Diocese and other appropriate partners to present UPA issues locally, regionally and nationally.
- To develop partnerships with the Diocese and others in finding solutions that meet urban concerns.
- To develop the gifts of people in UPA's and enable their use in developing the life and mission for the church in community.

## From the Editor

### Getting ready to welcome the new Bishop

We look forward with eager anticipation to the arrival of Bishop Jack Nicholls who, I am told, is a highly entertaining speaker with a great sense of humour. Ray Cowdall, printer of the News, heard him recently and says he was 'absolutely hilarious'.

No doubt Bishop Jack, whose inauguration will be at the Cathedral on 24th January, will have his own ideas about the development of the Diocesan News. I hope these will not include sacking the editor! Personally, I would like to see more stories about people and mission in the parishes - so much more interesting than a mere catalogue of future events.

Meanwhile, the work continues. The first meeting of the new Diocesan Synod takes place on Saturday 8th November at the Wilson Carlile College of Evangelism in Sheffield. I hope to report on this in the January issue (I do hate our early deadlines).

Copy for JANUARY issue of the Diocesan News should be sent to me no later than 22nd NOVEMBER. So post or FAX those January items early to avoid disappointment.

My name is the Revd Peter Gascoigne. Address: The Vicarage, The Circle, New Rossington, Doncaster DN11 0QP. Tel or FAX: 01302-868288



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## O.D.S.

When I was Chaplain at Lee Abbey I used to do a tour each winter of some Schools, Universities, Colleges and Theological Colleges.

On one such tour I visited Kelham Theological College here in Yorkshire and was welcomed on arrival by one of the students whom I had met previously. It was good to see him again and as we walked through long corridors to the room where I was to stay we chatted amicably and caught up a little on each other's news.

Gradually I became aware of the total silence in the place and the fact that there seemed to be just nobody else around. I remarked on this to my friend, and he replied "*Well, at the moment the College is holding its daily period of silence.*" Immediately I apologised for talking to him. But he said "*Oh that's perfectly all right - I'm on O.D.S.*"

I said no more - I couldn't even begin to understand what he was talking about! We reached my room in silence, and once inside I asked him "*What is this O.D.S.?*" It stood for "On Divine Service".

He then explained that when a visitor arrived at the College all the normal rules of the College were suspended for the member who was meeting the visitor, because the visitor - whoever he or she might be - was to be treated as if they might be the Lord himself. The visitor was to be received with full honour and respect and in no way to be made subject to any of the rules which applied to the daily routine of the house.

I find myself as impressed by that now as I was when it happened to me nearly 40 years ago. When I got home I told my wife what had happened and I also reported it to the other members of the Lee Abbey Community of which she and I were also members. We have never forgotten it. We have tried, not always with great success, to apply it to those who have rung the bell at our home, whether they be family, friends, parishioners, or, as often happens in "open" vicarages, people totally unknown to us - and we could tell you some eye-opening stories about how this worked out with the last group!

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## O.D.S. (continued)

Should we not all permanently be On Divine Service when the doorbell rings? Our homes are havens lent to us, not castles from which to exclude others. The next visitor might always be the Lord himself.

*"Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these, you did it unto me."*

These are the words of Jesus.

*John N. Collie*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR:

I refer to Ric Gray's article in the October issue about the tragic death of the Princess of Wales. He poses the question: WHY?

We all feel sad and shocked by her death. However, there were concrete reasons for her death. The main reason being the fact that the car in which she was a passenger was travelling at an uncontrollable speed. In other words - human error.

When I have watched a young child dying of a painful terminal illness, that is when I ask the question; WHY?  
*Brenda Lewis.*

## LADIES CLUB

Don't let these dark nights prevent you from coming along to our meetings which promise to be warm and friendly.

**4th November:** Everyone is welcome to our **Taste & Share**

**Recipe Evening.** Bring your favourite cake or dish for us to taste, and also your recipe to pass around.

**18th November:** An evening for Craft enthusiasts and others when Felipe is coming to talk about **Rags, Rugs and Crafts.**

**2nd December:** Don't miss our seasonal **"Dickensian Evening"**. This will be a family 'Open Evening' with a Mince Pie Supper.  
*Margaret B.*

**LADIES KEEP FIT GROUP** has a few 'spaces' if you would like to join- Wednesdays at 2.30pm in the Church Hall - £1 to include a cuppa!

## BOXES! BOXES!

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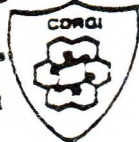
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The two topics of discussion last month which occupied most time were to do with money. The Legacy Account in the church funds has so far been held on deposit with the Church of England Central Board of Finance. It was agreed that this was the preferred way of holding the money but that some of it should be invested in the C.B.F. Investment Fund and some in the Fixed Interest Securities Fund. The exact proportion between these last two will depend on advice which is being sought from the C.B.F. The problem is to keep a balance between optimising the income from the interest and preserving the capital value for future use. Consideration of these points leads us to be thankful again that this money is available to the church through the generosity of past worshippers.

The other item of financial significance which took some time was the future of the strip of land on the south side of the church between the beech hedge and the Hallam University drive. It is possible that the developer on the University site might be interested in including this land in the development but this is by no means certain. If we were offered a sale would we accept? It is not an easy question and many other questions spring from it - such as what would we do with the money and what, exactly, would be built on the land in question. No decisions were reached but clearly members of the P.C.C. need to know what other people are thinking because the question might become real and urgent in the not too distant future.

Don't overheat, and never lose your accent.

(Bill Shankly, former Manager Liverpool F.C.)

Inscription seen inside a wedding ring:-

"Be to his virtues very kind, be to his faults a little blind."

*Rex B.*



## Parish Rotas for NOVEMBER.

### **Coffee Rota**

**November** 2nd Marjorie Snowdon, Audrey & Ron Walker  
 9th Sue Walker, Catherine Brown, Maureen Allum  
 16th Mavis Kirton, Roma Webb, Betty Houldcroft  
 23rd Josephine & John Collie, Brenda Lewis  
 30th Margaret Benson, Beth Booth, Kath Lloyd

### **Sidesmen.**

|                 | 8.00am            | 10.00am          | 6.30pm           |
|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|
| <b>Nov. 2nd</b> | Mr K. Filleul     | Mr F. H. Cooke   | Mrs S. Sturgeon  |
|                 |                   | Mr.N.Hayden      | Mrs M. Snowdon   |
| 9th             | Mr A. Ludlam      | Mrs.C.Booth      | Mr J. A. England |
|                 |                   | Mrs C. Billard   | Mr.P.Purkiss     |
| 16th            | Miss A. E. Baldry | Mrs A. Powell    | Mr P. Purkiss    |
|                 |                   | Mr J. Lawry      | Mr E. Simons     |
| 23rd            | Miss H. Perfect   | Mr A. Webb       | Mr H. Mayson     |
|                 |                   | Mrs M. Warrender | Mrs S.Sturgeon   |
| 30th            | Mrs D.Cooke       | Mrs L.Hayden     | Miss A.E.Baldry  |
|                 |                   | Mr. A. Webb      | Miss H.Perfect   |

