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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

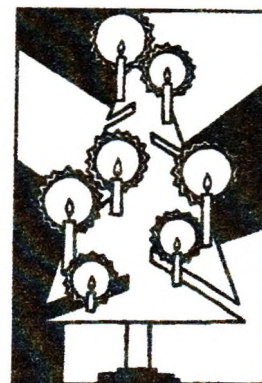
9.30 a.m. Family Communion

11.15 a.m. Morning Prayer

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

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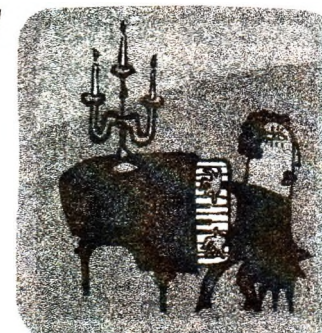


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**Helper:**  
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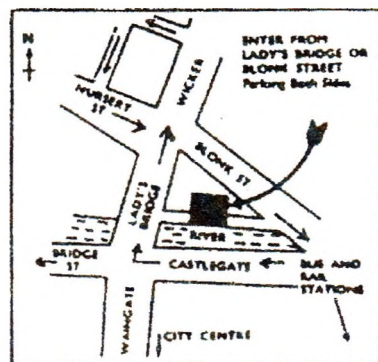


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*From here into the stable  
From the stable to the throne  
Jesus is calling us  
Calling us - come home.*



*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

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For me and mine.  
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You show Your love  
Through those you send  
To be our friend,  
To lift us up  
When we are down,  
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*Gay Riley*

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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.



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## Youth Work News for S17 Churches

### 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 Ecgberts 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, 6<sup>th</sup> January.
- In the past all the 12 days of Christmas used to be celebrated with feasting and parties. January 6<sup>th</sup> 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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 ?**

If you think you're too small to make an impact - think of a mosquito !

Taken from Sunday Link



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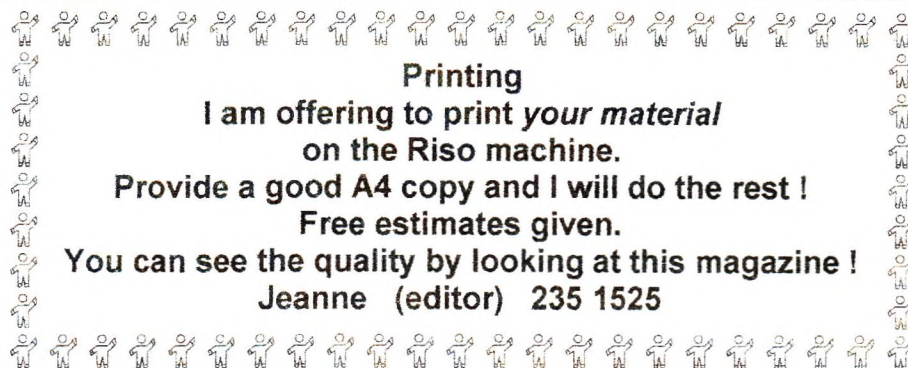


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## CHRISTMAS CROSSWORD

### 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](http://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

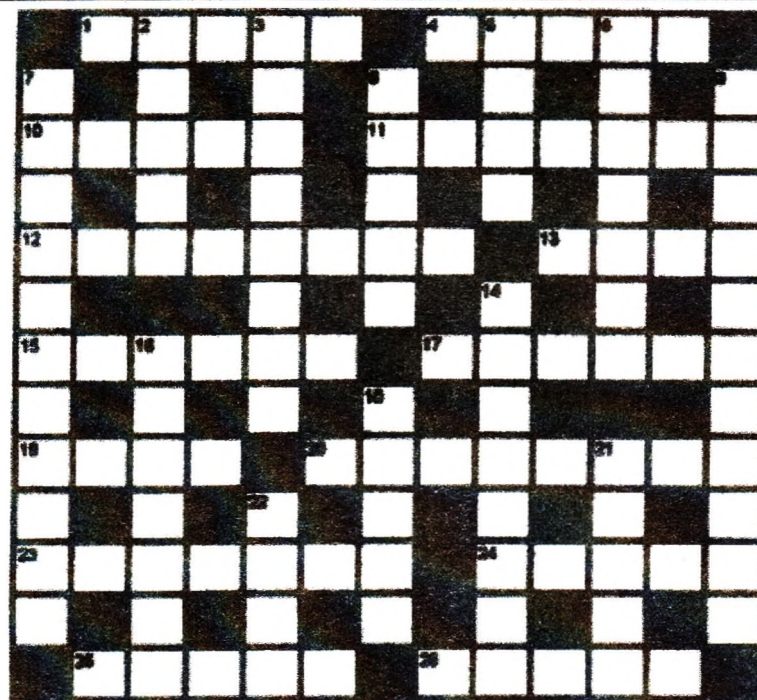
Yes, I know you are so busy with all the arrangements for Christmas !

**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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*More details from the Booth family & church notices*





## 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

### Across

- 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.

### **Tuesday Evening**

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236 0872

### **Wednesday Evening**

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### **Thursday Evening**

Ann Powell  
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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.

**IF YOU WANT TO BE MARRIED OR HAVE YOUR  
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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  
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## *From the Vicarage*



Dear friends

As I write this, the "will we, won't we ?" questions concerning war in Iraq are flying around fast and furious. If you read the article about Abraham, you will notice that Iraq (referred to as Chaldea) appears very early on in the Biblical narrative. It was where Abraham, the founding father of the Jewish nation, originally hailed from. A glance at the map shows that Ur, his early stamping ground, is just down the River Euphrates from modern Baghdad.

However, such snippets of information do not help us much in our attitude to modern conflicts. They are likely to be coloured by many things. Our own experience of armed conflict, our attitude to the press and political parties, whether or not we have any loved ones who may be caught up in any conflict, principles we hold concerning the use of force and many other things may drive our opinions. Whatever our personal views, however well-informed they may or may not be, and whether or not future events will vindicate what may or may not occur in the winter of 2003, we may all agree that at times like this political leaders carry awesome responsibility, and have monumental decisions to take. There are those for whom conversations in Washington

and Downing Street will literally mean life or death. I have no doubt that Mr. Bush and Mr. Blair are keenly aware of that.

In Romans chap 13 St. Paul asserts that we are obliged to co-operate with the political authorities (whether we like them or not) because they are established by God. Writing to Timothy (1Tim 2 : 2) he urges that we pray for those who bear authority. It is very easy for us to be critical of those in public places. The media, even the political process in this country, may well encourage us to be so. All too often some scandal erupts which undermines our confidence and feeds our cynicism. Far less frequently, it seems, our hearts are warmed by some statement or act.

Interestingly, in the writings of the New Testament, and on the lips of Jesus there is no rubbishing of the political leaders of the day. There is encouragement to soldiers not to lay down their arms, but to be content with their pay. There is instruction to those in servitude to be faithful to their masters. There are the comments about those bearing authority already referred to. And yet there was plenty that could have been criticised. The Israel of Jesus' day was ruled by a mixture of invading Roman forces, and self-serving Jews who had (to a greater or lesser extent) chosen to co-operate with them. Later on, as the church spread across the Roman Empire, it was often met with official and vicious persecution. The first Christians had a lot they could have complained about.

So am I suggesting we merely acquiesce with the politicians of the day, no matter how wayward we believe them to be ? No. I am suggesting that our first attitude should be to accept the authority we live under, as in a greater way ordained by God, no matter what the mechanism in human terms for appointing it. I am saying that we are urged to



pray for those wielding power. We may be glad such responsibility is not ours. Seek the touch of heaven in the lives of those who have no choice but to take the farthest-reaching decisions. And I am saying that it brings no glory to God or blessing to men when we moan and whinge about decisions or policies we disagree with.

On occasion, I am sure it is right when profound official evil needs to be resisted, in the name of Christ. An example of that may be the course taken by certain sections of the church in Germany in the late 1930's. I am equally sure that our first calling is to pray for those in the exposed place. God answers prayer and He has told us that we are to pray for them. And so we must.

With all best wishes



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*Taken from the January Link by courtesy of Grove Booklets*



### Services in February

#### **2nd Presentation of Christ in the Temple**

Theme: What's it all about ?

- 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**

#### **5th Wednesday Service**

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

#### **9th 4th Sunday before Lent**

Theme: 1st things 1st

- 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

#### **12th Wednesday Service**

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

#### **16th 3rd Sunday before Lent**

Theme: Saying "No" to sin

- 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

#### **19th Wednesday Service**

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

#### **23rd 2nd Sunday before Lent**

Theme: Abiding in Christ (part 1)

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



## **A CASE OF CELL-BY DATE**

Regular readers will know that a network of small groups, called cells, has been undergirding the life of All Saints for the last three years or so. In the natural world, cells multiply, to enable the growth of the body they are part of. This principle of multiplication has always been present in the cell-philosophy of the church, too. However we have not found it easy to find just the right way to enable this to happen, despite various attempts at it !

Now, however, it would seem that the time is right. With some cells bursting at the seams, and a number of folk looking to find their niche in the church, we have decided to multiply all the groups in mid-January.

For existing members, this can be a daunting prospect. There is the fear of losing relationships and an environment that we have grown to love and benefit from. There is the fear of the unknown, and the somewhat daunting prospect of starting to build a fresh sense of community.

But there is also the understanding that new life and growth involve change, that when God is behind this, it is for our good, and we can get stuck in a rut, which is not a helpful matter for anybody.

So, in the week beginning 14th Jan., the cell-network expanded, with several new groups starting. A number of people have been training as leaders over recent months, and so they are taking responsibility,

along with the existing leaders. All the groups will have a new feel as new and existing members set out on a new journey.

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If you would like to be part of a cell group, now is an ideal time to join.

Contact Angela Waite (2364728) or David Rhodes (2362322) to find out more.

### **The wisdom to listen**

We may value what we say rather than how we listen, yet God has created us with only one mouth but two ears - a divine hint about the balance of listening and speaking involved in genuine communication.

Of course, active listening demands not just the use of our ears, but the attention of our eyes and the openness of our hearts.

Listening is a precious gift and receiving it brings relief and release. We find ourselves saying more than we intended and may gain surprising new insights into our own situation.

How much more effective our relationships would be if we were really listening instead of just waiting to speak ! As Dietrich Bonhoeffer said : 'the beginning of love for others is learning to listen to them.'

*Taken from January edition of Link.*



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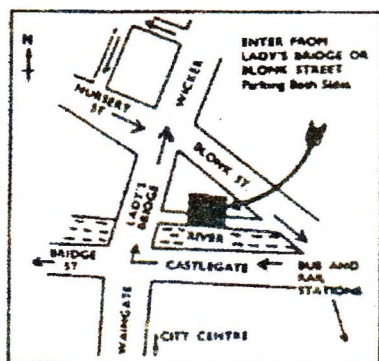


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*Please turn to next page (page 10) and read  
Why go to a Quiet Day*



## Why go to a Quiet Day ?

By Anne Hibbert from the May to August 2002 issue of New Daylight  
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'Soaring on eagles' wings' is the title of one of the Quiet Day programmes that I run for BRF. For many years one of my favourite Bible verses has been *Isaiah 40:31*: '.....but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.' And ever since I visited Israel and saw eagles soaring up above me in the wilderness, I have appreciated even more what God was trying to communicate to the people of old, when he spoke these words. Eagles are fascinating birds. They have such a wide and strong wingspan. Smaller birds, such as sparrows, flap around as they fly. How different from an eagle, which effortlessly soars ! This bird locks its strong wings into position and then rides on the air thermals. Sometimes it goes to such great heights that it gets ice on its wings ! This is how God wants us to be - to lock ourselves into his Holy Spirit rather than simply flapping around, using our own strength. He wants to take us on new ventures, to new heights, but dare we trust him ? In session One of the Quiet Day, we investigate this challenging question.

The eagle builds a cosy nest for its young, but when they grow, the parent bird eventually dismantles the nest around them. Then a time comes when the mother bird kicks the eaglets out one by one and they have to learn to fly. The young fall, but the father bird is flying underneath to catch them, just as the Bible describes in *Deuteronomy 32:11* ('like an eagle that hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carry them on its pinions') and deposits them in the safety of a crag. Sometimes God and daily life are a bit like this. We find ourselves being booted out of our comfort zone and it feels as if we are falling, but God is there to catch us and hold us. Often, as we explore this theme on a Quiet Day, I will lead the group in meditation. I have found that this is a really good way to help people get in touch with their feelings and hear God speaking into their own situations.

Vivien Filleul found this extract both beautiful and comforting and feels she wants to share it with us.

BRF notes and subscriptions can be ordered via the BRF website :  
<http://www.brf.org.uk> where they have a 'Thought for the Week' feature updated every Sunday.

**My friend bought a parrot to keep her company.** The parrot talked incessantly but unfortunately he swore. My friend was most distressed and decided she must do something about it. She warned the parrot that something would happen to him if he did not stop swearing but he went on and on. My friend decided to put him in the freezer. He continued to swear and he complained by squawking loudly. When all went quiet. My friend became concerned. She wondered if she had harmed the parrot and opened the freezer warily. The parrot apologised profusely and my friend accepted his apology. Then the parrot enquired if he could ask one question. When my friend said 'yes', he said, "What did the chicken do ?"

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## **2002 Christmas Card**

Jennifer and I thank everyone who signed her card and donated £160.40 to her chosen charity, P.A.C.T. at the Children's Hospital. The money will go specifically into the Home from Home Fund. This provides accommodation for families near to the hospital. A receipt and letter of appreciation from P.A.C.T. is on the hall notice board.

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## YOU MET THEM IN THE BIBLE

We start this month to look at some of the major characters in the Bible, both Old and New Testaments. Our journey will follow the alphabet, and sometimes we will spend more than one article on a particular person. We start with a two-issue look at **ABRAHAM**

If you set out to read the Bible from page 1 (not necessarily the best way to set about it!), you will meet Abraham on page 12 (in the NIV), in Genesis chap 11. The next fourteen chapters chronicle his life and its significance. Jews, Christians and Moslems all look back to him as a founding father. The New Testament writers were very conscious of the legacy and example of Abraham, such that he is referred to over 70 times in the gospels and other New Testament books.

So who was this patriarch?

He lived at some time between the 18th and 16th centuries BC. One way in which Biblical writers in both testaments seek to establish the precise identity of people is to include genealogies. Abraham is introduced in this way in Genesis chap 11. Then he is also included in the genealogies of Jesus provided by the gospel writers, Matthew and Luke.

Initially he is referred to as Abram, and is introduced as living in 'Ur of the Chaldeans' (in the valley of the river Euphrates, near the Persian Gulf in present day Iraq.) With his father Terah, wife Sarai, nephew Lot and their families they all set off, at God's command, to travel west to an unknown destination. In a nomadic culture, this may have been less unusual than it sounds to our ears, but nonetheless was a bold and risky thing to do.

They came to rest in Haran, a place in Aram (Modern Syria), where Terah died. It was in Haran that God appeared to Abram, and told him that he was to set out again for 'a land that I will show you', and that he would make him 'a great

nation'. For the childless and ageing Abram and Sarai, this second matter took a little swallowing! However, the group set off again, until they reached Shechem (present day Nablus, north of Jerusalem, in the country of Jordan). Here Abram built an altar (and nearer to modern Jerusalem, at Bethel) and God reiterated his promises to him.

Famine hit, so the hungry group made their way south to Egypt. The beautiful Sarai caught the Pharaoh's eye. To try and keep out of trouble Abram claimed she was his sister (a half-truth as she was his half-sister). However, the truth came out, and they were asked to go, in a very generous manner by the Egyptian ruler. Abram was to try the same ruse later with a Philistine ruler, but with no greater degree of success. Returning from Egypt, Abram and Lot arrived in the hills north of Jerusalem. By this time the size of Abram's and Lot's households', flocks and herds had grown. In circumstances of limited pasturage and water argument broke out between the two groups, so Abram and Lot agreed, amicably, to go their separate ways. Abram generously gave his nephew first choice of direction to travel. He chose the lush-looking pasture of the Jordan valley, and so headed off in that direction. Abram was left with the far more arid hill-country, moved on south a little, and settled around Hebron (south of Bethlehem).

Soon afterwards word came to Abram that Lot and his family had been taken captive by marauders. In the only account of any war-like activity in his life, he set off to (successfully) gain their release. In this period, too, God spoke clearly to Abram again. He said that his name was to be changed to Abraham (meaning 'exalted father') and that Sarai was to become Sarah ('Princess'). The promise of a son, and his role as the father of 'a multitude of nations' was repeated again. To signify the establishment of this



covenant, Abraham circumcised every male in his household. Genesis chapter 17 describes God saying to Abraham that as a mark of this, his descendants were to circumcise male children on their eighth day. Such has been Jewish practice ever since.

Abraham and Sarah both found the promise of a son very hard to believe, especially as the years slipped by. Eventually they took matters into their own hands, and Sarah gave her Egyptian slave-girl, Hagar, to her husband, for the purposes of conception. In due time, Ishmael was born. That, however, was not God's intention. More years elapsed. Abraham and Sarah were now by any reckoning far past the age of conception. Strangers appeared, who repeated again that Abraham and Sarah would bear a son.



Overhearing this, Sarah dissolved into (bitter?) laughter. But sure enough, nine or so months later, Isaac (meaning, 'laughter') was born.



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Thus Abraham began a group of people who settled in the area in the region of modern day Israel, who had the practice of circumcising male babies as a mark of their special relationship with God, and who were established by an utterly miraculous birth. Abraham (with human failings as well as inspiring qualities) was the founding father because he had heard, and obeyed the voice of God, not knowing where it would all end up. It was this evidence of faith - Abraham's willingness to believe what God said, and act on that - that characterised him, and pleased God. So says St. Paul, in Romans chapter 4, in the New Testament.

Next month we will look at Abraham's children, Ishmael and Isaac, the circumstances of his death and his legacy from his own day until now.

*David Rhodes*



## Youth Work News for S17 Churches

### Youth service went well

In December, we held our first youth service as part of the youth project in S17.

We had 13 youngsters attend this time in the church lounge at St. John's. We were very lucky to have a drummer with us from Greenhill Methodist church and a guitarist from The Bridge, both playing for us as we sang some Christian songs together. The theme of the evening was "Loving Jesus" and we had a look at what that means and if we do? We used CD's, video, songs stories, drawing and discussion to learn and contribute to the service. I think that everyone enjoyed the time and we are certainly looking at putting another service together.

### Christmas pizza and bowling

It was lovely to spend the afternoon with some young people and their families from Dore and Totley U.R.C. eating pizza and convincingly winning at bowling! It is these seemingly insignificant afternoons that are so significant for continuing to build good relationships with church youth and their families.

### Rock Solid's Back

All being well, Rock Solid has returned after Christmas. The youth from King Egberts are still coming to join in with the exciting programme of action packed games and discussions.

