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all our readers

A Happy New Year

From now on there will be a combined July/August edition and combined December/January edition of the magazine providing ten publications each year.

The price of our magazine is now 25 pence or £2.50 for the year.

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From the Vicar



Dear Friends

The American system is to elect the president in November and then install him in January. That has sometimes led to difficulties in January because of the weather. This time round it will be nearly Christmas before they sort out the election! Whatever we think of it, Mr. Bush Jnr. Is now to be installed, as perhaps the world's most influential individual, for the next four years.

Power can be a very strong motive. The defeated Mr. Gore said that he had set his heart on the White House from childhood. He may, of course, still make it. Not just in the political arena, but in the workplace, even in churches, the wielding of power – the sense of being able to control the lives of other people or of situations – can be very alluring. It happens in most arenas. One of my childhood memories is of the occasion when my younger brother first refused to run an errand when I asked him to. A power I had previously wielded, no longer worked!

Of the matters that we are commanded to pray for in the Bible, one subject is, "those who wield power". Whatever we think about it and those who hold power, it is a fact of life. Power will be wielded by somebody! Political power is held because God allows it, primarily, not because of the

result of an election or a military coup – so Paul writes in Romans 13. All power is derived from Him, whether we acknowledge that or not. So we need to give those who hold power due to respect, but see it in its proper perspective.

Another form of power, perhaps of greater significance to most of us, is the personal power to live our lives in the fullest and most fruitful way. Some of us somehow seem to grasp more of this than others. All of us know the feelings of disappointment and frustration at opportunities lost, or defeat in the face of personal challenge. The special weekend in February, with Bishop Cyril, is to help us enter more fully into God's plans for us – personally and corporately. Political power is wielded well when there is a clear sense of vision, direction and purpose. The same is true for the power to live fruitful lives. The weekend is to help us grasp more clearly what God's vision is for us and to see more fully the resources He provides to live that out. Do come. It will be a few hours very well invested.

With all best wishes



Theological Truths

Jesus enunciated the Golden Rule which says :
Do one to others before they do one to you.

St. John, the blacksmith, dumped water on his head.

Jesus explained that, "Man does not live my sweat alone".

Services in January

7th First Sunday of Epiphany

Theme: The life of Jesus from St. Mark
(1) The Way is prepared.

9.30 a.m. All Age Worship

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

3.30 p.m. Holy Communion at the Cheshire Home

6.30 p.m. Service led by a Car and Share Group

14th Second Sunday of Epiphany

Theme: (2) Jesus' Baptism and Temptation

9.30 a.m. Baptism Service

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

3.00 p.m. Informal Service at Green Oak View

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

21st Third Sunday of Epiphany

Theme: (3) Jesus goes public.

9.30 a.m. All Age All Together

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

3.30 p.m. Informal Service at the Cheshire Home

6.30 p.m. Healing Service

28th Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Theme: (4) Jesus' healing of body and spirit.

9.30 a.m. Family Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

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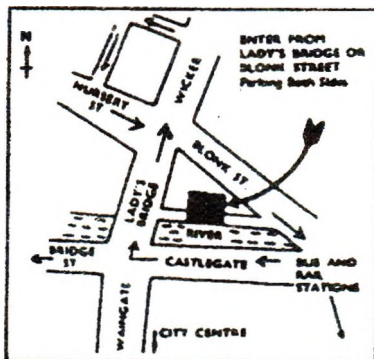
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The slogan was well known in Britain during World

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was Canon Eric James, one-time Hon. Director of Christian Action. He told us a story about the eminent mathematical philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein. Wittgenstein came to England from his native Austria, first to study engineering at the University of Manchester in the early years of the twentieth century. Later, when his

interests moved from engineering to pure mathematics and the foundations of mathematics, he studied with Bertrand Russell in Cambridge; and still later succeeded to the chair of philosophy there. Canon James recounted how, one evening at dinner on High Table,

Wittgenstein was dipping into a rather amorphous, creamy white pudding and maybe looking a bit disappointed with it. The waiter leaned over and said helpfully, "If you dig a little deeper, Sir, you will find a peach".

Was this just a kindly word or a piece of philosophy imparted by the waiter to the elderly philosopher? We too can perhaps learn from this. Whatever we attempt, whatever we study, maybe we should dig a little deeper.

That way leads to victory and the discovery of a peach.



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THY WILL BE DONE

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Each time I climbed the stairs to the ward, I wondered if she would still be alive.

As I walked, I prayed she would be there - but always finished my prayer with "Thy will be done".

I felt her survival was for some good purpose.

Perhaps she lived to be a pioneer !

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Through her difficulties (she also now has Crohn's disease) she has remained an example to us all in showing her determination to live a full life.

Unable to have children herself, she and her husband have chosen a child for adoption.

My grand daughter is a joy to us all.

"Our father Thy will be done . . .". Jeanne

We'll sing His praises

How glad we are that Jesus came
For all the world to see
Was born a babe in Bethlehem
To set His people free.

The angels came with songs of hope
And peace, goodwill to men.
They sent the shepherds scurrying
The road to Bethlehem.

The shepherds came all wondering
To see the baby boy.
They looked upon His face so sweet
Returned with shouts of Joy.

The wise men came from lands afar
To find the new born king.
They came with frankincense and myrrh
And gold their offering.

All glory to the Father be
For blessings of His Son.
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Start the new year by joining us !



From the Dalesman magazine

A teacher in a Dales school was telling her class the story of Noah and the Ark. As she enumerated the animals – cats, dogs, pigs, elephants, etc. etc. as they went into the Ark, she noticed a farmer's son whose eyes were almost 'popping' and his mouth getting wider and wider. So she asked him,

"Do you wish to say something, Keith?"

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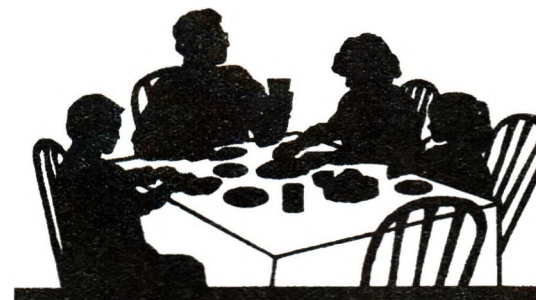
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Sauce:

1 oz Butter or Margarine	1 tbsp. Flour
1/2 pint Milk	3 oz grated Cheese

2-4 tbsp. Double cream (optional)

Fry onion in oil for a few minutes. Add garlic, mushrooms and courgettes and fry for a few minutes. Add oregano, tomatoes and puree. Cover pan and cook for 10-15 minutes. Season. Layer vegetable mixture first and lasagne in dish. Melt margarine in saucepan, stir in flour and cook for a few minutes. Gradually add milk and bring to the boil. Add cheese and cream if used. Pour over top of lasagne. Bake 35 - 40 minutes at 350 degrees F.

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FROM LITTLE THINGS

- Sometimes the smallest, most innocent looking things can cause great changes. The proverb says that great oaks grow from little acorns and it seems a miracle that something so small as an acorn, so small that you can hold a lot of them in your hand, can grow into something as huge and strong as an oak tree.



- Jesus talked about this power in the parables, the stories that he told, when he said the Kingdom of Heaven is like yeast. Yeast is a small fungus but without it we wouldn't have bread, wine or beer. Jesus reminded us that you don't have to be big to make a difference. A very small amount of yeast turned a lot of flour into bread. We may be only one, small person but we too can make a difference.

By Angela Webb

BABY NAMES

When a cat has babies they are called kittens. What are the babies of these other animals called. Answers at the bottom of the page.

A baby DOG is a

fluppy puppy huffy

A baby GOAT is a

kid cuddle groat

A baby HARE is a

harbour cub leveret

A baby BEAR is a

cub hug teddy

A baby KANGAROO is a

roo joey bluey

A baby ELEPHANT is a

dumbo tusker calf



How can you tell a baby snake?

By its rattle.

What's a baby whale called?

A little squirt.



Answers: 1. puppy, 2. kid, 3. leveret, 4. cub, 5. joey, 6. calf

Notes from the P.C.C.

The members of the P.C.C. had quite a busy couple of days in mid November.

Firstly, we had our usual monthly meeting when various items were discussed. Items included: how we should mark the end of the use of the ASB; Remembrance Sunday and reports of a worrying increase in vandalism both to church property and elsewhere in the locality. We had the opportunity to listen to an audio tape from the Church Missionary Society asking for our support, both financial (this year we have sent them £750 as part of our charitable giving and £248 for Water Aid as part of the Harvest Festival) and in prayer. We hope a link will be formed with CMS through one or more of the Care and Share groups. We also spent some time in worship and prayer.

Secondly, we spent the day on Saturday 18th November at Lodge Moor on our "Away Day". This enabled us to look forward and also reflect on the last year or so. The morning session was spent looking at our "Vision for All Saints". This is vital. We need to know what we are and where we are going as a church. In the afternoon, we spent time evaluating the impact the current pattern of services has had and also the impact and place of the Care and Share groups. We rather unfortunately ran out of time and other questions will be raised in P.C.C. meetings after Christmas. I'm sure that you will hear more of this from David elsewhere !

Jane Lawry

All Saints' Ladies Club

January 2001

**We wish you all
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**We meet on the first and
third Tuesday of each month
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Do you read the "Grapevine" ? In the December issue there was a priceless sentence:

"Considering the number of operations performed in a year, the risks are tiny but, if problems do arise, it is worth seeking quality legal advice".

I would have preferred a doctor ! Maurice Snowden

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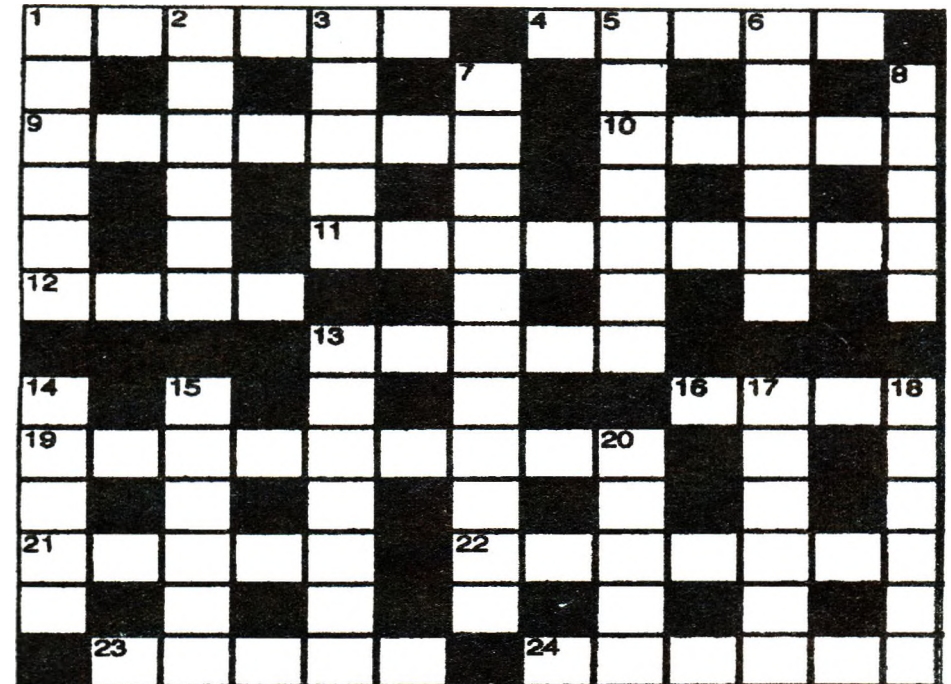
Across

- 1 Prayer consisting of supplications to God (6)
 4 Saint who died about AD 62 (5)
 9 One of twelve men sent to preach the gospel (7)
 10 To send or drive forward (5)
 11 Wood floating on the sea or washed ashore (9)
 12 Fertilised ovule of a plant (4)
 13 Greek island (5)
 16 City jointly forming an Anglican diocese with Wells (4)
 19 A church no longer used (9)
 21 Agricultural produce, formerly supporting the church (5)
 22 Religious community of nuns (7)
 23 To make a speech (5)
 24 Inflammation of the ear (6)

Down

- 1 Masses of baked bread (6)
 2 A company of actors (6)
 3 Written down (5)
 5 New testament book written as a letter (7)
 6 To pay a person for work (6)
 7 Rescue (11)
 8 To escape (5)
 13 Being satisfied with what you have (7)
 14 Veracity (5)
 15 Person responsible for the contents of a newspaper (6)
 17 The season before Christmas (6)
 18 Break (6)
 20 A belief (5)

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Cross word answers

Across	Down
1 Litany	1 Loaves
4 Peter	2 Troupe
9 Apostle	3 Noted
10 Impel	5 Epistle
11 Driftwood	6 Employ
12 Seed	7 Deliverance
13 Crete	8 Elude
16 Bath	13 Content
19 Redundant	14 Truth
21 Tithe	15 Editor
22 Convent	17 Advent
23 Orate	18 Hiatus
24 Otitis	20 Tenet

A SAINT FOR JANUARY

As the launch tied up at the bank of the Calabar river in Duke Town, Nigeria, the waiting crowds burst into "Praise God from whom all blessing flow". Mary Slessor, whose coffin was tenderly taken off the boat, would have wished for no greater tribute. Two years previously, in 1913, she had been awarded the Maltese Cross for "meritous service". Typically, she had kept it a secret. Her heart was in heaven and her feet were in Africa, where she had first arrived in 1876 and she looked for no other recognition.

Mary Slessor was born in Aberdeen in 1848. Her mother was a devout Christian but her father was an alcoholic. Whilst she was always regular at worship, taken by her mother, much of the rest of her life was awful. Often thrown out of the house by her drunken father, she would find herself alone in the streets, frequently amongst drunken, unemployed men. By the age of 13 the family moved to Dundee and Mary started to work full time at the mill.

Perhaps because of her early years, she was a mixture of immense courage and timidity. Speaking in public, especially in the presence of men, was always agony. Even years later, when speaking as a highly respected missionary, on occasion, she asked men to leave the meeting before she could continue. But she was not to be intimidated. As a teenager she helped to run a church youth club in a slum district of Dundee. The project received violent opposition from some local men. On one occasion, Mary was surrounded by a gang, whose leader had a heavy weight on the end of a string. This he whirled round, coming closer and closer to Mary, until it brushed her face. She stood her ground. Impressed by her courage, the taunting stopped. "She's game," said the leader. From then on, the gang became some of her most ardent supporters.

Mary always had a tender heart and a burning concern for "The Dark Continent", as Africa was then thought of. When David Livingstone died, leaving a plea for others to "carry out the work

I have begun". Mary offered herself for service to the Overseas Mission Board of the Presbyterian Church. She had given her life to Christ as a girl, she was devout in her faith and habits (one habit was that of taking her Bible to read at work each day) and had gained experience in various mission enterprises in Dundee. She was accepted, received a short training in Edinburgh and then set out.

What she found in Nigeria would have deterred the bravest. In the previous 30 years of missionary work, only 174 people had joined the church. Whites frequently died from the various diseases rife there and for which there was little treatment. The culture was brutal. The families of chiefs were often killed when the chief died, to be buried with them for the next life. Twins were seen as children of the devil and were abandoned, with the mothers banished from the community. Torture, including the use of poison to determine somebody's guilt, punishment for minor matters by pouring boiling oil on somebody were all common. This was no romantic trip, but arrival in a place like that must have felt like hell, even to somebody used to the slums of Dundee. But diminutive Mary was to see many of these evils transformed.

From 1876, Mary lived as an African. She often helped to build the hut she would occupy. She ate the same food and walked miles (sometimes barefoot) through bush, from village to village. Frequently she rescued twins and their mothers. Frequently she defied the cruel traditions in order to defend the homeless.

On one occasion, despite her best efforts, the son of a chief died. The chief immediately attributed this to the work of the witch doctor from a neighbouring village. Blood must be shed in revenge. A dozen men and women were captured and brought before the bereaved chief. His intention was to bury some alive in his son's grave and cut off the heads of the others before they were eaten.

A funeral began. It was fuelled by drink and wild dancing. It went on all day and night. The prisoners were terrified. They

were kept captive and starved for days while their fate was planned. Three women gave birth to children who were not tended to and cried incessantly. Mary stood by the prisoners. To take them, they would have to deal with her. The test of nerve went on for several days. Eventually, all were released and the chief satisfied himself with the slaughter of a cow. It was the first time in the entire district that the grave of somebody from a chief's family had not been soaked in human blood. On another occasion, she heard screams. Forcing her way through the crowd, she found a woman tied to stakes in the ground; her husband was about to pour boiling oil over her. Her offence was that she had fed a starving slave during her husband's absence. This was regarded as tantamount to unfaithfulness. Mary strode to the woman and stood between her and the husband. Despite his threats and the menace of the crowd, she stood her ground. Eventually, the man backed off. The woman was released and Mary was held in awe by the

people from then on.

How could one Scottish woman show such incredible courage and perseverance in such intimidating circumstances? Her comment after the incident with the chief's son was this: "Had I not felt my Saviour close beside me, I would have lost my reason". She was even able to preach to those intent on the death of the captives, "*He that heareth my word and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death to life*". Using this text, she spoke to them about the terrors of divine judgement and the wonders of life everlasting.

During her time in Africa, she rescued hundreds of twins and their mothers. But her real passion was for the souls of lost people, that they would find life in Christ. A typical act was the rescue of a slave woman's twins. In the night, Mary walked 12 miles through the bush, alone. The mother had lived the life of a slave and now was dying as an outcast because she had

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borne twins. As life ebbed away, Mary introduced her to the Saviour, using her favourite text (John 5:24) quoted above. When she died, such was the respect and affection she had earned, that she was known throughout West Africa as *Eka kpukpro Owo*, "Mother of all the peoples". She had also gained the respect of the British government officials and served in several areas as a magistrate. By the time she died, raiding and enslaving captives between tribes was almost at an end; women were accorded much better treatment; human sacrifice had been ended and drinking had declined. Whilst she was not responsible for this alone, she had played a huge part in these things. More importantly for her, many lives had been physically saved and many had put their trust in Christ for salvation eternally.

In a era of many outstanding missionary pioneers, Mary Slessor of Calabar is a woman of huge achievement. She speaks to us today of what can result in a person's life that is based on a profound trust in Christ and a willingness to risk all for Him, even in the worst situations. Deservedly she is remembered in the Anglican calendar on January 11th.

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Memorial services will be held quarterly. In each copy of the magazine, there will be a reply slip inviting anybody who would like to have a loved-one remembered at the next memorial Service, to let me know so that the name may be included amongst those to be read out. This invitation is to all, irrespective of where or when a funeral may have taken place. If you have lost somebody in another part of the country, at another time of the year, but a service falls near their birthday, wedding anniversary of some other significant date, you will be most welcome to ask for them to be remembered.

There will be memorial services on the following dates in 2001:

1st April	1st July
30th September	30th December

The services will start at 6.30 p.m., last for about an hour and be followed by light refreshments in the church.

If you would like a favourite hymn to be played at the memorial service, please indicate below.