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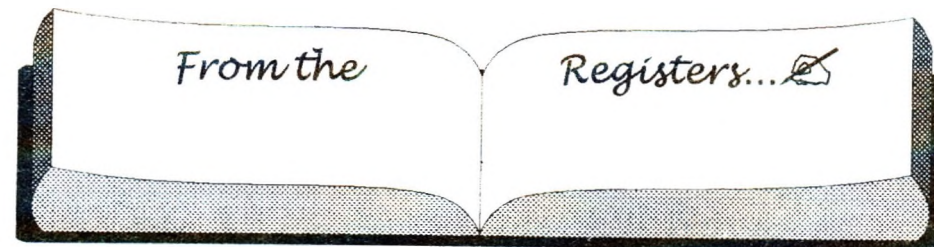
(As we want to encourage families to come to the 10am Service. Perhaps an informal arrangement can be made each Sunday-except for the 21st "Come & Worship" Sunday, when we all meet in the Church)

### **Flowers.**

|                 | Altar           | Memory Table |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| <b>Nov. 2nd</b> | Mr.G.Hazlehurst | Mrs B.Waite  |
| 9th             | -               | Mrs Dixon    |
| 16th            | Mrs King        | Mrs Monfredi |
| 23rd            | Mrs V.Loft      | Mrs Clark    |
| 30th            | Mrs.M.Benson    | Mrs Cook     |

### **Silver Cleaning Rota.**

**November:**  
 9th Mrs Ludlam  
 23rd -



### **BAPTISMS:**

October 26th Matthew Lee Scholes, 37, Meadow Grove..

### **WEDDINGS:**

None in September

### **FUNERALS:**

October 22nd Edith Knowles (92) (formerly)29, Green Oak Drive  
 27th Frank Senior (78) 218, Baslow Road.

We shall remember all recently-bereaved families, together with the following from our Memorial Book, at our Memorial Service on Sunday, November 30th 1997 at 6.30pm:-Neill Lycett, Bertha Wilks, Lawrence Tym, May Tym, Elsie Perkinson, Winifred Twigg, Kathleen Hazlehurst, Houston family, George Collison, Janet Bingham, Gerald Waite Ruth Walden, Ronald Matthews, Alfred Hall, Leonard Duckett, Emma Cooke, Edmund Couldwell, Ronald Twigg, Betty Johnston, May Jackson, Gwynneth Freeman, Ivy Wilcockson, Edward Heiser, Pamela Burton, and Jessie Couldwell.

### **Enquiries**

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 telephone the Vicar on 236 2322.





## NOVEMBER:

Mon. 3rd 3.15pm Contemplative Prayer Group, 1, Quarry Road.  
 Tues 4th 7.30pm Ladies Club meeting in the Hall Lounge-Recipe sharing.  
 Thur. 6th 7.30pm Standing Committee at the Vicarage  
**Sun. 9th. 10am REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Service & Parade.**  
 Thur 13th 8.00pm PCC meets in the Hall Lounge.  
 Sat. 15th 9.00am Parish Outing to the Bass Museum & Burton Centre.  
 9.30am Day Conference at Fulwood Ch.-"What in the World...?"  
 Mon 17th 3.15pm Contemplative Prayer group-1, Quarry Road.  
 Tues 18th 7.30pm Ladies Club meeting in the Church Hall.  
 7.30pm Group Co-Ordinators meet at the Vicarage.  
 Thur. 20th 8.30pm Meeting for Pastoral Link Visitors-Hall Lounge.  
**Sat. 22nd from 2.00pm AUTUMN FAYRE in the Church Hall.**  
 Mon 24th 9.30am Collation of November Magazine.  
 Tues 25th 7.30pm Churches Together in S17 Committee-Totley URC Church.

**CHRISTMAS CARD:** Our annual Christmas Card to exchange greetings with one another will be in Church from the beginning of December. Money donated from the saving of buying individual cards will be given this year to the MARTIN HOUSE HOSPICE for children.

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### Saying for Stillness

"I the Lord, do not change"

(Malachi 3, verse 6)  
 NIV.

Final date for items to be included in the  
 December issue will be Sunday, 16th of November.

## Organisations (and meetings in the Church Hall).

**Sunday:** 10.00am "Young Saints"  
 Kath Lloyd 236 7056  
**Monday:** 10.00am Drop in Coffee  
 Maurice and Marjorie Snowdon 236 2822  
 3.30pm Junior choir practice in Church  
 Stella Jockel 236 9413  
 7.00pm Guides  
 Dorothy Firth 236 4190  
 9.00pm Prayer meeting in the Lounge  
**Tuesday:** 7.30pm Ladies Club (1st and 3rd)  
 Margaret Benson 236 2322  
**Wednesday:** 10.00am Parent and Toddler Group  
 Tracey Evans 235 1968  
 6.15pm "Trailblazers" (Children's club)  
 Ric Gray 236 9204  
**Thursday:** 2.00pm Under Fives Praise (1st and 3rd)  
 (Leader required)  
 7.00pm Choir practice in Church  
 Stella Jockel 236 9413  
 8.00pm Standing committee (1st)  
 PCC (2nd)

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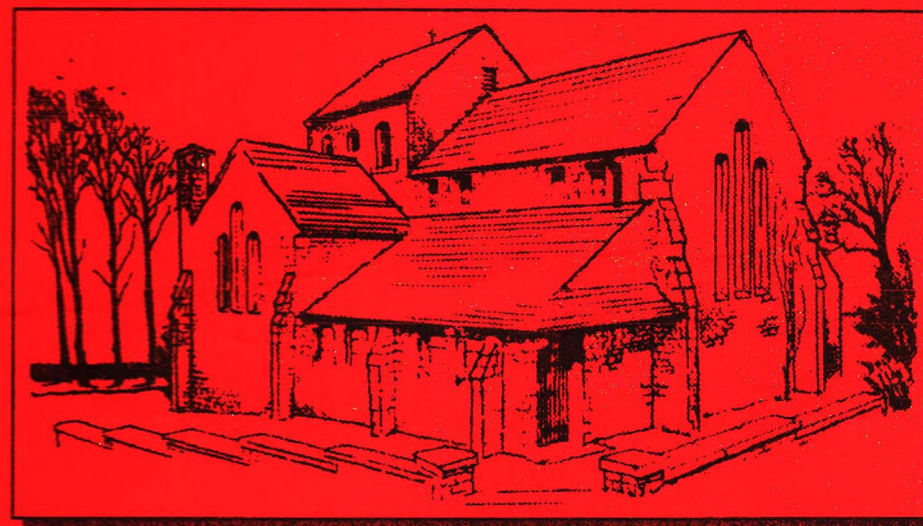
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Articles, letters, etc. for publication in this magazine are welcome, and may be placed in the box in Church.