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### Coming up !

Next month I will be writing about the "Matrix youth conference I am going on. I will be sharing information about the get together of youth around the S17 and S8 areas. Plus an update on what we are currently doing with the youth from The Bridge.

*Matt Conant*





# Toddler Praise



A short fortnightly service for parents and carers of young pre-school children.

People without children also welcome !  
Coffee will be served afterwards.

**February Services**  
**6th and 20th**  
**All Saints' Church Hall**  
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Please pray that this legislation goes through Parliament and that UCB will be granted national and regional licences once the Broadcasting Bill is passed.

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*This information was taken from InFOCUS Jan.2003*

## The centre of the Bible

It is pretty strange or odd how it worked out this way. Even if you are not religious you should read this.

What is the shortest chapter in The Bible ?

Answer - Psalm 117

What is the longest chapter in The Bible ?

Answer - Psalm 119

Which chapter is in the centre of the Bible ?

Answer - Psalm 118

Fact: There are 594 chapters before Psalm 118

Fact: There are 594 Chapters after Psalm 118

Add these numbers up and You get 1188

What is the centre verse in the Bible ?

Answer - Psalm 118:8

Does this verse say something significant about God's perfect will for our lives ? Verse 8 reads:

*"It is better to trust in the Lord than to depend on human beings."*

# All Saints' Ladies Club

A happy New Year to everyone !

We have already enjoyed our Beetle Drive and now we begin the new year with two guest speakers.

February 4th

Catherine Snow

My childhood in China

February 18th

Donald Fraser

Music of the 30's and 40's

We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the month in the Church Hall at 7.30 p.m.

We have a varied programme and welcome new members.

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### NEW RAINBOW UNIT

I AM DELIGHTED TO BE ABLE TO REPORT THAT A NEW RAINBOW UNIT HAS BEEN OPENED  
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The first meeting was held on Monday 13 January when 12 Rainbows attended. The Unit is being led by Heather Johnson, Lorna Davies and Lucy Cole, and meets on Mondays from 5.45-6.45 p.m. in the Church Hall.

Rainbow Units cater for girls aged 5 - 7 years. When they reach 7 years they are then able to move on To Brownies at either St. John's or the United Reformed Church Unit on Totley Brook Road. For further information regarding Rainbows, please Contact Heather Johnson Tel. 2350978

If anyone is interested in helping with any of the units in this area, please contact me on 2351262.

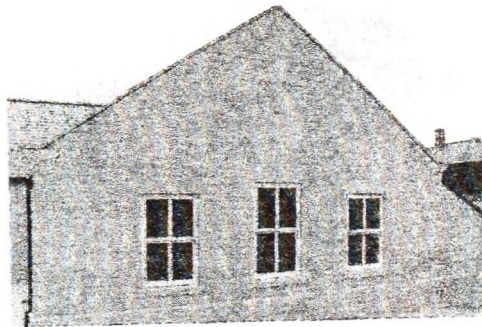
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The Units in Abbey District (Totley area) are as follows:

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	Tuesday	5.45-6.45 Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall
Brownies	Monday	6-7.30 St. John's Church Hall
	Tuesday	6-7.30 Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall
	Wednesday	6-7.30 URC Hall Totley Brook Road
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	Tuesday	7-8.30 Totley Rise Methodist Church Hall



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In addition, we did well in the school tests !

**Children's Society Boxes**

Your boxes are now due for their annual emptying - you may remember that I moved this into the New Year in order to make the run up to Christmas a little easier to handle !

If anyone would like to take a box for the worthwhile cause, please let me know.

*Ann Ruthven*



**From the editor**

**I wish you all a happy New Year !**

It is time to collect annual subscriptions for magazines delivered to your door. Collecting is not always an easy job so thank you all for doing this. If any reader would like to have a magazine delivered, please let me know.

Magazines are also available from the church, church hall, Totley Rise post office and Liberty Foods.

We welcome new readers. Do you know of anyone new to the district who may like a copy ?

The good news about Heather, my daughter, is that she has now been home seven weeks and she is coping well. At her check-up last week, everyone seemed pleased with the state of her health. Her next operation will probably take place in July and I feel she will need the support of our prayers as this time gets closer ! *Jeanne*

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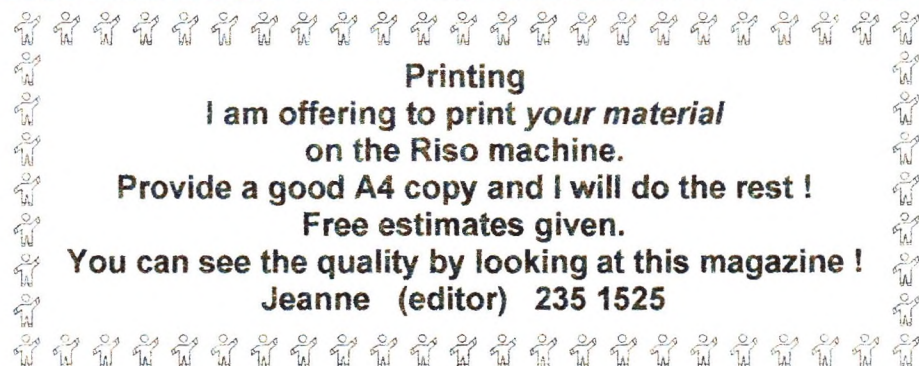


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**Totley Brook Road**

**Sunday**  
**March 9th**

**Joint Service 6.30 p.m.**  
**Everyone welcome**



# It's not too late!

The next *Alpha* course begins on Feb. 4th 7.30—10.00 p.m.  
or you could join the group beginning on Feb. 6th 10.15 - 12 noon  
in All Saints Church Hall.

4th or 6th Feb.	Who is Jesus ?
11th or 13th Feb.	Why did Jesus die ?
18th or 20th Feb.	Why and how should I read the Bible
25th or 27th Feb.	Why and how do I pray ?
4th or 6th Mar.	How can I be sure of my faith ?
11th or 13th Mar.	Who is the Holy Spirit ?

18th or 20th Mar.	How can I resist evil ?
25th or 27th Mar.	Does God heal today ?
1st or 3rd Apr.	Why and how should we tell others ?
8th or 10th Apr.	What about the Church ?

## **Sunday 13th April    *Alpha* Worship**

In the church    9.30 a.m.

How can I make the most of the rest of my life ?

## **Saturday 15th March    *Alpha* Away Day**

St. Luke's Lodge Moor 9.30-3.30 p.m.

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What does the Holy Spirit do and how can I be filled with the Holy Spirit ?

The next *Alpha* course will start in the autumn from  
Thursday 2nd October to 4th December 2003.

For further information and to register for the *Alpha* course, please contact Ric Gray, Tel 236 9204  
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## Churches together in Sheffield 17

The officers of CTS17 agreed to allocate £450 for outreach work. £300 was given to Churches for Youth in S17, £75 to Transport 17 and £75 to the project in Malawi (through Rev. Brian Cranwell). Grateful thanks have been received from all recipients.

The Chairperson and Vice-chairperson of CTS17 attended **Churches Together in South Yorkshire Forum** at the Victoria Hall Methodist Church in Norfolk Street on Saturday 18th January.

Dr. Isadora Aiken was elected the Chairperson of the new Forum.

Representatives from the Salvation Army, Quaker, United Reformed Church, Methodist, Baptist, Church of England and Roman Catholic denominations were present and the signing of South Yorkshire Church Leaders' Covenant was witnessed by a crowd of over one hundred people, filling the hall.

The covenant was signed in the belief that the Holy Spirit is leading us into deeper unity and that God the Father, through our Lord Jesus Christ is calling us to a greater sharing in our common mission to the world.

The theme for the service was chosen by an ecumenical group in Argentina, 'Treasure in clay jars'. The first reader reminded us that 'God has called us to worship and service'.

The guest speaker was the Archbishop of Westminster. The hymn singing upheld the Methodist tradition of raising the roof. It was so good, we had the occasional glimpse of the sun through the glass roof! JF.

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## Book Review

### 'Born Again' by Charles Colson

(this book is in the church library)

This is the man who founded the Prison Fellowship - the opportunity for Christian witness and fellowship in prison, in the United States and now in this country.

This is also the man who became embroiled in the Watergate scandal that rocked the Nixon administration and because of Christian beliefs that were strengthened and supported by political friends and foes, chose to answer truthfully and go to prison.

The book falls into two halves. The first part is quite involved, and at times difficult to follow, with too much detail of the political scene and Colson's thoughts and struggles, particularly in relation to Nixon.

The latter third becomes more alive with the reality of hardened prison inmates and God really working through Colson and others to change lives. I would suggest picking the book up at this point if you are short of time.

*Gay Riley*





## BE MY VALENTINE

- Valentine is another one of those saints we don't know much about – but his special day is probably the best known and widest celebrated of all saints' days.
- Tradition tells of a priest or Bishop of Termi called Valentine who was put to death for his faith during the reign of the Roman Emperor Claudius II. There was a rule that soldiers shouldn't marry but Valentine performed marriage services in secret. He was thrown into jail and the story goes that he fell in love with his jailer's daughter.
- On the day that he was led out to his death, he left a little note addressed to her in his cell. The note was signed 'Your Valentine'.
- In Victorian times printed Valentines were the most popular of all cards to send. Even more cards were sent for the 14<sup>th</sup> February than were sent at Christmas!

By Angela Webb

## BIBLE Vs

The answers to this quiz about the Bible all begin with the letter V. The answers are below.

- The last book in the Bible, Revelation, was based on the v\_\_\_\_ of St John.
- Jesus said 'I am the v\_\_\_\_ and you are the branches (John 15:5).
- Ezekiel saw a v\_\_\_\_ full of dry bones (Ezekiel 37:1)
- The V\_\_\_\_ is the name of a Latin translation of the Bible.
- Jesus was given sour wine or v\_\_\_\_ to drink when he was on the cross (Mark 15:36).
- Naboth owned a v\_\_\_\_ that King David wanted (1 Kings 21:1).
- The v\_\_\_\_ of the Temple tore when Jesus died (Luke 23:45).
- All King Solomon's drinking v\_\_\_\_ were made of gold (1 Kings 10:21).



How would you feel if you crossed a vegetable with a fruit?

Melon-cauli.

How do vicars make telephone calls?

Parson to parson.

Answers: 1. visions 2. vine 3. valley 4. Vulgate 5. vinegar 6. vineyard 7. veil 8. vessels

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## A fresh look at the Beatitudes

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- Blessed are those who know when to shut up and listen: they will learn new things thereby.
- Blessed are those who are attentive to the call of others without thinking of themselves: they will be sowers of joy.
- Blessed are those who know how to take little things seriously and large things peacefully: they will go far in life.
- Blessed are those who can admire a smile and forget a frown: their path will be sunlit.
- Blessed are those who can keep quiet and smile, even when someone cuts them off in mid sentence, when someone contradicts them, or when someone treads on their toe: the Gospel is beginning to penetrate their heart.
- Blessed above all are you if you can recognise the Lord in everyone you meet: you have the true light and true wisdom.



### A child's worship

Oh to be a little child  
When coming unto you  
To speed along on little feet  
Your praise in all we do.

To clap our tiny little hands  
To not feel out of place  
To stand and feel Your blessing  
The blessings of Your grace.

To flap our arms with pleasure great  
The joy just fills our eyes  
And Oh what transport of delight  
To gain the sought of prize.

We come dear Lord and now we seek  
This happiness to know  
As on we go and us You bless  
Your knowledge in us sow.

*So as we grow we understand  
A child's what we must be  
To give You all our selfless praise  
To truly worship Thee.*

*Vivien Filleul*

With joy to run and skip along  
To dance from toe to toe  
To be impatient for Your love  
As on and on we go.

With eagerness to find You there  
Expectation makes up jump  
To skip and go from place to place  
The joys in our hearts to pump.

To turn and twist and twirl around  
The joy is so complete  
Why should we leave this ecstasy  
When heaven is so sweet.

Forgive our sober outer case  
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And see inside the little child  
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There will be memorial services on the following date in 2003:

March 30th; June 29th; September 28th and December 28th

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 March 30th 2003**

**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:** 1st Dec. Bethan Rose Collier  
Laverdene Avenue  
12th Dec. Oliver Marshall  
Totley Hall Mead  
12th Dec. Abigail Amelia Shaw  
Main Avenue

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

10th Feb. Joseph Thomas Tozer  
10th Feb. Penny Elizabeth Tozer

**WEDDINGS:** 21st Dec. Timothy William Goss to  
Anna Elisabeth Whitehouse  
of Glover Road

**FUNERALS:** None in December and January

The next Memorial Service will be held on March 30th 2003. If you would like a loved-one to be remembered at that service, please complete the form on the page opposite and return to David Rhodes at the Vicarage.

**IF YOU WANT TO BE MARRIED OR HAVE YOUR  
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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.**

### FEBRUARY FLOWER LIST

	Altar	Memory Table
2nd	Care & Share	Mrs. Bryer
9th	Mr. Iosson	Mrs. Bramall
16th	Care & Share	Care & Share
26th	Care & Share	Care & Share

## February 2003 Diary Dates

Mon.	3rd	Contemplative Prayer Group 12 Marstone Cresc. 2.45 p.m.
Mon.	3rd	Standing Committee Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
Tues.	4th	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Tues.	4th	Alpha starts Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	5th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.
Thurs.	6th	Toddler Praise Hall 10.00 a.m.
Thurs.	6th	Daytime Alpha starts Hall 10.15 a.m.
Sun.	9th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m.
Mon.	10th	P.C.C. Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m.
Wed.	12th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.
Mon.	17th	Last day for items for the magazine
Mon.	17th	Contemplative Prayer Group 12 Marstone Cresc. 2.45 p.m.
Mon.	17th	Cell Group Leaders meeting Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
Tues.	18th	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	19th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.
Thurs.	20th	Toddler Praise Hall 10.00 a.m.
Sun.	23rd	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 - 8.30 p.m.
Mon.	24th	Collation of the magazine from 9.30 a.m.
Tues.	25th	Martha and Mary Group Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m.
Wed.	26th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.

March

Fri.	7th	Women's World Day of Prayer Christ Church Dore 10.00 a.m.
Sun.	9th	Joint Service URC Totley Brook Road 6.30 p.m.
Sat.	29th	Quiet Day All Saints' Church & Hall 10.00-4.00 p.m.

## Sayings for Stillness

**"Behold ! I have given you authority . . . nothing shall hurt you". (Luke 10 : 19)**

**Final Date : Items for March 2003 : February 17th 2003**



## ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL

<b>Sunday:</b>	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
<b>Monday:</b>	10.00 a.m.	Drop in Coffee	
		Marjorie & Maurice Snowden	236 2822
	10.00 a.m.	Toddler Group	
		Jo 262 0741 or Sharon	236 9639
	3.30 p.m.	Junior Choir Practice in Church	
		Stella Jockel	236 9413
	5.45 - 6.45 p.m.	Rainbows	
		Heather Johnson	235 0978
	7.00 p.m.	Guides	
		Maureen Allum	235 1262
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10.30 a.m.	Martha & Mary Group ( 4th)	
		Sheila Eke	236 7457
	7.30 p.m.	Ladies Club (1st & 3rd)	
		Ann Ruthven	236 8643
<b>Wed'day:</b>	10.00 a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group	
		Vicki Waite	236 6789
	2.00 p.m.	Ladies Keep Fit	
		Val Simpson	236 1483
<b>Thursday:</b>	10.00 a.m.	Toddler Praise (fortnightly)	
		Joanne Smith	262 0741
	7.00 p.m.	Choir Practice in Church	
		Stella Jockel	236 9413

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## *From the Vicarage*



Dear friends

Blackpool is more visited than almost any other place in Europe (so the publicity proclaims), but not much of that happens in February. That is unless you are a vicar, or full-time church worker in the Diocese of Sheffield, in 2003, in which case you were summoned to a four day conference by Bishop Jack.

The sun shone (on one day), the mist lingered, the food was nice, the Tower was closed for the winter and the trams rumbled along the prom every 20 minutes. Inside the Hotel Metropole, the clergy of Sheffield were taking the theme "Teach us to pray."

As with all such occasions, much of the value was in meeting up with, and chatting with colleagues and friends one does not usually have the opportunity of meeting in a relaxed way. But also, spending time reflecting on the nature and practice of prayer is of great value. Prayer has been likened to the air-line of a diver. Just as the air-line keeps him in vital communication with the surface, and provides him with essential oxygen, so prayer is the line that keeps us in vital communication with the Father, and allows us to receive the vital breath of life only He can give.

Our experiences of prayer will vary immensely. Many of us will have childhood memories that involved kneeling by the bed with closed eyes and hands together. There may have been the formal prayer read at school assembly, and for most of us

the cry from the heart of "Help", when we are faced with a threatening situation.

For Christians, approaches to individual and corporate prayer, however, may vary immensely. Some like to journal and keep a written record of prayer, some like to pray whilst walking, or conducting a mundane task. For some, the focus in prayer may be to be open to God, to listen, to allow relationship to grow. Others will feel a call to intercede for needs of people, of the world, of the church. One member of the clergy at the Blackpool conference was due to start a silent prayer retreat of 30 days, starting soon after we returned. So by the time you read this he should be well into it.

Corporately, most of us will be acquainted with prayers of different kinds, led by one person, in the context of a church service. But a corporate prayer meeting may involve opportunity for many to contribute spontaneously, for singing, for quiet waiting, for expecting some special word from God to be given to somebody, to share with everybody else. On a different tack, corporate prayer may take the form of quiet, perhaps guided meditation, as happens in the annual quiet day at All Saints, when space is given to listen to God, and make response to Him. One memorable occasion for me, was on a visit to the church in Mongolia, in 1996. I went to an early morning (6.30 a.m.) prayer meeting, in which we were all encouraged to pray, aloud, together. And that is what we did, uttered our own individual prayers, but all at the same time. It sounded most odd (especially as they were mainly in Mongolian!) but somehow there was a beauty about it.

When the disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray, He responded by giving the words of the Lord's prayer. Both words to be repeated, and a pattern, which can be used to inform the direction of other prayer. The disciples asked, and Jesus responded. If we wish to grow in our understanding, and experience in this dimension of life, then of course, He is the One to ask.

Often a written, or a spontaneous prayer, may end with "in the name of Jesus", or a similar formula. He said, that whatever we



ask in His name, He will grant. However, I don't believe this is simply an instruction to put a formula of words at the end of what is prayed. More, it is an encouragement for us to have our hearts, minds and wills in tune with Jesus, so that the things we ask for, are the things He is also concerned for. Using prayer as one means of being in tune with Him is thus vital. As we intercede, expecting Him to act in accordance with our prayers, this falls into place. Using the words of others to express what we feel, but cannot find the words for may also be of value.