Memorial Service April 2001

Name to be remembered

Name(s) and address of principle family members attending the service

Favourite hymn

Please return completed forms to David Rhodes at the Vicarage.

From the *Registers*

BAPTISM: 10th Dec. Joseph Collier
of Aldam Road

The Baptism follow-up team will visit the following family as they celebrate the anniversary of the Baptism of their child:

9th Jan. Matthew William Talbot

WEDDINGS: none in December

FUNERALS: none in December

Correction from the December magazine:

David Gregory lived at Meadow Grove Road - not Meadow View Road.

Apologies for any inconvenience caused by this mistake.

The next Memorial Service will be held on 1st April 2001. If you would like a loved-one to be remembered at that service, please complete the form on the page opposite and return to David Rhodes at the Vicarage.

IF YOU WANT TO BE MARRIED OR HAVE YOUR BABY BAPTISED

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Telephone number 236 2322.

January 2001 Diary Dates



Mon. 8th	Contemplative Prayer Group 50 Rowan Tree Dell 2.15 p.m.
Wed. 10th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Sun. 14th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.
Mon. 15th	P.C.C. Meeting Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m.
Wed. 17th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Sat. 20th	Barn Dance Church Hall 7.30 p.m.
Mon. 22nd	Contemplative Prayer Group 50 Rowan Tree Dell 2.15 p.m.
Mon. 22nd	Last day for items for magazine
Tues. 23rd	Martha and Mary Group Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m.
Tues. 23rd	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed. 24th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Sat. 27th	Prayer Breakfast Hall 8.00 a.m.
Sun. 28th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.
Mon. 29th	Collation of Magazine Hall from 9.30 a.m.

February

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		Sally Rhodes	236 2322
	6.30 – 8.30 p.m.	Sunday Youth Group (2nd & 4th Sunday)	
		Gay Riley	236 6884
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 (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	
		Joanne Smith	262 0741
	2.00 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	
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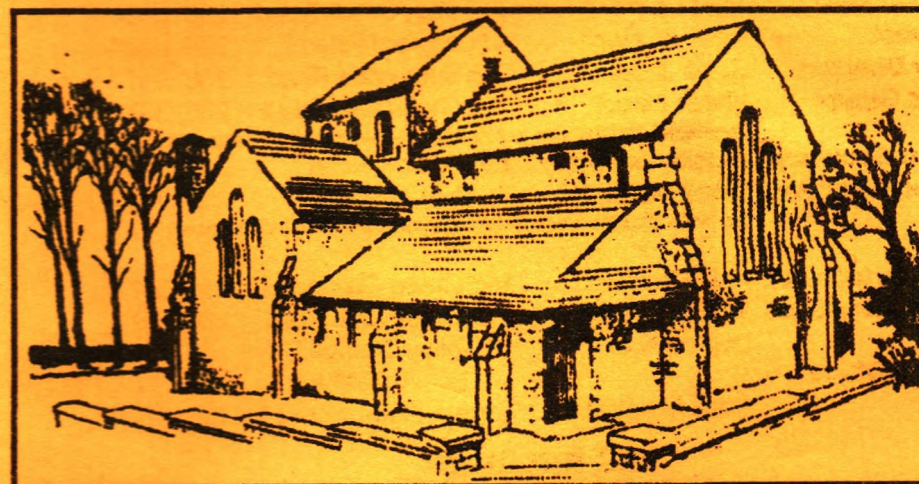
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From the Vicar



Dear Friends

You can't beat a good biography. Often the life story of somebody well known contains all kinds of surprises, smiles, tears and challenges. Just this week, I was surprised to see that Dame Barbara Cartland, the twentieth century's most prolific author, died without anything appreciable in the bank. I also read a short article about John Logie Baird who clearly led a most unusual life. Particularly on holiday, I like nothing better than settling down with a good biography.

Recently in church, we have begun, on Sunday mornings, to look at the life of Jesus, as presented in *Mark's Gospel*. There are, of course, four different gospels, giving four different accounts of Jesus' life. Gospel and biography are not the same. Both are seeking to present an authentic life of the main character. A biography may seek to be full, unbiased and dispassionate. "Gospel" actually means "good news". The gospels are presenting the life of Jesus in a way which demonstrates that this is indeed good news and to lead us to put our faith in Him.

For a good number of years, I was a history teacher. One looked at evidence or writings and asked whether there was obvious bias or distortion. Was there a clear agenda behind the writing? If the answer was "yes", then you might be somewhat cautious as to the weight you gave the piece. But it is also true that we all have opinions, values and attitudes and they will colour the way we describe things.

In the case of the gospel writers, their opinions were heavily influenced by their experience. For three of them, that was to

have known Jesus in the flesh and the fourth (Luke) to have known many who did and to have several written accounts to hand. For all of them, it was to know the immense impact on themselves, that putting trust in Christ had led to. So, no, their accounts are not dispassionate. They are highly passionate because they are saying, "This person is the best news there is. If you read my book, it could help discover that for yourself". So, *Matthew*, *Mark*, *Luke* and *John* all present a slightly different slant on the life of Jesus. They all do so in a human and varied way. They don't set out to give a definitive encyclopaedia life of Jesus. They set out to do something of deeper value – give us a real route to finding the risen Christ for ourselves.

If you have never read one straight through, why not pull up a chair on a cold evening, turn up the fire and settle down to read one? *Mark* is the shortest at only 16 chapters. *John* contains many sayings of Jesus not found in the other three and they all concentrate very heavily on the last week of Jesus' life. But find out for yourself. And if you do and have some reaction to the experience, why not drop the editor a line?

With all best wishes

Out of the Mouths of Babes

Dear God

Thank you for my baby brother, but what I prayed for was a puppy.

Joan

Dear God

Please send me a pony. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up.

Harry

Services in February

4th Fourth Sunday before Lent.

Theme: 2001 - A Church Odyssey
(Grasping a vision for Totley)

10.30 a.m. Joint Service at Totley Rise Methodist Church

3.30 p.m. Holy Communion at the Cheshire Home

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

11th Third Sunday before Lent

Theme: Jesus the story teller.

9.30 a.m. Baptism Service

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

3.00 p.m. Informal Service at Green Oak View

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

18th Second Sunday before Lent

Theme: Jesus commends faith.

9.30 a.m. All Age All Together

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

3.30 p.m. Informal Service at the Cheshire Home

6.30 p.m. Service led by a Care and Share Group

25th Sunday next before Lent

Theme: Jesus and a foreign woman

9.30 a.m. Family Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

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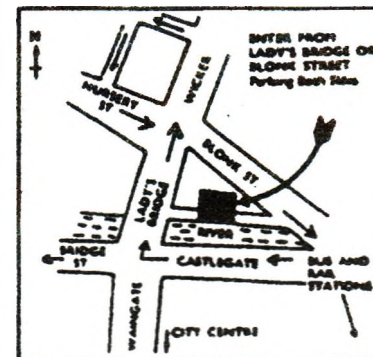
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The situation is very complex but there is an underlying attempt by the Muslim controlled North to subdue the South which is largely Christian. The oil reserves in the south of Sudan are a feature as also is the fact that the southern part of the country is essentially African as distinct from the north which is to be compared with Egypt and other Middle Eastern countries.

Many thousands of younger southern people have been taken into slavery by raiding parties from the north. In addition to them being taken into slavery they are also pressurised into accepting the Muslim faith. This actually is in contravention of the Muslim beliefs but is mostly a political pressure.

A day of Prayer and Fasting is being organised in the parish from 5.00 p.m. on Friday 2nd March until 5.00 p.m. on the Saturday. As many people as possible are asked to join in, if possible for the full 24 hours. Fasting is a biblical practice and it means literally putting everything else to one side for a time whilst we focus on the main issues of the day. Going without food for a short time will be good for our bodies as well as our souls! We are, however, allowed to drink in that time (not alcohol, of course!)

The church will be open from 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. on Saturday 3rd March and there will be led prayers at intervals during the day. Information sheets will be available in the church during February so that we can all have the practical details of the problems being faced in Sudan. These sheets will also give admin details as to how we can best respond.

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- St Mary, the Mother of Christ.
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- asked Bernadette to tell the
- priests to make a procession to
- the grotto where she appeared
- and to build a chapel there. At
- first the priests didn't believe
- Bernadette's story because she
- was only a poor, uneducated girl.
- People who were ill came to bathe
- in the spring of water that
- appeared at the Grotto and in
- time a large church was built.
- And still today pilgrims from all
- over the world visit the shrine.
- What happened to Bernadette?
- She became a nun. When they
- asked her if she was sad that the
- visions had ended she answered:

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'I was like a broom. When the sweeping is finished you put it behind the door and forget about it.'

WATER WORDS

All the answers to this Bible Quiz are to do with water. Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. Where the disciples fished (Mark 1).
2. It parted to allow Moses and the Israelites through (Exodus 14).
3. Jacob met his future wife here (Genesis 29).
4. Paul was on his way to Rome when this happened (Acts 27).
5. How Jonah travelled when the sailors threw him overboard (Jonah 1).
6. The river in which Jesus was baptised (Matthew 3).



Why was Moses hidden quickly?

It was a rush job.

What do you call small rivers that flow into the Nile?

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Answers: 1. Sea of Galilee, 2. The Red Sea, 3. at a well, 4. he was shipwrecked, 5. In a large fish or whale, 6. River Jordan



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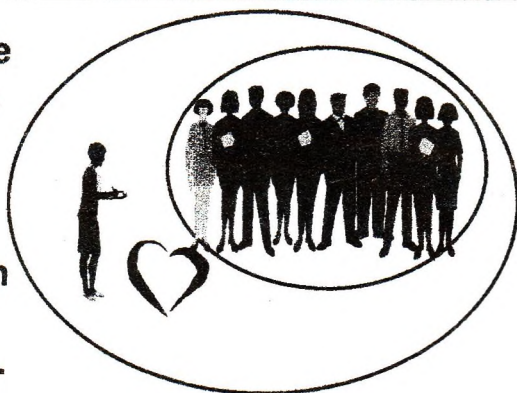
May I have ears to hear what is meant
To get the message heaven sent
Speak to me clearly is all I ask
So I can do the rightful task.

And now my fruitless labours cease
So I may sleep the sleep of peace
Knowing I have offered You my best
And do deserve my time of rest.

Grant me strength to serve my life through
Discernment to know what I do is for You
So that when at last my life is run
The battle for right I will have won.

Vivien Filleul

They drew a circle
that shut me out.
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a thing to flout.
But love and I
had the wit to win
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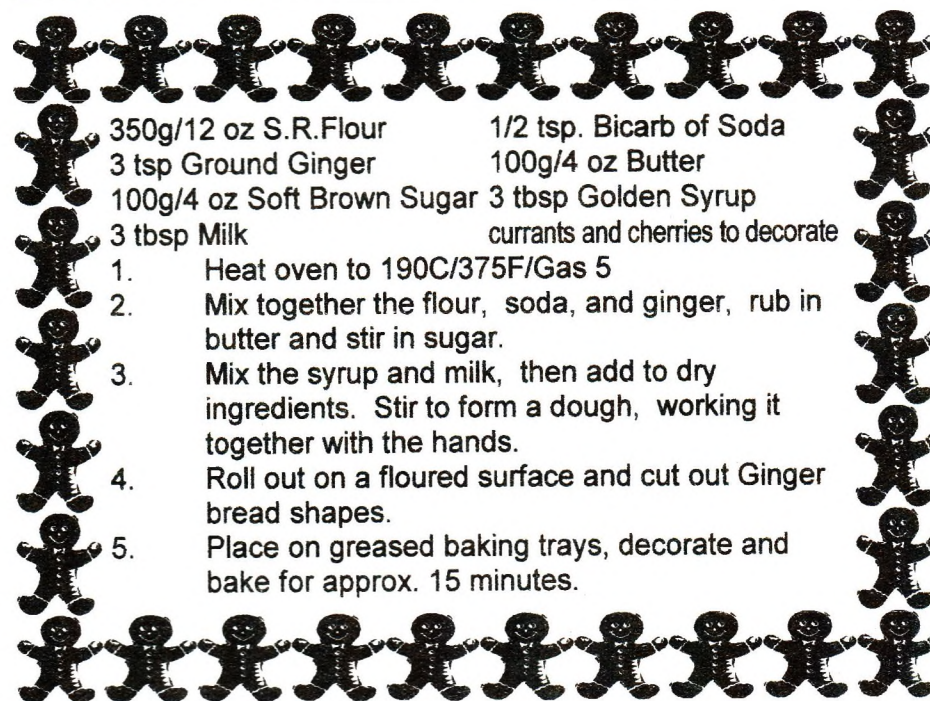
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| 3 tbsp Milk | currants and cherries to decorate |
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 5. Place on greased baking trays, decorate and bake for approx. 15 minutes.

REVIVAL

Having been asked to write this article, I hope that my indulgence in choosing a "hobby horse" will be forgiven. The word "revival" in the context of Christianity is properly used only in the sense of a sovereign act of God in which many people suddenly and dramatically turn to Him in repentance and for forgiveness. Over the years there have been many revivals. They are not necessarily heralded and they follow no pattern as regards timing or numbers involved.

The most notable revival of all time is probably the occasion when 3000 people were converted at the first Pentecost. The second chapter of Acts gives us the details. This story, like many stories of subsequent revivals, leaves us wondering what happened next in the lives of all those people. Perhaps the tremendous growth of the church in New Testament days is evidence that this occasion had significant results.

A revival with a very definite consequence is that which took place in Asuza Street, Los Angeles in 1906. This was the beginning of the Pentecostal Church which is now one of the major traditions throughout the world. On this side of the Atlantic, notable revivals in recent times occurred in Cornwall (1851-54), Ulster (1859), Wales (1904-05), Lowestoft (1921) and the Hebrides (1949-52). Many of these were in the first decade of the last century but they occurred at other times as well. Mark Stibbe (formerly Vicar of Grenoside) has written a summary of all these events and draws interesting conclusions about some common features which they all display. Being sovereign acts of God, they cannot be produced by human effort. Nevertheless, they appear to follow times of earnest prayer. He likens them to tornados which strike without warning and continue for various lengths of time. Like tornados, they are immensely powerful but in a spiritual and not necessarily in a physical sense. Probably also like tornados the after effects for some mean returning to the status quo although for many, life afterwards can never be the same again.

Interestingly, it is observable that the effects of a revival usually take place outside the churches although with strong links to some established base. We are reminded of the "revival" which Jesus caused outside Sychar when the woman He met at the well brought many folk to Him. Most of the stories of revivals report that meetings were so big that they had to continue in the open air and so also again "outside" the churches. In any case many of the people most affected by revivals will not previously have been church-goers !

Other characteristics of revivals seem to be that they follow times of spiritual barrenness; they follow a time when some of the eventual leaders have gone through a "low" time or being broken in some way.; they are encouraged by Christian unity and they follow not only times of deep prayer but also times of repentance.

Will there be a revival in Totley or in this area ? Will our churches in this area turn from being "irrelevant institutions" to being "places of magnetic attraction" for lost and wounded people ? Only God knows the answer to these questions but we may be able to discern some of the signs. In any case, we can pray that this will happen. We can repent of our materialistic aims and ambitions. We should expect that the Holy Spirit will move in this place even though we don't know the way this will happen.

We know that Jesus' call to us to become His disciples means that He is offering that the Holy Spirit will act when we ask. Will the Holy Spirit cause a "tornado" to come down on us ?

We can expect that Satan will not like it. We will find ourselves attacked, side-lined and discouraged but if we earnestly seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we shall have all the armour that we need. Should not our "New Year Resolution" be that we will pray for revival and expect it ?

Maurice Snowden

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P.C.C. Update

I think most members of the PCC must have inwardly groaned when they saw the Agenda for January's meeting ! At *sixteen items long* it looked daunting but despite the length of time taken, the meeting was a very good-natured occasion and even humorous at times.

We discussed a couple of items left over from the Away Day, one of which is to form a "Buildings and Grounds" sub-committee which will report to the PCC. It became obvious in the discussions which followed this proposal, that the amount of such work is large and that many more people are required to help with the working parties that are sometimes arranged. So if you have any spare time, please speak to Peter Purkiss, Alan England or Cliff Job.

Other proposals were:

1. To purchase enough Pew Bibles so that there is one Bible for every two seats. This will help everyone to be able to follow readings in church
2. To set a timetable for the appointment of a Youth Worker
3. To purchase a roll-up screen for use with the Overhead Projector
4. To trim the conifers around the Garden of Remembrance
5. To replace the wood of the Organ Loft, which has wood worm, with metal racking and plastic storage boxes
6. To replace the Riso printing machine with a new version which will be cheaper to run and maintain and will cut the amount of time Jeanne has to stand around watching it print, by over half !

It was also decided how we should allocate our charitable giving this year and the appropriate amounts for each.

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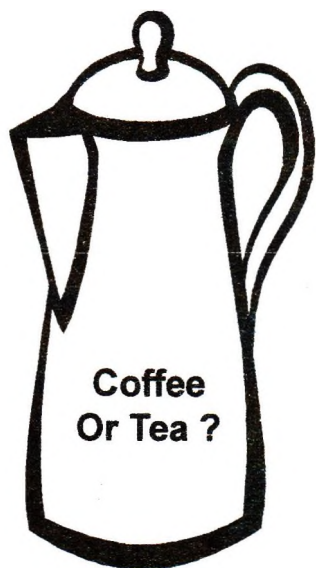
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February 2001

6th

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20th



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New members will be very welcome.

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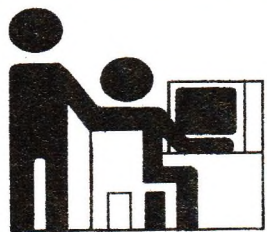
Someone said recently that he comes to church to meet with God. Someone else says that she meets with God as she walks over the moors and of course there is the old adage that "one is nearer God's heart in a garden than anywhere else on earth". Another finds that sharing our broken humanity with others, either one to one or in a group, has the redemptive effect of meeting with Jesus. Or an angel appears unexpectedly at a time of need, or a word perhaps from a stranger brings God's perspective into a situation which had perhaps seemed totally uncreative and acts as a "sideways angel". The year of Accompanied Prayer which I have just completed has emphasised for me more than anything that God is wherever we are and is both within and beyond ourselves, or "in all through all" as St. Paul puts it. He is indeed in the ordinariness of the life he came and still comes, to share with us. I started the year with some trepidation, wondering whatever I was letting myself in for, but have found it very rewarding and personally strengthening, though with some heart searching and tears. So don't be afraid if you come across and offer of 'accompanied prayer' or 'praying the scriptures'. It can be a way of blessing for you as you meet with God there.

Rosalie Carter

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

**Our Collection Boxes have raised
£460 this year - our highest total so far.**
Many thanks to all contributors.

Ann Ruthven



From the Editor

A computer is a wonderful thing when it does as it is instructed, but there are times when I want to say, "Are you stupid?" - like when it tells you it

can't find the printer and it's right next door to it! Well, I feel like that at the moment! I've spent all evening trying to print the Barn Dance pictures with no positive result. I'll try again tomorrow as I know when it prints them you will see how many people were there enjoying themselves! Many thanks to those people who organised everything including selling tickets, providing the supper and running the bar.