From the Vicar... 



Dear Friends,

## PREPARING...FOR WHAT or FOR WHOM?

Have you been to Meadowhall recently? (Some would respond by saying 'why on earth should anyone want to go there!') Margaret and I went there in the week prior to Advent Sunday. By the loads of parcels that people were struggling with, one would have thought that Christmas was next week!! If we had bothered to question some of those folk, they would doubtless have said that Christmas is just around the corner, and we are trying to beat the rush of the next few weeks.

In one sense, one couldn't really argue with that viewpoint, yet we who try to 'beat the rush' in a different way, looking forward to Christ-Mass (the Birthday of Jesus) try to build in a time of **Preparation**. The Christian Church provides us with such a time through the coming **Season of Advent**. In Advent, we can have a unique opportunity to consider again the real reason for Christmas.

On the 20th November we witnessed, on our television screens, the scene in London on the occasion of our Queen and Prince Phillip's Golden Wedding celebrations. One couldn't help marvel at the elaborate and careful preparations that had been made for that day. If that is how we prepare for our Country's Monarch, how much more carefully should we prepare for the Celebration of the Birth of Him who is King of Kings and Lord of Lords?

Margaret joins me in wishing you and yours a very blessed Christmas. Please accept this warm invitation to come and worship with us at one (or more) of our Services over this Christmas period. full details on Page 3.

May God bless you and your family,

*David*



## SERVICES IN DECEMBER

### 7th 2nd Sunday in Advent:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP) **Theme: Christmas Surprises-Immanuel.**  
 Old Testament :Isaiah 7:1-16.  
 Gospel: Matthew 1:18 - 25.  
 11.30 am Holy Communion at The Cheshire Home.  
 4.30pm **CHRISTINGLE SERVICE** - everyone welcome!

### 14th 3rd Sunday in Advent:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am "Come & Worship" All-Age Service-presented by "Young Saints".  
 2.30 pm Service at "Green Oak View"- all welcome.  
 6.30pm Holy Communion(ASB)  
 Epistle: Philippians 4: 4 - 9.  
 Gospel: Matthew 11: 2 - 15.

### 21st 4th Sunday in Advent:

- 8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)  
 10.00am Holy Communion (ASB) **Theme: Jesus revealed to the lowly.**  
 Old Testament: Micah 5: 2 - 5a.  
 Gospel: Luke 2: 8 - 20.  
 Noon Service to remember Departed Family and Friends.  
 3.30 pm Service at "The Cheshire Home" - all welcome.  
 6.30pm **FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS** -everyone welcome!.

### 24th CHRISTMAS EVE:

- 4.30pm **FAMILY CRIB SERVICE** -everyone welcome!  
 11.30pm **FIRST COMMUNION OF CHRISTMAS**  
 Epistle: Philippians 2: 5 - 11.  
 Gospel: John 1: 1 - 14.

### 25th CHRISTMAS DAY::

- 8.00am Holy Communion(BCP)  
 10.00am Family Communion (ASB) with Carols-everyone welcome!  
 Epistle: Philippians 2: 5 - 11.  
 Gospel: Luke 2: 8 - 20.

### 28th First Sunday after Christmas:

- 8.00am Holy Communion(BCP)  
 10.00am Holy Communion(ASB) **Theme-Jesus revealed to outsiders.**  
 Old Testament: Isaiah 49: 1 - 7.  
 Gospel: Matthew 2: 1 - 12.  
 Noon Baptism.  
 6.30pm Memorial Service.

## Events.

### CONTINUING OUR "YEAR OF WELCOME"

Various Events, Services, etc have  
 been arranged for you and your friends  
 to come along and enjoy.....

DECEMBER 7th -'CHRISTINGLE' SERVICE at 4.30 pm

DECEMBER 14th -'YOUNG SAINTS' SERVICE at 10am

DECEMBER 21st - LESSONS & CAROLS at 6.30pm

DECEMBER 24th - CRIB SERVICE at 4.30pm

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*"I have come into the world as a light, so that no-one who believes  
 in me should stay in the darkness." (John 12 verse 46)*



### P.C.C. UP-DATE.

Not every meeting of the P.C.C. gets a cleaning demonstration in the middle of the proceedings. The reason for this was the decision to purchase a new vacuum cleaner for the church and, like the Parkinson's bicycle shed, it took quite a lot of time.

However there were more costly things on the agenda for this is the month in which the budgets for the next year are examined. All the proposals were approved although it is anticipated that, unless special appeals are made, the expenditure may exceed the income. As always the contribution to the Diocese by way of Ministry Contribution and Parish Share is a major slice of the expenditure but the P.C.C. were determined that local initiatives should not be starved of funds.

The other financial topic which absorbed a lot of time was the annual detailed review of charitable giving. There are always contenders for limited funds but the total giving from P.C.C. funds was targeted at 10% of income as usual. The details of this spread will be in the Annual Report in the Spring.

Perhaps the most important topic though was an emergency discussion about the future of Young Saints. There is a desperate shortage of leadership and staff such that there is a real threat to the functioning of Young Saints. A special meeting for prayer and discussion was convened for November 27th so more information will be available after that. Meanwhile it was stressed that this is indeed a concern for the whole parish.

Another emergency was addressed by discussing the robing of the servers. The present cassocks have been in use for more than 30 years and showing it! In addition the range of sizes available does not match the present needs so before long we shall see the servers in newer garb.



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Participants (actors or sound and lighting effects operators) will not be seen! Parts will be simply read, not memorized. Only 3 Or 4 short rehearsals during March will be sufficient.

Would you like to be part of this? If so, please get in touch with Joe Varney on 236 9042, **before January 1st 1998.**

## NEWS FROM NIGERIA

Steve & Jo & Family have sent another letter recently. The first part was very sad, as, following the death of Princess Diana, the whole issue of tragic road deaths was brought to the surface. Steve comments that death (and death on the roads in particular) is a very common occurrence in Nigeria. He writes, "The expressways (main roads) are the most dangerous. sadly, this week (Oct 4th) we have the funeral of a very young clergyman who died in a head-on collision between a small bus and a big lorry. Only two people survived. For our Bishop it knocks him hard at a time when his youngest Son is battling for life against a mystery illness in Enugu. At the time of writing he is trying to get a visa to come for tests in England."

Steve's brighter news is about the creation of two new Archdeaconries in their Diocese. This will doubtless cost more to the Parishes, but should help with the pastoral care of such a vast area. Finally, he adds, "On the home front we are all well. The rains are almost over and the sweat season is underway again until the Harmattan arrives with the dry air from the Sahara in December." Thanks Steve..we could do with some of that dry air here!



