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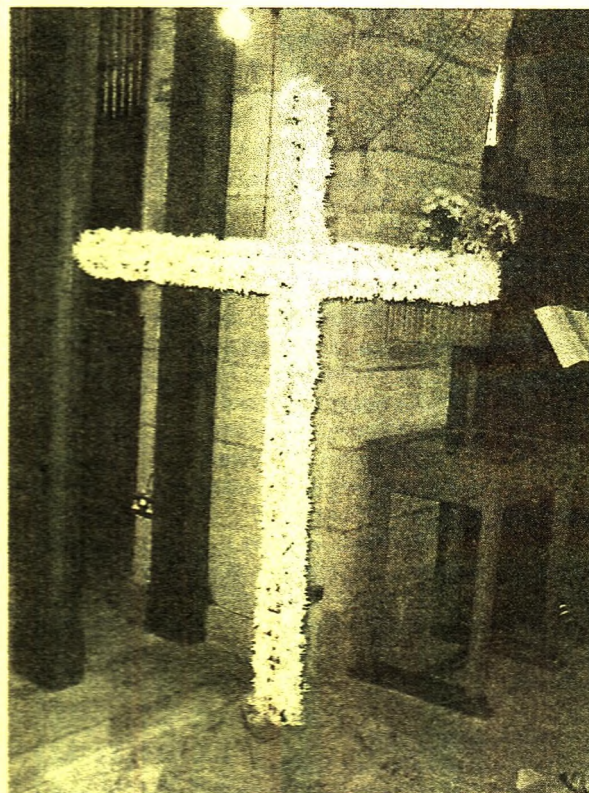
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From the Vicarage



Dear friends

When it's been a hot, somewhat clammy day and you woke up feeling a bit tired getting down to writing a letter can take a bit of effort. In fact we vary immensely as to when we have most energy, how much of it we have, and how sustained we are able to be in putting effort into something. Some of us keel over if we do not get eight hours of sleep, while others can manage on as little as five. Some of us are morning people, some function better in the evening, and take ages to come round first thing in the day. Some come to life when the sun appears, others thrive in the colder months. Some of us may start something with a burst of enthusiasm, which soon peters out, whilst others have the dogged approach, that keeps going until the job is done, come what may.

What is for sure is that we all need rest at regular intervals. When deprived of it we feel bad, and our ability to respond to the challenges of life goes down sharply. So at this time of year, when holidays may

beckon, and the opportunity for many to have a break, to adopt a slower pace of life, or to escape from the normal, relentless routines, is to be welcomed.

Needing periods of activity, followed by periods of rest is exactly how man is depicted in the Bible. In other words, we are simply reflecting the way we were made. The fourth of the ten commandments reminds us that there are six days for labour. The seventh is a day of rest and worship. Jesus Himself at times deliberately escaped from clamouring crowds, in order to find solitude. Intriguingly in the account of the original creation in the book of Genesis, man is made on the sixth day, and then his first activity is to enjoy a day of rest on the seventh. Proper rest refreshes mind and heart. It allows us to recharge batteries of energy, determination and vision. It gives time to cultivate family, and other close relationships, in an unhurried way. It can help us regain, or sustain our perspective on life. So we can also use times of rest to deepen and enjoy our relationship with God, and in an unhurried way, allow Him to inform our outlook on life.

So rest is very important, and needs to be safeguarded. We ignore it at our peril, as by so doing we are clearly ignoring the Maker's instructions. I have just been reviewed by one of the Bishop's colleagues (All vicars are given such a review every second year). One question that is always keenly asked concerns the day off, and times of relaxation. "All work and no play" really does make Jack a dull boy.

So enjoy this season of the year, whether you are able to go away or not. For us there is a mixture of change of pace with church family, under canvas, at the New Wine convention, and then a change of pace, with just our own family, somewhere near a beach and a long cold drink!

Rest and holiday are part of a God-given rhythm of life for us. Happy is the man, or woman, who finds that divine rhythm and lives it to the full.

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We look forward to having a happy time of worship much as we did last year.

Services in July

6th Trinity 3

Theme: What a responsibility

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

9th Wednesday Service

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

13th Trinity 4

Theme: Extravagant Worship

- 9.30 a.m. Baptism Service
- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 3.00 p.m. Informal Service at Green Oak View
- 4.30 p.m. **Tea at St Gabriel's, Greystones, followed by informal worship at 6.00 p.m.** A chance to meet Steve Wright, our CMS link Missionary, recently returned from Kuwait.

