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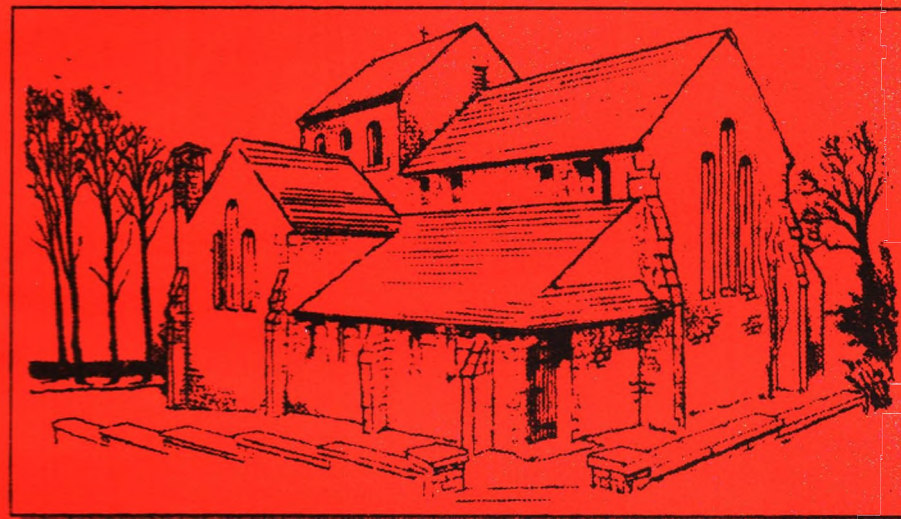
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From the Vicar . . .

Dear Friends,

Depending on your mathematics, as you read this we will be entering the last year of the millennium. In twelve months time, the millennium moment will have passed. We will have occupied our unique spot in history by being the first generation ever to observe such an anniversary. Having said that, it is of course all very vague. Shouldn't the new millennium start in 2001? Wasn't Jesus born in 5 B.C. anyway (or was it 9 A.D.?)? And for how many people is the celebration of the millennium to do with Jesus, or is the whole thing much vaguer, and really an excuse for a mega-knees-up of some kind, which only has a very shadowy reason behind it.

Certainly for the Rhodes family I have no doubt that the new start we are making here in Totley will be of far greater significance in our lives, and perhaps the lives of others as well, than the passing of the millennium. I also have more than a sneaking suspicion that whilst God is very interested indeed in human affairs, and in the new starts that we are able to make, it has nothing to do with the way we choose to measure time. After all, different eras have chosen to measure it differently anyway, and today in Chinese culture the counting of the years is quite different from ours. And He is above and beyond time in any case. His ways are not as our ways, and His thoughts not as our thoughts.

Which brings me to a matter which I am sure is of real significance. If I were to be asked what are my hopes and dreams for the coming years in Totley, the answer would be simple. That many who do not know Jesus in a genuine personal way, may come to do so, and that those who do may grow and deepen in that relationship. The new beginning that really counts is the one we make when we enter into such a relationship, and Jesus begins to fill and shape our lives. Our time is lived to its best and most fulfilling, when we do so in co-operation with Him. Never mind the accuracy or validity of the millennium. Will this be the time of your life when you take Jesus more seriously than you ever have before - so that whatever you may be doing at the very end of this year it really is Jesus who is at the centre of your life?

May the last year of the second millennium (and the first year of this new chapter in the life of All Saints') be one in which you "know Him more clearly, love Him more dearly and follow Him more nearly" than you ever have done before.

With all my best wishes



SERVICES IN JANUARY.

3rd 2nd SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS.

- 8.00 a.m. No service at All Saints'.
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
Old Testament: Jeremiah 31 7 - 14.
Epistle: Ephesians 1 3 - 14.
Gospel: John 1 10 - 18.
11.30 a.m. Holy Communion at the Cheshire Home.
6.30 p.m. "First Sunday Service".

10th THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY.

(the baptism of Christ)

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.).
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (A.S.B.)
Old Testament: Isaiah 42 1 - 9.
For the Epistle: Acts 10 34 - 43.
Gospel: Matthew 3 13 - 17.
6.30 p.m. Evensong (A.S.B.).
Old Testament: Joshua 3 1-8 & 14-17.
New Testament: Hebrews 1 1 - 12.

17th THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY.

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.).
10.00 a.m. "Come and Worship". All Age Service.
3.30 p.m. Service at the Cheshire Home.
6.30 p.m. Holy Communion (A.S.B.)
Old Testament: Isaiah 49 1 - 7.
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1 1 - 9.
Gospel: John 1 29 - 42.

24th THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY.

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.).
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (A.S.B.)
Old Testament: Isaiah 9 1 - 4.
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1 10 - 18.
Gospel: Matthew 4 12 - 23.
6.30 p.m. Evensong (B.C.P.)
Old Testament: Ecclesiastes 3 1 - 11.
New Testament: 1 Peter 1 3 - 12.

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31st THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY.

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (A.S.B.)
Old Testament: 1 Kings 17 8 - 16.
Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1 18 - 31.
Gospel: John 2 1 - 11.
6.30 p.m. Memorial Service.

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion Services are held each week at both St John's Abbeydale and Dore Churches.

A DIOCESAN STRATEGY

During last summer, Bishop Jack issued his "Vision" for the Diocese and established a group to detail a strategy which would bring that vision into reality. The group have now issued a draft report and are open to receive comments up to 20th January prior to submission of the final report to Diocesan Synod in March.

This draft report is over a hundred pages long so takes some time to read and digest. Copies have been sent to the Readers, Wardens, Deanery Synod representatives and P.C.C. Secretaries and Treasurers. We do not plan to have a local meeting to discuss the report but any of the holders can show or describe to you what is included. If you then wish to comment, please let me know so that I can send your comments off by the due date.

In recommending the draft, Bishop Jack says, "It is full of good things though none of us are expected to agree with every detail". He also asks us to, "pray it through, listen to one another and to God so that together we can co-operate with His vision for the Diocese of Sheffield and see the green shoots of resurrection in the springtime of the next Millennium".

Many of the required actions affect the way in which the Diocese will organise itself for moving forward. In that sense they are mostly for others but all church members are asked, "so to shape their living and worship together as to attract at least one new person to their faith community over the next five years".

No doubt a great deal more will be said in the months to come as to how the various proposals will affect us but this first step is interesting and challenging.

Maurice Snowdon.

DI AND THEO'S CHRISTMAS LETTER

Dear Friends,

We bring you greetings for Christmas and the New Year. Praise God for His precious gift of His Son. Thank you for your prayers and letters. We do appreciate them, even if we don't reply very much.

In choosing the **next General Secretary**, Theo asked for the opinion of the senior missionaries. Finally it was evident to all, including the Board, that Victor Sittler was the one of God's choosing. Victor started his missionary career in Papua New Guinea and has been based at HQ for many years. He has already been in leadership in different capacities. He is doing a 3-4 month course in church administration and management in the UK before he takes over the work of GS on February 9th 1999. Praise God for this provision.

Praise God for answered prayer for serious problems in the Mission. This has been a much better year for us in leadership, but **Raja Mohan Doss** passed away on August 31st, of lung cancer. He had been Theo's right hand man. Selina, his wife, is finding her own role in the Mission now, after having worked so closely with her husband all these years. Pray for their two teenagers, a girl and a boy.

Since the Hindu fundamentalists have gained more political power in India **persecution** has been on the increase against Christians, especially in northern India, during the past year or so. Several of our Mission fields have been affected.

In order to start Community Health work in the Koya tribal field we had purchased land to build a base centre. But **the Lord had better ideas** as we were suddenly offered a small school nearby going at a reduced rate. Not only that, but a church overseas provided all the money to buy it. The original land is being used to build a hostel for tribal children.

The lecture block at the **Training Institute** will be ready for use next year we hope, and praise God, **He has provided all the funds** for the building. It has to be furnished. About 30 trainees went through the training from July to November. A new batch will start in January. There are many people applying to the Mission.

Just after Christmas last year a young missionary, Grace, who had just had her first baby suddenly went down with **kidney failure**. Her father gave his own kidney for transplant last April but this has slowly failed. She is in and out of hospital and is very ill now, despite regular dialysis. She and her husband and baby remain IEM missionaries as part of our family. Praise God for the many people who have given towards the massive bills.

In May 1999 we will have the **IEM missionaries triennial Conference**

and **National Convention**. During that time, when nearly all the missionaries will be present, the official hand-over to Victor Sittler will take place.

Praise God for His provision of **work with the India Missions Association for Theo** when we leave IEM at about the end of April 1999. He has chosen to do jobs which best suit his gifts and experience, which are also likely to include some travelling. I hope we will not be as busy as we are now. I am likely to end up organising at home. We will be based in Bangalore. Other invitations, like speaking engagements, are likely to come. (We have already been asked when we can come to lecture at IEM's Training Institute next year!). In addition, Theo would like to write books on Indian missions.

Diana's medical work can only be delegated in parts as the planned hand-over to another doctor fell through. Please pray about this.

God has provided for our "retirement" and we hope to be able to **buy a flat** in the future, but will move to rented premises in February probably. You can still use this address until further notice. IEM hope to go on e-mail in the not too distant future.

Hiring a cook about a year ago did ease my (Diana's) workload and yet I still felt far too busy. I discussed this with the pastor and we prayed over it. Just a few weeks later Appa, Theo's father, passed away after a very brief illness. Having access to a computer in the office has also made correspondence much easier. Now, though I am busy all the time, **the pressure has largely gone**. Praise God.

Theo's father had two brief spells in hospital this year and **passed away** quickly on June 5th. Only during the Memorial Service, when family members shared their memories of him, did I begin to appreciate that he was truly a very keen English teacher and a valued College Principal. "If Appa said, 'Let's go for a walk,' I knew it would be an English lesson," said Theo. **Amma, Theo's mother**, has chronically swollen legs due to heart failure needing some treatment and needs a walker to get around the room, but is basically house-bound. She reads a lot, so is not much trouble to us. She is mentally alert.

We want to **thank you** all for your prayers for us during the length of our missionary career and hope that you will **continue to pray for us** as we change to other Christian work in missions.

With warm Christian greetings,

Theodore and Diana Srinivasagam.

This letter was written by Diana. Theo, her husband, is presently the General Secretary of the Indian Evangelical Mission.

Half Way House

It occurred to me the other day that Christmas 1998 marked the halfway point of my three-year degree (BA (Hons) Biblical Studies and Evangelistic Ministry) course at Cliff College. It doesn't seem a moment ago when David Benson asked me if I had considered full time Christian Ministry and the way was opened up for me to study at Cliff. The second (Diploma) year has been far more practical than the first and as well as writing essays and book reviews I have been away a lot more along with other students on placements and supporting churches with their mission. Among many experiences, I was privileged to work alongside the Pastoral Care Team at Preston Royal Acute Hospital and have recognised the value of ministry in the modern hospital to staff and visitors as well as patients. My regard for teachers, particularly in the huge secondary school environment, is immense due to the glimpse I gained of the pressure they work under whilst I was a teacher for a week at Tapton. Two of us took sixteen, one hour and ten minute R.E. lessons at four year-group levels and came home shattered! My understanding of what mission is all about is growing and my conviction that we are all called to be a missioning church is deepening. Next term I will be working in Dronfield and Sunderland as well as producing a 12,000-word dissertation for which I am preparing a questionnaire. This will help me tremendously in identifying what people in the church today think and I will use the findings in my narrative. The questionnaires will be anonymous and will certainly not be used as 'evidence against you'. I will greatly value all responses and would be very glad if you would volunteer to complete one.

Thank you very much for supporting me and my family in your prayers and to those who have been able to contribute to the tuition fees fund. This remains open and I am very grateful to Neil Hayden for administering it. Maurice Snowdon would also be happy to discuss methods of contributing that benefit the church through recovery of tax.

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At this half way point Debbie and I have been taking stock, we are continuing to seek God's guidance and are seriously considering what happens in the future. We are sure that we are to stay here and will be looking for opportunities to serve in this community. May God bless you this year and please continue to pray that our gracious God make his will known to us all and that all our lives will be a living sacrifice in Jesus' name.

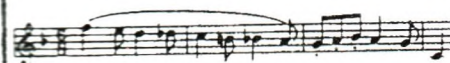
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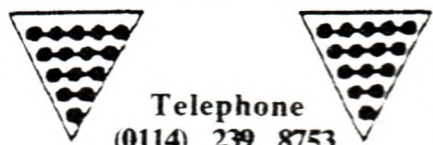
This began after our friends Cliff and Annette Job went to live in Austria. The services at their local church were spoken in German and they particularly missed the hymns we sing at All Saints'.

I have sent a tape to Austria as regularly as possible and when Karen and Mark Bergdahl went overseas and David and Margaret retired we sent a tape of their last services at All Saints' to remind them of us.

It is the case that a number of other people have asked for recordings of particular services and sermons and I've been very glad to provide tapes for one or two people who have been ill and not been able to get to church. However, since I have been away more this year with college commitments and transporting our son David to football, it's not always possible to be available. I wonder if there are a number of people who see the value of this ministry who would be able to fill in when I'm not around. The equipment is very straightforward and doesn't take a great deal of setting up. Please pray and think about it and let me know.

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FROM WHISTON TO ARGENTINA

Since we welcomed Gerardo Mackenzie to Whiston as part of the youth exchange between the Dioceses of Sheffield and Argentina three years ago, I have been writing to him and to several other members of the group. Knowing that I would be made very welcome if I went over there, I planned a trip which took place this summer.

I arrived in Buenos Aires after a thirteen hour flight from Gatwick and was greeted by Gerardo and Cristina Mackenzie whose family I stayed with in José Marmol (in the suburbs of B.A.). The family are members of the congregation of Holy Trinity Church, Lomas de Zamora where I shared in the youth group activities and took part in the Sunday services which are led by lay people as they have no priest at the moment. In the next few weeks I spent part of my time helping at the day-care centre in Lomas de Zamora, run by the Diocese. The centre is attended by children aged between 4 months and 4 years whose parents need to work but cannot afford to take their child to a nursery. I fed the babies, helped the older ones to draw pictures, supervised them playing in the garden and joined in with the various songs which were of a level of Spanish I could just about cope with!

I was fortunate to be able to travel around other areas of Argentina. I stayed in Rosario, with the Rev. Andy Lenton, his wife Evangelina and son, Tomas and Andy invited me to go with him on his monthly visit to his parishioners in Arias. I spent a weekend at an Estancia in Arias and I witnessed the first ever youth meeting in the village which was attended by ten young people. It was interesting to see the work of the Church in all its various aspects. From Arias I travelled to Cordoba, where I stayed in with Michael Lenton and his family. I was able to spend an evening with Jessica Hauber, one of the young people from St Paul's in Cordoba who was a visitor to Sheffield in 1996. The following days I spent at the Centro Allen Gardiner, a conference centre for the Anglican Church, which is situated in the mountains in the Province of Cordoba, as the guest of the new pastor, Juan Carlos Sosa, and his family.

I returned for the weekend to Cordoba, for an ecumenical "campamento", attended by approximately 120 young people. There I took part in Bible studies, group discussions and I talked to many people who came from all over of Argentina. It was different to anything I have been to before but it was an encouraging experience to be with so many young Christians.

During my final weekend in Buenos Aires I went to a Congreso attended by two thousand young Christians from all over Argentina. We listened to various speakers and sang and talked a lot. Again I was able to mix and converse with a wide range of people which showed me that the Church was very much alive in this part of the world.

My visit to Argentina was a tremendous experience for me and I wish that I could have stayed longer. During my six weeks there I discovered a new culture, witnessed a different way of life, and made a host of new friendships. I saw young people taking an active role in their Church and I found inspiration and encouragement in my contact with them. I think that the Argentine people are generous and welcoming and I very much hope to return in the future and build on the links which I have made.

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Rosalie Carter

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It may seem early to start talking about Lent Groups but this notice is to whet your appetite ! The fact is that ecumenical Lent Groups will be arranged for 1999 and this means that the groups will start in the week beginning Monday Feb. 22nd - not that far away !

Details of venues and starting times will be included in the February magazine and in other publicity but please start thinking now which time will suit you best for the course which lasts five consecutive weeks.

A good reason for feeling excited about this is because the course chosen for this year by Churches Together in S17 is another course from Canon John Young at York. Many of you will remember that his course a few years ago was very well received.

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	17th	Vivien and Ken Filleul, Marjorie Snowdon.
	24th	Ann Ruthven, Sheila Eke, Dorothy Smith.
	31st	Claudine Murrell, Eileen Davis, Mavis Kirton.

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WEDDINGS:

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 Thurs. 7th Standing Committee. Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m.
 Sun. 10th Sunday Youth Group Hall. 6.30 - 8.30 p.m.
 Tues. 12th Martha and Mary Group. Lounge 10.30 a.m.
 Wed. 13th Afternoon Fellowship. 41 Meadow Grove. 2.30 p.m.
 Thurs. 14th Home Group Meeting. 116 Green Oak Road 2.00 p.m.
 Thurs. 14th P.C.C. Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m.
 Sat. 16th Barn Dance. Hall 7.30 p.m.
 Sun. 17th Last date for items for February Magazine.
 Mon. 18th to Mon. 25th Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.
 Tues. 19th Ladies Club. Annual Beetle Drive. Hall 7.30 p.m.
 Sat. 23rd Hall, Church and Grounds Working Party from 9.30 a.m.
 Sun. 24th Sunday Youth Group. Hall 6.30 - 8.30 p.m.
 Mon. 25th Collation of February Magazine. Hall 9.30 p.m.
 Mon. 25th Contemplative Prayer Group 20 Totley Grange Drive 3.15 p.m.
 Mon. 25th Institution of Rev. David Rhodes. 7.30 p.m.
 Tues. 26th Martha and Mary Group. Lounge 10.30 a.m.
 Thurs. 28th Home Group Meeting. 116 Green Oak Road 2.00 p.m.
 Sat. 30th Celebration Choir at Totley Rise. 7.30 p.m.

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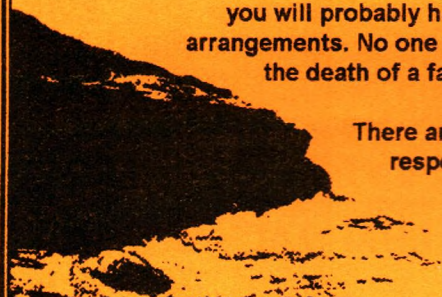
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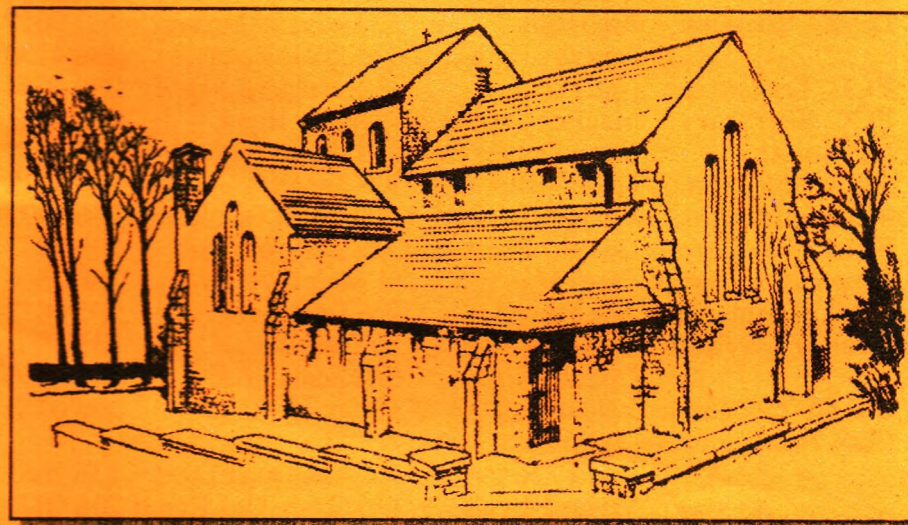
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From the Vicar . . .

Dear Friends,

Do you get the February blues ? Christmas is a distant memory and too much on the credit card bill, Spring has yet to arrive, Easter is anticipated as Lent begins - but seems a long way off, the days are still short, and often cold. February can feel in the middle of nowhere. There is, however, one special day, which the card-making industry keeps us aware of - Valentine's.

He's a rather vague figure, St. Valentine. There was a Roman church dedicated to him in the fourth century, so he must be ancient. There was a martyred bishop of that name a little later. Neither are known to have had anything in particular to do with choosing a partner of the opposite sex, let alone sending anonymous messages of undying love ! It would seem that the link with any real figure in the past has long been forgotten by most of us - Valentine's day is more about rows of cupids on the cards in the newsagents.

Pity that we can link the word 'saint' so easily with such vague figures and festivals, and lose sight of what it really means. In the Bible it's a shorthand word for God's people, or followers of Jesus. Totley is full of saints. You may be one yourself. You may live next door to one. Maybe you yearn to be one, but aren't quite sure what to do about it. Some of us saints may not be honoured with special days in the years to come, but we've discovered that following Jesus, in a personal way that makes God a reality in our lives is the only way to live - in February or any other month of the year.

Why not aim for Totley to be the saintliest district in Sheffield, or Britain ? It's got to be somewhere. And it can start with you and me.

With all my best wishes



SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

7th 2nd Sunday before Lent.

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
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 Theme: The Church is for People.
 11.30 a.m. Holy Communion at the Cheshire Home.
 6.30 p.m. "First Sunday Service".

14th Sunday next before Lent.

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (A.S.B.)
 Theme: The Church is for Others.
 6.30 p.m. Evensong (A.S.B.)
 Old Testament: Joshua 3 1-8 & 14-17
 New Testament Hebrews 1 1-12.

17th Ash Wednesday

- 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
 8.00 p.m. Holy Communion (A.S.B.)

21st The First Sunday of Lent.

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
 10.00 a.m. "Come and Worship". All Age Service.
 Theme: The Church is for Healing.
 3.30 p.m. Service at the Cheshire Home.
 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion (A.S.B.)
 Old Testament: Isaiah 49 1-7
 Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1 1-9
 Gospel: John 1 29-42

28th The second Sunday of Lent.

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (A.S.B.)
 Theme: The Church is for Conflict.
 6.30 p.m. Memorial Service.

P. C. C. UP-DATE

By the time you read this, David Rhodes will have become our Priest-in-charge and we welcome him and his family into the life of the parish. We look forward to the next meeting of the P.C.C. which will be David's first amongst us. One of the resolutions of the P.C.C. in January was to thank Bill Bryer for his chairmanship of the Council during the interregnum. He was teased on the question as to whether or not he had kept us in order!

The first meeting of the P.C.C. in 1999 brought even grimmer news than previously about our financial affairs. Repairs to the church roof have been completed and paid for but now we face a large bill to ensure electrical safety. We await full accounts for 1998 but the forward prospect is such that a letter is going out to everyone on the electoral roll to show that unless we increase our income we are heading for further financial stringency. Read what our treasurer has to say about the situation and pray that we all may respond to the extent of our ability.

It was reported that the City Council planning officers had pointed out problems with our planning applications and so the housing proposals have been put aside for the time being. The application for the vicarage is being modified to suit the comments made and we expect that access to it will be from Sunnyvale Road.

We noted that 1999 will be the 75th anniversary of the opening of the church. A number of ideas are already being expressed about how this should be marked but there is room for further thoughts. We will be discussing it again in February so do grab your nearest friendly P.C.C. member and share your thoughts on this.