It is now the time of year when magazine subscriptions are due for collection. When you have collected them (and I know several people have) please let Angela Waite or myself have the money *together with the new lists of subscribers*. These lists are useful when deliverers go on holiday or are sick as it enables someone else to deliver their set of magazines. Our deliverers deserve a big THANK YOU, particularly at this time of the year when they collect the subs. and sometimes have to go several times to catch people in. Their efforts are appreciated.

Hopefully, the February magazine will be the last to be printed on the old slow printing machine. A speedier machine has been ordered which, when we have learned how, will allow us to print photographs which look like they should instead of a black mass.

Jeanne

Proposed All Weather Pitch for Totley All Saints' Primary School

Some local residents have expressed concern about our planning application for an 'all weather pitch', which we feel has, in part, been due to lack of accurate information.

Why?

Our school has no level hard surface area large enough for necessary P.E. or games with a class of thirty.

What?

We have asked permission to:

- Use a macadam surface which dries quickly - technically an 'all weather pitch'.
- Surround the area with a 'tennis court' fence to prevent balls used during P.E. lessons from rolling down hill.

When?

Use during normal school hours and Saturday morning.

Who?

Use by school only.

Where?

The area requested is towards the centre of the school site because:

- To the south (Baslow Road side) there is no direct access from the school
- To the west there is a football pitch and wooded area.
- To the north there are school buildings
- To the east there is car parking and playgrounds.

The area will have no artificial lighting of any kind.

To summarise, we are requesting a facility that will enable normal outdoor school activities to take place whether our field is muddy or dry.

We are sorry if this application has caused any residents unnecessary concern and hope the above information will clarify matters.

John Hill-Wilson Chair Premises Committee.

Lent Fellowship Groups 2001

28th February to 13th April

Though our focus at All Saints' Church is on the Care and Share Groups, if you also wish to join one of the Lent groups, please either sign the list on the *Church Hall Notice Board* or let Jeanne Foster know by Sunday 18th February. Please state your preference: Weekday (Mon. – Fri.) and time of day (morning, afternoon or evening).

Joint Fellowship Evening

**Wednesday 11th April at 8.00 p.m.
Dore and Totley United Reformed Church**

Open to everyone
(whether or not you have attended a group)

Lent Hunger Lunches 12.15 – 1.30 p.m. of soup, roll and cheese at the following locations

Fri. March 2nd	Totley Rise Methodist Church
Fri. March 9th	*All Saints' Church Totley
Wed. March 14th	*United Reformed Church
Fri. March 23rd	*Christ Church Dore
Fri. March 30th	*Dore Methodist Church
Fri. April 6th	St. John's Church Abbeydale

*these dates/locations may be changed later
further details will be in the March magazine

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Good Friday

Service of Tenebrae

Church of English Martyrs

13th April 2001 at 8.00 p.m.

Women's World Day of Prayer



This will be held at
English Martyrs Church
Baslow Road
Friday 2nd March at 10.00 a.m.
The speaker is Mrs. Maya West.



Thank you Sally

for booking seats for Cinderella. So many people were able to have an enjoyable evening out together. The costumes were superb and the scenery excellent. The singing was very good and the jokes were something else - how we laughed!

(Totley got a mention too!)

I know laughing is good for you and we all came away feeling good, thanks to you. *Jeanne*

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With the number of children attending (from 6.15 p.m. – 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in term time) being fairly low at present and thanks to the extra assistance of several enthusiastic and competent teenagers, we can keep going reasonably well but would still welcome the services of another adult leader in order to cover for illness, holidays and other commitments, so that we can accommodate any increase in numbers and ease the load on other members of the team who sometimes feel their age!

Offers of help would be gratefully received by Ken and Vivien Filleul or by Ann Powell.

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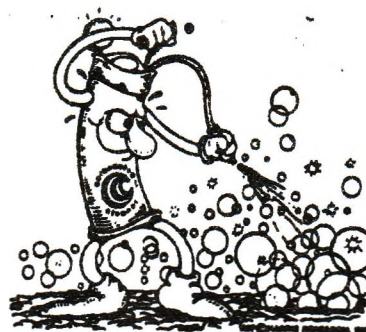
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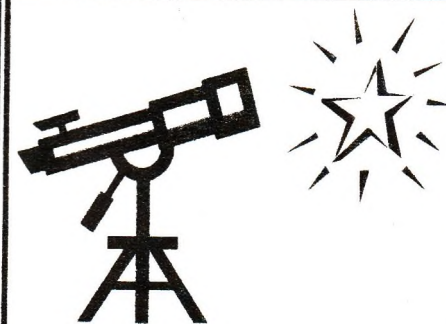
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*Joan Beeley
Vivien Filleul*

THOMAS BRAY

Stroll down St. James Row, beside the cathedral, and you will come upon the SPCK (Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge) bookshop. It has had a number of homes in Sheffield over the years and most recently moved from a room at the back of the cathedral to its present location.

SPCK is a widespread national body that runs a network of Christian bookshops and has its own publishing house. It owes its existence to Thomas Bray, who was born in 1656 and is remembered in the Anglican calendar this month.

He was a Shropshire lad who went on to be educated at Oxford before becoming the rector of Sheldon (today a suburb of Birmingham) in 1690. The seventeenth century had seen the growth of English colonies overseas, especially along the east coast of America. Thomas sustained a very keen interest in the planting and maintaining of healthy churches in these new lands. He also was very aware of the power of literature and worked to provide books for the training of clergy and wider purposes in the New World. From the outset, he attracted royal support for this enterprise which has been sustained right down to the present day. Her Majesty, the Queen remains a patron of SPCK. The earliest royal interest came from the then Princess (later to become Queen) Anne. In 1695, she donated the generous sum of £44 to Thomas to provide books for use overseas. Twenty five years later, George I donated £500 to SPCK to fund the publication of the Bible and Prayer Book in Arabic.

1698 saw Thomas making preparations to cross the Atlantic himself. The bishop of London had received a request from Maryland for help in establishing church life in the colony. Bishop Henry Compton asked Thomas to go as his emissary. Before setting out, he met with a number of friends to safeguard the work he was already involved in. They met in Lincoln's Inn in London and pledged themselves to "counteract the growth of vice and immorality, caused by gross ignorance of the principles

of the Christian religion". They saw the main strategy of achieving this end to be the promotion of wholesome education and the production of Christian literature. And so the SPCK was born.

In fact Thomas' stay in Maryland was brief. He decided that he could be more effective at home, encouraging others to go in greater numbers and fostering the literature work. He also saw for himself the immense impact that this was having and so came home determined to see similar schemes of encouraging reading of Christian books in this country. By his death in 1730, he had been responsible for the creation of 80 deanery or parochial libraries in England - and that in an age when printing was of course well established, but books still counted as a luxury item. So if you have not had a look at the library in the church hall, do pop in and do so. It is a far more recent creation, but is very much in the spirit of Thomas Bray. He was also active in encouraging men to go abroad as messengers of the gospel and so in 1701 established the *Society for the Propagation of the Gospel*. At that time it primarily had Canada, the American colonies and the West Indies in mind - the places colonised by the English. As time moved on (and the British Empire was established) though, its activities spread far and wide. Today many independent provinces in the Anglican Communion owe their existence to SPG workers two or three hundred years ago. In encouraging such outreach, Thomas was anticipating the nineteenth century missionary movement by a century or more - he really was a man of great vision. In 1965, the SPG united with another body established by David Livingstone, to become the *United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel*.

In 1706, he moved to a church in Aldgate in London, where he continued to work to put his libraries on a permanent basis, creating "The Associates of Dr. Bray" in 1723 - a body which still has a quiet existence today.

He was a man ahead of his times, a man of vision, a man with a love for learning (he wrote as well as encouraging others to

read) and above all a man of the gospel. His work, especially in the field of literature, has left a permanent mark both sides of the Atlantic and so he is remembered in both churches on the 15th February.



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Rosalie Carter

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At its recent meeting, the P.C.C. supported the proposal that Ric Gray should be licensed as a Lay Parish Evangelist. This is in recognition of Ric's calling to Evangelistic Ministry and his recent graduation as a Bachelor of Arts (Hons) - Biblical and Evangelistic Ministry. Ric will work in the Parish under the guidance of David and his main responsibility will be for Alpha. The P.C.C. is pleased that Ric is willing to take on this responsibility, as he has a full-time job and family commitments.

Angela Waite and Kevin Mundy are to be our new Co-ordinators of Care and Share groups. They will liaise with group leaders to encourage them and to oversee the activities of each group. As the Care and Share groups continue to grow, this is a step along the road to strengthening the structure of the church along the cell church lines. The P.C.C. would like to thank Angela and Kevin for agreeing to take on this task.

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There will be memorial services on the following dates in 2001:

1st April	1st July
30th September	30th December

The services will start at 6.30 p.m., last for about an hour and be followed by light refreshments in the church.

If you would like a favourite hymn to be played at the memorial service, please indicate below.

Memorial Service April 2001

Name to be remembered

Name(s) and address of principle family members attending the service
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Favourite hymn

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From the *Registers*

BAPTISM: none in January

WEDDINGS: none in January

FUNERALS: none in January

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Bernard of Clairvaux

February 2001 Diary Dates



Fri.	2nd	Quiz Night Totley Primary School 8.00 p.m.
3rd and 4th		Special weekend to Share vision and Express our unity in Christ
Mon.	5th	Contemplative Prayer Group 12 Marstone Cres. 2.15 p.m.
Mon.	5th	Standing Committee Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
Tues.	6th	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	7th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Sun.	11th	Last day to book for Lincoln Cathedral visit.
Sun.	11th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.
Mon.	12th	P.C.C. Meeting Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m.
Wed.	14th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Mon.	19th	Contemplative Prayer Group 12 Marstone Cres. 2.15 p.m.
Mon.	19th	Last day for items for magazine
Tues.	20th	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	21st	Toy and Bric-a-Brac Sale outside Totley Library 10 – 12 noon
Wed.	21st	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Sat.	24th	Prayer Breakfast Hall 8.00 a.m.
Sun.	25th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.
Mon.	26th	Collation of Magazine Hall from 9.30 a.m.
Tues.	27th	Martha and Mary Group Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m.
Wed.	28th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
March		
Fri.	2nd	First Lent Hunger Lunch - Totley Rise Methodist Church
Fri.	2nd	Women's World Day of Prayer - English Martyrs Church
2nd to	3rd	Friday 5.00 p.m. – Saturday 5.00 p.m. Day of Prayer and Fasting
Sat.	31st	Quiet Day details later

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"I form the light and create darkness"

(Isaiah 45 : 7)

Final Date: Items for March Magazine: 19th February 2001

ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL

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		Sally Rhodes	236 2322
	6.30 – 8.30 p.m.	Sunday Youth Group (2nd & 4th Sunday)	
		Gay Riley	236 6884
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 (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	
		Joanne Smith	262 0741
	2.00 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	
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From the Vicar



Dear Friends

A memorable Sunday morning in February saw over 300 folk gathered at Totley Rise Methodist Church for a very special service. (There were 50 or so children enjoying their own activities in the hall alongside at the same time.) The atmosphere of the occasion and the message from Bishop Cyril, the Bishop of Doncaster, was inspiring, challenging and heart warming. It was a lovely example of **celebration** worship.

Special occasions are important to us. They provide high-points that can be looked forward to and then leave a special mark of uplift and encouragement in their wake. Of course, all worship has that potential. Perhaps the celebration at times benefits from the heightened sense of expectation of those who attend. More normally, folk can be found on a Sunday morning worshipping in the **congregation**.

The smaller scale event means you will know a good number of people (though probably not all), there will be a greater sense of familiarity about what goes on and it will fit into a more regular pattern of life. During the week, many will gather in smaller groups in homes. This gathering in a **cell** provides another experience and platform of worship. Here the "two or three gathering in My name" is to be experienced. Here a different form of intimacy and openness with the Lord and one another can be developed and nurtured. Here the food and experience gained in Celebration and Congregation can be worked through and applied.

The early church treasured these three arenas of worship.

Celebration happened as large numbers met in the temple.

Congregation was a familiar form from the scale of synagogue worship. After the coming of the Holy Spirit on the Day of Pentecost, believers, "broke bread in their homes and ate together" and later on Paul made it clear that he taught, "publicly and from house to house", the experience of the smaller **cell**. As the church put down its roots

(having scarcely any buildings of its own for the first three hundred years) it did so on the basis of these three forms of worship. So what will we look like as this century unfolds? Compare the church today with that of 1950 and there are huge differences. Compare the way we approach a whole range of life's activities with the way similar things were approached in 1950 and again there are vast differences. One of these differences is to do with our approach to institutions and authority. The fluidity of the world we live in underlines a much lighter approach in these areas than taken by many of our forebears. The early Christians would have needed to grapple with their attitudes to the authorities around them - who often actively opposed the infant church. That too, is the experience of many Christians today in other countries. Perhaps it will become so here, too, as the future unfolds. It is in such countries that the value of the small cell really has come into its own. In China today there are huge numbers of Christians, all bound together in these small groups as so little public expression of the Faith is allowed.

I always associated "cell" with iron bars, not much food and a distinct loss of liberty. Another way of looking at it, or course, is that it is the building block of life, the basic unit that everything else is built on. The Spring upon us and the early signs of new life bursting all around us, a sense of growth and multiplication is very easy to pick up. So as in nature, the small and unseen becomes the basis for the explosion of summer growth, so too, in spiritual matters, the apparently small and fragile, can be of crucial importance.

If we are able to take spiritual lessons from observing nature, we are doing what Jesus frequently did. So let's be quick to observe and wonder at the world about us, ready to see how we need to learn from that in other aspects of our lives and able to play our part in **cell, congregation and celebration**.

With all best wishes

Services in March

4th First Sunday of Lent. **(Pledge Sunday for the Youth Worker Project)**

Theme: Who is Jesus ?

9.30 a.m. All Age Worship

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

3.30 p.m. Holy Communion at the Cheshire Home

6.30 p.m. Healing Service

11th Second Sunday of Lent

Theme: The Gospel in Kosovo

9.30 a.m. Baptism Service

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

3.00 p.m. Informal Service at Green Oak View

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

18th Third Sunday of Lent

Theme: Leadership and Service

9.30 a.m. All Age All Together

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

3.30 p.m. Informal Service at the Cheshire Home

6.30 p.m. Informal Worship

25th Fourth Sunday of Lent (Mothering Sunday)

Theme: A story of a son

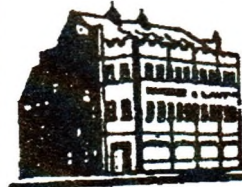
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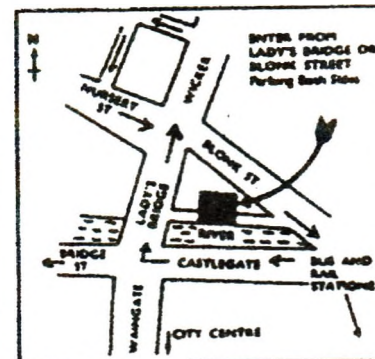
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Ingredients (variable quantities according to taste and the numbers to be served)

Spanish Onions

Quick Cook Rice

Cheese

A light cooking oil

Chopped Spinach (the frozen variety is perfectly good)

Salt to taste.

1. Cook the spinach until the moisture has been removed but not dry. Whilst this is happening:
2. Fry the onions (chopped up small) until soft and beginning to turn slightly opaque. Reserve.
3. Fry the rice in the same oil as the onions - but gently. Keep giving a stir. This process lasts until the rice begins to turn brown.
4. Remove from the heat, allow to cool for a couple of minutes before adding hot water - CAREFULLY AND GENTLY or it boils over. When settled, return to heat and cook for 10 minutes (eight if you prefer your rice a little crunchy).
5. Now we are ready to assemble. Butter a container such as a casserole dish, deep roasting dish etc. - the dish should be at least 2 1/2 inches deep. Put in a layer of fried onions, followed by a 1" deep layer of rice, then a layer of cheese, sliced about 1/8" thick. Repeat and repeat again until you either get near to the top of the container or until you run out of ingredients. Cover with a layer of spinach at least 1/2" thick. Sprinkle grated cheese on top. Put in a hot oven for about 10-15 minutes if the ingredients are hot. If they are cold, bake for 45 minutes.
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Chad was born in Northumbria in the earlier seventh century. He went with his brother to the great abbey on Lindisfarne (on Holy Island, off the Northumbrian coast) as a youth, to be educated under the abbey's founder, Aidan. From there, it seems he went to Rathmelsigi, in Ireland, for further studies. In the meantime, his brother Cedd, who had also been educated at Lindisfarne, had been sent out to found a new abbey at Lastingham, in North Yorkshire. He sent for Chad to assist in the task. When Cedd died in 664, Chad succeeded him as Abbot of Lastingham.

The seventh century was an age in which the church was still being established in these islands and one in which, of course, communications was far slower than today. Both these factors had bearing on Chad's future. Within months of becoming abbot at Lastingham, at the request of king Oswy, the king of Northumbria, he was consecrated as bishop of Northumbria with his cathedral church in York. This was a controversial move as three years previously, Wilfred had been appointed as bishop and had departed to Gaul to be consecrated. He had not returned, so Chad's appointment was somewhat ambiguous.

The recently appointed archbishop of Canterbury took a firm stand to resolve the situation. Theodore himself was a remarkable man. He was of Greek origin and hailed from Tarsus, the same town as the apostle Paul. He was sixty when appointed by the pope and had never visited Britain. On realising the controversy in the north, he declared Wilfred to be the rightful

bishop and told Chad to step down. This he did with great humility and simply returned to Lastingham.

His whole attitude and the way he behaved in difficult circumstances made a deep impression on Theodore. So, when later in the same year (669) the bishop of Mercia died, Theodore arranged with the king of Mercia, Oswiu, that Chad should replace him. He was consecrated by Theodore towards the end of 669 and chose Lichfield as the seat of his diocese.

Chad, then, was a Christian leader in both Northumbria and Mercia, a hundred years or more before the kingdoms were united. He also established what became the diocese of Lichfield which geographically remains one of the largest in England today.

Chad stands out, both for his personal integrity and humility and his passion to see the gospel of Jesus Christ spread in a pagan land. As bishop of Mercia, he travelled long distances. From Lichfield he went to Lincolnshire, where he established at least one further abbey. The chronicler Bede writes of him, "he administered his diocese in great holiness of life, following the example of the ancient fathers". He walked everywhere, even when in poor health, until Theodore insisted that he went by horse. He died of the plague in the year 672 and was buried at Lichfield. His tomb became a place of pilgrimage and it was reported that miracles took place there.