"Lord, teach us to pray. " How are you doing in the school of prayer? What sort of effort grades would you get on the end-of-term report? How would they compare with other subjects? It has been said that "Satan trembles when he sees, the weakest saint upon his knees." Maybe you would like to use the approaching season of Lent as a time to find out more about, and spend more time in prayer. And then see what God will do!

With all best wishes



## UNHCR STATISTICS

Developing countries produced 86 percent of the world's refugees over the past decade, but also provided asylum for seven out of ten of those fleeing, according to a new statistical yearbook released by UNHCR.

The *UNHCR Statistical Yearbook* notes that while rich countries voice increasing concern over asylum seekers arriving on their borders, it is mainly poor countries that provide asylum to the world's refugees - 72 percent over the past 10 years. "The fact that 7 out of 10 refugees are hosted by low-income countries underscores the responsibility of industrialised states to share in international refugee protection," the book states.

(from Church News Service)



## Services in March

### **2nd Sunday before Lent**

Theme: Abiding in Christ (2)

- 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**

### **5th Wednesday Service - Ash Wednesday**

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

### **9th 1st Sunday of Lent**

Theme: Power for today.

- 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. **Churches in S17 Joint Service at U.R.C.**

### **12th Wednesday Service**

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

### **16th 2nd Sunday of Lent**

Theme: Resisting the Enemy (1)

- 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

### **19th Wednesday Service**

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

### **23rd 3rd Sunday of Lent**

Theme: Resisting the Enemy (2)

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

### **26th Wednesday Service**

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

### **30th 4th Sunday of Lent - Mothering Sunday**

Theme: Keeping in Touch (1)

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



### **A CASE OF CELL-BY DATE**

Regular readers will know that a network of small groups, called cells, has been undergirding the life of All Saints for the last three years or so. In the natural world, cells multiply, to enable the growth of the body they are part of. This principle of multiplication has always been present in the cell-philosophy of the church, too. However we have not found it easy to find just the right way to enable this to happen, despite various attempts at it !

Now, however, it would seem that the time is right. With some cells bursting at the seams, and a number of folk looking to find their niche in the church, we have decided to multiply all the groups in mid-January. For existing members, this can be a daunting prospect. There is the fear of losing relationships and an environment that we have grown to love and benefit from. There is the fear of the unknown, and the somewhat daunting prospect of starting to build a fresh sense of community. But there is also the understanding that new life and growth involve change, that when God is behind this, it is for our good, and we can get stuck in a rut, which is not a helpful matter for anybody.

So, in the week beginning 14th Jan., the cell-network expanded, with several new groups starting. A number of people have been training as leaders over recent months, and so they are taking responsibility, along with the existing leaders. All the groups will have a new feel as new and existing members set out on a new journey. The values we hold remain unchanged.

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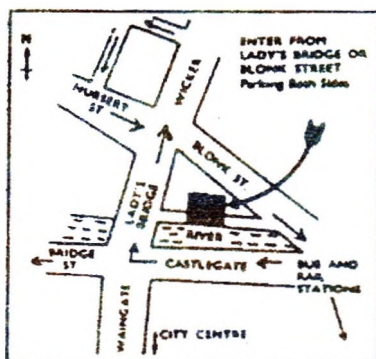


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## Thank you !

I want to say a big "thank you" for the present which I was given to mark the formal end of my ministry as a Reader.

It was unexpected and generous.

I didn't quite know what to say when I actually received the gift but I want you good people to know that it is a great privilege to be able to serve God in this way. The opportunity to preach sometimes can be seen as a chore but one always hopes that it has been worthwhile.

One of the lessons which we all need to learn is that the end of something is always the beginning of something else. As in my case now, we do not always know what God has in store for us but we can look forward in confidence that "the best is yet to come". My hope and prayer is that the Holy Spirit will move powerfully in Totley and that we shall all see that God's kingdom is wide and strong. Those who come after us will be able to see the glory that will be.

In the years gone by I have been able to share in fellowship with many people on their spiritual journey. I hope to go on doing that for a long time yet!

*Maurice Snowden.*

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5. What is a camel's hair brush made from ?
6. The Canary Islands in the Pacific are named after what animal ?
7. What was King George VI's first name ?
8. What colour is a purple finch ?
9. Where are Chinese gooseberries from ?

All done ? Check your answers on page 26 !

### **MARTHA AND MARY GROUP**

The next meeting will be on  
**March 25th 2003**  
at 10.30 a.m.  
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### Steve and Eman prayed for him in church !

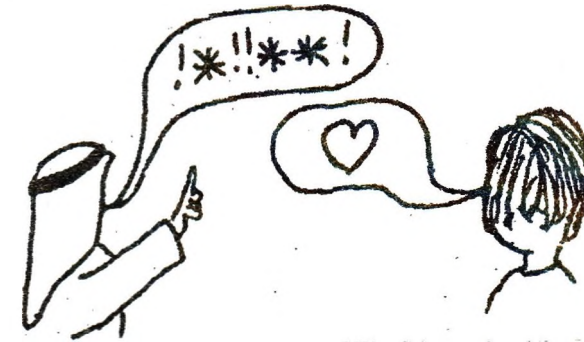
Our CMS partners in Kuwait, Steve and Jo Wright, send regular Link letters which are placed on the notice board in the vestibule of the church hall. You may like to read this extract from the latest one which recounts the repercussions following a long running parking dispute with their neighbour.

#### "On the home front.

The parking dispute with the neighbour behind the church flared up seriously recently, causing Steve to call in intermediaries. The Kuwaiti way in disputes is to try to avoid using the official channels for such things as long as possible and use outsiders to mediate - using men of influence to take up your cause. In England they'd call it 'old boy network' I suppose; here it's called using 'wasta'. Trying to do the right thing, it being a dispute with a Kuwaiti, we used friends of friends and have got peace again without using the oil company's mediation procedure. Using other channels also helps to solve tension: we have asked the oil company to pave another area to help ease our overcrowded parking area and they seem willing. Success, for now.

One interesting thing that came out of it. When we parted company the neighbour had shouted something very abusive at Steve, who replied with the Ramadan greeting, 'Thank you, and Ramadan Kareem'. Our neighbour was shocked that we would reply to abuse with a blessing and later we learnt that after the flare up, Steve and Emad, the Egyptian caretaker, had

prayed for him in church.



Emad used the man's surprise (expressed later) to point out to him from our Bible how Jesus says we 'should love our neighbour', not 'love our neighbour unless they are Muslim or shout at us'. The man was amazed at that and wondered at it."

CMS have recently sent us a study package which is designed to help Christians to understand and relate to Muslims and Islam. It includes a video entitled, 'My Muslim Neighbour'. The pack is intended for use in group discussion but makes interesting reading on an individual basis. If you'd like to try it, it is in the Church Library.

*Catherine Wrigglesworth*

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## NOAH'S Ark

You may remember the story of Noah and the Ark that he was commanded by the Lord to build as in a fit of Celestial bad temper, he was going to flood the earth. Noah was, as I recall, commanded to take two of every living species in the Ark.

Just what would happen if Noah or his modern counterpart lived in New Zealand in 1998? The story may have been like this:

The Lord said to Noah: "In six months I am going to make it rain for 40 days and nights until it floods the whole earth and all mankind and every living thing will be destroyed"

The Lord said: "I will save a few good people, build an Ark and take your three sons and their wives and two of every living thing I have made". In a great flash of lightening, the Lord delivered the specifications of the Ark. "Six months and it starts to rain," thundered the Lord. "Finish the Ark or you had better learn to swim for a long time".

Six months passed and the sky clouded over and it started to rain heavily. The Lord looked down and saw that Noah was sitting at home weeping in great anguish for there was no Ark.

"Noah," shouted the Lord, "where is the Ark?"

"Lord please forgive me," begged Noah. "I did my best but there have been many problems. Firstly, I took your plans to the City Council to get a building permit and they did not meet the building code. There weren't enough windows, the colour wasn't compatible with the local environment and the engineers wouldn't sign off wooden beams under the main floor. When I got the plans redrawn, they argued I would need a fire prevention sprinkler system. It took three months to get the appraisals.

Then the council insisted I get a Resource Management Consent as an Ark is not a Permitted Activity. My neighbours objected because of hammering noise and the lights at night because we were now running late. Some thought they may be shaded by the height of the Ark and others complained that we had no plans for dealing with the smell from the animals. The council demanded we have an effluent disposal system and larger doors for safety purposes.

Lord, just as I got through all that, I have a protest around the site by the greens complaining that we had chopped down native trees and that our Forest Management Plan was not sustainably based. The Twigs and Feathers Society started a petition against the loss of habitat for the threatened little blue parrot. At this stage I had a visit

from the Human Rights Commissioner because we had our wives working on site and they insisted we stop calling it Noah's Ark and use something gender neutral.

Lord, by now we were starting to collect animals but I got sued by the animal rights people for putting too many animals together in one place without enough space. The next day, the Occupational and Safety inspectors arrived and wanted more safety standards, then the Inland Revenue arrived and claimed I was trying to leave the country without paying tax.

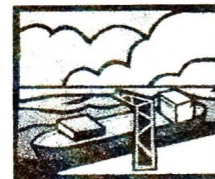
Just when I thought I was clear, Environment New Zealand heard there was going to be a flood and they are demanding that you, Lord, obtain a Resource Consent that will have conditions about reinstating the earth to its natural condition. They are concerned that the environmental social effects may be adverse and that you must avoid, remedy or mitigate them. The council were offended that you thought you had jurisdiction over them.

As you can see Lord, it has been one delay after another and I don't think I can be finished for another two years. This morning the local Kiwi were here saying not only were we building on land that belonged to them but they want half the Ark under Article Two of the Treaty of Waitangi. They said that if you were involved there were sacred issues to resolve and we would have to pay for their consultants to take a case to the Waitangi Tribunal. In fact, they have set up a tent on the top deck and refuse to move."

Just then the rain stopped and the sun began to shine brightly. A rainbow stretched across the sky. Noah looked up and sighed.

"Does this mean you are not going to destroy the earth Lord?" he asked hopefully.

"No," said the Lord, "the bureaucrats have done it for me".



A school teacher was telling the bible story about Noah's Ark and how the Lord required him to take two of every living creature into the Ark to save them from the flood.

Throughout the story, Johnny, a farmer's son, had his hand up and was anxious to ask a question. Finally when the teacher had finished the story, she listened to Johnny's question.

He wanted to know who was going to do the 'mucking out'!



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## ABRAHAM part 2

Abram and Sarai left Iraq, found their way to Israel (in modern parlance) where they settled. In the course of those events God changed the names of both of them, to Abraham and Sarah, and he fathered two children, Ishmael by Hagar (Sarah's servant) and Isaac by Sarah. Those were the events we looked at last month. With the birth of Isaac, the founding of the Jewish nation was established. With the birth of Ishmael, the beginnings of many of the other near-eastern nations was established. Just as the two brothers were at loggerheads during their life-time, so have been their descendants ever since.

It is not surprising that there was ill-feeling between the childless Sarah, and her (somewhat gloating) servant, Hagar. Sarah's harsh treatment of the pregnant Hagar forced her to flee from her mistress. In the midst of this, God met with her, told her to return to Sarah, and promised her that her son (as well as the yet unborn Isaac) would also be the ancestor of a mighty nation. She returned, and for the next 13 years remained with Sarah, bringing up her son, Ishmael. It was then that God appeared afresh to Abraham, and gave the rite of circumcision, as a mark of His covenant with Abraham and his family. Abraham, Ishmael and all other males were duly circumcised.

Today a number of Arab tribes practice male circumcision at the age of 13, as a direct result of this. They look back to Ishmael as their founding father, and believe that he is buried in the Ka'aba at Mecca.

Isaac was born when Ishmael was 14, and Abraham 100. Sarah's age is unspecified, but she was well past child-bearing years. At a feast held to celebrate the weaning of Isaac, resentment between Sarah and Hagar erupted again, when Sarah saw the fourteen year old Ishmael, and his mother, making fun of Isaac. Again they were banished, this time permanently.

"Some time later" (Gen 22:1) God tested Abraham. Isaac's father was told to take his precious Isaac, to bind him and offer him as a sacrifice in worship. Such a challenge sounds utterly

horrific to our ears. Whilst it was entirely devastating to Abraham, it would not have been quite so alien to him as to us. Child sacrifice was a common practice in the surrounding pagan tribes. Later on, this was one of the practices God spoke very firmly against in the life of the people of Israel. It was common elsewhere, so Israel could easily adopt it.



In Abraham's case, however, the challenge was one of trust. God had promised that he and Sarah would found a nation. After many years of heart-rending waiting Isaac was born and there was the prospect of the promise being fulfilled. Now it would appear that it would all be thrown away, at God's command. How perverse can you get!

But Abraham obeyed God, rather than his own powerful instincts and reasoning.

He took Isaac on a three

day journey to Mount Moriah. There, he prepared to sacrifice his son. A fire was laid. Isaac was bound, and laid on the wood. Abraham grasped the knife. It was not until this last moment that God intervened, and indicated a ram caught in a nearby thicket. Abraham had demonstrated in the most dramatic way his preparedness to follow his Lord to the utmost, even in the face of the most appalling sacrifice and apparent destruction of God's own promise. An only son, born in a miraculous way was offered up as a lamb would be, in a sacrificial manner. Thus, the death of Jesus, a direct descendant of Abraham, was foreshadowed many centuries before it happened.

Attempts have been made to identify Mount Moriah. Generally



they are inconclusive. One other biblical reference identifies it with the site of Solomon's temple in Jerusalem( 2Chron 3:1). The overall topography of that precise area makes it a little doubtful, in view of the way it is described in Genesis 22. However, to locate it in the vicinity of Jerusalem fits in very well with this description, so that would seem to be quite likely. Soon after, Sarah died, and was buried in the cave of Machpelah, which Abraham bought for 400 shekels for the purpose. Thereafter, he arranged to find a wife (Rebecca) for Isaac, from his own clan, back in the region of the River Euphrates, that he had come from originally. He remarried (Keturah) by whom he had a number of children. These he provided for, but his inheritance passed solely to Isaac. It was Isaac's son, Jacob, to be renamed Israel, who thus bore the founding fathers of the twelve tribes of Israel.

Abraham died aged 175, and was buried alongside Rebekkah in the cave, at Hebron. Today in the city of Hebron, the traditional site of the cave is marked by a huge fortress-like building, dating back to the first century, and the time of King Herod. It is claimed it is the final resting place of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekkah, and their child Jacob (to become Israel) and his first wife Leah. Some also claim that Joseph is buried there too. Of all the characters in Scripture, Abraham is most honoured by Moslems, in the Koran. There he is known as El Khalil. Inscribed on the Jaffa Gate, in Old Jerusalem (through which the Hebron road passed) is a verse from the Koran "There is no God but Allah, and Abraham is beloved of Him"

Beloved by God is also the way the New Testament writers depict him. He is a righteous and God-fearing man, but above all one who is justified by faith. The trial on Mount Moriah was a dramatic deed, that evidenced his faith. That was what pleased God about Abraham. James (2:23) comments that Abraham was called God's friend, because he trusted Him. He's a patriarch who set an example we can all follow. Abraham's legacy is incalculable. So may ours be, as we live by trust in the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*David Rhodes*



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When all the day was done.

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And be amazed by You  
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There is so much that I don't know  
About the life You ran  
Oh Lord there's such a big, big void  
Between the babe and man.

I often long to fill the blanks  
And really come to know  
The wholeness of the babe and man  
So that my love can grow.



Dear Lord the lesson let me learn  
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**Did you score 4 or more right answers - page 12**

1. How long did the Hundred Years War last ? **116 years**
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6. The Canary Islands in the Pacific are name after what animal? **Dogs**
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Plant four rows of squash -

*Squash gossip, squash indifference,  
squash grumbling and squash selfishness.*

Plant four rows of lettuce -

*Lettuce be faithful, lettuce be kind, lettuce be  
happy and lettuce really love one another.*

No garden should be without turnips -

*Turnip for service when needed, turnip to help  
one another and turnip the music and dance.*

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love.

There is much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow.

To complete your garden you need to have thyme -

*Thyme for fun, thyme for rest and thyme for ourselves.*

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## March

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Maureen Allum Division Commissioner



## **From the editor**

If you missed out on the current *Alpha* course, don't worry !  
There will be another chance to  
join the next *Alpha* course  
which begins at the beginning of  
October this year.

Thank you all the deliverers  
who have collected subscrip-  
tions for this year. I expect the  
balance of the subs. will be  
collected when this magazine is  
delivered !

You will perhaps have noticed a few new advertise-  
ments. As before, I ask you to consider using both  
the old and new advertisers when requiring goods or  
services. I would appreciate it if you would mention  
where you have seen their advertisement as this is a  
recommendation for a repeat advert.!

I believe there is an intention to hold another "Coffee  
for Kenya" in the early part of the summer. As before  
I expect there will be several stalls and so I am asking  
you to save your saleable goods from now on.

Heather, my daughter, is quite well. She has 'up and  
down' days but she is enjoying being at home and is  
able to look after Beth, my grand-daughter, with very  
little assistance - which pleases Beth.

I do believe that 'the power of prayer' has worked for  
us in giving Heather her life.

*Jeanne*



## Authority, Iraq and Direct Action



Last month's *Letter from the Vicarage* raised some very serious issues which should concern us all, particularly at a time when our country appears to be marching inexorably towards war while, at the time of writing, opinion polls indicate this is opposed by the majority of the British people. While I concur wholeheartedly with David that

our response must firstly be to pray for all concerned, and in particular the political leaders of the countries involved, the conclusion of the letter left me profoundly saddened and disappointed. I fear that Christians can too often use the excuse of "respect for authority" as a cop-out, an excuse for not thinking through difficult issues for ourselves.

We should certainly be praying for the situation in Iraq – for the leaders of Iraq, the U.S., Britain and our European allies, and perhaps above all for the Iraqi people. But in my experience, when we sincerely pray for others part of God's response is often to call on *us* to act! We are indeed fortunate to live in a democracy. This places great responsibility on our leaders to act on behalf of all the people, but we have a duty to play our part in the democratic process too. This does not just mean voting and then sitting back for 4 or 5 years – we have not just a right but a responsibility to keep politicians aware of our deeply held convictions. Could God be calling you to make your views on the "drift to war" known – by writing to your M.P. or the prime minister, by attending mass demonstrations, or perhaps even by participating in a national strike?

I am certainly not qualified to assess whether Paul's call to

respect all authority as instituted by God was intended to apply universally or specifically to the situation of first century Christians in Rome. The reference to Nazi Germany in David's letter implies it is perhaps not universal, and we must exercise a moral judgment. But even if we believe the instruction to respect authority is universal, what are we to conclude? That we must unquestioningly support our own government in a war that many feel is not just unnecessary but morally wrong? Or that Saddam's authority must also have been established by God, and so we should utterly oppose any attempts at "regime change"? Unfortunately, I do not believe our faith gives us the right to opt out of some difficult moral choices.

