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From the Vicarage



Dear Friends

I wonder who God wanted to win the world cup. That may sound a rather daft question, but it's worth pausing to think about. After all, for a month, millions of people across the globe have been deeply interested in the competition. Working hours (not to mention church services) have been rearranged. There have been great highs of euphoria for winners and their supporters, and depths of misery for the losers, especially those who expected to win. Vast sums of money have been spent on it in a huge variety of ways. In the 1994 tournament, Andres Escobar, a Colombian player whose own goal had led to the elimination of his team, was murdered in the street when he returned home. So whose side is God on? We might apply the question to other areas. What about Northern Ireland, the Middle East, any other arena of conflict that you can think of? Is it possible to know whose side God is on, or is it simply a ridiculous

question?

If we look in the Bible, there is certainly no obvious reference to football, or any similar sporting contest. There is, of course, plenty of reference to political and military conflict. It would seem that Jesus most certainly did not take political sides, in a time where it would have been all too easy to do so, and when it is comparatively easy for the historian to point out issues of justice and injustice. In the Old Testament, of course, God does appear to both instigate conflict, and equip his people in the face of their foes. In fact the issue of blood-shed, which is apparently endorsed by the Lord, is one of the major issues in reading and understanding large parts of this part of the Bible.

So which side is God on in the World Cup.

One little incident in the life of Jesus may be illuminating. A man had a dispute with his brother over an inheritance, and so approached Jesus to sort it out. Jesus declined to do so, and then proceeded to tell a story, which culminates with God calling a worldly, rich man who died a premature death, a fool, and then saying, *this is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself, but is not rich towards God.*

(You can find this in Luke's Gospel chapter 12 verses 13 -21)

We might invest a lot of financial, mental or emotional capital in a vast range of matters, including the World Cup. If we do that, but are not rich towards God, have not said "Yes" to Jesus' call on our lives to follow Him, and allow Him to be the master of it all, then we are fools.

So whose side is God on? Yours and mine. But He's got a much bigger agenda than who wins a football tournament, which will soon be forgotten; and actually, thrilling though such things can be, aren't we all more interested in a crown that will last for ever, than a cup that you have to give back after four years?

With all best wishes



A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to 'honour thy Father and thy mother', she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how treat our brothers and sisters?" Without missing a beat, one little boy (the oldest of a family) answered, "Thou shall not kill".



Services in July

7th Trinity 6

Theme: so much gets in the way.

- 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. Worship, Word and Ministry

10th Wednesday Service

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

14th Trinity 7

Theme: My prayers never get answered.

- 9.30 a.m. Baptism Service
- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 3.00 p.m. Informal Service at Green Oak View -led by All Saints'.
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

17th Wednesday Service

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

21st Trinity 8

Theme: Encourage One Another.

- 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. Worship, Word and Ministry

24th Wednesday Service

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

28th Trinity 9

Theme: Body and Soul

- 10.00 a.m. Family Communion followed by Barbeque
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

31st Wednesday Service

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

Services in August.

4th Trinity 10

Theme: New Start

- 10.00 a.m. Informal Service
- 3.30 p.m. Holy Communion at the Cheshire Home
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

7th Wednesday Service

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

11th Trinity 11

Theme: A Night to Remember

- 10.00 a.m. Informal Service
- 3.00 p.m. Informal Service at Green Oak View
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

14th Wednesday Service

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

18th Trinity 12

Theme: Meek and mild ?

- 10.00 a.m. Informal Service with Holy Communion
- 3.30 p.m. Informal Service at the Cheshire Home
- 6.30 p.m. Songs of Praise

21st Wednesday Service

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

25th Trinity 13

Theme: Heart of the Matter.

- 10.00 a.m. Informal Service
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

OUR GOD REIGNS

This is the title of a little booklet which is freely available at the back of the church. It contains evidence from several members of All Saints' congregation that God hears our prayers. Do read it and judge for yourself ! Then, please, write out your experience of the way God has acted in your life. We hope to produce an update or a second edition in due course.



It is very good that we can encourage each other in this way. It gives us confidence to persevere with our prayers and also it is a good witness to others who may be wondering what is the point of prayer anyway. Let me have your contribution soon, please.

Maurice Snowdon

An old man said to his son, "I have two tigers fighting in my heart. One is angry and vengeful, the other is peaceful and forgiving."

His son asked, "Which tiger is going to win ?"

The old man replied, "Whichever one I feed."



From Sunday Link

Did you know ?

The term 'hocus pocus' is said to be the vulgar pronunciation of *hoc est corpus meum*, 'this is my body', the Latin words pronounced over the wafers by a Catholic priest at the Communion Service. The phrase arose during the Reformation, which may account for its being used in the degrading sense of 'gibberish of the juggler'.



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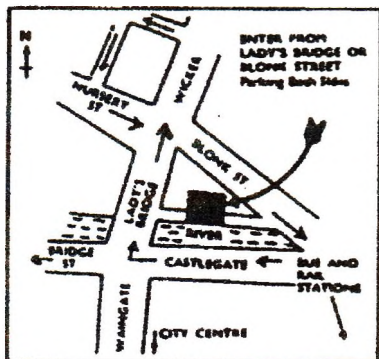
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Youth Work News for S17 Churches

Speaking at Dore youth group

I am fortunate to have been invited to share my testimony with the youth group from Dore Parish church who meet at the Ark in Dore. It is a great thing for the youth groups around the area to be aware of each other and support each other as together we strive to care for the youth in our city !

King Ecgberts Christian group

I was really pleased when a King Ecgberts' year 7 Pupil, who attends All Saints' church, came to me and asked if I could help with a Christian group at lunch times. Since then our small group have met together on Friday lunch times to relax, share with each other and take part in lively discussion on different topics. I really hope that the group can grow and be established as an extra-curricular activity in the school.

Rock Solid Plans continue

I have been working hard at promoting this new group to leaders and young people alike. I am very pleased with the response I have received from both. There are people interested in knowing more from all of the churches and I am confident we will build a great team of leaders. There are already young people who have expressed interest in this group as well. It is an exciting venture and I continue to pray that God builds this group as it should be.

End of term approaches

As the end of term looms, I am hoping that we can

arrange a bike ride for the youth in the Peaks. If we have enough help with transport to get to the Peaks and back, I would like to hire some bikes for the day. I am also hoping we can have another sleepover providing we can get the hall for the night and the warden doesn't mind risking the lights !
As always, anyone who would like to help out, please let me know.

Matt Conant



Operation Christmas Child

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Hats and Mittens/Gloves

The Wednesday Care and Share Group are collecting warm hats and mittens to be put in Christmas boxes for Operation Christmas Child. If you have spare moments between now and late Autumn why not use up your oddments of wool to knit these for children from 2 years up to teens ? You can give the finished articles to Pauline Perkinton. Any knitting patterns can be used but I do have a photo copy of a pattern if needed. Happy knitting !

Pauline Perkinton



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It provides an opportunity for busy women to meet,
to offer support and afford a quiet time for prayer
and thought.

Give it a try - come and join us !

close Encounters week

August 24 - 31

Open-air Barbecue
Friday 7.-8.30 p.m.



Gospel
Cabaret
Sunday
5.30—6.30
p.m.



Storytime with Clown
Wednesday 2-3 p.m.
Totley Library



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9.30-11.30 a.m.
Tuesday—Friday



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Bears
Picnic
Thursday
1.30 to
3 p.m.



Afternoon Tea and
Concert for the over 60's
Tuesday 4-6 p.m.

More events, some in Totley Rise Methodist Church but just as many take place in
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Perhaps God has always seemed distant. Give the 'close encounters' week a try !

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50p per accompanied child

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TOTLEY SHOW

7th September 2002

We are in the process of planning this year's show and would like to recruit some new helpers who have not been involved with the show before. There is a wide variety of jobs available and you would work alongside experienced helpers. Some of the jobs are:

- ♦ Preparing the rooms on the Friday evening - strong young men needed ! (and everything put back on Sat.)
- ♦ Helping with serving refreshments
- ♦ Security on the day
- ♦ Car parking on the day
- ♦ Help with taking entries
- ♦ Games attendants
- ♦ Selling programmes at selected points before the show

We also would be grateful for small prizes for the Tombola stall which may be left at Busy Bee anytime.

So, now is the time to make a start on that painting, embroidery etc., or start taking those photographs, nurturing that houseplant, planting those flowers and planning your entries for this year's even bigger and better show.

Please contact Pauline Perkinton or Tom or Christine Steele with any offers of help or any queries.

THE TOTLEY SHOW

Saturday 7th September
Totley Primary School

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ALL EXHIBITS WELCOME

Entry forms available inside the July/August Totley Independent and from Totley Library, Busy Bee and Totley Rise Post Office.

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- ♦ Refreshments available
- ♦ Cake stall
- ♦ Games
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Proceeds from the Totley Summer Special on
June 29th will also go towards the new appeal.

*Application forms for the walk available from Totley Library,
Totley Primary School or K. Watson 28 Stonecroft Road
S17 4DE. Applications must be made by 8th July.
Further details on Church Hall Noticeboard.*

**Afternoon Tea
&
Songs of
Praise**



Sunday 18th August

Please come and join us.

Tea will be in the Church Hall at 4.30 p.m.
Followed by a Songs of Praise service in the
Church at 6.30 p.m.

Choose a hymn and bring a friend !

It is 'free' but we need to know how many
people to cater for.



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Edwards or any member of
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The teacher paused and said, "But no one knows what God looks like."

Without missing a beat or looking up from her drawing, the girl replied,

"They will in a minute."



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in Church grounds

**We are planning to create
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- ♦ *Please leave the spaces nearest the church for those who most need them. We will put disabled signs in two of them in the near future*
- ♦ *The most regular times of congestion are Wednesday and Sunday mornings. The Fleur de Lys have kindly given us permission to use their car park on these occasions up until 12.00 noon.*

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David Rhodes

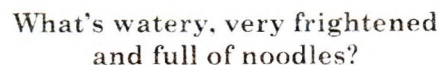




By Angela Webb

NO-WAY PUZZLE

1. A Biblical land and where, in
nursery rhymes, you go to sleep?
2. Big Ears little friend?
3. He built the Ark and the
animals went in 2 by 2?
4. French for Christmas?
5. What you smell with?
6. The opposite of south?
7. Zero?
8. The 11th month of the year?
9. A type of frying pan?
10. A county near Suffolk?



Chicken Soup.

What can you make that nobody
can see?

A noise.

Who wrote the novel Great Eggspectations?

Charles Chickens.

Answers: 1. Nod, 2. Noddy, 3. Noah, 4. Noel, 5. Nose, 6. North, 7. Nought, 8. November, 9. Nonstick, 10. Norfolk,

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After David's visit to Kenya in January, we realised that funds to support the education of teenagers were desperately needed.

The Gift Day gave us the opportunity to respond with gratitude for all that God has given us, to raise funds for the roof and give 10% for education in Kenya.

Already donations and promises have reached £11,500 and we praise God for that. Arrangements are already being made to forward the appropriate amount of money to Kenya.

If anyone else would like to make a contribution or pledge and have not yet done so, it is not too late !

Suitably labelled envelopes will be gratefully received either at church or through the vicarage letter box. *Chris Booth*

The Journey

We're off on a journey through life to its end
We're going with Jesus our Lord and our Friend
There's many distractions to tempt us to stray
Ranged all around us as we go on our way.

When bright lights tempt us with waves on the side
We'll focus on Jesus our goal and our guide
Though raucous music comes and drums in our ear
With Jesus our leader there is nothing to fear.

When the road is bumpy we'll watch where we tread
And onwards we'll go as we march straight ahead
We'll not be discouraged by rocks on the way
Going round them or mount them without a delay

We lose sight of the end when the dips are so deep
Jesus will encourage when climbs are so steep
When all seems so dark we will never despair
We'll follow the light that shows Jesus is there.

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An evening of prayer for the community

26th May 2002 held at Totley Rise Methodist Church

Helped by a choir from St. John's, two keyboards, drums and voices from the Methodists, the congregation responded to the varying moods of the songs and hymns - singing heartily as appropriate and plaintively during the prayers, led by the United Reformed Church and Totley Methodist Church. We prayed for our local churches. For those who minister to us, for those who reach out and work in the community and for the joint life of our churches. We gave thanks for the wealth of worship and witness; prayers of thanksgiving for our community, for the lovely place we live in and the warmth of local people. We asked God to show us how to work in His name in the community.

We prayed that the Share Jesus Mission in August would be a way of bringing local people together. Coffee was served in the lounge afterwards. Definitely a 'Share Jesus' time !

Will you be there on the next evening of prayer for the community ? I hope so !

Bye the way, will you be coming to Share Jesus in August ? There is something for everyone - look at page 13 in the magazine and look out for more details in the Library.

Jeanne Foster

All Saints' Ladies Club July/Aug 2002



July 9th

Strawberry Evening



July 23rd

Outing



No meetings in August.

*The September meeting will be on the 17th.
Mr. Greetham will talk about the
Historic Halls of Holmesfield.*



Many thanks to everyone who sponsored the Ladies Club on their MacMillan Walk. The sum of £500 was raised for the very worthwhile cause, so well done all concerned.

Thanks to Sheila Parkin for organising this annual event.

Ann Ruthven

Totley All Saints' School

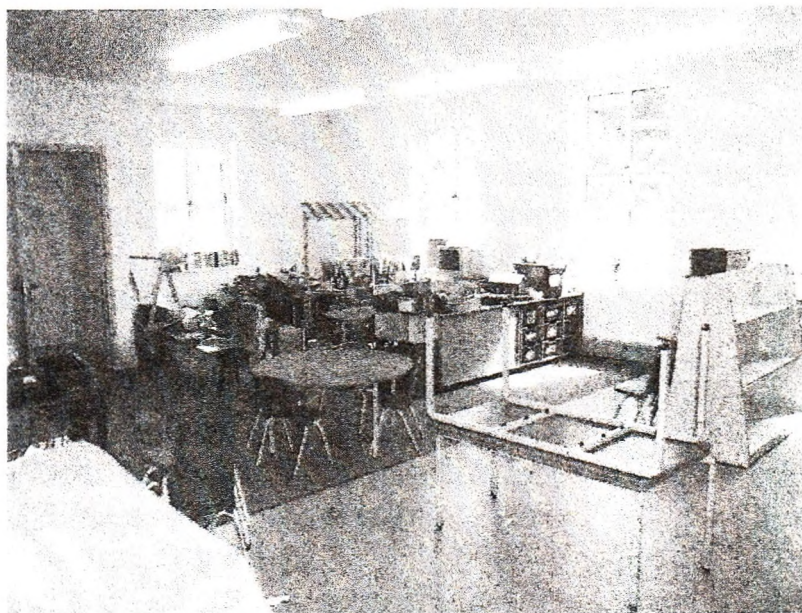
Exciting times for our school.

New classrooms are in use, the Horsa building (temporary for fifty odd years !) has gone, new pathways are in place.

Early morning opening to allow children to come and watch England play football is another exciting addition to the curriculum !

Now we are beginning to learn the songs for the summer concert.

Mixed in with a Japanese week, there is never a dull moment.



One of the light and airy new classrooms.

Care & Share Groups invite you to a Community Event in the Church Hall on Saturday 6th July

If you can demonstrate some of your talents or loan any Coronation memorabilia or anything to do with Totley over the last 50 years please contact Neil Hayden or Ken Filleul

A Gifts Day and Jubilee Exhibition

Everyone welcome
between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m.
Light refreshments will be available.

Offers from potential exhibitors/demonstrators (with available times) and **requests for transport will be welcomed by Ken or Vivien Filleul (Tel. 236 0872)** and any member of their Care and Share Group.

From the Editor

Hopefully we will improve the collation of this month's magazine. All the pages were there - if not in the right order.

Now that sadly we are unable to offer magazines for sale in the Totley Post Office we have arranged with Liberty Foods to have magazines for sale in their shop. Please put the money in the front part of the magazine box. If you would like a copy to be delivered to your home, please let me know.

On July 22nd, my daughter, Heather, will have been in hospital for six months. On good days she walks unaided to buy a can of Coke from the machine in the corridor. Unfortunately there are still many non-good days which she calls 'the boring bit'.

I thank you all for your prayers. Please continue to remember her. She needs another miracle!

There are a lot of things happening during July and August - many of them advertised in our magazine. I hope you will contribute and/or attend some of them.

We've visited a couple of the Open Gardens already and they are really good. I hope ours looks as good by July 20/21st! *Jeanne*

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AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

Algeria today is a solidly Moslem country. It is thus remarkable that one of the most influential Christian leaders in the early centuries of the church, indeed in the history of the church, was for many years a bishop of a thriving Christian community in that land.

Augustine was the son of a pagan father, but a believing mother, called Monica. He was born in Algeria (a town called Thagaste) in 354 AD. He was an able student from a cultured background, and so when he was sixteen, he moved to Carthage to finish his education, and subsequently teach at the university.

His enquiring mind extended well beyond academic matters. He longed for a real understanding of life. So he experimented with many of the philosophies popular in his day. This lead him into a period of very sensual living, as well as becoming acquainted with leading thinkers and writers of the day. During this period, there were two stabilising influences in his life. One was the constant love and (as he later realised) prayers of his mother. The other was his love for his son, Adeodatus, born via a long-term relationship he had entered into soon after arriving in Carthage. They were later to be baptised together.

From Carthage, Augustine wandered to Rome, and then Milan. At one time he was associated with a sect known as Manichaeism (a mix of Buddhism, some distorted Christian teaching and the ideas of a man called Manes), and then later was attracted to the reworked ideas of Plato. In Milan, he was influenced by the teaching of a godly man, Ambrose, and it was in the light of this, that his conversion came.

Like Luther and Wesley, his conversion came as he read from Romans. Later (around the year 400) he wrote the autobiographical account of his coming to faith, still read today, and translated into many languages. In English it is known as "The Confessions of Saint Augustine". He writes :

I probed the hidden depths of my soul, and wrung its pitiful secrets from it, and when I gathered them all before the eyes of my heart, a great storm broke within me, bringing with it a great deluge of tears . . . For I felt that I was still enslaved by my sins with the most bitter sorrow in my heart, all at once I heard the sing-song voice of a child in a nearby house.. . . again and again it repeated the chorus, "Take it and read, take it and read." I stemmed my flood of tears, and stood up, telling myself that this could only be God's command to open my book of scripture, and read the first passage on which my eyes should fall.

Augustine picked up a book containing Paul's letters, and he opened it at Romans 13 : 12 - 14. Having read it, he writes : *I had no wish to read more and no need to do so. For in an instant, as I came to the end of the sentence, it was as though the light of faith flooded into my heart and all the darkness of doubt was dispelled.*

With a friend, and his son he was baptised on Easter Eve, 387. On fire for His new found Lord, he returned to Algeria, and founded a type of monastic community. However, against his will, he was ordained to lead the church in Hippo (a town on the coast). Later he was to become bishop of Hippo, with responsibility for a large area in North Africa. As a bishop he was famed for his teaching, pastoral wisdom and administrative skills, which extended to civil matters. His lasting impact, though, was to come via his writing, and his leadership of the church in the face of various doctrinal controversies. As he faced the teachings of the Donatists, and the Pelagians, so his own thinking was clarified, and written down. Throughout the Middle Ages, into the Reformation and beyond, his works were to influence others. Ideas on the nature of the church, the sinful nature of man, the grace of God and His role in calling out believers were all developed and carefully argued. All this was done from the standpoint of faith, as he famously said, *I believe in order to understand, not understand in order to believe.*



Earliest known portrait of Augustine

His written output was vast. There still survive 113 books, 200 letters, and over 500 sermons. Alongside "The Confessions" his best known work is probably "The City of God" (which runs to 20 volumes!) In 410, the city of Rome was sacked by Goth invaders. This event was cataclysmic in its day. Sept 11th. of last year would pale in comparison in terms of the psychological impact that had on the civilised world. Augustine set out to write an exposition of the Christian's place in the world, and a Christian philosophy of history.