During the reformation, his remains were still much revered. Loyal Catholics removed them from his grave and they were kept hidden in a variety of places until 1841 when they found a permanent resting place in the new Roman Catholic cathedral in Birmingham, dedicated to Chad. Recently the bones were subject to carbon dating. It would, of course, be impossible to know whether they really are Chad's, but the result at least demonstrated that they are roughly of the correct antiquity. Chad crossed boundaries for the sake of the gospel. He humbly accepted reverses of fortune without becoming bitter or losing his zeal. He had only three years in Mercia but is credited with seeing a widespread advance of the /over

gospel in that time. He is remembered in the Anglican calendar on the 2nd March - in both Mercia and Northumbria and perhaps deserves to be remembered especially where those two kingdoms met and were eventually to be united.

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P.C.C.Update

February's meeting of the P.C.C. was mainly taken up with three discussions, the first of which concerned the Youth Worker project. By the time the magazine is printed, we shall have had the open meeting to bring everyone "up to speed" with the project and we shall be looking towards the Gift Day on 4th March. Funding issues are of major concern to many but the P.C.C. is totally committed to this and agreed unanimously to underwrite the shortfall in our contributions to the project for three years.

The second discussion centred around aspects of prayer and how prayer could be encouraged. It was acknowledged that prayer is fundamental to the life of the church and that places where people already pray together included the Care and Share groups, the Prayer Breakfast and various other forms of service as well as the Sunday services. New ways of praying together were considered and it was concluded that there is always room for improvement !

The third discussion concerned the formation of a church hall maintenance group who would be concerned with the fabric and maintenance of the hall. It was recognised that various people are involved with various aspects of looking after the hall but it was thought appropriate to have a team of people who would oversee such arrangements. A working day has been arranged for 24th March when there will be plenty of work to be done both indoors and outside if weather permits.

Jane Lawry Secretary to the P.C.C.

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There will also be a notebook and pen at the back of
the Church for any written prayer requests.



From the Editor

Thank you to Mr. Jackson and others who pointed out my (not deliberate) mistake on the cover of the February magazine. I only make one excuse for doing this - old age !

This month has March on it, as you will see.

Mr. Jackson also pointed out that the SPCK is in East Parade. I will inform the writer of the article !

I will be printing this issue on the new Riso machine so I hope I manage to produce the photographs with some clarity !

Last month I had plenty of material for the magazine , but this month there has been much less, so please read the plea on page 6.

I look forward to receiving your articles, poems, notice of events and comments.

Jeanne

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St. Mark's Gospel

In David's letter, he asks that people might write to the editor of the magazine with any reaction to the reading of St. Mark's Gospel.

Instead of just reading it, I thought it would be a good idea to type out the actual words of Jesus (not the narrative or other people's words in between). My mother used to have a New Testament with all Jesus' words in red. Anyway, I got out my N.I.V. and tried it. It didn't take all that long. I got it done on nine pages of A4. It was surprising how vividly the words came out. I

suppose I was broadly familiar with the passages but it was almost as if the words appeared to be new, they were so fresh and relevant. I am very glad I tried it and in any case, I have now got the words to refer to when I want.

Maurice

Bailey-Cox School of Dance

Alice in Wonderland

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Lent

Fellowship Groups 2001

28th February to 13th April

Though our focus at All Saints' Church is on the Care and Share Groups, if you also wish to join one of the Lent groups, it's not too late to join. Please let Jeanne Foster know (235 1525) or Richard Lamb (236 2807).

Joint

Fellowship Evening

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Lent

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Fri. March 2nd	Topley Rise Methodist Church
Fri. March 9th	Christ Church Dore (Old School Room)
Fri. March 16th	All Saints' Church Topley
Wed. March 21st	United Reformed Church Topley Brook Road
Fri. March 30th	Dore Methodist Church
Fri. April 6th	St. John's

**Please note
Revised venues**

Good

Friday

Service of Tenebrae

Church of English Martyrs

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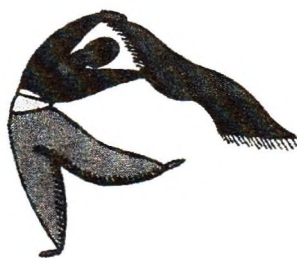
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The Trailblazers Leadership Team have unfortunately lost the regular services of one of its leaders, and would welcome the services of another adult. Offers of help would be gratefully received by Ken and Vivien Filleul or by Ann Powell.

Pen Picture

The young lady in this month's pen picture was born in Rotherham nearly 13 years ago. She has lived in three homes during her life. The first home was in Brinsworth, Rotherham; the second was in Mortomley, High Green and her present home is here in Totley.

From her nursery days she attended Greengate Lane School, close to her home in Mortomley until the Y6 year, when she left to come to Totley. Her school days at Greengate Lane were happy ones. The teachers were familiar, kind and caring. She had many friends both from school and her church life. It was a great wrench to leave all this behind to come to Totley.

One of our 'church young ladies' tried to make her feel welcome by first writing to her and later exchanging visits. When arriving at the new school, her new found friend helped by introducing her to people in her class.

It was obvious that the move to a new school for just two terms was difficult. At the age of eleven it is often hard to infiltrate long established friendship groups !

Moving on to King Ecgbert School has been a good experience. Whilst retaining her 'church friend', she has made a lot of new friends. Some of them live locally but others live further afield. Friendships have been established with young people from our church as well as from the Bailey-Cox School of Dance.

Her favourite subjects at school include: Physical Education; French; History and Art. She also enjoys Craft, Design and Technology - she recently made a very nice bag.

In addition to the Physical Education lessons, she also belongs to a lunchtime gymnastics club and plays hockey after school as well as trampolining.

She enjoys both French and History because the teachers make the subject interesting - even 'fun' !

In Art classes she enjoys painting and working in clay.

She feels she prefers the lessons stated, not because she is 'best' at these subjects but because she enjoys them.

At lunchtime she belongs to a wind and a jazz band and after

school she attends a gymnastic class.

She has a very active and varied after school life and manages to have flute, piano and dancing lessons; help with Trailblazers, the Wednesday club for primary age children; belong to another wind band; play with the children's music group; attend the Sunday Youth group and the Care and Share group. She would like to start gymnastics too but cannot due to lack of transport.

Evidence of her competence in dancing is shown by her exam. results: Grade 4 in ballet; grade 3 in tap, stage and theatre craft; grade 2 in modern dance and most of them with honours (more than 85%). She also helps to instruct younger dancers. In Piano, she has gained a distinction at grade 4 and Grade 5 in Flute and hopes to take grade 6 in November.

On February 3rd she went to Bridlington for a gymnastics competition. King Ecgbert School sent three teams and her team won and she received a Gold Medal !

In March she hopes to go to competitions in both trampolining and wind band.

In July she will take part in the production of 'Alice in Wonderland' at the Crucible.

Are you as breathless as I am with all this activity ?

If you haven't guessed whose picture I have painted, look on the next page.

Jeanne

A little boy was praying, "Dear God, please take care of my daddy and my mummy and my sister and brother and my doggy and me. Oh, please take care of yourself, God. If anything happens to you, we're gonna be in a big mess".

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Rosalie Carter

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Alan and Mavis Kirton

Would like to thank everyone for their love, support and prayers over many years and especially these last few months while Angela and then Molly have been so ill, they are both home and doing well.

Also, many thanks for the farewell in December when so many friends shared cake and wine and for your very generous gift.

We are on the move at last and from 16th February, our address will be:

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On holiday in Cromer, we found the following prayer which has been so helpful:

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God Bless you all

Love *Alan and Mavis*

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Moses tried to convince God that he wasn't the right person to persuade Pharaoh. In the end Moses had to take his brother Aaron to speak for him.

- We have to remember we are all called to follow Jesus. We might think that it is too difficult and someone else would do the job better than we could. But by our baptism we are all called to serve and we all have different talents to bring to the job. How boring it

By Angela Webb

would be if we were all the same and how great the joy in finding out what God wants us to do.

JUMBLLED JOBS

All the answers to this are jobs but the letters have been jumbled up. For example TVE unjumbled is VET. Can you work out what these people do?

1. Mary is a TODROC.
2. Peter is a RORLY VERDIR.
3. Amelia is a THEERAC.
4. Jack is a EFCH.
5. Rose is a GEDUJ.
6. Sam is a NICEOMPLA.
7. Liz is a HOSP STAISTSAN
8. Andy is a TOPLI.
9. Emma is a READRENG.
10. Calum is a MAFRER.



The chairman of the Blotto Blotting Paper Company announced at the AGM yesterday that he would not be retiring this year after all because he found his work totally absorbing.

- Answers: 1. doctor, 2. lorry driver, 3. teacher, 4. chef, 5. judge, 6. policeman, 7. shop assistant, 8. pilot, 9. gardener, 10. farmer.

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Alive Gang and Creche

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March

Altar

Memory Table

no flowers in Lent

MEMORIAL SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS

Memorial services will be held quarterly. In each copy of the magazine, there will be a reply slip inviting anybody who would like to have a loved-one remembered at the next memorial Service, to let me know so that the name may be included amongst those to be read out. This invitation is to all, irrespective of where or when a funeral may have taken place. If you have lost somebody in another part of the country, at another time of the year, but a service falls near their birthday, wedding anniversary of some other significant date, you will be most welcome to ask for them to be remembered.

There will be memorial services on the following dates in 2001:

1st April	1st July
30th September	30th December

The services will start at 6.30 p.m., last for about an hour and be followed by light refreshments in the church.

If you would like a favourite hymn to be played at the memorial service, please indicate below.

Memorial Service April 2001

Name to be remembered

Name(s) and address of principle family members attending the service
.....
.....

Favourite hymn

Please return completed forms to David Rhodes at the Vicarage.

From the



Registers

BAPTISM:

None in February

The Baptism follow-up team will visit the following families as they celebrate the anniversary of the Baptism of their children:

14th	Charles Edward Francis Highfield
	William Roxburgh Highfield
15th	Rachel Elizabeth Munday
29th	Natalie Erin Barnsdall
	Jordan Aran Barnsdall
30th	James Richard Bridgens

WEDDINGS:

None in February

FUNERALS:

26th Jan	Bessie Hollin of Green Oak Road
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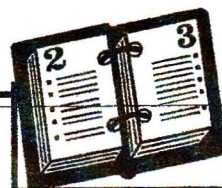
The next Memorial Service will be held on 1st April 2001. If you would like a loved-one to be remembered at that service, please complete the form on the page opposite and return to David Rhodes at the Vicarage.

IF YOU WANT TO BE MARRIED OR HAVE YOUR BABY BAPTISED

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Telephone number 236 2322.

March 2001 Diary Dates



Fri.	2nd	First Lent Hunger Lunch Totley Rise Methodist Church 12.15 p.m.
Fri.	2nd	Women's World Day of Prayer English Martyrs Church 10.00 a.m.
2nd to	3rd	Friday 5.00 p.m. – Saturday 5.00 p.m. Day of Prayer and Fasting
Mon.	5th	Contemplative Prayer Group 1 Quarry Road 2.15 p.m.
Mon.	5th	Standing Committee Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
Tues.	6th	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	7th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Sun.	11th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.
Mon.	12th	P.C.C. Meeting Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m.
Wed.	14th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Fri.	16th	Lent Hunger Lunch at All Saints 12.15 – 1.30 p.m.
Sat.	17th	Tea at Three T@3 Hall 3.00 p.m.
Mon.	19th	Contemplative Prayer Group 1 Quarry Road 2.15 p.m.
Mon.	19th	Last day for items for magazine
Tues.	20th	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	21st	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Sat.	24th	Prayer Breakfast Hall 8.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.
Sat.	24th	Working Day 10.00 a.m. onwards
Sun.	25th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.
Mon.	26th	Collation of Magazine Hall from 9.30 a.m.
Tues.	27th	Martha and Mary Group Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m.
Wed.	28th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Sat.	31st	Quiet Day

Saying for Stillness

“You must be born from above (or born again)”

(John 3: 3 and 7)

Final Date : Items for April Magazine : 19th March 2001

ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL

Sunday:	9.30 a.m.	The Alive Gang Sally Rhodes	236 2322
	6.30 – 8.30 p.m.	Sunday Youth Group (2nd & 4th Sunday) Gay Riley	236 6884
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 (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 Joanne Smith	262 0741
	2.00 p.m.	Ladies Keep Fit Val Simpson	236 1483
	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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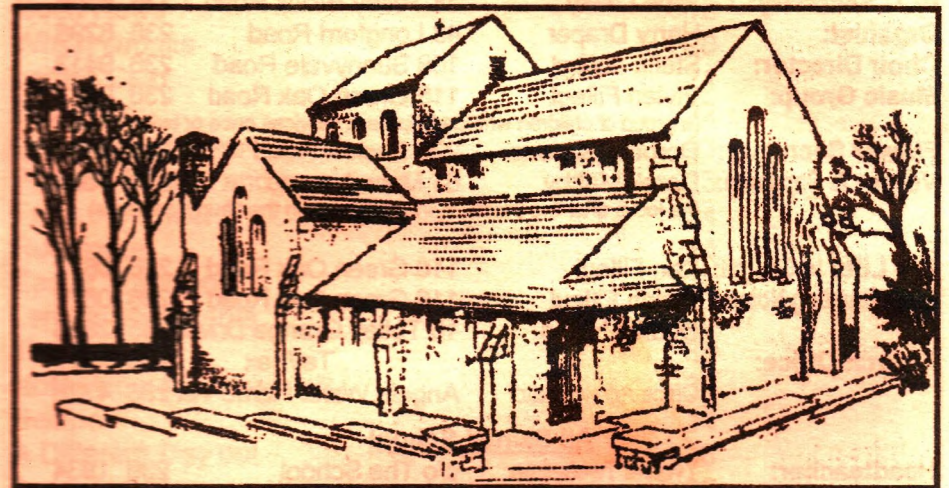
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From the Vicar



Dear Friends

This month is marked by two important occasions at All Saints. Sunday 15th April is Easter Sunday. Early in the morning, the women found the tomb empty and human history has never been the same since. The previous Sunday we will hold what is known as the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

That is rather a mouthful, but it is simply that, like most bodies, churches have an annual general meeting. It is an opportunity to reflect on the year that has passed, to point the way ahead and to conduct some necessary business, such as the election of the Church Council. This year we have introduced a look back over the year that has passed with the help of a video, showing various aspects of the church's life.

In my annual report, I will be saying that I hope going to church in Totley is something that fades out. That is, of course, deliberately something of an eyebrow-raising statement. But it is said in all seriousness. What am I getting at? Most certainly I do not want to discourage anybody from turning up at All Saints on Sunday. However, it is a fact that the concept of "going to church" cannot be found in the New Testament. What we find there is the concept of **being the church**.

There were few, if any, church buildings for the first three centuries AD. Being part of the church was to do with being part of a community, united in a common experience of Jesus and commitment to Him and each other. Of course, there were occasions for worship and teaching and fellowship, often on a small rather than a large scale, but these were expressions of the vital life of the church that you were part of and welcomed others into.

Under the emperor Constantine, in the fourth century, the church became the official religion of the Roman Empire. It's public status changed and public church buildings could be built. From then on, the meaning of "church" began to change, so that it was to become associated with a building rather than a body of people. It also meant that it became something you could go to and visit in an uncommitted way. Of course, there is a very legitimate place for that, but it does illustrate the way our understanding of "church" has changed.

An interesting document from the first years of the church is one written by Pliny, who was the Roman governor of the province of Bithynia, to the emperor Trajan, seeking advice on how to deal with Christians. It is written about 112 AD. His aim is to insist that everybody should worship the emperor and if necessary, curse Christ. He has a long list of names from informers, some of whom were at one time active Christians. In the course of all this, he describes what they do. It includes meeting for worship before sunrise. It includes meeting for ordinary meals together (the place of Holy Communion, usually called Eucharist, is less clear) and it is also obvious that the church is a lively network of people, rather than a very obvious public institution. He cannot simply turn up at a certain place on Sunday morning and arrest everybody!

Times are very different today (although not so in a number of other countries). But principles remain the same. When Paul wrote to the church in Colossae, he thanked God for their faith in Jesus and love for all the saints. Eternal qualities that were the hall mark of the church then and are today.

So, as this month, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus - the joy and wonder of the empty tomb - and also use the AGM to reflect on the past and future of the life of God's people at All Saints, let's be united in putting an end to going to church. Let's encourage each other more and more to grasp what it means to be church. Let's be those who are known for our faith in Jesus and love for all.

With all best wishes

Services in April

1st Fifth Sunday of Lent.

Theme: The Kingdom again.

- 9.30 a.m. All Age Worship
- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 3.30 p.m. Holy Communion at the Cheshire Home
- 6.30 p.m. Memorial Service

8th Palm Sunday

Theme: The Anger of Jesus

- 9.30 a.m. Baptism Service
- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 3.00 p.m. Informal Service at Green Oak View All Saints' turn to lead.
- 6.30 p.m. Parish Annual General Meeting

12th Maundy Thursday

- 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion and Washing of Feet.

13th Good Friday

- 10.00 a.m. Children's Worship
- 12 noon 3 hours' Service
- 8.00 p.m. Tenebrae at English Martyrs'

15th Easter Day

Theme: Too good to be true

- 10.00 a.m. Joint Celebration
- 3.30 p.m. Informal Service at the Cheshire Home
- 6.30 p.m. Easter Praise

22nd Second Sunday of Easter

Theme: The Resurrection in the Early Church—a remarkable escape.

- 9.30 a.m. Family Holy Communion
- 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

29th Third Sunday Of Easter

Theme: The Resurrection in the Early Church—a remarkable encounter.

- 9.30 a.m. All Age Worship
- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

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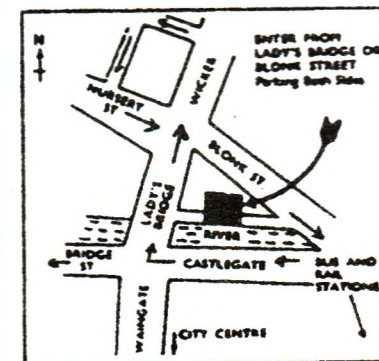
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We moan about Winter
And all it can bring
Let us thank the good Lord
For the coming of Spring.

The birds and the flowers
The sunshine (and showers)
For all His good works,
God's praise let us sing !



I haven't written poetry since I was at school, so I'm a
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The arrival of a cow has changed Herbert and his mother's lives. They sell the milk and use the dung and urine on their land. They have had advice about making their land more productive.

His mother, Grace, is now the local chairperson for 'Send a Cow' and is also a local co-ordinator for the development work of the Church of Uganda.



A SAINT FOR APRIL

One of the more unexpected Christian personalities of the past to be remembered in the Anglican Calendar is the Victorian poetess, Christina Rossetti. Today, she is most readily identified as the writer of "In the bleak mid-winter", but also appears on the 27th April, as somebody worth of our recalling.

She was born in 1830 into a literary and artistic family. Her brother Dante Gabriel was at the heart of the pre-Raphaelite school of art. He was two years older than Christina and the oldest of the family. Another girl, Maria, also made her mark both in the literary world and for her devout Christian life. From an early age, Christina took her Christian faith very seriously. Twice she fell in love very deeply and received marriage proposals, but twice she chose to terminate the relationship. The first time, her friend converted to Catholicism and on the second occasion she realised that he did not share her faith at all. Thus she never married and so carried with her, as many women have done, a deep yearning to be a mother, that could never be fulfilled.