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**Speaker:**  
**Mrs. Linda Hunter**



## **Flower list**



Christine Scott is compiling  
the new flower list for 2003 - 4.

Will you please contact her (tel. 236 8434) to  
confirm the date(s) you wish to put flowers on the  
altar and/or the memorial table as last year's list  
has been removed from the church notice board.

Thank you.



## Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd - *that's relationship*  
I shall not want - *that's supply*  
He makes me lie down in green pasture - *that's rest*  
He leads me beside the still water - *that's refreshment*  
He restores my soul - *that's healing*  
He leads me in the paths of righteousness - *that's guidance*  
For His name's sake - *that's purpose*  
Yea though I walk through the valley of death - *that's testing*  
I will fear no evil - *that's protection*  
For thou art with me - *that's faithfulness*  
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me - *that's discipline*  
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of enemies -  
*that's hope*  
Thou annointed my head with oil - *that's consecration*  
My cup runneth over - *that's abundance*  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my  
life - *that's blessing*  
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord - *that's security*  
Forever - *that's eternity.*

### Remember me ?

Rev. Peter Beech

A man picked up his newspaper and, to his horror, read his own obituary. The newspaper had reported the death of the wrong man ! But he relished the idea of finding out what people had to say about him after he had died, so he read on. The bold-type headline announced, DYNAMITE KING DIES. He read further and found himself described as a 'merchant of death'. In truth he had invented dynamite and had earned a good deal of money from his invention. But his obituary gave him food for thought. Did he really want to be remembered as a 'merchant of death' ? He decided not and from that moment he devoted all his energies and talents to works of peace and reconciliation. Today he is best remembered not as a merchant of death - but as the founder of the Nobel peace prize - he was Alfred Nobel. *What would you like to remembered for ?*

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My precious Son, my only one  
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For just a while

With heart a-pace, I felt God's grace,  
Through angel message  
Promising —

A special child, gentle and mild,  
But with God's strength  
——— Obedient too.

Somehow I knew, the while He grew,  
He had a purpose  
Unfulfilled.

Till Cana came, I called His name;  
He helped our friends  
And filled a need.

Then He was teaching,  
Helping, healing,  
Leading twelve especial friends.

They were watching, waiting,  
learning.  
But other too. My heart feels sad.  
Mankind engulfed Him  
All it's mortal sin.  
His flesh was torn.  
His body too.

I felt despair, they did not care.  
But taunts and jibes  
And crucify.



But some did care  
Who lingered there.  
The outcast, weak  
The friendless ones.

Overwhelmed, bereft;  
Incomprehension.  
Left alone to grieve.

My precious son, my only  
one,  
A gift from God  
To you I come.

I live anew, with life through  
You.  
After three days  
When you returned.

Such joy, such love, from God  
above.  
Foretold in scriptures  
Long ago.

I praise the Lord  
For gift divine,  
Eternal life  
For me and mine.

*Gay Riley*

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### ANGLICAN METHODIST

#### Points of Reference

Many things which appear to be the same in Anglican and Methodist traditions are different, and some which on the surface appear to be different are remarkably similar. Both have local churches, but while the focus in the Church of England is on the parish, in Methodism the basic unit is the circuit, which may comprise eight to twelve local churches and congregations.

Circuits are "the primary unit in which the local churches express their interconnexion for the purposes of mission, mutual encouragement and help", according to the Common Statement on Covenant. In the Methodist Church in Great Britain there are more than 600 circuits grouped into 33 districts. Comparable in size with Anglican dioceses, districts are less significant to ordinary Methodists. They do, however, relate more strongly to the central governing body, Methodist Conference, than Church of England members do to General Synod. "Conference" as Methodists refer to it, has more of the air of a family gathering, and ordinary church members are likely to know people taking part. Ordinations also take place at Conference time. General Synod members, however, are elected not by parishes but by deanery and diocesan synod members and since deaneries themselves are seen as somewhat remote by many ordinary Anglicans, their nominees for General Synod are less likely to be widely known than their Methodist counterparts.

*Ian yearsley*



## Youth work news for S17 churches

### The matrix youth conference

I had a great two days away at the Matrix youth conference last month. It was organised by 12 youth organisations with keynote speakers Bishop Graham Cray and Sam Adams from Oxford youth works.

To understand why the conference was called "the matrix" you need to have seen the film of the same name. The main thoughts behind Graham Cray's talk was that we are living in a new world, a network society, where it is as easy to communicate with someone in

Australia as it is a mile up the road. Within this network society, young people can go wherever they want with umpteen possibilities. They don't like face to face commitments and struggle with taking risks. Young people are trapped in this Matrix and have little idea of how to be free.

The job of the youth worker is to introduce them to each other again and to the freedom of Jesus Christ. The job of the church is surely to be visible and accessible, showing young people that genuine relationships with one another and God can take place within it, providing full acceptance and integration to all who would come.

Another meaningful challenge I had was on how we divide our day into work, rest, play and worship. The monastic order enforces a day of 4 equal parts, 6 hours of work, 6 hours of recreation, 6 hours of rest, 6 hours of worship. How much of my or your day do we give to these areas? Think about it!

### Youth in S17 and S8

I have very much enjoyed working with the youth leaders in S8 over the last year and the get-togethers of youth from these groups has been a continuation of this. We went bowling



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together in January and are having a 5-a-side football tournament at the weekend. These are just the beginning of what we hope to achieve together as we seek to enable Christian young people to meet with other Christians in fellowship together.

### The youth of the Bridge

As you may know, the Bridge leaders are not currently involved with the weekly youth work with the youngsters at the Heatherfield club in Totley. They are still meeting as a group and some are still involved in youth work. The youngsters have not been forgotten about. I still regularly see many of them and often play football with some of them. I hope that as Spring approaches that as a community more can be done to provide for these youth who depend on volunteers to provide for them.

*Matt Conant*





- It was when she was in Rome in
- 1524 that she suddenly lost her
- sight. Even though she was blind
- Pope Clement VII asked her to stay
- in Rome to take charge of an order
- of nursing nuns but she refused
- and went home to Brescia. When
- she was almost 60 she started the
- Order of St Ursula, still involved in
- teaching today.

*By Angela Webb*

This timetable has the lessons scrambled up – can you unravel the school subjects? Answers below.

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Period 2	ROYTHIS
Period 3	GHELSIN
Period 4	CHNFER
LUNCH	
Period 5	RAT
Period 6	MYITCHERS
Period 7	MESAG



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There will be memorial services on the following date in 2003:

March 30th; June 29th; September 28th and December 28th

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 March 30th 2003**

**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:** 9th Feb. Emma Louise Cheetham  
of Aldam Close

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

Charles Edward Francis Highfield  
William Roxburgh Highfield

**WEDDINGS:** 1st Feb. Stephen Harold Hadabora  
to Victoria Louise Waite  
of Oldwell Close

**FUNERALS:** None in February

The next Memorial Service will be held on March 30th 2003. 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.**

### MARCH FLOWER LIST

Altar

Memory Table

2nd

Care & Share Group Care & Share Group

LENT No Flowers

## March 2003 Diary Dates

Sat.	1st	A Prayer Walk in S17 Totley Rise Methodist 10.30 a.m.
Mon.	3rd	Contemplative Prayer Group 12 Marstone Cresc. 2.45 p.m.
Mon.	3rd	Standing Committee Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
Tues.	4th	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	5th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.
Thurs.	6th	Toddler Praise Hall 10.00 a.m.
Fri.	7th	Women's World Day of Prayer Christ Church Dore 10.00 a.m.
Sun.	9th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m.
Sun.	9th	Joint Service URC Totley Brook Road 6.30 p.m.
Wed.	12th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.
Mon.	17th	Contemplative Prayer Group 12 Marstone Cresc. 2.45 p.m.
Mon.	17th	P.C.C. Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m.
Tues.	18th	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	19th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.
Thurs.	20th	Toddler Praise Hall 10.00 a.m.
Sun.	23rd	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 - 8.30 p.m.
Sun.	23rd	Cell Training Vicarage
Mon.	24th	Last day for items for the magazine
Tues.	25th	Martha and Mary Group Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m.
Wed.	26th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.
Sat.	29th	Quiet Day All Saints' Church & Hall 10.00-4.00 p.m.
Mon.	31st	Collation of the magazine from 9.30 a.m.
April		
Sun.	6th	Joint Service and Annual Parish Meeting 10.00 a.m.

## Sayings for Stillness

**"Come up to ME into the mount, and be there".**

(Exodus 24 : 12)

**Final Date : Items for April 2003 : March 24th 2003**



## ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL

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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
<b>Monday:</b>	10.00 a.m.	Drop in Coffee	
		Marjorie & Maurice Snowdon	236 2822
	10.00 a.m.	Toddler Group	
		Jo 262 0741 or Sharon	236 9639
	3.30 p.m.	Junior Choir Practice in Church	
		Stella Jockel	236 9413
	5.45 - 6.45 p.m.	Rainbows	
		Heather Johnson	235 0978
	7.00 p.m.	Guides	
		Maureen Allum	235 1262
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10.30 a.m.	Martha & Mary Group ( 4th)	
		Sheila Eke	236 7457
	7.30 p.m.	Ladies Club (1st & 3rd)	
		Ann Ruthven	236 8643
<b>Wed'day:</b>	10.00 a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group	
		Vicki Waite	236 6789
	2.00 p.m.	Ladies Keep Fit	
		Val Simpson	236 1483
<b>Thursday:</b>	10.00 a.m.	Toddler Praise (fortnightly)	
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## *From the Vicarage*



Dear friends

As I write this it is clear that the US and UK forces will launch an attack on Iraq within the next 24 hours or so. The horrors of war and man's inhumanity to man, which are never absent from our world, but depending on where they are taking place may be from our television screens, will face us more starkly than we are used to. But not as starkly as for the people of Iraq! Today, the news showed scenes of the last passengers leaving Kuwait, before the airport is closed. "Were Steve and Jo Wright and family (a missionary couple supported by the church, who work in that land) among them?", I wondered. What will be the outcome? How will the historians of tomorrow judge it? Will those who justify this enterprise be vindicated, will it be the anti-war lobby, or will it all peter out, with little having been proved, but much hardship caused and blood spilt? Such questions, are of course, only ever answerable in hindsight. Whatever our Christian convictions, we all have to live by faith, much of the time - in the sense that we often have to set off into the unknown, with a

desired, but uncertain end, trusting that the course we set will be the best one.

In an address concerning this war, Nicky Gumbel, the main architect of the Alpha course, fascinatingly describes his father, and father-in-law. Neither are still living, but he suggests they would have had very different attitudes to the conflict.

His father-in-law was a professional soldier. He was a senior officer, who fought in a number of campaigns in the Second World War, and continued in the army afterwards, until his retirement. His experience turned him into a pacifist. He saw the futility of war, and the common humanity of soldiers from opposing sides at first hand. In his view, all that war achieved was huge suffering and little else.

Nicky's father was a German Jew. Many of his family had died in the concentration camps. His father was massively grateful to Winston Churchill, and his willingness to stand up to the tyranny of Nazism. He owed his life to it. In his view, the horror of war was justified as the only alternative to the greater horror of official brutality and persecution.

Friends, families, Christians will have different opinions about the current conflict. In the fourteenth century, Thomas Aquinas developed the theory of a just war - tests that should be applied to determine if a conflict was justified. These include such matters as the justice of the cause, the integrity of the intention, the ability to safeguard the non-combatants, and others. The Bible never specifically speaks against war. Indeed, there is much warfare described in the



Old Testament. John the Baptist tells soldiers to be content with their pay. Paul often took analogies in his teaching from the life of the soldier.

Many have felt that to follow Christ means that to participate in any kind of armed struggle is out. Such a view is very easy to understand. After all, Jesus Himself certainly never engaged in any kind of armed conflict, even at the point of His arrest. Indeed, he even stopped His disciples from so doing.

Others have felt that on occasions, force is necessary, to protect the weak, and to preserve justice. Legitimate authority is charged with that, just as a parent may be prepared to use force to protect a child who is being attacked by a bully. We can understand that view as well.

What we may all agree on, is that our opinions are unlikely to effect current events. What is more likely to do so, is our prayers. Some of us pray much. Some readers perhaps pray very little. May this time of crisis be a call to pray. To pray for those who bear awesome responsibilities, for the people of Iraq, for peace and justice, and for ourselves. Do we harbour attitudes, cling on to habits, and use our tongues in ways which promote peace, and honour Jesus, the Prince of Peace, or are we more prone to stir up conflict in our small worlds?

"The devil trembles when he sees  
The weakest saint upon his knees."  
With all best wishes



### Services in April

#### **6th Lent 5**

- 10.00 a.m. Annual Parish Meeting and Family Communion**  
**3.30 p.m. Informal Service at the Cheshire Home**  
**6.30 p.m. No Evening Service**

#### **9th Wednesday Service**

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

#### **13th Palm Sunday**

Theme: Why and how to make the most of the rest of my life

- 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**

#### **16th Wednesday Service**

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

#### **18th Good Friday**

- 12.00 - 3.00 p.m. Six half hourly Meditations at the foot of the Cross**

#### **20th Easter Day**

Theme: Risen !

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion**  
**10.00 a.m. Joint Celebration of Holy Communion**  
**3.30 p.m. Holy Communion at the Cheshire Home**  
**7.30 p.m. Healing Service with anointing with oil**

#### **23rd Wednesday Service**

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

#### **27th Second Sunday of Easter**

Theme: Meeting the risen Jesus

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

#### **30th Wednesday Service**

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To be known as somebody who brings encouragement to others is quite an honour. Barnabas means "Son of Encouragement" and that is certainly what he did. His name at birth was Joseph. It was the first Christians that honoured him with Barnabas.

There are various references to him, scattered through *The Acts of the Apostles*, and the apostle Paul also refers to him occasionally in some of his letters. He was a Jew, born in Cyprus, of the Levite tribe. He **He was full of the Holy Spirit** migrated back to Israel, where he became a Christian, and was known as "a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith." He was closely associated with Paul, and his own nephew Mark, with whom he was to return to Cyprus to establish the infant church there.

We first meet him in *Acts* chapter 4. Many of the church members were selling possessions, in order to realise money to care for the needy. Barnabas sold a plot of land. He was generous, too, in his treatment of others. When word first got out that the notorious Christian-hater Saul, had been converted, and changed his name to Paul, nobody believed him. His previous record had been as a militant anti-Christian Jewish leader, bent on hounding, and even killing the Christians. It was Barnabas who met with him, spoke up for him before the church leaders, and was largely responsible for his acceptance by them.



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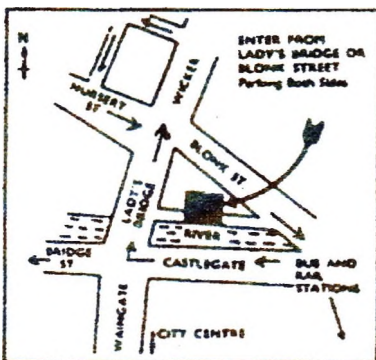


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derisory manner, Christians.

**This is a picture of an icon meant to depict Barnabas in an eastern orthodox monastery.**

A year or so later, Paul and Barnabas took a gift of money from the church in Antioch to Jerusalem, where they were facing great hardship. When they returned, Mark, a younger cousin to Barnabas (and probably a youthful early disciple) accompanied them. Shortly afterwards (45 or 46 AD) the church in Antioch sent out Paul and Barnabas on what has become



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known as Paul's first missionary journey. Mark accompanied them, but returned to Jerusalem when they had reached Turkey, by way of Cyprus. It was this journey, and subsequent ones, that took the Christian faith from being a growing movement within the Jewish community, to a gospel that all could hear and respond to, Jew or non-Jew (Gentiles).

### Miraculous events occurred

The pattern of this journey was that churches were established, opposition was excited, such that Barnabas and Paul would move on, and then repeat the process. A number of miraculous events occurred. One of these was at Lystra (near modern Hatunsaray in Turkey). where a man who had been crippled from birth was healed. Paul and Barnabas were mobbed. In this Greek-influenced town Barnabas was called Jupiter (Lord of the gods) and Paul, Mercury (messenger for the gods). Barnabas must have had a commanding presence for such a reaction. After covering in excess of 1,400 miles, they returned to Antioch, and reported back. A second journey was planned. However Paul and Barnabas had "a sharp disagreement". Barnabas wanted to give Mark a second chance, and take him. Paul felt that as he had turned back once he should not be allowed to begin another journey. Thus Paul and Barnabas separated. Paul set off with others, while Barnabas took Mark back to Cyprus.

It would seem that the disagreement was not a severing of relations. In various of his letters (written



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after these events) Paul speaks warmly of Mark, and even more so of Barnabas. They kept in touch. On the first journey, they had clearly practised their trade of tent-making to support themselves. In writing to the church at Corinth (1Cor 9 : 6) Paul makes it plain that they both continued to do so.

Paul, for his journeys and writings is well known. **His generosity of spirit**

Mark, as the gospel-writer is also well-known. But Barnabas is more shadowy. No writings (although there are some non-Biblical writings that bear his name), and no books of the Bible named after him. Yet without his generosity of spirit, and determination to encourage others it is quite likely that neither Paul nor Mark would have made it! Who will make it because of your encouragement?

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## Out of Africa

Earlier this year, Nick and I, accompanied by two friends, visited South Africa, Zimbabwe and Botswana. It was wonderful, the countries were so beautiful and unspoiled and much of what we did and saw, made us reflect on our faith. We met so many people living there who thanked God for their wonderful surroundings. In our area of Sheffield we take the beautiful countryside around us for granted and instead of delighting in it and thanking God for it, so many appear to get their pleasure from visiting man made wonders such as Alton Towers and Disneyland. Those of you who knew me when I was at All Saints' School will recall that I worked hard at developing a love of God's creation in our pupils by taking them to stay at Thornbridge Hall and on country walks rather than having school trips to theme parks. So often people spend considerable sums of money on visits to such places and fail to develop an appreciation in the next generation of what is given to us by God. We began our visit in South Africa staying at Knysna on the Garden Route and in Cape Town. One of the most emotional experiences was our visit to Robben Island where Nelson Mandela was imprisoned for 27 years. All the guides on the island are people who were prisoners or guards during the years when the island was used to incarcerate opponents of the apartheid regime, it was so moving to hear the ex-prisoners talk of their experiences. These people emerged from imprisonment to lead South Africa to democracy with a message of tolerance, reconciliation and hope that moved the world. I wonder how many of us could have walked off Robben Island after suffering such brutal treatment and have held out the hand of friendship to our captors. It certainly made us feel guilty about the petty grievances which have blighted our lives over the years. The ex-prisoners thanked us for the support which people in our country gave to their fight, they repeated many times how grateful they were for the pressure which was brought about by the boycotts and sanctions, so it was interesting to be thanked for it. I had worried about the future of the country when Nelson Mandela dies but am now greatly encouraged. We saw at first hand that there are so many who are as forgiving as him. We heard people of all colours and backgrounds say that they are so grateful for the wonderful country which God has given them and so are determined to offer our world hope for the future. Another enjoyable experience whilst in Cape Town was meeting up with the Tait family whom some of you will remember. Bob Tait, who is a professor at Cape Town University spent months at Sheffield University from October 1995 to July 1996, during that period his children Camilla, then aged 9 and Mark, aged 7 attended All Saints' School and his wife Robyn was a regular helper in their classes. I have maintained contact with them via Christmas cards and have regularly been asked, 'When are you coming to see us?' Last Christmas I was able to say that I was about to visit Cape Town and immediately received a letter asking me to call on them. Nick and I and our friends, enjoyed a meal and an evening of reminiscing at their home.