He finished it four years before his own death, in 430, when his own city of Hippo was being besieged by Vandal invaders. He is remembered on 28th August. But his legacy is in his influence on Christian thinkers from the fifth to the twenty-first centuries. His example is of what the persevering prayer of a believing mother can accomplish in the life and heart of a wayward son.

David Rhodes

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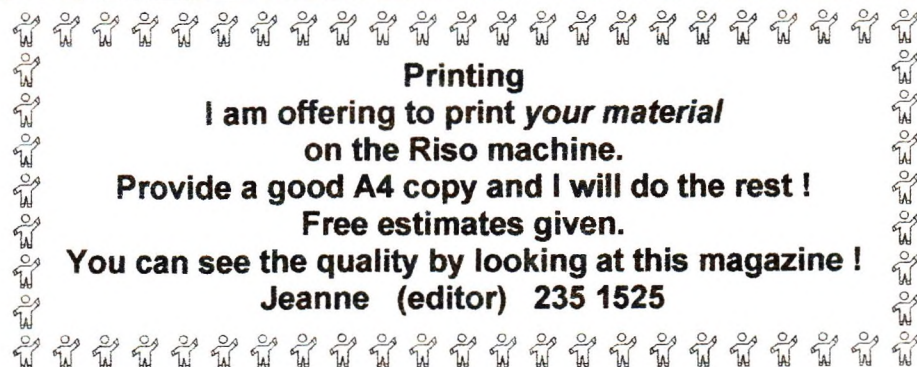
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Mild curry paste to taste	Chicken or fish stock
150 ml double cream	150 ml milk

Cut the haddock into bite sized pieces and soak in cold water. Melt some butter or oil in a large saucepan and cook the onion until translucent over a high heat. Add the bacon/pancetta and cook, then add the potatoes. Add between 1 teasp. To 1 desstsp. curry paste and making sure all the ingredients are cooked, add ½ pint stock, the milk and the cream and approx. ⅓ of the tin of sweetcorn. Continue to cook over a gentle heat until the potatoes are tender. Drain the haddock pieces and put into the pan, cook for a further 3 to 5 mins until the fish is cooked. Serve in soup bowls with granary bread.

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CELLS - THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF LIFE

All life is built on the basis of cells. As the cells work together, so life flourishes and grows. Where cells don't function properly, then the plant or living being will struggle. This is a principle in other areas too, including the church and so increasingly at All Saints, cell-life is of great importance.

- ♦ They are there to help us grasp and live out the values we hold
- ♦ They are there to help us build healthy, open, loving relationships
- ♦ They are there to help us work through how we apply God's word to our lives in real ways
- ♦ They are there to help us reach out with good news and in love to those around us

There is a network of cells meeting in homes during the week. If you would like to find out more about a specific one, please contact the leader, as shown.

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236 0872

Thursday Afternoon

David & Sally Rhodes
236 2322

Young Mums

Ann Bancroft
274 8880

Cell Co-ordinators

Kevin Mundy 235 3347 and Angela Waite 236 4728

THE VALUES THAT WE HOLD

Honesty - every member ministry - Jesus at the centre
Sacrificial love - every member growing - Community

Care and Share/Cell groups

It's almost three years ago that we created six 'Care and Share' groups here at All Saints and adopted the values that we have all become very familiar with.

One of these values is multiplication and I think using the term Cell group, instead of Care & Share, helps us to understand better how this works. A living body is made up of cells which multiply and help the body grow and regenerate itself and this has been true of our groups.

Over the past months, we have grown from the original six, to eleven groups, meeting every day except Monday and Saturday. This has happened through Alpha, new people joining the church and by group members inviting their friends.

As multiplying a cell is so important, it is vital that assistant leaders are in place to take over the new group and David is currently running sessions to encourage this. As two of three of the cells are bursting at the seams at the moment, it won't be long before they also multiply and so it goes on.

Cell members have found that 'cell' isn't just a weekly meeting with a helpful structure called the 4Ws. It's so much more. It's not an end in itself but a means to an end; the end being an open community which draws people into relationships with each other and with Jesus.

The last two and a half years have had their mistakes and frustration but we continue to see God's hand at work—and that's very exciting !

Angela Waite Cell Co-ordinator

see over>



Clean water matters

Half the world's hospital beds are occupied by people suffering from water borne diseases, says a new report from two development agencies.

According to *The Human Waste*, compiled by WaterAid and Tearfund, 40 per cent of the world's population are without adequate sanitation and nearly 6,000 children die every day from conditions like diarrhoea because they have nowhere safe to go to the toilet and they lack clean water.

The report states that 'children's deaths from common diseases are preventable. It is a silent tragedy made worse by a scandalous lack of political will among governments to tackle the issue of poor sanitation.' Tearfund's Joanne Green adds: 'World governments have virtually ignored the provision of sanitation for the world's poorest people when setting goals for poverty reduction. But if they agreed to spend £11 billion a year, the same amount that Europeans and Americans spend on dog food, water-related disease around the globe could be halved.' Tearfund and WaterAid are working to provide water and sanitation. To make a difference sign the online petition at www.watermatters.org.uk

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There will be memorial services on the following dates in 2002:

29th September 29th 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 29th September 2002

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:	June	9th	Luke Elliott Freeman of 36a The Quadrant
	June	16th	Eleanor Jayne Pashley of 37 Aldam Road
	June	16th	Alistair David Greaves of 141 Green Oak Road

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

July	8th	Luke Andrew Brown
July	8th	George Henry Frost
July	9th	David Joseph Frost
July	11th	Charlotte Emily Bridgens
July	11th	Emily Rose Smith
July	11th	Samuel John Smith
Aug.	23rd	Hannah Charlotte Wiggett
Aug.	27th	Daniel James Bell
Aug.	27th	Oliver James Milnes
Aug.	27th	Charles Douglas Liversidge
Aug.	27th	James Stephen Hadabora

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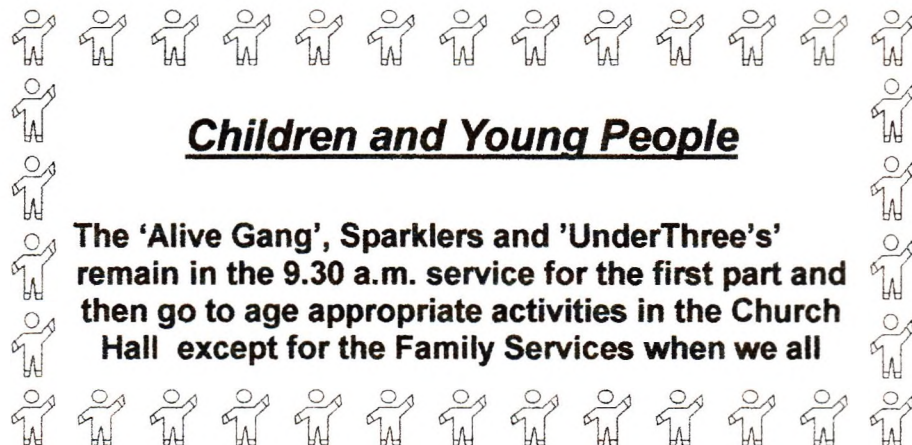
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The next Memorial Service will be held on 29th September 2002. If you would like a loved-one to be remembered at that service, please complete the form on the page opposite and return to David Rhodes at the Vicarage.

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Children and Young People

The 'Alive Gang', Sparklers and 'UnderThree'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

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July	Altar	Memory Table
7th	Mrs. Billard	Mrs. Billard
14th	Mrs. Foster	-----
21st	Miss. Taylor	Mrs. Perkinson
28th	Mrs. Carter	-----
August		
4th	Mrs. Jockel	Mrs. Smith
11th	-----	Mrs. Hill-Pickford
18th	Mrs. Holding	Mrs. Collinson
25th	Mr. Hazlehurst	Miss. Bird

July/August 2002 Diary Dates

Tues.	1st	Standing Committee Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
Wed.	3rd	Coffee Morning 2 Sunnyvale Road 10-12 noon
Wed.	3rd	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Sat.	6th	Prayer for Cell Group Leaders 8.00 a.m.
Sat.	6th	Gifts Day and Jubilee Exhibition 10.00-4.00 p.m.
Mon.	8th	P.C.C. meeting Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m.
Mon.	8th	Contemplative Prayer Group 50 Rowan Tree Dell 2.45 p.m.
Tues.	9th	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Tues.	9th	Journeying On 12 Marstone Crescent 8.00 p.m.
Wed.	10th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Thurs.	11th	Toddler Praise Hall 10.00 a.m.
Sun.	14th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 - 8.30 p.m.
Sun.	14th	Training for Asst. Cell Leaders Vicarage 6.30 p.m.
Wed.	17th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Sat.	20th	Monuments Challenge Walk Totley Primary School
Sat.	20th and Sunday 21st	Totley Open Gardens 2.00-6.00 p.m.
Mon.	22nd	Contemplative Prayer Group 50 Rowan Tree Dell 2.45 p.m.
Tues.	23rd	Martha and Mary Group Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m.
Tues.	23rd	Ladies Club Outing
Wed.	24th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.
Sat.	27th	Prayer Breakfast 8.00 a.m. followed by working day 10.00 a.m.
Sun.	28th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 - 8.30 p.m.
Wed.	31st	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.
August		
Mon.	5th	Contemplative Prayer Group 12 Marstone Cres. 2.45 p.m.
Tues.	13th	Journeying On 12 Marstone Cres. 8.00 p.m.
Sun.	18th	Afternoon Tea and Songs of Praise 4.30 p.m.
Mon.	19th	Contemplative Prayer Group 12 Marstone Cres. 2.45 p.m.
Mon.	19th	Last day for items for magazine
Mon.	26th	Collation of Magazine Hall from 9.30 a.m.

Sayings for Stillness

July "I know the plans I have for you." (Jeremiah 29:11)
 Aug. "Take hold of MY strength." (Isaiah 27:5)

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Sparklers (3's to 5's)
Heather Johnson 235 0978
The Alive Gang (5-early teens)
Sally Rhodes 236 2322
6.30 – 8.30 p.m. Sunday Youth Group (2nd & 4th)
Gay Riley 236 6884
- Monday:** 10.00 a.m. Drop in Coffee
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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)
Ann Ruthven 236 8643
- Wed'day:** 10.00 a.m. Parent & Toddler Group
Vicki Waite 236 6789
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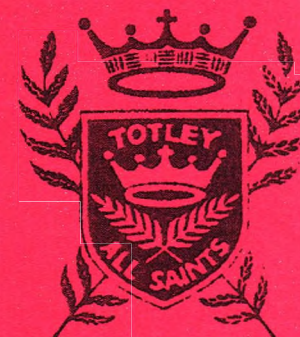
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From the Vicarage



Due to the holidays, there is no letter from the Vicarage this month.

CALL AGAIN

'Oh, they don't all come back.' The proprietor of the second hand shop in Skegness handed me the small stool I'd just purchased for my workshop.

I'd been so pleased with her approach. She seemed to love her job - wanted her customers to be pleased with their dealings. To her, it wasn't just a matter of flogging old junk. It was explaining about each item - even pointing out its faults - before she would sell it.

'I'm only a day trip visitor,' I said. 'Might never see you again.' I handed her the money.

'I hope you'll return,' she replied. 'But one man never did.'

'What happened?'

'Well...' she shook her head. '... he spotted just what he wanted. Then he handed me a tenner, saying he would call back to collect. I put his item on one side. He never came.'

Does God ever feel the same way about us? Think of the promises we make to him at our Confirmation, or our marriage. 'We will be back, O Lord.' 'Won't let you down.' 'See you later, Lord.'

Then, we disappear from his presence, or so we think.

'Maybe he was late for his train and had to leave you,' I suggested. The lady nodded sadly. 'What did you do about it?'

Ruefully she replied, 'I could have spent the tenner... as a free gift.'

'But you didn't?'

She opened a cupboard. 'His purchase is still here, waiting for his return. His tenner is still in my till. I'm always hopeful he will come back.'

God waits too. He hasn't forgotten you. You can collect your gift from Him at any time. It's safe in his cupboard.

Almost tearfully, I left her shop. 'Just a minute, mister!' she called. 'You left your walking stick!'

ERIC GREEN

The things we do

A little girl was in church for the first time with her friend. When the time came to pray, the congregation knelt in their pews.

The girl did the same and turned to whisper to her friend, "Who are we hiding from ?" *taken from Sunday Link*

Services in September

1st Trinity 14

Theme: A stumbling block and a poor exchange

- 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. **No Service**

4th Wednesday Service

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

8th Trinity 15

Theme: "I feel so hard done by"

- 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

11th Wednesday Service

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

15th Trinity 16

Theme: How much have you been forgiven ?

- 9.30 a.m. All Age All Together
- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 3.30 p.m. Informal Service at the Cheshire Home
- 7.30 p.m. **Healing in Today's World - Introduction**

18th Wednesday Service

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

22nd Trinity 17

Theme: Have you had your just desserts ?

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

25th Wednesday Service

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

29th Trinity 18

Parish Week-end at Scarborough

Theme: Sacrificial love

- 10.00 a.m. Quiet Communion Service
- 6.30 p.m. Memorial Service

CELLS - THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF LIFE

All life is built on the basis of cells. As the cells work together, so life flourishes and grows. Where cells don't function properly, then the plant or living being will struggle. This is a principle in other areas too, including the church and so increasingly at All Saints, cell-life is of great importance.

- ♦ They are there to help us grasp and live out the values we hold
- ♦ They are there to help us build healthy, open, loving relationships
- ♦ They are there to help us work through how we apply God's word to our lives in real ways
- ♦ They are there to help us reach out with good news and in love to those around us

There is a network of cells meeting in homes during the week. If you would like to find out more about a specific one, please contact the leader, as shown.

Tuesday Evening

Ken & Viv Filleul
236 0872

Wednesday Evening

Chris Booth 236 5512
Neil & Liz Hayden 236 4944

Thursday Afternoon

David & Sally Rhodes
236 2322

Thursday Evening

Bryony Mundy 235 3347
Ann Powell 235 0612

Young Mums

Ann Bancroft
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Youth

Gay Riley 236 6884
Jim Bancroft 274 8880

Cell Co-ordinators

Kevin Mundy 235 3347 and Angela Waite 236 4728

THE VALUES THAT WE HOLD

Honesty - every member ministry - Jesus at the centre
Sacrificial love - every member growing - Community

PCC Update.

The first meeting of the new PCC began with a time of worship and of breaking bread together.

It is always necessary at this first meeting to sort out the business side of the PCC with appointments being made and membership of groups being arranged. Chris Booth and Jane Lawry remain the Treasurer and Secretary respectively and the Deanery Synod reps are now Alison Moody and Jeanne Foster.

You may have seen the "Job Opportunities" board in the church hall. Please have a look and decide whether you could help out with some of the various activities of the church. At the moment there is a need for people to be involved with "Balance" (the church's policy on work with young people), Health and Safety and a group to look at financial matters including our Charitable Giving. Please speak to David for more information or one of the church wardens.

Other matters for discussion included:

- o Car parking – if you are able to walk, please do not park in the church car park on Sunday and Wednesday mornings but leave room for those less mobile. A couple of bays will be marked for disabled parking.
- o Storage for the crèche toys
- o 4th Sunday morning services and their format
- o Sunday evening services
- o Maintenance of the organ
- o A wall hanging for the church hall lounge
- o The church hall roof replacement and the Gift Day
- o Working days

Jane Lawry
Secretary to the PCC

Fund Raising News

The final totals raised during the last few months are:

£610 - MacMillan Walk in May

£300 - Children's Society in July

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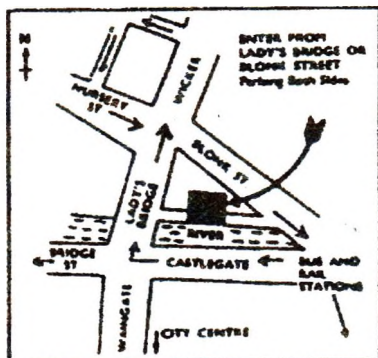
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I would like to say a heart-felt thank you to all my good friends at All Saints' for the prayers, cards, flowers and donations received during the sad loss of my husband John.

I am finding life difficult and lonely at present, but your loving support and help is seeing me through a day at a time.

God bless you all !

Joan Gray

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under?*

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THE POWER OF PRAYER - PROVEN

It's a fact that women having fertility treatment are twice as likely to become pregnant if people are praying that they will succeed. Research at Columbia University, New York, published in the respected Journal of Reproductive Medicine says so. The researchers put 219 undergoing IVF treatment into two groups - with half prayed for without them knowing. The scientists expected prayer to have no effect. Over twice as many from the prayed for group became pregnant (46% compared with 22%).

Equally significant, in a study of 990 heart patients, those with someone praying for them suffered fewer complications. A similar study concluded that those not prayed for "required ventilatory assistance, antibiotics and diuretics more frequently than patients in the (prayer) group".

We don't need science to tell us that prayer works. But it comes as an encouragement when it does !

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Alpha

Once again we are participating in the "Alpha Supper Initiative", billed as an opportunity to invite the nation to supper!

At All Saints' we are holding at least six suppers during the week commencing 22nd September in homes around the parish (a list of the venues known on 19th August appears on page 11).

After a two-course meal, guests will watch a 30-minute video called, 'Christianity, Boring, Untrue and Irrelevant?' and will receive an invitation to attend the first evening of the Alpha Course beginning a week later.

The intention is to provide an informal, non-threatening environment for all to enjoy a relaxed meal and an opportunity for participants to make their own minds up about Christianity.

During the last three years, we have run six courses, including one very successfully held in the daytime, and approximately 70 people have participated.

Devised in the UK, the Alpha Course is supported by the leaders of all the main denominations. The course is now running in over 23,000 churches in 132 countries around the world.

For more details about the Alpha Course at All Saints' starting on Thursday 3rd October, please see the centrefold insert in this magazine.

Further information is available from

Ric Gray on 236 9204

R2dr.gray@tesco.net

If Thursday is inconvenient, then Totley Rise Methodist Church are holding a course on a Monday evening from September 16th.

Details are available from **Chris Kirk on 236 3157.**

The next course at All Saints' will begin on Tuesday 4th February 2003.

Research by MORI conducted in September 2001 revealed that nearly four million adults in the UK have either done the Alpha Course themselves or know someone who has. **How about you ?**

Alpha Supper Venues		Week commencing 22nd September	
Mon. 23rd	Harry/Linda Liddle (5 guests)	30 Meadow Grove Road 236 4941	7.30 p.m.
Tues. 24th	Ann/James Powell (8 guests)	126 Totley Brook Road 235 0612	7.30 p.m.
Tues. 24th	Rob/Linda Alcock (6 guests)	8 Vernon Road 236 2689	7.30 p.m.
Wed. 25th	Gay Riley (6 guests)	92 Totley Brook Road 236 6884	12.30 p.m.
Thurs. 26th	Gordon/Eleanor Grayson (8 guests)	Brook Hall, Mickley Lane 236 0913	7.30 p.m.
Thurs. 26th	David/Sally Rhodes (8 guests)	37 Sunnyvale Road 236 2322	7.30 p.m.

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MARTHA AND MARY GROUP



The next meeting will be on
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in the Hall Lounge.

This group meets once each month.
It provides an opportunity for busy women to meet,
to offer support and afford a quiet time for prayer
and thought.

Give it a try - come and join us !

Reflections

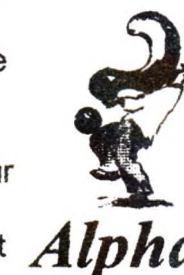
The course affects people in different ways. The following contributions illustrate this. I would just like to share with you the joy of taking part in the *Alpha* course. It was tremendous to listen to the speakers and share some of our own experiences. From a child I thought I knew who Jesus was, why he died and the devil with his part too. I now have a clearer understanding and I'd like to thank everyone who took part in it. Angela.