As well as having the serious approach to life that marked Victorian Evangelicals (although Christina was to gravitate to a more high church expression of her faith), she also had a deeply poetic nature. She produced a large corpus of works, many religious and many of a more generally literary nature. For the last ten years or so of her life, she lived as a recluse before dying of cancer at the age of 64 just after Christmas in 1894. The turning point in her life came in 1871, when she contracted Graves Disease and almost died. Prior to then her poetry had explored various themes and won wide acclaim. Her most famous work was published as "Goblin's Market". The disease lasted for two years. She emerged wasted, physically, and exhausted emotionally. From then on, her writings were almost entirely devotional and intensely personal. In vivid poetry in works like "Sing-song" she explored her sense of confusion and loss, as any further hope of marriage was now most unlikely.

Her lover became the Lord Jesus Christ and imagery of the church as the bride of Christ became increasingly vivid and precious for her. Her intense sense of personal devotion reflects that found at times in the writings of nuns and indeed her older sister was eventually to become one. Her brother, Dante, suffered a breakdown in 1872 which affected Christina profoundly. She became a semi-recluse after that but continued to write and support the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge.



She emerges as a deeply feeling, slightly tortured person, who in what may seem to us, the muted colours of the life of a Victorian gentle-woman, found an intense devotion to Jesus in the face of personal disappointment and struggle. It is good for us to remember a very human person who clung to her Lord, whatever life threw at her and however weak she felt herself to be. She is remembered as a poet, an influencer of the Victorian age and a woman who maintained her trust in the Lord until her death.

None other lamb, none other name,
None other hope in heaven, or earth or sea,
None other hiding place from guilt and shame,
None beside Thee.

My faith burns low, my hope burns low;
Only my heart's desire cries out in me,
By the deep thunder of its want and woe,
Cries out to Thee.

Lord, Thou art my life, though I be dead;
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I was reading a book by R.C. Sproul and I came across this interesting passage:

"I had the opportunity to speak with these people and I asked them all the same question. 'Were you ever a member of a church?' Almost all of them said they had been. I would ask them why they stopped going to church. In almost every instance, the answer was basically the same: they had been hurt or offended by someone in the church. There was bitterness because the church was filled with hypocrites.

Now often that judgement is false and sometimes slanderous. People expect church members to be perfect when the one absolute prerequisite for joining the church is the admission that one is not perfect. The only organisation I know which demands that you be a sinner in order to join it, is the Christian church. So it shouldn't surprise anybody to see Christians sin. "

Maurice

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The following extracts are taken from an article in the Spring issue of the New Wine magazine, written by a vicar of a church in Canterbury.

"There's an amazing reluctance to talk about a positive and common vision in some churches. The unspoken priority is to 'survive another year', 'meet our financial commitments' or 'stop the church roof from falling down'.

When church programmes are constructed around these priorities, the result will be a cycle of decline or stagnation.

The call to us has been to have a more hope-filled vision for growth and to allow that vision to permeate through our values, principles and activities, undergirding our entire ministry as a church.

- ♦ At the centre of the life of the church and its mission is worship
- ♦ What's most important is that whatever the style of service, the underlying priorities are God-centred and mission-minded
- ♦ The Gospel is all about relationships with God and each other

Loving the world should be the natural outcome of worship and building up the life of the church Living for Christ in our workplaces, homes and community".

What an interesting comparison with our situation at All Saints !
Ken Filleul

All Saints' Ladies Club

April 2001

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Bill Bryer

Bill, who died this month, was a friend to many people. Witness to this were the numbers of people who attended the funeral and thanksgiving service for his life.

We each of us have different memories of Bill - all of them, I'm sure, are bound up with his happy face, his friendliness and helpfulness.

For those unable to attend the very moving service I print the final hymn.

God be in my head and in my understanding;

God be in my eyes and in my looking;

God be in my mouth and in my speaking;

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God be at my end and in my departing.

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There will also be a notebook and pen at the back of the Church for any written prayer requests.



From the Editor

Thank you for your contributions for the magazine and thank you to Vivien who seems to have touched the hearts of some people with her request 'not to be alone' !

Thank you also to Ric Gray, Viv and Ken Filleul and Ann Ruthven and the generous cooks who provided food for the Tea at Three. Not only did we enjoy the food but also the company, the church/beetle game and the singing.

By the time you read this, a group of people will have cleared and cleaned the various store places and the office in the church hall. The maintenance committee surveyed the hall to identify the areas which require cleaning/decorating and, though we will be unable to undertake all the tasks immediately, we hope to have further indoor working days to complete the work. The next working day, on April 7th, will be used to clean the church, ready for Easter. A grounds working day will be announced later. If you are able, please come if only for an hour !

Jeanne

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In many countries, Good Friday is a day of communal mourning. No one went visiting on that day; most people sat quietly at home, fasting and reading the Bible. In Finland on Good Friday, it was considered sinful if anyone should laugh, 'so as to show their teeth'. No fires were lighted and little was eaten except dried fish, sour bread and cold leftovers. Milk and cream were especially forbidden, even to babies and children.

In France, there is an old belief that the rays of sunlight penetrating the dawn clouds on Easter morning are angels dancing for joy at the Resurrection. An old Irish custom was a dance of joy to greet the sun on this day. The women of the village baked a cake for a prize and then men performed the dance. The best dancer was awarded the cake and from this bit of jollity came the expression, "he takes the cake".

Dear God:

Did you mean the giraffe to look like that or was it an accident ?

Norma

BIBLE READING NOTES

I have now taken over the ordering and distribution of Bible reading notes from the Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF).

Our thanks to Viv Filleul for all her hard work and commitment to this job over the past years.

All those people who already receive these notes will continue to do so unless they inform me of any changes they wish to make. If anyone would like to receive regular Bible reading notes, please let me know.

Alison Moody

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SHEFFIELD 17

Final Lent Hunger Lunch

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What is The Furnival ?

The Furnival used to be a pub in Burngreave that became redundant. It was originally purchased by the Methodist Church (with some trepidation) and has now become the centre point of the locality, run by Christians of all denominations, who live in the area. The day to day life of the Furnival is overseen by an Executive body made up of people from the local neighbourhood, members of the faith community and other representatives who take decisions to direct the work.

The facilities include a café operating from Tuesday to Friday (10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m.) serving low cost meals, snacks, sandwiches and drinks with set meals on Thursday and Friday. On Mondays there is a lunch club. A shop that sells the sort of items that you so kindly have donated, a launderette, the C.A.B. are in attendance on Thursday and a room is set aside for the local social worker when required.

A branch of the Pitsmoor Credit Union operates from the Furnival on Fridays and the Cellar Project, under the care of Una Burke, operates for the support of dis-engaged young people, working on a one to one basis

to help with their access to further education and employment prospects, many of these young people have been excluded from school.

On Sunday afternoon at 3.00 p.m. the Furnival comes together in God's presence, led by Jane Grinonnan. People of any tradition or none are welcome.

One of the great highlights for me was the service for 'One World Week' last year. Hindu's, Muslims, Jews as well as Christians joined together to praise the One God whom we all worship and to hear how these different faiths had common goals and understandings. Quite by chance, with no contrivance, the Muslim leader sat next to the Rabbi !

Finally, I come to the next big project, the Neville Drive Development (affectionately called Neville). The umbrella organisation under which the Furnival operates (Verdon Street Enterprises) has acquired a block of flats on the adjacent Neville Drive. They are currently seeking funding for the conversion of these flats for many uses; a health centre, a baby unit and small business and workshop units, to name but a few. My background in engineering will be my contribution, in helping with the conversion and in training prospective candidates, for the workshop units.

Please pray for the continuing work of the Furnival and that the funding they seek (we're talking millions here !) will become available.

Robin Carter

Notes from the Organ Loft

Several people have recently asked me how Brian is getting along since leaving All Saints', so here is a final update on the progress of your former organ scholar.

As organ scholar at Keele University, he had many duties:

- Playing for Sunday morning services in the chapel
- Accompanying the Keele Chapel Singers and Chapel Choir both in rehearsal and performance
- Playing for Degree ceremonies
- Playing for weddings in the University Chapel
- Organising the annual Carol Service, augmented by children from Keele Village Primary School (an interesting task in itself !)

During his time there he travelled to Salisbury Cathedral to play Evensong; to Queen's University, Belfast with the Keele Bach Choir and Philharmonic Orchestra to play Durufle's Requiem and to the Rudolfinum, Prague, with the same musicians, to play Brahms' German Requiem.

In November 1999, Keele's 50th Anniversary was marked by an official visit from the Queen and Prince Philip. After playing for the formal ceremony, Brian joined the official reception where he was presented to the Prince.

I think his personal favourite moment at Keele was in concluding a Masters Degree ceremony with Sousa's "Liberty Bell" (Monty Python - much to the amusement of the students and the consternation of the academics who hadn't recognised the correct title on the playlist - well that's not his fault is it? However, he lived to tell the tale.

Since gaining his M. Sc. He has moved to Farnborough, Hants. Where he has found a local church, St. Peter's, which has welcomed him as Chorister and Assistant Organist. In January his church was invited to provide the music for Choral Evensong at Southwark Cathedral, for which Brian played. His next outing will be to Guildford Cathedral for their Evensong, although

whether in the capacity of organist or chorister has still to be decided at the time of writing.



I hope that from this you will feel that your initial financial investment and encouragement has been fully justified. So to all young musicians out there - keep practising ! You just don't know where your various talents will lead you.

Ann Ruthven

Prayer

The minister was leading in prayer at church when a little boy suddenly whistled very loudly. All heads turned in his direction. The minister was embarrassed and pinched him into silence. After church she remonstrated: 'Whatever made you do such a thing?' Matter-of-factly, the little boy replied: 'I asked God to teach me to whistle and he did, just then !'



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Date: 21st February 2001
Time: 10.45 a.m.
Place: St. James' Palace, London
Occasion: Presentation of Valerie's Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award

To arrive at the right place at the right time would mean an early start. Turning first to British Rail for assistance, they offered to relieve us of almost 150 for our unavoidably peak-hour tickets. Over to National Express who only asked 17 each return. Unfortunately for us, the only bus which would get us to London in time was the 1.45 a.m. From Sheffield Interchange. We duly crept away in the middle of the night on our coach half full of shadowy slumberers. By the time we left Nottingham at 3.15 a.m. the coach was completely full (no stretching out a bit!) and we arrived at London Victoria coach station at 6.16 a.m., four minutes early!

After breakfast at MacDonald's, a tube journey and a 20-minute walk, we arrived at St. James's almost an hour too soon - so we just had to wait in the courtyard in the appropriate queue, watching the activities of the many police on duty and a constant procession of taxis depositing some very elegant people, none of whom looked as terrible as I was beginning to feel by this time. Some of the award winners were in uniform - all three Armed Services and a lone Girl Guide - very smart. Finally we were ushered inside to the cloakroom, bags searched by the police and then up the grand staircase to a reception room where a small ensemble from the Grenadier Guards was playing a selection of light salon pieces for our entertainment. There we were separated into different State Rooms according to our geographical area (East Midlands in our case) and we were directed to the Picture Gallery - all gold, gilt and red plush - under the gaze of Henry VIII and many other bygone members of the monarchy.

The award winners were in four groups along one side of the

Room and their parents were on the opposite side, facing them. After an introductory talk by the area co-ordinator, Prince Philip entered the room; we all stood, he asked us to be seated and went over to the young people, who remained standing throughout. He chatted to them very informally, working his way down the room and after approximately fifteen minutes, he moved on to the next room. The Award Certificates were then presented individually by a celebrity - rugby player Eric Peters - a complete mystery to at least two of us present and then the ceremony was over and we were free to look around the other State Rooms. Official photographs were taken in the courtyard (more queueing) and at about 2.00 p.m. we left the Palace and it was all over. About 360 young people received their Awards that morning, to be followed by an afternoon session of about the same number. The ceremonies are held three times a year and Prince Philip has never missed a date in 45 years.



We caught the return bus at 5.00 p.m. along with at least a dozen mobile phones whose owners seemed to be very much in demand and one very unhappy baby, so not much sleep to be had there. We arrived home just in time for a late episode of Coronation Street - the perfect end to a very memorable, if tiring, day out.

Ann Ruthven

Accept my sorrow

Oh, my Lord what do I see
 You hanging there instead of me
 The body there, it should be mine
 Instead it's You who are divine
 It's my head that should hang in shame
 But no, it's Yours that hangs in pain.



Through my cheating and lying
 There You are suffering, dying
 Saviour You took my punishment.
 What to say Lord - I repent.

You're the one paying the supreme sacrifice
 Lord it's me who should be paying the price
 Accept my sorrow for the pain You go through
 Know that I should be suffering, not You.

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- We can be sure of little except that he suffered for his faith and died at Lydda in Palestine, probably while the Romans were persecuting Christians. We know that he wasn't a knight in a suit of armour like the usual pictures of him.
- An old story gives us the famous tale of him slaying a dragon to rescue the king's daughter. But the story of St George and the dragon doesn't stand for a real battle but the conquest of evil or Satan (the dragon) by good Christian (the saint).



By Angela Webb

ROYAL NAMES

There have been 6 Kings of England called George but how many of these names belong to Kings or Queens of England?

1. Charles
2. Berengaria
3. Samuel
4. Frederick
5. Anne
6. Elizabeth
7. Matilda
8. Eleanor
9. Andrew
10. Emma
11. Harold
12. Stephen



What did the daft person call their pet tiger?
Spot.

What did Ferdinand and Liza call their baby?
Fertilizer.

What have Rupert the Bear and Winnie the Pooh got in common?
Their middle names.

What was King Arthur's favourite game?
Knights and Crosses.



Answer: all bar Samuel, Frederick and Andrew. Berengaria was the wife of Richard I.

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Alive Gang and Creche

The 'Alive Gang' and 'Under Three's' remain in the 9.30 a.m. service for the first part and then go to age appropriate activities in the Church Hall except for the Family Services when we all stay in the Church.

April

	Altar	Memory Table
15	Easter	Mrs. Noton
22	Easter	
29		

MEMORIAL SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS

Memorial services will be held quarterly. In each copy of the magazine, there will be a reply slip inviting anybody who would like to have a loved-one remembered at the next memorial Service, to let me know so that the name may be included amongst those to be read out. This invitation is to all, irrespective of where or when a funeral may have taken place. If you have lost somebody in another part of the country, at another time of the year, but a service falls near their birthday, wedding anniversary of some other significant date, you will be most welcome to ask for them to be remembered.

There will be memorial services on the following dates in 2001:

1st April	1st July
30th September	30th December

The services will start at 6.30 p.m., last for about an hour and be followed by light refreshments in the church.

If you would like a favourite hymn to be played at the memorial service, please indicate below.

Memorial Service April 2001

Name to be remembered

Name(s) and address of principle family members attending the service

Favourite hymn

Please return completed forms to David Rhodes at the Vicarage.

From the *Registers*

BAPTISM:

None in March

The Baptism follow-up team will visit the following families as they celebrate the anniversary of the Baptism of their children:

April 6th	Rebecca Emily Gillard
April 11th	Harry Michael Elliott
	Alexander Gorge Martyn Harrison
	Katharine Louise Harvey
	Oliver Thomas Richardson

WEDDINGS:

31st Brian Crane and Julie Ann Woods of Aldam Way

FUNERALS:

21st William Robert (Bill) Bryer of Green Oak Drive

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April 2001 Diary Dates



Sun.	1st	Salieris Requiem St. John's Abbeydale 6.30 p.m.
Mon.	2nd	Contemplative Prayer Group 12 Marstone Crescent 2.15 p.m.
Mon.	2nd	Evening Conference Endcliffe Methodist Church 7.00 p.m.
Mon.	2nd	P.C.C. Meeting Ecclesall Church 7.30 p.m.
Tues.	3rd	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	4th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Fri.	6th	Final Hunger Lunch St. John's Abbeydale 12.15—1.30 p.m.
Sat.	7th	Working Day 10.00 a.m. onwards
Sat.	7th	A Passover Meal - evening—Totley Rise Church Hall
Sun.	8th	Annual General Meeting in the Church 6.30 p.m.
Sun.	8th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.
Tues.	10th	Ladies Club Holy Week Service
Wed.	11th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Wed.	11th	Joint Fellowship Evening Dore and Totley U.R.C. 8.00 p.m.
Mon.	16th	Contemplative Prayer Group 12 Marstone Cres. 2.15 p.m.
Wed.	18th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Sun.	22nd	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.
Mon.	23rd	A.G.M. Totley Residents Totley Library 7.30 p.m.
Mon.	23rd	Last day for items for magazine
Tues.	24th	to 28th Ruddigore University Drama Studio
Tues.	24th	Martha and Mary Group Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m.
Wed.	25th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Sat.	28th	Prayer Breakfast Hall 8.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.
Mon.	30th	Collation of Magazine Hall from 9.30 a.m.
Mon.	30th	Contemplative Prayer Group 12 Marstone Cres. 2.15 p.m.

Saying for Stillness

“I say to you, get up”.

(Mark 5:41)

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ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL

Sunday:	9.30 a.m.	The Alive Gang Sally Rhodes	236 2322
	6.30 – 8.30 p.m.	Sunday Youth Group (2nd & 4th Sunday) Gay Riley	236 6884
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 (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 Joanne Smith	262 0741
	2.00 p.m.	Ladies Keep Fit Val Simpson	236 1483
	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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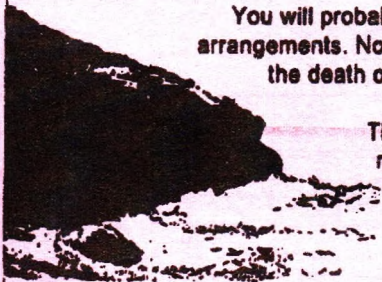
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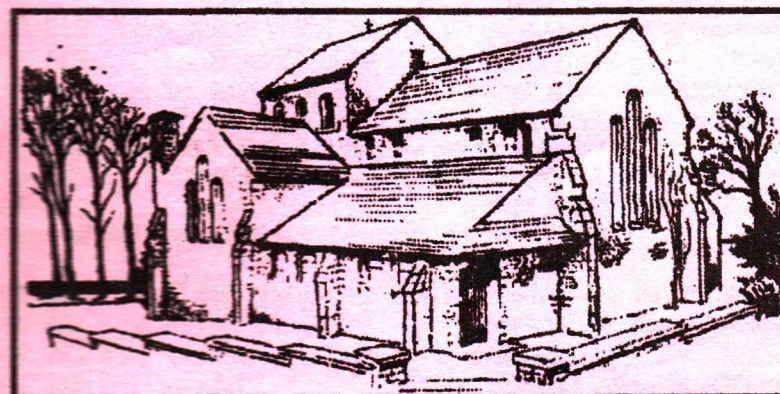
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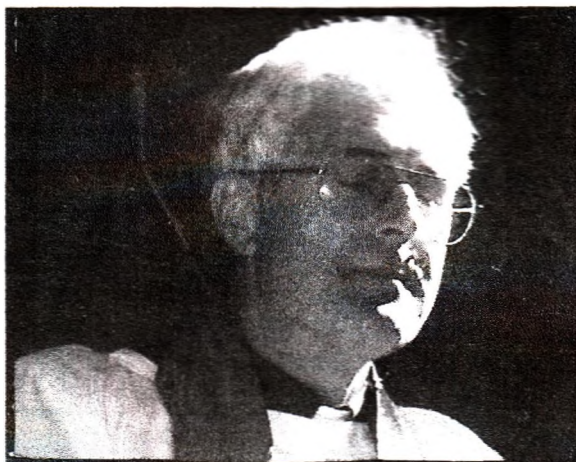
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From the Vicar



Dear Friends

I'm very pleased to be able to write this letter, knowing that this magazine has just won an award. Our intention in producing it is to provide a means of communication about the life of the church, and the Christian faith on a broader front, for the community of Totley as a whole, whether or not readers are at present active members of the church. The aim is not especially to impress people elsewhere, but it is gratifying when encouragement comes. Each year, Radio Sheffield have made an award to the best church magazine that they have seen. The choice is made by a panel, including a professional journalist, and is featured on the Jack Shaw Sunday morning programme. This year it is us. As the plaque is full this year - so we get to keep the trophy. So a big "Well Done" to Jeanne our editor, who puts in many hours in doing the donkey work producing the magazine each month, as well as the team of distributors, assemblers of the copies, overseers of advertising and contributors. Also a word of appreciation for the new copy printer, which now enables us to print photos. I'm sure we can happily feel a warm glow, and hope we can continue to produce something of value, which has a proper place in the community of Totley. At the time of writing, it seems that at last, the scourge of foot and mouth is receding. Whatever our links with rural life, I am sure we have all felt the greatest sympathy for farmers and others, whose lives have been so drastically effected by it.