16th Wednesday Service

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

20th Trinity 5

Theme: Extravagant Praise

- 10.00 a.m. **Family Communion followed by BBQ**
- 3.30 p.m. Informal Service at the Cheshire Home

23rd Wednesday Service

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

27th Trinity 6

Theme: Don't lose sight

- 10.00 a.m. **Informal Worship**
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

30th Wednesday Service

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Services for August

3rd Trinity 7

Theme: Survival of the weakest

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

6th Wednesday Service

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

10th Trinity 8

Theme: Water proof

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

13th Wednesday Service

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

17th Trinity 9

Theme: Run for your life

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

20th Wednesday Service

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

24th Trinity 10

Theme: Chariot of fire

- 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 4.30 p.m. Tea followed by Songs of Praise

27th Wednesday Service

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

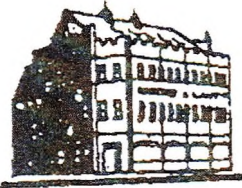
31st Trinity 11

Theme: Taking the plunge

- 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
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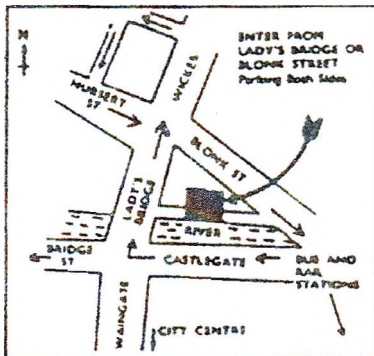
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PCC Update.

The first meeting of the new PCC began with a time of worship and of breaking bread together. It is always necessary at this first meeting to sort out the business side of the PCC with appointments being made and membership of groups being arranged. There is a need for people to be involved with Health and Safety and to be on a rota for First Aid. Please speak to David for more information or one of the church wardens.

The major item for discussion at this first meeting was the need for an organist to take over when Harry and Marjorie Draper move away from Totley in the summer. We have been indebted to Harry for many years for his generous contribution to the worship at All Saints' and he will be greatly missed. The discussion looked at various options open to the church at this point in time and the avenues explored so far. There was no immediate obvious solution and the PCC decided that a day of prayer would be appropriate, so that the whole issue of worship and music could be brought to the Lord in prayer. This took place on 22nd May. The whole issue will be looked at again at future meetings.

Other issues discussed included the purchase of chairs for the church hall, an electrical inspection, the dust bins and the provision of a cupboard for the crèche toys.


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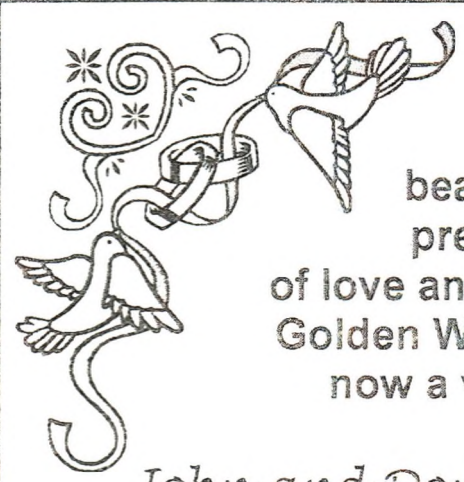
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Youth work news for S17 churches

Football Competition

A seven-strong squad of 11-14 year olds from Totley played in a Sheffield wide tournament last month. They played very well, only losing one game in the tournament. Their strength and commitment was first class and if there was a category for this, they would have been the clear winners.

There is another football competition planned for this month and I hope they come and play with equal determination to give all they have for their team.

Night Walk

The church youth from S17 and S8 met up again together last month for night walk on Totley Moors. Unfortunately it was only a small number from S17 who braved the rain to trek through the mud and puddles to complete this walk. Those that went enjoyed themselves and saw that it is possible for younger people to have fun when going for a walk in the countryside !

Rock Solid training course

Three leaders from Rock Solid went up to Leeds to have some training by Youth for Christ, a para-church organisation who set up Rock Solid. It was really encouraging to spend time with other Rock Solid club leaders from around the region, to hear about their problems and successes and see that our difficulties weren't too different from theirs. The national administrator for Rock Solid told us, from what he has seen, it normally takes about three years for the club to iron out problems and settle down. So that is great for us as we continue to work at improving the club and making it as accessible as we can for the youth in our community who haven't heard the truth of Jesus.




Cape Town

I have just got back from my eight days in Cape Town, South Africa, and want to share a couple of insights that I learned there.