Camilla and Mark have grown into attractive and charming teenagers and they were keen to hear news of staff and pupils who they remembered from their time at All Saints' School. It was encouraging to know that our school is remembered with such affection by a family from overseas. Indeed Bob said that on his preliminary visit to England his concern was to find a home for the family and a school for the children. Staff at the University recommended All Saints' and he knew within a few minutes of setting foot in the building that he had found a place where his children would be happy and so it proved to be. He stressed how their stay in England had been enhanced by Camilla and Mark's happy experience with us. It was good to know that the ties of our school 'family' extend as far as South Africa. Further good experiences were to follow, we stayed in Zimbabwe, at the western side where the country borders with Zambia and Botswana, in order to visit the magnificent Victoria Falls. It was the most tremendous sight, they are one mile wide and the noise of the water can be heard for miles around, the locals call it 'the smoke that thunders' as the spray it creates hovers above them like an enormous cloud of smoke. There was also great sadness as we saw the terrible plight of the people of Zimbabwe who are starving because of the dreadful policies of Robert Mugabe which have turned a country once called 'the bread-basket of Africa' into a land with no food for its people and an economy which is in such dire straits that the most basic of resources are no longer available. In the area of the Victoria Falls, once a top tourist spot, the hotels are almost empty and





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goods needed for the tourists are bought in from Botswana and Zambia. Zimbabwean dollars are virtually worthless because of the high inflation and tourists need American dollars for hotel bills and their purchases as this is what the hoteliers and shopkeepers use to buy in supplied from other countries. It is completely safe to visit and the area desperately need tourists, we are so pleased that we went, the Falls are the most fantastic sight we have ever seen and the rainbow which curved over them seemed like a reminder of God's promises to us. He will not desert us and in the end he will not desert the people of Zimbabwe.

Our visit to Botswana was spent in the Chobe Game Reserve. None of us would ever again choose to visit a zoo or any place where animals are kept in captivity after our experience of Chobe. Seeing animals roam freely in their natural habitat is such a special experience. Driving along in our jeep and stopping to allow seven giraffes cross the road was unforgettable!

I realise that not everyone is able to enjoy such tremendous experiences and the privilege has come to me rather late in life! The overwhelming impression has been to wonder at the world which God created: the scenery, the flowers, the butterflies - colleagues and pupils from my time at All Saints will recall my love of butterflies - the wildlife, but most of all the people, so many of whom have shown the triumph of the human spirit over enormous hardship and adversity.

Joan Stratford



## **Toddler Praise**

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# **Good Friday**



On Friday Good I'm torn apart  
For it's the day that breaks my heart  
The day for all Your sufferings  
The day redemption to us brings

I long to hide You in my embrace  
Preventing pain from crossing Your face  
From all your enemies to conceal  
So that these nails You would not feel

You from that torture I would save  
From all that leads You to the grave  
Lord such a huge and exorbitant cost  
When it was there Your life You lost

But Lord just look at what we'd lose  
If that was the way You had to choose  
There'd be no chance to hold your hand  
Nor reach all that The Father planned

Unworthy as I am I grow  
Together with You and know  
The great love of the Trinity  
Oh Lord thank You for saving me

And Lord with all these thoughts I've had  
That made the Friday seem so bad  
The suffering that was on that wood  
Just turned Black Friday into Good.

*Vivien Filleul*





## Flower list

The new flower rota has several gaps in it both for the altar and memorial table.

Dates include:

4th 11th 25th May; 8th 15th June; 6th 13th 27th July; 21st Sept.; 5th 19th October; 30th Nov.; 14th Dec. 2003  
25th January and  
1st 15th 22nd 29th February 2004

*Please let Christine Scott know if you would like to be added to the rota for any of these dates.*



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*Moreen and I are hoping to host a society coffee morning once again during the summer.*

*Full details will be announced later.*

*Ann Ruthven*





## Easter Services at All Saints' Church Totley

### Good Friday

12 noon to 3.00 p.m.

half hourly Meditations at the foot of the Cross

8.00 p.m. Tenebrae *(see page 29)*

### Easter Day

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.00 a.m. All Ages Together  
with Holy Communion

6.30 p.m. Healing Service  
with anointing with oil

## Churches Together in S17

# Tenebrae

## A Good Friday Service

St. John's Church      Abbeydale Road South  
April 18th at 8.00 p.m.

## All are welcome

Tenebrae is the latin word for 'darkness' or 'shadows'.

This service begins 'in the light' with candles burning.

The congregation gathers in silence.

Lay people from local churches read passages from Lamentations and from the Psalms and as the service progresses the candles and any other lights are gradually extinguished until only one candle remains.

**This is considered to be a symbol of the Lord.**

The darkness marks the Church's desolation and the 'setting of the Sun of Justice'.

The tone of the service is noticeably mournful and appears to be little changed over time - the putting out of lights dates from the fifth century.

The lone candle may be hidden, typifying the apparent victory of the forces of evil.

At the very end a loud noise may be made, symbolising the earthquake at the time of the resurrection (Matthew 28:2).

The hidden candle may then be restored and by its light.

**All depart in silence.**

*This very moving service is open to anyone. The feeling of despair at the **thought** of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ is a shared experience with all who participate in the Tenebrae service.*



## Youth work news for S17 churches

### 5 aside football tournament

8 teams from five different churches came together on a cold Saturday morning. Just a few days after, the football pitch was unplayable due to being frozen. I came along with teams from All Saints and St. John's and a team who used to belong to the Bridge. We had varying degrees of success with a trophy being won by a mixed team from All Saints and St. John's. Everyone said they enjoyed it and we will be holding another tournament again soon.



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### The Youth Outside the churches

I had the opportunity to see a community project in Fulwood recently to see what is happening in other areas of Sheffield. The community centre that I looked round had been built and run for some 30 years by the local community and is currently serving many people, young and old, within the local area. It helped me realise that if the community want something, it can be achieved but it needs people being prepared to work for it, not waiting for it to be handed to them on a silver platter. I really hope that a youth facility, at least, could be introduced to provide somewhere for the youth, who have nothing to do on an evening, to go to. I am meeting with some of the young people with the South West panel council officer and another experienced youth worker to ask them exactly what they want and how the community could help that to happen.

### Coming up !

Next month I will be telling you about the trip to the Labyrinth and Rock Solid and the latest that has happened there. I will be sharing with you what has been happening at Ecclesall church and how we can get involved and about the school workers network in Sheffield.

*Matt Conant*



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For a full two years this went on, with the bearer delivering only one and a half pots of water to his master's house. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of its performance. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its own imperfection, and miserable that it was only able to accomplish half its task.

After two years of what it perceived to be bitter failure, it spoke to the water bearer one day by the stream, saying: "I am ashamed of myself, and I want to apologise to you."

"Why?" asked the bearer. "What are you ashamed of?" The pot replied, "For these past two years, I have been able to deliver only half my load because this crack in my side causes water to leak out all the way back to the house."

The water bearer felt sorry for the old cracked pot, and said: "As we return to the master's house, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path." So, as they went up the hill, the cracked pot noticed the sun warming the beautiful flowers on the side of the path, and this cheered it a little. But at the end of the trail, it still felt bad and apologised again because it had leaked out half its load. The bearer said to the pot: "Did you notice that there were flowers only on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That's because I have always known about your flaw and I took advantage of it. I planted flower seeds on your side of the path and every day you've watered them. For two years I have been able to pick these lovely flowers to decorate my master's table. Without you being just the way you are, he would not have this beauty to grace his house." The moral I draw from this tale is that we need the cracked pots (or should we say crack-pots?) to produce the flowers along the sides of the path of life.

PHILIP BARRON  
 (from Church News Service)



From the Editor

Thank you to all the magazine deliverers for the subscriptions, so promptly collected. April will be a busy month with the church spring cleaning on April 11th and 12th and a very full week of worship to follow.

If you are not in the habit of coming to church, please come at Easter time. Pages 5,28 and 29 list the various services.

The crosses will be placed at three shopping areas on Good Friday and a Care and Share group intend to stand outside the Co-op shop on Saturday.

Both 'witnesses' need volunteers. Will you help?

*Jeanne*



#### ALL SAINTS HITS THE RIGHT NOTE

Pipe organs are complex and delicate instruments. They need to be looked after, and attended to by people who know that they are doing. Such care, of course, is not without cost. Recently we were informed by the regular tuning company (Chalmers and Hyde, of Dronfield) that the sliders that control the tuning needed to be replaced, along with some other labour-intensive repairs. A large bill loomed. How were we to do this without eating into other vital areas of ministry? Then we were told about land-fill tax credit. Companies operating land-fill sites are allowed to use some of the tax levied on them to support community projects. Onyx were approached (Yes, the same company that empties our wheelies) and proved most helpful. Thus in mid-March three days hard work meant that the organ was restored to sparkling condition, and the bill has been met.

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*David Rhodes*

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2. Retrieve pill from floor and cat from behind sofa. Cradle cat in left arm and repeat process.
3. Retrieve cat from bedroom and throw away soggy pill.
4. Take new pill from foil wrap. Cradle cat in left arm holding rear paws tightly with left hand. Force jaws open and push pill to back of mouth with right forefinger. Hold mouth shut for count of ten.
5. Retrieve pill from goldfish bowl and cat from top of wardrobe. Call partner in from garden.
6. Kneel on floor with cat wedged firmly between knees. Hold front and rear paws. Ignore growls from cat. Get partner to hold cat's head firmly with one hand while forcing ruler into mouth. Drop pill down ruler and rub cat's throat vigorously.

7. Retrieve cat from curtain rail. Get another pill from foil wrap. Make note to buy a new ruler and repair curtains. Carefully sweep shattered figurines and vases from hearth and set to one side for glueing later.
8. Wrap cat in a large towel and get partner to lie on top of cat with cat's head just visible from below the armpit. Put pill on end of drinking straw. Force cat's mouth open with pencil and blow down straw.
9. Check label to make sure pill is not harmful to humans. Drink a beer to take away the taste. Apply elastoplast to partner's forearm and remove blood from carpet with soap and water.
10. Retrieve cat from neighbour's shed. Get another pill. Open another beer. Place cat in cupboard and close door on to neck so as to leave the head showing. Force mouth open with dessert spoon. Flick pill down throat with an elastic band.
11. Fetch screwdriver from garage and put cupboard door back on hinges.
12. Drink beer. Fetch bottle of scotch. Pour large one. Drink. Apply cold compress to cheek and check date of last tetanus booster. Apply whisky compress to cheek to disinfect. Toss back another whisky. Throw bloodstained T shirt away and fetch clean one from the bedroom.
13. Ring Fire Brigade to retrieve cat from tree across the road. Apologise to neighbour who crashed into fence whilst swerving to avoid cat. Take last pill from foil wrap.
14. Tie the darling cat's front and back paws together with garden twine and bind tightly to leg of dining room table. Find heavy pruning gloves from shed. Push pill into cat's mouth followed by a large piece of raw fish. Be rough about it. Hold head vertically and pour 2 pints of water down cat's throat to wash down pill.
15. Consume rest of scotch. Get partner to drive to Casualty. Sit quietly while doctor stitches gashed fingers and forearm and removes pill from your eye. Call in furniture shop on way home and order a new table.
16. Arrange for RSPCA to collect cat and ring local pet shop to see if they have any hamsters.

*Thank you to the person who gave me this for the magazine.  
I laughed so much, the dogs came to see if I was crying !  
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Editor.



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The last few meetings of the PCC have been badly hit by illness and absences but members have supported each other and helped out where necessary.

At the November meeting Matt Conant was invited to speak to the PCC about a "typical" week in his work as Youth Worker for "Churches for Youth in S17". He started by saying that there was no such typical week! He detailed new initiatives such as Rock Solid and his work at King Ecgbert School as well as more mundane tasks such as planning events, administration and meetings.

Andrew Matthews, Chair of the After School Club Committee, was invited to speak to the PCC in February. He spoke of how the group was progressing and plans for the future.

Other issues discussed by the PCC recently include financial matters, review of personnel needs and roles, maintenance issues such as the replacement of guttering and lights, Alpha, the parish policy for work with children and young people and the repair to the organ, to name but a few.

The last meeting of the PCC, before the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> April, will be held in March and it is at this meeting that the accounts for the previous year are approved. There will be 8 vacancies coming up for election at the Annual meeting so please think about putting your name forward. The PCC meets ten times a year (each month except December and August). There are usually serious items to discuss which need thought and prayer, but there are also moments of hilarity. All meetings are conducted in a good-natured way with a short time of worship to start us off in the right frame of mind. Why not persuade someone to nominate you for election?

Jane Lawry,  
Secretary to the PCC.



## All Saints' News

There will be memorial services on the following date in 2003:

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

**Memorial Service June 29th 2003**

**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.

**THANKSGIVING** 9th March Chloe Rappitt  
of Green Oak Road

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

11th April      Harry Michael Elliott  
Alexander George Martyn Harrison  
Katharine Louise Harvey  
Oliver Thomas Richardson

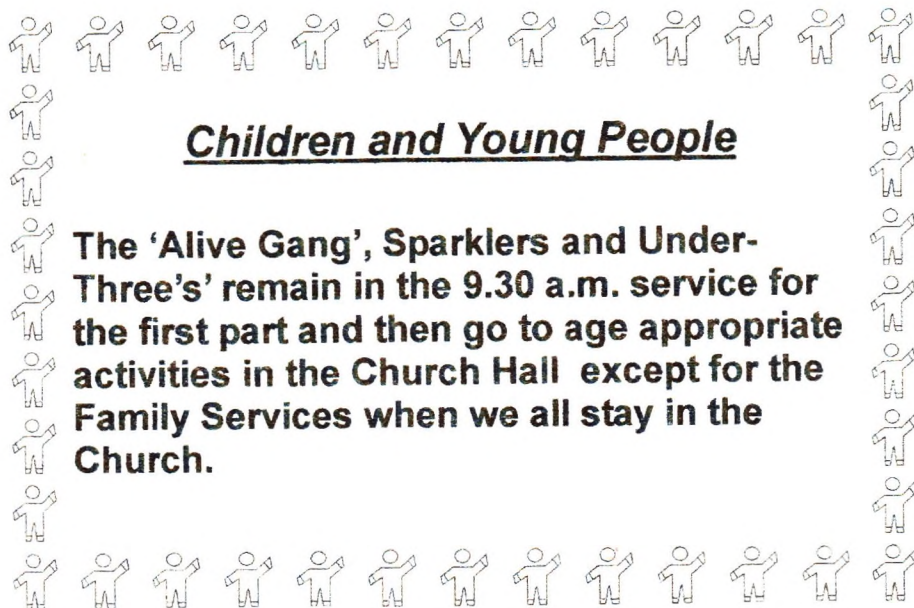
**WEDDINGS:** None in March

**FUNERALS:** 20th March Phyllis Maltby  
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The next Memorial Service will be held on June 29th 2003.  
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## Children and Young People

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APRIL FLOWER LIST	
Altar	Memory Table
LENT No Flowers	
20th	Easter flowers
27th	Easter flowers

## April 2003

## Diary Dates

Tues.	1st	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	2nd	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.
Thurs.	3rd	Toddler Praise Hall 10.00 a.m.
Sun.	6th	Annual Parish Meeting church 10.00 a.m.
Mon.	7th	Standing Committee Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
Wed.	9th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.
Fri.	11th	Spring Cleaning in the church from 7.30 p.m.
Sat.	12th	Spring Cleaning in the church from 9.30 a.m.
Sun.	13th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m.
Sun.	13th	Cell Training Vicarage
Mon.	14th	Contemplative Prayer Group 50 Rowan Tree Dell 2.45 p.m.
Mon.	14th	P.C.C. Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m.
Tues.	15th	Ladies Club Holy Week Service church 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	16th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.
Thurs.	17th	Toddler Praise Hall 10.00 a.m.
Fri.	18th	Tenebrae in St. John's Church 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.
Wed.	23rd	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.
Sun.	27th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 - 8.30 p.m.
Mon.	28th	Contemplative Prayer Group 50 Rowan Tree Dell 2.45 p.m.
May		
Mon.	5th	Christian Aid Sponsored Walk starts Dore 9.45 a.m.
11 —	17th	Christian Aid Week

## Sayings for Stillness

"Take up you cross .... follow ME."

(Matthew 16 : 24)

Final Date : Items for May 2003 : April 21st 2003



## ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL

<b>Sunday:</b>	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
<b>Monday:</b>	10.00 a.m.	Drop in Coffee	
		Marjorie & Maurice Snowdon	236 2822
	10.00 a.m.	Toddler Group	
		Jo 262 0741 or Sharon	236 9639
	3.30 p.m.	Junior Choir Practice in Church	
		Stella Jockel	236 9413
	5.45 - 6.45 p.m.	Rainbows	
		Heather Johnson	235 0978
	7.00 p.m.	Guides	
		Maureen Allum	235 1262
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10.30 a.m.	Martha & Mary Group ( 4th)	
		Sheila Eke	236 7457
	7.30 p.m.	Ladies Club (1st & 3rd)	
		Ann Ruthven	236 8643
<b>Wed'day:</b>	10.00 a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group	
		Vicki Waite	236 6789
	2.00 p.m.	Ladies Keep Fit	
		Val Simpson	236 1483
<b>Thursday:</b>	10.00 a.m.	Toddler Praise (fortnightly)	
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	7.00 p.m.	Choir Practice in Church	
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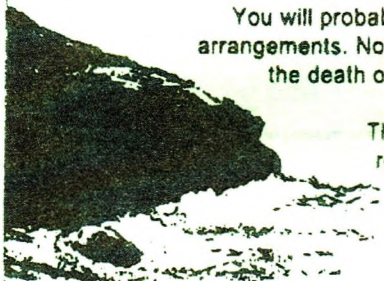




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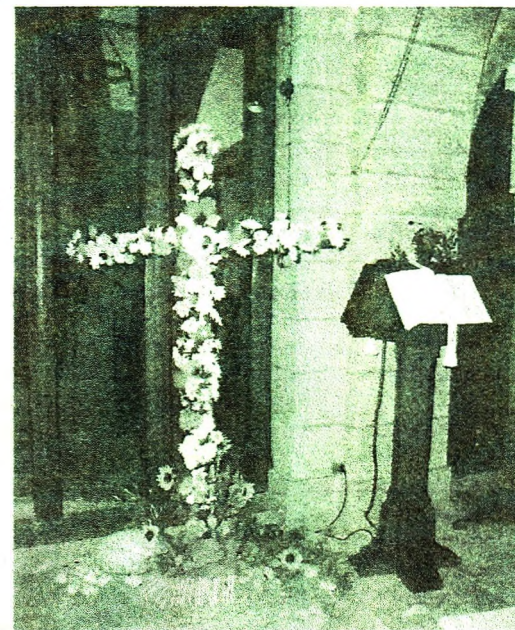
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## *From the Vicarage*



Dear friends

"There's a lot of it about" can be scant comfort when you get smitten by the latest virus that is doing the rounds. You feel awful and normal life is disrupted. Some of us are affected only in a mild way. Some are completely knocked for six. Some of us pick these things up regularly, and some seem to proceed through life immune to them all. Some of us make something of a fuss of a minor ailment while others will carry a major illness in such a way that most people may be unaware of the matter.