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Remember He loves you and His life did give
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Hold on to your faith and look up to the face
Of your Lord and Saviour who saves by His grace.
So when troubles beset you and seem loathe to cease
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YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS to ALL SAINTS' NEWS

You have the opportunity to offer something for the monthly magazine. It could be a short report of something that interests you or a poem or a joke (?) or indeed anything which you would like to share. Just write it out (legibly !) and hand it in. If it does not "date" it may be held over for a month or two but all contributions will be appreciated.

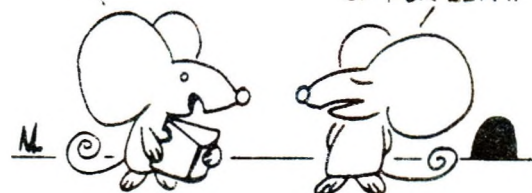
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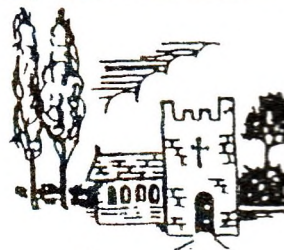
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DESK TOP PUBLISHING - an update.

As you know, I have attended the D.T.P. course at Norton College since September. This week I have started the assessment of my skills for the City and Guilds 407 part 1 qualification. I enjoyed the first paper and completed the task in 45 minutes (one hour allowed). I have started the second paper (two hours allowed) and I was able to use the skills I have learned quite easily. Of course, as you might expect, I am the oldest student in the class so I am quite relieved that I am 'keeping up' with *the young ones*.

I have had one disadvantage in that I work on an Apple Mac at home and a P.C. at college. Keeps me on my toes! I hope to improve the magazine still further when the assessments have been completed as we will then be learning to use graphics and wrapping the printing around objects - just the thing I want to use in All Saints' News!

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Forty years was taken to be a fixed, but long, period of time. The Israelites were in the wilderness for forty years; all the best kings reigned for forty years. (*David was thirty years old when he became King and reigned for forty years. Samuel 5:4*)

Thirty represented the age of maturity. Joseph was said to be that age when he started working for Pharaoh.

Twelve is the number of completeness, like seven. The old Testament always talks of the twelve tribes as representing all Israel. One of the stops on the Israelites' journey to the Promised Land was at Elim where there were twelve springs (*Numbers 33:9*) that is, a perfect spot for water.

Ten was simply a nice round number. It was used, along with hundreds and thousands. When Samson struck down a thousand men (*Judges 16:15*) it may not have been exactly one thousand - but a lot !

to be continued



SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS

FEBRUARY 1999

YOUNG AT HEART

For all kinds of reasons people find that life is messy. It is rarely neat, tidy and coherent and when it is it doesn't last long. That pearl of northern wisdom oft heard on a fine day - "but we'll pay for it" often comes true. It begins to take on a far more serious nature when we open our eyes to the fact that for many people, upbringing and circumstances make life a mess and often painful and bewildering.

The saddest thing of all is that children and young people are the victims of the kind of world that adults create for them and bequeath to them. Too many experience emotional as well as physical deprivation.

One of the Lambeth Conference Resolutions specifically addressed the needs of young people and its words were clearly echoed in a debate at our last Diocesan Synod on youth work 'From Youth Clubs to Youth Ministry'.

The Lambeth Resolution:-

"The Conference recognises and celebrates the work of God among young people and their infinite value in the human family.... As adults we confess with deep humility and sorrow that the adult has created children of war, children abused by neglect and sexual exploitation and children who are the victims of aggressive advertising... we affirm our apostolic commitment to all young people everywhere".

The Lambeth Conference suggested that in order to give practical expression to this commitment, local churches should be urged to respond to the needs of young people and that in as many parishes as possible, teams of adults and young people should be trained for ministry to young people outside the church, so that God's love in Christ could be both seen and heard.

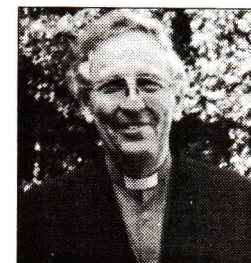
To do this we will first have to listen to young people to try to understand their concerns, attitudes, fears and hopes. When we do this we may find that our attitudes will be challenged and changed.

Great harm is being caused to children and young people by the poor environment in which they live and by the circumstances in which they are raised. We may bemoan the absence of young people from the church and grumble at some of their behaviour - but who is to blame? If life for young people is messy then our response can only be one of repentance and renewed active commitment to their well being and their future.

Our own Synod was unanimous in its commitment to an effective youth ministry in the parishes and life of the Diocese. Youth ministry should have its proper place; at the heart of our church's life. When the practical outworking of the Synod debate reaches your parish, how will you be prepared to respond and to commit your church to young people? Are we going to be part of their problem or can we become part of their hope?

With my prayers and best wishes.

The Rt Revd Michael F Gear



ROUND AND ABOUT THE DIOCESE

Farewell to Archdeacon

The Diocesan Farewell to the Archdeacon of Sheffield, the Ven. Stephen Lowe, will be in the Cathedral on Sunday 7 March at 6.30 p.m. Bishop Jack will present to Stephen a cope and mitre from the people of the Diocese, and hopes every parish will be able to contribute to the gift. The Archdeacon has been appointed as Area Bishop of Hulme in the Manchester Diocese, and his consecration will be in York Minster on Friday 23 April.

Sheffield Diocesan Secretary Tony Beck says: "It has been suggested by the Precentor's secretary that I should issue red tickets for the general congregation and blue tickets for those robing. A supply of tickets will be sent to me a month before the event. I have to provide numbers by 22 March." So, would those wishing to attend the consecration please contact Mr. Beck at the Diocesan Office before that date. They will then receive the appropriate tickets in time for the consecration.

Meanwhile, the process for finding a successor for Archdeacon Lowe has already begun. The appointment is Bishop Jack's who is consulting widely to find the right person for the post.

Pilgrimage 2000

Bishop Jack has asked each parish to consider sending one person to accompany him to the Holy Land on the Diocesan Pilgrimage 2000. They they will give thanks for Jesus. "Each of us will take the prayers and thanksgivings of those we represent as we visit the sites associated with the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus," says the Bishop. The Diocese are also hoping to 'adopt' a Palestinian Christian school for deaf children in Gaza, among some of the most deprived people in that part of the world. The all inclusive cost will be about £1,100 per person and the Bishop has asked parishes to save up and each send one person.

Resources Centre

At last! You can now obtain copies of the catalogue on disk. Currently available - All videos, children's book(let)s, youth book(let)s, adult book(let)s. The centre can also supply sub-sections of the catalogue for particular subjects (e.g activities for children, Christian education, Christian theology, education, sociology of religion, prayer/meditation, plus all additions to resources in last two months). Other sub-sections can be produced if you require them. To obtain any of these phone 01709-512378 (there will be a small charge to cover the cost of the disk).

Reminder! If it is more convenient, do use the 'post boxes' to obtain/return materials. These are at Christian Outlook (Doncaster), SPCK (Sheffield), Sheffield Christian Education Centre, Montgomery Hall (Sheffield), and in Church House General Office (Rotherham).

For future reference! Mary Kenchington left the Resources Centre on 20 January. Kathryn Bliss will be dealing with all resources-related inquiries.

Chrism Mass

Bishop Jack will preside at the Chrism Eucharist and Renewal of Vows in the Cathedral on Tuesday 30 March. This will be followed by a simple sandwich lunch. The Bishop of Beverley will preside at the Chrism Eucharist and Renewal of Vows at Goldthorpe on Wednesday 31 March at 12 noon.

Deaf Disciples

'Deaf Discipleship in a Hearing World' is the title of an ecumenical workshop for deaf and hearing people, to be held at St Paul's Methodist Church, Green Lane, Dronfield, on Saturday 20 March from 1.30-5.30 p.m. It will explore the possibilities of improving worship for those who are profoundly deaf, and will be followed by a Celebration at 7.30 p.m. For details contact the Revd David Griffiths (01246-412303 or the Revd David Bliss (01909-770283 or minicom 01909-774873)

Preachers at the Cathedral

Preachers at Sheffield Cathedral on Sundays during February will be - **7 February** 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Canon Jane Sinclair), 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (Canon Michael Jarratt); **14 February** 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist (The Provost), 6.30 p.m. Evensong (Canon Trevor Page); **21 February** 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Archdeacon of Sheffield), 6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong (Canon Christopher Smith); **28 February** 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Canon Trevor Page), 6.30 p.m. Evensong (Sister Pauline Cusworth CA).

Tuesday 2 February 7.30 p.m. Sung Eucharist of Candlemass with the admission of lay assistants; **Wednesday 17 February** 7.30 p.m. Sung Eucharist of Ash Wednesday.

Commissioning

A commissioning service for Dr Lynn and the Revd Martyn Snow was held at St. Mary's Church, Catcliffe, on 16 January. The couple have been accepted as CMS Mission Partners and will serve with the church in Guinea.

Bicentenary

A CMS bicentenary celebrations to be held in Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday 5 June from 11 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. Details from Dr. Anne Phillips (0114 2338529).

Holy Land Tour

After a successful tour of the Holy land in 1997, a small party from the Diocese (Greasbrough) are arranging another eight day visit from 2 to 9 September this year. For details phone or fax Eileen and Don Jones (01709-551299).

Theology

Speaker at the Sheffield Theological Society Meeting on 15 February will be Paul Helm, Professor of the History and Philosophy of Religion, at King's College, London University.

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Thank you to Ro Carter for designing the card.
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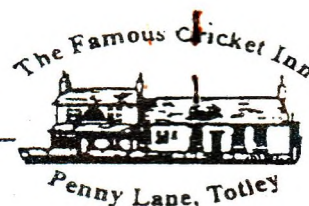
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Joan Gray

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Christ The Lord

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An ambitious millennium pageant. 'Christ the Lord', is to be performed in Sheffield Cathedral on Monday 29 March at 2 p.m. by the Sunday School, Strikers' Group and Handbell Group of St. Alban's Church, Wickersley.

The pageant tells the story of Christianity in Britain over 2000 years.

During the last three years the Sunday School and Strikers' Group at Wickersley have presented six pageants, but this is the most ambitious project to date.

The pageants are written by the Revd Raymond Draper and directed by Yvonne Dugdale, who leads the Sunday School and the Strikers' team. They are most moving occasions.

The performance of this latest epic is expected to last for two hours, and is well worth seeing.

All are welcome to attend the presentation at the Cathedral but admission will be by ticket only. Free tickets are available from Raymond Draper (tel 01709-543111). Copies of the text for this pageant will be on sale at the Cathedral or afterwards for £2. All proceeds are for the Wickersley Wells Fund. This aims to raise £2,000 for a new well for a village in Mali, West Africa, by the year 2000.

FROM THE EDITOR

Put your parish in the news

The new-look Sheffield Diocesan News - a free, monthly, tabloid newspaper - is to be launched next month.

We are already accepting copy for the new publication which, with your co-operation, should be available in the parishes on Palm Sunday, 28 March. It will supplement this publication which from April will be called the Sheffield Diocesan Extra.

Parishes are asked to appoint a news correspondent to let us know what is happening locally (photographs are particularly useful;) to collect copies of the newspaper from a central point in your area (please let us know how many you need each month); and to offer practical help. Rural Deans are asked to identify a delivery point in their deaneries. We urgently need your assistance and support!

Please let me have your material for the MARCH issue of the present News no later than Monday 25 January. My name is Peter Gascoigne. Address - Bilham Vicarage, Churchfield Road, Clayton, Doncaster DN5 7DH (phone and fax 01977-643756). Items for the APRIL EDITION OF THE NEWSPAPER ALSO WELCOME.



LATEST COMINGS AND GOINGS

The Revd Athol Thompson, Vicar of Shiregreen St James and St Christopher, to retire April 1999.

The Revd Jenny Barnes, Assistant Curate of Thorne St Nicholas, to be Minister in Charge, Eastwood View LEP.

The Revd Alan Isaacson, Assistant Curate of Kimberworth St Thomas, to be Team Vicar of Brinsworth St Andrew and Catcliffe St. Mary with Treeton.

The Revd Paul Hinds, Priest in Charge of Stockland Green, to be Vicar of New Rossington St Luke.

Captain John Smith, Church Army Office Gleadless Valley, to be Parish Evangelist at St Anne's. Shevington.

The Revd Andrew Savage, Assistant Curate of Ecclesall All Saints, to be Team Vicar of St Lukes Willerby in the Kirk Ella Team Ministry.

The Revd Alan Murray, Assistant Curate of Mortomley St Saviour, High Green, to be Priest in Charge of Doncaster St James.

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).

Celebrating Families

Where do children get their images of "normal" family life from? This is an important question at a time when many children will experience the separation of parents during their early years. The Dawn Project, in partnership with the West Midlands Family Court Welfare Service, has developed a card game "Celebrating Families" which aims to acknowledge and celebrate the rich diversity of family life that children can and do experience. The cards are available from the DAWN PROJECT at Church House 01709 512436 at £2.50 per pack.

Celebrating Families



A card game based on Happy Families

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Your Place or Mine?

"Mum, I don't want to go to church anymore, they make me feel like a temporary tenant, not a full member"...This was reported by the Revd. Eve Pitt from Birmingham who spoke on the theme *Your place or mine?* at the Diocesan Black Anglican Concerns Group Annual General Meeting on 8 December. Guests included the Bishop of Doncaster and representatives of other denominations. Eve spoke from the experience of her family and others of being made to feel like 'tenants' in this country and more particularly in the Church of England. As a white Briton, I was challenged by Eve's words to look more closely at how I might inadvertently contribute to the estrangement black people feel. I found myself questioning how non-racist I really am, and how guilty I am of assuming that a black person is a 'foreigner'. We all need to pay more than lip service to the truth that we are all made in the image of God and to recognise that the black people we meet are more than likely to have been born in the Northern General Hospital or Jessops. We all have a part to play in making sure the Church of England is **Our Place**.

Ann Windle

Unemployment Sunday - 14 February 1999 Theme "A New Deal for Young People"

A resource pack is available through Church Action on Poverty. Tel: 0161 236 9321.

Church Urban Fund Grants Update

- *St. Aidan's Trust, the Manor, Sheffield* has received a grant of £20,000 to kick-start the project in the first year.
- *Doncaster Coalfield Communities Partnership* involving Askern, New Rossington and Armthorpe.

Following representation by the Bishop, Church Urban Fund Trustees have agreed that the earlier grant made to the Partnership of £30,000 can be used over two years rather than three, but there will be an increased level of monitoring. The Partnership welcomes the sensitivity of the Church Urban Fund to the response of the parishes.

South Yorkshire Churches' Contribution to Economic Regeneration and tackling Social Exclusion

It is hoped to create a new partnership between the South Yorkshire Churches, together with Industrial Mission in South Yorkshire and the Faith and Justice Committee, and Local Economic Partnerships by providing a New Project Team to:

1. provide funding advice, information and support to groups of churches in Urban Priority Areas in each of Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield to facilitate their responses to local need through practical initiatives that tackle social exclusion and economic regeneration.
2. draw down structural funds to facilitate new and develop existing initiatives.
3. inform and respond to local and regional consultations about policies and programmes, both directly and through the Churches' representatives on the local and regional partnerships.

The focus will be on Urban Priority Areas in the four local authority areas in South Yorkshire and will employ four Workers, one full-time equivalent in each local authority area. For more information contact Ian McCollough or Rachel Ross at Church House 01709 512448, or Mike West at IMSY on 0114 275 5865.

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Why not resolve to change a part of your garden and bring in some colour ready for next winter? Try cutting a curve or two in the lawn or maybe get rid of it and replace it with pebbles! There are many plants, shrubs and trees now in flower which brighten the winter months.

Winter *pansies* are hardy and colourful. The diminutive yellow *Aconites* come out even before the *Snowdrops*. *Hellebores* bring white and purple to the garden whilst the *Winter Jasmine* cascades with bright yellow flowers. *Mahonia* *Charity* and *Witch Hazel* have a subtle perfume as does the *Autumn Cherry*. The flowers on this tree have been out since November and will continue until April. *Viburnum Bodnantense* has been flowering profusely since before Christmas and the *Dogwoods* provide striking stems of yellow, red and green. Go on - have a go! Prepare for a colourful NEXT WINTER!



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LENT GROUPS

The January magazine suggested that full details of the Lent Groups would be available for this present issue. The details of venues and starting times however, will be available in church on separate leaflets. We can say here that Lent Groups will start during the week beginning February 22nd and that the course material will be under the general title of "Attending, Exploring, Engaging". Several well-known people have recorded messages to which we shall look forward to listening. Do sign up ! The meetings are always enjoyable.

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JOURNEY OF LIFE

The inspiration for the February First Sunday Praise Service comes from the book of Celtic liturgies. One of the liturgies is based on the themes of Home, Exile, Desert and Promised Land. This is a clear reference to the journeys of the Children of Israel but throughout the Bible the stages of this journey are repeated over and over again. Even today, there is so much that applies to each one of us in our own lives. We too are on a journey and pass through phases of exile and desert before ultimately we shall reach the promised land !

Using this as a basis for a Praise Service is exciting and offers us the opportunity of seeing our own positions as they really are. There is encouragement too when we realise that, as with the Children of Israel, God does not leave us to struggle on our own but offers us all the help that we really need. We have much to be thankful for and plenty of reason why we should praise God for His many blessings. Do come and join in. What better way to prepare for Lent ?

Sunday February 7th at 6.30 p.m.

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A BIG THANK YOU !

Not many people will have realised what a lot of extra work is undertaken by the Churchwardens when there is an interregnum. A great deal of what a Vicar would normally do still has to be achieved and a lot of the work is behind the scenes. The pattern of regular services does not just happen automatically and a watchful eye has to be kept on the vicarage. There are also many queries to answer - not only funerals and special services but many other matters from inside and outside the parish. Then, of course, there is the actual institution service to mastermind.

All this Elsie and Bill have undertaken willingly and cheerfully. Whether everything has gone off smoothly or not, it has certainly "gone off" and our church life would have been very different if they had not been so conscientious in their duties. Those of us on the P.C.C. and many others as well would like to say a big "thank you" to them both !

Maurice Snowdon.



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THANK YOU

Stuart, Diane and Mark Greenhoff would like to thank the many people who supported them throughout, and after, Christine's recent illness. The countless cards, letters, flowers, plants and visits were very much appreciated and will never be forgotten. A total of £918 was donated to the Yorkshire Cancer Research Campaign. Thank you. Stuart Greenhoff.

ALL SAINTS' LADIES CLUB

As we approach our A.G.M. next month and come to the end of another year, it is time to reflect on the happenings of 1998.

Due to Margaret's unexpected retirement from her very ably conducted Chairperson ship, it is now time to form a new committee and we pray that volunteers will come forward.

During the year we lost two of our well-loved, hardworking members, in Elaine and Christine.

Elaine had been involved in all aspects of church life for many years and was well respected throughout the community.

It was with great sadness that we said goodbye to Christine. Anyone present at her crowded Memorial Service could not help but be astounded at the numerous jobs she had tackled in her comparatively short lifetime. She earned the greatest respect of everyone for her caring manner.

Both of these much-loved ladies will be sadly missed by all who knew and worked alongside them. They cannot be easily replaced. Our heartfelt sympathies are with James and Stewart and their respective families.

After looking back, we now look forward to the new year and welcome the new Vicar and his wife and family.

Parish Rotas for February

Coffee Rota

Feb.	7th	Jane Lawry, Betty Houldcroft, Maureen Allum.
	14th	Josephine & John Collie, Marjorie Wales.
	21st	Kath Lloyd, Vera Cryan, Beth Booth.
	28th	Roma Webb, Ann Powell, Catherine Wrigglesworth.

Sidesmen

		8.00a.m.	10.00a.m.	6.30p.m.
Feb.	7th	Mr. K. Filleul	Mrs. B. Houldcroft Mr. N. Hayden	Mrs. M. Snowdon
	14th	Mr. A. Ludlam	Mrs. C. Booth Mrs. C. Billard	Mr. J.A. England Mr. P. Purkiss
	21st	Miss A.E. Baldry	Mrs. A. Powell Mrs. J. Lawry	Mr. P. Purkiss
	28th	Miss. H. Perfect	Mr. R. Walker Mrs. M. Warrender	Mr. H. Mayson

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As we want to encourage families to come to the 10 a.m. service, an informal arrangement can be made each Sunday, except for the Come and Worship Sunday when we all meet in the Church.

Flowers.

		Altar	Memory Table
Feb.	7th	Mrs. Iosson	Mrs. Bryer
	14th	-----	Mrs. Bramall
	Lent	No Flowers	

Silver Cleaning Rota

Feb. 7th Mrs. Woodhead

From the

Registers... 

BAPTISMS:

None in January.

WEDDINGS:

None in January.

FUNERALS:

January 12th Ivy Merrill (90) 49 Aldam Road.
 January 17th Emily Dunn. Funeral at Stockport.
 Ashes interred at All Saints.
 January 25th Margaret Gillott (74) 118 Baslow Road.

We shall remember all recently bereaved families, together with the following from our Memorial Book, at our Memorial Service on Sunday 28th January 1999 at 6.30 p.m. :

Dorothy Bowie; John Wilson Drewery; Emma Sawyer; Clive Parish; Maggie Wortley; Blanche Olive Wild; Arthur White; Dorothy Duckett; Alison Margaret Ruth Hinchcliffe; Gladys Harpham; William Jones; Edith Alice Firth; Edna Doreen Brown; George William Thomas Hassent; Richard Fitzroy Johnston; Keith Vincent Clark; Charles Palmer Cokeham; Jessie Shepherd; Samuel Douglas Hutchinson; Frederick Wilcockson; Samuel Baron Turner; Lucy Evelyn Stacey; Ernest Coleman; Carol Edina Heiser; Mary Ethel Violet Baylis; Dorothy May Bingley; Lucy Kirkby; Raymond Jeffrey Phillips; Michael John Ellis; John Burton; Ian Pendall; Craig Steven Woodhead; Ida Mary Bramall; Arnon Turner; Stanley Bolton; Eric Bardwell; Frank Poyser; John David Harrison Linfoot; Ellis Barber; Elsie May Tonks; Phyllis South; Frederick Sawyer.

Enquiries

Baptism and wedding enquiries can be made at the Vicarage on Wednesday evenings between 6.30 and 7.30 p.m.. If this is not convenient, please telephone the Vicar on 236 2322.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

Tues. 2nd Ladies Club. Hall 7.30 p.m.
 Wed. 3rd Standing Committee. Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m.
 Mon. 8th Contemplative Prayer Group. 20 Totley Grange Drive 3.15 p.m.
 Tues. 9th Martha and Mary Group. Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m.
 Tues. 9th Liaison Lunch. Hall. 12.15 p.m.
 Thurs. 11th Home Group Meeting. 116 Green Oak Road 2.00 p.m.
 Sun. 14th Sunday Youth Group. Hall. 6.30 - 8.30 p.m.
 Mon. 15th Last day for items for the March Magazine.
 Tues. 16th Ladies Club. Hall. 7.30 p.m.
 Wed. 17th Afternoon Fellowship. 36 Meadow Grove Road 2.30 p.m.
 Thurs. 18th P.C.C. Meeting. Hall Lounge. 8.00 p.m.
 Sat. 20th Quiet Day. Church and Hall. 10.00 a.m.
 Mon. 22nd Collation of March Magazine. Hall from 9.30 a.m.
 Mon. 22nd Contemplative Prayer Group. 20 Totley Grange Drive 3.15 p.m.
 Tues. 23rd Martha and Mary Group. Hall Lounge. 10.30 a.m.
 Sun. 28th Sunday Youth Group. Hall. 6.30 - 8.30 p.m.