Along with other churches in the Diocese of Sheffield, we will be holding a retiring collection for cases of special need caused by this, and praying especially for our rural community on Sunday 20th May (traditionally known as Rogation Sunday, a day in the early summer for asking for the Lord's blessing on the forthcoming harvest).

A recent issue of "The Church Times" ran an article with the headline, **Don't just do something, stand there.** The secondary headline was *The church in the countryside is learning the importance of being, as opposed to doing.* The thrust was not exactly the same as my theme in last month's letter, but it was very similar. In a time of crisis in rural areas, where normal ways of conducting life, worship and fellowship are no longer possible, the importance of relationship, encouragement and standing alongside one another assume deeper and more telling significance. The heart of the church must be found in what we are, more than what we do.

Easter is now behind us, and summer (we hope!) stretches out ahead. Just as there are natural seasons, so there are for most of us seasons of activity, seasons when things are quieter. Seasons of discovery and entering into new things, seasons of consolidation, seasons where little seems to be happening, or seasons of struggle against illness, or other difficulty. In the natural world when little may appear to be happening, in fact strength is being built up, and the way is being paved for a coming season of growth. The same I am sure is true on a personal and spiritual level. God can often be at work very significantly in our lives, where little appears to be happening on the surface. So whatever the season the coming weeks will be for you, may you know more of the Lord's love and presence in your life, and know His strength and preparation for whatever the future may hold.

With all best wishes



Services in May

6th Fourth Sunday of Easter

Theme: Called to raise the dead

- 9.30 a.m. All Age Worship
- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 3.30 p.m. Holy Communion at the Cheshire Home
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

13th Fifth Sunday of Easter

Theme: A controversial action explained

- 9.30 a.m. Baptism Service
- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 3.00 p.m. Informal Service at Green Oak View
- 6.30 p.m. Healing Service - Guest Speaker: Mick Nicholson

20th Sixth Sunday of Easter

Theme: The beginnings of a new church

- 9.30 a.m. All Age All Together
- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 3.30 p.m. Informal Service at the Cheshire Home
- 6.30 p.m. Informal Service

24th Ascension Day

- 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
(replacing the usual Wednesday Service)

27th Seventh Sunday of Easter

Theme: The church hits opposition

- 9.30 a.m. Family Holy Communion
- 11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

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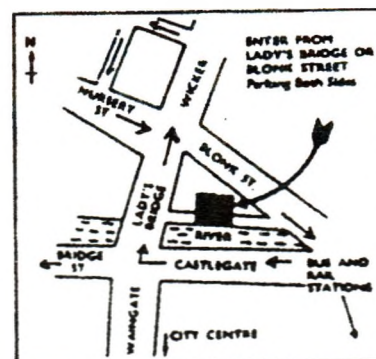
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Personal reflections on the QUIET DAY held at All Saints on March 31st 2001

The Rev. Philip Allin offered guidance for our thoughts during the day spent quietly reflecting on our relationship with God and with the rest of the world. He suggested we call our day "Soul Poeting" and so write down our conversation with God as poetry for future use.

Our meditation was based around Mark chapter 15 - The Trial of Jesus. A significant message for me was the renewed realisation that the trial (although humanly created, unjust, lawless and a scene of brutality) was hallowed ground. If we accept the Incarnation, here also God was present, making sacred the profane. I offer some of my thoughts from the day:

Raised voices, tension, disappointment, rage,
Heaviness, loneliness, feeling somehow
unwelcome in the world,
Inherently wrong, uncherished,
Not important enough to be understood,
In the bleakness of a damaged soul,
Holy Ground.

Remove the covering, take off the shoes,
Allow the natural to become sacred,
Allow the foot to be in contact with Earth,
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With the sanctity of the Incarnation.

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From page 6

The mystery of the Powerful through the eyes
Of the ones who don't achieve, who aren't valued
The Beauty reflected in faces which have not
Covered the lines and bitterness, wrinkles
developing round the eyes.
The Harmony heard in the dissonant voices
Which speak of their lives - and will not allow us
complacent peace.

Take off your shoes for you are on Holy Ground.

Adie Young

FURNIVAL THOUGHTS



My attention was taken by Robin Carter's article in the April magazine, telling us something of the Furnival and the new Neville Drive Development. I know the area and can understand the contribution this project makes to a community which has many problems to overcome. It is a tribute to what can be achieved by people of good will working together ecumenically.

I was moved by his account of last year's 'One World Week' service. It reminded me of what was a highlight for me when I was working in East London more than thirty years ago, another area with a considerable racial mix. I got to know Trevor Huddleston who was then Bishop of Stepney and was privileged to be with him at a service when Muslims, Jews, Hindus and Christians met together in the presence of God united, instead of divided, by Faith. We were indeed fortunate at that time. At the other end of 'my patch', David Shepherd was beginning his ministry at Canning Town, England's opening batsman playing cricket on the tip with the local lads.

Harry Draper

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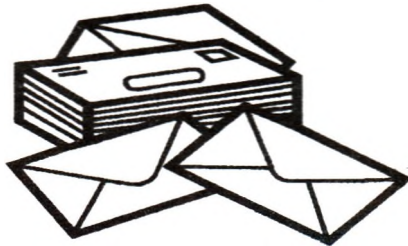
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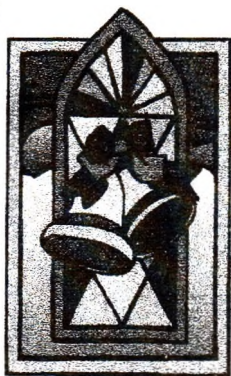
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Janet Bale & Charlotte Crookes

Dear God,

Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they had their own rooms.
It works with my brother.

Peter

Nails hammered
Blood splattered

Hurting

Arms aching
Body quivering

Praying

Thorn crown
Spiky wreath

Suffering

Crowd gloat
Clothes shared

Forgiving

Death - ***NO, just the beginning.***

Jeanne Foster



Dear God,
I bet it's very hard for you to love all the people in the world. There are only four people in our family and I can never do it.
Jan

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Easter !

*Easter is always full of fun,
The Easter rabbit is on the run !
Happiness and joy, day and night,
Jesus rose in the light !*

*Chocolate eggs, full of cream,
Everybody seems to be so keen !
Malteaser's, Smarties all full of delight,
They really are quite a sight !*

*Lambs and chicks, calves and foals,
Sometimes even baby moles !
Fluffy and light, soft and sweet,
Cute to cuddle, with tiny feet !*

*But whilst we're having so much fun,
Don't forget the perfect Son,
Who died for us and rose again,
That's why we have Easter,
so don't forget.*

By Ruth, Andrew and Mark Rhodes

All Saints' Ladies Club

May 2001

May 1st

**Ken Bell J.P.
My life as a magistrate**



May 15th

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the love and support I have received
since Bill's death.*

*It was knowing that you all cared that
kept us going.*

God Bless You All.

Doreen

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND BEREAVED

If you would like the congregation to pray for someone
in particular during the intercessions, please contact
either :

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or	Dorothy Firth	236 4190
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There will also be a notebook and pen at the back of
the Church for any written prayer requests.

The Editor at work !



Did you hear Jack Shaw's programme on Radio Sheffield on 22nd April ?

If you did, you will already know that our April magazine won the trophy and, because it is full of names of previous winners, we keep the trophy for ever ! It was really satisfying to bring the trophy to the morning services and an acknowledgement that the new Riso can print photographs and illustrations with some clarity. Thank you to all the contributors, without you I couldn't 'make' a magazine.

I hope you have noticed the cleaning we have already done in the hall - including the hall floor. There is still much to be done but in time we will 'conquer' it !

We intend to have another hall cleaning day on May 12th when we would like offers of help to decorate the lounge. We need sand-paperers for the windows and someone to paint the window frames and the ceiling. If you feel you have some of these skills, please let me know !

Jeanne

Fair Fayre

Those who wish to follow up the exhortation in the April edition of All Saints' News (page 18) to "bring good news to the poor" by supporting the cause of Fair Trade will have a further opportunity to buy fairly traded Traidcraft products in the Church Hall between the morning services on Sundays 13th and 20th May (Christian Aid Week). Visits to the shop on Devonshire Street and/or orders from me are also welcome at any time.

Ken Filleul

FIRST THERE WERE BANANAS . . .

Then there was tea, coffee and chocolate. Now **wine** has become the next fairly traded product to hit the market ! This month the first Fair Trade Chilean Carmenere will be available in Co-op supermarkets across the country. The Co-op is the leading fair trade retailer. They were the first company to introduce fair trade bananas in the U.K. in Jan. 2000. Since then, over 10 million conscience-free bananas have been eaten by British shoppers. In February last year they created the first fair trade milk chocolate, Divine. This latest venture looks likely to be a success as both Traidcraft and Co-op are firmly committed to taking the social and developmental impact of trade on under-privileged parts of the world seriously. Bought directly from farmers' organisations at a guaranteed price, fair trade products always ensure that the cost of production is met, regardless of fluctuations in world market prices. So will fair trade be the watch-words of the 21st century or is it still just a remote issue in the public's mind ? The Fair Trade Foundation seems to feel confident that the fair trade ethos will govern. Why not try some wine ?



Saturday May 12th

**10.00 a.m.
Onwards**

**People with a bit of skill !
to help decorate the Hall Lounge**

also some cleaning

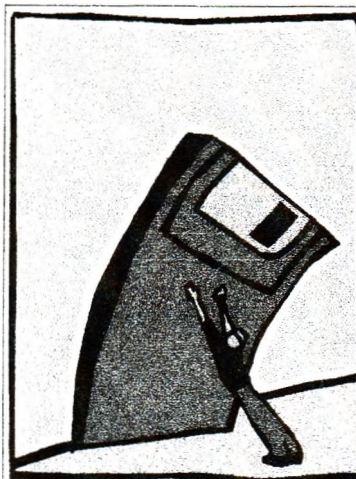
Details from Jeanne or Just Come !!

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175g/6 oz	margarine	50g/2 oz custard powder
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175g/6 oz	S.R.flour	

Cream the margarine and sugar together until soft. Add the custard powder, then the flour and mix well to make a soft dough. Place small balls of the mixture well apart on ungreased baking trays. Press down with a fork to flatten the biscuits and to mark lines on top. Bake in a moderate oven (160 C/325F/Gas 3) for 15—20 minutes. Leave on tins to cool, then store the biscuits in an airtight tin. You can use different flavoured blancmange powders instead of custard to vary both the colour and flavour of the biscuits.

Jane Otter



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until
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happens*

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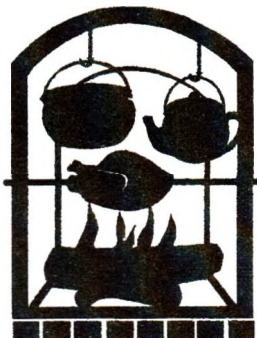
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Story time

An old Scot began to miss church on Sundays. One winter evening, his minister called. Both were men of few words and they sat by the fire in silence. At length, the minister picked up the tongs, took a red hot coal from the fire and put it on the hearth. It went black and became cool. He replaced it among the other coals and it became red again.

The story has a happy ending. The old Scot got the point. He was in church next Sunday.



Churches Together in Sheffield 17

Hunger Lunches throughout Lent

The following amounts were collected:

Totley Rise Methodist	69.50
Christ Church, Dore	67.00
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There are no gems, could You outshine,
No precious dream, no space of time,
No love so dear, no treasure given,
That could surpass your glory hidden.

O Lord my God, Your praise I sing.
You're valued more than anything.
You're far above these words of mine
May worship be 'til end of time.

May all return to heavenly home,
Worship and come, fall at Your throne.
Honour, glory, our everything
The Lord of all, our God, our King.

Vivien



The Lady with the Lamp

On 12th May 1820 a baby girl was born who changed the way that we care for people who are ill. Florence Nightingale grew up at a time when only the worst kind of person became a nurse but she had a vision of the way things could be. Her chance to change things came with the Crimean War. Florence travelled there with a few companions and started to work in the military hospital at Scutari. Conditions were dreadful: wounded soldiers were left lying in filth without proper food or care and most of them died. The army doctors already there didn't want Miss Nightingale or her nurses but gradually they improved conditions. The nurses scrubbed and cleaned as well as caring for the wounded and the soldiers began to recover. Florence Nightingale was called the Lady with the Lamp because she would

walk the wards at night, checking on patients. After the war, with the support of Queen Victoria, Florence was able improve hospital care for everyone.

WORD SEARCH

All the words in this wordsearch are to do with clean and dirty. Can you find them all? The words go up, down, backwards, forwards and diagonally, some letters are used more than once.

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What did the dirt say to the rain?
If this keeps up my name will be mud!

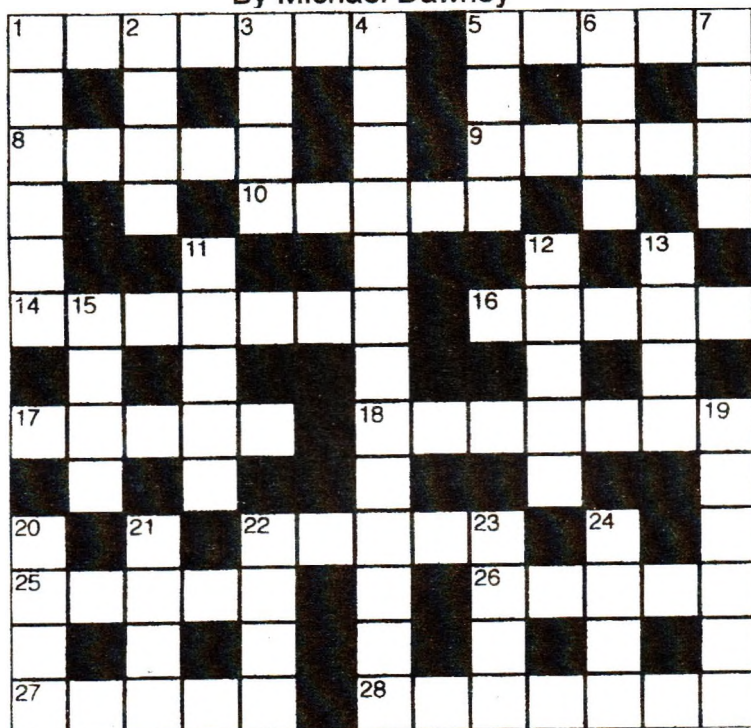


* tub * vacuum * wash * wet *
* soak * soap * sparkling * stained * tap *
* duster * dry * grime * grubby * mud *
Answers: * bath * brush * dirt *

By Angela Webb

Crossword

By Michael Dawney



A decorator charged customers for paint which he diluted until it was really too thin to cover properly.

A client challenged him and his reply was, "What can I do ?"

From heaven, a voice thundered,
"Repaint and thin no more !"

Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 To keep away from, e.g. food and drink (7)
- 5 Christ has (5)
- 8 To make a speech (5)
- 9 Doctrine (5)
- 10 Anointing (French) (5)
- 14 To put together firmly (7)
- 16 Rub out (5)
- 17 Exalted renown (5)
- 18 Old Testament prophet (7)
- 22 Adult human females (5)
- 25 I believe (Latin) (5)
- 26 Scottish Island (5)
- 27 Ecclesiastical council (5)
- 28 Of heat (7)

Down

- 1 Apply (6)
- 2 Seen by three wise men (4)
- 3 Lengths of time or existence (4)
- 4 Those who reject the established church's doctrines (13)
- 5 The characteristic liturgy of a church (4)
- 6 Offences against divine commandments (4)
- 7 Used by fishermen in Galilee (4)
- 11 The day Christ rose (5)
- 12 One of the seven deadly sins (5)
- 13 Small island (4)
- 15 Continent (4)
- 19 Book of the church's songs (6)
- 20 Books recording the church's early development (4)
- 21 Head of a cathedral (4)
- 22 The expressed will of God (4)
- 23 Main body of the church (4)
- 24 Kinds of monocotyledonous plants including wake-robin (4)

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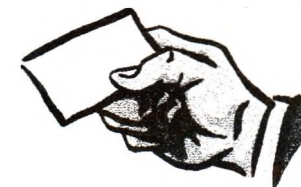


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Sunday school children were asked to draw a picture of
the Nativity.

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fat man.

"Whoever is that?" asked the teacher.

"Oh," said the child, "That's Round John Virgin".



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CHURCHES FOR YOUTH IN SHEFFIELD 17

This sounds like a mouthful but it is the title which has been chosen for the project which will provide a Youth Worker in Totley and Bradway. At the present time the Charity Commissioners are being asked to approve this organisation as a Charitable Trust and we expect a reply quite soon. As in most things these days, there is a lot of paper work involved and we are indebted to Roger Lasko from St. John's for a great deal of hard work.

The review of the finances following the appeals in the churches early in March was very encouraging. There is still some way to go but the strength of the response has enabled advertisements for the vacancy to go out. A reply date by the end of May should enable interviews to be held early in June. If all goes well, there could be a Youth Worker in post in the autumn of this year.

It has been a disappointment that the Totley Rise Methodist Church felt it right to step back from the project at this point in time but we are hopeful that they will join in due course. The United Reformed Church and St. John's, Abbeydale are strongly in support as is also "The Bridge" which is meeting regularly in our area. It certainly will be exciting to see how the links which presently exist between our churches can be strengthened by this co-operative effort which is planned.