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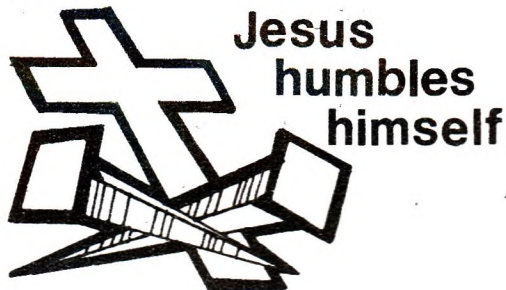
## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Brenda Lewis hits the nail on the head about the Princess of Wales. In common with many others, she voices her question of why a young child dies of a painful illness. May I be allowed to offer a few thoughts towards an answer?

Brenda's question has exercised the human mind for time immemorial. In a word, it is the problem of undeserved suffering of all sorts which itself affects people of all ages. The book of Job in the Old Testament is not a piece of history; but it is a very powerful treatise on undeserving suffering. Read it and see.

Nobody has yet answered the question. I doubt if they ever will. But perhaps it is worth remarking that:-

1. We live in a world where undeserved suffering is part of our human lot.
2. God is not the instigator of ANY suffering. It is a terrible blasphemy for anyone ever to suggest it. Knowing what we do of the heavenly Father, can we possibly imagine a God who decides at his own whim to inflict suffering on this person and to spare that one? It is quite monstrous. One wonders what sort of a god people who talk like this are thinking of.
3. Being a Christian - or indeed a person of any religion - does not provide immunity from the consequences of being a human being (see 1 above).
4. What God in Christ does promise is that in our suffering, as in our successes, he is present, supporting us in suffering and sharing in success. He is never absent. But he never promises a magic wand of escape for any of us.
5. Even Jesus suffered.



*John N. Collie*



## Tinsel and Tears (continued ~~from~~ NEXT PAGE)

The truth of Christmas is a long way from the things with which it is surrounded today. It is right that we should wish each other a Happy Christmas, but it is wrong that we should suggest that our happiness can be separated from everything that is going on in the world. It should not be a short period of make belief, but a time of facing reality; the reality that God loves us so much that he sent his Son to live amongst us, to share our grief and pain as well as our happiness, and to give us the hope of finding a happiness in his presence beyond all that we can imagine.

*Martin Loft*

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## CHRISTMAS CRIB SERVICE : 24th December, 4.30pm

You are invited to join us for this short service, which is especially suitable for all the family. During the service you will be asked to bring a gift to the crib. Please bring a wrapped Christmas present for a child, labelled with an idea of its suitability (e.g. for a boy aged 5-7 years). You may prefer to make a gift of money, in which case, please put this in a sealed envelope. Your gifts will be used by N.C.H. Action for Children for their family centre Toy Libraries. We look forward to welcoming you.

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**AUTUMN FAIR** was a huge success. Our thanks to all who helped and so hard to raise the splendid sum of £610. This is to be divided equally The Cheshire Home, Cherry Tree Home and the Childrens' Society.

**'W E L L' Done** to everyone in Totley for generously contributing £652 to special Harvest Festival Appeal to provide a Well for a village in Africa. We have enough money to provide **TWO WELLS** plus some extra money to to the sponsoring Charity 'Africa Now...isn't that marvellous. We will send of their 'Thank You' letter (when it arrives) to all involved in raising this  
Meanwhile....thanks! David.



## TINSEL AND TEARS

I have always loved Christmas. I remember how, as a small boy, I would wake on Christmas morning and feel the weight of a pillow case on my feet. I would lie still for a few minutes while I enjoyed the unusual sensation and try to guess what it might contain, until at last I and my brother would jump up and gleefully explore our pillow cases. I cannot remember that the contents were anything but perfectly satisfactory, and the rest of the day followed the same pattern. We did the simple things we always did, going to church, visiting, or being visited by, relations, having our dinner, playing family games. There was nothing but happiness as far as I was concerned.

It was only many years later that I discovered another aspect of our family Christmas. My mother was a young widow with three small children, and a very limited income. (There was no such thing as a widow's pension for her in those days.) She spent Christmas Eve, once the three of us had gone to bed, filling the pillow cases, and crying the whole time. She was always afraid that her tears might fall on one of the presents and make a mark on it. If it ever happened we never noticed, since we were far too much involved in our happiness. We took everything for granted. The idea that sacrifice or grief or pain could ever be part of Christmas was quite beyond our comprehension.

Over the years since those far off days I have continued to love Christmas, but my understanding of it has changed. I remember one Christmas when a party of us were making the traditional tour of our village, singing a carol at every house. At one house we had been specially asked to sing "Once in David's royal city". A nine year old boy, called David, was dying of leukemia there, and this was his own request. For some of the singers it was the hardest thing they had ever to do, but we sang it, and David heard it and smiled. In spite of the pain and the grief a lot of us felt the presence of the Incarnate Lord Jesus that Christmas, and were more aware than ever of the reality of the power of love in that village square as at Bethlehem. In a strange way it was a happy Christmas, even though David died on Boxing Day.



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### A Saviour is born

Born for who? Just for the Church Certainly not? Just for a particular class, economic group, race or part of the world? Certainly not.

God so loved the World. His love and salvation is for all the world, all of creation, all people, for every aspect of life and for eternity. His love and salvation is so real and so near that you can see it, touch it and feel it...it is flesh and blood. A Saviour is born. He is part of our life and experience. Not as a tourist but a resident. Not a visitor but a local.

That means Christmas is not just something to celebrate, even though we should and do. It can only be truly celebrated if we allow its truth to shape our lives as Christians and our life as the Church.

Jesus is God's mission statement made flesh. As his people, the body of Christ, we are His mission statement and that defines our life, agendas and priorities.



### A Church with a Mission



As much as I welcome and applaud all that is happening regarding ministry teams, and I do, I pray that we will be as comfortable with and committed to the naturalness of the idea of every member mission. By that I mean both as individuals and as congregations and the diocese.

That means a willingness to do some hard thinking about our life and priorities, a glad acceptance of new priorities for resourcing and an openness to changing our attitudes and ways of doing things in the diocese and in our parishes.

The Partners in Mission process of the Anglican Communion, through whom we are linked with Argentina, has drawn up a list of principles for mission partnerships, as part of a worldwide commitment to restructuring churches for mission.

These principles contain many useful pointers, which can be equally applied to us as a diocese.

I thought it worthwhile highlighting some of them at our November Synod and sharing them with you, slightly modified for the diocese...

#### (a) **Local**

The responsibility for mission in any place belongs primarily to the church in that place.

#### (b) **Mutuality**

We affirm the oneness of the people of God. In this relationship each person and parish is valued, affirmed and respected

#### (c) **Stewardship**

We see our resources as jointly owned and held in trust for the common good of the diocese.