The *Alpha* course gave me the opportunity to go along to a regular week by week group meeting for the first time in some years. I found the talks interesting and easy to listen to, whilst still imparting a strong Christian message. It was helpful to me to be reminded of the basics of my faith which often get forgotten in a busy life. In smaller groups, people shared their own experiences and it was encouraging to confirm that often we all had the same pattern of doubt and joy as we tried to live out our faith in our daily lives. I enjoyed the friendliness of the *Alpha* groups and for me, it hasn't all finished with the end of the course. I have joined a cell group and look forward to growing in faith in the coming months. J.



The *Alpha* course covered many of the basic facts of the Christian faith and I found that on several occasions it helped me understand why we believe the things we do. Sometimes we were made to feel uncomfortable as we had to question our attitudes or were challenged to move forward in our faith. I found the *Alpha* course helpful as it first made me think about my faith and then pointed out the way forward. Jane.



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AT HOME AND ABROAD.

We weren't planning to take a holiday in August, but did so at the last minute. We ended up in Kassiopi, Corfu and quite by chance staying in an apartment which belongs to the lady who leads the *Alpha* Course at Holy Trinity, Corfu Town.

She gave me a booklet called "Before and After. True life stories from Corfu". It contains testimonies from the congregation of Holy Trinity about how *Alpha* has changed their lives. I have placed it on the bookcase at the back of Church if anyone would care to borrow it. This is one of the testimonies.



I was born in a small village in Lincolnshire. One day a Bible class was introduced to our village and my mother thought it fit to me to go. These lessons were held on Tuesday evening in a caravan next to the school grounds, which was a mile walk from my house, never the less I went. The lessons were based on the four Gospels. Even though I went to Bible Class I was never made to go to Church. When we moved to the north of England I started to go to Sunday School and every first Sunday of the month I was made to go to Church, which I really hated. I was told that if I didn't go I would have to help with the chores, so I soon ran to Church. I was the only one in the family that had anything to do with Church, which I thought rather unfair. A few years later when teenagers started to rebel, I stopped

going to Church.

Cutting a long story short, 24 years later a good friend of mine introduced me to the "Alpha Course" which I started half-heartedly, but ended up being the only one there many times. I finished the course and made a commitment to God, which I have never regretted, as it has given me strength through many bad times and is still doing so. I will never forget this course or my very dear friend for opening my eyes.

I hope these testimonies will encourage us to invite people to our Alpha Courses.

Dorothy Firth.



Crispy Topped Chicken

4 chicken joints 4oz Cheddar cheese
1 clove garlic, crushed with ½ tsp. salt
1 pkt plain crisps - crushed

Freshly ground pepper ½ tsp. dried tarragon
½ tbsp. dried parsley oil

Mix together crisps, garlic, parsley, tarragon, cheese and pepper. Brush the chicken joints with oil and coat with the other ingredients (pour any remaining over when the chicken is in the casserole dish). Bake in oiled casserole dish for 45 minutes to our hour 180°C/350°F/Gas 4 until chicken is tender. Serve with potatoes and a green vegetable or salad.

Erica Hillman

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SAINT JOHN CHRYSOSTOM



Orthodox icon depicting Saint John

Family history is an increasingly popular hobby. There is something in many of us which is fascinated by our roots and background. In a similar way it is a healthy thing to be aware of the "family history" within the church, and to encounter Christians of great influence from the past. One such is John Chrysostom. He was born in 347 in Antioch, in Syria. Seventeen years prior to that, the emperor Constantine had inaugurated the city of Constantinople. It seems, too, that Constantine proclaimed the Christian faith as the official faith of the Roman Empire. He certainly took great interest in the internal affairs of the church, and linked them with the official business of the empire. It was at

this time, too, that the division of the Roman Empire into eastern and western sections was approaching. With it came the division of the church, with the western section taking its lead from the Pope, as Bishop of Rome, and the eastern developing into the Eastern and other Orthodox expressions of the faith today. In this, the Patriarch (or bishop) of Constantinople was the most important office.

Although his parents wanted him to pursue a career in law, after his conversion, and baptism at age of 23, Chrysostom chose to dedicate his life to serve His Saviour, within the life and ministry of the church. For some years he remained at home to care for his widowed mother, but in 374 entered a monastery. Here he relished in the simplicity of life-style, ordered rhythm of the day, and pervading sense of joy which he found there. Life was simple in the extreme. A diet very largely of bread and water, straw mattresses and hair shirts were the norm.

This was his life until 381. During this time he developed as a scholar and preacher, his views on the evils of luxury and sexual laxity hardened, and he gained a reputation as a teacher and preacher. In fact the nick-name "John the golden-mouthed" was earned at this time, and was to remain with him.

From 386 he was appointed by the bishop of Antioch, Flavian, to serve as a leader in the church in that city. His impact was immense, as he spoke fearlessly about the poor level of nominal faith which he found there. It was here, too, that his preaching gift flourished. There still remain copies of many of his expository sermons, on a large number of books of the Bible from this time, which established him as one of the foundational, and great, expositors of Scripture. His gift was in seeing the spiritual meaning of the text, and making direct practical application for the hearer - the heart of good preaching in any age!

In 398, reluctantly, he was made patriarch of Constantinople. He was appalled at the luxury, moral weakness and corruption of the imperial court, and the church, which he found there. As was his custom he spoke out fearlessly and bluntly against these things. He also sought to share the gospel with the barbarian Gothic tribes, who were becoming numerous in the city. He had

part of the Bible translated for them, and preached himself, via translation, fairly regularly to groups of Goths.

Initially his strong personality (at times seen as irritable and intolerant) and powerful oratory made him popular, even with Eudoxia, the empress, and most powerful figure in Constantinople. However, his blunt speaking, which she often took (correctly) to be directed at her, soon meant that she set her face against him. Here really were shades of the reaction that John the Baptist received in the royal court at the time of Jesus.

John practised what he preached. He emptied the bishop's palace of all its costly plate and furniture, and sold it to give to the poor. The life-style of his household was monastic in simplicity. Lavish dinner parties were a thing of the past. He put an end to celibate clergy living under the same roof as "spiritual sisters" and he urged the wealthy citizens to give generously to charitable causes.

All this meant that he made enemies in the church, as well as the imperial court. In 401, at the request of the clergy of Ephesus, he visited that city to conduct a synod. During this he deposed six bishops, who had been busy selling church positions, or promoting their relatives. His enemies pounced and he was accused of exercising his authority outside his diocese. His first sermon back in Constantinople referred to Jezebel in such a way that Eudoxia took great offence. Many of the people of the city supported him. So did the western church, but he was deposed from his office as bishop, and exiled from the city. Initially he went to Antioch, but was then chased out of there and forced to travel on foot, in harsh weather, with failing health. It was deliberate. He died because of this in the city of Commene on 13th. Sept (the day on which he is remembered) 407. His final words were, "Glory be to God for all things."

Thirty years later, Eudoxia's son, emperor Theodosius II, under pressure from the church, restored John to official favour, and allowed his coffin to be returned to the city.

In the eastern church there is a liturgy that bears his name. In the 1662 Prayer Book there is a prayer at the end of Matins and



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Evensong that bears his name. It is probable that neither of these items are directly connected with him. However, that they are named after him indicate his concern for worship, and his influence in his day, and since, for its conduct. His book "On the priesthood" was a very important one, both for the personal life and conduct of the Christian minister, and his leading of worship.

Apart from his own personal character, and fearless approach to the sins he saw around him, "John the golden-mouth" is chiefly remembered for his preaching and exposition of scripture. When tempted by the devil, Jesus quoted the Old Testament, and said "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." John Chrysostom did much to enable people to hear and respond to that word in his day. He is a founding father in the Christian family. We, too, need to hear and obey God's word. We need those who are able to help us to do so more fully. We need to pray for those whose task it is to do that - so that they may share in the clarity and boldness that God blessed John with so abundantly. David Rhodes

SEPTEMBER 11TH – REFLECTIONS FROM AMERICA.

Many of you have heard that question. "Where was God on September 11th? I know where my God was that morning and He was very busy.

He was trying to discourage anyone from taking those flights. There were only 266 aboard those flights, with a capacity for 1,000.

He was giving terrified passengers the ability to stay calm, none of the family members who were called from those planes mentioned passengers screaming in the background, on one flight He was giving strength to passengers to try to overcome the hijackers.

He was busy trying to create obstacles for employees at the World Trade Centre, the buildings held 50,000 workers but only 2,000 were there when the first jet hit. How many of those who worked there told of having traffic delays or being late for work. He was holding up two 110 storey buildings so that 2/3 of the workers could get out, the top of the towers didn't topple when the jets impacted and when they did fall they fell inwards.

God didn't allow them to topple over, as many more lives would have been lost and when the buildings went down, my God picked up almost 6,000 of his children and carried them home with Him, reassuring them that the worst was over and the best was yet to come.

Then He sat down and cried that 19 of His children had so much hate in their hearts and are now lost forever. So, when anyone asks you "Where was your God on September 11th? You can say, "Everywhere".

Dorothy Firth

Why is it that when we talk to God, we're said to be praying, but when God talks to us, we're schizophrenic?

Lily Tomlin

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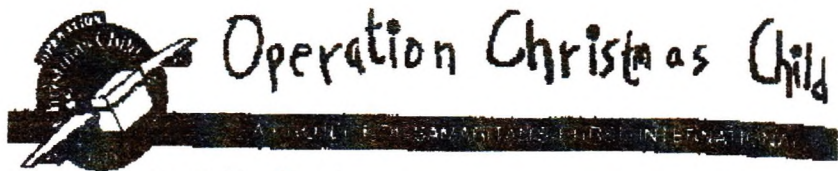
I used to regularly attend All Saints' Church, Totley until such time as I was stricken down by a stroke and therefore have virtually not attended for the past three years. I am immobile and confined to the house, but would like to take this opportunity of expressing my very sincere thanks and appreciation to all those members of the congregation who have visited me over this period of time. Their friendship and kindness is a great help and much appreciated.

Joyce Jackson

Test your Bible skills !

Can you find the names of 25 books of the Bible in this paragraph ? This is a most remarkable puzzle. Someone found it in the seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, keeping himself occupied for hours. One man from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Roy Clark studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Vicks mentioned it in her column once. One woman judges the job to be so involving, she brews a cup of tea to help calm her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot ... that's fact. Some people will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. The truth is, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have. Those able to find all of them will hear great lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation may help, books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. And punctuation or spaces in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete. Remember, there are 25 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in this paragraph.

This puzzle was sent to Joan Nixon by friends in the USA. There is only one "American bit". Joan has completed the puzzle. Answers next month !



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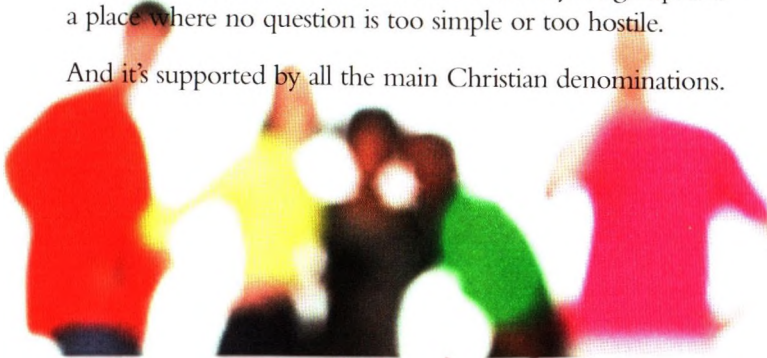
The Alpha course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith.

It's relaxed, non-threatening, low key, friendly and fun.

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Listen, learn, discuss and discover. And ask anything. Alpha is a place where no question is too simple or too hostile.

And it's supported by all the main Christian denominations.



What's involved?

The Alpha course consists of a series of talks looking at topics such as 'Who is Jesus?' and 'Why and how do I pray?' After each talk we divide into small groups for a time of discussion.

Who is Alpha for?

Alpha is for everyone, especially:

- Those wanting to investigate Christianity
- New Christians
- Newcomers to the church
- Those who want to brush up on the basics

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By Michael Dawney

Clues

Across

- 1 Spanish coin (6)
- 4 Of the pope (5)
- 9 Letter (7)
- 10 Clothing worn by some Jews when praying (5)
- 11 Raising the bread and wine in the R C mass (9)
- 12 Aversion (4)
- 13 Foreign (5)
- 16 Part of new testament (4)
- 19 Cathedral musician (9)
- 21 Belief (5)
- 22 Christ was an in the desert (7)
- 23 Church official (5)
- 24 American Indian emblems (6)

Down

- 1 Spread God's word (6)
- 2 Person of the holy trinity (6)
- 3 Payment to the church (5)
- 5 Withhold (7)
- 6 Like the first man (6)
- 7 Blessing (11)
- 8 Large South African antelope (5)
- 13 Salt formed by combining acid with a base (7)
- 14 Kind of lyric poem (5)
- 15 Dorsal (6)
- 17 Assistant priest (6)
- 18 Floods (6)
- 20 Relationship in quantity between one thing and another (5)

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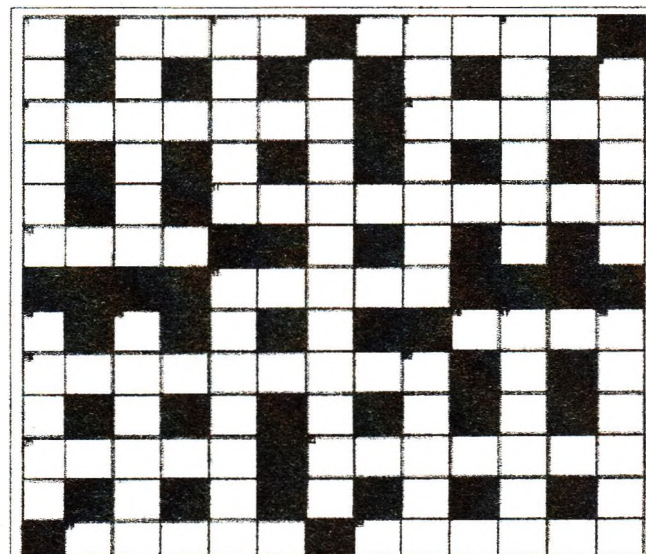
All Saints' Ladies Club

September 2002

Our first meeting after the summer holiday will be on the 17th when Mr. Greetham will talk about the Historic Halls of Holmesfield.

The meeting will begin at 7.30 p.m. in the Church Hall and you are welcome to join us.

Meetings are held in the Church Hall on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the month. In October we will welcome Mr. Coles from Unicef and Mrs. Redfern who will talk about the healing power of crystals and bring Blue John jewellery for sale - just in time for Christmas presents !



Quiet Time by Susan Lenzkes

It's all right
questions, pain and
stabbing anger
can be poured out to
The Infinite One and
He will not be damaged.

Our wounded ragings will be
lost in Him and
we
will
be
found.

For we beat on His chest
from within
the circle of His arms.

*Taken from "When life takes what matters".
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Answers to Crossword

Across

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11 Elevation	22 Outcast	6 Adamic	17 Curate
12 Hate	23 Elder	7 Benediction	18 Spates
	24 Totems		20 Ratio

Harvest Bring and Share Lunch

Sunday 6th October

Harvest Service 10.00 a.m.

**Lunch
approx. 12 noon**

Everyone Welcome !



Ouch !

Patient: Doctor, doctor, do you think I have a serious disease ? When I touch my head, it hurts. When I touch my arm, it hurts. When I touch my leg, it hurts.

Doctor: No. You have a broken finger !

From the Editor

Lots to read this month !

A variety of items, many of them *Alpha* related which is so appropriate at the

beginning of our new Autumn programme. Ric Gray is look-

ing forward to a good response and the 'suppers' in local homes will set the scene in late September.

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The Day of Prayer on Tuesday 9th July gave many people an opportunity to direct their prayers in an ordered timescale. Derek, my husband, got up at

3.00 a.m. unaided (not like most mornings !) and we prayed together for the named ladies and anyone in similar circumstances. We prayed that they may have strength to deal with their health problems.

Miraculously, Heather, my daughter, began her five week improvement the very next day. She had a short walk in the sun today !

I hope the reproduction of the above picture is reasonable (I'm never quite sure what the Riso printer will make of my photographs !). My two companions are our dogs, Jack and Charlie.

Jeanne



Profound - some words of encouragement

I asked God to take away my pain.

God said, No.

It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.

God said, No.

His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience.

God said, No.

Patience is a byproduct of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness.

God said, No.

I give you blessings. Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain.

God said, No.

Suffering draws you apart from the worldly cares and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.

God said, No.

You must grow on your own, but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.

God said, No.

I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things.

I ask God to help LOVE others as much as He loves me.

God said. . . Ahhhh, finally you have the idea.

THIS DAY IS YOURS, DON'T THROW IT AWAY.

May God Bless You.

This is an copy of an e-mail sent to Claudine by her son who works for BA.

Christian Aid

I would like to thank you and All Saints' Church for raising £1359.68 towards this year's Christian Aid Week collection. Last year's Week was a record for us in Sheffield when £77,000 was raised. Unfortunately, despite your efforts, the overall collection in the city this year will definitely be down on last year's record sum. It is difficult to see at first glance why a majority of churches should have shown a reduction, though I suspect that lack of collectors is probably one of the reasons. However, it is people like you who are in the position to know better than I am. So, if you can identify one or more reasons why the collection has been less successful, I would be glad to hear from you. Even better would be ideas of how to deal with the problem!

It is more encouraging that, despite this, you have been able to increase the amount raised, yet again. I was talking to Dr. Daleep Mukarji, our Director, recently and he said that he knew that, one year, there would be a fall in the funds raised. I am sure that he has to be right, but I am so glad that your church has maintained the upward trend of recent years. This is not because this gives either of us a sense of achievement, though it probably does (and should), but because the needs of the poor are so acute in so many parts of the world. This shows no signs of diminishing. Christian Aid is primarily about people, not money. And the first groups upon whom we depend are our volunteer church representatives and their teams of collectors: the total of all these people is about 300,000, I am told. I am continually amazed by the commitment which Sheffield people display and am most

grateful to those from your church who have gone out collecting for us. I know it isn't an easy job!

Whenever I meet people from the developing world, the impression I am often left with is not of their weakness, but of their strength. When fighting against great odds, one has to be strong. This is true of the poor themselves, who often have to rise above disappointment after disappointment. Take rural people in a country like Malawi at present, for example. Here a deadly combination of drought and floods have ruined maize harvests, yet they still plant in hopes of a better harvest next time. Christian Aid has recently given £53,000 to churches so they can supply seed packs to farmers to plant for an extra winter crop. This, hopefully, will allow them to support themselves rather than becoming reliant on food aid.

Then our partners, local people who work with us in their own poor communities, are often quite remarkable people. This summer I met Janet from Ghana. She does such amazing things! Such as meeting rebel groups in Sierra Leone to assist the peace process there or setting up education schemes to combat the spread of HIV/AIDS in her own country.

Your donation is supporting both people like her, community leaders and also giving desperately needed assistance to those on the margins of existence, as the subsistence farmers I describe. Thank you for your support. Yours sincerely, Richard Buckley, Area Co-ordinator, South and East Yorkshire



HILDEGARD of BINGEN

- Hildegard was born in Germany in 1098 and at a very early age she dedicated her life to God by becoming a nun. She lived to be 80, a great age for that time and is best known today for her songs and poems. It seems quite amazing that an elderly nun who lived nearly a thousand years ago could write words that are on a CD that you can buy today – not quite Top of the Pops but in all the bigger record shops!



- Hildegard wrote that she wanted to be 'a feather on the breath of God', to move as He wanted rather than as she wanted. When we say the Lord's Prayer we say 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done' we follow Hildegard in asking to be shown what to do, which way to go. Not like a feather blown about by the wind, but one blown on the breath of God.

By Angela Webb

BIRD WORDS

Can you find all these words about birds and feathers? The words go up, down, backwards, forwards and diagonally.

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raven * robin * skylark * tern *
wren *

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How could your cat get a prize in a
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He ate the prize canary.

What bird is always
out of breath?