Financial support for the project has been promised by two outside trusts and some others are expected to

respond before very long. With the hoped for Youth Worker in post in the autumn, the present plan is to approach all those who have pledged financial support in the next two or three months to set the ball rolling. There is still opportunity for others who have not yet pledged to do so and more information is available from David Rhodes, Alan Burt or Maurice Snowdon. Above all else, the prayers of the whole church are needed at the present time. Not only do we need to pray for the selection team but also we need God's nominee for the job to be clearly identified. There is a field waiting to be harvested. It is a rich promise!

David Rhodes Maurice Snowdon

Answers to the Crossword

Across

- 1 Abstain
- 5 Risen
- 8 Orate
- 9 Tenet
- 10 Sacre
- 14 Tighten
- 16 Erase
- 17 Glory
- 18 Obadiah
- 22 Women
- 25 Credo
- 26 Arran
- 27 Synod
- 28 Thermal

Down

- 1 Anoint
- 2 Star
- 3 Ages
- 4 Nonconformist
- 5 Rite
- 6 Sins
- 7 Nets
- 11 Third
- 12 Pride
- 13 Asia
- 15 Isle
- 19 Hymnal
- 20 Acts
- 21 Dean
- 22 Word
- 23 Nave
- 24 Arum

COCKNEY DIALECT BIBLE LAUNCHED

The first version of the Bible in Cockney will be launched by the Bible Reading Fellowship at the National Christian Resources Exhibition at Sandown in May. The Feeding of the Five Thousand becomes Jesus making a 'Jim Skinner' (dinner) for five thousand geezers with just five loaves of 'Uncle Ned' (bread) and two 'Lilian Gish' (fish). Noah's Ark is a 'bloomin' massive nanny' (goat—boat) and David takes on 'that massive geezer Goliath'. The translation has been made by Mike Coles, Head of Religious Education at Sir John Cass' Church of England Secondary School in Stepney, in the East End of London. Mr. Coles disliked RE as a pupil and vowed that he would never make his pupils suffer as he had. He fell in love with the Cockney rhyming slang after moving to the East End nearly 15 years ago and started using it in his lessons. 'I hope that my book, which is based on material compiled for my RE pupils, will enable people of all ages to enjoy reading Bible stories in a very down-to-earth way,' he said. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. George Carey, has written the foreword, praising the version for

taking the Bible back 'into the marketplace, into the streets, where it originally took place'.

The Cockney version of the Feeding of the Five Thousand

'Jesus asked, "How much grub 'ave you got? Go an' 'ave a butchers". After they'd 'ad a look, they came back and told 'im, "We've got five loaves of Uncle Fred and two Lilian Gish". Jesus then told his disciples to ask all the people to get into Groups and sit dahn on the grass Everyone sat dahn in rows and there were many groups, some with about fifty people in and some a hundred. Jesus then took the Uncle Fred and Lilian Gish, 'e looked up to heaven and said ta to God. He Then broke the Uncle Fred into bits, gave it all to his disciples and told them to give some food to everyone. He also broke the Lilian Gish into bits and told his mates to feed it to everyone. Now, would you Adam and Eve it? Everyone 'ad enough to eat. Even more surprising was that there was loads of nosh left, Enough to fill up twelve baskets.

The number of geezers who were fed was five thousand.



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A. You might have to guess based on whether they seem to be yelling at the same kids
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**Please keep
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material for
our Web Pages.**



Alive Gang and Creche

The 'Alive Gang' and 'Under Three's' remain in the 9.30 a.m. service for the first part and then go to age appropriate activities in the Church Hall except for the Family Services when we all stay in the Church.

May

	Altar	Memory Table
6	Mrs. Loft	Mrs. Jones
13	Mr. Lowe	Mrs. Harvatt
20	Miss. Perfect	Mrs. Bryer
27	Mrs. Wales	Mrs. Ruthven

MEMORIAL SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS

Memorial services will be held quarterly. In each copy of the magazine, there will be a reply slip inviting anybody who would like to have a loved-one remembered at the next memorial Service, to let me know so that the name may be included amongst those to be read out. This invitation is to all, irrespective of where or when a funeral may have taken place. If you have lost somebody in another part of the country, at another time of the year, but a service falls near their birthday, wedding anniversary of some other significant date, you will be most welcome to ask for them to be remembered.

There will be memorial services on the following dates in 2001:

1st July

30th September

30th December

The services will start at 6.30 p.m., last for about an hour and be followed by light refreshments in the church.

If you would like a favourite hymn to be played at the memorial service, please indicate below.

Memorial Service July 2001

Name to be remembered

Name(s) and address of principle family members attending the service

Favourite hymn.

Please return completed forms to David Rhodes at the Vicarage.

From the



Registers

BAPTISM:

None in April

The Baptism follow-up team will visit the following families as they celebrate the anniversary of the Baptism of their children:

May 7th	Claire Emma Munday
May 9th	Alex Simon Cooper
May 11th	Alice May Raven
May 18th	Abigail Louise Marshall
May 25th	Helen Olivia Noble

WEDDINGS:

None in April

FUNERALS:

None in April

The next Memorial Service will be held on 1st July 2001. If you would like a loved-one to be remembered at that service, please complete the form on the page opposite and return to David Rhodes at the Vicarage.

IF YOU WANT TO BE MARRIED OR HAVE YOUR BABY BAPTISED

Please contact David Rhodes at the Vicarage

Telephone number 236 2322.

May 2001 Diary Dates



Tues.	1st	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	2nd	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Mon.	7th	Christian Aid May Day Trek Dore Church Hall 9.00 a.m. onwards
Mon.	7th	Standing Committee Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
Wed.	9th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Wed.	9th	Houghton Weavers at S.U.F.C. Bramall Lane 7.00 p.m.
Sat	12th	Hall 'cleaning' day 10.00 a.m.
Sat.	12th	Christian Aid Week Service Victoria Hall 7.30 p.m.
Sun.	13th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.
Mon.	14th	Contemplative Prayer Group 12 Marstone Cres. 2.15 p.m.
Mon.	14th	Sheffield Churches Action on Poverty 7.00 p.m. St Wilfrid's Centre Queens Road
Mon.	14th	P.C.C. Meeting Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m.
Tues.	15th	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	16th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Mon.	21st	Last day for items for magazine
Tues.	22nd	Martha and Mary Group Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m.
Wed.	23rd	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Sat.	26th	Prayer Breakfast Hall 8.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.
Sun.	27th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.
Mon.	28th	Collation of Magazine Hall from 9.30 a.m.
Mon.	28th	Contemplative Prayer Group 12 Marstone Cres. 2.15 p.m.
Wed.	30th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.

Saying for Stillness

“These things have I spoken unto you, that
MY Joy might remain in you and that your joy
might be complete”. (John 15:11)

Final Date : Items for June Magazine : 21st May 2001

ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH &

HALL

Sunday:	9.30 a.m.	The Alive Gang Sally Rhodes	236 2322
	6.30 – 8.30 p.m.	Sunday Youth Group (2nd & 4th Sunday) Gay Riley	236 6884
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 (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 Joanne Smith	262 0741
	2.00 p.m.	Ladies Keep Fit Val Simpson	236 1483
	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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**From the Vicarage,
June 2001**



Dear friends

At this time of year, according to your age and other things, your attention might be drawn to the onset of sunny days, and time in the garden or it might be dominated by exams. It has always seemed to me, that as you grow up, the most important exams you take are frequently during some of the nicest weather. I am writing this to the sound of piano practice in the background. Music exams (practical and theory are looming). For young people, the frequency of exams is increasing, with SAT's being added to the normal CGSE's etc. Such things are intended to provide a yardstick of progress and accomplishment. Whether or not they do so successfully, has been, and doubtless always will be, a matter of debate. They certainly loom as huge things in the lives of those who take them, care about those who do so, and who teach them. Success, good grades, can lead to euphoria and a massive sense of achievement. Failing to meet the mark, can, of course, lead to a great sense of defeat and failure. Kipling wrote (and these lines are inscribed over the players entrance to the Centre Court at Wimbledon)

*If you can meet triumph and disaster
And treat those two impostors just the same*

to try and put success and failure into perspective. School reports will often give separate grades for effort and achievement on the same basis. Real life, however, can be less philosophical, and less affirming in the way it treats us. Such can be the inescapable realities.

It is also a reality that Jesus came to make it abundantly clear that God does not view us through the lens of a divine examiner. One meaning of the word sin is "to miss the mark". And

we have all sinned. We have all missed the mark of God's utter goodness and holiness, so if being in a proper relationship with Him depends on passing a moral or spiritual test, we would all be in big trouble. That's where grace and mercy come in. The test has been passed by one person, Jesus. God's grace says that believers will share in all the rewards of that accomplishment, by the act of putting their trust in that same Jesus.

The good parent will want all the success their children can achieve. But win or lose, come top or bottom their love will remain the same, and the child's unique place in the home will be unaffected. So it is with our heavenly Father. Stern demanding head master He is not. The loving Father, whose love reaches out in equal measure, regardless of achievement, and yet who wants the absolute best for every child, He is.

So let's do all we can to encourage and help those facing exams and all that goes with them. And let's know too that God's insight into our lives, and His role as judge upon them, goes far deeper than the ways we are liable to measure and judge each other.

The old duchess was having her portrait painted, and rather testily told the young artist to ensure he made a good job of it. "Would you like me to err on the side of truth or mercy, my lady?" he replied. I for one am very glad that we can trust the Lord not to err at all, and that he is very keen on the mercy side of things.

With all best wishes

A little boy was praying: 'Dear God, please take care of my daddy and my mummy and my sister and brother and my doggy and me. Oh, please take care of yourself, God. If anything happens to you, we're gonna be in a big mess.'

Services in June

3rd Day of Pentecost

Theme: A promise fulfilled

10.00 a.m. Family Holy Communion

3.30 p.m. Holy Communion at the Cheshire Home

6.30 p.m. Informal Pentecost Praise

6th Wednesday Service

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)

10th Trinity Sunday

Theme: Is it really important ?

9.30 a.m. Baptism Service

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

3.00 p.m. Informal Service at Green Oak View

6.30 p.m. Joint Service at Totley Rise Methodist Church

13th Wednesday Service

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)

17th First Sunday after Trinity

Theme: Can you earn your ticket ?

9.30 a.m. All Age All Together

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

3.30 p.m. Informal Service at the Cheshire Home

6.30 p.m. Healing Service

20th Wednesday Service

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)

24th Second Sunday after Trinity

Theme: It's all very well in theory, but what about real life ?

9.30 a.m. Family Holy Communion

11.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

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27th Wednesday Service

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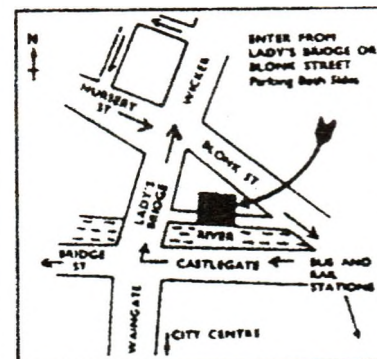
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Youth Worker Update

Are we boring you with monthly updates on the Youth Worker project or do you think you are being kept in the dark ? We shall attempt to keep a balance.

It is the knowledge that this whole project must be owned by the congregations of the churches and members of the Bridge fellowship and NOT by the clergy and a few folk in a smoke filled room that drives our policy of regular communication through media such as this.

Whilst we await the award of Charitable status, the organisation has now been established to carry us through the initial stages of our activities.

The Trustees who will be primarily concerned with matters legal and financial are Vic Filer and Juanita Haigh from St. John's; Peter Sherwell, secretary, United Reformed Church together with Maurice Snowdon, treasurer and Alan Burt, chairman. It is hoped to co-opt Laura Lashma as the representative of The Bridge as soon as possible.

The day to day control will be exercised through a Management committee comprising Elaine Ferguson, United Reformed, Vic Filer and Michael Morton-Thorpe, St. John's, Tina Hudson, The Bridge with David Rhodes and Jane Lawry. We are also delighted that Chris Kirk, the minister at Totley Rise Methodist Church will periodically attend meetings as an observer. Applications close at the end of May and there has been an encouraging response with more than a dozen expressions of interest by the end of April.

It is hoped that interviews will take place on 13th June when candidates will, in addition to the formal interviews, have an opportunity to look around the area and meet members of the churches involved in youth work and if that doesn't put them off, we'll hope to make an appointment by the end of July !! Well, that's the plan !

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All the latest

All Saints' All Stars

The atmosphere of enthusiasm and excitement at Graves Park on the morning of Saturday 19th May must have rivalled that of the FA Cup Final, as about 100 children from churches throughout Sheffield took part in a 5-a-side Friendlies Football competition. The event was split into separate 6—10 years and 11—14 years age groups and the teams which represented All Saints' Trailblazers and Sunday Youth Club under the captaincy of Andrew Rhodes and John Laughton respectively, both distinguished themselves by remaining unbeaten throughout a gruelling programme of some half a dozen matches each. Hopefully the organisers will have been encouraged by the turnout and by being persuaded to complete the programme well beyond the scheduled finishing time! The children too are to be congratulated, not only for their undoubted skill and stamina, but more importantly for their untarnished sportsmanship, while sincere thanks go to the parents who provided their Indispensable support by way of transport and encouragement generally.

Ken Filleul



Please Note !

**Our link missionaries in Kuwait
will be visiting us on
Sunday 1st July 2001**

**There will be a light buffet tea
at 4.30 p.m.**

**This will be shared with St. Gabriel's,
Greystones (also a supporting church)**

**An informal service will follow
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(perhaps with
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**The memorial service will take place on
Sunday 8th July 2001.**

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This Ordination Service was the first ever to be broadcast by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

Trinity Sunday in 1951 was 20th May but this year will be 10th June and so it will just over 50 years when Martin Loft celebrates his fifty years in the ministry. Ordained as a Deacon in the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity in Carlisle by Thomas Bloomer, Bishop of Carlisle, Martin followed his father, long deceased, into the Ministry.

His education began at St. Edmund's School in Canterbury, returning to a Lincolnshire village during the holidays. He in turn went on to St. John's College, Cambridge and Ely Theological College.

He undertook wartime service in the Royal Marines and feels that this helped him subsequently in his Ministry - he learned to live on equal terms with people from diverse backgrounds - enabling him to appreciate how their environment and social circumstances had affected them.

As Curate at Holy Trinity (once again 'Trinity' comes into his life!) in Carlisle, he shared the Curacy with one other. The church congregation was large compared to present day standards with a Sunday School of 200 children, Scout troup, Boys Brigade, Mother's Union and many other clubs and associations attached to the church. The church lay between Carr's Biscuit Factory and the only State-owned brewery in England!

After three years the Bishop asked him to become Curate at St. George's, Barrow in Furness. The church was in a rather run down area beside the docks. Again his 'life-learning' experience in the Marines was invaluable, giving him an appreciation of their way of life in this impoverished area.

In 1956 he became Vicar of Allonby, a small seaside resort on the Solway and in addition, Westnewton, an even smaller village four miles inland. This was a typical old-fashioned agricultural community with no public transport, only an elementary school and where farming had been undertaken in the same way for many long years. It was like going back 50 years in time!

There was a marked difference between his previous appointment and again similarly to his next.

In 1962, Martin became Vicar of Fillongley, a Warwickshire village near Coventry. The Shawbury Approved School was nearby and so it was that Martin was Chaplain of the school.

Martin, using some of his 'life-learning', was able to relate to the young people in the school. Some of the young people had arrived there through the courts and some had been given a place there for their protection. It was obvious that his dual role, Vicar and Chaplain, was interesting and a happy one.

Fillongley was the village where Valerie, his wife, and

her family had lived for several generations and it was where their two sons were born.

During the fifteen years that Martin stayed in Fillongley, the boys went to the local village school and then on to further education. Stephen is now a Medical Physicist at Weston Park Hospital and lives in Sheffield with his wife and small child. They visit Martin and Valerie regularly, almost every week. David is a Human Resources Manager at the Royal Marsden Hospital is married with two children. They visit often and Martin and Valerie go to visit them in turn.

In 1977, Martin became Vicar of St. Barbara's, Earlsdon, an inner suburb of Coventry. This was a change from the rural scene of Fillongley and perhaps an even bigger one for Valerie - leaving her 'home' village.

During the fifty years, Martin has seen a number of changes in the church. There have been two new prayer books, the A.S.B. has been and gone followed by the Common Worship; there is the new synodical government and several changes of hymn books to mention but a few.

Noticeably the numbers of communicants have declined. The drop in numbers most likely due to the number of other activities open to people these days. Participation of laity in the services is a further innovation and with it a more relaxed way of administering some of the services.

Martin and Valerie chose to live in Totley 11 years ago which has been very fortunate for us.

Martin has helped in parishes all over since retiring here but then restricted his assistance to this parish. Martin continued to preach very good sermons until

about a year ago when he decided to 'retire' (again)! Just to keep 'his hand in' he now takes the Wednesday morning service which he enjoys.

During his 11 happy years in Totley, Martin has enjoyed numerous activities. He still does some restricted walking, though in the past he has walked a lot. He wood carves - an owl sits in his tree on the stairs to prove his skill! He keeps the garden trim and watches the bird life from their dining room window. He is interested in his family history and the art of calligraphy.

I know all our readers will want to wish him well and congratulate him on his 50 years in the ministry.

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We want to let you know, through this fine award-winning publication, what our committee is planning to do in June.

In addition to the Sports Day (see page 13), we will be holding a Summer Ball in conjunction with King Ecgbert School PTA on Saturday 15th June at Baldwin's Omega. We ran this event last year for the first time and raised a surprising amount of money for school funds. However, we recognise that it's not just the money-making side that makes an event a success, but the social value of meeting with others outside school hours and having fun. All the tickets have been sold but we will be organising another one next year. We will keep you informed of future events so watch this space ! *Heather Johnson* Secretary



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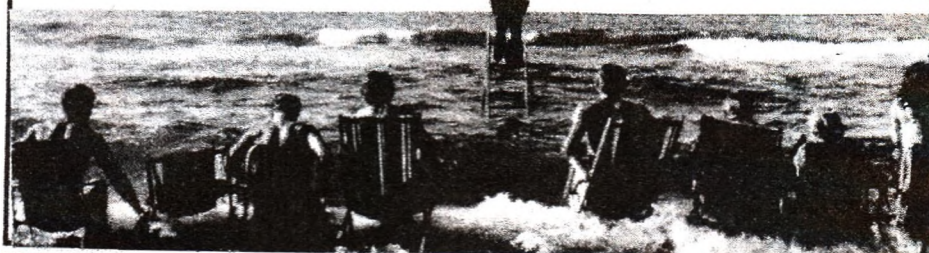
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The older teenage helpers will **not be available** and only two of the children currently attending are due to move up to secondary school.

At least **two more leaders** are therefore needed and at least one should be female to comply with the requirements of the Children Act.

Readers are invited to give the situation their prayerful consideration and to contact the Vicar or Ken Filleul if interested.