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Final date: items for Mar. magazine: 15th February

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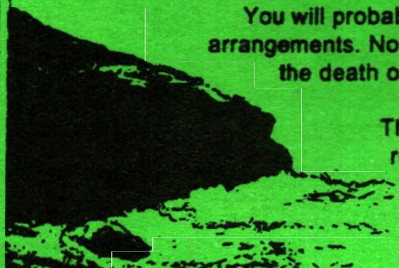
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From the Vicarage :

Dear Friends,

For a week in the middle of February, all the vicars in the Diocese of Sheffield attended a conference in Bridlington - a kind of in-service training event. For most of the time we were there, it snowed. There were several inches of snow on the beach. Battling along the prom in near-blizzard conditions was a memorable experience. And the weather men were quite right. They had warned about winter conditions on the east coast and right on cue, there they were.

Most of us will have a few rule-of-thumb ways of assessing the weather. "Red sky at night . . ." etc.

Maybe you have a barometer or another device in the home to give an indication.

Some people once approached Jesus and asked Him to give some sign as to who He was. He replied, "You know how to interpret the appearance of the sky, but you cannot interpret the signs of the times" (Mat. 16:3). You can predict the weather, but you cannot work out what it is that God is doing in your midst. Maybe we are in the same boat. There are computerised weather forecasts every day on the T.V. but how attuned are we to what God is saying to us personally or as a community?

A tower fell on some by-standers, who died. "Were they worse sinners than the rest of us?" Jesus was asked. "Not a bit of it," was His reply, "but take warning - if you don't turn from evil, then a worse fate awaits you." Do you understand

How God may speak to you, even through tragic events?

A lot of homes have decoder boxes on their T.V. sets these days, to interpret the signal. How are we doing on the spiritual front? God is a God who speaks. There are plenty of signals to tune in to. Let's be sure it's, "Message received and understood!"

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7th	Third Sunday in Lent
8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
	Theme: The Church is for ever.
11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at the Cheshire Home.
6.30 p.m.	"First Sunday Service". Lead us not into temptation.
14th	Fourth Sunday in Lent - Mothering Sunday.
8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
10.00 a.m.	Baptismal Service. All Age Service.
	Theme: The Church is for healing
3.00 p.m.	Service at Green Oak View (All Saints)
6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (A.S.B.)
	Lectionary Readings:
	John 5 : 8 – 14 and John 9 : 1 – 25
21st	Fifth Sunday in Lent
8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (A.S.B.)
	Theme: The Church is for freedom
3.30 p.m.	Service at the Cheshire Home.
6.30 p.m.	Evensong (B.C.P.)
	Lectionary Readings:
	Romans 8 : 6 – 11 and John 11 : 32 – 44.
28th	Palm Sunday
8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
10.00 a.m.	Come & Worship. All Age Service.
6.30 p.m.	Memorial Service.

P.C.C. UP-DATE

The P.C.C. meeting in February will not be until the 25th so it is not practical to give results of that meeting in this magazine. Instead, it might be useful to give a pre-view of the Annual Parish Church Meeting which will take place in the Hall on the 25th of March. This is the meeting at which anyone in the parish can learn about what is going on and express their views.

One of the important tasks at that meeting is to deal with all the elections. A notice on the Church Notice Board will give details before the meeting but it will include the election of Churchwardens and Deputy Churchwardens. The Wardens bear a responsibility for many things in and around the church and contribute to the smooth running of everything that the Church might do.

This year we have also to elect two representatives to the Deanery Synod (this is for a 3 year term). Our representatives are automatically members of the P.C.C. and contribute to our understanding of what is going on in the wider Church as well as making our voice heard in the Diocese.

Then, of course, there are elections to the Parochial Church Council. This also is for a 3 year term and we have a rotational system in which some members of the P.C.C. retire each year although they are eligible for re-election if they wish. The Parish Accounts for 1998 (which, by then,

should have been approved by the P.C.C.) will be presented for information and comment. Above all, however, the Annual Meeting should be a time for looking forward. In his address at the Installation of David Rhodes, Bishop Jack stressed that we needed to follow the paths that God is setting for us. It is important that we do this together and the Annual Parish Meeting is an important step in our discipleship.

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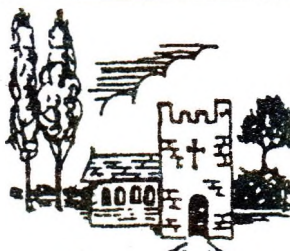
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Message from the Bishop LETTING GO IN LENT

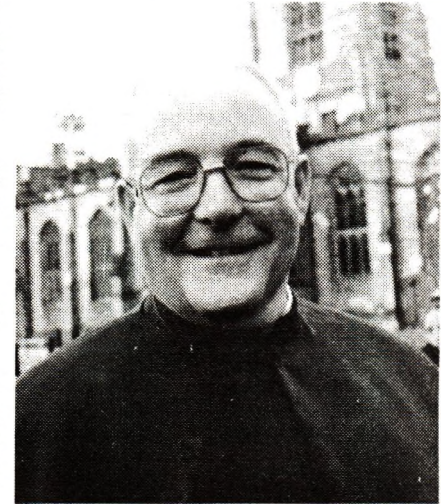
A famous Baptist preacher announced to his congregation one Sunday morning that he was going to preach on the subject about which Jesus spoke more than any other. He had, he said, counted up the references in the gospels and discovered that it is the relationship between man and his possessions which is the most common theme in the teaching of Jesus.

Carlo Carretto, one of the most popular present day writers on spirituality, gives a hint as to why this should be when he says, "Possessiveness kills. It clings so closely to the creature that it loses sight of the creator."

If we judge ourselves and each other by what we possess, be it material goods or power or influence, or number of friends or spiritual attainments - we are, according to the gospel, on our way to death.

It is the letting go that brings life, the being in possessive control which destroys it.

A friend of mine, who is an experienced counsellor and sex therapist, advised that when counselling couples who are going through sexual difficulties, she says "Forget the sex and look for the power - for there is the heart of the matter".



We all of us like to be in control - human beings are incredibly manipulative. To own, to possess, to control, are the most powerful motivators in many people's lives. But it is not to be so with us.

Conscious of the fact that we are made in the image of God and are called to grow into his likeness, we must allow ourselves to become more Christlike and in Christ is the supreme act of letting go.

It is best summed up in the letter to the Phillipians Chapter II

"Have this mind among yourselves, which you have in Christ Jesus, who though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father".



God's letting go in Jesus Christ is life to us. Our letting go will take a different form for each of us, but I suspect that most of us have some inkling of that which we need to let go in order to become more Christlike.

Let Lent be about letting go.

Bishop Jack

ALL SYSTEMS GO FOR NEW VENTURE: BIG LAUNCH DAY NEXT MONTH...

Our bright, new diocesan newspaper - a free monthly tabloid - is to be launched next month. We aim for it to be available in the parishes by Palm Sunday, 28 March.

The existing inset will continue under the new title of Sheffield Diocesan Extra, and the deadline for submitting copy for the APRIL issue of both publications will be Monday 22 February. Post or fax your news and views to me, the Revd. Peter Gascoigne, Bilham Vicarage, Churchfield Road, Clayton, Doncaster DN5 7DH (tel and fax 01977-643756). The earlier the better.

With your help and support, the NEWS and the EXTRA will be a double boon for diocesan communications.

The Editor

MORE FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

Towards the Millennium

'Church and School - Towards the Millennium' is the title of an evening for everyone connected with schools in five different areas of the city - teachers, ancillary staff; voluntary helpers, governors, parents, church, youth and children's leaders. It has been organised by Linda Chambers, Schools Development Worker, with CaSS. Sessions, all between 8 and 9.30 p.m., are as follows: **North East** - Thursday, 25 February, Christ Church Pitsmoor; **South East** - Tuesday, 2 March, Rother Valley Church, Spa View Road, Hackenthorpe; **North** - Thursday, 11 March, Ecclesfield Trinity Methodist; **East** (Attercliffe, Darnall, Tinsley...) - Monday, 15 March, Darnall Baptist Church. **East** (Arbourthorne, Manor, Norfolk Park, Park Hill, Wybourn...) - Tuesday, 23 March, Victoria Methodist, Stafford Road.

Panto time

St. Andrew's Players will be performing 'Aladdin' at St Mary's, Catcliffe, from 22-24 March. All proceeds for St. Andrew's Development Fund. For details phone John Eyre (01709-377726).

AGM

Industrial Mission in South Yorkshire hold their annual general meeting on Thursday, 18 March at 5 p.m. at Rotherham Town Hall. Among speakers at the open meeting to follow will be Paul Jagger, Regional Secretary of the TUC. The theme for the meeting is 'Fairness at Work'.

Recital

An organ recital was given by Robert Quinney, King's College, Cambridge, at All Saints' Church, Ecclesall, on 5 February. Proceeds in aid of the Blantyre Hospital Fund.

Appeal

An appeal has been launched to help provide a place of prayer, peace, meditation and contemplation at the Sheffield Children's Hospital. The Hospital Trust will provide the building, carpets, office and bathroom facilities for the multi-faith Chaplaincy Centre. The Children's Appeal are raising funds to furnish and decorate the centre as a special place of spiritual care for the young patients, parents and staff. The sum of £17,200 is needed over the next six months. For details contact Julie Harrington Appeal Director (0114-2717203).



The Bells

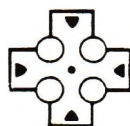
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Listen!

A four session course, 'Learning to Listen', is being held at Church House, Rotherham, on 24 February and on 3, 10 and 17 March. For information contact Daphne Gear (01709-853370).

Betrays

Pala 'ar Productions present 'Betrays', a play which focuses on the passion of Christ in Gethsemane, at St. Andrew's Psalter Lane on Wednesday, 17th March at 7.30 p.m. Church Office - 0114-2586550.



PILGRIM 2000

Full Details Next Month



SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN NEWS

MARCH 1999



A surprise encounter for three visitors from the Sheffield Diocese during their tour of the Holy Land to prepare for Pilgrim 2000. Pictured (from left to right) - the Revd Peter Gascoigne, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, the Bishop of Jerusalem, Canon Cedric Whiteman and Canon Jane Sinclair.

LAND OF SURPRISES

The small Palestinian village of Zababdeh is the last place you would expect to meet anyone as famous as Archbishop Desmond Tutu. But this is the land of surprises.

After all our wonderful experiences on this introductory visit to the Holy Land, I don't suppose we should have been too astonished when we went along to join the congregation at the local parish church morning worship to find the Bishop of Jerusalem presiding at the Eucharist and his guest, Desmond Tutu, preaching the sermon.

There were four bishops in our group, too, together with plenty of priests, and the whole village went wild with excitement as they greeted such a large company of visiting personalities.

It was an extra-special treat for us all - and what a moving occasion to hear the liturgy sung in two languages.

Archbishop Tutu told the huge assembly, which filled

the small church and spilled outside: "This land is very important for us of the Christian faith because this is where it all began. It's an awesome privilege to preach where our Lord walked the earth."

Basing the sermon on the contest between Elijah and the prophets of Baal at Mount Carmel, and illustrating it with his experiences of apartheid in South Africa, the Archbishop assured the people that they were all precious to God.

"Others may think you are nothing; others may think you are not important; these others may trample on your dignity with hob-nailed boots. But know that God loves you with a love that will not let go. This God is all-loving; this is a God of peace; a God of reconciliation. Injustice and oppression will never have the last word.



PILGRIM 2000
Land of Surprises
(from page one)

Our God, your God, is
the same yesterday,
today and for ever."

There was an opportunity afterwards to meet the Palestinian Christians over lunch, and to hear of the excellent service they are performing. The lively Roman Catholic priest at Zababdeh told how his school catered for 750 children from a very wide area, both Muslim and Christian. And a young girl sang a poignant song in her own tongue (a prayer for peace in Palestine).

The villagers were encouraged by our visit. In turn, we were heartened and inspired as we saw Christ still at work in his holy land. A memorable episode on a marvellous tour so efficiently organised by religious travel experts, McCabe, who will be arranging next year's

diocesan pilgrimage to mark the millennium (28 May to 8 June).

There were three of us from this diocese on the fact-finding visit - Canon Cedric Whiteman (co-ordinator of Pilgrim 2000), Canon Jane Sinclair (who will be responsible for the liturgy on next year's pilgrimage) and me, the Revd. Peter Gascoigne (Editor of the Diocesan News).

• *More about our visit in the new diocesan newspaper which we will publish for the first time next month. Bishop Jack hopes every parish will send a representative on Pilgrim 2000 - and we can certainly commend the venture. The journey of a lifetime to the Land of Surprises.*

Peter Gascoigne

ROUND AND ABOUT THE DIOCESE

Rotherham Holiday Aid

Not in a thousand years would a holiday be possible for the most disadvantaged families in Rotherham Borough. Yet 675 families have received holiday grants in the last ten years through Rotherham Holiday Aid. This year Holiday Aid, working with the Family Holiday Association, hope that over 200 people from disadvantaged families will have the holiday break which only seems like a dream. The sum of £5,000 has already been raised and a cheque for that amount presented to the Association. Holiday Aid Chairman, the Revd. Raymond Draper, says: "We have made a good beginning this year and hope to raise £13,000 to fund holiday grants. For details phone Mr. Draper (01709-543111).

Farewell

The diocese bids farewell to Archdeacon Stephen Lowe, on his appointment as Bishop of Hulme, on Sunday 7 March. He will preach at the Cathedral Evensong at 6.30 p.m. Afterwards he will be presented with a cope and mitre. Cheques from parishes towards this gift should be made payable to "The Bishop of Sheffield".

Chrism Masses

Bishop Jack will preside at a Chrism Eucharist in the Cathedral on Tuesday, 30 March at 11 a.m. There will also be a Chrism Mass with the Bishop of Beverley at Goldthorpe on Wednesday, 31 March at 12 noon.

Ministers on the move

The Revd. Ian Davis, Rector of Thurnscoe St. Helen, to be Priest in Charge of St. Augustine, Chesterfield, in the Diocese of Derby from April 1999.

The Revd. Mark Carey, Assistant Curate of Chapelton St. John, to be Vicar of Grenoside from July 1999.

Synod

The Sheffield Diocesan Synod will meet on Saturday 6 March at 9 a.m. at the Bailey Suite, Rawmarsh Road, Rotherham.

Mothers' Union



There will be a Mothers' Union media lunch in Sheffield Cathedral Hall on Thursday 15 April. Amanda Davey from the Sheffield Education Centre for Internet Computing will speak about 'The Internet - Friend or Foe'. Phone 0114-2863441.

Tankersley Deanery M.U. are organising a fund-raising coffee morning and lunch to raise funds for A.F.I.A., at St. John's Parish Centre, Chapelton on Wednesday, 21 April from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Details from Mrs. Penny Arkley (0114-2342246).

SONGS OF PRAISE

An ecumenical Songs of Praise will be held at St. Marie's Roman Catholic Cathedral, Norfolk Row, Sheffield, at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 20 April. Christian women's groups of all denominations have submitted their favourite hymns (with reasons for their choice).

Theology

The AGM of the Sheffield Theological Society will be held on Monday, 15 March. Dr. Walter Houston, Tutor in Biblical Studies at the Northern College, Manchester, will lecture on "In the Kingdom of the Blind: the Authority of the Bible in a Post-modern World".

Preachers for March

Preachers at Sheffield Cathedral in March - **7 March** 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist (the Ven Stephen Lowe), 6.30 p.m. Evensong (the Ven Stephen Lowe); **14 March** 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Captain Alan Turner CA), 6.30 p.m. Evensong (The Provost); **21 March** 10.30 a.m. The Judges' Service (Rabbi Julia Neuberger); **28 March (Palm Sunday)** 10.30 a.m. Sister Pauline Cusworth CA, 6.30 p.m. Canon Jane Sinclair.

HELP FROM A WIZARD

Have you noticed the beginning of a 'new look' for the magazine? I have used some of my new tools (some would say toys!) to bring you pictures, various fonts and changes to advertisements not within my scope before this week.

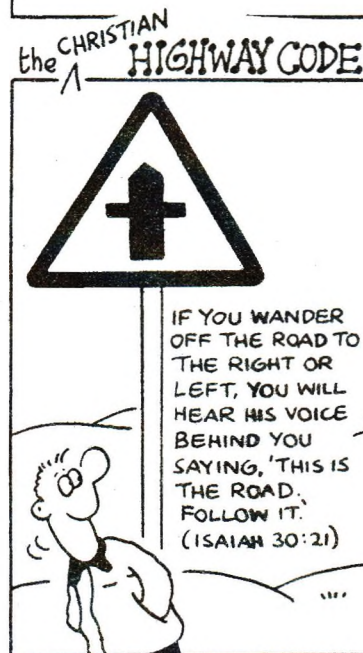
What a week it's been! Changing from my friend, the Apple-Mac., to a P.C. and setting up the magazine has 'kept me on my toes'! I've had no time for a 'learning curve' - it's had to be a straight line upwards - 90 degrees from the flat!

Ladies, your page was my practice run - and so the comment at the top. Now it's your turn to comment. I hope you won't tell me to put my toys away!

(Wizards help the novice computer operator!)

Jeanne

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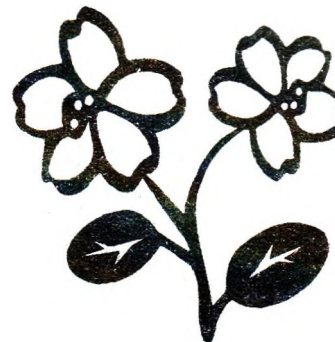
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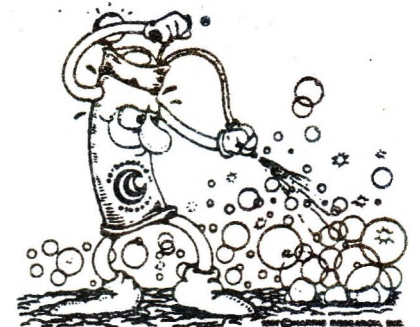


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March

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All ladies of the Parish are invited to a Dedication Service for Christian Women at the Methodist Church, Grove Road on Tuesday 16th March from 2.30 – 4.00 p.m. There will be speakers and soloists, also Holy Communion. Refreshments provided afterwards. Hope to see you all there !



Welcome

All Saints' Ladies Club

Our programme for March is as follows :
2nd. Video - K.P. Nuts by Mr. Harrison
16th. Annual General Meeting and Quiz.
Hope you will all be able to attend.

K. P.

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Question: When is a number not a number ?

Answer: When it is in the Old Testament, because then it is often a symbol.

Continued from the February issue of the magazine:

Seven the number of the day when God rested after the creation. It was symbolic of completion or perfection. The seventh day was the holy day, the Sabbath. All the great festivals lasted seven days. Hebrew slaves would dream of their seventh year - because then they were allowed to go free ! **Five** being the number of fingers on one hand, was used to represent a few - yes, a 'handful' ! Similarly, five hundred meant a few hundred.

Four represented the world. Four seasons and, in the Old Testament, four kinds of living creatures: humans, domestic animals, wild animals and sky & sea creatures.

Three and a half was often used to indicate a period of time that was under the control of God. A drought in the time of the 'wicked' King Ahab was thought to have lasted three and a half years.

Three is a special number in a lot of religions. Anything that the Israelites saw as the work of God was said to have taken three days. For example: Joshua told the Israelites before they entered the Promised Land: Get your supplies ready. Three days from now you will cross the Jordan and take possession of the land the Lord your God is giving you.

(Joshua 1:10)

Parish Rotas for March

Coffee Rota

Mar.	7th	Audrey and Ron Walker, Ro Carter.
	14th	Pauline and Alan Shepherdson, Eileen Mason.
	21st	Moreen Warrender, Angela and Glyn Waite.
	28th	Catherine Brown, Hazel and Alan Ludlam

Sidesmen

		8.00a.m.	10.00a.m.	6.30p.m.
Mar.	7th	Mr. K. Filleul	Mrs. B. Houldcroft Mr. N. Hayden	Mrs. M. Snowdon
	14th	Mr. A. Ludlam	Mrs. C. Booth Mrs. C. Billard	Mr. J.A. England Mr. P. Purkiss
	21st	Miss.A.E.Baldry	Mrs.A.Powell Mrs. J. Lawry	Mr. P. Purkiss
	28th	Miss. H. Perfect	Mr. R. Walker Mrs. M. Warrender	Mr. H. Mayson

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As we want to encourage families to come to the 10 a.m. service, an informal arrangement can be made each Sunday, except for the Come and Worship Sunday when we all meet in the Church.

Flowers.

	<u>Altar</u>	<u>Memory Table</u>
Mar.	Lent	No Flowers

Silver Cleaning Rota

Mar.

From the

Registers ...

BAPTISMS:

None in February.

WEDDINGS:

None in February.

FUNERALS:

February 4th Vicky Cooper (85)
February 15th Myra Howell (93) of Green Oak View.
February 19th Elizabeth Maitland-Ward of 60, Bradway Road.

We shall remember all recently bereaved families, together with the following from our Memorial Book, at our Memorial Service on Sunday 28th March 1999 at 6.30 p.m.:

Kathleen Mabel Bird; Alan Frederick Herbert; Alan Keith Jockel; Herbert Brian Wood; Winifred Elizabeth Foulstone; Ernest Hall; Jessie Gibbs; Elizabeth Truswell, Charles Rowland Swift; Willis Coates; Lily Beaumont; Louis Reed; Roy Wiggett; Anthony Henry; Darwen Williams; Lena Whitehouse; Keith Blackburn; Dora Frances MacFarlane; Dorothy Cynthea Seaton; John Walter Holding; Harry Kelham; Alexandra Mary Gardner; Vera Twigg; Walter Eric Brownhill; Sophia Maud Winson; Stephen Malcolm Wigglesworth; Roy Hood; Ernest Atkinson; Stanley Hall; Dorothy Rhodes; Ethel Blackburn; Walter Edward Wild; Marjorie Cokeham; Celia Gillott; Julia Ibbotson; Elizabeth Ann Mitchell; and Mary Peace

Enquiries

Baptism and wedding enquiries can be made at the Vicarage on Wednesday evenings between 6.30 and 7.30 p.m. If this is not convenient, please telephone the Vicar on 236 2322.

MARCH DIARY DATES



Tues. 2nd	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed. 3rd	Over 50's Keep Fit Class.Hall 2.30 p.m.
Thurs 4th	Standing C'ttee. Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m.
Fri. 5th	Women's World Day of Prayer. All Saints' Ch. 10.00 a.m
Mon. 8th	Contemplative Prayer Group 1.Quarry Rd 3.15 p.m.
Tues. 9th	Martha and Mary Group.Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m.
Wed. 10th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class. Hall 2.30 p.m.
Thurs 11th	P.C.C. Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m.
Sun. 14th	Sunday Youth Group. Hall 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.
Tues. 16th	Dedication Service for Christian Women – Methodist Church, Psalter Lane 2.30-4.00 p.m. Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed. 17th	Afternoon Fellowship.1.Quarry Road2.30 p.m. Play, "Betrayals" St. Andrew's Ch. Psalter Lane7.30 p.m
Mon. 22nd	Contemplative Prayer Group 1, Quarry Rd. 3.15 p.m. Last day for items for April Magazine - please !
Tues. 23rd	Martha and Mary Group. Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m.
Thurs 25th	Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Hall 8.00 p.m.
Sun. 28th	Sunday Youth Group. Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m.
Mon. 29th	Collation of April Magazine. Hall from 9.30 a.m.
Wed. 31st	Joint Service in U.R.C. Church Hall. 8.00 p.m.