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This is the title of a little booklet which is freely available at the back of the church. It contains evidence from several members of All Saints' congregation that God hears our prayers. Do read it and judge for yourself! We hope to produce an update or a second edition in due course.

It is very good that we can encourage each other to persevere with our prayers and also it is a good witness to others who may be wondering what is the point of prayer anyway. Let me have your contribution soon, please.

Maurice Snowden



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Oh Lord, You're so good to me
Treat me with sympathy
How can I but worship and praise only You?

And now You are pouring into my life
With infinite love and sacrifice
Your greatness and mercy sustaining me through.

So with joy You enfold me
With rapture allow me to be
With the Father of Heaven who's making me new.

So Lord I will sing Your praise
The rest of my living days
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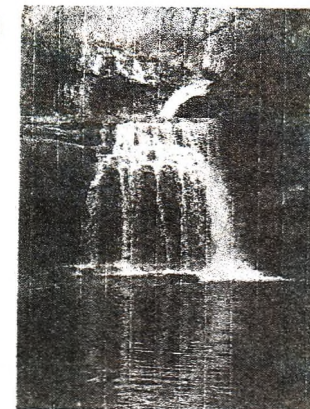
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Our vicar received the following letter, earlier this year.

Dear David,

I was brought up in Totley, baptised and confirmed in All Saints.
Last December I came home for the weekend after many years away. It
was an emotional reunion with my past. I had such a wonderful happy
childhood on Green Oak Road. Mum, Mavis Bellamy, was a lovely, lovely
lady and Dad, Don Bellamy, was a brilliant Dad.
I visited the church to relive the memories and was so fortunate that Derek
Maltby let me have a tearful look round (sorry Derek, you know how soggy
some of us women are).

He said you are running Alpha courses. I was on one at the time and
wondered if you would like to have a read of my article (I'm really pleased
with it!). The Alpha course helped me so much. I'm now a new regular at
our village church!

Please send my love to anyone in Totley who remembers our family, my
sister Pat and brother Dave both live in Canada, and I do pray that Totley All
Saints' Church fills to the brim with the Alpha Courses you are organising!
Kind regards,

Sue Baker (4 Cliff Terrace, Portreath, Cornwall TR16 4LE)

the article referred to in the letter can be found overleaf>

"I have discovered an excitement in life and inner peace" writes Sue Baker.

I remember being unwillingly dragged along to church in my best camel coat and brown lace-up shoes. I was baptised and brought up with church in my life. As a teenager I decided to go through with the confirmation "just in case". I didn't want to take any chances, it might all be true, this stuff that the vicar and my mum were telling me ! Then Harry the Hormones kicked in with terrifying ferocity and I grew away from family and church. I was grown up, old enough to manage my life on my own. College, work, fun, fun, fun took over my life. I spurned religion of any kind.

Ten years later, when I was 26, Mum died. The bottom fell out of my world. Like a dog on a walk, I started to "sniff" around the peripheries of religion in general. Occasionally attending a service. Visiting some of the many beautiful places of worship and finding comfort there.

Observing other religions. Dad moved abroad to be with my sister. Brother went too. Life moves on.

Grandma died. I sniffed around again. I kept being "nudged" towards the church, however much I pushed it away. It was nonsense, I did not need it.

I started to trot around the peripheries again "sniff, sniff" ! I married. My first child was born. Something kept calling me to church. I kept pushing it away. "Trust in the Lord" my doctor, Sarah Archer said one day. "Trust in the Lord" ! Huh, my doctor's lost the plot, what on earth has the Lord to do with medical matters ! I crossly shouted to a close friend. My dad died. My second child was born. The nudging, the sniffing became stronger. The doctor became a vicar. The questions started. A doctor turning to Christ ? What did she know that I did not ? Then her face appeared in my 'Good Housekeeping' magazine, she must REALLY be in the know ! What DID she know that I did not ? In troubled times I sought the advice of Sarah, the curate in Portreath, feeling her answers may be the ones I was seeking. I visited St. Mary's. I moved to a village to be closer. Sarah said it would be a good church for me to attend. I made a New Year's Resolution to go once a month, however the 9.45 a.m. on a Sunday was the time I made my bacon sandwiches. It was just too difficult to go.

Again, I sought out the Rector, Mike, when I had a problem. No pressure to attend his church, just sound advice. "Sorry, I just am unable to get to church on a Sunday with the boys to care for", was my



Alpha

feeble excuse.

I was invited out on some ladies nights organised by some lovely ladies in the village. The evenings were wonderful, the people so kind and happy.

January 2001. An article in the paper about the Alpha Courses caught my interest. "If ever such a course were run down here in Cornwall I'd love to go, to find out more," I thought to myself. "That's never going to happen down here."

The boys went to the church holiday club in the summer, run by some wonderful people who all seemed so happy. What did they know that I did not ?

A leaflet at the back of the church caught my eye. THE ALPHA COURSE IN PORTREATH !!!! Wow ! I HAD to go.

It was being held in the local pub which made it sound even better ! Maybe I would get some answers and all this sniffing the shrubbery would stop ! No wonder my hair was always a mess ! One big problem. I needed a babysitter. No excuse this time ! One of the young men from church kindly volunteered.

I thought I'd find out more about religion, why Mum followed this road in her life and how it could help me. I have. Yet I have found far more. About Jesus, my faith, how to read the Bible, how to pray, the Holy Spirit, how resist evil, healing.

I have discovered an excitement in life, inner peace, a sanctuary in the place of worship. Many wonderful, wholesome people. Now I'm even singing and learning the clarinet.

I am home. After a long time away (30 years in fact).

Sometimes along the road, the nudging to go to church became to strong that it was like a shove. The bacon sandwiches are now a Saturday thing !

And thank goodness, the sniffing in the bushes has stopped !!!

I realise that I am at the start of a long journey, in my relationship with Christ.

Thank you to those who organised and ran the Alpha course and to the wonderful people I have had the pleasure of meeting in my short time at St. Mary's.

Vicar is on vacation.

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29th September 29th 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 29th September 2002

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: July Alice Sarah Fletcher
of 5 The Grove, Totley

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

September 10th	Ellie Rose Gayle
September 10th	Adam Craig Young
September 12th	Hattie Maud Gray

WEDDINGS: July 26th Ian Kent of Liverpool
to Elizabeth Powell
of Totley Brook Road
Aug. 16th Jonathan Ensor Plews
to Rhiannon Nerys Evans
both of Totley

MEMORIAL SERVICE: June 27th Enid Felicity Brannan

The next Memorial Service will be held on 29th September 2002.

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SEPTEMBER FLOWER LIST

	Altar	Memory Table
1st	Ladies Club	
8th	Mrs. Firth	Mrs. Gray
15th	Mrs. Holding	Mrs. Parr
22nd	Mrs. Filleul	
29th	Mrs. A. Waite	Mrs. Beeley

September 2002 Diary Dates

Mon.	2nd	Contemplative Prayer Group 1 Quarry Road 2.45 p.m.
Mon.	2nd	Standing Committee Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
Wed.	4th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Thurs.	5th	Training (Alpha) for small group leaders and helpers Lounge 7.30 p.m.
Sat.	7th	Prayer for Cell Group Leaders 8.00 a.m.
Sat.	7th	Totley Show Totley Primary School 2.00 p.m.
Sun.	8th	Vision Group Vicarage 6.00 p.m.
Sun.	8th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 - 8.30 p.m.
Mon.	9th	P.C.C. meeting Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m.
Tues.	10th	Journeying On 12 Marstone Crescent 8.00 p.m.
Wed.	11th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Thurs.	12th	Toddler Praise Hall 10.00 a.m.
Thurs.	12th	Alpha Prayer Initiative and Worship Meeting Church 7.30 p.m.
Mon.	16th	Cell Leaders Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
Mon.	16th	Contemplative Prayer Group 1 Quarry Road 2.45 p.m.
Tues.	17th	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	18th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Thurs.	19th	Training (Alpha) session for small group leaders and helpers 7.30 p.m.
Mon.	23rd	Last day for items for the magazine
Mon.	23rd	Alpha suppers begin this week in various homes
Tues.	24th	Martha and Mary Group Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m.
Sun.	22nd	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 - 8.30 p.m.
Wed.	25th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.
Fri.	27th	MacMillan Coffee Morning Church Hall 10.00-12.00 noon
Sat.	28th	Prayer Breakfast 8.00 a.m. followed by working day 10.00 a.m.
Mon.	30th	Collation of the magazine from 9.30 a.m.
Mon.	30th	Contemplative Prayer Group 1 Quarry Road 2.45 p.m.

October
Sun. 6th Harvest Service followed by Bring and Share Lunch

Sayings for Stillness

"Do not be afraid; only have faith".

(Mark 5 : 36)

Final Date : Items for October 2002: 23rd September 2002

ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL

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Heather Johnson 235 0978
The Alive Gang (5-early teens)
Sally Rhodes 236 2322
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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)
Ann Ruthven 236 8643
- Wed'day:** 10.00 a.m. Parent & Toddler Group
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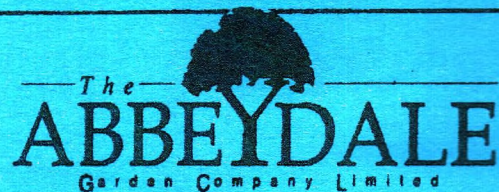
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From the Vicarage



Dear friends

In the last issue of the magazine there was no vicar's letter. This was not because one was not written, it was on account of modern communication. The letter was produced on my computer and emailed to Jeanne, the editor's. On this occasion there was a technical hitch, and it disappeared into cyberspace, with neither of us being aware of that!

That is just one tiny example of the information and communication explosion that has happened to us in the last two decades or so. On my recent visit to rural Kenya, instant communication with a dozen or so people back in the UK was available by going to the nearest town and visiting the email shop. Soon after my return the phone rang. It was Pastor David from Kenya, speaking to me miles away from any source of electricity or phone lines, using a mobile. We see live TV reports from the most remote and disrupted areas of the world, by means of satellite telephone. I entered "modern communication" in my search engine on the Internet. Within .19 of a second it found 4,100 sites that

I could visit relating to that subject.

We have never had as much information at our finger tips. We have never had such instant, speedy and sophisticated means of accessing information and making verbal and visual contact with one another. But information and communication are very different from wisdom and relationship. And it would seem that the former does not necessarily lead to the latter.

Whilst the technology races ahead, daily, the need for, and the search for wisdom to live by, to understand the human condition by, and to die by remains as urgent as ever. Whilst the quantity of information available to us is utterly bewildering, we live in a society where it seems that our ability to forge and sustain relationships of love, loyalty and perseverance is declining all the time.

Much of this, I believe, is because our culture (and that includes modern means of communication, and the way we use it) has become increasingly "me" focused. What counts is my satisfaction, my pleasure or convenience, protection and provision for my family, and the size of my bank balance. We are encouraged to sue somebody else if something unfortunate happens to us, no matter how careless or irresponsible we may have been. Morality may be presented as a matter of personal choice or preference, rather than something absolute to which we may aspire. Life is cheapened if it inconveniences us or does not suit our wishes, as we live in a world of frequent abortion, recurring discussion of euthanasia, and at the other end the creation of designer babies for us, no matter what may be our age or personal circumstances.

And so we could go on.

Three thousand years ago, the Psalmist wrote that "the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." Not, I think, a craven, cowering fear, but a healthy respect, awe and inspiration. Wisdom for life comes from our relationship with God, by Jesus Christ, and how He moulds our thinking, feeling and decision-making. We can say the same about wisdom for understanding our world and the people we encounter. And the same about a wisdom to approach death by. It was true when it was written, and remains just as true today. The modern IT explosion does not effect that. What it may do is give us fresh ways of communicating and sharing that wisdom. It can never replace it.

So whether we are young or old, computer whiz-kids or think a mouse can be no more than a small animal, pursue wisdom. Solomon wrote "Wisdom is supreme, therefore get wisdom. Though it cost all you have, get understanding."

I hope this letter makes it through cyberspace
With all best wishes



School-boy Howlers

The last verses of Mark's Gospel were written later by a unanimous person.



Services in October

6th Trinity 19

Theme: Harvest Festival

- 10.00 a.m. Joint Celebration followed by Holy Communion at 11.45 a.m.
- 3.30 p.m. Holy Communion at the Cheshire Home
- 6.30 p.m. **No Evening Service**

9th Wednesday Service

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

13th Trinity 20

Theme: You can't 'outgive' God

- 9.30 a.m. Family Holy Communion
- 11.15 a.m. Morning Prayer (**Note: this is not the usual week**)
- 3.00 p.m. Informal Service at Green Oak View
- 7.30 p.m. Healing in Today's World - Inner Healing.

16th Wednesday Service

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

20th Trinity 21

Theme: Praise God from whom all blessings flow

- 9.30 a.m. Baptism Service
- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 3.30 p.m. Informal Service at the Cheshire Home
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

23rd Wednesday Service

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

27th Last Sunday after Trinity

Theme: Commitment Sunday

- 9.30 a.m. All Ages All Together
- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

30th Wednesday Service

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

Youth Work News for S17 Churches

One year on

It has flown by, but I have finished my first year here as Christian youth worker in Sheffield 17.

I didn't know what to expect or how the year would go, but I am very happy with what the youth project has achieved. I am really looking forward to this year and seeing what else God is doing in our community to support and care for our young people.

What happened over the summer ?

We all had a great day in July when young people from all of the established churches went on a bike ride together around the Ladybower Reservoir. We cycled (and at times walked) 18 miles on a beautiful day. The worst aspect of the ride was the midges that decided to do an 18 mile flight around the reservoir - attached to me !

We had another great afternoon in July when a group of young people from The Bridge went bowling. It was lovely to see good behaviour and well-mannered youngsters and they certainly enjoyed hurling those balls down the lane !

A lesson Learnt !

The other evening I had a knock on the door by a group of young people I know. I invited them in and got them all a cup of tea. I was conscious that I had left my wallet on the table and feared that someone may decide to take it. After they had gone I happily saw that my wallet was still safe on the table ! However, they stayed about an hour and in that time I unlocked the

balcony door for them to go out and have a cigarette. It was only when I went to lock the balcony door again I realised that my keys were missing. After 20 minutes of looking for them I was certain the youth had stolen them. I angrily went out to one of the houses and asked if they had my keys. They emphatically said no. I didn't believe them but could do no more at this time, so I went back home thinking about telling parents or even the police. As I sat down I had one last feel between the cushion and the chair and really pushed my hand down to ...find the keys !

I learned a valuable lesson that evening. Not all young people who live in dysfunctional homes are criminals. Many are very nice people who need just that bit more patience and love.

Matt Conant

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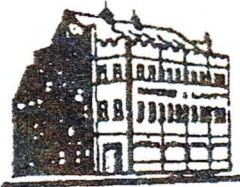
Unfortunately, the St. John's Ambulance Brigade no longer have a need for used silver paper. I am therefore unable to collect it any more. The brigade send their thanks for the many years you have made donations in this way.

If you still want to save silver paper for a good cause, I understand that the RSPCA will accept it at their charity shop at 472 Ecclesall Road (almost opposite the Berkley Precinct). They are open Monday to Saturday from 9.30 a.m. until 4.30 p.m. except Thursday when the opening hours are 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

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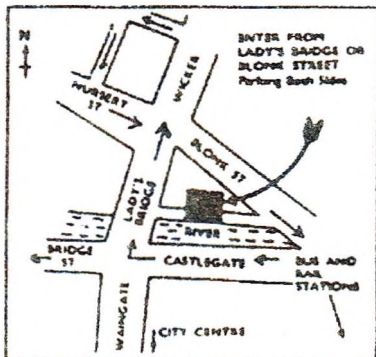
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PCC Update

There was a lot of good news heard at the September meeting of the PCC.

Firstly: the replacement of the church hall roof has been completed and the work men have now removed all their equipment and left the site. There was a discussion about the replacement of the guttering and covers to prevent leaves accumulating, which it is hoped will also soon be completed. The hall will then be ready to withstand all the wind and rain of Autumn and Winter!

Secondly: a member from the Vision group shared some of their thoughts about future developments. This includes plans for a Mission in 2004, using 2003 to prepare, looking at ministry to men and ideas for teaching parenting skills.

Thirdly: David has received greetings, via e-mail, from Patrick who acted as the translator for David's group when they visited Kenya and we also heard about a lady pastor's work in India. It is good to hear news from other parts of the world.

Other items discussed included a proposal from the Out of School Club and a resolution from the Diocesan Synod in which all churches are reminded of the need for conservation and sustainability. This prompted a discussion on "green issues".

Jane Lawry
PCC Secretary.

A Prayer

May the good Lord always bless you
Keep you ever in His care
And if you have a problem
May you always find him there
May His mighty strength empower you
He His love now to you give
May His soothing peace enfold you
As to others you now give.

Vivien



A Prayer

*King of Kings
Lord of Lords
JESUS our friend*

*Thank you for your kindness
Thank you for your forgiveness
of all our sins*

*Now we all are cleansed
We all shout and sing
Thank you Lord for all you do
And being our King.*

Christine Scott



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thus saved, to a charity.

More details next month !

More Christian Aid

The usual opportunities to purchase Christian
Aid Christmas Cards and Traidcraft products
will be provided in the Church Hall after the
9.30 a.m. services at both ends of
One World Week
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Finally - The Truth on National TV



Billy Graham's daughter was being interviewed on the Early Show (a well-known U.S. TV show) and Jane Clayson asked her, "How could God let something like this (September 11th) happen?" Anne Graham gave an extremely profound and insightful response.

"I believe that God is deeply saddened by this, just as we are, but for years we've been telling God to get out of our schools, to get out of our government and to get out of our lives. And being the gentleman He is, I believe that He has calmly backed out. How can we expect God to give us His blessing and protection if we demand that He leaves us alone? In light of recent events, terrorists attacks, school shootings etc. ... Let's see, I think it started when Madeline O'Hara (she was murdered, her body was found recently) complained that she didn't want any prayer in our schools **and we said OK.**

Then someone said you better not read the Bible in school ... the Bible that says You shall not kill, you shall not steal and love your neighbour as yourself. **And we said OK.**

Then, Dr. Benjamin Spock said we shouldn't spank our children when they misbehave because their little personalities would be warped and we might damage their self esteem. (Dr. Spock's son committed suicide)

And we said, an expert should know what he's talking about. **So we said OK.**

Then someone said teachers and principles better not discipline our children when they misbehave. And the school administrators said no faculty member in this school better touch a student when they misbehave because we don't want bad publicity and we surely don't want to be sued. (There's a big difference between disciplining and touching, beating, humiliating, kicking etc). **And we said OK.**

Then someone said, let's let our daughters have abortions if they want and they won't have to tell their parents. **And we said OK.**

Then some of our top elected officials said it doesn't matter what we do in private as long as we do our jobs. And agreeing with them, we said it didn't matter to us what anyone, including the President, does in private as long as we have jobs and the economy is good.

And then someone said let's print magazines with pictures of nude women and call it wholesome, down-to-earth appreciation for the beauty of the female body, **and we said OK.** Someone else took that appreciation a step further and published pictures of nude children and then went further by making them available on the Internet, **and we said OK** they're

entitled to free speech. And then the entertainment industry said, let's make TV shows and movies that promote profanity, violence and illicit sex. And let's record music that encourages rape, drugs, murder, suicide and satanic themes. **And we said, it's just entertainment** - it has no adverse effect and nobody takes it seriously anyway, so go right ahead. Now we're asking ourselves why our children have no conscience, why they don't know right from wrong and why it doesn't bother them to kill strangers, their classmates and themselves. Probably, if we think about it long and hard enough, we can figure it out, I think **it has a great deal to do with 'we reap what we sow'.**

"Dear God,
Why didn't you save the little girl killed in her classroom?

Sincerely,
Concerned Student."

And the reply?

"Dear Concerned Student,
I am not allowed in school.
Sincerely,
God."

Funny how simple it is for people to trash God and then wonder why the world's going to Hell. Funny how we believe what the newspapers say, but question what the Bible says. Funny, how everyone wants to go to heaven provided they do not have to

believe, think, say or do anything the Bible says.