## God's Mission Statement *continued from page one*

- (d) **Inter-Dependence**  
We need one another. We are incomplete if our diversity is overtaken by narrow parochialism or party spirit.
- (e) **Learning**  
We all have something to share with and learn from each other in fulfilling the mission of the church.
- (f) **Integrity**  
We recognise that we are equally called by God so we can be open and honest with each other in love.
- (g) **Solidarity**  
We are part of one another and committed to one another. What touches one parish touches all parishes. No one must be left to struggle alone.
- (h) **Ecumenical**  
We see the Diocesan Mission as part of the mission of all God's people. This implies exploring ways of sharing in mission together with other churches in our area.

These point to a change of attitude taking place as the first step for action. Small beginnings in becoming more and more God's Mission Statement, in deed and word. Christmas is a story of a small beginning, we celebrate the birth of a baby and worship the Saviour of the World. May He give us hope and courage now and in the year to come.

Michael F. Gear  
Bishop of Doncaster

## Round and About the Diocese

### Escafeld Chorale Christmas Concert

For the fourth successive year, Escafeld Chorale, a Sheffield - based mixed choir of some 35 people, will present their annual Christmas Concert on Saturday 13th December at 7.30 p.m. in Holy Trinity Church, Wentworth.

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 hot punch (or a soft drink if you prefer). Tickets £3 (concessions available) from the Churchwardens, or phone 01226 - 350718 or 01909 - 560795. Alternatively, you can pay at the door. Proceeds in aid of the church heating fund.

### Christmas Open Afternoons

St. Alban's Church, Wickersley, will be open from 11 a.m. to 1p.m. on Monday 22nd, Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th and Saturday 27th December. The church will be decorated for Christmas, there will be a special Christmas Trail for children and adults to follow, refreshments will be served, and Christmas carols and music will be played. The church has a beautiful set of stained glass windows, and there is a large free car park next to the church. Access is easy with a ramp and no steps. And the church is warm! Friends from other churches and communities in the diocese will be very welcome.

### Superstar in Wales

St. John's Drama Group at Wales are to present 'Jesus Christ Superstar' on 3rd and 4th April 1998. The second audition is on Wednesday 3rd December at St. John's Church, Wales. Please call Wendi on 01909 - 770498 if you are interested.

### Walsingham Day

A Walsingham Day at St. Wilfrid's Church, Moorends, on Saturday 6th December begins with Solemn Mass of Our Lady at 12 noon. The preacher at 2.15 p.m. will be Fr. Colin Patterson, Shrine Priest of the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. The programme includes Sprinkling, Procession of Our Lady and Solemn Benediction.

### DEANERY QUIZ

The Rotherham Deanery Synod is holding a quiz night on Saturday 17th January at the Salvation Army Citadel, Effingham Street, Rotherham, at 7.30 p.m. All parishes in the deanery are encouraged to enter a team or teams of up to six people in this seriously challenging general knowledge contest. Light refreshments are available. The evening is free and there will be a small trophy for the winning parish. Team entries to Anthony Prewett on 01709-516515 before 12th January please.

### Diary date...

Unemployment Sunday is on 22nd February 1998. Why not book this date in your church calendar and either invite a visiting preacher or ask a group from your church to prepare a presentation? A list of eight preachers and other materials are available from Raymond Draper, The Rectory, Church Lane, Wickersley, Rotherham S66 1ES (01709 - 543111)

### A First for St. Nicolas

Saturday 6th December is a very special date for St. Nicolas Church, Kilnhurst Road, Ryecroft, Rawmarsh. It will be their first patronal festival as a new parish. The occasion will be celebrated with a Solemn Mass at 7 p.m. followed by a parish party in church. The preacher will be Fr. Donald Mernery SSC.

## Time for Barnsley - NOW!

**TIME for BARNSELEY is a prayer initiative organised by an interdenominational group of churches within the Barnsley Borough.**

Earlier this year we organised a day of prayer which culminated in a prayer and praise service at Oakwell Football Stadium.

Our second major event was a day of prayer and fasting with lunch time services in many of the 140 churches in the Borough. In the evening more than 500 people gathered in the Civic Theatre for a time of prayer and praise.

We also launched two further prayer and mission initiatives:

- Neighbourhood Watch and Pray - a scheme to encourage Christians to pray for their neighbours. At present we have 170 registrations which means that almost 7,000 people are being prayed for on a regular basis. Our aim is to soak the Borough in prayer.
- Luis Palau has been invited by **TIME for BARNSELEY** churches to hold a mission in the Barnsley Metrodome in October 1998.

Contact me, the Revd. Judith Trickett on 01226 - 282619 for further details of any of the above events. We are praying and trusting God to do great things in and through His church in Barnsley. The Time for Barnsley is now!

## MORE FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

### All Saints Ecclesall, Sheffield

A large Parish Church with a new three manual Allen organ, 40 member choir and over 40 instrumentalists, seeks a flexible organist to work alongside the Director of Music. The person appointed will need good keyboard skills and empathy with both contemporary and traditional church music.

Ring 01909 565875 for details.

### Australia Bound

Colin Roberts, Reader at Whiston Parish Church, is organising a study visit to Australia during the period 10th-29th August 1998. He has a few places left. Anyone interested can contact him for further information on 01709 - 365322.

### A Pilgrim place for pilgrim people

Burghwallis Rectory could offer you a place of peace, a time for yourself and an opportunity to re-view and renew your life. With the help of resource people, there could be opportunities to reflect on life, scripture and the new challenges facing the Church today. You may feel exhausted, the need for a break, an opportunity to study the scriptures or just to take stock of your life! Oratory of the Good Shepherd. For further information please contact Fr. Geoffrey K. Bostock, St. Helen's Rectory, Burghwallis, Doncaster DN6 9JL. Tel: 01302 - 700227.

### Living Bible

The CMJ "Bible Come to Life!" Exhibition at Doncaster Pentecostal Church, Cleveland Street, Doncaster, continues daily until Wednesday 3rd December, offering an exciting opportunity to gain a new perspective on the life and culture of Bible times. For further information contact Exhibition Secretary Angela Axely on 01302 - 532371.

### Holy Land Visit

There are just a few places left on a special eight-day visit to the Holy Land in Lent 1998, departing on 23rd March. The visit is being organised by the Revd. Geoff Hollingsworth, The Vicarage, Hook, Goole DN14 5PN. (Tel: 01405 - 763645) who will supply the full programme and details on request.

### Parish 'swap' for priests

Arising from the highly-successful weekend on mission, 'Inflame our Hearts', organised by Forward in Faith Sheffield, and led by Bishop Lyndsay Urwin, a Lent Course is planned for 1998. Each week there will be Bible study, discussion and shared prayer and reflection. The course will be based on Christ's Great Commission to his followers to go out in His name and make disciples of all. It is hoped that priests will 'swap' parishes for this course as "different voices can help all of us hear old truths with fresh understanding".