Illness, as one dimension of the question of suffering, is testing and mysterious territory. In some cases, we can see cause and effect. Abuse your body, and sooner or later you are likely to pay a physical price for that. But why is it that some people seem to be prone to illness in a way that others are not? Where is the justice in inherited illness, that some people may feel was inescapable from the day of their birth? If God is a God of love, why does He allow people, and their families to endure all the suffering and distress that illness so frequently brings, not only to the immediate

sufferer, but to his or her loved ones? Does God cause illness?

Such questions have to come to mind the week before Easter (Known as Holy Week), as I have struggled along with a mild bout of "There's a lot of it about", and tried hard not to feel too sorry for myself? I have also wondered how I will feel come Easter Sunday evening, when we are due to hold a healing service - whose very existence, of course, also raises further uncomfortable questions for somebody who believes that God still heals today.


One can offer some thoughts on the matter, although they will probably feel pretty academic to the person grappling with their own personal sickness. Ever since the fall of man, illness, and suffering have been an inescapable, and arbitrary fact of human experience. Something was put into effect then, which will not be properly untangled until the second coming of Jesus. Until then, we live between His first and second comings, and still in a world that is a mixture of beauty and glory and pain and brokenness. As I write, Good Friday is two days away. Perhaps here is something of greater substance. After all, for anybody facing sickness, or any other form of pain, the question of, "How do I handle this?" is more important than, "Why, has this happened?", although they may be linked.

Whilst there is no record of Jesus being ill, in the way we normally understand that, He certainly suffered brutal and fatal injuries on Good Friday, the day of His crucifixion. He, and His family, were no strangers to



the pain, anguish and sense of utter injustice that came with His death. In becoming a man, He tasted it all, including physical and emotional pain of the most harrowing kind. He has been there before us, and is able to help those who turn to Him. Many quiet, ordinary followers of Jesus will testify to that. So will some with a higher profile, like Fiona Castle. Sickness. It can be mystery, a challenge, a heartbreak. Good Friday tells us of God's own experience of that, and ability to help us - even when that may seem utterly remote. Easter Sunday proclaims loud and clear that even death could not hold Him. David Watson, a very influential national Christian leader in the 1970's died early of cancer. Interviewed on Radio 4 shortly before he died, he was asked how he felt about his condition. His reply was, "The best is yet to be." Spoken by him with calmness and faith. That is the reassurance and hope that Easter Day brings. May we embrace it with all our hearts.

With all best wishes



### School-boy howlers

Jesus cured the man with the withered arm by spitting at him and putting his fingers in his ears.

*After he had denied Jesus, Peter was so upset that he went and hung himself upside down.*

Jesus said, "It is better that he should be thrown into the sea with a milestone around his neck".

### Services in May

#### 4th Easter 3

Theme: Walking in the light

- 9.30 a.m. All Age Worship
- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 3.30 p.m. Holy Communion at the Cheshire Home
- 6.00 p.m. (in the Vicarage) Vision Group to meet with Sue Hope

#### 7th Wednesday Service

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

#### 11th Easter 4

Theme: Handling sin

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

#### 14th Wednesday Service

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

#### 18th Easter 5

Theme: True Love

- 10.00 a.m. Service of Baptism by immersion
- 3.30 p.m. Informal Service at the Cheshire Home
- 7.30 p.m. Healing Service at Totley Rise Methodist Church

#### 21st Wednesday Service

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

#### 25th Easter 6

Theme: Knowing the truth

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

#### 28th Wednesday Service

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### **Easter time memories**

Sharing Agape meal with friends certainly made me think of Jesus having a meal with his friends.

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I had never before been a puppeteer - I can't say that again ! Good Friday morning for the children was a happy occasion but never-the-less, the message came across that what seemed to be a 'bad Friday' was really a Good Friday.

An hour or so at the Cross outside the Late Shopper brings home the fact that many people are happy to receive Easter greetings and our leaflet. I hope some of them visited one of our local churches.

In the evening, St. John's Church hosted the moving Tenebrae service. The atmosphere provided by the light of eight candles, gradually extinguished as the story unfolds, never fails to remind us of Jesus' pain. Joyfully we gave Easter greetings and eggs to shoppers and would be bus passengers waiting in the cold wind on Saturday.

The joy extended to Sunday morning. A church full of people, there to celebrate Christ Risen with such a variety of textures.

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What a Happy Easter !

*Jeanne*



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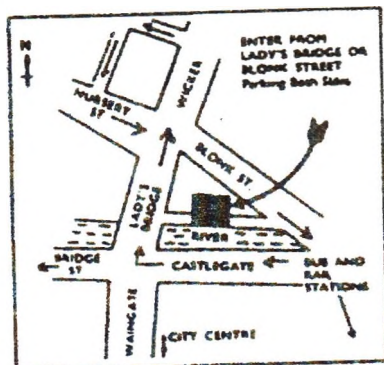


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When Your children are so bad  
Father does it cause despair  
When for others they don't care  
Father does it cause You grief  
Them stealing life just like a thief  
Father do they cause You sorrow  
When they think not of the morrow  
Father do You feel so hurt  
Them treating others just like dirt  
Father does it make You cry  
When they make You cry  
When they make the others die  
Father does Your sorrow cloy  
When they seek man to destroy  
Father does it make You mourn  
When from each their hearts are torn  
Father will the fighting cease  
Will there ever be a peace  
Will they learn to love and care  
Will they find that You are there  
Will they then forgiveness seek  
Will they listen when You speak  
Father may we turn and bless  
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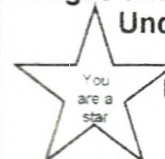
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The Christian gospel demands that we do all we can to challenge injustice and inequality, following the example of Jesus.

Jesus said, "The spirit of the Lord is upon me. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives . . . to let the oppressed go free (Luke 4 : 18).

To do that ourselves is a major challenge.

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## Campaigning results:

More than £18.5 billion of poor countries' debt has been cancelled leading to a 70% rise in spending on health care.

In the UK, 54 organisations have joined the Trade Justice Movement

People want to see change

Sales of fairly traded products by supermarkets have increased more than 15-fold

Seven of the UK's largest supermarkets have committed themselves to working for better standards for producers in developing countries.

Supporters have sent 57.000 postcards to the Department of Trade and Industry

## FAIRTRADE WINE

THE Rt. Revd Desmond Tutu, Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town, has praised a new fairtrade venture which has been launched in South Africa. Fairly-traded South African wine is now on sale at Co-Op stores throughout Britain.

Co-Op Fair Trade Cape Trinity and Cape Unity have been developed in partnership with Traidcraft, and come from the Cilmor winery in the Western Cape.

Archbishop Tutu said. 'We congratulate the Cilmor winery and the Co-Op on introducing the first supermarket fairly-traded South African wines.

'Fairtrade pays a social premium direct to the producers. This will improve the quality of life of previously disempowered black farm workers and will increase their participation in decisionmaking.'

Cape Trinity is described as 'Deep purple in colour, with a lightly smoky nose against a nutty background'. Cape Unity is described as.

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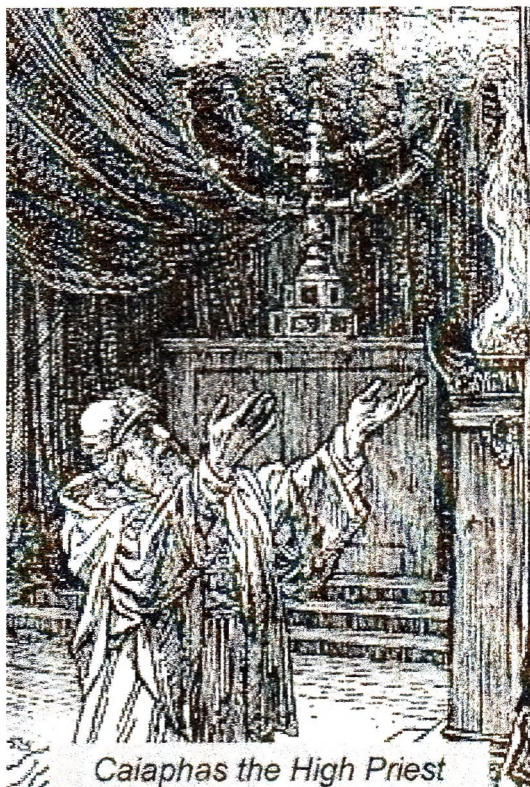
*You met them in the pages of the Bible*

### **C is for Caiaphas**

One of the villains of the Easter story is Caiaphas. Judas may be seen as a grasping traitor, selling His saviour for a quick buck. Pilate may be seen as a self-serving politician, prepared to execute an innocent to save his own skin and hang on to power. But the man who arranged it all, who set out to destroy Jesus, and lure others into his web was Caiaphas.

His first name was Joseph (according to the Jewish historian,

Josephus), and he was born into the Jewish priestly culture. The priestly aristocracy normally married within their own narrow circle, and so it was that Caiaphas married the daughter of Annas (High priest from 6 to 15 AD). Annas wanted to keep priestly power in the family, so it was not surprising that son-in-law Caiaphas succeeded him in the year 18. He held the position until 37 AD, and so was in power throughout Jesus public ministry, and had huge influence in shaping the reaction of the religious



*Caiaphas the High Priest*

authorities to Him. Although at the time of Jesus the high priest was appointed by Rome, in fact five sons and a grand son of Annas as well as Caiaphas all held the position of High Priest. The family also had a very firm (and lucrative!) hand over the temple trade in selling animals and birds for temple sacrifice. This was a ruling dynasty.

As Jesus' ministry unfolded, it was Caiaphas who kept a close eye on Him, and began to realise the threat He posed to the existing religious (and Jewish political) establishment. It was Caiaphas who on a number of occasions sent questioners to try and trick Jesus' into an indiscretion which could be pounced on, to destroy Him.

#### **He tried to trick Jesus**

However, each time it was the questioner who was disconcerted. It was Caiaphas who, in discussion with other leaders who were expressing alarm at Jesus' growing popularity expressed the judgement that, *"You know nothing at all : you do not understand that it is expedient for you that one man should die for the people...."* (See John 11 : 49 -53).

Shortly after this, Jesus ejected the money-changers (involved in changing the normal currency into the special temple currency used for buying the sacrificial animals) from the Temple. These exchange kiosks were nick-named "booths of Annas." Normally, the profits they made were the regular income of the ordinary temple priests. In fact, it was their only secure source of income. Caiaphas saw it as a chance to increase his own wealth. Josephus comments *"Such was the shamelessness and effrontery that possessed the high priests, that they were actually so brazen as to send their servants to the threshing floors to receive the tithes due to the priests. So it happened at that time, that those of the priests who in olden days were maintained by the tithes, now starved to death."*

The arrest and three trials of Jesus were eventually arranged hurriedly and with scant regard to the law. In it all Caiaphas was the manipulator, able to turn the screw on Pilate, such that he felt unable to do anything, other than crucify Jesus as a potential traitor.

#### **He hated Jesus**

*"If you release this man, you are not Caesar's friend : everyone who makes himself a king, sets himself against Caesar."* (John 19 : 12)

Caiaphas' hatred of Jesus and His followers did not end with the crucifixion and resurrection. In the Acts of the Apostles, he





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presided over the imprisonment, beating and warning of Peter, John and other apostles on several occasions. He presided at the trial, of Stephen, which resulted in him being stoned to death, and he it was who commissioned Saul (to become Paul) to seek out and persecute early Christians.

Records or evidence of Caiaphas outside the Bible have been virtually non-existent until 1990. You can in fact visit a church in Jerusalem today, built on the traditional site of Caiaphas' house. The church is on three levels, and the lower levels are

constructed to represent the court-room into which Jesus was brought for His trial before the high priest. However, whether this is in fact the actual site of Caiaphas' house is open to conjecture.

**A burial cave was discovered**

Perhaps a stronger piece of evidence comes from the burial cave discovered in the course of an excavation in 1990. During some public works building in Jerusalem, a burial chamber was unearthed, with an inscription concerning the Caiaphas family. The bones of a 60 year old man were found in the (very



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ornate, fit for a high priest) ossuary. The name was Joseph, son of Caiaphas. Coins in the cave were minted around the year 42 AD. None of this is, of course, entirely conclusive. But in the light of the turbulent history of the land of Israel, it is not surprising that few archaeological

remains linked directly to people who

**He pursued Jesus**

walk across the pages of the Bible have been found. It would seem that this burial place is very likely to be that of the Caiaphas who pursued Jesus to the cross, or perhaps one of his sons.

Caiaphas stands as a warning to us, when the Easter story may still be fresh in our ears. Close our eyes and ears to the work of Jesus going on in front of us, and all too easily we can find ourselves justifying blind opposition to Him. As Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time, He wept as He recalled how frequently His invitation to life and salvation had been rebuffed, by a religiously correct establishment. Saying "Yes" to Jesus may not feel easy. But the alternative may be catastrophic!





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All Saints' News

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## Where Jesus Is

A four-year-old was at the doctors for a check up. As the doctor looked in her ears, he asked, "Do you think I'll find Big Bird in here?" The little girl stayed silent.

Next, the doctor took a tongue depressor and looked down her throat. He asked, "Do you think I'll find the Cookie Monster down there?" Again, the little girl was silent.

Then the doctor put a stethoscope to her chest. As he listened to her heartbeat, he asked, "Do you think I'll hear Barney in there?"

"Oh, no!" the little girl replied. "Jesus is in my heart. Barney's on my underpants."



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## FRATERNAL

All the answers in this quiz are brothers who are in the Bible.

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- John wrote 'I felt my heart strangely warmed' and this changed his whole life. He turned away from the organised church and started to travel all over Britain to preach God's word. He was refused the use of churches and because such crowds came to hear him preach, he preached in the open air, travelling over 8,000 miles each year on horseback.
- Charles preached using words and music. He wrote hymns that we still sing today; 'Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go', 'Christ whose glory fills the skies' and 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' among many more.

1. Twins, one was hairy and the other one was smooth skinned (Gen 25:26).
2. Two disciples who were sons of Zebedee (Mark 3:17)
3. His brother was Aaron and his sister was Miriam (Ex 7:1 & 15:20).
4. Sons of Adam & Eve (Gen 4:2).
5. These brothers were casting nets into the sea when they first met Jesus (Matt 4:18).
6. His brothers put him in a pit and sold him to travellers from Gilead (Gen 37:23).
7. These two sons of Naomi were married to Orpah and Ruth (Ruth 1:5).
8. Rebecca's brother who lived in Haran (Gen 27:43).



**Why is your brother so small?**

He's my half-brother.

Answers: 1. Esau & Jacob 2. John & James 3. Moses 4. Cain & Abel 5. Simon & Andrew 6. Joseph 7. Mahlon & Chilion 8. Laban

*By Angela Webb*



All Saints' News

# All Saints' Ladies Club

May 2003

**6th**

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**20th**

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We meet on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday in the month in the Church Hall at 7.30 p.m.  
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### The History lesson

The Greeks were highly-sculptured people and without them we would not have history. The Greeks also had myths. A myth is a female moth.

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## Youth work news for S17 churches

### *The Labyrinth*

A group of the of us from St. John's and All Saints went to the labyrinth last month to spend an hour and a half listening to and reflecting on God in a very different way to how we do normally.



For those of you who don't know, we were led around a course with 10 stations around it. At each one a CD led us in a meditation and invited us to respond with an action. We let go of the hurts of our past, prayed for others and grabbed hold of something of God's essence. All of us gained from it and came out very peaceful; that is until one of us was presented with a parking ticket for overstaying our welcome in the council car park. Then we could have done with going back for more de-stressing in the Labyrinth!

### **Rock Solid BIG night out**

We all went out ice skating in April for our second big night out since we started last September. Everyone had a great time together, some more proficient than others, although I only had to take two people for First Aid treatment! It was lovely to see the exemplary behaviour and fun that they had. It was certainly a pleasure for the leaders to take them.

## **Ecclesall Church youth conference**

A small group of youth came with me to the "know the truth" conference at All Saints Ecclesall, which was run by the youth minister Andy Rushworth. Around 150 youth altogether attended and spent the day being taught and inspired by some great youth speakers. They worshipped God with up to date songs with the help of a full band, decks and singers. They prayed for and were prayed for by their youth leaders. They were challenged to leave the conference and make God famous in Sheffield, a challenge I believe for all who would call themselves Christians.

## **Christian Schools network**

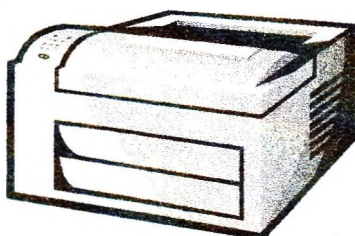
A group of school workers around Sheffield all met up last month to support each other in the difficult task of reaching into the schools with the Christian message. It is quite amazing just how many primary and secondary schools in Sheffield have Christians going in and taking assemblies, Christian groups and lunchtime groups. During the summer term, many primary schools will have Christian workers going in to talk about the challenge of moving from primary to secondary school. I hope that I too will be able to do so in our primary schools in S17.

*Matt Conant*



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*Dorothy Firth*

## PRAYER OF THE MONTH

The Ship of Fools website ran a competition inviting people to  
re-write the Lord's Prayer in the form of a mobile phone text  
message. One of the shortest entries went like this:

God@heaven.org

You rule, up and down.

We need grub and a break.

Will pass it on.

Keep us focused.

You totally rule, long term. Amen.