Funny how someone can say, "I believe in God" but still follow Satan who, by the way, also believes in God.

Funny how we are quick to judge but not to be judged.

Funny how you can send a thousand jokes through e-mail and they spread like wild-fire, but when you start sending messages regarding the Lord, people think twice about sharing.

Funny how the lewd, crude, vulgar and obscene pass freely through cyberspace, but the public discussion of God is suppressed in the school and workplace.

Funny how someone can be so fired up for Christ on Sunday, but be an invisible Christian the rest of the week.

Are you laughing?

Funny how I can be more worried about what other people think of me than what God thinks of me.

Are you thinking?

Funny how people won't pass this on as they're not sure what others believe or what they will think of you. But remember if you discard the thought process, then don't sit back and complain about what a bad shape the world is in!

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Dorothy Firth wishes to point out that the article entitled September 11th, Reflections from America, printed in last month's magazine, was provided by her but not written by her.

The things they say

Little girl to mother: 'Mummy do you and Daddy have sexual relations ?'

Mother, caught off guard for a moment, managed a nonchalant admission without seeming too embarrassed. 'Oh yes !' she said, congratulating herself on sounding so cool.

'Then why haven't I ever met any of them ?' the little girl complained.



SOMEONE ELSE'S SHOES

- One of the many stories that Jesus told was about a shepherd separating his flock into different herds of sheep and goats. Jesus explained that there would be a time when he would sit upon his heavenly throne and, like the shepherd, he would separate people into 2 groups, those who had been selfish and those who had cared for others. You can read about this in St Matthew's Gospel, chapter 25, verses 34 to 40.
- There is an old American Indian saying 'Do not judge a person until you have walked a mile in their moccasins' (shoes). Only when we begin to see as others see, feel as they feel, will we be able to understand them and help them.
- When Jesus told us the story about the sheep and the goats he was teaching us to care for others.
- Whatever we do to help someone else we are doing for Jesus – and to do that we have to put ourselves in someone else's shoes.

By Angela Webb

WHOSE SHOE?

The answers to this quiz are all things that are also the name of a type of footwear. So can you say which shoe is...

1. A backwards somersault?
2. A line on a ship?
3. A type of snake?
4. An animal used to carry heavy loads?
5. A dagger?
6. An Irish way of speaking?
7. Part of a car?
8. Where you find a judge?
9. Someone who teaches fitness?
10. Used to move water?



Who was the smallest in the Bible?

He can be found in the Book of Job (more easily if you use a magnifying glass):- Job 2:11 - Bildad the Shuhite (shoe height).

You've got your boots on the wrong feet.

No, these are the only feet I've got.



Answers: 1. flip flop
2. pinnock 3. moccasin
4. mule 5. stiletto 6. brogue
7. boot 8. court 9. trainer
10. pump

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Sylvia Cooke

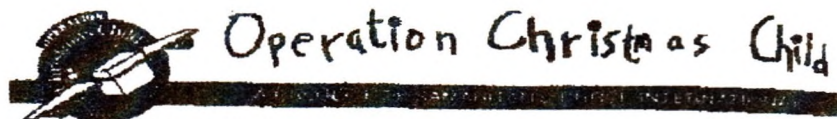
God's Gift

Friendship is a something we all should share
Caring for each other when loved ones
are not there

This gift we have all been given is of
peace, joy and love
Sent to us by our Lord who reigns above.



Christine Scott



Hats and Mittens/Gloves

The Wednesday Care and Share Group are collecting warm hats and mittens to be put in Christmas boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Any knitting patterns can be used but I do have a photo copy of a pattern if needed.

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The November meetings will be on the 5th and
19th when there will be talks about the Amateur
Theatre and 'Horse trams to Supertram'.

WILLIAM TYNDALE

Whatever version we may favour, the availability of the Bible in our own language is a matter we are apt to take for granted. Year on year, the Bible is the best selling book. Many homes have a copy - whether or not it is ever opened ! It has had more influence in our land, and many others, than any other single book . Yet there was a period in our history when its presence and place in our land was very dearly won.

Go back to the sixteenth century, and for most the Bible was a closed book. There had been an attempt to translate portions of it, by John Wycliffe, in the fourteenth century. But this was suppressed by the authorities, and its circulation was limited by the fact that it predated the printing press. In the 1520's the Bible was only really known in the Latin, Vulgate, version, and this was the preserve of the more educated clergy. The opportunity for ordinary people to read (or hear, in an age where many could not read) God's word in language that could be readily understood, was nil. And church, and to a lesser extent, civil authorities were happy with that. After all, there was much in the Bible that may cause people to question teaching and practice within the church and indeed the state.

Enter, William Tyndale.

Drive down the M5 in Gloucestershire, look to your left as you head south, and a prominent monument on a hill-top appears. It commemorates Tyndale, although his origins in Gloucestershire are not crystal clear. He was born around 1494, and after education at both Oxford and Cambridge, became private chaplain and

tutor to Sir John Walsh and his family around 1521. He was already strongly influenced by the reforming ideas that had their origin with Martin Luther. This involved a critical attitude to much abuse in the way church life was conducted, a longing for people to gain their own personal faith, and an understanding that the ability to read or hear God's Word, the Bible, in language that could be understood, was vital to this. While living with the Walsh family he was so outraged by the ignorance of the local clergy that he declared to one, "If God spare my life, ere many years pass I shall cause a boy that driveth the plough shall know more of the Scriptures than thou dost." In the early 1520's, such views were regarded as very dangerous. In 1522 he appeared before the Chancellor of the diocese of Worcester on a charge of heresy. He sought the help of Cuthbert Tunstall, the Bishop of London, in his desire to translate the Bible, but to no avail. So, in 1524, helped by a wealthy merchant, Humphrey Monmouth, he landed in Hamburg under an assumed name. He would never walk on English soil again.

His New Testament translation was already well under way (using a new edition of the Greek New Testament prepared by the Dutch scholar, Erasmus). Once in Germany, he went to compare notes with Luther, who was undertaking a translation into vernacular German, before completing it.

In 1525 it was sent to be printed in Cologne. However, the printer, another reformer who had fled from England, William Roye, spoke too openly about the project. The printing was stopped and the completed

copies destroyed. It was eventually produced in the German town of Worms, and arrived (some copies smuggled in bales of cloth) in this country in 1526.

Official reaction was very hostile. Whilst they could not make an open case against the availability of a Bible in the vernacular, there was much criticism of Tyndale's reforming comments. Archbishop Wareham denounced it. Wolsey demanded Tyndale's arrest as a heretic.



*Portrait of Tyndale,
finger pointing at the New
Testament*

Tyndale went into hiding (probably in Hamburg at first, then moving to Antwerp). He worked on the Old Testament (translating from the original Hebrew), completing translations of seven books, and wrote a number of reforming tracts. Eventually he was betrayed in Antwerp, by an English spy, Henry Phillips. On October 6th 1536 (the day on which he is remembered) he was burnt at the stake, although mercifully, he had been strangled first. His crime? - fulfilling his promise to plough-boys!

His legacy is huge. Subsequent translations have all returned to the original languages. Over the years an increasing number of early Biblical documents have

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been discovered (notably the Dead Sea Scrolls) so that accuracy has improved. However, until the second half of this century, every translation of the New Testament owes a huge debt to Tyndale. 90% of his words appear in the Authorised Version (published right at the start of the seventeenth century) and even in the Revised Standard Version, published in 1946, 75% comes directly from Tyndale.

"The pen is mightier than the sword." Tyndale understood this very clearly, but I am sure even he would be astounded today at the profound impact his costly life and commitment to the Word of God, has had on this and every English-speaking country.

David Rhodes

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From the Editor

Alpha meals will have been enjoyed by the time you read this but there is still time to join the *Alpha* course at our own church starting on Thursday 3rd October. Contact Ric Gray on 236 9204 for details.

My daughter, Heather, has a bed in a special unit at the Hope Hospital in Salford. Although the consultant says he cannot perform miracles, we know he has helped people in Heather's situation to have a life in their own home instead of being permanently in Hospital. We still need your prayers - perhaps for a miracle ? Thank you.

Jeanne

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Churches all over the country are being urged to link their harvest celebrations with support for local food producers this autumn. Posters about British Food Fortnight, which starts on 26th October, are being distributed by Diocesan Communications Officers and clergy are asked to add a plea to support hard-pressed farmers and producers to Harvest Festival service sheets. Special services are planned in some areas which were badly affected by the foot-and-mouth epidemic last year.

"Food production is at the heart of any rural economy," says the Rev. Jeremy Martineau of the Arthur Rank Centre. "It creates a bond between consumers and local producers and invokes pride in the area one lives in. But the onslaught of mass-produced, cheap food has weakened this link. Many of the environmental and animal welfare worries will be lessened if food is not transported too far; if consumers know exactly where and how it was produced; and if there is a close link between the grower, processor, retailer and consumer." Harvest Festivals have traditionally been the time for communities to celebrate this bond. As a nation, we are still a long way from being like the French or Italians whose love of their regional food is ingrained in their national consciousness. But the spread of "farmer's markets" and increasing demand for "real food" are hopeful signs.

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eating British food and, in doing so, help to strengthen local food networks and build awareness that failure to support, especially, producers of small-volume and specialist regional foods, such as cheeses and meats, will result in the loss of many farms and small rural businesses.

Further information about the event can be found on the website:

www.britishfoodfortnight.co.uk

PHILIP BARRON

CELLS - THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF LIFE

All life is built on the basis of cells. As the cells work together, so life flourishes and grows. Where cells don't function properly, then the plant or living being will struggle. This is a principle in other areas too, including the church and so increasingly at All Saints, cell-life is of great importance.

- ♦ They are there to help us grasp and live out the values we hold
- ♦ They are there to help us build healthy, open, loving relationships
- ♦ They are there to help us work through how we apply God's word to our lives in real ways
- ♦ They are there to help us reach out with good news and in love to those around us

There is a network of cells meeting in homes during the week. If you would like to find out more about a specific one, please contact the leader, as shown.

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There will be memorial services on the following date in 2002:

29th 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 29th December 2002

Name to be remembered

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

.....
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Favourite hymn

Please return completed forms to David Rhodes at the Vicarage.

From the Registers



BAPTISM:

8th September
Arthur George Thompson
of Tooty Hall Croft

DEDICATION:

15th September
Ethan James Moody
of The Quadrant

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

8th October Katie May Bosworth
8th October Christopher William Jackson
14th October Samantha Kate Turner
14th October Grace Victoria Hadabora
17th October Lucie Elizabeth Greaves

WEDDINGS:

21st September
Nicholas John Sharp and
Lynda Anne Hunter
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FUNERALS:

None in September

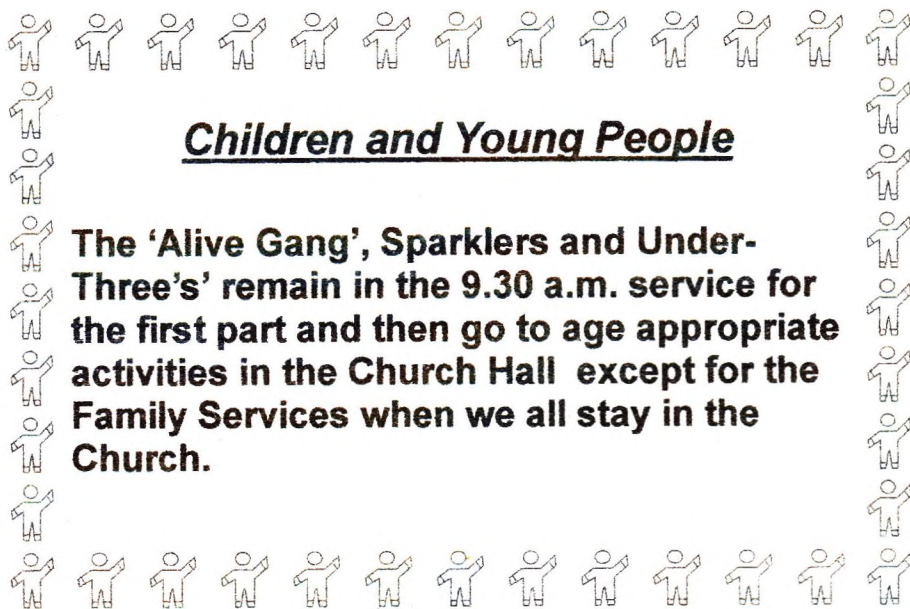
The next Memorial Service will be held on 29th December 2002.

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Children and Young People

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13th	Mrs. B. Waite	Cell Group
20th	Mrs. Ruthven	Cell Group
27th	Mrs. Beeley	Cell Group

October 2002 Diary Dates

Tues.	1st	Journeying On 12 Marstone Crescent 8.00 p.m.
Wed.	2nd	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Thurs.	3rd	Alpha course begins Church Hall 7.30 p.m.
Sat.	5th	Prayer for Cell Group Leaders 8.00 a.m.
Sun.	6th	Harvest Service 10.00 a.m. followed by Lunch at 12.00 noon
Sun.	6th	Training for Asst. Cell Leaders Vicarage 6.30 p.m.
Mon.	7th	Standing Committee Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
Tues.	8th	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	9th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Thurs.	12th	Toddler Praise Hall 10.00 a.m.
Sun.	13th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 - 8.30 p.m.
Mon.	14th	Contemplative Prayer Group 50 Rowan Tree Dell 2.45 p.m.
Mon.	14th	P.C.C. meeting Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m.
Wed.	16th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Sat.	19th	Scout Jumble Sale Aldam Road 11.00 a.m.
Sat.	19th	Working Day 10.00 - 12.00 Church Hall
Sun.	20th	Vision Group Vicarage 6.00 p.m.
Mon.	21st	Group Leaders with their Co-ordinator 8.00 p.m.
Mon.	21st	Last day for items for the magazine
Tues.	22nd	Martha and Mary Group Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m.
Tues.	22nd	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	23rd	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.
Sat.	26th	Prayer Breakfast 8.00 a.m.
Sun.	27th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 - 8.30 p.m.
Mon.	28th	Collation of the magazine from 9.30 a.m.
Mon.	28th	Contemplative Prayer Group 50 Rowan Tree Dell 2.45 p.m.
Wed.	30th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.

Sayings for Stillness

"I will not leave you desolate, I will come to you."

(John 14 : 18)

Final Date : Items for November 2002: October 21st 2002

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Heather Johnson 235 0978
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Sally Rhodes 236 2322
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Monday: 10.00 a.m. Drop in Coffee
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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)
Ann Ruthven 236 8643

Wed'day: 10.00 a.m. Parent & Toddler Group
Vicki Waite 236 6789
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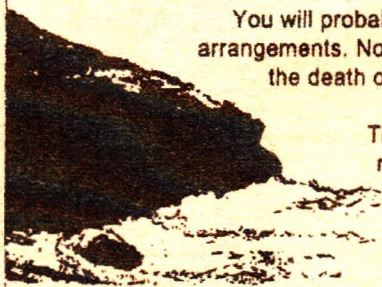
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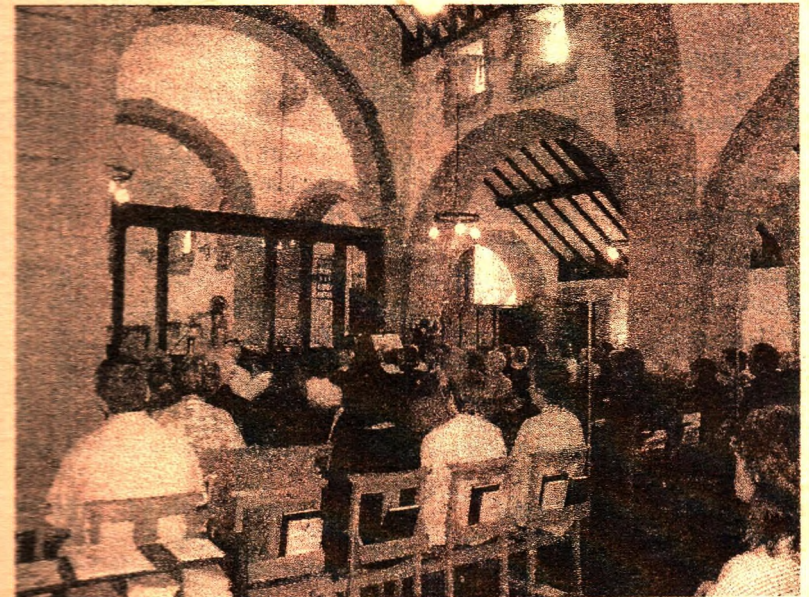
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From the Vicarage



Dear Friends

Scarborough in the Autumn sun can be delightful. The leaves are turning, the sea is placid, it's not too crowded and a stroll up around the castle is just what the doctor ordered. My first memory of Scarborough is very different.

One exciting year we made a longer journey than usual for our annual summer holiday, and came from London, by train, to Scarborough. This was foreign and exciting territory for us. There was a bit more money in the bank, and so we were exploring somewhere new. However, for the first week of our fortnight, we did not see the sea. A sea fret descended, and there it stayed. Mum and Dad never felt quite the same about Scarborough after that. Since then, Sally and I have visited on a number of occasions, and always enjoy doing so. Our recent church weekend was no exception. Around eighty members of All Saints, with family members, were led

for the weekend on the theme of "All you need is love". We were looking at God's love for us, and how that impacts our lives. There was a particular edge to Roger Jones' (who led the weekend) leadership, as he came to us in the wake of a deep personal tragedy. Just a few months earlier, he and his wife Mary had had to attend the funeral of their 22 year old son, Peter.

The weekend's title was, of course, pinched from the Beatles' song. But is it true? If we have love right, will the rest of life fall into place?

The apostle Paul commented that faith, hope and love abide, but that the greatest is love. I wonder if any readers have ever commented, "well, if you've got your health, you can cope with anything else" or words to that effect.

Love is, of course, a fundamental human need. Experiments with babies, where some are cuddled and others are not, have shown that the cuddled ones thrive better. In any social group, no matter what may be other aspects of its culture, the need to love and be loved is always central, albeit expressed in a multitude of different ways. But is it all we need? I believe that if our understanding of love is purely in terms of human relationships, then the answer is, "no." Such love will strengthen us in the face of many of life's deepest challenges. Such love may rescue us from 1001 potential human pitfalls. But it falls short. When we are face to face with God beyond this life, we will need more than that. When we look inside our souls for the purpose of our life here and the meaning we have as individuals on this planet, we

need more than that.

It was the apostle John who wrote, "God is love" and proceeded to talk about confidence on the day of judgement, love driving out fear, and our love springing from God's love for us. Our human love has its limits. God's love for us, embraced, experienced, and then shared, will take us beyond those. And we encounter this loving God in the person of Jesus, for, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life."

For half a holiday, our family got quite the wrong impression of Scarborough, because of the mist. Don't let anything cloud your view of God's glorious love for you, and the transformation that can mean for yourself and those you share it with.

With all best wishes



A clanger ?

The concert held in the Fellowship Hall was a great success. Special thanks are due to the minister's daughter, who laboured the whole evening at the piano, which as usual fell on her.



Services in November

3rd Fourth Sunday before Advent

Theme: Now, whatever does 'All Saints' mean ?

- 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. **No Evening Service**

6th Wednesday Service

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

10th Third Sunday before Advent

Remembrance Sunday

- 9.45 a.m. Joint Service followed by
- 10.45 a.m. Service at the War Memorial
- 3.00 p.m. Informal Service at Green Oak View
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

13th Wednesday Service

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

17th Second Sunday before Advent

Theme: God speaks and I must listen

- 9.30 a.m. All Age All Together
- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 3.30 p.m. Informal Service at the Cheshire Home
- 7.30 p.m. Healing in Today's World - How do we set about it ?