## Ministers on the Move

**The Revd. Michael Holdsworth**, Assistant Curate of Cannock in the Diocese of Lichfield to be Team Vicar of Lower Manor and Director of the Ripon College, Cuddesdon Sheffield Programme.

**The Revd. Canon Geoffrey Bostock**, Vicar of Bilham, to retire on 30th November 1997.

**The Revd. Canon John Browning** to be Canon Emeritus of the Cathedral Church of St. Peter and St. Paul Sheffield.

**Captain David Booker CA**, Diocesan Evangelist in the Diocese of Chelmsford, to be Children's Worker of Christ Church, Fulwood.

**The Revd. Stephen Millwood**, Assistant Curate of Anston, to be Vicar of St. John, Kimberworth Park.

**Captain John Hotchin CA** to be Parish Development Worker of Armthorpe.

**The Revd. Martyn Snow**, Assistant Curate of Brinsworth with Catcliffe, to resign from 31 December 1997

**The Revd. Robert (Bob) Hopkins** NSM Holy Trinity Parr Mount, St. Helens in the Diocese of Liverpool to be NSM of St. Thomas Crookes.



# Mishpat. . . . . meaning the active justice of God.

God's justice is not a detached, impersonal assessment of guilt and innocence but the personal exercise of a positive energy on the side of right often to ensure the maintenance of community (e.g. Isaiah 11:4).

December 1997

## Scarlet Ribbons

World Aids day on 1st December each year is an opportunity for us to remember those who are living and have died from HIV/AIDS. This day is also the anniversary of the funeral of the Revd. Simon Bailey, Rector of Dinnington who stayed working in this parish while living with AIDS. Simon's story is told by his sister, Rosemary, in a new book 'Scarlet Ribbons'. Copies of this moving story are available in all book shops and from Joan at Church House.

## Dawn

This autumn the DAWN project has run oversubscribed courses for people experiencing the break-up of a long term relationship. More courses will be held in the new year. If you would like further information please call Nancy or Patrick on 01709 512 436.

## Oranges and Lemons

Say the bells of St. Clemons. This is the title of the latest edition of the Response magazine on DEBT by the Social Responsibility Committee. Looking at the experience of debt in South Yorkshire and internationally, the mag tells people's stories and includes an article by Bishop Michael Gear on why this Diocese is supporting Jubilee 2000 as part of our commitment for a better deal in the new millennium. Copies from Rachel/Hilary at Church House.

## Making an IMPACT!

Five hundred people turned out to the Autumn Assembly of IMPACT (Communities in Partnership for Action) in Sheffield. They heard the Chief Constable pledge his and his officers' support for the development of Police Consultative Groups, where local people and police work together and discuss issues they face and agree methods of working on them. The work of IMPACT, to enable communities to work with those in authority to bring about sustainable change, was endorsed by the Chief Constable Richard Wells, the Master Cutler Paul Tear, the new Sheffield City Council Chief Executive Bob Kerslake, and the Chair of the Church Urban Fund Grants Committee, Granville Gibson. The Church Urban Fund has just awarded IMPACT £30,000 over the next two years.

**In the Gleadless Valley area, the wish of the community for a one way system on Constable Road continues to be frustrated. In a street with a row of shops and a school, buses and other vehicles regularly mount the pavement. A video of the extent of the traffic congestion and threat to public safety was shown which clearly highlighted the problem.**

A proposed code of conduct for local authority officers on community consultation was handed to the Chief Executive. This had been drawn up by local people as a result of their experience working for better facilities at Colley Park.

To know more about the work of IMPACT please contact Ian or Rachel at Church House or Mandy Aitkin the local organiser on 0114 2888879.

## From the Editor

### Wishing you a happy Christmas

Well, it's almost Christmas. Very soon we shall again be celebrating the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

For most of us it's a time of rejoicing. But, in the midst of our festivities, let us bear in mind those far less fortunate than ourselves - the poor and the needy, the homeless and the housebound - and resolve to do all we can to ease their burden.

Oh, and please remember to break off from your celebrations long enough to send me your copy for the February issue as soon as possible - certainly no later than Monday 22nd December.

My name is the Revd. Peter Gascoigne. Address: The Vicarage, The Circle, New Rossington, Doncaster DN11 0QP. Tel. or FAX: 01302 - 868288



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## MINISTRY TEAMS.

This was the title of a bundle of papers from the Diocese following the special Diocesan Conference on July 5th. The word "Ministry" has become an "in-word" so it is not inappropriate to ask why.

The most common use of the word hitherto has been to describe the special functions of the clergy and in most cases that means the stipendiary clergy. More recently many pressures such as shortage of clergy, shortage of money, social considerations and the like have shown that there are many and growing gaps in the work which the church ought to be doing. This has caused people to have another think about the role of the laity and that means all of us!

It actually means that people have gone back to the Bible to see what Jesus had to say about such matters and how the early church responded. We find, for example, that Jesus chose 12 men of no educational or qualified background to be His closest associates. He sent out 72 disciples to do his work for him without giving them the benefit of "dog-collars". The models of the early church that we find in Acts and the Epistles reveal the deep involvement of ordinary people in all the church affairs.

Considering the present day it is therefore no bad thing that the laity are being called upon to play a greater part in everything that they can do. The most appropriate collective word for these actions is "ministry". We, as laity, as men and women together, are called upon to exercise our ministry. This means using those talents that God has given us as well as our time and money so that the Kingdom of Heaven becomes a reality. The Provost, Michael Sadgrove, gave a wonderful address on the subject (a copy is available) and a key sentence seemed to be "If God's ministry is to love His world, bring about reconciliation and create 'koinonia', then that is what we are all about in our own ministries as well". He went on to say "Ministry is about giving birth to signs of God's life in the world". That seems to me to be a task for all of us, whoever we are.

Maurice Snowdon.





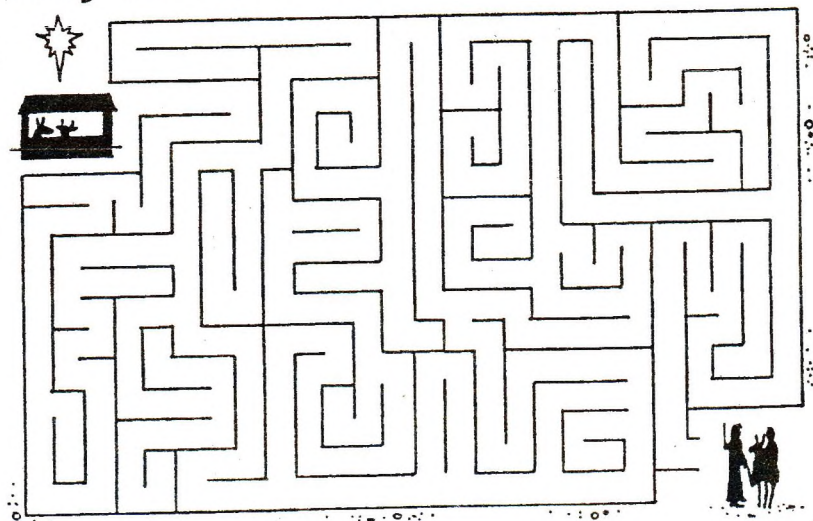
## LADIES CLUB

**Tuesday 2nd December:** Members of the Dickensian Society will entertain and we shall also enjoy coffee and mince pies.