Saying for Stillness

"Hearken unto ME Hear instructions and be wise....Who so findeth ME findeth life. (Proverbs 8 : 32 – 35).

Final Date: Items for April Magazine: 22nd March.

ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH HALL

Sunday:	10.00 a.m. Young Saints Jeanne Foster 235 1525 6.30 - 8.30 p.m. Sunday Youth Group (2nd & 4th) Joe Varney 236 9042
Monday:	10.00 a.m. Drop in Coffee Marjorie & Maurice Snowdon 236 2822 3.30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice in Church Stella Jockel 236 9413 7.00 p.m. Guides Dorothy Firth 236 4190 9.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting in the Lounge
Tuesday:	10.30 a.m. Martha & Mary Group(2nd & 4th) Sheila Eke 236 7457 7.30 p.m. Ladies Club (1st & 3rd) Clare Billard 236 6772 Joan Gray 236 8470
Wednesday:	10.00 a.m. Parent & Toddler Group Dr. Helen Lang 235 2935 2.30 p.m. Ladies Keep Fit Moreen Warrender 236 0515 6.15 p.m. Trailblazers (Children's Club) Ken Filleul 236 0872
Thursday:	7.00 p.m. Choir Practice in Church Stella Jockel 236 9413

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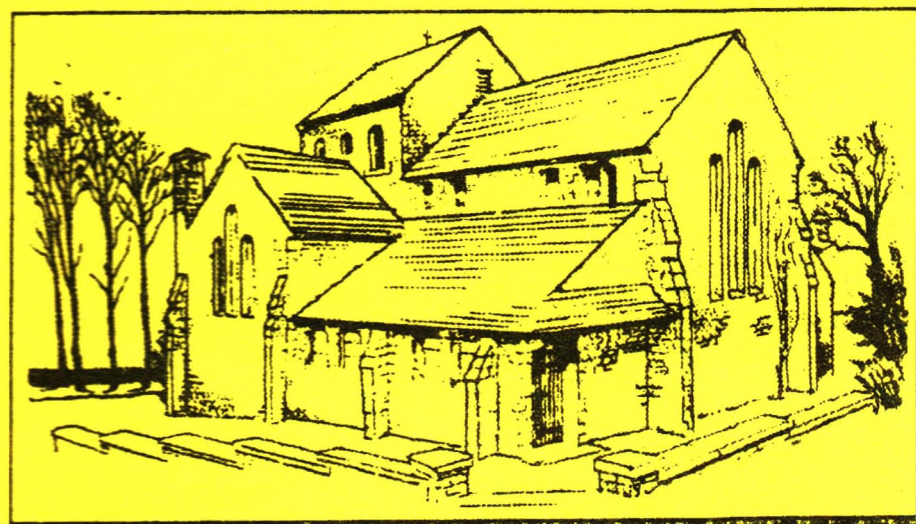
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From the Vicarage :

Dear Friends,
Easter - what does it mean to you ? I asked this question in a school assembly a year of two ago and was inundated with answers about chocolate and rabbits. If you're a parent it might have something to do with onset of school holidays. The same (with a different feeling) may be the case if you're a teacher ! For a good number of us I suspect it evokes certain memories from a previous era in our lives where Easter may have played a fuller part in our national culture.

The very word has a rather an uncertain origin. Probably it comes from the name of a pagan (like a number of the names for days of the week) Anglo-Saxon goddess of Spring - 'Eostre'. The custom of giving eggs probably has a similar origin. Mind it must have been an obvious thing for the early Christians to link the pre-Christian interest in Spring and the reviving of life in the natural sphere, to the resurrection of Jesus from mankind and his subsequent history.

But what **does** it mean to you ? Maybe it's an opportunity for an early holiday. An ironic thing in

many churches nowadays is, that on one of the most important days of the year - the day we celebrate the fact (yes, fact) that Jesus rose again from the dead, many regular worshippers are away. A little illustration of the mobile and fluid world in which we live to-day.

But, what does it mean to you? To me it's the cornerstone of how I understand life. Life can be awful: but in the middle of it, Jesus tasted the worst - and conquered. He says to you and me, "If you'll just put your trust in me, you'll find that same principle of resurrection will be at work in you too".

So what's your answer to the question? On the evening of Easter Sunday (4th April) at 6.30 p.m. in All Saints, there will be a lively celebration service when one or two ordinary folk from Totley will be sharing what Easter means to them. Why not come along and hear for yourself?

*With all my best wishes,
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4th

Easter Sunday

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
- 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (A.S.B.)
A service for all ages.
- 11.30 a.m. Holy Communion at the Cheshire Home.
- 6.30 p.m. "First Sunday Service". A service of Easter Praise.

11th

First Sunday after Easter.

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
- 10.00 a.m. Baptismal Service. All Age Service.
Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion (A.S.B.)
Lectionary Readings:
Daniel 6 : 10 - 23 and Mark 15 : 46 - 16 : 8.

18th

Second Sunday after Easter

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
- 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (A.S.B.)
Theme: Our Father who art in heaven.
- 3.30 p.m. Service at the Cheshire Home.
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion (A.S.B.)
Lectionary Readings:
Haggai 1 : 13 to 2 : 9 & 1 Corinth. 13 : 10 - 17

25th

Third Sunday after Easter

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
- 10.00 a.m. Come & Worship. All Age Service.
Theme: Thy kingdom come.
- 6.30 p.m. Memorial Service.



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CHURCH OPEN DURING THE WEEK

After a recent incident of vandalism, the decision was taken that All Saints could not be left open unattended. That was a sad day. So, we want to have another go at leaving it open. All Saints will now open from 8.45 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on week days. From 8.45 to 9.15 there is simple and informal act of worship and prayer - "Start the day with Jesus" - To which all are welcome.

HOORAY
FOR THAT
An Irish news-
paper reported
how one Sunday
in an Irish
village, three
Protestant



women visited a
packed Roman Catholic Church. Recognising them and wishing to show respect, the priest whispered to his server, 'Three chairs for the Protestant ladies'.

The server jumped to his feet and shouted, 'Three cheers for the Protestant ladies'.

The congregation rose and responded heartily.

Christ Church, Virginia Water.



'Sorry, Vicar. Can't make it this morning. Spending a few hours with some handicapped people.'

Not an April Fool
But a Saint 'indeed'



April 23rd THE STRANGE SAINTLY GEORGE

Living and dying in the 4th century AD, George has long since been overtaken by myth and imagination.

We can be sure of very little concerning this fine man, except that he was a true martyr who suffered and died at Lydda in Palestine, probably before Roman persecution of Christians ended with the coming of Constantine.

The Church believes that George's courageous allegiance to Christ cost him his life and honours his name and his memory. All else is uncertainty. A 12th century Italian fable gives to us the famous story of the slaying of the dragon, the rescuing of a king's fair daughter and the conversion of Libya.

Nevertheless, memories of the valour of George stirred Crusaders to adopt him as their patron saint, as had other Eastern soldiers centuries before them. It has become an enduring tradition - today George is patron saint not of England alone - but also of Portugal, Germany, Aragon, Genoa and Venice.

On 23rd April may we be thankful for St George and may we pray especially for England and the leadership and witness she yet can give to the world for Jesus Christ.

- DARRELL GARDINER

P.C.C. UPDATE.

The P.C.C. has actually met twice since the last magazine report. The second time though, was only to approve the 1998 accounts so that they could be presented to the Annual Parish Meeting. It was however an opportunity to thank our Treasurer, Neil Hayden, for all the hard work that he has put in for several years.

The earlier meeting (25th Feb.) was the first one in which David Rhodes took the chair and we were very pleased to welcome him (again!). Much of the business will already be in the public eye because of the Annual Parish Meeting or Church Notices but it was good to note that the P.C.C. was very much together in the various issues that arose. For example, even though we had to agree that the Church should be locked after the vandalism last summer, most of the P.C.C. (perhaps all!) wanted have the Church open so that people could use it for private prayer or meditation. The possibility of vandalism, however, is still with us so we all need to be vigilant.

The major new item of future expenditure was identified as the need to renew a great deal of the electrical work in the Church and in the Hall. This work will be done as a matter of some urgency in the interest of safety but we hope that it will not lead to inconvenience for the three weeks that it will take to do the job. It was exciting to make plans for various events in the near future. Again these
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P.C.C. UPDATE continued

will be detailed in other notices but it was encouraging that the P.C.C. agreed to spend a day together (Saturday May 1st), to pray about and discuss together the direction in which the Church should be going. Whatever may come out of that day, it will be interesting to share it all with the rest of the congregation on the following Sunday (May 2nd). This and the week of prayer for the whole Church which is planned for the week 12th to 17th April, clearly reflect the hope and the expectation that, whatever the future may hold, we should all be working closely together in our attempt to serve the Lord. We also discussed the possibility of establishing one of the upstairs rooms in the Hall as the Church Office. There are a number of issues to resolve about this and it will mean discussing the situation with everyone who uses the upstairs for any purpose but the aim is clear and we hope that it will be possible to achieve a start on this in the very near future.

There was also an idea to create a Church Fellowship Directory as an aid to better communication and fellowship within the Church. It is likely that you will be approached about this in the near future but if you don't hear anything soon, ask someone you know about it.

There were other issues too; notice boards; repairs in the Hall; news from Churches Together in S17 and other items were covered. Whilst some of these are very practical items, there can be little doubt that we are starting the next period in the life of the Church in Totley in great hope that the Lord will bless this time.
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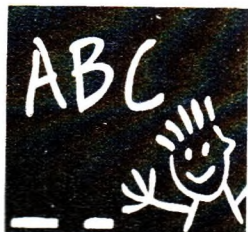
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Change of status . . .

On September 1st to be 'Grant Main- longer be a 'G.M.' the Governing tees/Parish Church, Department for



our school will cease tained'. There will no status and therefore Body, the School Trus- the Diocese and the Education and Em- ployment have agreed for our school to become 'Voluntary Aided'.

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Look, there's St. Andrews

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St. Bernard dogs are named af- ter the Augustinian Monks of



Grand St. Ber- nard Hospice, Switzerland, who kept them for finding lost travellers in the Alps and to act as guides.

Grown-ups never understand anything for themselves and it is tiresome for children to be al- ways and forever explaining things to them!

Antoine de Saint-Exupery
La Petit Prince 1943

Visiting Priest: I hear God has brought you two lovely twin brothers.

Little Girl: Yes, and what's more, He knows where their school fees will be coming from - I heard daddy say so.

Saints...



...use time wisely

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A while ago I wrote a piece which was included in the magazine. I said "I believe God has prompted me to ask some searching questions". In the light of the motivation and purpose of the 'Week of Prayer' in April; to seek God's guidance, it seemed to me that God is still nudging me to ask these questions. I believe it is appropriate that we all ask them and prayerfully consider the answers.

- *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.

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

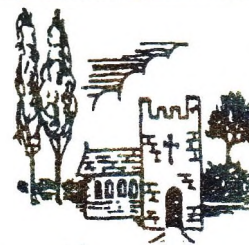
MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



I know you read the magazine because you have told me. I had hoped you would send me loads of stories, poems and recipes but I'm sorry to say I have only received one in addition to the business reports and the usual information for the diary, etc. during this month. If your magazine is to remain interesting, I need submissions from you or ideas about the type of article you would like to see in future.



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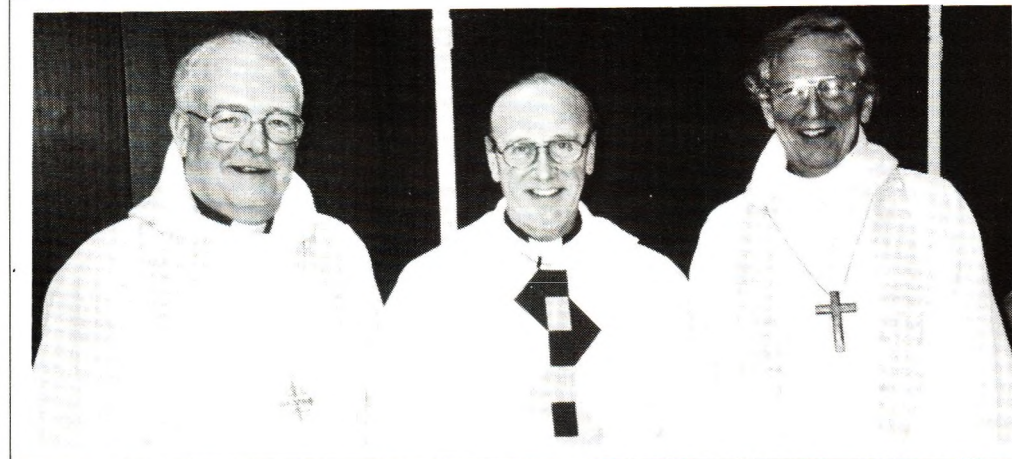
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SHEFFIELD DIOCESAN EXTRA

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The Archbishop of York, the Most Revd. and Rt. Hon. David Hope, with the Bishop of Sheffield, the Rt. Reverend Jack Nicholls (left) and the Bishop of Doncaster, the Rt. Reverend Michael Gear (right), at the Sheffield Diocesan Conference at Bridlington.

DEATH AND RESURRECTION

The Sheffield Diocesan Clergy Conference at snow-bound Bridlington has been hailed a tremendous success.

The theme was set by Bishop Jack who stated that Christianity was about death and resurrection and not survival.

There were certain things we all needed to let go of and the pain of death was the pain of letting go.

"Whatever have we done to people when they come to equate the Gospel with bricks and mortar?" asked the Bishop. "We make our buildings and institutions into idols. We make our priests into idols and when they fail we lose our faith."

Bishop Jack said "If we have confidence in the death and resurrection of Jesus and if he has led us through death into new, resurrection life, our anxiety will fade away to the extent that we shall let go and let God. Jesus is Lord and goes before us into Galilee."

The theme was fully explored by some excellent speakers, including the Rt. Revd. Lord Sheppard,

who felt the conference had been "a marvellous experience"; Canon Cyril Ashton, Director of Training in the Blackburn Diocese, who rated it highly ("even the snow added to the success"); and Mother Barbara Claire, of the Community of St. Mary the Virgin, who felt it had been an excellent experience.

There was fun, too, at Bridlington, especially in the cabaret after the Conference Dinner - the sight of bishops, archdeacons and the diocesan secretary giving a line dancing demonstration, or of clergy performing the Full Monty (in reverse) had to be seen to be believed!

There was deserved praise (and gifts) for the organisers and workers whose sterling contributions ensured the success of the operation.

• *More of Tim Leach's conference pictures appear in the first issue of the new diocesan newspaper. Make sure you obtain your copy!*

ROUND AND ABOUT THE DIOCESE

Resources Centre

The Resources Centre will be closed for Easter from Thursday 1st April, and will re-open on Monday 12th. Items can be returned via the boxes at Sheffield and Doncaster or, from Wednesday 7th, the box in the General Office at Church House. Parishes who are sending a representative on next year's Pilgrim 2000 can take advantage of the fact that the Resources Centre have several videos and slides of the Holy Land (also projectors and screens to show the slides), and these can be borrowed. Since Mary Ketchington has left, it is not possible to staff the Resources Centre full time so, if you are intending to visit and may need help, please ring up first on 01709-512378. The best days are Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

Kathryn Bliss

Network

Sheffield Diocesan Evangelical Network are organising a day conference for clergy and readers on Tuesday 11th May in conjunction with Christ Church, Fulwood, Sheffield. The speaker is the Revd. Dick Lucas, former Rector of St. Helen's, Bishopsgate, and his subject is, simply, 'Preaching'. Timing: 9.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost £4 (including coffee, tea and light buffet lunch). Bookings by phone to Ros Redden (01302-853829) or by post to Peter Collier, Christ Church Fulwood, Canterbury Avenue, Sheffield S10 3RT.

Project '98

Doncaster Naturalists' Society have announced the forthcoming publication of their 1998 natural history survey, 'Doncaster's Living Churchyard Project '98'. This is the result of visits to almost 40 churchyards throughout the Spring and Summer, where natural history interests were recorded. The botanical species list also includes recent historical data (where available). The contents will include a foreword by the Archdeacon of Doncaster, the Ven Bernard Holdridge; geological map with churchyards detailed 'Top of the Saintly Pops' (church dedications); a paper on 'Wall Rue'; 'Here's Looking at Yew'; significant species of a botanical nature; botanical inventory; ornithological interest; churchyard mammals; Daubenton's bats at Fishlake Church; bibliography, references and useful addresses; list of contributors. There will also be line drawings and photographs in this A4 size, spiral bound publication with its photographic front cover. Pre-publication offer until 30th April - £5 plus £1 postage. Details from Mrs. P. Seccombe (01302-867597).

Art to aid Restoration

The ancient parish church of St. Michael and All Angels, Brodsworth, has suffered badly from mining subsidence over the past 30 years or so. Restoration began in July 1997. Work on the roof is finished, and repairs to the interior stonework completed along with the new heating system. However, much remains to be done, and the contractors started renovating the exterior stonework at the beginning of this year. It is hoped the Annual Art Exhibition on Easter Day, Monday and Tuesday, 4th-6th April, in the Glebe Barn at Brodsworth will boost funds for the maintenance project. The exhibition will also give artists the chance to display their talents and become well-known to the public. For details contact Mrs. Kitty Thompson (01302-723318).

Cathedral Diary...

Thursday 25th March - 7.30 p.m.

Sung Eucharist of the Annunciation and dedication of the cathedral lantern.

Sunday 28th March (Palm Sunday) - 10.30 a.m.

Sung Eucharist and procession of the palms, followed by joint Ecumenical lunch.

Tuesday 30th March - 11.00 a.m.

Chrim Eucharist and distribution of oils.

(Preacher: *The Bishop of Sheffield*).

Thursday 1st April (*Maundy Thursday*) - 7.30 p.m.

Liturgy of the Last Supper.

Friday 2nd April (*Good Friday*) - 10. a.m.

Sung Liturgy of the Day.

12 Noon - The Three Hours Devotion.

(Preacher: *Canon Christopher Smith*).

7.30 p.m. - Good Friday Devotion: including *Poulenc's Litanies à la Vierge Noire*.

Saturday 3rd April (*Easter Eve*) - 7.30 p.m.

Easter Vigil with baptism, confirmation and Eucharist. (Preacher: *The Bishop of Sheffield*).

Sunday 4th April (*Easter Day*) - 10.30 a.m.

Sung Eucharist with orchestra. (Preacher: *The Bishop of Sheffield*).

Drama Workshop

A drama workshop on Saturday 24th April is the latest EQUIP training course at Bawtry Hall. Drama is one of the most effective ways of communicating, and increasingly churches are using this medium to present the Gospel. The purpose of the day is to help participants develop their acting skills through professional tuition. Course leader: Rob Lacey. Details from Barbara Jaquess (01302-710020).



A time for quiet reflection on the shores of Galilee during a visit to the Holy Land in preparation for Pilgrim 2000.

PILGRIM 2000

Bishop Jack has invited the whole Diocese to join him on Pilgrim 2000 - a very special pilgrimage which focuses on the true meaning of the Millennium.

Of course, it is impossible for everyone to make the exciting journey to the Holy Land from 29th May to 8th June next year.

But it is hoped all those who remain back home will accompany the pilgrims spiritually; that in their prayers and imaginations they will be with the Bishop and his party as they follow in the steps of Jesus.

Now that Parishes have had the opportunity to send a representative, the remaining places on a Pilgrim 2000 are open for any who wish to go at their own expense.

Not only does it offer the chance to be in Bethlehem where it all began, but pilgrims will also be able to support Christian believers in the Holy Land as they continue the work of Christ today - our Diocese has decided to support a Millennium project at the Atfulana Deaf Unit in Gaza, a particularly poor, underprivileged area.

• Read more about Pilgrim 2000 in the first issue of the new Sheffield Diocesan

Latest Appointments

Canon Richard Blackburn, Vicar of Mosbrough to be Archdeacon of Sheffield, and will be installed at The Cathedral, on Sunday 25th April 1999 at 6.30 p.m.

The Revd. Charles Hedley, Team Rector of Gleadless Christ Church with St. Peter, to be Rector of St. James' Piccadilly in the Diocese of London.

The Revd. Linda Boulnois, Assistant Curate of Brampton Bierlow Christ Church, to resign from May 1999.

The Right Revd. John Gaisford, Suffragan Bishop of Beverley (PEV) in the Diocese of York, to be also Honorary Assistant Bishop (PEV) in the Diocese of Sheffield.

MORE FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

Pilgrimage

A party of Anglicans will be joining the Hallam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 5th-10th May (by air). The all inclusive cost is £395. Details from Christopher Smith (0114 2753434)

CONCERT

A concert by the Armthorpe Elmfield Band conducted by Haydn Griffiths, is to be performed on Friday 30th April at 7.30 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church, Wadworth. It is a Gift Weekend activity. Details from J and R Redden (01302-853829).

Study Tour

Colin Roberts, reader at Whiston Parish Church, has organised a study tour to Ecuador and the Galapagos Islands for the year 2000. There are only six places left for the tour, which is from 26th July to 7th August. Anyone interested should phone Mr. Roberts (01709-365322).

Voices in concert

An evening of Voices in Concert is to be held on Saturday 8th May at 7.30 p.m. in Goole Parish Church. It will be performed by the professional ensemble which sings regularly at Christmas time for the National Trust at Benningborough Hall, and consists of Delia Fletcher and Judith Hartley (sopranos), Janet Clarke (alto), Peter Bingham (tenor) and John Bradley (bass). Details from Dr. J.P. Allen (01405-763869).

Open Day

An Open Day at Mexborough Parish Church on Easter Monday, 5th April, will give visitors the opportunity to look round the church and view the Easter flowers. It is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and refreshments (including a light lunch) will be available in the Parish Room.

EARS TO HEAR

The Church Pastoral Aid Society Ministry Among Women are offering people an opportunity to learn or improve their listening skills at an evening entitled, 'Ears to Hear', at St. Andrew's Methodist Church, Doncaster, on Tuesday 25th May (7 to 9.30 p.m.) The hall will be open from 6 p.m. The event will be led by Daphne Gear.

Festival

An Arts and Crafts Festival takes place at St. Michael's Church and School, Rossington, from 1st to 3rd May. On the Saturday and Monday it will be open from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. On the Sunday, when there is a Festival Eucharist at 10.30 a.m., the opening times are 12 noon to 5 p.m. Paintings and crafts for sale. Light refreshments will be served. Proceeds towards repairs to the Churchyard wall. Details from the Revd. Marc Seccombe (01302-867597).

Organist Wanted

There will be a vacancy for an organist/music leader at Campsall St. Mary Magdalene Church from 1st April. Details from Father Michael Johnson (01302-700286).