The first was during a trip to Robbyn Island, which is where Nelson Mandela spent his 28 year prison sentence. The leaders of the tour were two people who had also once been held there for speaking out against apartheid. What struck me was how they said they were not bitter towards the people who put them there. They felt no hatred towards the white race. Instead, they put apartheid behind them and wanted all people, whatever their race, to do the same; to all work together and make South Africa a country of unity where all people could live together in harmony as citizens of one country.

I felt that it was not only a lesson for South Africa but for all people. If only our country could take up this same challenge of loving each other whatever class and culture. Asians and whites, working classes and middle classes. All people respecting each other in spite of our differences. Surely it is the Christians who should be in the front line, pursuing this and praying for God's mercy for a country crippled in prejudice. The second insight I had was of the Christians I met. People who are passionate in following Jesus every day and concerned for those who don't know Him. Young people, literally in their hundreds, going to churches. England has a lot to learn !

Matt Conant





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You met them in the pages of the Bible

DAVID (part 2)

On the deaths of Saul and Jonathan, there was a struggle for power in Israel. The Philistines were now in control of the northern part of the kingdom, Saul's general, Abner, proclaimed Ishbosheth (Saul's



remaining son) as king, and David (with wide-spread support in the

David added
military prowess
to his
poetic genius
by slaying
Goliath

south) now felt able to assert his claim on the throne, having been anointed years previously by Samuel, as God's chosen successor to Saul. The next months saw political in-fighting, and some brutal acts, such as have been reproduced many times in many nations, when there has been a struggle for power. At the end, David was accepted as king over the entire kingdom of Israel. Abner, Saul's general who changed sides to support David was murdered, as was Ishbosheth. David had no truck with these acts,

and had the guilty parties executed. Years previously he had married Saul's daughter, Michal. Although they had since gone their separate ways, he and Michal were reunited, thus allowing David to re-establish a link with Saul's family.

At first, David's centre was the town of Hebron. Here he reigned for the first 7½ years. However, Jerusalem was destined to become the capital. Since Joshua had failed to take it, Jerusalem had been a Jebusite enclave within Israelite territory. It is formidably positioned, surrounded by steep valleys on three sides. It is also ideally positioned as a capital city, being centrally located between north and south. David's forces, led by his commander (and relative), Joab, readily took the city, and so the Israelite history of Jerusalem, still very much with us today, began. As soon as he could, he sent for the ark of the covenant to be brought to the city. The ark was a small gold-covered box that contained the tablets of the ten commandments, a pot of manna, provided by the Lord as food during the Israel's stay in the wilderness, and Aaron's rod. It was a powerful expression of God's presence among the people. As it was being brought up to Jerusalem, two men were struck dead for mishandling the ark. Such was David's joy in the Lord, as the procession neared the city, that he danced with great abandon. His wife, Michal, (by this time, one of several) saw this, and despised him. David predicted that she would remain barren, as a consequence of her cynicism - which proved to be the

case.

David had dreams of building a suitable temple as the centre of worship in Jerusalem. The Lord said to him that this was to be his son's Solomon's role, but that David was to start accumulating materials. This he did. The Wailing Wall, in modern Jerusalem, is the remaining relic of Herod's temple - an enlarged version of Solomon's built on the same site, which was built 900 or so years later, and then destroyed by the Romans in the first century AD.

Much of David's reign was characterised by warfare, as he established the Israelite kingdom in the face of the ambitions of other surrounding tribes. During a siege of the town of Rabbah, the Ammonite capital, David (unusually) had stayed behind in Jerusalem. He saw Bathsheba, wife of Uriah, bathing. Uriah was away, involved in the siege. David, chosen by God, a man who had shown such huge restraint and dignity when pursued by Saul, who had been equipped by the Lord to establish the Israelite kingdom, and who was the prime ancestor of Jesus, fell when faced by sexual temptation. He was used to facing human enemies, but here his (and our) spiritual foe - the devil - caught him off guard. He committed adultery, and things were never quite the same again. This one failing in turn led to lying and murder. When faced by the prophet, Nathan, he realised, and repented of his sin (and expressed this in the words of Psalm 51). In the aftermath, the Ammonites were in fact successfully subdued. During the following years David's kingdom was established, and



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maintained by regular military service on a monthly basis, for most able-bodied men. Indeed, Israel became the dominant power in the entire region between modern Egypt and Iraq. However, after the incident with Bathsheba, he was beset by personal and family difficulty.

One of his sons, Absalom, rebelled against his father, and tried to take the throne from him. In the battle that resulted, Absalom was killed. Despite all that had taken place, David was heart-broken, and had to be jolted into congratulating his victorious forces by an angry Joab.