**Tuesday, 9th December:** Our Christmas dinner at the "Fleur de Lys".

## MAINLY FOR THE CHILDREN....

**Help Joseph and Mary find their way to the Stable**



★ December



**WANTED! NEW SERVERS' ROBES...**there is slight controversy over the age of the red cassocks worn by our Servers....**36 years** seems to be about right..for the age of the cassocks, not the Servers! The PCC have given approval for a set of white Albs (to be made by a Parishioner) who estimates that 6 outfits will cost around £600. If you would like to contribute to the cost of these necessary items for our Services, we will be most grateful. Thank you in advance. David.

**WHAT DO WE SPEND YOUR MONEY ON?** We are sure you would like to be put in the picture concerning our plans for 1998 and beyond, and how much of your money we propose to spend on what items. So, in the January Magazine (all being well) we hope to give details so that you can both pray for God's blessing on the plans as well as considering some additional financial support that you may be able to give.

**POST-BEREAVEMENT COUNSELLING-** in an attempt to implement this part of our Action Plan, a Course will be on offer in the New Year for anyone who would feel called to take up this vital pastoral work. Should you require further information, please have a word with either David or Debbie Gray.

**BIBLE READING** must surely come next to praying on a daily basis for every Christian. To encourage you to be more regular, or, if by any chance you have given up, Daily Bible Notes are available as follows:-

**'Daylight and Guidelines' (Bible Reading Fellowship) provide 3 months of daily Bible reading notes for £2.60.**

**Vivien Filleul will be pleased to order for you. Tel: 236 0872.**

**'Daily Bread' (Scripture Union) provide 3 months of daily Bible reading notes for £2.35. Dudley Nixon will order. Tel:235 2663.**



## PARTY TIME

This was one of the noisiest parties we have ever attended, when 14 orphaned or deprived children from Belarus were entertained by Fire Fighters and Staff at the South Yorkshire Brigade Headquarters. The children, aged 7-9 years, donned toy helmets and assisted enthusiastic firemen to squirt powerful jets of water at footballs on cones, they watched demonstrations and clambered inside a brand new fire engine whose driver was keen to demonstrate the various siren sounds!!

After this exciting session, we all trooped into the dining area where a lavish tea was served to the children followed by bags of gifts for each child. Two local clowns overcame the language barrier with heaps of fun and the children themselves entertained us by singing "If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands" - 8 verses in English and Russian - complete with actions with evidence on Calendar South T.V.!! Dear old Welephant, the red elephant with yellow helmet was in attendance all the time!

## FRIENDS OF CHERNOBYL'S CHILDREN

A group of children visit our area each year to help boost their immune systems because their home environment is so heavily contaminated and life expectancy may be short. Funds are raised by this group to pay for coach and air fares, children are housed by local families.

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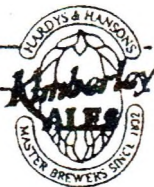
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We are now over six months along our journey since the wonderful Parish Day and Service of Commitment, and I believe God has prompted me to ask some searching questions.

- What is God saying to the church about the future of our pastoral ministry to members of the church and our community?
- What is God saying to the church about our ministry to men and women?
- What is God saying to the church about the future of our children's work?
- What is God saying to the church about the future of our youth work?
- What is God saying to the church about the future of our ministry to older folk?
- What is God saying to the church about the future of mission, our outreach to the community?
- What is God saying to the church about our response to new Christians?
- What is God saying to the church about the future of our home groups and welcome groups?
- What is God saying to the church about our relationship with other churches?
- What is God saying to the church about our finance?
- What is God saying to the church about the future of our land?
- What is God saying to the church about the future of our corporate worship?
- What is God saying to the church about the future of our prayer life?
- What is God saying to the church about our Spiritual development?

You'll notice the question is not, "what is God saying to just the Vicar or the Churchwardens, the Standing Committee or the Parochial Church Council".

The question is, **WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO THE CHURCH?**

**WE are The Church.**

**WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO US ABOUT THE FUTURE OF OUR CHURCH?**

The question therefore is, **WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO US?**

**WHAT IS GOD SAYING TO YOU?**

I do not have the answer or a hidden agenda, but I know someone who has.

Let us Pray about it, now.

*Ric Gray*



## Parish Rotas for DECEMBER.

### Coffee Rota

#### December

7th Pauline and Alan Shepherdson, Ann Ruthven  
 14th Dorothy Smith, Moreen Warrender, Dorothy Firth  
 21st Eileen Davis, Ro Carter, Claudine Murrell  
 28th Marjory Wales, Valerie and Martin Loft

### Sidesmen.

|                | 8.00am            | 10.00am                        | 6.30pm                            |
|----------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Dec 7th</b> | Mr K. Filleul     | Mr F. H. Cooke<br>Mr.N.Hayden  | Mrs S. Sturgeon<br>Mrs M. Snowden |
| 14th           | Mr A. Ludlam      | Mrs.C.Booth<br>Mrs C. Billard  | Mr J. A. England<br>Mr.P.Purkiss  |
| 21st           | Miss A. E. Baldry | Mrs A. Powell<br>Mr J. Lawry   | Mr P. Purkiss<br>Mr E. Simons     |
| 28th           | Miss H. Perfect   | Mr A. Webb<br>Mrs M. Warrender | Mr H. Mayson<br>Mrs S.Sturgeon    |

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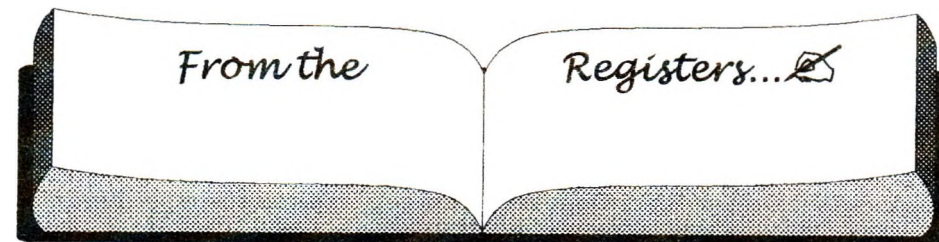
(As we want to encourage families to come to the 10am Service. Perhaps an informal arrangement can be made each Sunday-except for the "Come & Worship" Sunday, when we all meet in the Church)

### Flowers.

|                 | Altar | Memory Table |
|-----------------|-------|--------------|
| <b>Dec. 7th</b> | -     | -            |
| 14th            | -     | Mrs Thompson |
| 21st            | Trees | Mrs Wiggett  |
| 28th            | "     | -            |

### Silver Cleaning Rota.

|                  |
|------------------|
| <b>December:</b> |
| 7th -            |
| 21st Mrs Noton   |



### BAPTISMS:

November 30th Matthew Thomas Poole, 149, Green Oak Road.  
 William Chisholm Collett-Lang, 15, Laverdene Ave.