*Quoted by John Pritchard in 'How to Pray' (SPCK, £9.99)*



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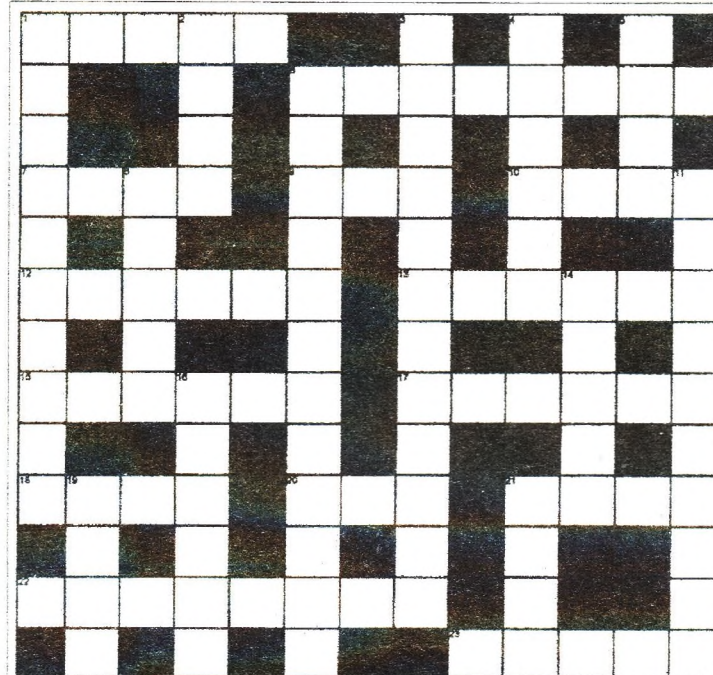


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- 6 Our God .... (8)
- 7 Tabernacle (4)
- 9 In music, the fifth note of the scale (3)
- 10 Sister of your mother or father(4)
- 12 Member of the Society of Friends (6)
- 13 Place of worship (6)
- 15 To inflict retribution (6)
- 17 To summon to return to a place (6)
- 18 Paradise garden of Adam and Eve (4)
- 20 Small child (3)
- 21 Mountain (4)
- 22 Spiritual (8)
- 23 This made up Christ's crown on Good Friday (5)

### Down

- 1 What happened when Jesus on the cross yielded up the ghost (10)
- 2 Direction in which a church usually faces (4)
- 3 Pilate's judgement place, called in Hebrew Gabbatha (12)
- 4 Not impartial (6)
- 5 To knock senseless (4)
- 6 Christ's rising from the dead (12)
- 8 Translator of the hymn All Glory Laud And Honour often sung on Palm Sunday (5)
- 11 Person who studies Christianity (10)
- 14 Icon (5)
- 16 Papal ambassador (6)
- 19 Medical substance (4)
- 21 German composer of St Matthew and St John Passions (4)

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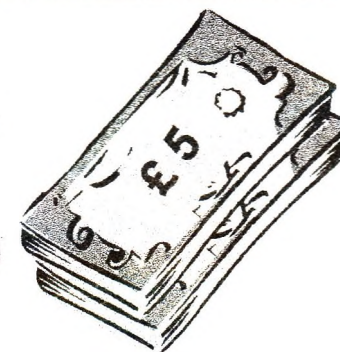
Anybody called for jury service at the Old Bailey can be comteted to find a giant statue of Elizabeth Fry outside the court where the trial takes place. Britain celates the work of Elizabeth Fry this year by putting her likeness on our five pound notes as from ay 21, her date of birth in 1780. We can all use this as a great opportunity for outreach, and for licising the work of the Quaker Crime and Community Justice Group.

Visitors to their website will find links to Elizabeth Fry, and the description of what Friends do today in prisons and for the rehabilitation of offenders. There is also a new site for Elizabeth Fry.

Outreach depends on inreach. Where did she go for the institution and courage to sustain her? Her deep Quaker conviction of 'that of God in everyone' was at the root of her work. She herself said: 'Much depends on the spirit in which the visitor enters upon her work. It must be in the spirit, not udgement, but of mercy'.

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6 Reigneth  
7 Tent  
9 Soh  
10 Aunt  
12 Quaker  
13 Shrine  
15 Avenge  
17 Recall  
18 Eden  
20 Tot  
21 Berg  
22 Numinous  
23 Thorn

#### Down

1 Earthquake  
2 East  
3 Lithostrotos  
4 Unfair  
5 Stun  
6 Resurrection  
8 Neale  
11 Theologian  
14 Image  
16 Nuncio  
19 Drug  
21 Bach

### From the Editor

I want to thank everyone for their kind enquiries and prayers for Heather, my daughter.

She has been at home now for five months and has coped well with her leaky 'plumbing'. She has managed to do her own household chores and has been driving since just before Christmas. She has had a place made under the stairs for their computer so she can keep an eye on Beth. She has even done a little decorating in her kitchen! Beth helped us to tidy the garden so that it will be alright when Heather returns from Salford, after her next operation.

Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers - the operation on May 6th will be complex.

*Jeanne*

### Vegetable Lasagne (Marjorie Snowden)

10-12 strips lasagne	¾ lb mushrooms
2 onions finely chopped	¾ lb courgettes
2 tbsp. oil	1 lb tomatoes skinned & chopped
3 tsp. oregano	1 tbsp. tomato puree
Salt and freshly ground black pepper and garlic to taste	

#### Sauce:

1 oz butter or margarine	1 tbsp. flour
½ pint milk	3 Oz grated cheese
2-4 tbsp double cream (optional)	

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



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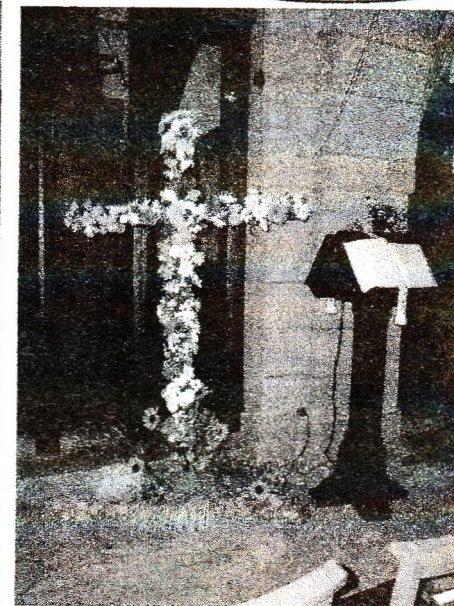
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There will be memorial services on the following date in 2003:

June 29th; September 28th and December 28th

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 June 29th 2003

Name to be remembered . . . . .

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

Favourite hymn . . . . .

Please return completed forms to David Rhodes at the Vicarage.

## From the Registers

### BAPTISM:

None in April

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

7th May	Claire Emma Munday
9th May	Alex Simon Cooper
12th May	Charlotte Emily Foster
	Kacey Marie Richardson
13th May	Harry Austin Lashmar
	Sarah Lucy Shaw
	Mark William Hibbard
	Christian Alexander
	Emilie Sophia Hibbard

### WEDDINGS:

26th April

Warren Glen Bradshaw  
of Mosborough to  
Jane Charlotte Myers  
of The Quadrant, Totley

### FUNERALS:

None in April

The next Memorial Service will be held on June 29th 2003. 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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**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.**

### May FLOWER LIST

	Altar	Memory Table
4th	Mrs. Loft	Mrs. Jones
11th	Mrs. Loft	Care & Share group
18th	Mr. Lowe	Mrs. Bryer
25th	Miss Perfect	Care & Share group

## May 2003

## Diary Dates

Thurs.	1st	Toddler Praise Hall 10.00 a.m.
Sun.	4th	Vision Group Vicarage
Mon.	5th	Christian Aid Sponsored Walk starts Dore 9.45 a.m.
Mon.	5th	Standing Committee Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
Tues.	6th	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	7th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.
Wed.	7th	A.G.M. Churches Together in S17 Dore Methodist 7.30 p.m.
11 —	17th	Christian Aid Week
Sun.	11th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m.
Mon.	12th	P.C.C. Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m.
Mon.	12th	Contemplative Prayer Group 1 Quarry Road 2.45 p.m.
Wed.	14th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.
Thurs.	15th	Toddler Praise Hall 10.00 a.m.
Mon.	19th	Last day for items for the magazine
Tues.	20th	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	21st	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.
Sun.	25th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 - 8.30 p.m.
Mon.	26th	Collation of magazine from 9.30 a.m.
Mon.	26th	Contemplative Prayer Group 1 Quarry Road 2.45 p.m.
Tues.	27th	Martha and Mary Group Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m.
Wed.	28th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.

June

Sat. 28th Ladybower Challenge Walk

### Sayings for Stillness

**"I will go before you and make the crooked places straight" (Isaiah 45 : 2)**

Final Date : Items for June 2003 : May 19th 2003



## **ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL**

<b>Sunday:</b>	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
<b>Monday:</b>	10.00 a.m.	Drop in Coffee	
		Marjorie & Maurice Snowdon	236 2822
	10.00 a.m.	Toddler Group	
		Jo 262 0741 or Sharon	236 9639
	5.45 - 6.45 p.m.	Rainbows	
		Heather Johnson	235 0978
	7.00 p.m.	Guides	
		Maureen Allum	235 1262
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10.30 a.m.	Martha & Mary Group ( 4th)	
		Sheila Eke	236 7457
	7.30 p.m.	Ladies Club (1st & 3rd)	
		Ann Ruthven	236 8643
<b>Wed'day:</b>	10.00 a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group	
		Vicki Waite	236 6789
	2.00 p.m.	Ladies Keep Fit	
		Val Simpson	236 1483
<b>Thursday:</b>	10.00 a.m.	Toddler Praise (fortnightly)	
		Joanne Smith	262 0741
	7.00 p.m.	Choir Practice in Church	
		Stella Jockel	236 9413

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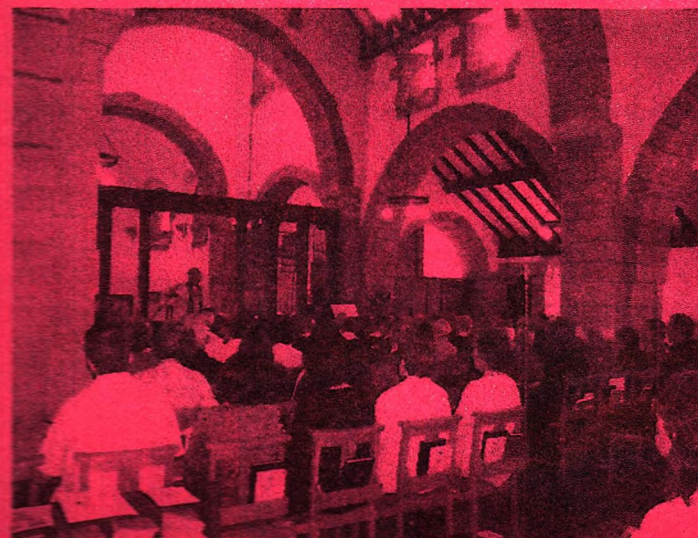
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## *From the Vicarage*

Dear friends



Some years ago, the practice of tie-dieing clothing was popular. It's a technique still around, but perhaps not so common. The item is tightly bound in certain places, with string. It is then immersed in a bath of die. The result is that the areas that were bound leave a pattern unaffected by the die, whilst the rest of the garment assumes the new colour.

The word "baptise" comes from the cloth-making industry at, and before, the time of Jesus. It refers to the total soaking of something in a bath of die, much as one would in the process described above, but normally without any ties. The Jews then adopted it as a rite of passage for Gentiles who wished to become Jews. They too, would be totally immersed in a bath of water - symbolising a completely new start in their lives. This was the practice that John the Baptist was building on, when he baptised those who sought to turn from sin, in the River Jordan, at the time of Jesus. It was against this background that Jesus told his followers to go into all the world, make disciples, and baptise them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy

Spirit.

So baptism was given to the church, at the outset. As people became Christians, so they, and on occasion their households, were baptised, as a mark of their new beginning, in obedience to the command of Jesus, and as a vivid external symbol of the inner change that had taken place. It would seem that this was usually practised by the full immersion of the person in a suitable area of water. ( e.g. Acts 8 : 36 - 40)

As the church grew, so practices have developed, and done so in a variety of ways. Within the Anglican church, the practice has been to baptise the children of believers, just as those early households were baptised, and as an echo of the circumcision of Jewish boys at 8 days old. Practicality dictates the sprinkling of water, rather than total immersion. Other streams of the faith, such as the Baptist and Pentecostal churches had reserved baptism for young or adult believers, and have made arrangements to preserve the original sense of total immersion.

In the Britain of today, many people, of course are not baptised as infants, and so when they become Christians, the joyful mark of their entry into new life, by baptism, is to be observed. Increasingly, within all churches, including the Anglican church, this is now practised in the original sense of total immersion - as a more vivid and obvious practice, than is so when using sprinkling. At least three Anglican churches in our diocese have installed permanent baptisteries in



their re-ordered buildings (along with the traditional font), and it is comparatively common for churches to erect a suitable temporary structure.

That is what happened at All Saints in mid-May. It was a first for me, to be directly involved in such a service, and I think probably a new experience for a number of the congregation. The place was packed. Those being baptised told their, very moving, stories, of how they had come to faith, and there was a pervasive sense of joy upon the occasion.

Our aim as a church is to create a community in which we

**love God,  
love each other  
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It is a great joy and privilege to rejoice with those who enter into this community, commit themselves to growing in their relationship with Jesus, and working out in practice those three aims. This service of baptism was one such occasion, as will be the confirmation service, when we look forward to the visit of Bishop Cyril, on the evening of 8th June.

With all best wishes



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**Services in June**

**1st Easter 7**

Theme: Overcoming the World

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

**4th Wednesday Service**

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

**8th Pentecost**

Theme: Understanding Eternal Life

- 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. **Confirmation Service with Bishop Cyril.**

**11th Wednesday Service**

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

**15th Trinity Sunday**

Theme: Goliath !

- 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. **Joint Service for S17 at Totley Rise Methodist Church**

**18th Wednesday Service**

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

**22nd Trinity 1**

Theme: Jealousy

- 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 2**

Theme: Lament for Jonathan

- 9.30 a.m. All Age Worship
- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
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## Youth Worship

We had a great time together on Palm Sunday evening as the youth met up for another youth service.

Young people from Totley and Dore came together to centre their thoughts on Easter and the lead up to the cross.

The youth led various parts of our time together with prayer, readings and a meditation. Some led small groups where they each took a character from the Easter events and explored how that person would have looked at Jesus being killed. For example, one group took Peter and how he reacted to what happened to Jesus and how he may have felt at the time. This led us on to think for ourselves about how we were looking at the cross and how we felt about it. We finally finished with the young people being encouraged to pray for each other and any needs they might have.

## Confirmation

This month brings another time for people to be confirmed in the Church of England and there are some in S17 who are doing so. I am very pleased that there are also five youth who are taking on this commitment to stand publicly and say that they have chosen to follow Jesus as the centre of their lives. In preparation for confirmation we have met together for a series of looking at the key elements of being a Christian. Knowing who God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit are, and how vital each of these are to a vibrant relationship with God. Understanding the meaning of Jesus' death and resurrection and how the church and the communion service bring all of



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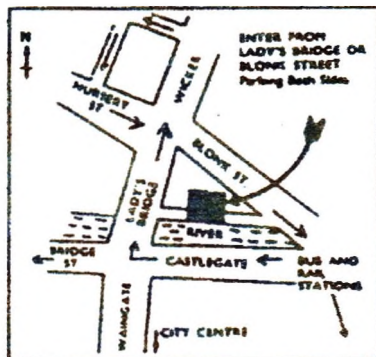
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these things together in worship; and being challenged to take all these things and go out into the community as witnesses and examples of the Christian faith.

### Cape Town

I have had a great opportunity, due to refunded tax after three years in Bible College education, to go back to Cape Town. Many people may not know that I spent a year there in 1996, working with Scripture Union as youth worker volunteer. It was there that I first really took seriously that God may be calling me to be a full time Christian youth worker. I stayed with an inspirational Christian family who challenged me in many areas of my life and to whom I am indebted for how they helped me as a Christian and youth worker.



I am spending eight days with them again and hope to be challenged and encouraged once again, as well as catch up with them and a few others at the same time.

*Matt Conant*

### A prayer

Lord, thank You for our friends.  
When we feel confused, they give us wisdom.  
When we feel sad, they help us smile.  
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More pictures of church events would still be welcome!

You saw a "txt msg" version of the Lord's Prayer in last month's magazine. You might be interested in this version (from the rejesus web site - linked from our own site!)

Gzus said ...  
 dad@hvn, ur spshl.  
 we want wot u want  
 & urth 2b like hvn.  
 giv us food & 4giv r  
 sins lyk we 4giv uvaz.  
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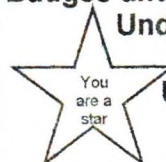
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This event was enjoyed by very many  
people last year; we hope that this year will  
be just as good and full details will be in the  
July magazine.

*Ann Ruthven      Moreen Warrender*

**Time to laugh !**

A woman got onto a country bus  
with seven children.

"Are they all yours ?" asked  
the bus driver, "or is it a  
picnic ?"

"They're all mine," replied  
the woman, "and it's  
certainly no picnic !"



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## *You met them in the pages of the Bible*

### **DAVID (Part 1)**

David is most certainly worth spending a little more time on, so we will take this month's, and next to look at his life. He hailed from the little town of Bethlehem. He was an ancestor of both Mary and Joseph, the parents of Jesus, and thus it was to Bethlehem that they had to return for the census that was taking place when Jesus was born. Jesus, a direct human descendant of Israel's second king, David, was born in the same town, and so Bethlehem took its place in the history and consciousness of the world.

We are first introduced to David via the prophet, Samuel. He has been appointed by the Lord to go and anoint the successor to king Saul, who via disobedience had forfeited God's blessing on his life and kingship. Samuel arrived in Bethlehem. The people were summoned, including a sheep-farmer Jesse and his eight sons. However, David the youngest was in the hills with the sheep, so only seven appeared. Samuel knew that none of these was God's chosen king. It was only when David appeared that Samuel's vessel of oil was produced to anoint him, as a symbol of God's anointing in his life. The writer of the Old Testament book of 1 Samuel then says, "and the Spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward." (1Sam 16 : 13)

David's introduction to the royal house came soon after this. King Saul was increasingly subject to bouts of depression. His moods were eased by music. David had acquired a reputation as a player of the harp, and so he found himself recommended to the king for his playing.

Music and poetry, indeed remained a strong thread in his life. Many of the psalms, the Bible's hymn book, are written by him. The tunes are not known, but they clearly had music to go with them. A look at the ascription at the heading of many of the psalms is illuminating. David frequently responded to



crisis, to a sense of God's presence, to outrage, to fear, to conviction of sin, and to many other feelings by putting pen to paper in a way that still speaks to our hearts today.

Conflict with neighbouring tribes was a constant in this period of Israel's history (around the year 1000 BC). One of those with whom there was repeated conflict were the Philistines. Enter Goliath. The Israelite army was encamped opposite the Philistine army, but cowering before the threats and taunts of the giant (perhaps as big as 9 feet) Goliath.