20th Wednesday Service

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

24th Sunday next before Advent

Theme: God speaks - by His Son

- 9.30 a.m. Family Communion
- 11.15 a.m. Morning Prayer
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

27th Wednesday Service

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

Some Statistics for our Thoughts and Prayers

If we could shrink the earth to a village with a population of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, there would be:

- ♦ 57 Asians
- ♦ 21 Europeans
- ♦ 14 from the Western Hemisphere (north and south)
- ♦ 8 Africans
- ♦ 52 would be female
- ♦ 48 would be male
- ♦ 70 would be non-white
- ♦ 30 would be white
- ♦ 70 would be non-Christian
- ♦ 30 would be Christian
- ♦ 6 people would possess 59% of the entire wealth and would be from the United States
- ♦ 80 would live in sub-standard housing
- ♦ 70 would be unable to read
- ♦ 50 would suffer from malnutrition
- ♦ 1 would be near death
- ♦ 1 would be near birth
- ♦ 1 (yes, only 1) would have a college education
- ♦ 1 would own a computer

When we consider our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding and education becomes glaringly apparent.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture or the pangs of starvation—you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

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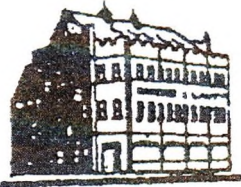
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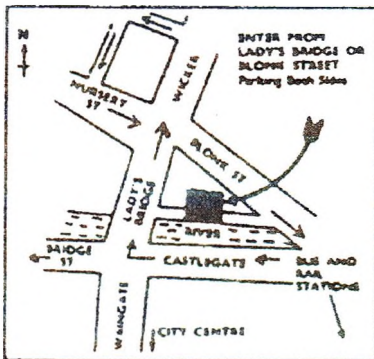


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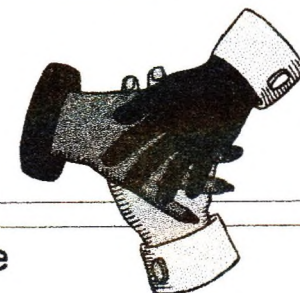


Book up

The teacher explained to her class that Joseph and Mary had to sleep in the stable because there was no room at the inn. A little boy piped up: 'I blame Joseph, Miss. He should have booked in advance like my Dad does.'



Christian Aid



Dear Contributors,

I would like to thank you for the contribution made to the Southern Africa Famine Appeal.

The situation in a belt of countries including Zambia, Zimbabwe and Mozambique first hit the headlines some months ago. I was interested to see however, that a UNICEF worker was highlighting the dangers of a rapid increase in child mortality in the region only recently. This reflects the fact that drought is a long-term problem both because its duration is, by its very nature, indeterminate and because lack of rain causes the failure of harvests and so affects food security.

One country where up to a million people face starvation is Angola, which is an added burden to carry at the end of a civil war which lasted for nearly thirty years. Surely they have suffered enough ! Christian Aid does now have contacts in the country and one of them is distributing buckets, blankets, soap, kitchen utensils, seeds and tools in one of the camps set up for disarmed rebel soldiers.

The government of Angola feeds the soldiers, but they do not have the resources to feed their dependants, hence the need to ensure that a crop is planted this December. So our help is not only to save lives in the short term, but is contributing towards a permanent peace for that country. For obviously, people driven to despair might well be tempted to take up arms again.

Christian Aid has raised well over £1.2 million from this appeal which, together with our share of the national television (DEC) appeal, will enable us to support local people in the long term, as they recover from the drought and some of the other problems affecting individual countries.

Thank you so much for your support

Yours sincerely

Richard Buckley

Area Co-ordinator, South and East Yorkshire.

A further £245 was sent for the Southern Africa Appeal from the collection at our Harvest Giving.

A boy was being encouraged by his teacher to try his hand at some poetry, so he sat down and composed the following rhyme:

A boy was walking down the track
The train was coming fast.
The boy stepped off the railway track
To let the train go past.

'Good', said the teacher, 'but it lacks drama. Try again !'
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'FREE MONEY' FOR YOUR CHARITIES

It surprised me to learn that only one in ten UK donors to charity have so far taken advantage of the Gift Aid scheme to add 28 per cent to the value of their donations at no extra cost to themselves. The Giving Campaign, funded by leading charities and the Government, has been set up to get more of us to use this and other tax-efficient ways of helping good causes.

The big point about Gift Aid is that, unlike the old covenant scheme, it is simple. If you pay tax in the UK, the charities you support can reclaim the basic rate of income tax on any donation you make. All you have to do, just once, is to sign a declaration that you pay tax, and give your name and address. All subsequent donations to that charity will be automatically topped up (and you can back-date the declaration to April 2000).

Research done last year showed that many people confused Gift Aid with Live Aid and Band Aid, and the role of the Inland Revenue in the scheme aroused some suspicion.

Peter Gilheany, a spokesman for the Giving Campaign, told me: "Whenever I explain this to people, when I have explained that there is no catch, that the taxman will not use the scheme to check up on the donor and present them with a new tax bill, and that the charity gets 28 per cent more at no extra cost, their response is usually a variation on, 'Well, it's free money, isn't it?'"

Gift Aid, introduced in 1990, isn't the only way that the Government encourages generosity. If you own shares, you can donate them and claim back full income tax relief. For a higher rate taxpayer, that means a full 40 per cent. So, if the shares are worth £1,000, you can claim back £400. In effect, the donation has cost you only £600. Then there's Payroll Giving; if your employer is signed up to that scheme, you can give every month or make one-off gifts straight from your salary, before tax is deducted. Until April 2003, as an extra incentive, the Government is adding ten per cent to every donation made this way, making a £10 gift worth £11 to the charity.

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Christmas Card

As in previous years, there will be a Christmas card for members of the congregation to sign instead of giving individual cards to each other. This year's card is being designed by Jennifer Booth. It will be available in church from the beginning of December.

The money saved from buying Christmas cards can be placed in an envelope and placed in the box provided as a donation to PACT, which is a charity for Parents and Children with tumours and Leukaemia.

This charity has been chosen by Jennifer.

Better late than never !

For those people waiting for the answer to Joan Nixon's Bible skills puzzle included in September's magazine, here is the list: Amos; Mark; Luke; John; Joel; Judges; Job; Hebrews; Esther; Acts; James; Ruth; Romans; Titus; Matthew; Genesis; Hosea; Lamentations; Revelations; Timothy; Samuel; Numbers; Malachi; Peter; Kings.



Song of Love

Love is winter, Love is summer,
Love is Autumn, Love is spring.
Love is forgiving and for sharing,
Love is the song
GOD placed in our hearts to sing.

Christine Scott

Youth Work News for S17 Churches

Rock Solid

We have been planning this new youth club since February. We have built our team of leaders and ensured we have been adequately trained. We have advertised Rock Solid in the local schools in S17. We have done our risk assessment, our child protection training and worked out our rules.

On September 10th at 7.30 p.m. we opened up our doors to see who of the 11—14 year olds wanted to come. 20 young people came in and we all enjoyed an evening of marshmallow chewing, lemonade drinking and 3 metre long banana split eating ! Since then we have seen a steady intake of youth each week where we are building relationships and sharing the truth of the love of Jesus with them. I hope and pray that this club will continue to be a tool for non-Christian young people in hearing the gospel truth for the foreseeable future.

Sleepover No. 2

Ever since the last sleepover a year ago, the young people have been asking for another one, so it was received well when we announced sleepover No. 2 at the start of this term.

21 youth from the churches in the youth project came and enjoyed a night of football, hockey, play stations, videos, crafts, music, sweets, pop and chat with very little, or in many cases, no sleep. That's what I call an unsuccessful sleepover but a successful 'staying awake-over'.

School work resumes

This new school year brings more opportunity for me to work alongside young people in King Egberts. This year I will be meeting each week with a small group of Christians and those interested in our group called JAM. We will be looking at various Christian issues and discussing them as well as having social time together.

I will be meeting each week with some of the Christian teachers to talk and pray with them about the issues and concerns at school.

I will be spending the day with students supporting them in class and continuing to make close links with the young people.

Meadowhead will be lucky to have 3 youth workers working with them from other churches in S8. I am happy to say that the 4 of us work closely together in networking the youth work in the 2 schools.

Matt Conant

Things they do (say!)

Teacher (answering the phone):

I see - little Johnnie can't come to school today because he's got a fever. To whom am I speaking, please ?

Voice: This is my father.



EYE SEE!

Usually I throw junk mails out as worthless. Inside this particular envelope was the usual offer. If I took it up immediately, they would allow me £40 off. I read on.

'We haven't checked your eyesight for three years,' I read. 'It's time you called for another test.'

My present specs seemed all right. They fitted comfortably, like old slippers. But the firm knew their sales pitch. At least I could have a free checkup. Off I went, to the opticians. I was amazed at the tremendous improvements in modern equipment. My vision, from the back of my eyeballs to my eyesight itself was checked. I remembered how it used to take only half an hour.

This time, it took two whole hours. Nothing was missed out. Then came the final piece of salesmanship. It was time to settle up. Time to pick the most suitable frames and so on. To pay the bill.

I demurred. 'Just a minute,' I complained. 'How do I know that these are any better than my old specs?'

No answer.

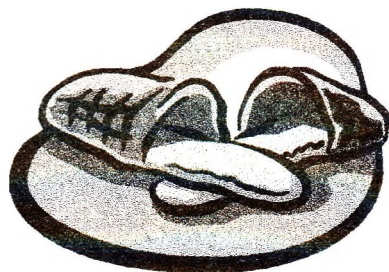
The examiner first asked me to wear my old pair. I could read only the large print. When this was done, he swapped to the new lenses. I was amazed. The whole chart was alive with new words, and I could read them all.

How often do we believe we can see our own way in life? We treat God like that old pair of slippers, leaving Him by the fireside till we need Him.

Paul tells in 1 Corinthians 13 v 12; What we see now is like a dim image in a mirror. (GNB)

Amazing what God has in store for us. But if we only notice the top few lines of His wisdom, look what we're missing.

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A Bishop Joke

A Bishop was preaching in a small country church when a boy began to fidget. After a while, his mother stood up to take him outside.



"It's all right," said the bishop, "he isn't bothering me."

"I know," replied the mother, "but you're bothering him."



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Lord and to those around me by giving
me strength through Your love and of
the Holy Spirit.

This I ask in the name of Jesus Christ.
Amen

Christine Scott

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Dorothy Smith



Operation Christmas Child

Hats and Mittens/Gloves

The Wednesday Care and Share Group are collecting warm hats and mittens to be put in Christmas boxes for Operation Christmas Child. Any knitting patterns can be used but I do have a photo copy of a pattern if needed.

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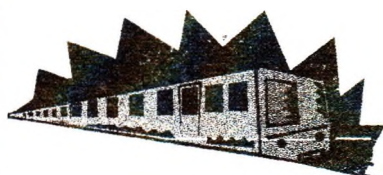
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19th November

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The Christmas Lunch will be on December 10th

Christmas is coming !

'Dear Santa Claus: I wanna put in a new order quick as I found all those things which I asked you for under the spare room bed.'



MacMillan Coffee Morning

On behalf of Ladies Club, I would like to thank all supporters and contributors who helped to raise £205 at our recent coffee morning.



This amount has now been donated to the Horizons Appeal, providing care and support to the terminally ill and their families, based in a new unit at the Northern General Hospital - a very worthwhile cause. Thank you all once again.

Ann Ruthven

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WILLIAM TEMPLE

George Carey's successor will be the 104th Archbishop of Canterbury. It's a role that has carried a huge variety of responsibilities, expectations and religious and political significance since Augustine was the first one in 597. Unlikely, one might think, that a father and son would both occupy the position. However, that has happened. In 1942, William Temple was enthroned (only to survive until 1944). His father, Frederick, had also been archbishop at the end of the previous century. When William was born in 1881, his father was already bishop of Exeter. From there he moved to London, and then Canterbury. William's career was to be very similar. Like his father he shone at Oxford. Frederick had been headmaster of Rugby School, William was for some years headmaster of Repton. As his father progressed through a number of positions in the church, so did William. Having been rector of St. James Piccadilly, he became Bishop of Manchester (1921), Archbishop of York (1929) and finally Archbishop of Canterbury.

So why does Temple deserve to be especially remembered (as he is in the Anglican calendar on 6th. Nov.)? He was a remarkable man in remarkable times. Bishop of Manchester during the general strike of 1926, Archbishop of York during the depressed '30's, and Archbishop of Canterbury for a crucial period of the Second World War, he lived in a vastly turbulent period of our national history. In it all he made a unique contribution both to the life of the nation, and the life of the church as it faced up to the enormous challenges this period presented.

His admirers have been fulsome in their praise. "A philosopher, theologian, social teacher, educational reformer, and the leader of the ecumenical movement of his generation", "the most renowned primate in the Church of England since the English Reformation", and so one could go on. George Bernard Shaw called him, "a realised impossibility."

Despite ill health, his exceptional blend of qualities, were to be used to their full. His first attack of gout was when he was only 2. This plagued him throughout his life. His last public appearance

was at a clergy retreat. He was taken there by ambulance, stood on his one good foot to speak, and was then taken home in the ambulance. He died soon afterwards, on 27th. Oct. 1944. From the age of 40 he was blind in his right eye, through a cataract which he had had since childhood. This, though did not stop his voracious reading appetite, or effect his photographic memory for all that he read.

As a student at Oxford, he was president of the Oxford Union (The university debating society). In this role he was famed for his ability to sum up debates, and clarify opposing points of view. A very special skill, if not designed to generate fiery debate, as often the protagonists ended up agreeing with each other! This ability to draw opposing sides together he was to use in Manchester in the aftermath of the General Strike of 1926, and in his committed ecumenical work, seeking to draw disparate strands of the church together. He was one of those instrumental in creating the church of South India, which combines Anglican, Methodist, Congregational and Presbyterian churches. He was also vigorously active in both the British and World Councils of Churches over a number of years.

His social concern was passionate. As early as 1908 he was president of the Workers Educational Association, before joining the Labour party in 1918. He had a real desire to see people come to real faith, and for that to be expressed in the way they conducted themselves in society. He wrote

If we have to choose between making men Christian, and making the social order more Christian, we will choose the former. But there is no such antithesis.... There is no hope of establishing a more Christian social order except through the labour and sacrifice of those in whom the Spirit of Christ is active . . .

During the war he worked for the relief of Jewish refugees from Nazism, and publicly supported moves for a negotiated peace, rather than the unconditional surrender which was the government's policy. His life ended very abruptly in 1944.

Otherwise, we can only surmise that his contribution at the end of the war, and its aftermath, would have been significant. His Christian thinking and priorities developed as his ministry progressed. The bishop of Oxford refused to ordain him in 1906, because of his very liberal views on the virgin birth and bodily resurrection of Christ. However, three years later, Randall Davidson, archbishop of Canterbury, decided to do so, as he felt that Temple's thinking would inevitably lead him to hold orthodox and Biblical views on those matters. He was correct. In 1913 Temple wrote

I believe in the virgin birth.....it wonderfully holds before the imagination the truth of our Lord's deity, and so I am glad it is in the Creed. Similarly, I believe in our Lord's bodily resurrection.

After the first world war he resigned his lucrative incumbency at St. James Piccadilly to become secretary of the "Life and Liberty" movement. Authority and hierarchy in the church were of a different order in those days. There was no parish or church electoral role. There were no Parochial Church Councils, there was no forum for clergy or laity within a local area (Deanery) or wider area (Diocese) to discuss any matters. Such things are all taken very much for granted today. In the years following 1918 they had to be argued and fought for, and then passed through parliament. "Life and Liberty" and William Temple were at the forefront of working for such changes.

Temple also earned high regard for his writings. Indeed, his "Readings in St. John's Gospel" are still frequently recommended today (and have a place on the Totley Vicarage bookshelves!). His first major work was "Mens Creatrix" (The Creative Mind) which was published in 1917. His commitment to finishing it was such that he sat up late on the night before his wedding (to Frances Anson) in 1916 to apply the finishing touches. He followed this up in 1924 with "Christus Veritas" (Christ and Truth). There were various other books, including a Penguin "Christianity and the social order", a good number of which were collections of lectures or talks.

Despite having been archbishop for less than three years,

Temple left a deep mark on both church and society in the second quarter of the twentieth century. His variety of gifts, breadth of interest and vision, and clear-sighted godly leadership, in an era where so much seemed to be collapsing, mark him out as an exceptional man. Yet he was a man who saw very clearly his dependence on Jesus. Let him have the final word, in a short extract from "Readings in St. John's Gospel", in which he comments on chapter 15 v 5, "If a man remains in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit."

Our discipline is not a bracing of our wills to conformity with a law; it is the maintenance of communion with the Lord, to the point of mutual indwelling.... The commandment is not primarily to 'do' this or that, but to trust and to love.

His energy and impact had their roots in his relationship with Jesus. He spoke and lived a message still so essential for us to grasp today. *David Rhodes*

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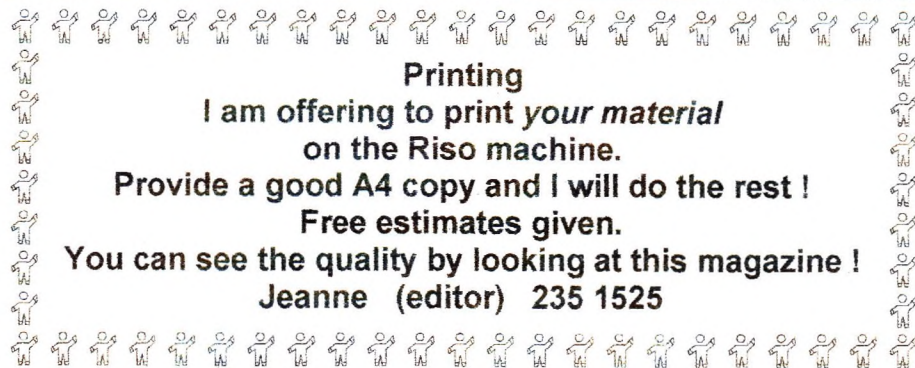
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The picture shows the winner receiving a cheque for £1500 from Brendan Ingle of boxing fame.

The runners up (and I was one of them!) received cheques for £750 for our respective schools to spend.

I thank Heather Johnson for writing the letter of recommendation.

Once again, the Totley Post Office is closed but the magazine is available at Liberty Foods and the Post Office at Totley Rise in addition to being available in the Church and Church Hall.

Please note the advertisement on page 30 (facing) offering to print your material.

If you use the advertisers in our magazine for goods or services, please tell them where you saw their advertisement !

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My daughter, Heather, is now in a unit at Hope Hospital, Salford, for people with intestinal failure. She is much better and more like her previous self. She hopes to spend Christmas at home and return to Salford in the New Year for an operation if the tests prove this to be possible. Thank you all for your prayers. *Jeanne* Editor.

A Psalm

Oh Lord my God, how can I praise You ?
Words are not enough, they are inadequate.
They are common place, belittled by time
How can I use them in worship of One who's so wonderful

There are times when it's not only words that are so useless
My heaviness of heart can be a barrier also
But Thou oh my God are with me always
You are there when I feel lost and alone.

Oh Lord I stretch forth my arms to You
I hold out my hands to grasp whatever You have for me
I wait with restless patience for Your touch
I long to feel the warmth of Your embrace.

Oh free me Lord God from my inadequacies
Set me free to fly and worship You
To revel in Your glory in the whole wonder of You
To sing and dance before Your throne.

To delight Your heart and see You smile
Lord may I be consumed in the rapture of adoring You
That my praise will, with Your blessing,
Be acceptable in Your sight.



Vivien Filleul

Link Letter Autumn 2002 From Steve and Jo Wright (Mission Partners in Kuwait)

Steve and Jo Wright ask for your prayers whilst Steve goes on a short-term mission and Jo manages on her own in Kuwait, shuttling their three children between two different schools.

There is tension, not knowing if America will invade Iraq and the worry that if too many westerners leave, the schools will close and Jo and the children may, if they can, have to leave. Gas masks and chemical proof tents are being distributed.