### WEDDINGS:

None in November

### FUNERALS:

November 6th Constance Clifford(93), formerly of 72, Aldam Way.  
 26th Edward Lewtus Lewis(90), 55, Green Oak Road.  
 George Henry Knaption(80), 2, Butts Hill.  
 28th Betty Irene Ibbotson(73), 5, Stonecroft Road.

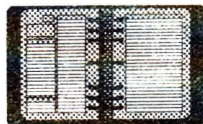
We shall remember all recently-bereaved families, together with the following from our Memorial Book, at our Memorial Service on Sunday, December 28th 1997 at 6.30pm:- Marjorie Brittain, Robert Seaton, Gladys Atkin, Joseph Bedford, Emily Deighton, Leonard Wright, Charles Loukes, Joseph Atkin, David Sutton, Gertrude Swift, Miriam Beckett, Joy Russell, Eleanor Green, Gaynor Hadley, Francis Bramall, Eirene Calverley, Cyril Walker, Gerald Shale, Guy Sneath, Henry Powell, Doris Atkinson and John Liversidge.

### Enquiries

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 telephone the Vicar on 236 2322.



## *Dates for your Diary.*



### NOVEMBER:

- Mon. 3rd 3.15pm Contemplative Prayer Group,1,Quarry Road.  
 Tues 4th 7.30pm Ladies Club meeting in the Hall Lounge-Recipe sharing.  
 Thur. 6th 7.30pm Standing Committee at the Vicarage  
**Sun. 9th. 10am REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY Service & Parade.**  
 Thur 13th 8.00pm PCC meets in the Hall Lounge.  
 Sat. 15th 9.00am Parish Outing to the Bass Museum & Burton Centre.  
 9.30am Day Conference at Fulwood Ch.-"What in the World...?"  
 Mon 17th 3.15pm Contemplative Prayer group-1, Quarry Road.  
 Tues 18th 7.30pm Ladies Club meeting in the Church Hall.  
 7.30pm Group Co-Ordinators meet at the Vicarage.  
 Thur. 20th 8.30pm Meeting for Pastoral Link Visitors-Hall Lounge.  
**Sat. 22nd from 2.00pm AUTUMN FAYRE in the Church Hall.**  
 Mon 24th 9.30am Collation of November Magazine.  
 Tues 25th 7.30pm Churches Together in S17 Committee-Totley URC Church.

**CHRISTMAS CARD:** Our annual Christmas Card to exchange greetings with one another will be in Church from the beginning of December. Money donated from the saving of buying individual cards will be given this year to the MARTIN HOUSE HOSPICE for children.



Thank You in advance for your generosity.

### Saying for Stillness

"I the Lord, do not change"

(Malachi 3,verse6 )  
NIV.

Final date for items to be included in the  
January issue will be Sunday, 14th of December.

## *Dates for your Diary.*



### DECEMBER:

- Mon. 1st 7.30pm. Licensing of Revd.Emma Percy- Holy Trinity,Millhouses  
 Tues 2nd 2.00pm Senior Citizens Party in theHall.  
 7.30pm Ladies Club'Open Evening'-A Dickensian Evening.  
 Thur. 4th 7.30pm Chapter Meeting for Clergy & Readers-St.Peter,Abbeydale.  
**Sun. 7th. 4.30pm Family 'CHRISTINGLE' SERVICE-all very welcome.**  
 Tues 9th 2.00pm Church School Pageant in the Hall.  
 Wed 10th 7.15pm Church School Pageant in the Hall.  
 Thur 11th 10.00am Play Group Nativity service in Church.  
**Sun. 14th 10.00am"COME & WORSHIP" SERVICE-by "Young Saints".**  
 Tues 16th 7.30pm Ladies Club Christmas Dinner at "The Fleur de Lys"Hotel.  
 Wed.17th 6.15pm "Trailblazers" OPEN EVENING in the Hall..  
 Fri. 19th 11.00am Totley County School Christmas Service in Church.  
 7.30pm "CELEBRATIONS & CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT"-Hall.  
**Sun. 21st 6.30pm FESTIVAL OF LESSONS & CAROLS -all very welcome**  
**CHRISTMAS EVE: 4.30pm CRIB SERVICE- especially for families.**  
 11.30pm FIRST COMMUNION OF CHRISTMAS.  
**CHRISTMAS DAY: 10.00am FAMILY COMMUNION with CAROLS.**  
 Mon 22nd 9.30am Collation of January Magazine in the Hall.

**CHRISTMAS CARD:** Our annual Christmas Card to exchange greetings with one another will be in Church from the beginning of December. Money donated from the saving of buying individual cards will be given this year to the MARTIN HOUSE HOSPICE for children.

### Saying for Stillness

"I the Lord, do not change"

(Malachi 3,verse6 )  
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Final date for items to be included in the  
January issue will be Sunday, 14th of December.



**Organisations (and meetings in the Church Hall).**

|                   |         |                                  |          |
|-------------------|---------|----------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Sunday:</b>    | 10.00am | "Young Saints"                   |          |
|                   |         | Kath Lloyd                       | 236 7056 |
| <b>Monday:</b>    | 10.00am | Drop in Coffee                   |          |
|                   |         | Maurice and Marjorie Snowdon     | 236 2822 |
|                   | 3.30pm  | Junior choir practice in Church  |          |
|                   |         | Stella Jockel                    | 236 9413 |
|                   | 7.00pm  | Guides                           |          |
|                   |         | Dorothy Firth                    | 236 4190 |
|                   | 9.00pm  | Prayer meeting in the Lounge     |          |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>   | 7.30pm  | Ladies Club (1st and 3rd)        |          |
|                   |         | Margaret Benson                  | 236 2322 |
| <b>Wednesday:</b> | 10.00am | Parent and Toddler Group         |          |
|                   |         | Tracey Evans                     | 235 1968 |
|                   | 6.15pm  | "Trailblazers" (Children's club) |          |
|                   |         | Ric Gray                         | 236 9204 |
| <b>Thursday:</b>  | 2.00pm  | Under Fives Praise (1st and 3rd) |          |
|                   |         | (Leader required)                |          |
|                   | 7.00pm  | Choir practice in Church         |          |
|                   |         | Stella Jockel                    | 236 9413 |
|                   | 8.00pm  | Standing committee (1st)         |          |
|                   |         | PCC (2nd)                        |          |

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