Celebration

'Make Way for the Cross', an Easter celebration, with music by Graham Kendrick, drama and dance, is to be staged at Holy Trinity Church, Thorpe Hesley, on Sunday 4th April at 6 p.m. It will be signed for the deaf. Details phone Fiona Wilson (0114-2462517).

More April Diary Dates

- April
- 10 Zest at The Dome (Doncaster Leisure Park) 8-10 p.m.
 - 13 Working with specific models of Jesus & Discipleship. Urban Theology Unit, Sheffield.
 - 14 'Called to Listen' Acorn Healing Trust Christian Listeners led by Mrs. Daphne Gear. 12 sessions at Church House Rotherham 7 p.m.- 9.30 p.m. For details contact Canon Peter Chambers. (01709-512447).
 - 16-18 'Marriage resource conference', training course at Swanwick. For details contact Margaret Wooding Jones (0114-2683463).
 - 17 'Introduction to children's work' module 1 part 1 at Hansworth Parish Centre, 9a.m.-1p.m. For details contact Susan Atkinson at Church House (01709-512447).
 - 21-22 Liberation Theology II-First World Urban Theology Unit, Sheffield.
 - 22 Understanding Bereavement and Loss, 12 sessions at Church House, Rotherham, 7-9.30 p.m. Also on 29th April Details from Canon Peter Chambers (01709-512447)
 - 27 Johannine Discipleship Today. Urban Theology Unit, Sheffield.
 - 28-29 Applied Bible Studies, Urban Theology Unit, Sheffield. Discipleship I & II



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Among my mother's recipes I found this old book (no date) published by the City of Sheffield Education Committee, price one shilling. In the back I found her note on how to make 'Grandma's Parkin', (my grandma died forty years ago aged 83 years).

Perhaps you would like to make (and enjoy) it as I have done.

You will need the following ingredients:

6 oz. Plain Flour; 3 oz Sugar; 6 oz. Oatmeal; 3.5 oz. Lard (Margarine); 10 oz. Treacle; 1 teaspoonful Ground Ginger; 1 Egg and a half teaspoonful of Bi Carbonate of soda in a drop of milk (as this would be the raising agent, it would be unnecessary when using Self Raising Flour!).

Mix the dry ingredients in a bowl and add the melted fat and treacle, stirring well. Beat the egg, milk and bi-carb. and add to the mixture.

Make greaseproof lining for a tin approximately 9" square and spread the mixture evenly. Bake in a moderately hot oven for 1 and a quarter hours.

Ladies !

April

All Saints' Ladies Club

There will be no meeting on April 6th.

The meeting on the 20th April will be a talk given by Mrs. Greenwood on the founding of Cole Brothers.

Please join us to hear about one of our city shops and its history !



Welcome

China painting

Would you like to paint your own plate and at the same time, help raise money for Christian Aid ? If so, please see me to arrange a suitable time. Marjorie Draper 236 6298

. Envelopes.

David Rhodes made a very important statement about giving to the Church at one of the morning services in February. I was able to demonstrate weekly envelopes as one of the ways in which our giving can be regular. Whilst we may acknowledge that the amount of our giving should be determined in a thoughtful and prayerful way the practical problem of actually doing it remains to be done. Weekly envelopes are used by many of our congregation but others may wish to know about them.

The first thing to say is that the envelope scheme is very confidential. Only one person can work out how much is being given by any envelope user and that confidentiality is guarded very carefully. The stock of new envelopes is held by Maureen Allum and either she or myself can give you further information or put to rest any worries that you may have. The second thing to say is that regular giving to the Church is advantageous when it comes to budgeting. Knowing how much money in total is likely to come into the Church permits the P.C.C. to control its expenditure more confidently.

Of course, there are other ways of giving regularly such as by standing order. We have all the necessary forms and paperwork to deal with this if it applies to you.

Whether the giving is by envelopes or standing order it is possible to covenant the giving if you pay income tax. This has the advantage of allowing the Church to recover the tax, which you will have paid, at no extra cost to yourself. Again the necessary paperwork is easy and readily available.

In all these matters how much you give to the Church is entirely your decision and no one will pressurise you. Without any commitment at all I would be only too pleased to amplify any of this. You have only to ask!

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Coroner's Visit

I have arranged for the South Yorkshire Coroner to give a talk on Thursday 29th April at 11.00 a.m. in the Church Hall Lounge. The bereavement visitors in this parish felt it would be of benefit for us to have some idea of the Coroner's work so that we might be better prepared should we visit people where a coroner has been involved.

If anyone reading this would like to join us, then please accept this as your invitation. It is estimated that the talk will last no more than one hour.
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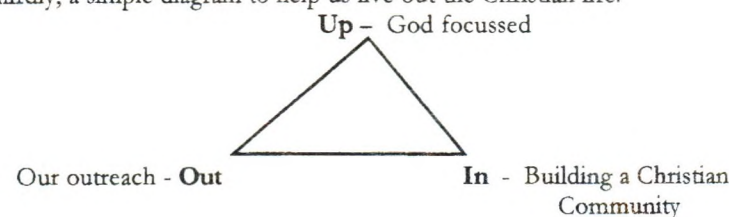
Application to Planning Dept. for a **new Vicarage** submitted, with drive close to the Church drive. Diocese have approved the application.

Vicar's Report : As we look ahead, I want to highlight three things;
firstly, the verse below which was given to me as a word of encouragement at the start of a new ministry:

"Let love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart." Proverbs 3 : 3.

secondly, the week of prayer - to seek the Lord's guidance and clarity for our future.

thirdly, a simple diagram to help us live out the Christian life:



Electoral Roll 178 on the Electoral Roll - see roll in Church porch.

News from Deanery Synod - suggested that Churches in S17 should work together more than at present.

Accounts report. Expensive rewire required or our insurance will be invalid. Explanation of the '10%' gifts and need for more contributions for Ric Gray's 'restricted fund'. Neil announced his retirement at the end of the year - volunteer wanted to replace him !

Election of P.C.C. Representatives: Maurice Snowdon and Gay Riley.
To Co-opt three other as appropriate.

The term Sidesmen to be retained - request to include Sideswomen not 'persons'.

Re-appointment of Keith Spencer to be Independent Examiner for next year.

Request for printing equipment to be moved into the Church Hall rooms and for a team of people to help with 'All Saints' Publications' - more volunteers wanted !
Date for next meeting of P.C.C. - 22nd April in Church Lounge.
Date for next A.G.M. - 30th March 2000.

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	11th	Valerie Loft, Johanne Elmore, Brenda Lewis
	18th	Dorothy Firth, Vivien and Ken Filleul
	25th	Ann Ruthven, Dorothy Smith, Eileen Davis

Sidesmen

		8.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
Apr.	4th	Mr. K. Filleul	Mrs. B. Houldcroft	Mrs. M. Snowdon
			Mr. N. Hayden	
	11th	Mr. A. Ludlam	Mrs. C. Booth	Mr. J.A. England
			Mrs. C. Billard	Mr. P. Purkiss
	18th	Miss. A.E Baldry	Mrs. A. Powell	Mr. P. Purkiss
			Mrs. J. Lawry	
	25th	Miss H. Perfect	Mr. R. Walker	Mr.H. Mayson
			Mrs. M. Warrender	

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As we want to encourage families to come to the 10.00 a.m. service, an informal arrangement can be made each Sunday, except for the All Age Services, e.g. Come & Worship, when we all meet in the Church.

Flowers

		Altar	Memory Table
Apr.	4th	Easter Flowers	Mrs. Noton
	11th	Easter Flowers	Mrs. Bryer
	18th	Mrs. Wales	Mrs. Jones
	25th	will someone offer to cover this date ?	Mrs. Loft

Silver Cleaning

April

4th	Mrs. Noton
18th	Mrs. A. Waite

From the

Registers ...

BAPTISMS:

14th March	William Roxburgh Highfield
14th March	Charles Edward Francis Highfield
	25, Kew Crescent, Gleadless, Sheffield.

We shall visit the families of the following children who will be celebrating a baptism anniversary :

March 29th	Natalie Erin and Jordan Arran Barnsdall
March 30th	James Richard Bridgens
April 6th	Rebecca Emily Gillard
April 14th	Thomas James Edward Bramall
April 28th	Jonathan William Bell

WEDDINGS:

None in March.

FUNERALS:

None in March.

We shall remember all recently bereaved families, together with the following from our Memorial Book, at our Memorial Service on Sunday 25th April 1999 at 6.30 p.m.:

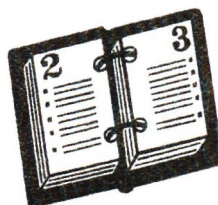
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APRIL DIARY DATES



Mon. 5th	Contemplative Prayer Group at 50, Rowan Tree Dell. 3.15 p.m.
Tues. 6th	Ladies Club - no meeting
Wed. 7th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class. Hall 2.30 p.m.
Sun. 11th	Sunday Youth Group. Hall 6.30 - 8.30 p.m.
Mon. 12th	Saturday 17th Week of Prayer
Tues. 13th	Martha and Mary Group. Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m.
Wed. 14th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class. Hall 2.30 p.m.
Mon. 19th	Contemplative Prayer Group at 50, Rowan Tree Dell. 3.15 p.m. Last day for items for May Magazine.
Tues. 20th	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed. 21st	Over 50's Keep Fit Class. Hall 2.30 p.m.
Thurs. 22nd	P.C.C. Meeting in the Hall Lounge. 7.45 p.m.
Sun. 25th	Sunday Youth Group. Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m.
Mon. 26th	Collation of May Magazine. Hall from 9.30 a.m. Totley Resid. Assoc. A.G.M. Totley Library at 7.30 p.m.
Tues. 27th	Martha and Mary Group. Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m.
Wed. 28th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class. Hall 2.30 p.m.

Saying for Stillness

Whoever keeps MY Word will never see death.

(John 8 : 51)

Final Date: Items for May Magazine: 19th April.

ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH HALL

Sunday:	10.00 a.m. Young Saints Jeanne Foster 235 1525 6.30 - 8.30 p.m. Sunday Youth Group (2nd & 4th) Joe Varney 236 9042
Monday:	10.00 a.m. Drop in Coffee Marjorie & Maurice Snowdon 236 2822 3.30 p.m. Junior Choir Practice in Church Stella Jockel 236 9413 7.00 p.m. Guides Dorothy Firth 236 4190 9.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting in the Lounge
Tuesday:	10.30 a.m. Martha & Mary Group (2nd & 4th) Sheila Eke 236 7457 7.30 p.m. Ladies Club (1st & 3rd) Joan Gray 236 8470
Wednesday:	10.00 a.m. Parent & Toddler Group Dr. Helen Lang 235 2935 2.30 p.m. Ladies Keep Fit Moreen Warrender 236 0515 6.15 p.m. Trailblazers (Children's Club) Ken Filleul 236 0872
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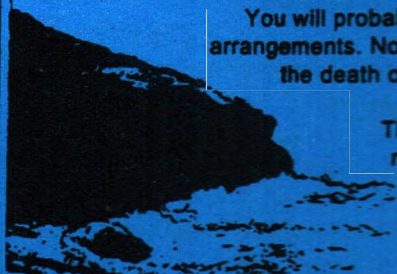
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From the Vicarage :

Dear Friends,

I am a bit of an armchair sports fan. Given half a chance and I'll watch most things of that nature. This time of year gives people like me quite a lot of opportunity for developing square eyes. There's the cup final, the snooker at the Crucible, the London Marathon, not to mention all kinds of other things, with a promise of Wimbledon in a month or so's time.

But it's not as simple as it used to be. Until quite recently you knew exactly where you were, which events would be on which channels and exactly when you would be likely to be able to watch. Now it's all different, with the competition between various channels and the increasing impact of T.V. schedules on the timing of events.

So, for the armchair sporting pundit, knowing where you are and knowing what to watch is not quite the proposition it once was. All that is just one aspect of the fast-moving world we inhabit. The speed and nature of change can leave us breathless and bewildered. Those things that seem unchanging can appear either more reassuring, because of their apparent /over

permanence, or increasingly irrelevant, as they get left marooned in a world that has moved on. In all of this it is vital to know where real security and permanence can be found. For many of us, this will be in the enduring nature of human relationships. Jesus said that He is the same, yesterday, today and forever. The deepest relationship possible to us is with Him. And He can be guaranteed not to change. People will. T.V. schedules will. The way we arrange our homes will. The way we communicate, do our shopping, travel about will. The way the church orders its life will. Jesus won't. He is a rock that remains unaltered by the impact of time, storm or any other influence. He can be the rock in our lives which can secure us in such a fast-moving world that we experience today.

If you like sport, happy viewing. Whatever you like, may you know the certainty and security of a relationship with Jesus.

With all best wishes



SERVICES IN MAY

2nd	Fourth Sunday after Easter
8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
10.00 a.m.	Shortened Service including Holy Communion (A.S.B.) followed by Church Vision Meeting
6.30 p.m.	No service.
9th	Fifth Sunday after Easter
8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
10.00 a.m.	Baptismal Service. Theme: Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done (Holy Communion A.S.B. if no Baptisms) Mat. 7 : 21 – 27 and Acts 20 : 22 – 31
11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion at the Cheshire Home.
6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion (A.S.B.)
16th	Sixth Sunday after Easter
8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (A.S.B.) Theme: Give us this day our daily bread Exodus 16 : 1 – 15 and Mat. 14 : 13 – 21
3.30 p.m.	Service at the Cheshire Home.
6.30 p.m.	Evensong (B.C.P.)
23rd	Pentecost
8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
10.00 a.m.	Come & Worship. All Age Service.
6.30 p.m.	Memorial Service.
30th	First Sunday after Pentecost
8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (A.S.B.) Theme: Forgive us our trespasses 2 Chron. 6 : 16 – 21 and Mat. 18 : 21 – 35
6.30 p.m.	Evensong (A.S.B.)

Keeping up with the Jones's.

Modern society almost demands that one should be connected to the Internet! Accordingly we have weakened to the extent that we now have a computer which will allow e-mails to be sent and received. Initially we had great fun (and trouble!) sending and receiving e-mails to the family but something rather special came through at the beginning of April. This was, through several different links, an e-mail from Pristina in Kosovo. There were three messages dated 21st, 23rd and 24th March so by now events will have altered the situation.

The messages were from Christians asking for our prayers in the grim times which they were and are enduring. Even at that time the situation was dreadful:- "All Albanian schools and University are closed today. There will be no teaching anymore for some time. In other parts of Kosovo fights went on as worse as before. Many people are dying every moment. The situation is tragic..... There is no food left here in our humanitarian depots..... we send you an urgent plea to help us ... with food. Everything will be welcomed for us. We trust that this call won't fall on deaf ears."

Further on the messages say "We will come together for prayer and fasting tomorrow Please continue to pray for Church and for God's people here in Kosovo We are tired of all this. Our hearts are crying out for peace and reconciliation that only Jesus himself can bring. ... Pristina looks like one dead city. By evening there are no people in the streets. All shops are closed.... Everyone is living under fear of war and death.... Please raise up and join us in prayer to God for peace in Kosovo. Please intercede to Him for lives of men and women....."

The last message includes "Maybe we send news for the last time ... they are saying that there will be no phone lines so we won't be able to inform you please carry on praying for us".

Of course all this is out of date but yet the need for prayer is still there. Whatever the future holds it will take a long time for this troubled area to settle down in peace. The fact that we have messages from these people who are our brothers and sisters in Christ should give us encouragement to persevere in our prayers and help in whatever way we can.

Maurice Snowdon.



Thank you

17th April 1999

This message is being written for me whilst I lay in bed in the Royal Hallamshire Hospital and I hope that by the time you read it I shall be at home.

In the meantime, I write to thank you for your cards, flowers and above all your prayers.

Joyce Jackson.

Prayer Breakfast

There will be a Prayer Breakfast on the fourth Saturday of the month in the Church Hall from 8.00 to 10.00 a.m. (leave earlier if you need to do).

Everyone is welcome.

AID AND TRADE

The plight of the refugees from Kosovo at the time of writing this article, has brought nearer to home than hitherto, the indisputable need for continuing humanitarian relief aid on a massive scale worldwide and it is purely coincidental that the marking of Christian Aid Week again this month reinforces the focussing of our thoughts on the multiplicity of situations and their causes, which give rise to such enormous and seemingly ever present needs.

Natural disasters are not preventable (though some of their worst effects may result from human factors), but the constant flow of requests through our letterboxes from deserving charities and the frequent media reports of cash shortages in many of our essential and social services in this country, also seem to be pointed reminders that something is very wrong with the world order, with the state of our Nation and perhaps with our own attitudes and priorities. Can anything be done to improve the situation?

Clearly, the response of any one individual in isolation can never be adequate, while violence, corruption and inefficiency often appear to seriously devalue assistance which is forthcoming. Nevertheless, a decision to give up trying can scarcely be an option for anyone with a conscience and experience shows that concerted support for worthwhile causes can produce significant results.

Equally and perhaps even more important than immediate relief aid, however, must surely be corresponding campaigning pressure for tackling the political, sociological and economic causes of poverty and deprivation. Pressure on government and powerful multi-national organisations is potentially the most beneficial, but the hardest to prove effective. In the meantime, support for charities like Christian Aid and organisations like the World Development Movement (WDM) and Traidcraft, which endeavour to /continued

Aid and Trade continued

promote longer term changes, can hopefully lead to at least some worthwhile improvements, while persistent prayer is probably the most important response of all!

Note: There will be the customary opportunity to buy Traidcraft products in the Church Hall after the 10.00 a.m. Services on the Sundays at each end of Christian Aid Week 9th to 16th May).

Ken Filleul

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A visit to Papua New Guinea.

At the beginning of August 1998, our daughter and her husband Bruce, left their posts as hospital doctors in Newcastle, to work for a year in Papua New Guinea. They work at a Health Centre and Hospital owned by the Anglican Church, although their posts are funded by Voluntary Service Overseas. In addition to the health Centre in Dogura, Milne Bay Province, they are responsible for five Health Sub-centres in outlying villages.

In early February this year we left to visit them and fortunately one of the advantages of being retired was that I could be away for five weeks (2 weeks longer than my husband). The journey involved us in six flights in each direction and ended with a two hour truck ride on rough mountain tracks and a two hour dinghy trip across the Solomon Sea. Travel in PNG is mainly by air and boat as there are few roads, owing to the mountainous terrain. Because air travel is so expensive, few locals have travelled further than the nearest town or village.

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Mainland PNG is the eastern half of the second largest island in the world but also consists of many smaller islands in the Bismarck, Solomon and Coral Seas. It lies in the tropics just south of the Equator. Many of the four million population speak some English but small areas each consisting of a few villages have their own language with a total of eight hundred languages spoken. The temperature reaches 35 degrees centigrade on most days. We visited during the wet season which meant a very heavy rainfall most evenings. This had the advantage of providing running water for washing, piped from the river - on all but a few days, a W.C. which worked (there are only three houses in the village with one), and plenty of drinking water - rainwater collected from the roof in a large tank.

Dogura is an extremely beautiful village. Kate and Bruce's house is at one end overlooking the beautiful clear blue sea, which has superb coral reefs and islands, with deserted palm fringed beaches. At the other end of the village are the mountains and river.



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Local villagers hold a market from 7.00 - 8.00 a.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays, after travelling many miles to sell fruit and vegetables grown in their gardens and fish they have caught. In Dogura, most families have one wage-earner employed in the Health Centre or one of the two schools. However, in neighbouring villages, people live off the land and are very poor. There is a total lack of protein in the diet of the inland villages and people have little resistance to disease. We were extremely shocked by the low standard of living in the country.

Many of you will know that I am regularly fund-raising for the Health Centre in their desire to replace their current very dilapidated maternity unit. Members of All Saints' Church and School have given financial support, for which I am very grateful.

During my trip I was invited to pay an 'official' visit, as a retired head-teacher, to St. Paul's Community School. This is similar to a Primary School in England, although the age range is 7 - 13 years. Some of the children have a two-hour walk to school where lessons begin at 8.00 a.m. and finish at 3.30 p.m. with an hour break for the children to eat their packed lunches. The classrooms are very basic, most made of wood, although two newer ones are built from breeze

blocks. The morning worship and P.E./Games take place outside. The Teachers' salaries are paid by the state and each class is provided with a set of maths. text books and a set of English exercise books once every ten years! The parents have to pay a fee which is used to buy anything else.

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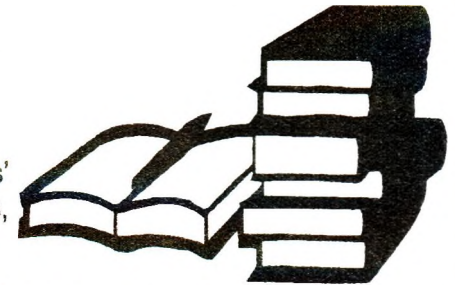
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Consequently the classrooms are extremely poorly equipped, especially when compared with our classrooms. However, I was impressed by the commitment of the teachers, the enthusiasm and good behaviour of the children and by the high standard of the children's work.

I was able to use my remaining money at the end of my visit to replace their broken battery radio/tape recorder (there is no electricity) and pay for a few books.

Sheffield Education Authority is sending an appeal to all Sheffield Schools for books in good condition which I will send to PNG for the school. If anyone at All Saints' Church would like to donate books, I would be very grateful. Please contact me at 41, Slayleigh Lane, Sheffield, 10. Telephone no. 230 8428. I would also be happy to pass on copies of Kate and Bruce's newsletters, giving more information of their work to anyone who would like them.



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Look out your favourite recipe and let me have as soon as possible. Angela Waite 113, Green Oak Road.

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Paul Flint

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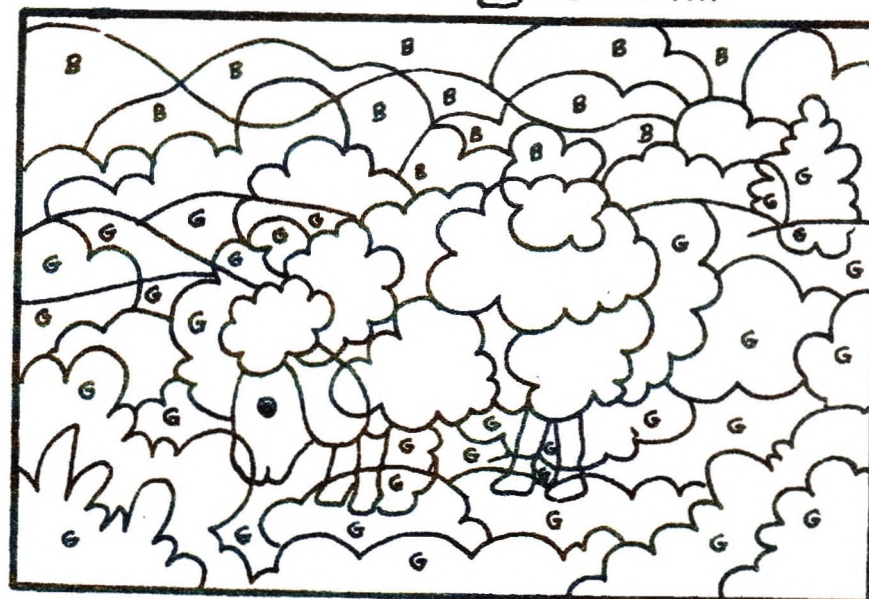
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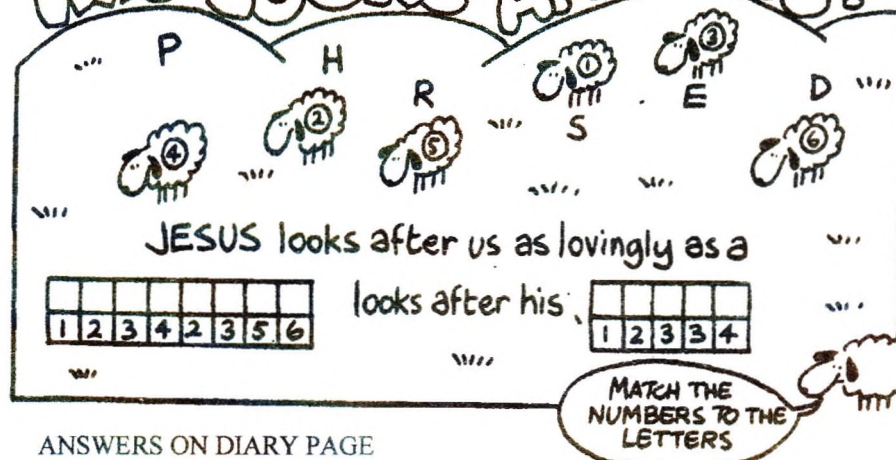
CHILDREN'S PAGE

IF YOU COLOUR IN ALL THE **B**'s BLUE
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WHO LOOKS AFTER US?