They are encouraged by the number of people asking for baptism and confirmation including a Chinese lady. Steve and Jo had hoped to move into a house nearer to the church but unfortunately someone else has acquired the property though they still live in hope that he may move out. However, Emily has moved school.

The following is the final paragraph of their letter: "For the last year, Emily has been the only non-Muslim in her year. She has been a wonderful illustration to them that not all Westerners and Christians are filled with the wickedness that they think of us. One of Emily's friends, a Taleban supporter, has learnt a great deal of good about us, as we have about them. She has shown the gospel without knowing it and we're proud of her. We also felt the pain of the insidious oppressiveness of the extremism around her, peer pressure that slowly was crushing her. This term she started at a new school in Kuwait City. It has been a big culture shock, but better now than later. She learned good things of Arab life, which her new friends know nothing of and she is afraid of becoming like her new friends (ignorant, materialistic, etc.) whilst at the same time secretly liking the freedom. Please pray for her. We hope as she grows that her faith will now turn from inherited faith to a living faith and commitment of her own."

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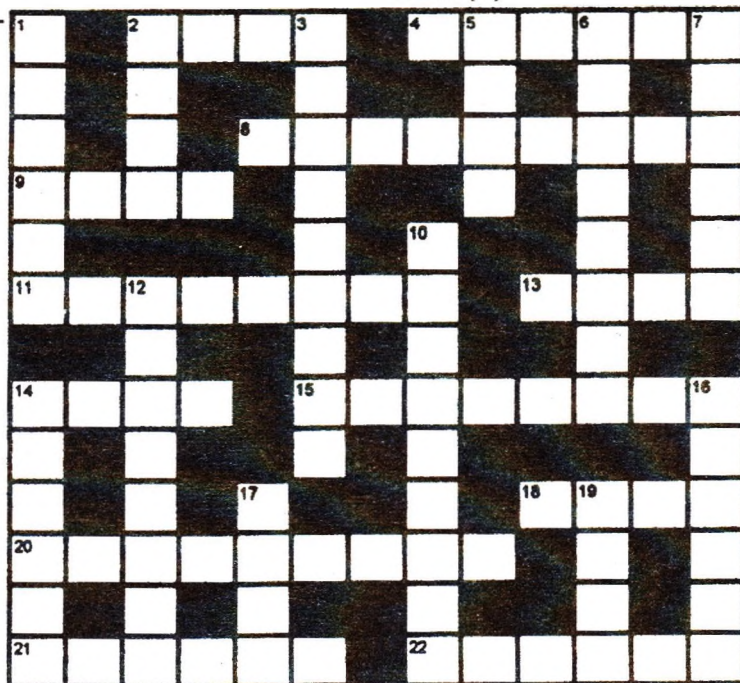
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Across

- 1 Motivating spirit or feeling (6)
 4 Dextrous (6)
 8 Member of the eighth order of the
 nine ranks of heavenly beings (9)
 9 Abode of Adam and Eve (4)
 11 A small dagger (8)
 13 Lux. Let there be light (4)
 14 Fiery saint of seamen (4)
 15 Deliverance from sin and redemption (8)
 18 Aramaic word for father, used by Christ (4)
 20 Home-maker (9)
 21 To recount incidents (6)
 22 Reformer who translated the Bible (6)

Down

- 1 Woman at the head of a community of nuns (6)
 2 The gloomy dean of St Paul's Cathedral (4)
 3 Sacred writings (9)
 5 Head of the chapter of a cathedral (4)
 6 Living individual (8)
 7 Special aptitude (6)
 10 counsellor. Words from Handel's Messiah (9)
 12 Christ as the deliverer of Judah as prophesied by Isaiah (8)
 14 Book of the old testament named after a Jewish queen (6)
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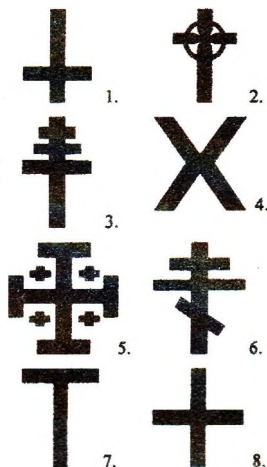
- Their beautiful medieval cathedral was only a burnt out shell. Two of the charred roof beams were tied together to make a cross and this makeshift symbol was set up where the altar had been. A cross was also made from the 14th century iron nails that had held the roof together and this Cross of Nails still remains today as a symbol of sympathy, forgiveness and reconciliation. Copies of the Cross

By Angela Webb

of Nails have been presented to countries round the globe as a reminder that love and understanding bind us together and that we need to remember the horrors that happen when people forget that.

CROSS PURPOSES

There are many different types of cross in pictures. They all have different names, do you know what these are called?



What's green and hairy and drinks from the wrong side of the glass?

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Answers: 1. St Peter's 2. Celtic 3. Papal 4. St Andrew's 5. Jerusalem 6. Russian Orthodox 7. St Anthony's 8. Greek

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All life is built on the basis of cells. As the cells work together, so life flourishes and grows. Where cells don't function properly, then the plant or living being will struggle. This is a principle in other areas too, including the church and so increasingly at All Saints, cell-life is of great importance.

- ♦ They are there to help us grasp and live out the values we hold
- ♦ They are there to help us build healthy, open, loving relationships
- ♦ They are there to help us work through how we apply God's word to our lives in real ways
- ♦ They are there to help us reach out with good news and in love to those around us

There is a network of cells meeting in homes during the week. If you would like to find out more about a specific one, please contact the leader, as shown.

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There will be memorial services on the following date in 2002:

29th 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 29th December 2002

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:	30th October	Jacob Wright of Baslow Road
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The Baptism follow-up team will visit the following families as they celebrate the anniversary of the Baptism of their children:

18th November	Nathan Mark Needham
18th November	Matthew James Ward
18th November	Megan Marie Cobb

WEDDINGS: None in October

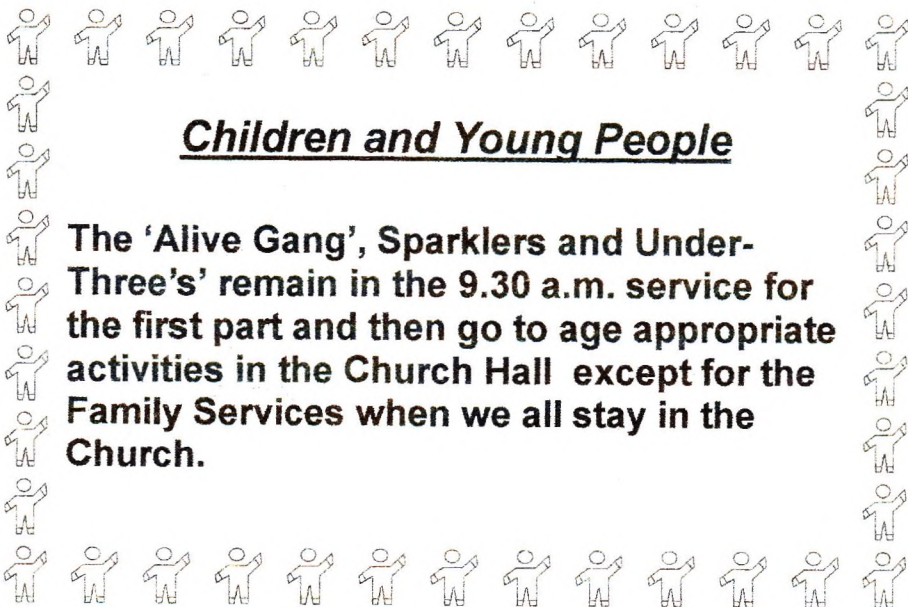
FUNERALS: None in October

The next Memorial Service will be held on 29th December 2002. 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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November 2002 Diary Dates

Sat.	2nd	Prayer for Cell Group Leaders	8.00 a.m.
Mon.	4th	Standing Committee	Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
Tues.	5th	Ladies Club	Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	6th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class	Hall 2.00 p.m.
Fri.	8th	Bonfire and Fireworks	Totley Primary School 7.30 p.m.
Sun.	10th	Sunday Youth Group	Hall 6.30 - 8.30 p.m.
Sun.	10th	Training for Asst. Cell Leaders	Vicarage 6.30 p.m.
Mon.	11th	Contemplative Prayer Group	50 Rowan Tree Dell 2.45 p.m.
Mon.	11th	P.C.C. meeting	Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m.
Tues.	12th	Journeying On	12 Marstone Crescent 8.00 p.m.
Wed.	13th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class	Hall 2.00 p.m.
Thurs.	14th	Toddler Praise	Hall 10.00 a.m.
Sat.	16th	Peace & Craft Fair	Town Hall 10.30 a.m.
Mon.	18th	Last day for items for the magazine	
Mon.	18th	Cell Group Leaders meeting	Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
Tues.	19th	Ladies Club	Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	20th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class	Hall 2.00 p.m.
Mon.	21st	Group Leaders with their Co-ordinator	8.00 p.m.
Sat.	23rd	Prayer Breakfast	8.00 a.m.
Sat.	24th	Sale of Cards	Hall after 9.30 a.m. service
Sun.	24th	Vision Group	Vicarage 6.00 p.m.
Sun.	24th	Sunday Youth Group	Hall 6.30 - 8.30 p.m.
Mon.	25th	Collation of the magazine	from 9.30 a.m.
Mon.	25th	Contemplative Prayer Group	50 Rowan Tree Dell 2.45 p.m.
Tues.	26th	Martha and Mary Group	Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m.
Wed.	27th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class	2.00 p.m.
Thurs.	28th	Toddler Praise	Hall 10.00 a.m.

NOVEMBER FLOWER LIST

	Altar	Memory Table
3rd	Mr. Hazlehurst	Mrs. Dixon
10th	Mrs. Simons	Mrs. Simons
17th	Mrs. Powell	Mrs. Clarke
24th	Mrs. Beeley	Cell Group

Sayings for Stillness

"My peace I give unto you".

(John 14 : 27)

Final Date : Items for December/January 2002: November 18th 2002

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Sparklers (3's to 5's)
Heather Johnson 235 0978
The Alive Gang (5-early teens)
Sally Rhodes 236 2322
6.30 – 8.30 p.m. Sunday Youth Group (2nd & 4th)
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)
Ann Ruthven 236 8643
- Wed'day:** 10.00 a.m. Parent & Toddler Group
Vicki Waite 236 6789
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From the Vicarage



Dear friends

"So what are you going to get your John for Christmas, then?"

"I just don't know. Men are so hard to buy for, you can't keep giving them socks or a bottle. He's already got all the United videos that exist."

"I know, it's awful. And as for what he'll get me, I just dread to think. I'm sure he waits till Christmas Eve, and then rushes out and buys the first thing he sees."

And so it could go on. Christmas shopping can be quite a headache, as well as leaving us in debt for months to come, if we are not careful with the plastic. Some of us relish it. Nothing we like better than touring the shops, looking for that different gift, and comparing the wares and prices of the different establishments. Some of us hate the whole thing. Irrespective of any principles about the commercialism of Christmas, the prospect of dragging round crowded shops, looking at a lot of stuff that neither interests us,

nor appeals to us is something of a nightmare. What's for sure is, that we all enjoy receiving presents, especially if it's something we really like, or even more so when we realise it is the given in love, and trouble has been taken over it.

Presents feature from time to time in the Bible. There are of course the gifts brought by the wise men. Back in the Old Testament, when Jacob met his brother, Esau, whom he had deceived years before, he sent a whole host of presents before him, to pave the way. The queen of Sheba visited Solomon. She came with vast quantities of expensive presents. The presumption is that she was wanting to impress Solomon about her wealth, before he showed her his. An entirely different atmosphere surrounds the presents given to Gehazi, Elisha's servant. Elisha had refused presents from the Aramean, Naaman, after he was healed of leprosy. Deceitfully, Gehazi goes after Naaman, tells him that Elisha has changed his mind, and accepts the presents Naaman is keen to offer. Gehazi thought he could just keep them, and nobody would know. God, of course, knew, and revealed the matter to Elisha. Gehazi paid with his reputation and his health.

In the New Testament, there are a number of occasions when one church makes a generous financial gift to another, where they know there is need. As Jesus enjoyed a meal at Bethany, just before His final entry into Jerusalem, a woman comes in and lavishes her most expensive possession, a jar of precious ointment, on Him. At the end of the parable of the Prodigal Son, the father throws a party,

produces expensive clothes, and generally cannot give enough to the returned son. His joy was expressed in extravagant giving.

Presents given to impress, and to appease. Presents given in love and in worship. Presents given to meet a need, presents given out of scarcity as well as abundance. Presents received with humility and gratitude. Presents received with greed and duplicity. Perhaps all these things will operate as presents are given this Christmas. A very similar act can come from a huge range of motives, and be seen in a wide variety of ways. What is not in doubt is God's motive and intention in providing the first Christmas present, the gift of His Son. "God so loved the world", it says, "that He gave" Love led to giving and the giving signifies love. Read the first 14 or so verses of John's Gospel again, though, and you will see that the way the gift was received varied immensely. For a present to have done its job, it must be opened and enjoyed. For us to begin to understand what God was doing in sending Jesus, He must be welcomed into our lives, believed in, trusted in.

Christmas, may you give with love, receive with joy, and in all the wrapping paper see a symbol of the gift of an only Son, the gateway to heaven to all who will trust Him.

Have a very happy Christmas



Services in December

1st Advent Sunday

Theme: God speaks - by the world around us

- 9.30 a.m. Baptism Service
- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 3.30 p.m. Holy Communion at the Cheshire Home
- 6.30 p.m. **No Evening Service**

4th Wednesday Service

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

8th Second Sunday in Advent

Theme: God speaks - by His written word

- 9.30 a.m. All Age Worship
- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 3.00 p.m. Informal Service at Green Oak View
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

11th Wednesday Service

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

15th Third Sunday in Advent

Theme: God speaks - into my heart

- 9.30 a.m. All Age Worship (Service in the Hall)
- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 3.30 p.m. Informal Service at the Cheshire Home
- 7.30 p.m. Healing Service

18th Wednesday Service

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

22nd Fourth Sunday in Advent

- 10.00 a.m. Children's Presentation followed by said Holy Communion
- 6.30 p.m. Carol Service

24th Christmas Eve

- 11.30 p.m. Holy Communion

25th Christmas Day

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)
- 9.30 a.m. Family Service (to conclude at 10.15)

29th First Sunday after Christmas

Theme: Revealed to him by the Holy Spirit

- 9.30 a.m. All Age All Together
- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 6.30 p.m. Memorial Service

Services in January

5th Second Sunday after Christmas

Theme: Law, grace and truth.

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. **No Evening Service**

12th Baptism of Christ

Theme: He will baptise with the Holy Spirit

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

19th Second Sunday of Epiphany

Theme: How do you know me ?

9.30 a.m. All Age All Together

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

3.30 p.m. Informal Service at the Cheshire Home

7.30 p.m. Healing Service

26th Third Sunday of Epiphany

Theme: He revealed His glory

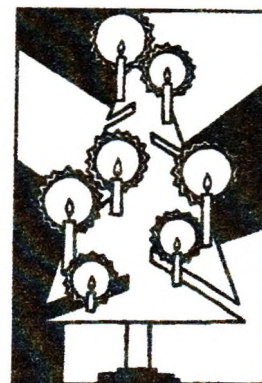
9.30 a.m. Family Communion

11.15 a.m. Morning Prayer

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

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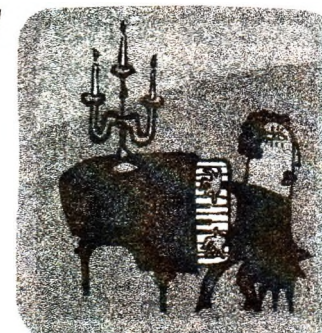


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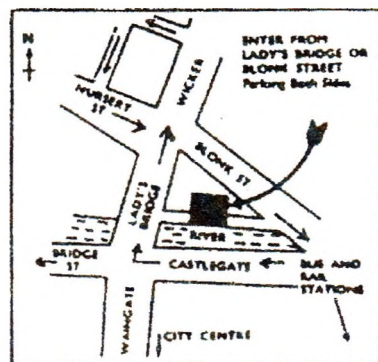


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*And now into the country
Where fields are cold and bare
The people are a-coming
From here and from there*

*Now look into the city
Shops and offices dressed in light
The people are a-running
Quickly in the night.*



*So peek into the houses
With their personal tales to speak
People are a-hurrying
Fast into the street.*

*Just cast your eyes around you
Look at every different place
People are a-rushing
To see Jesus face to face.*



Vivien Filleul

Our Cell Group

To care and share
Through love and prayer
With strength divine
For me and mine.
I thank you Lord
You show Your love
Through those you send
To be our friend,
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Christmas Card

As in previous years, there will be a Christmas card for members of the congregation to sign instead of giving individual cards to each other. This year's card is being designed by Jennifer Booth. It will be available in church from the beginning of December.

The money saved from buying Christmas cards can be placed in an envelope and placed in the box provided as a donation to PACT, which is a charity for Parents and Children with Tumours and Leukaemia.

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Training

I have been encouraged by the youth project to make sure I am up to speed with the basic issues around child protection and First Aid. It is imperative in this day and age to know about these issues when working with children or young people. Not only is the red tape getting wider by the day, but also more importantly, the health and safety of the youth are at stake. I have now therefore completed these courses and am officially registered as a first-aider with small groups of young people and adults. Also if anyone has any questions about the new Criminal Records Bureau requirements, please feel free to ask me.

Rock Solid Update

This youth club has continued to successfully run with 20+ youth coming. We have learnt about our uniqueness, our self worth, friendships and lots more as well! We all went ten pin bowling at half term, which was a great evening for everyone.

Lasers and Pizza

Quest all had a great time of it when we went out to laser zone together. There were no serious injuries apart from one bumped head into a lamppost! It was finished off with eat as much pizza as you can at Pizza Hut, the record was 15 pieces of pizza with potato salad.

Contextualisation

What does contextualisation mean? It's a word I got from college that simply means immersing oneself into the context of what is happening. For example, a famous quote by a godly man by the name of Jeremy Taylor in 1660 was, "when in Rome do as the Romans do."

In the context of the youth work here, "When working with the youth, speak and act in such a way that they identify with you." It is important to remember as a Christian I am also an example to the youth as well. With this in mind, I am looking forward to leading the King Egberts assembly on Ramadan with the knowledge that a high percentage of the students are Muslims. How do I contextualise the assemblies to the Muslim youth? I

gain an understanding of their belief in celebrating Ramadan and then in the midst of this I share my thoughts as a Christian on the issues involved, contextualising the Christian message into the Muslim world. If we understand the youth, they are far more likely to understand us.

Matt Conant

O Babe

O tiny babe, the greatest One
You left Your heavenly home
You gave Your glorious kingship up
This earthly place to roam

O little babe of holy worth
You came to live below
Your Father's side You did leave
Your people here to know



O selfless babe of majesty
You took to walk our street
From angels ever serving You
You came our needs to meet

O helpless babe, O precious One
For us You gave up all
The mighty sacrifice we find
Right in a manger stall

O gently babe so powerful
Who joined us here on earth
With joy and gladness now we seek
To celebrate Your birth

Vivien Filleul

JOHN OF THE CROSS

Our final article in this series on saints (we have in fact looked at over 30 different people, over the months) is devoted to a sixteenth century Spaniard. He lived at the time of Queen Elizabeth, the Spanish Armada, Sir Francis Drake and all of that. However, his concerns were very different from the power politics of the day.

John was born in 1542, in a small town in the province of Castille. His father had come from a minor noble family, but had been disinherited for marrying beneath him. He became a silk weaver, but not a successful one. As a poor, but promising pupil at school, he was eventually taken into the service of the governor of the hospital at Medina del Campo, where the family had settled. His life was now shared between tending the poor of the hospital, and attending school.

He had a growing faith from an early age, and spoke of visions. Via one of these, the Lord told him that he was to serve in an ancient monastic order, and see it restored to its original vigour. Thus he became a Carmelite monk at the age of 21, and determined to follow the strict regime the order had been given when founded (and in John's day not observed with any rigour) with great determination.