David was now to add military prowess to his poetic genius.

He arrived at the camp with gifts from his father to his brothers. He was still deemed too young to be a soldier. However, David was aghast at the craven attitude displayed by the Israelite army. It was the Lord's name and reputation that was at stake, so He should be trusted. Famously, David took on Goliath's challenge, armed only with a sling and some stones, and slew the giant.



The terrified Philistines fled in disarray, and David's reputation was made. Too well made for Saul. The popular songs now attributed to Saul the deaths of thousands of enemies, but to David the deaths of tens of thousands. As Goliath died, so an

abiding jealousy was born in the heart of Saul, which David largely determined David's life until Saul died. During this period, a feature of David's life was his intimate friendship with Saul's son, Jonathan. It was Jonathan who helped him escape from his father when jealous rage overtook him. It was Jonathan who presented David with his own sword and bow in the aftermath of the death of Goliath. When Jonathan, along with his father, was killed in battle by the Philistines, David was heartbroken, and his poetic nature overflowed in a moving lament to them both (2Samuel 1 : 19 -26)

*Thy glory, oh Israel, is slain upon thy high places!  
How are the mighty fallen! . . . . .  
I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan;  
very pleasant have you been to me;  
your love to me was wonderful,  
passing the love of women.*

Having fled from Saul, David for a number of years lived the life of a fugitive and guerrilla fighter. Twice he had opportunity to kill Saul, who had set out to find and destroy David. And twice he refused, believing that it was an evil thing to slay the Lord's anointed, as Saul was. For a while, he actually fought alongside the Philistine prince, Achish. He made a base for himself in a cave at a place known as Adullam, where other disaffected people joined him. He must have been a considerable threat to Saul, although it is clear that David had no intention of pressing his claim to the throne while ever Saul was still alive. However, here was David, a famous warrior, with a band of toughened rebels, liable to break out in some kind of attack at any moment.

Eventually, Saul and Jonathan were both slain in the battle of Ziklag. David's opportunity to take the throne, promised by Samuel, was now at hand.

*David Rhodes*





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### **A good day**

May each day of your week be a good day.  
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And may all your wishes come true.  
May each day of the month be a good day,  
May you make friends with each one you meet  
And may all of your memories be sweet.



The weeks turn to months and the months into years.  
They'll be sadness and joy, they'll be laughter and tears  
But one thing I pray to heaven above  
Is each day of your life is a day full of love.  
May each day of your life be a good day.  
May each dawn find you happy and gay,  
And may all of your days be as good as  
The one we share today. God Bless. *Christine Scott*

**Together in S17 Churches**

**The Revd. Louise Dawson,  
Ecumenical Development  
Officer, attended the AGM on  
May 7th and presented her  
report.**

Some of her comments can be found below:

*"CTS17 has done valuable work over the years in fostering good ecumenical relationships and there is a desire among many local church members to work ecumenically.*

*Ordained ministers of many local churches meet regularly and want to work ecumenically.*

*Local ecumenism has to be rooted in the lay people in order for it to be more than a token, but equally it needs the wholehearted commitment of the ordained church leaders and neither lay or clergy dominated.*

*There needs to be an effective way of carrying forward the ministry, mission and the service of the churches of S17 collaboratively.*

*CTS17 in its present form is no longer able to fulfil that role."*

*Lay people in CTS17 are concerned that certain activities and initiatives which are valued by many should continue. With Louise' help and encouragement, CTS17 will re-think their role and hope to be able to work together effectively with the local clergy.*

*Jeanne Foster Secretary of CTS17.*





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### Cell Group Impressions

Those not at present members of a Church Cell Group might especially be interested in some of the personal reactions that follow, contributed by individuals who do belong, bearing in mind that experiences in any one Cell can vary from person to person and that, as one contributor mentions, each Cell can be very different.

The formation of Cell groups has resulted in a mixture of benefits and short comings.

- ♦ They have enabled deeper contacts and discussion with other members of the Church family than is possible after Sunday morning services in the Hall, there can be a continuing need for even closer relationships outside of the Cell, especially during the Cell's early stages.
- ♦ The Sunday morning rotas do seem to come round too frequently at the moment, can exceed the ability

of the Cell to meet the needs on its own, in terms of both numbers available and a feeling of inadequacy in taking on some of the responsibilities (especially intercessions and prayer ministry), but some people have been bold enough to do so and have gained in confidence.

- ♦ The formation of Cells has enabled people to get to know other members of the congregation better than they otherwise might have done. They have however resulted in a degree of 'fragmentation' and division of the congregation and positive attempts at greater 'networking' seem desirable.
- ♦ Cells provide a particularly effective platform for promoting fellowship in depth and inter-personal prayer and practical support.
- ♦ Despite meeting weekly, there is generally a shortage of time to cover all aspects of the meeting adequately and the inability to attend every meeting adds to this problem, but there are many positive results.
- ♦ I have been in three cell groups; they have all been quite different but in all three I have got to know people in a much deeper way; my faith has grown; I have seen and heard about answers to prayer; and I have seen the Holy Spirit minister to and heal people with many and varied needs. I've also had a lot of laughs, had a go at leading the worship time, been on some great outings, had quite a few pub meals - the list goes on. I can't imagine being without my weekly cell meeting. If you haven't tried it, let me encourage you to give it a try - life will never be the same again!

These varied reactions were collected and submitted by Ken Filleul. (Further comments would be welcome. *Editor*)



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*Joan Beeley*



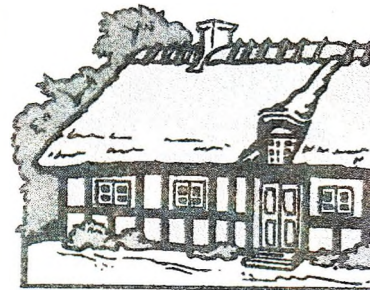
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*Martin Luther*



## My experiences of 'Alpha'

This time last year, I considered myself to be an atheist. I had no interest in any types of religion, let alone Christianity and did not have a religious background. Late last summer I made the decision to go on an 'Alpha' course. I thought this would be a good way of meeting people and finding out whether Christianity was for me.

I missed the first session but attended all of the remaining sessions. We'd start with a meal, listen to a talk about various aspects of Christianity and then finish with a group discussion. When I walked through the door I immediately felt the warmth and friendliness of the hosts and everybody there seemed to be enjoying themselves. Each week I looked forward to Thursday evening more and more.

Whilst on the course I started reading "30 days" by Nicky Gumbel. I asked God to prove his existence and was quite specific in how I wanted this to be done. I got to the very last chapter of the book when God did show Himself to me and answered my question. I then realised that I had been wrong all of my life.

I started to tell everybody that I had become a Christian and then became conscious that I had accepted Jesus and the Holy Spirit and wasn't scared

anymore. I could feel His love and know he has opened so many doors for me. I am the happiest I have been in a long time. I feel as though I have come such a long way but yet have so much more to learn. The only thing I regret is not doing the Alpha course sooner.

*Janine Scott*

## THE DEVIL'S BEATITUDES

Blessed are those who are too tired, busy or disorganised to meet with their fellow Christians on Sunday each week - they are my best workers.

Blessed are they who enjoy noticing the mannerisms of clergy, choir and stewards - I can see their heart is not in it.

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

Blessed are the touchy - with a bit of luck they can even stop going to church.

Blessed are they who keep themselves and their time and money to themselves - they are my missionaries.

Blessed are they who claim to love their God at the same time as hating other people - they are mine for ever.

Blessed are they who have no time to pray - they are easy prey to me.

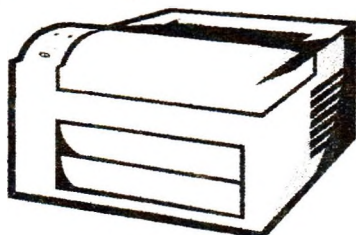
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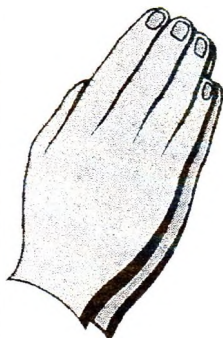
## Ten Top Reasons Why God Created Eve

10. God worried that Adam would be lost in the Garden of Eden because he wouldn't ask for directions.
9. God knew that some day Adam would need someone to hand him the TV remote, (parenthetically, it has been noted that men don't want to see what's ON TV; they want to see WHAT ELSE is on !)
8. God knew that Adam would never make a Doctor's appointment.
7. God knew that when Adam's fig leaf wore out, he would never buy a new one for himself.
6. God knew that Adam would not remember to take out the rubbish.
5. God wanted man to be fruitful and multiply, but knew Adam would never be able to handle labour pains and childbirth.
4. As "keeper of the garden", Adam would need help finding his tools.
3. Adam needed someone to blame for the Apple incident and for anything else that was really his fault.
2. As the Bible says, "It is not good for man to be alone".

and the No.1 reason of all (tada, drum roll, fanfare etc.) God stepped back, looked at Adam and declared: "I can do better than that !"



## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND BEREAVED



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## FRIDAY 13<sup>th</sup>?

- Why do so many people say that the number 13 is unlucky? House numbers in some streets go from 12 to 14 and some buildings don't have a 13<sup>th</sup> floor listed. The reason is supposed to date to the Last Supper of Jesus and his 12 disciples when the first person to leave the table was Judas, Christ's betrayer. But even before the coming of Jesus, the Romans thought 13 was wrong because the year has 12 months so to go beyond 12 meant to be past natural limits.
- 13 is also associated with a day of the week, Friday and possibly the reasons for this was that Friday was known as "hangman's day" and 13 steps usually led to the gallows.
- There is even a word for the fear of the number 13: it is triskaidekaphobia. So should we be frightened of a number? When there is a Friday 13<sup>th</sup> in the month

(like in this month) will bad things happen to us? Of course not, it is just a number.

## 13 WORDS?

I am sure that you can get more than 13 words out of the letters of the word. All words should be at least three letters long and you can only use the letters as often as K so you can't have a word with more than one K in it).

## TRISKAIDEKAPHOBIA

'Phobia' means fear so that starts you off with one word.



**Did you hear about the man who went around asking people if they were superstitious?**

And then asked to borrow £13?

Think of a number.

Multiply it by 3.

Now add 13.

Take away the number you first thought of.

Now add 7.

Take away 2.

Add back the number you first thought of.

Now, close your eyes.

... Dark, isn't it?



By Angela Webb



## Whirlow Grange



In March the Diocesan Synod unanimously voted in favour of a development programme for Whirlow Grange. This involves investing £1.25M in the buildings, establishing a new management structure and creating a new Spirituality Centre at Whirlow's Heart.

This was put to Synod by a Review Group, chaired by Bishop Cyril, that has deliberated over the future of Whirlow Grange over 18 months coming to the conclusion that development for the future was the best way ahead. They found a vision emerging that was both exciting and challenging, but with a clear sense of the Spirit of God being behind it all.

Many people and organisations use Whirlow as a place for conferences, training events, meetings, weekends away, quiet days and retreats. However, the bedroom accommodation needs refurbishing and extending to cater for bigger groups and a wider variety of activities. The newly developed Whirlow will provide bedroom accommodation with en-suite bathrooms, as well as additional seminar rooms.

At the heart of the new Whirlow would be a 'Spirituality Centre'. By building to connect the Chapel to the main house, additional facilities would be provided to enable a programme of Spirituality events to be run. These would enable people to explore and develop their own spiritual life and would be provided by the Revd. Nick Helm, the Bishop's Advisor in Spirituality and

others. The Spirituality Centre would also provide a place for churches and other groups to hold their events. Over the last four years, Nick has been based at Whirlow and has already developed a programme of events. There is a rich programme of Quiet Days and Retreats, of monthly Reflective Worship and weekly quiet prayer. A growing group of people are able to offer days and courses to churches and groups throughout the diocese that stimulate and feed their exploration or prayer and practical support for the centre. The new Spirituality Centre would provide better facilities that would enable this programme to develop, making small low cost retreats, weekends away, days of reflection and quiet, etc. possible. The facilities that it would include, in addition to the Chapel, are small meeting rooms for two or three people to meet confidentially, seminar rooms where groups could meet and where creative activities could be based with kitchen facilities for self-catering groups and of course necessary toilets. Events in the centre would be able to take place without being disturbed by other events at Whirlow. Whirlow would become a more accessible venue for many parish days and weekends away. Overall, the centre becomes symbolic of the importance of Spirituality to the life and faith of the Diocese and provides concrete ways in which this can become more of a reality.

The third key element of the proposals for Whirlow involves changing its management and ownership. Currently, Whirlow Grange is owned by an independent Trust, but managed by the Diocese. This has inherent tensions and the conclusion has been that there needs to be unified ownership and management. Thus a new 'not-for-profit' company will be set up to provide this. This company will have members and so one way in which people can support Whirlow will be by paying to become members of the Company.

Funding these developments is no minor task, but neither is it unachievable. A significant proportion of the capital needed being already held by the current trust owning Whirlow. There



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### Time to laugh !

A man arrives at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter looks through his book and says, "Well, I see here that you weren't especially bad, but you weren't especially good either. If you can tell me one really good deed you've performed, I'll let you in."

The man replied, "Yeah. There was this one time when I was driving down the road when I saw this big group of bikers, picking on this young woman. Well, I couldn't sit idly by. I grabbed a tyre lever out of the boot, walked right up to the leader of the gang, hit him on the head with the tyre lever, then yelled at the rest of the bikers, "Listen here you bullies ! You leave this poor defenceless woman alone ! Get out of here before I teach you all a lesson !"

"Wow !" St Peter says, clearly impressed. "When did this happen ?"

"Oh, about five minutes ago !"

*Taken from Sunday Link - courtesy of Grove Booklets.*

is an expected need to raise about £500,000 for the Spirituality Centre development. This is to be sought from grant-making trusts, fundraising and possibly partnership with a religious order.

Following Synod's decision, a group is being formed to manage the process of seeing this vision become real and it will plan the fund-raising process.

These are exciting developments as Whirlow celebrates its 50th year as a Diocesan Centre and provide a way of Whirlow remaining relevant to the church and the world well into the 21st century.

If you are interested in supporting the work towards this vision, at present the best way of doing this is through praying for it and letting either Jonathon Green, the Manager at Whirlow, or Nick Helm know of your support and interest.

May 2003

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### From the Editor

I know that many magazine readers have prayed for Heather, my daughter. I feel that there is *power* in many praying for the same thing !

I have prayed for *strength and determination* for Heather throughout her illness and she certainly has received strength to overcome her disappointments when things were going wrong. In addition she has accepted her state of health with good grace.

She had a complicated operation two weeks ago and up to now she is recovering well and has no leaks ! I am thankful that the two consultants were so skilful. Thank you for your prayers and kind thoughts. Jeanne



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## **Understanding**

My Lord, my God, my Father,  
It's hard to understand  
The glory, might and power  
The strength of Your command  
The divine, the love, the truth  
The total sum of You  
My Lord, my God, my Father,  
Restricted is my view.



My Lord, my God, my Father,  
It's difficult to see  
The height, the width, the greatness  
Of Your pure majesty.  
The care, the friendship and the mercy  
The essence that You own  
What can I do but worship  
And fall before your throne.

*Viv Filleul*



## **MEMORIAL SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS**

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

There will be memorial services on the following date in 2003:

June 29th; September 28th and December 28th

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 June 29th 2003**

**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:**

**Children 18th May**

Luke and Billy Matthews  
of Totley Hall Mead

**Adults 18th May**

Derek Simon Hurton  
of Rosamond Close  
Nicholas Paul Grayson  
of Meadowgate Avenue, Sothall  
Janine Kim Scott  
of Mickley Lane

### **WEDDINGS:**

**17th May**

Matthew Carl Gregory of Meadow Grove  
and Hannah Fitzgerald of Lees Hall Ave.  
Andrew Robert Bilsand of Chelmsford  
and Julie Helen Barron of Sunnyvale Rd.

### **FUNERALS:**

None in

The next Memorial Service will be held on June 29th 2003. 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.**

### June FLOWER LIST

	Altar	Memory Table
1st	Mrs. Mayson	Mrs. Mason
8th	Mrs. Carter	Care & Share group
15th	Mrs. Hill-Wilson	Care & Share group
22nd	Mrs. Perkinton	Mrs. Simons
29th	Mrs. Scott	Mrs. Mayson

## June 2003

## Diary Dates

Mon.	2nd	Standing Committee Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
Tues.	3rd	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	4th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.
Sun.	8th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m.
Mon.	9th	Contemplative Prayer Group 50 Rowan Tree Dell 2.45 p.m.
Mon.	9th	P.C.C. Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m.
Wed.	11th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.
Thurs.	12th	Toddler Praise Hall 10.00 a.m.
Sat.	14th	Classic Car Rally Sir Harold Jackson Sch. Bradway 1.30 p.m.
Sat.	14th	French Experience City Hall 7.00 p.m.
Tues.	17th	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	18th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.
Sun.	22nd	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30 - 8.30 p.m.
Sun.	22nd	Vision Group Vicarage
Mon.	23rd	Contemplative Prayer Group 50 Rowan Tree Dell 2.45 p.m.
Mon.	23rd	Last day for items for the magazine
Tues.	24th	Martha and Mary Group Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m.
Wed.	25th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m.
Thurs.	26th	Toddler Praise Hall 10.00 a.m.
Sat.	28th	Ladybower Challenge Walk
Mon.	30th	Collation of magazine from 9.30 a.m.
July		
Wed.	23rd	Children's Society Coffee Morning

### Sayings for Stillness

"Blessed are they who hear the Word of God, and keep it. . .  
and do it . . . . These are MY family.

(Luke 8 : 21 & 11 : 28)

Final Date : Items for July 2003 : June 23rd 2003



## ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL

<b>Sunday:</b>	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
<b>Monday:</b>	10.00 a.m.	Drop in Coffee	
		Marjorie & Maurice Snowdon	236 2822
	10.00 a.m.	Toddler Group	
		Jo 262 0741 or Sharon	236 9639
	5.45 - 6.45 p.m.	Rainbows	
		Heather Johnson	235 0978
	7.00 p.m.	Guides	
		Maureen Allum	235 1262
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10.30 a.m.	Martha & Mary Group ( 4th)	
		Sheila Eke	236 7457
	7.30 p.m.	Ladies Club (1st & 3rd)	
		Ann Ruthven	236 8643
<b>Wed'day:</b>	10.00 a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group	
		Vicki Waite	236 6789
	2.00 p.m.	Ladies Keep Fit	
		Val Simpson	236 1483
<b>Thursday:</b>	10.00 a.m.	Toddler Praise (fortnightly)	
		Joanne Smith	262 0741
	7.00 p.m.	Choir Practice in Church	
		Stella Jockel	236 9413

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