ANSWERS ON DIARY PAGE

Ladies !

May

All Saints' Ladies Club

Programme:

May 4th

A Slide Quiz by Mr. Howard Smith

May 18th

A talk by Underwater Policeman - P.C. Garner

Now the light evenings are here, can we tempt you to come and see what our meetings have to offer ?



Welcome

Our annual **McMillan walk** will take place on 11th May. Why not join the ladies or sponsor one of us when we walk the McMillan mile ?

We rarely do more than this distance so it will only cost you £1 to sponsor someone.

Last year we raised £819 from the walk and £156 from the coffee morning.

Will you help this worthy cause ? Will you help us to send even more money to support these wonderful nurses ?

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



Thank you to those people who responded to my request for ideas and articles for the magazine. Please keep them coming !

Several people attended a meeting and offered to help with Totley Publications. Other help has been offered by people unable to attend. The Sunday Notices will be produced by Chris. Booth. Bryony Mundy will act as co-ordinator for publications other than the magazine.

I will continue to produce the magazine.

There will be a meeting on May 12th at 8.00 p.m. at the Vicarage for anyone interested in joining an editorial team for the magazine.

Tutorials in the use of the Parish computer and the printing machine will take place when they are situated in the Church Hall Office.



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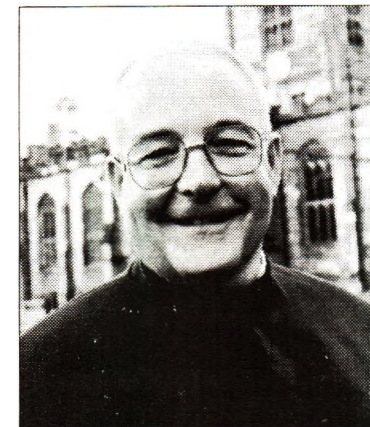
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MAY 1999

The Holy Spirit won't be tamed



Bishop Jack Nicholls

The Holy Spirit is not nice. The Comforter is not comfortable. The Spirit leads us where we would not go.

Jesus was driven into the wilderness after his baptism and Peter in the early Church was forced to change his mind on a number of significant issues against his will by that same Spirit.

We are walking on very dangerous ground if we think for a minute that the Holy Spirit is predictable, that we know what he is about to do and what the results of his activity will be.

Religious people have always tried to be in control of God. The religious instinct is probably the most powerful instinct in human nature and therefore to have religious power over other people is power indeed. If we could tame the Holy Spirit we would be the most powerful people in the World - In the World's sense.

The Holy Spirit, however, will not be tamed and will not allow us to be in control. We must allow the Spirit to blow where the Spirit wants to blow and never try to direct it.

Who knows where the Holy Spirit is leading us at this moment.

Could it be that we are about to enter a new age in a new millennium, a Spirit-filled age where huge numbers of people return to God and the Church is renewed as at a new Pentecost?

Or could it be that we are being led into a new dark age when the Church will be driven into the catacombs, when it will become poor and persecuted and thus maybe more Christlike?

A few hundred years of either of these are as nothing in God's eyes. God is in charge, of that there is no doubt. He is also in control.

Our part is to wait upon Him and to put ourselves into the way of being used by Him.

May I share with you the words of one of the great Anglican priests of this Century, Gilbert Shaw. In his last sermon he spoke of the Holy Spirit as follows:-

THE HOLY SPIRIT will never give you stuff on a plate - you've got to work for it.

Your work is LISTENING - taking the situation you're in and holding it in courage, not being beaten down by it.

Your work is STANDING - holding things without being deflected by your own desires or the desires of other people around you. Then things work out just through

patience. How things alter we don't know, but the situation alters.
 There must be dialogue in patience and charity - then something seems to turn up that wasn't there before.
 We must take people as they are and where they are - not going too far ahead or too fast for them, but listening to their needs and supporting them in their following.
 The Holy Spirit brings things new and old out of the treasury.
 Intercessors bring the 'deaf and dumb' to Christ that is their part.
 Seek for points of unity and stand on those rather than on principles.
 Have the patience that refuses to be pushed out; the patience that refuses to be disillusioned.
 There must be dialogue- or there will be no development.

We approach Pentecost with joy, but also in fear and trembling for we are no longer in control.

Every blessing
 +Jack

ROUND AND ABOUT THE DIOCESE

Annual Art Exhibition

Wentworth Church's 19th Annual Art Exhibition will be held on Spring Bank Holiday Monday and Tuesday (31 May - 1 June) when 700 paintings by well-known local artists will be displayed in Holy Trinity Church (all for sale). There will also be the opportunity to admire the church and the old Norman church.

Youth Band

A concert of light classical and popular music is to be performed by the City of Sheffield Youth Festival Band at St. Silas Church, Broomhall, Sheffield, on Saturday 8th May at 7.30 p.m. Collection in aid of charity.

LOCAL POET

Thirteen poems by Janet Cavill, assistant organist at Wath Parish Church, have been published in a poetry book entitled 'A Mind's Perception'.

MISSION 2000

Preparations are well in hand for the Sheffield Millennium Mission with evangelist Luis Palau in 2000. This will be a major event for Sheffield and the surrounding areas, aimed at reaching over 50,000 people with the Gospel. More than 170 churches have expressed an interest in being involved so far. A Mission Launch Rally will be held at Ponds Forge on 25 September, and the main Mission events will be in the Sheffield Arena from 4-8 April next year. For details phone Anthony Fisher (0114-2359995).

Pilgrimage

A number from this diocese will be going on the young people's pilgrimage to Egmont, 'The Next Generation', on Saturday 8 May. Details from Lilli Barnett (0115-9526478).

Study Day

'Made in the Image of God', a study day to be led by Sister Gillian Ruth C.S.M.V., at St. Matthew's Church, Carver Street, Sheffield, on Saturday 5 June, will be an introduction to contemplative prayer. Details from Fr. James Wheatley (0114-3202720).

Sitting Service

The South West Area Sitting Service in Sheffield was set up in direct response to the needs of carers. They can provide short term respite for a morning, afternoon, or evening a week to enable carers to have a break away from looking after housebound relatives. Volunteers are needed for this valuable service. For details phone Joan Thew (0114-2508194).

Millennium Ideas

'Church and School Towards the Millennium', an evening for everyone connected with schools in the South of Sheffield, is to be held on Thursday 6 May from 8-9.30 p.m. at St. Paul's Church, Norton Lees Lane. Millennium ideas for church and school will be considered, and there will be Bible reflection and prayer, coffee and chat. The exercise will be repeated on Tuesday 11 May for the South West of the city, and this will be at Endcliffe Methodist Church, Ecclesall Road. The evenings are organised by Linda Chambers, Schools Development Worker with Christians and Sheffield Schools (CaSS). For further details phone (0114-2495343).

Band Concert

The Doncaster Schools Philharmonic 50-piece band will be giving a concert in St. Peter's Parish Church, Bentley, on Saturday 29 May at 7.30 p.m. Proceeds for the Fabric Fund. For details phone Howard Scarborough (01302-784557).



'Our Children' need YOU

Statistics show that there are 12,000 cases of hearing disability in the impoverished Palestinian area of Gaza, mostly affecting children and senior citizens.

Inside the Atfaluna Society for Deaf Children's new building 150 profoundly and severely deaf children are eagerly learning, playing and being equipped for the difficult road ahead.

But a further 365 boys and girls fill the waiting lists, and funding is desperately needed to employ additional staff.

So, we in the Sheffield Diocese have made it our Millennium aim to raise £10,000 for this cause between now and Pilgrim 2000.

Atfaluna is an Arabic word meaning 'our children' - and these youngsters deserve all the love and care we can provide. Most are from families living well below the poverty line (some live on less than 50 dollars a month; others have absolutely no income and rely on the goodwill of the Gaza community to supply their

most basic needs).

More details of the Atfaluna project appear in the May issue of our newspaper, the Diocesan News, which should be available in the parishes on Sunday 2 May. Don't miss it.

* The picture shows Geraldine Shawa, Director of Atfaluna, welcoming visitors from the diocese, Peter Gascoigne, Jane Sinclair and Cedric Whiteman.

THE NEXT GEN

The Next Gen programme began with the first part of an Introduction to Children's Work Module on 17 April. The second part will be at Handsworth Parish Centre on Saturday 10 May. Other topics to be covered are St. Luke, (26 June, 5 July) Growing in Faith, and Worship. All the Next Gen events are open to present or potential children's leaders and youth workers. For details phone Susan Atkinson (01709-512447).

Latest Comings and Goings

The Rev'd Marc Seccombe, Rector of Rossington St. Michael to retire on 30 September.

The Rev'd Canon Geoffrey Mills, Rector of Whiston to retire on 30 September.

The Rev'd Harry Smart, Assistant Curate of Norwood St. Leonard to be Ecumenical Mental Health Chaplain

with the Sheffield Community Trust.

Ms. Judith Daley to be locum Chaplain with the Royal Hallamshire Hospital Trust from April 1999.

The Rev'd Ed Mitchell, Rector of Wombwell to be Vicar of Mortomely St. Saviour High Green from June 1999.

MORE FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

New Mission Initiative

St. Catherine's Church at Richmond, Sheffield, have just been celebrating the completion of their building project. Over the last two years they have spent £250,000 putting their plant in order. The parish priest, the Revd. Harold Loxley, says; "We now have a church and ancillary buildings fit to launch our new mission initiative within the community." Bishop David Lunn returned to preach at a special Mass on 29 April to celebrate the church's patronal festival, the 40th anniversary and also the launch of the newly refurbished buildings for community use.

Special Year

This year the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, West Bessacarr, will be 25 years old. A number of events are planned to celebrate this special occasion. The highlight will be a return visit of Christian singer/songwriter Marilyn Baker and her team (including Giles, her guide dog). The church say they are very fortunate to be able to welcome her to Doncaster again. Marilyn will be "In Concert" on the evening of Saturday 22 May at 7.30 p.m. Tickets can be booked in advance by phoning 01302-530470.

Preachers at the Cathedral

Preachers at Sheffield Cathedral on Sundays in May - **2 May** 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Sister Pauline Cusworth CA); 2.30 p.m. HMS Sheffield service (Canon George Tolley); 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (Captain Alan Turner CA); **9 May** 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Joan Zundre), 2 p.m. Housebound Eucharist (the Ven. Michael Paton); 6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong (Canon Martin Baldock); **16 May**, 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Canon Trevor Page), 6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong (Canon Richard Atkinson); **21 May (Pentecost)** 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Bishop of Sheffield), 2.30 p.m. Civic Service (Bishop of Doncaster), 6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong (The Ven Michael Paton); **30 May (Trinity Sunday)** 10.30 a.m. Canon Trevor Page, 6.30 p.m. Festal Evensong (Canon Christopher Smith).

A SERIES of Bible Studies, 'Destined for Love', on the Epistle to the Ephesians, is to be led by Canon Christopher Smith, in the Robinson Room, on six **Thursdays** at 11.45 a.m. commencing on 27 May. Canon Jane Sinclair is to give a lecture, entitled 'Interrogating Silence: place, poetry and the prophetic work of George Mackay Brown', in the Chapter House on Monday 10 May at 7.30 p.m.

PRESENTATION

A team of clergy and laity are making a presentation to help parishes focus on what they might do to "put Jesus back into the Millennium". The first two of these meetings, organised by Forward in Faith Sheffield, have been held at St. Hilda Thurnscoe (26 April) and St. Hugh New Cantley (28 April). The next is at St. Catherine's Richmond, on Tuesday 4 May, and the final one at St. Paul's Masborough on 6 May, both at 7.30 p.m. The aim is to pass on ideas, information and enthusiasm to take back to the parishes.

Other Half

The Other Half are holding a day conference, 'Exploring a Balanced Lifestyle', at Bawtry Hall on Wednesday 5 May.

Feast of Life

'Feast of Life', a musical specially written for Christian Aid by Garth Hewitt, is to be performed by the Adwick music group at St. Laurence's Adwick le Street on Saturday 22 May.

LIFE OR DEBT

The slogan for this year's Christian Aid Week, from 9-15 May, is 'Life or Debt' a reminder that poverty is not only a result of the obvious, such as droughts or lack of access to land. It also stems from impersonal economic forces, such as the train of circumstances that have led to the majority of developing countries devoting increasing proportions of their budgets to debt servicing. With the Jubilee 2000 Coalition, Christian Aid believes this to be wrong.

Pentecost 2000

The event for ALL Churches in South Yorkshire to celebrate the new millennium "all together in one place" will be at Pentecost 2000, Sunday 11 June. The Don Valley Stadium has been booked, subject to contract. This great event is being planned by Churches Together in South Yorkshire, who are seeking ideas and information by the end of May. Phone: 0114-2666156

Our Bounty

'We, Of Our Bounty', a history of the Sheffield Church Burgesses by George Tolley, which has been published by the Memoir Club, tells the lively story of the charity, its personalities, its battles, its achievements and its impact upon local people from the 16th Century to the present day. The book was launched at the Cathedral on 26 April.



JOKES FER YE

A three-year-old went with his dad to see a litter of kittens. On returning home, he breathlessly informed his mother there were two boy kittens and two girl kittens. "How did you know?" his mother asked. "Daddy picked them up and looked underneath," he replied. "I think it's printed on the bottom."

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Suggestions - thank you.

Colin Wells has responded to my request for items of interest for the magazine.

He feels a short article about each of the various organisations and meetings would be interesting and helpful.

He suggests we provide contact numbers and offers of transport where possible for people who would benefit from joining one or more of the groups but do not have independent transport.

Some of our 'advertisers' do offer transport already but a description of the nature of the meetings and the average age might be helpful to anyone in doubt about suitability.

Please post or fax your items for the June issue of the Diocesan Extra no later than Monday 3 May to the Editor, the Rev'd Peter Gascoigne, Bilham Vicarage, Churchfield Road, Clayton, Doncaster DN5 7DH (tel and fax 01977-643756). Copy for the monthly newspaper should also be sent to the same address.



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A new worship experience



An interesting idea !

Mr. Colin Wells has responded to my request for items for the magazine with a comment about the opening of the Church during the daytime (see below).

He feels the danger of vandalism would be diminished if more people 'used' the Church. By now I am sure he will know if his request to practice on the organ can be granted. Perhaps we should have a 'Church Watch' as in 'Neighbourhood Watch' ! Dog walkers and others 'Watch Out' for us !

CHURCH OPEN DURING THE WEEK

After a recent incident of vandalism, the decision was taken that All Saints could not be left open unattended. That was a sad day. So, we want to have another go at leaving it open. All Saints will now open from 8.45 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. on week days. From 8.45 to 9.15 there is simple and informal act of worship and prayer - "Start the day with Jesus" - To which all are welcome.

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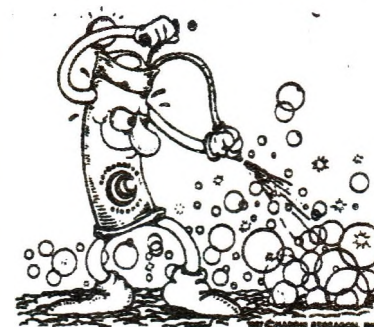
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Latest News from our Link Missionaries !

I have received a letter from Steve and Jo Wright to say that their new posting will be St. Paul's Anglican Church in Kuwait. They were expecting to leave around the middle of April. My intention is to start a new distribution list for the C.M.S. link letters from Steve and Jo. This will be on the Mission Notice Board in the Church Hall. So for those of you who met the family when they visited Totley last November and anyone else who would like to receive a copy of the link letter from them, please sign up so that I can keep you in touch. Thank you. Catherine Wigglesworth.

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Beating the Bounds (A Walk Around Totley)

Saturday 8th May 1999

Meet in All Saints' Church Car Park at 9.30 a.m.

As part of the seventy-fifth anniversary of All Saints' Church, a walk which follows approximate parish boundaries will take place on May 8th. The walk is open to anyone in the parish who would like to join us in **beating the bounds**.

Children should be accompanied by a responsible adult.

Some parts of the route are muddy and steep and are not suitable for push chairs. Good boots would be an asset. Please meet at the Church Hall in time to set off at 9.30 a.m.

You should allow approximately 5 or 6 hours to complete the walk. Remember to bring your own lunch.

Here is a brief outline of the route with approximate times:

- 9.30 Leave All Saints' Church via Totley Hall Lane, Gillfield Wood, Woodthorpe Lane to the Spitfire.
- 10.00 Leave the Spitfire via Queen Victoria Road, Chemical Yard, Back Lane, Grove Road, Totley Brook Road to Old Hay Brook.
- 10.25 Leave Totley Brook Road via Totley Grove to Hillfoot Road and then via Avenue Farm and Hallfield Farm to Strawberry Lee Lane.
- 11.00 Leave the parking area at the end of Strawberry Lee Lane and up to Strawberry Lee Plantation (adjacent to A625) where we will have a lunch break. It will be possible to get a lift back to Totley from this point.
- 12.30 Leave Strawberry Lee Plantation and take a detour into the Longshaw Estate. (The boundary runs along Ridge Road). Leaving the estate to enter Totley Moss at the junction of the B6450 and the B6055. Following the track past the Totley Tunnel air vent on towards the trig point on Flask Edge, then down to the Baslow Road above the brick works and on into Gillfield Woods.
- 2.45 Enter Gillfield Woods to Totley Hall Lane finishing back at All Saints' Church at approximately 3.15 p.m.

Please join us for as much of the route as you can.

Neil Hayden and Chris. Booth

Beating the Bounds

A walk around the Parish Boundary (approximately 11 miles) will take place on Saturday May 8th beginning at the Church at 9.30 a.m. Please ask for more details from Chris. Booth or Neil Hayden or see the notices in the Church Hall.

Wear suitable footwear and warm, wind/waterproof clothing. Walk all or part of the walk to suit yourself.

See below!

Beating the Bounds (old style)

"It was just before Whitsuntide that the boys went out to beat the bounds. Everybody in the village who could, walked all round the parish bounds.

Who would have thought that the line between their parish and Puddlecombe Magna went through Mrs. Jenkins's oven? They all went into the kitchen and saw the oven and just where the line went.

Then they went on to the big tree in Farmer Thompson's field and there Mr. Jones took Jacky's stick and hit him three times with it to make him remember where the boundary was. He did it in play but long ago in England it was done in real earnest. When they got to the next place it was Tom's turn. When they had been all round they were very hungry for their dinner and promised not to forget the bounds".

From Tales of Long Ago. Undated. Provided by Ro Carter.

One definition of 'bound':

Limit of territory or estate: limitation, restriction, limit beyond which schoolchildren, students, soldiers etc. may not pass.

Does anyone know another more precise definition?

Has it anything to do with the responsibility of the parish to provide for its poor or was it to keep the youngsters from straying away from home? Ideas please!

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The meeting on 25th March was not attended by as many people as usual and for the most part was non-controversial. Indeed, the most discussion was caused by the suggestion that "sidespersons" should in future be known as "sidesmen" or "sideswomen". An alternative suggestion was that they should be called "welcomers" was dropped because it might cause confusion and in any case we all have a responsibility to welcome others to join us in worship.

The bad news of the evening was the financial report which showed an excess of payments over income of £9,351 on the general account for last year. The forecast for 1999 is that we may incur a further deficit in the order of £10,000.

The good news of the evening was David Rhodes' report in which he set out some thoughts about the future.

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He emphasised the importance of worship as "a vehicle to take us into the presence of God". The week of prayer planned for 12th to 17th April, the P.C.C. away day on 1st of May and the parish meeting on 2nd May will all lead to clearer understanding of the way ahead.

One of the surprising features of the meeting was the shortage of nominations for the P.C.C. There is, of course, the possibility of co-options to the P.C.C. so if anyone has a wish to support the parish in this way, they should let their ambition be known.

The nominations of Dorothy Firth and Alan Burt to be churchwardens and the nominations of Elsie Mayson and Bill Bryer to be deputy wardens means a redistribution of duties amongst them whilst also ensuring a degree of continuity following our change of incumbent.

Under any other business, Jeanne Foster spoke about the large volume of paperwork produced and hoped that there would be more people willing to help.

Maurice Snowdon.

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A CHANGE OF WORK PATTERNS IN THE VINEYARD

When you read this we will have had our week of prayer, the P.C.C. 'Away Day' and the special service on May 2nd. Whatever the results of these activities, we can be sure that things are going to change. If nothing else, on May 2nd we will have two new church-wardens appointed at the same time. We live in a world that is constantly changing. We change as we grow older and the world around us changes at what seems to be an ever increasing rate. It is thought that the average young person leaving school this year should expect to have four different careers in their lifetime. The days of a secure job for life have long since passed.

Today, the pace of change is accelerated by technology. The latest video recorder, cam-corder, television, computer, camera and music centre is obsolete on the day you buy it. It is superseded by the latest modification. I now own a pocket calculator that is more powerful than the computer that I was using ten years ago. The world of communications is changing at an alarming rate. Satellite dishes, mobile phones, fax machines and the Internet along with an ever increasing number of television and radio stations, have over the last decade, made a tremendous impact on the lives of all of us.

This year is the seventy-fifth anniversary of All Saints' Church. /continued

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How different the world is now from what it was in 1924. The main source of information was a daily newspaper and for some, the newfangled wireless. Britain was essentially a Christian society with values that were disparate from the values that society holds today.

Today we live in a world where the official line can be challenged in an instant; where any point of view can be countered with the latest theories or statistical evidence. We are at war and yet each news bulletin gives us the enemy's propaganda along with our own. A world of freedom of information, even if the information supplied may have a particular spin in it.

Freedom of speech has been superseded by only expressing the 'Politically Correct' opinion. We live in a country where 2000 years of Christianity will be celebrated by a huge dome, the contents of which are, as yet, unknown and are unlikely to have much to do with Christian values. Unless it's 'the people's choice' it will not count. I often wonder who decides what the 'people's choice' is. Too often it is the media circus that creates the issues and then supplied us with the answers.