Six years later he met Teresa of Avila, who had come to Medina. Together they felt called of God to re-establish a Carmelite order, faithful to the original rules. This order was to become known as the "discalced" (or reformed) Carmelites.

Life was lived in great simplicity, in bare and cramped surroundings. The regime of prayer, fasting and service of others was harsh, but gradually others joined the initial group of three. The movement grew, and in John and Teresa, had inspirational leaders. This first community John had established in Avila, going there to learn from Teresa. When summoned back to Medina, he refused to go, and was promptly arrested. It would seem that the motive for his recall, was to try and dissipate this growing movement of rigorous and deeply spiritual renewal amongst the monasteries, which made the older, far more lax



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and worldly leaders feel distinctly threatened!

In prison, John was kept in solitary confinement in a narrow, dark and stifling cell for over 9 months. Such an experience would have broken many men. For John, it proved to be the release of poetry and writing. It is really for these qualities that he is remembered, some of his writings being regarded as classics, in the secular as well as the Christian world.

Eventually he was able to escape. The next years were spent in founding new monasteries, and getting caught up in a struggle for power in the Carmelite order. As a result, he was banished to a remote place, La Penuela. Here his health deteriorated. He was removed to Ubeda, where again he was treated abysmally. His life-time's prayer had been "to suffer and be despised." It was certainly fulfilled in the treatment he received, almost until his death. Just for the last weeks of his life, he was treated with kindness and respect, before dying in 1591, before reaching his fiftieth birthday.

His legacy is threefold. He was determined, clear-sighted and effective in leading a monastic movement which sought to

recapture the ideals of service and spiritual discipline which had been lost over the years. His personal life-style and self-sacrifice was legendary, even in his own life-time. Within this he remained personally kind, and approachable, and thus an inspirational character.



He was deeply gifted as a poet, and a mystical writer. His writings sprang from the very painful and difficult last fifteen years of his life. Most famously, he wrote, "The dark night of the soul", reflecting on the experience of pain, and at times apparent abandonment by God, of the believer. The phrase is commonly used today for the deep and desert-like experiences which believers may encounter. As a mystic, he wrote passionately from his own inner experience, and the way in which he understood the hand of God in his own soul. Other works

include "The spiritual canticle", "The living flame of love" and "The ascent of Mount Carmel". All his writings have been translated into English, some being published as Penguins.

David Rhodes

This the last of 'The Saints' provided by David. His intention is to write about 'People you can meet in the pages of the Bible' in the New Year. I have enjoyed reading about 'The Saints' and hope that our readers have too. Thank you David for a comprehensive range of 'Saints'.

Catherine Clarke

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The main thrust of the change centres around what the charity can do for you. No longer, say its spokespeople, is it an organisation for those at the complete end of their tether, it is also a service for those part of the way down their tether and not wishing to get to the end of it. Picking up the phone and calling an agency like Samaritans, visiting the doctor, arranging to meet a counsellor or psychiatrist is well-nigh impossible at the point when you really need it. At the stage of utter desperation, it's as much as you can do to get up in the morning and keep breathing.

From the Editor



I wish all our readers a
Happy Christmas
and a Healthy New Year !

There are many occasions when you can join with others to prepare for Christmas from coffee mornings, coffee and carol evenings, a Christmas fair, the children's presentation, the Crib Service and the Carol Service. Please share these occasions with us.

Thank you to all the people who help to make our magazine so good.

Those who send articles, those who provide regular features and dates of services and meetings, the people who collate the magazine and those who deliver them. To the deliverers a special advance thank you for collecting the subscriptions in the New Year.

Good news from Salford ! Heather is due home in the next couple of weeks. She has made really good progress and has learned to manage her food line and appliance in double quick time ! She says it is the first time she has felt fit enough to return home. After her ten month stay in hospital she needs to try to build herself up in readiness for the next operation. Thank you for prayers - please continue, she still needs them. Please try to use our advertisers' goods and services

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THREE KINGS




- Does Christmas seem long gone?
- Well, Christmas doesn't really end until Twelfth Night, 6th January.
- In the past all the 12 days of Christmas used to be celebrated with feasting and parties. January 6th is also the Feast of the Epiphany, which is the day on which the wise men, arrived at Bethlehem. At Christmas we sang about Three Kings but we don't really know who they were, kings or wise men or where they came from – you can check the details in St Matthew's Gospel, chapter 2.
- We do know that they brought very expensive gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for Jesus, not the usual things that you would give to a small baby.
- The gifts have a special meaning: gold is for a king; frankincense (sweet smelling incense) is for God and myrrh (used to prepare bodies for burial) for mortal man.



By Angela Webb

GOLDEN ANSWERS

All the answers to this quiz begin with the letters GOLD (well, I couldn't find any words that began with frankincense or myrrh). Answers at the bottom of the page. Can you say which GOLD is...

1. A small bird? 
2. Kept in an aquarium? 
3. Made from sugar and used in cooking? 
4. A source of wealth?
5. A tall yellow flower?
6. Ate the three bears' porridge?
7. Won by a winner at the Olympics?
8. A 50th wedding anniversary?



What do you call a camel that's got three humps?

Humphrey.

Who rides a camel and carries a lamp?

Florence of Arabia.



Answers: 1. gold finch 2. goldfish 3. golden syrup 4. goldmine 5. golden rod 6. Goldilocks 7. gold medal 8. golden wedding



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Season's greetings to everybody at All Saints from Joan Stratford

A very Happy Christmas and New Year to you all. I often think of you and my time spent worshipping at All Saints. I do keep in contact with some of you, but having returned to my former Church (St. Luke's Lodge Moor) find I am more involved again and am unable to join you for Worship. I do keep in touch with the School and am so thrilled with the new classrooms.

Recently I bumped into Gay Riley when shopping and we were saying how hectic our lives are in retirement and wonder how we found time to be Head teachers! In spite of ongoing health problems, I am fitting a tremendous amount into my life. No more books though, I was very pleased with the School History book, it gave me great satisfaction, but the writing of it was hard work and at times stressful when help which was promised wasn't given etc. Current activities are less pressured, yes even School inspections, I do on average one each term and enjoy getting into schools and keeping in touch with current developments. I continue to serve on the Diocesan Board of Education and represent the Diocese on three other committees. I also do voluntary work for Oxfam which I find enjoyable. Those of you who are grandparents will understand that spending time with my Granddaughter Ruth, who was one in October, is the greatest delight in my life. Because Kate and Bruce live in Newcastle upon Tyne the contact is not as frequent as I would wish, but I do manage to visit at least once a month. I do treasure my memories of my time in Totley and love to hear news of you all. May God bless you all.

Joan Stratford

Too small to count ?

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Taken from Sunday Link



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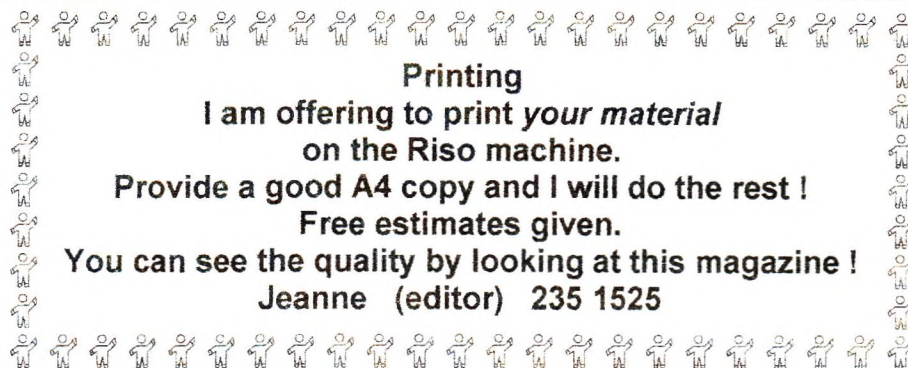
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CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 A host of these appeared at Christmas (5)
- 4 The playing of the merry,sweet singing in the choir (5)
- 10 To fill with joy (5)
- 11 One of twelve disciples of Jesus (7)
- 12 Light opera, often with spoken dialogue (8)
- 13 Christmas present (4)
- 15 Two are worn by reindeer (6)
- 17 Season before Christmas (6)
- 19 At a white Christmas, roads may be (4)
- 20 A religious feast (8)
- 23 Based on inherent moral sense (7)
- 24 Weird (5)
- 25 Special Christmas meal (5)
- 26 Oxen and surrounded the manger (5)

Down

- 2 Author of words of Good King Wenceslas (5)
- 3 First name of Mr. Scrooge (8)
- 5 There was no at the inn (4)
- 6 With legs on each side (7)
- 7 You put these up at Christmas (11)
- 8 St Nicholas (5)
- 9 Total abstinence from alcohol (11)
- 14 Lady editor (8)
- 16 A frame supporting a table (7)
- 18 Three wise men found a born baby (5)
- 21 Carol stanza (5)
- 22 Plant with large showy flowers (4)

Joke of the week

(courtesy of Grove Books w www.grovebooks.co.uk)

Up at the head of the table in the cafeteria, one of the nuns had placed a big bowl of bright red, fresh, juicy apples. Beside the bowl, she placed a note which read, 'Take only one. Remember, God is watching.' At the other end of the table was a bowl full of freshly baked chocolate chip cookies, still warm from the oven. Beside the bowl, a little note scrawled in a child's handwriting which read, 'Take all you want. God's watching the apples.'

Apology

To anyone who struggled to do the crossword in November issue of the magazine.

A printing error blanked out the square between 1 and 2.

Church News Service

"It is easier to lead someone out of the desert if you have been there yourself."
Henri Nouwen



More Carols

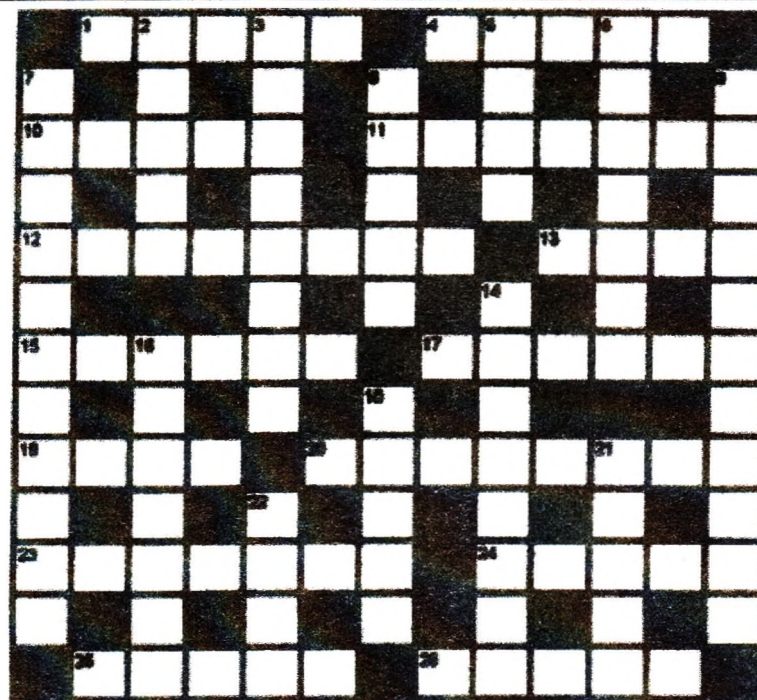
Yes, I know you are so busy with all the arrangements for Christmas !

BUT please give a thought for some of the patients in the Northern General Hospital who have no other choice than to be in hospital this Christmas.

Wednesday 18th December

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The Renaissance

Passages taken from an article written by Gay Riley in her first year of teaching. The Christian message is much the same as that at the centre of our Cell Groups now.

"Often in college, views on religion are distorted." "When we are faced with the alarming prospect of taking assembly and teaching scripture to young children ... we have to think again about the values surrounding ... religion."

"The world of the child is simple and uncomplicated. He needs reassurance and guidance." "The Word of God' is that of love and kindness - to help others and to understand them." "Simple terms such as these form the basis on which to found a Christian attitude towards life."

As many school teachers have found, prayers in a book are not appropriate for the children we teach and so we have written more suitable ones. Likewise, lessons following a simple pattern, using stories with a moral, are most effective with certain groups of children. The message, "To help others, Miss, and for us to help them today," is a good start to getting to know the love of God.

When asked to jot down the kind of things you would expect a person leading a Christian life, would have, Gay realised that the children could see the "obvious connection with previous scripture lessons." "The preparation for the Christmas play was revealing. The children created their own Nativity play which developed from a number of discussions of each little scene."

Though at first the 'kings' in Gay's class found it difficult to express themselves in their play, given a second chance, "they spoke of their weariness" with conviction. The first King "knelt with outstretched arms and said: 'I have brought gold for the new baby King'." The second king provided the myrrh and the third king, "brought sweet-smelling frankincense for the new baby king and I hope he's going to be a very nice new king," he added! "This spark of originality ... obviously showed the deep consideration that had gone into the play and further illustrated the children's acceptance of a certain self-conceived standard they felt inherent with the birth and person of Jesus."

"These experiences" have ... "convinced me that creating a likeable person who by his consideration and kindness to others embodies a Christian life (and) should be the basic principle of any religion."

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Answers to Crossword

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- 1 Angel
- 4 Organ
- 10 Elate
- 11 Apostle
- 12 Operetta
- 13 Gift
- 15 Antler
- 17 Advent
- 19 Iced
- 20 Festival
- 23 Natural
- 24 Eerie
- 25 Feast
- 26 Asses

Down

- 2 Neale
- 3 Ebenezer
- 5 Room
- 6 Astride
- 7 Decorations
- 8 Santa
- 9 Teototaller
- 14 Editress
- 16 Trestle
- 18 Newly
- 21 Verse
- 22 Iris

By Michael Dawney



Happy families

Not long ago, in a city on the prosperous East Coast of China, a promising young graduate named Ann landed a good new job with a Western company.

Ann's boss was friendly and often invited her home to meet his wife.

They faithfully shared Jesus with Ann, until one day when she realised that God was calling her by name.

Ann was very excited about Jesus and poured all her energy into serving him and getting to know him better.

At Chinese New Year, Ann went to visit family in central China.

They immediately noticed a dramatic change in their somewhat selfish city cousin. Two of her relatives listened intently as she explained what had happened to her.

It was as if they had been waiting all their lives to hear this ! It all made sense to them and they quickly believed for themselves.

When Ann went home, she left behind two baby Christians.

Ann and her boss prayed for the two cousins and eventually found a lady to teach them. Under her care, God strengthened and built this little church adding new believers from their family and friends.

The lady taught faithfully until the group grew too large for her home. By this time there were couples in the church ready to host meetings in their homes and so a new church group was established.

Next, the Lord provided the little group with an experienced pastor who could oversee them. With the pastor's help, they appointed leaders and the group multiplied several times. Today there is a network of groups, hungry for God and eager to move forward.

The gospel has spread from Ann's family to their friends and neighbours and an increasing number of people now believe. As the older family members have come to faith, an amazing story has begun to emerge.

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Early last century, foreigners working in this part of China established a Christian school, started by local Christians. After the Communists took power, the life of one of the Chinese believers who taught at the school became gradually more and more difficult and his children were persecuted because of his 'undesirable' background. They learned not to talk about their father and refused to listen to what he had to say.

Their father continued to pray for them and worried about what the future might hold for his children. It must have been hard for him not to be able to tell them about Jesus before he died, many years ago.

That teacher was Ann's grandfather. His wife is still alive and she has now seen her whole family gradually turning to Jesus and receiving the promised blessing - even to the third and fourth generation.

Article supplied by Catherine Snow.

CELLS - THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF LIFE

All life is built on the basis of cells. As the cells work together, so life flourishes and grows. Where cells don't function properly, then the plant or living being will struggle. This is a principle in other areas too, including the church and so increasingly at All Saints, cell-life is of great importance.

- ♦ They are there to help us grasp and live out the values we hold
- ♦ They are there to help us build healthy, open, loving relationships
- ♦ They are there to help us work through how we apply God's word to our lives in real ways
- ♦ They are there to help us reach out with good news and in love to those around us

There is a network of cells meeting in homes during the week. If you would like to find out more about a specific one, please contact the leader, as shown.

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There will be memorial services on the following date in 2002:

29th 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 29th December 2002

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 November

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

10th Dec. Joseph Matthew Collier

12th Dec. Henry Edward Wall

9th Jan. Matthew William Talbot

WEDDINGS:

None in November

FUNERALS:

None in November

The next Memorial Service will be held on 29th December 2002.

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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Children and Young People

The 'Alive Gang', Sparklers 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.

December and January FLOWER LIST

	Altar	Memory Table
Dec. 1st	Care & Share group	Mrs. D. Cooke
Dec. 8th	Care & Share group	Mrs. Wortley
Dec. 15th	Care & Share group	Mrs. Billard
Dec. 22nd	CHRISTMAS TREES	
Dec. 29th	CHRISTMAS TREES	
Jan. 5th	Mrs. Firth	Mrs. Turner
Jan. 12th	Care & Share group	Mrs. Simons
Jan. 19th	Mrs. Beeley	Mrs. Parkin
Jan. 26th	Care & Share group	Mrs. Wiggett

December 2002 & January 2003 Diary Dates

Tues.	3rd	Coffee and Carol Evening Scout HQ Aldam Road 7.00 to 9.00 p.m.
Wed.	4th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Fri.	6th	Carols by Candlelight Hall 7.00 p.m.
Sat.	7th	Prayer for Cell Group Leaders 8.00 a.m.
Sat.	7th	Coffee for Kenya Hall 10.00 to noon
Sat.	7th	Christmas Fair All Saints' School 2.00 to 4.00 p.m.
Sat.	7th	Alpha Celebration with Carols by Candlelight Hall 7.00 p.m.
Sun.	8th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 - 8.30 p.m.
Mon.	9th	Contemplative Prayer Group 1 Quarry Road 2.45 p.m.
Mon.	9th	Group Leaders with their Co-ordinator 8.00 p.m.
Tues.	10th	Ladies Club Christmas Lunch
Wed.	11th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Thurs.	12th	Toddler Praise Hall 10.00 a.m.
Wed.	18th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Tues.	24th	Crib Service in the Church 4.00 p.m.
January 2003		
Mon.	6th	Contemplative Prayer Group 1 Quarry Road 2.45 p.m.
Mon.	6th	Standing Committee Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
Tues.	7th	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	8th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.
Thurs.	9th	Toddler Praise Hall 10.00 a.m.
Sun.	12th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m.
Mon.	13th	P.C.C. Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m.
Wed.	15th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.
Sat.	18th	Barn Dance Hall 7.30 p.m.
Mon.	20th	Last day for items for the magazine
Mon.	20th	Contemplative Prayer Group 1 Quarry Road 2.45 p.m.
Mon.	20th	Cell Group Leaders meeting Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
Tues.	21st	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	22nd	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.
Thurs.	23rd	Toddler Praise Hall 10.00 a.m.
Sun.	26th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 - 8.30 p.m.
Mon.	27th	Collation of the magazine from 9.30 a.m.
Tues.	28th	Martha and Mary Group Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m.
Wed.	29th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.

Sayings for Stillness

December: "I will write My law in your heart." (Jeremiah 31 : 33)

January: "Because you love Me, I will protect you, for you acknowledge
My name." (Psalm 91 : 14)

Final Date : Items for February 2003 : January 20th 2003

ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL

Sunday:	9.30 a.m.	Creche (under 3's)	
		Lorna Davis	236 9878
		Sparklers (3's to 5's)	
		Heather Johnson	235 0978
		The Alive Gang (5-early teens)	
		Sally Rhodes	236 2322
	6.30 – 8.30 p.m.	Sunday Youth Group (2nd & 4th)	
	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)
Ann Ruthven 236 8643

Wed'day: 10.00 a.m. Parent & Toddler Group
Vicki Waite 236 6789
2.00 p.m. Ladies Keep Fit
Val Simpson 236 148

Thursday: 7.00 p.m. Choir Practice in Church
Stella Jockel 236 9413

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