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The news from the Youth Worker project is very exciting. The Trustees have been set up comprising representatives from all the partner churches and a management group is also in place. The date for interviews has been arranged for 13th June. There have already been around 20 requests for information from the advertisements. Which have been placed and application are now being sought. The short listed candidates will be shown around each church and the surrounding area and will meet some of the people currently involved in Youth work before their interview. The church hall maintenance group have been working extremely hard at tidying up and cleaning the various areas in the hall. A list of responsibilities has been drawn up and a copy is to be sent to all users of the hall.

Jane Lawry
Secretary to the P.C.C.

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I hope you enjoy reading the variety of items!

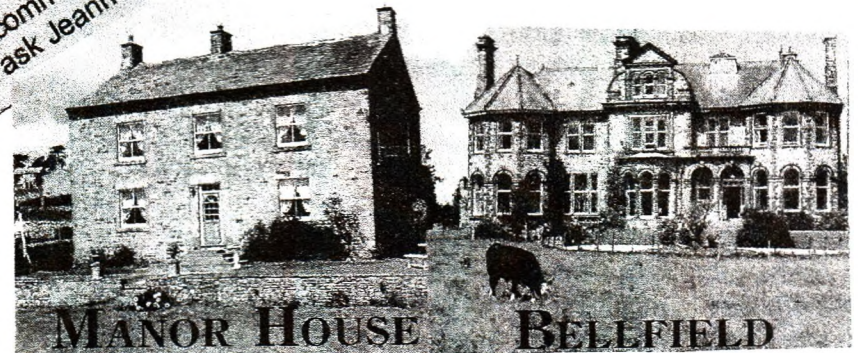
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During the most recent ALPHA, the question 'What about other religions ?' has been raised in relation to many different circumstances throughout the course. I'm sure this has been asked throughout history as Christians attempt to reconcile their faith with those of other people of faith. One of the first official functions to be held in the Houses of Parliament at the turn of the year 2000, was a 'Thanksgiving and Celebration of Faith' at which leaders and representatives of all the main religions and denominations as well as the Prime Minister and other political figures were present. This was not an act of worship but recognition of what people of faith hold in common and everyone pledged to uphold faith. So how do I as a Christian approach other faiths in this pluralist society ? First of all, we need a definition of faith as it relates to religion.

What is religion ?

Encyclopedia Britannica defines religion as, "Human beings' relation to that which they regard as holy, sacred, spiritual or divine. Religion is commonly regarded as consisting of a persons' relation to God or to gods or spirits. Worship is probably the most basic element of religion, but moral religious institutions are generally also constituent elements of the religious life as practiced by believers and worshippers". It is clear from this definition that a number of human activities could be considered as 'religion'. Football for example has all the basic elements of a religion these days. People venerate their idols and worship their teams. They participate in rituals like wearing the club replica kit and chanting their anthems from the stands of the huge temples known as 'The Stadium of Light', 'The Theatre of Dreams' and the 'Home of Legends'. Shopping too is increasingly becoming a religion for many. Worshippers flock to the massive out of town temples we call 'Meadowhall', 'The Trafford' and 'Metro Centres'. Have you ever looked at the design of these places, towering columns, majestic arches, domes, fountains, statues, mosaics, unashamedly temples of mammon raised up to worship the great god 'Consumerism' ? I'm sure you could think of many other pseudo religions such as fanatical following of a rock idol or pop group, or the obsessional involvement in a sport or keeping fit. But it's not about this kind of religion that I want to focus on. I want to look at the way we as Christians related to those who in all sincerity and displaying great spiritual awareness and understanding maintain a belief system that appears entirely different to our own.

So what are other religions ?

The other main world religions are:

- ♦ Islam }
- ♦ Judaism } Monotheistic - one God
- ♦ Hinduism } diverse belief system with many deities
- ♦ Buddhism } religion without a god, although there is a belief in gods in a spiritual realm

In many ways, Hinduism and Buddhism are philosophies, the emphasis for the Hindu and the Buddhist is more a way of life than a religion.

There are of course, many other belief systems that do not conform to the criteria for them to be considered as mainstream world religions. Some of these include: Sikhism; Taoism; Shinto (the religion of Japan); The Zoroastrians; Jainism; The Bahai faith and The Hare Krishna.

I'm not going to go into any detail about these—just to say there are many diverse belief systems all around the world of which Christianity is numerically the largest !

Encyclopedia Britannica tells us there are 1,700 million people who would call themselves Christian (33%); there a 880 million Muslims and 663 million Hindus.

Other groups have developed either as breakaways from mainstream religions or have been set up by an individual or groups from scratch in order they can practice their particular beliefs. These are generally known as CULTS or SECTS. One of the marks of a cult is where the Bible is 'replaced' by other writings and is not considered as important. For example, the 'Book of Mormon' used by the *Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints* or the 'New World Bible' used by the *Watchtower Bible and Tract Society* a.k.a. 'Jehovah's Witnesses' and the book 'Science and Health' used by the *Church of Christ, Scientist*. The news has regularly brought to light disturbing reports that some religious sects have committed mass suicides or motivated their followers to commit atrocities such as attacking the Japanese underground system with chemical gas.

Whatever we think and however we describe them all, these belief systems are held by human beings with as much, and in many cases, more sincerity and faith than our own.

So what are we to say about these other religions ?

Are we to say "they are all wrong, we are right and that's it !" or are we to say "we recognise and respect your sincerely held beliefs,

However—there is more, a lot more—there is Jesus”.

It is my sincerely held view that ALL RELIGIONS, including Christianity are **INCOMPLETE** without JESUS.

If we hold scripture in high regard and if we believe that the words within scripture, tell us the truth then we surely conclude that Jesus is the way to God because that is what he told us. “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6).

It has been suggested to me that there are many ways to God and the analogy of a mountain has been used to support the claim.

OK, let's imagine a mountain, imagine looking up at the peak, the peak is at the top, that's where God is. We are at the bottom and we're all at different places around the base of the mountain and therefore we all view the peak from different angles and perspectives,

But without doubt it is the same peak. Sometimes the peak is obscured by cloud and we can't see it, although that's not the point of this analogy it is a useful one to think about for future reference. The point is, the paths up the slopes are all different and some from different angles, we travel up by very different routes but all going to the same place, the peak. The person standing on the North side of the mountain sees a very different mountain to the person standing at the Southern side, however they both see the same peak. I have to say I do like this analogy but it is incomplete—imagine now, the mist clears at the peak and the sun rises over it. Silhouetted against the bright light is a cross. The cross can be viewed from all perspectives. This symbolises for me the truth that we all may come from entirely different cultures, from economic, educational, ethnic backgrounds from what on the surface totally conflicting perspectives however; Jesus embraces all of that because we are all created in the image of God. We all have the encoded ability to relate to the God who created the mind blowing universe, the God who was a man 2000 years ago and died on the cross and rose again.

“The fact that Jesus is the only way to God does not mean that we simply write off all other religions as misguided or demonic. Jesus said, “I am the Truth”. In Him, ultimate truth is to be found and He is the standard by which all truth claims are to be tested. But this does not mean that parts of the truth cannot be found in other religions. Indeed, we would expect to find truth in other religions”. Nicky Gumbel goes on to give three reasons for this in his little book ‘What about other religions?’ Kingsway Publications 1994. Please read this, pages 11-15 particularly, it certainly helped me. See also Alister McGrath's Christian Theology An Introduction chapter 15 ‘Christianity and the World Religions’.

Ric Gray

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My apologies for not including this in last month's publication.

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Journeying on

Last month, Adie Young offered us reflections on one aspect of our Quiet Day. Later that day, we were invited to reflect on the truth of the person of Jesus, as revealed in his trial before Pilate and following that on the truth of our own selves.

Most of us live a fragmented existence, jerking from one role to another—we are parents one minute and employees the next; marriage partners at this moment and members of committees or sports club at another. When we peel off the layers of our various personae, what is left ?

When we are quiet with God, we are most truly ourselves. We are not wearing this or that hat, nor are we putting on any of the faces or facades that we show to the world. We are simply ourselves. So by allowing that stillness to permeate all our activities, we become less broken up into separate bits and are free to discover who we are deep down in our souls.

The Bishop of Doncaster, on the Saturday he spent recently with our local churches, encouraged us to be ourselves and to recognise our individual gifts and abilities. In our Care and Share groups we have been sharing something of our personal spiritual journeys, how our awareness of a relationship with God has changed over the years.

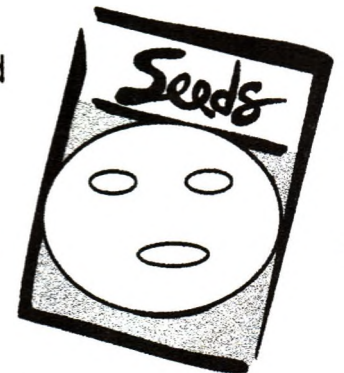
Last year, Adie and I experienced something of our awareness of the movements of God within our hearts through different imaginative Christian exercises in prayer. We are going to continue this locally and would

like to enable it to happen for others too, because we find it to be a strengthening experience. This is not by discussion but is a listening situation where we affirm one another by listening to and accepting one another's responses to the suggested exercises. The atmosphere is one of stillness and relaxed attentiveness before God. This way follows a modern version of the Ignatian spiritual exercises which were written in the 16th century to help people to see and find the will of God within themselves, a will which is never directed only to out individual benefit, but always to the well-being of all people and all creation.

Our first meeting, on Tuesday 4th July, will be a 'taster' for anyone to come and experience what is involved without committing themselves to anything further. Friends from any of our local churches are welcome. It will be held at 2, The Crescent, Totley (opposite the Co-op) at 8.00 p.m.

Ro Carter

A small boy was asking his mother where he came from and when he heard his mother's explanation, he said, 'Mummy, when God planted the seed in your tummy, was there a photo me on the packet ?'



of

RICHARD BAXTER

A seventeenth century divine, Richard Baxter, is remembered on 14th June. Born in November 1615 at Rowton in Shropshire, he came to Christian faith as a 15 year old, at the encouragement of his father. He was a freehold farmer who himself had come to faith simply by reading the Bible. This love of scripture he passed on to Richard. However, the direction of his life was set when he heard a sermon by Walter Craddock, seven years later. It was then that his heart was really set on fire with love for his Lord. He was ordained four years later.

His were turbulent days. He lived through civil war, the execution of the monarch, the great fire of London, the plague, the restoration of Charles II and the turmoil surrounding the establishing of the Book of Common Prayer. He died, worn out, in December 1691.

He had written 200 books, 200 tracts and gained a reputation as a pastor which was second to none. His "Reformed Pastor" is still widely read and sought after. He was a man of intense principle. Rather than compromise he suffered ejection from his living in 1662 (along with 2000 other ministers) and when in later life was offered a bishopric, he turned it down.



He is most remembered for the impact he had on the town of Kidderminster. It was while serving at St. Mary's that he experienced the most effective time of his ministry. Today, there is a striking statue of him outside the church. Sally's mother lives a few miles away, so this is something we have passed many times. He served at St. Mary's from 1641 to 1642 with a break to act as chaplain to Roundhead troops. He had a deep love for people, a passion to see them won for Christ and also medical expertise which meant for

some years he also acted as a doctor. When he arrived in Kidderminster, there were many streets that had "but one Christian family". When he left, there were many where there were hardly any families who did not follow Christ. During his time (in a world with a far smaller population) extra balconies were built in the church to accommodate numbers. These were not nominal believers. Baxter commented that "of 600 communicants, there are not 12 in whose salvation I have not perfect confidence".

His effectiveness was built on the power of his public preaching, the development of small groups for prayer and reflecting on the sermon and regular personal counsel. On Monday and Tuesday each week, he and his curate would between them visit 14 families and spend an hour in private discussion and teaching. This routine was maintained for years and had profound effect. After 1662, he moved to London and was to taste persecution. He fell foul of the notorious Judge Jeffries, had terms of imprisonment and was only saved from being whipped through the streets of London behind a cart, because of his age.



As is the case with many effective men of God, controversy was never far away. He started his time in Kidderminster because of a public petition against the existing rector and his curates. He was charged with being unfit to hold office so his compromise was to appoint Baxter as a "lecturer". Throughout his time there, he was a single man but married, very happily, a lady (Margaret Charlton), who was 21 years his junior, in 1662.

Boswell once asked Johnson which of Baxter's books he should read. The answer was, "Read any of them. They are all good". As well as "The reformed pastor", another best seller in his day

and a volume which has been reprinted many times since is, "A call to the unconverted".

So this month we remember a man of principle and clear sense of priority. Also a man of real fire and perseverance in the face of discouragement and worse. His passion, as is generally the case, was transferred. Many in Kidderminster also became deeply concerned about the spiritual well-being of friends and neighbours. We may live in gentler times but spiritual urgencies do not change. How many of us could do with Baxter's depth of concern for the spiritual well-being of others ?

I find writing about each of these Christian giants from the past, challenging and inspiring in a whole host of ways. I have found this particularly so in the case of Richard Baxter. Here is a man who kept a clear sense of priority, retained an abiding knowledge of the reality and presence of God and never lost sight of the need we all have to put our personal trust in Christ, for this world and the next. He lived in turbulent times and paid a high personal price for clinging to these things. Because of that, many found salvation then and inspiration since then. Our turbulence may be different but these realities remain the same. May we be encouraged and inspired by this man to live in the light of the same truths ourselves.

David Rhodes

School howlers !

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- At the time the Romans were persecuting followers of Jesus and Alban sheltered a Christian priest.
- When this was discovered Alban was arrested and had his head cut off. All this happened some 1800 years ago but Alban is still remembered today in the name of the place where he lived and died: Verulanum was renamed the city of St Albans.



By Angela Webb

THE FIRST

All the answers to this Bible quiz are the first: either the first thing in a list or the first person to do or be something.

1. The first man (Genesis, Ch 2).
2. The first of the 10 plagues of Egypt (Exodus, Ch 7).
3. The city where Jesus' followers were first called Christians (Acts, Ch 11).
4. The first bird Noah sent out of the ark (Genesis, Ch 8).
5. The first woman (Genesis, Ch 3).
6. The first person to see Jesus on the first Easter Sunday (John, Ch 20).
7. What happened on the first day of creation (Genesis, Ch 1).
8. Israel's first king (I Samuel, Ch 10).
9. The first of the four Gospels (New Testament).
10. The first of the books in the Bible dedicated to Theophilus (New Testament).



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Answers: 1. Adam 2. rivers turned to blood 3. Corinth 4. Raven 5. Eve 6. Mary Magdalene 7. God made light and dark 8. Saul 9. Matthew 10. Luke



You guard my life

Glory be to God my King.
My Lord, my life, my everything.
The start of life, the way, the end.
My thanks to Thee, eternal friend.
You guard my life in all I do.
How can I cease to worship you.
I sleep, You're there and when awake
You're by my side. Do not forsake
For all I have, it is of You.
I need You there my whole life through.
I live for who created me.
My Lord, my God, my destiny.

Vivien Filleul

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June

	Altar	Memory Table
3	Mrs. Mayson	Mrs. Mason
10	Mrs. Carter	Mrs. Parsons
17	Mrs. Perkinton	
24		Mrs. Simons

MEMORIAL SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS

Memorial services will be held quarterly. In each copy of the magazine, there will be a reply slip inviting anybody who would like to have a loved-one remembered at the next memorial Service, to let me know so that the name may be included amongst those to be read out. This invitation is to all, irrespective of where or when a funeral may have taken place. If you have lost somebody in another part of the country, at another time of the year, but a service falls near their birthday, wedding anniversary of some other significant date, you will be most welcome to ask for them to be remembered.

There will be memorial services on the following dates in 2001:

8th July (Please note change of date)

30th September

30th December

The services will start at 6.30 p.m., last for about an hour and be followed by light refreshments in the church.

If you would like a favourite hymn to be played at the memorial service, please indicate below.

Memorial Service 8th July 2001

Name to be remembered

Name(s) and address of principle family members attending the service

Favourite hymn.

Please return completed forms to David Rhodes at the Vicarage.

From the



Registers

BAPTISM:

June 13th

Mark William Hibbard
Christian Alexander Hibbard
Emilie Sophia Hibbard
of 27 The Grove
Sarah Lucy Shaw
of 128 Hutcliffe Wood Road
Harry Austin Lashmar
of 18 Green Oak Road

The Baptism follow-up team will visit the following families as they celebrate the anniversary of the Baptism of their children:

June 1st

Eve Lois Campbell

June 8th

Oliver William South

June 13th

Jonathan David Nolan

June 15th

Lucinda Grace Hill

June 28th

Victoria Louise McCann

June 28th

Samantha Ellis

WEDDINGS:

None in May

FUNERALS:

May 9th

Charlotte Clark
of Green Oak View

May 21st

Charles Buck of Bradway Road

The next Memorial Service will be held on **8th July 2001** (please not the change of date - see page 11).

If you would like a loved-one to be remembered at that service, please complete the form on the page opposite and return to David Rhodes at the Vicarage.

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June 2001 Diary Dates



Sun.	3rd	Care and Share Co-ordinators with Vicar 4.30 p.m.
Mon.	4th	Sheffield Christian Const. Movt. General Election Forum Endcliffe Methodist 7.30 p.m.
Tues.	5th	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	6th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Sun.	10th	Joint Service Totley Rise Methodist 6.30 p.m.
Sun.	10th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.
Mon.	11th	Contemplative Prayer Group 50 Rowan Tree Dell 2.15 p.m.
Mon.	11th	Sheffield Christian Const. Movt. AG.M. Endcliffe Methodist 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	13th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Sat.	16th	Care and Share Leaders Training Day Hall 9.30—3.00 pm.
Sat.	16th	Sheffield Philharmonic Chorus City Hall 7.00 p.m.
Mon.	18th	P.C.C. Meeting Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m.
Mon.	18th	Last day for items for magazine
Tues.	19th	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	20th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Fri.	22nd	Half-night of Prayer Hall 8.00—11.00 p.m.
Sat.	23rd	Cheshire Home Summer Fete 2.00—5.00 p.m.
Sun.	24th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 – 8.30 p.m.
Mon.	25th	Collation of Magazine Hall from 9.30 a.m.
Mon.	25th	Care and Share Leaders Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
Tues.	26th	Martha and Mary Group Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m.
Mon.	25th	Contemplative Prayer Group 50 Rowan Tree Dell 2.15 p.m.
Wed.	27th	Totley All Saints' Sports Day School field 1.15 p.m.
Wed.	27th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Sat.	30th	Totley Primary Summer Special 11.00—3.00 p.m.
July		
Sun.	1st	Shared Buffet Tea—Link Missionaries and service 4.30 p.m.

Saying for Stillness

“Make your home in ME,
as I make Mine in you”.

(John 15:4)

Final Date : Items for July/Aug Magazine : 18th June 2001

ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL

Sunday:	9.30 a.m.	The Alive Gang Sally Rhodes	236 2322
	6.30 – 8.30 p.m.	Sunday Youth Group (2nd & 4th Sunday) Gay Riley	236 6884
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 (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 Joanne Smith	262 0741
	2.00 p.m.	Ladies Keep Fit Val Simpson	236 1483
	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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