We are living in 1999 approaching a new millennium which begins on January 1st 2001. As Christians, we are called to spread the Gospel of Christ. Our task is so much more difficult that it was in 1924, when society was more open to receiving the Word of God. We are aliens in a foreign land. When Paul wrote to the early churches, he wrote to them in a language they understood, about the dilemmas they were facing in their everyday lives. He used metaphors they would be able to appreciate. When we read the Bible today, it is not always easy to understand what these problems or metaphors were. Indeed, to children of the second half of the twentieth century, many of Christ's parables are meaningless because they do not understand the agricultural references.

The much praised Alternative Service Book was produced in 1980 before most of the innovations in communications, I have referred to, were in everyday use. If we are to spread the word of the Lord, we cannot stay remote from the world. We must make sure that the ever increasing relevance of the Christian Faith is understood by people in our own community and country. This is bound to mean that we will have to change our Christian involvement in the local community and our Worship. It does not mean that we should change our beliefs. Our Faith should remain constant, even if we feel uncomfortable with some of the changes that will take place. Change is never easy or comfortable but change we must if we are to rise to the Great Commission in the twenty-first century. We must help each other and not dwell on what has changed but remain united in the common purpose of bringing others to Christ.

We are the first workers in the vineyard and as such, should be prepared to be last in order that those yet to come to the vineyard may be first.

(Matthew 20 : 1 - 16)

Neil Hayden.

P.C.C. UPDATE.

At the April meeting of the P.C.C. there was a lot of business to get through but it proved to be a very useful and enjoyable meeting. We started off with a short informal Communion Service which no doubt helped us all to focus on the thought that, though we had to deal with many practical details, nevertheless our overall objective as a P.C.C. is to work for the Kingdom of God.

By the time that some of you read this there will have been a further meeting of the P.C.C. and a report from that meeting to the congregation at large (May 2nd). More of that in due course but this meeting did talk about the 75th Anniversary of the Church and what we might do to mark that event. The main focus will be on Sunday November 21st when there will be a special service and also a social gathering. Other possible events that weekend include an exhibition, a musical event and even a celebratory dinner. Other events at other times might well include a choir concert, a walk and picnic and the "Beat the Bounds" walk which has already been advertised for May 8th. There was also talk of a Recipe Book, a Commemorative booklet, a tablecloth with embroidered signatures and other things. There is still room for other ideas but it all sounds quite exciting!

Then, of course, there was talk about what we might do locally about the Millennium (accepting that we are talking about the events near January 1st 2000). Flowers and an Exhibition featured in the discussion as well as parties and a proper recognition of the reason why we should note the Millennium anyway. Fuller details will be in the magazine later but ideas would be most welcome here too.

Of immediate concern is the first move to make the upstairs room in the Hall into a Parish Office. Of necessity there will have to be some restriction on the use of the upstairs room to allow it to be locked but there is a call out for the removal and disposal of anything stored upstairs in the Hall which is not wanted in the foreseeable future. The distinction between "junk" and "it might be wanted sometime" caused amusement to the P.C.C. but it is a real need to sort things out.

Amongst the appointments, Bill Bryer remains as Vice-Chairman of the P.C.C. (a recognition that he has done well in the past year!), Jane Lawry and Ann Powell are our representatives on the Deanery Synod. We heard with pleasure that All Saints' School will become Voluntary Aided from September 1st. We also heard that we are being asked to help keep Sheffield tidy. Some enthusiastic and community minded people have done "litter-picking" in the past. How much better if we could persuade people not to cause litter in the first place!

The date for the Summer Fair (or is it to be called Garden Party?) was fixed at July 3rd so there will soon be lists up asking for volunteers. This is seen as an important social event for the community as well as an opportunity to support some worthy charity. There was also a great deal of other business - all of it important and no doubt there will be noticeable effect in due course.

Maurice Snowdon.

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	16th	Pauline and Alan Shepherdson, Kath Lloyd
	23rd	Josephine and John Collie, Ann Powell
	30th	Vera Cryan, Beth Booth, Karen Tiddy

Sidesmen

		8.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
May	2nd	Mr. K. Filleul	Mrs. B. Houldcroft Mr. N. Hayden	Mrs. M. Snowdon
	9th	Mr. A. Ludlam	Mrs. C. Booth Mrs. C. Billard	Mr. J.A. England Mr. P. Purkiss
	16th	Miss. A.E. Baldry	Mrs. A. Powell Mrs. J. Lawry	Mr. P. Purkiss
	23rd	Miss H. Perfect	Mr. R. Walker Mrs. M. Warrender	Mr. H. Mayson
	30th	Mrs. D. Cooke	Mrs. M. Warrender Mr. N. Crapper	Miss. A.E. Baldry

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As we want to encourage families to come to the 10.00 a.m. service, an informal arrangement can be made each Sunday, except for the All Age Services, e.g. Come & Worship, when we all meet in the Church.

Flowers

		Altar	Memory Table
May	2nd	Mrs. Sturgeon	Mrs. Beeley
	9th	Mr. Lowe	Mrs. Parkin
	16th	Mrs. Loft	Mrs. Harvatt
	23rd	Mrs. Wainford	Mrs. Ruthven
	30th	Miss Perfect	Mrs. Mason

Silver Cleaning

May	2nd	Mrs. Gray
	16th	Vacant date
		Please contact Dorothy Simons if you can take this date.

From the

Registers ...

BAPTISMS:

11th April	Harry Michael Elliott	184 Baslow Road
11th April	Alexander George Martyn Harrison	29 Lemont Rd.
11th April	Katharine Louise Harvey	3 The Quadrant
11th April	Oliver Thomas Richardson	8 Laverdene Way

We shall visit the families of the following children who will be celebrating a baptism anniversary :

Alice May Raven	11th May
John David Collet-Lang	12th May
Christopher Andrew Hargate	14th May
Abigail Louise Marshall	18th May
Helen Olivia Noble	25th May

WEDDINGS:

None in April

FUNERALS:

None in April

We shall remember all recently bereaved families, together with the following from our Memorial Book, at our Memorial Service on Sunday 23rd of May 1999 at 6.30 p.m.:

Dorothy Isobel Eleanor Harris; Dorothy Annie Unwin; Alec Watson; Anthony John Sturgeon; William Arthur Heap; Edward John Wilkes; Sarah Ann Gillott; Irene Middleton; Thomas Green; Barbara Jean Jockel; Ronald Laver; Barrie Hand; Audrey Lowe; William-Carter Wigg; Rose Taylor; Peter Mitchell; George William Elliott Turner; Constance Victoria Alice Stansfield; Ernest Jackson; James Benjamin McIlwain Sneath; Leonard Gibbons; Beatrice Shepherd; Brian Heald.

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MAY DIARY DATES



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Sun. 2nd	Short Service and 'Bring & Share' lunch.	
Mon. 3rd	Contemplative Prayer Group at 50, Rowan Tree Dell. 3.15 p.m.	
Tues. 4th	Ladies Club in the Hall 7.30 p.m. Standing Committee in the Vicarage 8.00 p.m.	
Wed. 5th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class. Hall 2.30 p.m.	
Sat. 8th	Beat the Bounds Walk start at Church 9.30 a.m. Toy and Nursery Sale 10-12.00 noon Totley Primary School	
Sun. 9th	Bunathon - by Totley Rise Meth. Youth Group notice within Sunday Youth Group. Hall 6.30 - 8.30 p.m.	
Tues. 11th	Martha and Mary Group. Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m. P.C.C. Meeting Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m.	
Wed. 14th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class. Hall 2.30 p.m.	
Mon. 17th	Contemplative Prayer Group at 50, Rowan Tree Dell. 3.15 p.m. Last day for items for June Magazine.	
Tues. 18th	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.	
Wed. 19th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class. Hall 2.30 p.m.	
Sun. 23rd	Sunday Youth Group. Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m.	
Mon. 24th	Collation of May Magazine. Hall from 9.30 a.m.	
Tues. 25th	Martha and Mary Group Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m.	
Wed. 26th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class. Hall 2.30 p.m.	
Tues. 27th	Martha and Mary Group. Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m.	
Wed. 28th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class. Hall 2.30 p.m.	
Mon. 31st	Contemplative Prayer Group at 50 Rowan Tree Dell 3.15 p.m.	

Saying for Stillness

'I AM God Almighty; live always in MY presence and be perfect'

Genesis 17 : 1

Final Date: Items for June Magazine: 17th May

ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL

Sunday:	10.00 a.m.	Young Saints	
		Jeanne Foster	235 1525
	6.30 - 8.30 p.m.	Sunday Youth Group (2nd & 4th Sunday)	
		Joe Varney	236 9042
Monday:	10.00 a.m.	Drop in Coffee	
		Marjorie & Maurice Snowdon	236 2822
	3.30 p.m.	Junior Choir Practice in Church	
		Stella Jockel	236 9413
	7.00 p.m.	Guides	
		Dorothy Firth	236 4190
Tuesday:	10.30 a.m.	Martha & Mary Group (2nd & 4th)	
		Sheila Eke	236 7457
	7.30 p.m.	Ladies Club (1st & 3rd)	
		Joan Gray	236 8470
Wednesday:	10.00 a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group	
		Dr. Helen Lang	235 2935
	2.30 p.m.	Ladies Keep Fit	
		Moreen Warrender	236 0515
	6.15 p.m.	Trailblazers (Children's Club)	
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From the Vicarage :

Dear Friends,

Have you ever been drunk at breakfast time? If you have, it may be a sign that you need help! What if you discovered a whole bunch of people who appeared to be drunk - perhaps laughing a lot, perhaps not standing up properly, maybe saying things that did not make a lot of sense, over the corn-flakes? I think we would all be rather taken aback if we encountered anything like that.

Yet at 9.00 a.m. in Jerusalem, in the middle of the formal annual harvest celebrations, a group of ordinary Jews were behaving in such a way that accusations of drunkenness were levelled. Why? No doubt that was the only explanation that some could find for behaviour that was unusual. But it was not the right one. That was that God had poured out His Holy Spirit on His people so powerfully, that their physical behaviour was affected. In the Bible, "Spirit" and "wind" are the same word. I guess when we encounter a very strong wind, our physical behaviour is affected. No surprise if that happens when the creator of the wind shows up! But it was not just outward behaviour. It was inner certainty, faith and authority that were powerfully impacted on that Pentecost day. Peter, who so recently had been unable to even acknowledge that he knew

Jesus, preached spontaneously. He spoke of Jewish guilt in the crucifixion of Christ to a Jewish audience. He spoke of resurrection. He spoke of a need to repent and believe. He spoke of the need of and the availability of the Holy Spirit's work in the life of everybody. And 3000 believed there and then.

When Jesus had told the disciples to wait for power from above, - the coming of the Spirit on Pentecost -

He used a word "dunamis" - from which we get "dynamite".

What happened that first Pentecost did not disappoint.

Maybe some of us have memories of Whitsuntide walks, or new clothes, of tea parties and other such events. Whitsuntide, or Pentecost, has always been at the heart of Christian worship and the Christian year and has been celebrated in a variety of different ways. Whatever the Church and community may have done in the past, or may do in the future, the heart of it is the giving by God of the dynamite of the Holy Spirit to enable us to live as He wants us to. That's what it was all about two thousand years ago and that's what it needs to be about today. If we are apt to wonder what the coming of the Holy Spirit is all about, that's the heart of it. The early disciples knew that empowering was indispensable. They knew too that such empowering would need replenishing. Nothing has changed!

Our need for God's power is no less today. And his provision is no different. May the same Holy Spirit fall afresh that God's reality and power may be understood anew by us in Totley this Pentecost season.

With all love,



SERVICES IN JUNE

6th

8.00 a.m.

10.00 a.m.

Trinity 1

Holy Communion (B.C.P.)

Holy Communion (B.C.P.)

Theme: The heart of worship

John 4 : 7 - 26 and Rom 12 : 1 - 8

11.30 a.m.

Holy Communion at the Cheshire Home

6.30 p.m.

First Sunday Service. Theme: Freedom.

13th

8.00 a.m.

10.00 a.m.

Trinity 2

Holy Communion (B.C.P.)

Baptismal Service.

Theme: Lead us not into temptation

(Holy Communion A.S.B. if no Baptisms)

Heb. 4 : 12 - 16 and Mat 6 : 5 - 13

6.30 p.m.

Evening Prayer (A.S.B.)

20th

8.00 a.m.

10.00 a.m.

Trinity 3

Holy Communion (B.C.P.)

Holy Communion (A.S.B.)

Theme: The how of worship

2 Sam 6 : 16 - 23 and Luke 22 : 14 - 19

3.30 p.m.

Service at the Cheshire Home.

6.30 p.m.

Memorial Service

27th

8.00 a.m.

10.00 a.m.

6.30 p.m.

Trinity 4

Holy Communion (B.C.P.)

Come & Worship. All Age Service.

Memorial Service.

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The collection made for the Kosovo appeal raised £415. This was added to the £500 donated by the P.C.C.

P.C.C. UPDATE

The May meeting started with a time of informal worship.

The new co-opted members, Jeanne Foster and Kevin Mundy were welcomed.

With regard to the Millennium plans, the Churches in S17 requested approval from each Church to buy a hard-backed

Gospel at a subsidised cost for each home and was approved.

An outdoor family event between 6.00 and 8.00 p.m. in the form of a candlelight procession to Totley Rise Methodist Church with refreshments in the car park is planned, as is an indoor family social gathering from 8.30 p.m. at Totley All Saint's Church Hall organised by Ric Gray. The week between Christmas and New Year is being planned for a Flower Festival and Exhibition in the Church.

Regarding the celebrations of our Church 75th Anniversary, the first event took place on May 8th with about 20 people "Beating the Bounds", going as far as Fox House and Longshaw Park, a circuit of 11 miles. Further ideas include: a Strawberry Cocktail afternoon, amusical evening, exhibition, celebratory weekend with a set meal on the Friday, a service with a visiting preacher and an exhibition

and cake were all discussed. More details will be given in due course.

The Garden Party on July 3rd will support the Homeless in Sheffield (the Archer Project), Christian Outreach in Sheffield (the Church Army) and the Ric Gray Fund.

The P.C.C. Away Day and plans arising were considered, particularly regarding the practical issues of reorganising services and the various rotas. There is concern about the 8.00 a.m. service and a recognition of its value to the regular attenders, as well as a recognition that physically it would be difficult for David to do this, a 9.30 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. service every week. Further discussion is on-going.

We were shown samples for new Church notice boards and also agreed that we would like Chris. Booth to arrange for our Church to be put on the web-site.

With the imminent arrival of workmen to pull down the old college, it is necessary for us to place boundary markers at the side of the Church property. A working day was arranged to do that and clean up after the electrical work in the Church, for May 22nd.

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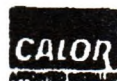
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Background: The initiative for a Year of Accompanied Prayer has come from the Spirituality Centre at Westminster Cathedral and is being taken up in other parts of the country by groups of Christians and feel drawn to share the Millennium journey in a similar way. There are initiatives underway in the Trent Valley (from Stoke-on-Trent and Stafford to Nottingham and Derby) and the West Midlands.

The South Yorkshire initiative is currently being prepared for. It is likely to get underway in October. We are starting to gather people interested (participants and group leaders). Speak to Peter Pearson if you are interested.

Christians in Millennium muddle.

From the Yorkshire Post 12.5.99

You would imagine that Britain's Christian leaders would be shouting from the rooftops the religious significance of the Millennium. Instead, they seem at best embarrassed and at worst, positively ashamed of the fact that an unwanted guest - Jesus Christ - is gate crashing the great New Year's Party.

Take, for example, the Millennium Prayer drawn up by something called 'Churches Together in England' (CTE). In fact, it is not to be called a 'prayer' at all. That would be far too Christian. Instead, it is a 'Resolution' to be recited as the clock strikes midnight.

It makes no mention of God or Christ, nor even the merest hint of any kind of spirituality. By bending over backwards to avoid offending those of other

faiths, the committee has come up with a piece of insipid doggerel which amounts to little more than a bland exhortation for us all to be nice to one another. Christians could be forgiven for asking if the Millennium is not about Christ, then what exactly are we celebrating? Many are genuinely upset that they are being asked to pray to something other than God. But,

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of course, it doesn't matter if they are offended - they are only Christians. Bill Snelson, secretary to the CTE says we must celebrate the year 2000 with 'an inclusive generosity rather than a doctrinaire exclusivism'. But it isn't doctrinaire to say confidently what you believe in and why it is important to you. And you don't need to abandon your beliefs in order to offer a warm and generous welcome to people of other faiths who may wish to join in the celebrations.

I suspect that instead of being offended, Jews, Muslims and Hindus would admire and congratulate Christians who had the courage of their convictions. Can you imagine a celebration of Mohammed's life which did not mention Allah?

I get the impression that if Jesus were to return to earth, He would be a great embarrassment to these 'Christian' leaders. He would no doubt go about spouting the Gospels in 'doctrinaire' fashion and causing no end of friction with other religious and political groupings. He would hardly be the inclusive style required in a multi-faith society. Much better to get rid of him. Much the same as 2000 years ago, in fact. **See facing page !**

THE CROWDED PEAK

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Fell runners hardly seem to pause for breath as they charge through bogs and heather attempting to chip off seconds on a Marsden to Edale and Derwent Watershed race.

Water sports abound and yachts proudly command the waves on Ewden Valley and Dovestone Reservoirs. Anglers cast their line for that whopper in glorious Dovedale and Ladybower dam.



Amongst all these goings on, the bird watcher can focus on a Buzzard or Hen Harrier on the heights beyond Mickleden Edge. The Botanist could trace a rare orchid in the hidden corners of Chee Tor. The caver exploring the depths of Eldon or Giants Hole could wriggle into a new chamber to delight the potholing world. Maybe the geologist, with his little rock hammer, could find a stone more precious than gold in "them thar hills". Sprinkle around all the ramblers crossing Kinder Scout and bound for the Pennine Way plus the thousands of tourists who visit the stately homes of Chatsworth and Haddon Hall and it presents a pretty crowded picture of our 542 square mile park. One could hardly imagine that there was any room left for more pursuits but the Peak has many strange secrets. /continued

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The Crowded Peak continued

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John Barrows

A Web Site for All Saints'?

We live in a world where electronic forms of communication are becoming ever more important. In business and scientific research, international teams share data distributed over different continents, and electronic mail is replacing letters and telephone calls as the preferred means of communication, being almost instantaneous while providing a permanent record, and a means of conveying photographs or diagrams along with written words. Electronic mail and the World Wide Web have also found their way into many homes, being used for communicating with friends and relatives around the world, consulting timetables, booking holidays and buying books, or even selecting a church in an unfamiliar area.

May was a month when our Church was called to look forward, and consider worship and structures for the future. I believe now is also the time to look at our communications, and have been encouraged by the PCC to establish a Web site for our church (something which a number of churches in the area already have). I propose that we should use this primarily to make ourselves known to a wider audience, but also to provide useful information for the established congregation. It would act as a supplement to this magazine, certainly not a replacement, though would duplicate some of the material. I would propose a visually striking format, including a description of who and where we are, with pictures and a map. As well as the pattern of services, it should contain a spiritual element, at least a message relating to the season of the Church year, an outline of our organisations, perhaps with a Who's Who, and a programme of forthcoming attractions. Photographs and reports of recent events will be important, to give a flavour of our activities, and make us look attractive. And, though I will be responsible for the technical side of maintaining the site, just as with the magazine I will rely on *you* to contribute material!

If you have ideas, material you would wish to contribute or skills in web page design you wish to employ, please contact me after a service (or you can always e-mail me: Chris.Booth@cern.ch!). A further announcement will appear once the first version is available, when further comments will be invited.

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Morning Prayer

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So far today,
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I haven't lied or cheated;
I haven't been greedy,
grumpy, nasty, selfish
or overindulgent.
I am very thankful for that.
But in few minutes Lord,
I'm going to get out bed
and from then on I'm
probably going to need a
lot more help !

Amen.

Did you know ?

- Over 10,335 breakfasts were served last year
- 881 food parcels were provided
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What a turnover ! Is it a boarding school or are we talking about the army ? Are we in Kosovo or Sheffield ?

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JUNE 1999

The Gospel According to Baldrick



Bishop Michael Gear

Those for whom the name Baldrick means nothing might be none the wiser if I told you that he was a character in a TV series.

Even those addicted to Blackadder might be surprised that his name should be linked to the word Gospel.

I should point out, however, that his role in the series was that of a servant whose lot in life could be summed up as 'suffering'.

What really brought him to mind in writing this June letter, was the fact that in each episode in every series the audience waited for the moment when, in some dire strait or another, Baldrick would announce to the world "I have a cunning plan".

Usually the most appropriate biblical response to his plan was that if carried out, the last state would be worse than the first.

This month Diocesan Synod will debate and be asked to accept the Diocesan Strategy document for 1999-2004.

Most people will be aware of the fact that consultation has been taking place throughout the diocese in recent months, in preparation for the Synod debate.

In March, Synod received the responses from around the diocese to the first consultative document and, following that debate in Synod, the final Strategy Paper will be put to the Synod for approval.

The first thing we all need to grasp is that the word strategy, in essence, means 'a thought through plan'.

It hardly seems worth mentioning that to live and act without thinking and without planning is not only disastrous, it is actually impossible.

A diocese and a parish actually does live and act with 'a plan'. To go on doing what we have been doing for the past five years is a plan, whether thought through or not.

To use our resources by giving them to those who ask first and loudest is a plan, whether consciously recognised or not.

To go on doing what we are doing regardless of the consequences in relation to God's love and purpose is a plan, however mindless or faith-less.

No one expects a new strategy for mission and ministry over the next five years to be universally acceptable in every detail and clearly some of its wider thrust might have been different if



written by those with different perspectives on some issues.

What we should expect is that our strategy should be borne of the fruit of prayer, listening, wisdom, hard thinking and choices and, above all, an honest and deep desire to discern the heart and the mind of God as faithful servants and disciples of Christ and the Kingdom of God.

What we have the right to expect is indeed what we will be given at our Diocesan Synod. It will also be a strategy that is to be monitored and adaptable when new circumstances require it.

We have much to be thankful for and encouraged by in this diocese but we know that alongside such things, there are areas where we need to repent and to respond with joyful obedience to Christ's call to follow Him into the future which is his.

Rarely, if ever, was Baldrick's cunning plan met with enthusiasm or even approval; thus it ever was. Some objected and many thought nothing of another servant who said that the plan is - "I must go up to Jerusalem where I will be betrayed, arrested, condemned to death and crucified; afterwards I will rise again". But of course we know that, don't we?

With my prayers and best wishes

Bishop Michael

ROUND AND ABOUT THE DIOCESE

Mission and Prayer

The Mission Doncaster teach-ins on Prayer continue this month with a talk by Jane Holloway, Head of Prayer at the Evangelical Alliance, entitled '21C: A Future and a Hope'. This takes place at the Doncaster Pentecostal Church on Monday June 7 at 7.30 p.m. The speaker will be encouraging those attending to keep on praying for our planet, our nation and our church as we move towards the 21st century. 'Breaking Hearts - Mending Hearts' will be the title of the session at Hexthorpe Methodist Church on Friday June 18 when there will be a chance to put theory into practice by praying for the needs of Doncaster. Mission Doncaster are publicising an additional evening, 'Outreach Through Mother and Toddler Groups' at St. Francis Church, West Bessacarr, on Tuesday June 22 at 7.30 p.m. This will be led by Jackie Gray of CPAS.

St. Luke

A module on St. Luke's Gospel, arranged by Next Gen' will be held at Handsworth Parish Centre on Saturday June 26 from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. with a follow-up evening on Thursday July 15. For further details phone David Williams, the tutor, on 0114-2363335. He says: "On each of the St. Luke's Gospel courses that we've run, the module has fast become a pilgrimage together." All the Next Gen' events and modules are open to present or potential children's leaders and youth workers from around the diocese.

Day on Death

A one day conference on 'Death These Days' with Tony Walter is to be held at the Lincoln Theological Institute for the Study of Religion and Society on June 24 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dr. Walter is a leading writer and researcher on funerals, death and bereavement. He is author of 'Funerals and how to improve them'. The Institute's Administrator can be contacted by phone on 0114-2226399.

STOP

Skills Training in Owlerton Project (STOP) aim to provide an holistic skills training environment in Basic, Key, IT and Life Skills for adults. Participants can then be provided with the support to move on into employment, placements in local companies or community projects, and specialist training courses. STOP are seeking people with a Christian faith and commitment to apply for positions in the areas of Administration, Training and Marketing. STOP can be contacted by phoning 0114-2331281, or 07788-724208.

Celebration

A celebration at Sheffield Cathedral on Saturday June 5 marks the bicentenary of the Church Mission Society. There will be four seminars in the morning, starting at 10 a.m. Mrs. Margaret Sentamu, Selection Secretary with the Archbishop's Council, will speak on mission in a multi-ethnic city; the Ven Ken Okeke, CMS Regional Director for Africa, on 'Breaking the chains of debt worldwide'; Dr. Philip Lewis, Interfaith Adviser to the Bishop of Bradford, on Muslims and Christians in Britain; and the Revd Philip Simpson, CMS Regional Director for Pakistan and the Middle East on Drugs. Bishop Kenneth Pillar will host a buffet lunch, which will be followed by 'Songs of Praise' with the Celebration Travellers Choir, interviews and drama. During the Celebration Service at 2.30 p.m., purses each containing 200 coins, will be presented by individuals, groups and churches for the ongoing work of CMS.

Contemplation

'Made in God's Image' - an introduction to contemplative prayer led by Sister Gillian Ruth, CSMV, will be held on Saturday June 5 from 10.30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church, Carver Street, Sheffield. For details phone the Revd. James Wheatley on 0114-2302720.

Eucharistic

Father Anthony Yates, of St. Augustine's, Kilburn, London, will be the visiting preacher at a Eucharistic Festival at St. Hilda's Church, Thurnscoe, on Thursday June 17 at 7.30 p.m. The event, which includes Solemn Mass, Procession and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, is being organised by Forward in Faith Sheffield.

Anniversary

Father Stephen Dickinson, parish priest of Ss Philip and James, New Bentley, will be celebrating the tenth anniversary of his priesting on Friday July 2nd at 7.30 p.m. Father Tony Delves will be the preacher.

Forum AGM

Sheffield Area Bereavement Forum will be holding their annual general meeting on Wednesday June 9 at 4.30 p.m. at the Wilson Carlile College, Cavendish Street, Sheffield. The keynote speaker will be Christopher Dorries, HM Coroner, who will talk about Stress and Distress.

1999 Ordinations

DEACONS

Ordinations by the Bishop of Sheffield in the Cathedral on Sunday 4 July at 10.30 a.m.

Sheila BARBER of 5 Gannow Close, Killamarsh, Sheffield (Northern Ordination Course) to serve in the parish of Dinnington.

Helen BLACKBURN, 34 Wilson Road, Sheffield, (Northern Ordination Course), to serve at the Cathedral.

Sue BOND, 43 Stoops Lane, Bessacarr, (Northern Ordination Course) to serve in the parish of Tickhill.

Eric BOSSWARD, Bishopston, Bristol (Trinity College Bristol) to serve in the parish of Ecclesall.

Tim GREGORY, 33 St. Margaret Avenue, Deepcar (Northern Ordination Course) to serve in the parish of Deepcar

Anne MACLAURIN, Cambridge (Ridley Hall Cambridge) to serve in the parish of Crookes St. Thomas.

Rachel WOOD, Birmingham (Queens College, Birmingham) to serve in the parish of Attercliffe Darnall and Tinsley.

PRIESTS

Please also remember those to be Priested as follows:

David DIXON at Goldthorpe on Sunday July 4 at 10.30 a.m. (Archdeacon of Doncaster; Bishop of Beverley)

Rick FILLINGHAM at Brinsworth on Tuesday July 6 at 7.30 p.m. (Archdeacon of Sheffield; Bishop of Doncaster).

Brian INSTON at Bentley St. Peter, on Sunday July 4 at 6.30 p.m. (Archdeacon of Doncaster; Bishop of Sheffield)

Paul WILSON at Bramley on Monday July 5 at 7.30 p.m. (Archdeacon of Doncaster; Bishop of Doncaster).

Lyn WORTLEY at Greasbrough on Monday July 5 at 7.30 p.m. (Archdeacon of Sheffield; Bishop of Sheffield).

MORE FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

Party Time

Several garden parties and similar events have been planned in various parts of the diocese. The parish of St. John the Baptist, Wadworth with St. Katherine, Loversall, hold their annual event in the vicarage garden on Saturday June 19 at 2 p.m. The St. Peter's, Barnburgh, garden party takes place in the Rectory garden on June 26, while the function at High Melton will be in the church grounds on July 10. Both start at 2 p.m.. The church at Adwick upon Dearne have decided to serve a mid-Summer Supper on June 21 as part of their patronal festival weekend. Then there will be a barbecue at Adsetts Cottage on July 17.

Art and Craft

There will be a selection of craft stalls at an Art Exhibition and Sale on Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13 at St. Cuthbert's Church, Fishlake (daily 1-5 p.m.). There will be an Art and Crafts Weekend at St. Oswald's Church, Kirk Sandall, on June 26-27. The opening time both days is 10 a.m., closing at 5 p.m. on Saturday and 4 p.m. on Sunday. For details phone Edgar (01302-882810) or Florrie (01302-884336).

Festival

The theme of a flower festival at All Saints Church, Owston, on July 9-11 is 'The Year of the Book'. It will be open daily from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. The preachers on Sunday will be Bridget Fudger (11 a.m.) and the Bishop of Doncaster (6 p.m.) Details from Father John Ritchie (01302-337101)

Closure

The Resources Centre will be closed for the Summer from Monday July 26 to Tuesday August 31, and will re-open on Wednesday September 1 EXCEPT for Tuesdays (open as usual from 9.30 a.m.-4.30 p.m.) Items may be returned to the boxes at Sheffield or Doncaster. The one at the General Office in Church House will also be available. For information phone Kathryn Bliss or Jane Sherwin (01709-512378).

Preachers at the Cathedral

Two visiting bishops are among the preachers at the Cathedral on Sundays in June. **June 6** 10.30 Sung Eucharist and Ministry of Healing (Canon Christopher Smith), 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (Canon Bob Fitzharris); **June 13** 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist (the Rt. Revd. J. Brewer, Bishop of Lancaster, Roman Catholic Diocese), 6.30 p.m. Evensong (Canon Jane Sinclair); **June 20** 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist (the Rt. Revd. Dr. G. Rowell, Bishop of Basingstoke), 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Admission of choristers (Canon Trevor Page); **June 27** 10.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Canon Jane Sinclair), 6.30 p.m. Evensong (Canon Christopher Smith).

'Through the book of Revelation with Christina Rossetti' is the subject of a lecture to be given by Canon Trevor Page in the Cathedral Chapter House on Monday **June 21** at 7.30 p.m. The series of Bible studies on the Epistle to the Ephesians, led by Canon Christopher Smith, continues on Thursdays in **June** and on **July 1**, all in the Robinson Room at the Cathedral. The first session was on May 27.

Gone Forever

The Gone Forever Project, dedicated to helping children and young people cope with bereavement and loss, will be holding their next conference on July 16 at the Collegiate Campus of Sheffield Hallam University. It is entitled 'Good Practice in Schools'. The keynote speaker is Keith Wadsworth, a headteacher, and there will be workshops on working with 11 years old children and with teenagers, on the Rainbows project, and on multi-cultural issues. The Gone Forever Project, which began as a joint venture between Sheffield Hallam University and Sheffield Area Bereavement Forum, was featured in the Radio 4 series on Death and the Dying, broadcast last year. For further details contact 0114-2502550/2438773. Sue Fielding, 41 Chorley Drive, Sheffield S10 3QR, is dealing with conference bookings.



Evangelical Network **DEN**

Sheffield Diocesan Evangelical Network are holding a late day conference on Saturday 26th June 1999 from 3.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. at Kilnhurst Community Resource Centre.

The speaker will be The Revd. Tony Porter, Rector of Holy Trinity, Platt, Manchester and the conference theme is "**Primary Calling - St. Paul nails his colours to the mast**"

There will be Bible readings, worship, and practical workshops on evangelism.

Tony will speak on: "News worth suffering for" (2 Timothy 2: 3-13), "Ambassadors for Christ" 2 Corinthians 5: 11- 6: 2. Workshops cover Friendship evangelism, parish missions, personal evangelism and giving an evangelistic talk.

Details from: Mrs R. Redden - 01302 853829

MORE FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

Buxton event

A flower festival is to be held at St. John's Church, Buxton, from June 24-28 (1a.m. - 9 p.m.) The theme is 'Handel's Messiah'. A Festival of Praise will take place on Sunday June 27 at 7 p.m. Parishes from the Sheffield Diocese are assured of a warm welcome.

Training Days

Training Days for churchwardens in the diocese are to be held on October 2 and 30. The aim of the conferences, to be held at Whirlow Grange from 9.45 a.m.-4.30 p.m., is to improve the wardens' understanding and skills.

Just for Yew

A total of 84 parishes in the diocese have ordered yew trees for the millennium. These will be distributed at the Cathedral later this year.

Open Day

Each year members of St. John's Church, Goole, invite townspeople and visitors from further afield to visit the church and see something of its treasures. Build in 1848, it must be the only church in the United Kingdom where 3000 ton ships from distant parts of the world tie up on the churchyard wall to unload their cargoes. This year the Open Day is Saturday June 12 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Refreshments, cakes, gifts and crafts are available, and there will be also be the opportunity to inspect the church's foundations.

• **More about the parish of Goole in the June issue of the Diocesan News.**

Seeking Money?

The Faith and Justice Committee have recently purchased the following guides to help find funders for your project. They are now available from the Resources Centre at Church House for your use: the CD-ROM Trusts Guide; The Complete Fundraising Handbook; The Environmental Funding Guide; Finding Company Sponsors for Local Causes; A Starter Guide; Good Ideas for Raising Money; Guide to Funding from Government Departments and Agencies; Image Building & Money-Raising; Organising Local Events; Raising Money for Good Causes; A Starter Guide; Tried and Tested Ideas for Raising Money Locally; Writing Better Fundraising Applications; and The Youth Funding Guide.

Appointments and retirement

The Revd. Brian Swindell, Team Rector of Brinsworth St. Andrew and Catcliffe St. Mary w Treeton, to retire on June 4 1999.

Tim Smithies, Diocesan Youth Outreach Officer, has taken up a post with Willow Creek Association UK.

The Revd. Tim Ellis, Vicar of Norwood, has resigned as Rural Dean of Ecclesfield, and is succeeded by **The Revd. James Forrester**.

The Revd. Mike Cameron, Vicar of Beighton, has been appointed as Rural Dean of Attercliffe.

Appeal for Volunteers

Every day thousands of homeless people don't know where or when they will next eat. In Sheffield alone homeless support agencies are providing in excess of 5000 meals each week. Throughout South Yorkshire nearly half a million meals are served each year. Crisis FareShare, with help from the wider community, aim to supplement, improve, and extend South Yorkshire homeless services with free donations of high quality fresh food.

Crisis FareShare is run on a voluntary basis. Volunteers will drive the refrigerated van to collect and deliver food under the strictest hygiene conditions. Sorters will ensure that food is collected and readied for delivery. Admin. staff will keep records of our collections and donations.

Crisis FareShare South Yorkshire need enthusiastic volunteers to help operate this simple but effective scheme.

We need: van drivers, food sorters, navigators, admin. support.

If you can spare a few hours each week to help improve the diets of those who are most vulnerable, please contact

Charlotte Hind or Jim Charters on

01709 515892

Please post or fax your items for the July issue of the Diocesan Extra no later than Tuesday 1 June to the Editor, the Rev'd Peter Gascoigne, Bilham Vicarage, Churchfield Road, Clayton, Doncaster DN5 7DH (tel and fax 01977-643756). Copy for the monthly newspaper should also be sent to the same address.

The Oakes Christian Holiday Centre

The Oakes holiday centre is committed to communicate the Gospel of Christ to children and young people.

On Saturday May 15th, the Oakes held an open day to enable supporters and interested people to see the progress already made within the large house that has a scheduled opening date for taking residential children on July 1st 2000.

Major structural work has been done on the roof to preserve structural beams and it has been rewired. Some rooms have been plastered and plans are in hand to install central heating. The rooms are spacious and in some there are beds, chairs and all sorts of items that have been given, piled up high. Billie and Dan (who are expecting a baby in August) live on the top floor. The other volunteer staff also live there. The first floor has rooms that are in process of being plastered and decorated to take beds in dormitories for boys and girls with separate washing facilities. The downstairs has a large lounge that is already used for weekly Bible study.

Next year there will be four Gap-Year students living there and an American family who are being sponsored by their Church for a year.

The grounds are extensive and although initial cleaning has been done, it is obvious there is a long way to go with an overgrown lake and walled garden.

However, the vision and enthusiasm of the volunteers is undiminished. They are not afraid of hard work. They have a weekly Bible study evening and much of the work already achieved has been in answer to prayer.

They continue to rely on items and donations and have drawn up a current list of needs which I will place on the Church Hall notice board.

The next opportunity to see The Oakes for yourself is on June 10th, 11th and 12th between 12.15 and 2.00 p.m. for a workers lunch and tour. Telephone 235 9995 to reserve a place.

Gay Riley.

Blasphemous Bloopers !

Mistakes made by Sunday School students of both the Christian and Jewish faiths . . .

In the first book of the Bible, Guinness, God got tired of creating the world, so he took the Sabbath off.

Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree.

Noah's wife was called Joan of Ark.

Noah built the ark, which the animals came on in pears.

Lot's wife was a pillar of salt by day, but a ball of fire by night.

Sampson was a strongman that let himself be led a ray by a jezebel like Delilah.

Sampson slated the Philistines with the axe of the apostles.

Moses led the Hebrews to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients.

The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert.

Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the Ten Amendments.



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Covenants.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting a question was asked about the Millennium Gift Aid. There has been some publicity about this and some of us have had a leaflet from the Inland Revenue pushed through our letter boxes. Enquiry has established that this arrangement only applies to a limited number of charities and the churches are not included in the list. Mostly, if not entirely, the charities favoured by this arrangement are those who directly provide overseas aid.

There remains however the Gift Aid scheme where the church can benefit if a lump sum of £250 or more is given to the church. Tax recovery is possible on this for the benefit of the church if the donor pays income tax.

All this does not alter the ordinary covenant scheme whereby the church can recover tax on weekly, monthly, annual or single donations of any amount. To qualify for this arrangement the donor must be a tax payer, must have completed a deed of covenant before the money is given and the church has to have a proper record of the payments so that the tax inspector can be satisfied.

If all this sounds complicated I will be only too pleased to answer any questions and also I can provide the necessary paperwork. As in other cases any such discussion and information provided will remain confidential.

Maurice Snowdon.



MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

My thanks again to the many people who have given material for the magazine this month.

I enjoy putting the magazine together when you provide the items but I struggle when I have to write the articles as well!

I felt our first editorial group meeting was a great success. New ideas for articles were raised and different people offered to undertake certain tasks which will produce material for future issues of the magazine. The date for the next meeting of the group is September 7th. Please come if you are interested or let Bryony, Chris. or me have any comments or ideas for consideration.

Please complete the questionnaire in this month's magazine and leave in Church or at Totley or Totley Rise Post Offices or with our poetic fruiterer at Totley Fruit Bough, 166 Baslow Road. Thanks.



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The sections of the book will be:

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None are so poor, but are richer for the benefit.
It is rest to the weary and sunshine to the sad,
And nature's best antidote for trouble.
It cannot be bought, borrowed or stolen,
For it is something that is no earthly good until it is given away,
And yet when it is given away, it always comes back;
And nobody needs a smile so much as those who have none to give.

Totley All Saints' Pre-School

Planning permission to use The Schoolhouse for the Pre-School has been granted. Now the hard work begins. Money is needed to pay for the necessary alterations. Donations welcome !
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For every £1 we give the third world in aid, they pay back £3 in debt interest. **They are sending money to us !**

We **CAN** afford it. The cost to us in Britain would be £2 per person per year.

There is more information at the back of the Church.

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money and materials. Can you
help ?
Talk to Heather on 01246 410373.

Church Garden Party July 3rd 1999

Offers to organise stalls are welcome.
Please sign the list in the Church Hall.
If you have saleable items, including indoor and
outdoor plants, please save them for the party.

In aid of Sheffield's Homeless;
Christian Outreach and the Ric Gray Fund.



We invite our Church Congregation
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Sunday June 20th 1999

Any time between 2.00 and 6.00 p.m.

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The 75th Anniversary Celebration
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A funny story

A father was reading Bible stories to his young
son. He read, "The man named Lot was
warned to take his wife and flee out of the city,
but his wife looked back and was turned to salt".
His son asked, "What happened to the flea ?"



ALL SAINTS' LADIES CLUB

June

June 1st. Repairs at Chatsworth
A talk by Mrs. Pat Davies.



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Meetings

June 15th The Silver Toast Rack

A talk by Joan Henshaw.

The Ladies Club meet in the Church Hall
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Sharing my journey with You.

I find my daily commute to Manchester the perfect opportunity to catch up on some reading. Recently, I came across this anonymous poem in a book called, "The Grace Awakening" by Charles Swindoll and it struck a chord with me, so I thought I would share it.

If our greatest need had been information,
God would have sent us an educator.
If our greatest need had been technology,
God would have sent us a scientist.
If our greatest need had been money,
God would have sent us an economist.
If our greatest need had been pleasure,
God would have sent us an entertainer,
But our greatest need was forgiveness,
So God sent us a Saviour.

Prayer Breakfast

There will be a Prayer Breakfast on the fourth Saturday of the month in the Church Hall from 8.00 to 10.00 a.m. (leave earlier if you need to do).

Everyone is welcome.

Parish Rotas for June

Coffee Rota

June	6th	Sheila Eke, Roma Webb, Catherine Wrigglesworth
	13th	Eileen Mason, Audrey and Ron Walker
	20th	Moreen Warrender, Angela and Glyn Waite
	27th	Hazel and Alan Ludlam, Marjorie Snowdon

Sidesmen and Sideswomen

		8.00 a.m.	10.00 a.m.	6.30 p.m.
June	6th	Mr. K. Filleul	Mrs. B. Houldcroft Mr. N. Hayden	Mrs. M. Snowdon
	13th	Mr. A. Ludlam	Mrs. C. Booth Mrs. C. Billard	Mr. J.A. England Mr. P. Purkiss
	20th	Miss. A.E Baldry	Mrs. A. Powell Mrs. J. Lawry	Mr. P. Purkiss
	27th	Miss H. Perfect	Mr. R. Walker Mrs. M. Warrender	Mr.H. Mayson

Creche

As we want to encourage families to come to the 10.00 a.m. service, an informal arrangement can be made each Sunday, except for the All Age Services, e.g. Come & Worship, when we all meet in the Church.

Flowers

		Altar	Memory Table
June	6th	Mrs. C. Scott	—
	13th	—	Mrs. C. Scott
	20th	Mrs. Perkington	Mrs. Mayson
	27th	Mrs. Hill-Wilson	Mrs. Simons

There are still a few unfilled dates please contact Dorothy Simons if you could help with flowers or silver

Silver Cleaning

June	
6th	Mrs. Carter
20th	Vacant date

cleaning. Thanks.

From the

Registers ...

BAPTISMS:

9th May Alex Simon Cooper 22 Five Trees Avenue
We shall visit the families of the following children who will be celebrating a baptism anniversary :

June 1st	Eve Lois Campbell
June 8th	Oliver William South
June 15th	Lucinda Grace Hill
June 16th	Olivia May Wade
June 28th	Victoria Louise McCann and Samantha Ellis

WEDDINGS:

May 22nd Andrew Mark Gott to Shelley Anne Higgins of 32 Green Oak Road

FUNERALS:

None in April

We shall remember all recently bereaved families, together with the following from our Memorial Book, at our Memorial Service on Sunday 27th of June 1999 at 6.30 p.m.:

Stanley Shepherd; Edmund Henry Roberts; John Sullivan;
Elaine Clark; Violet Daisy Hannan; Edith Jones; Jessie Leeson;
Arthur Edward Kirkby; Janet Mary Raven; Charles Noel Thompson;
Rose Askham; William Rufus White; Elizabeth Brownell;
Eileen Bryer; Elsie Williams; Sybil Cole; Bertram Howard Rhodes.

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JUNE DIARY DATES



Tues. 1st	Ladies Club in the Hall 7.30 p.m. Standing C'ttee in the Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
Wed. 2nd	Over 50's Keep Fit Class. Hall 2.30 p.m.
Tues. 8th	Martha and Mary Group. Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m. P.C.C. Meeting Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m.
Wed. 9th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class. Hall 2.30 p.m.
Sun. 13th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.
Mon. 14th	Contemplative Prayer Group at 12 Marstone Crescent 3.15 p.m.
Tues. 15th	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed. 16th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class. Hall 2.30 p.m.
Sun. 20th	"Strawberry Cocktail" Hall 2.00 – 6.00 p.m.
Mon. 21st	Last day for items for July magazine.
Tues. 22nd	Martha and Mary Group Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m.
Wed. 23rd	Over 50's Keep Fit Class. Hall 2.30 p.m.
Sun. 27th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.
Mon. 28th	Collation of Magazine Hall from 9.30 p.m. Contemplative Prayer Group at 12 Marstone Crescent 3.15 p.m.
Wed. 30th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class. Hall 2.30 p.m.

Saying for Stillness

"I AM among you as one who serves"

(Luke 22 : 27)

Final Date: Items for July Magazine: 21st June

ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL

Sunday:	10.00 a.m.	Young Saints	
		Jeanne Foster	235 1525
	6.30 – 8.30 p.m.	Sunday Youth Group (2nd & 4th Sunday)	
		Joe Varney	236 9042
Monday:	10.00 a.m.	Drop in Coffee	
		Marjorie & Maurice Snowdon	236 2822
	3.30 p.m.	Junior Choir Practice in Church	
		Stella Jockel	236 9413
	7.00 p.m.	Guides	
		Maureen Allum	235 1262
Tuesday:	10.30 a.m.	Martha & Mary Group (2nd & 4th)	
		Sheila Eke	236 7457
	7.30 p.m.	Ladies Club (1st & 3rd)	
		Joan Gray	236 8470
Wednesday:	10.00 a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group	
		Dr. Helen Lang	235 2935
	2.30 p.m.	Ladies Keep Fit	
		Moreen Warrender	236 0515
	6.15 p.m.	Trailblazers (Children's Club)	
		Ken Filleul	236 0872
Thursday:	7.00 p.m.	Choir Practice in Church	
		Stella Jockel	236 9413

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