The last years of David's life saw him lose some of his earlier vitality. He decided to take a census of "valiant men who draw sword." There were 1,300,000. This was however, an act of faithlessness on David's part,

which resulted in an epidemic of plague in the country. It was stopped when David bought the threshing floor of one, Arunah, in order to offer sacrifices of worship. On this spot the temple would be built.

There was also another family rebellion, when another son, Adonijah sought to take the throne. This was ended when David arranged for Solomon to be publicly proclaimed his successor.

David died (around the year 970 B.C.), after reigning for 40 years, aged around 70. His legacy was an established kingdom, a wonderful corpus of psalms, and a massive example of a man who lived by faith in the most testing of situations. He is also an example of a flawed human, as we all are, who could fall when faced with temptation, and needed to repent of his sin. In his birth in Bethlehem and death (in his bed) in Jerusalem he foreshadows Jesus. He is a man to inspire and learn from. Indeed, we will be looking at his life in a sermon series very soon. He was always whole-hearted - sometimes to his own detriment.

"The city of David" stands today, and remains a scene of frequent controversy and conflict. As modern Jerusalem appears in our media, may we be reminded of its founding father, and emulate him in a real faith in a living God.

David Rhodes

"I will go anywhere provided it is forward."

David Livingstone

taken from Sunday Link

The lads had decided to go fishing on Sunday morning. All turned up on time except Danny. He finally arrived ten minutes late.

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To which he replies,

"Lady, I'm in sales, not management !"

From the Church News Service.



Care and Share

Our care and share group meets on a Sunday evening from 6.30 till 8.00. (Thankfully we have willing leaders, Gay and Jim, who are prepared to give up their time to hold our girls' cell group.)

We take it turns to lead the group each week and follow the '4 W's', welcome, worship, word and witness, to guide us.

The welcome is used to strike up conversation (which doesn't usually take much !) This is usually done using an 'ice breaker' where questions are asked which may help the group to get to know more about each other.

We then go on to the worship where we spend time praising God in ways such as singing, listening to music or writing Psalms and prayers.

During the word we, as a group, read different parts of the Bible and then often discuss them in detail and look at how they relate to our everyday lives. For example we may read a passage about different gifts. We would then make a list of all the different gifts that have been mentioned and see which ones we have. We might then discuss these gifts and pose questions such as; "do we use these gifts when the opportunity arises ?" and then go on to think about how we could use these more effectively.

Witness is where we try and encourage each other to be able to be witnesses of our faith to our non Christian friends. We then finish off my praying for any problems we have or just pray thanks to God.

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We are glad and thankful that Gay and Jim are willing to take a couple of hours out of their time to bring us closer to God.

Jennifer Booth and Lucy Webb

17 Churches Together in Sheffield

The Revd. Louise Dawson, Ecumenical Development Officer, has arranged to meet with the local clergy when they meet together in September.

We look forward to hearing from her and pray that we will find a way to work together effectively in the future.

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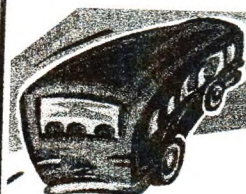
July/August 2003



July 1st

Strawberry Evening

July 15th



Annual Outing

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Ring Ann Ruthven for details
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There will be no meetings in August.

Alpha course starts on October 2nd !

Alpha suppers will take place in homes around the parish during the week commencing Sunday 21st September and the

Alpha Prayer and Worship Evening will be on Thursday 25th September 8.00 to 9.00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2003 - "Making a Difference"

Thank you everyone who helped make Christian Aid Week such a success for All Saints. This year we collected the excellent amount of **£1,393.89** on last year's total.

Some collectors felt disheartened or disappointed by the response from some households but as the results show, no one needs to feel that it was a waste of time. A small collection from a lot of people does

"make a difference".

Dorothy Firth

Christian Aid Army Salute

*Look who's manoeuvring down our street !
It's Mrs. Magnolia, on middle-aged feet,
Heavily armed with faith and hope,
She's coming to collect that envelope,
(We aren't keen on her hard labours -
We're too busy watching 'Neighbours')
Mrs. M. has a stick-on smile:
Mrs. Magnolia is full of guile,
"I'm calling for the envelope.
Can't you find it ?
Here's another one. Never mind !
Lots of little bits make a lot !"
(She took all the change I'd got)
Far away in Somewhere Land,
Someone is comforting somebody's hand.*

*Close to home—on well-worn legs,
Mrs. Magnolia beams and begs.
Far away — in Disaster City —
Somebody opens a packet full of pity.
Christian Aid is hovering over there,
Helping to show how much we care !
Back in the Avenue, it's getting dark.
Mrs. Magnolia avoids the park.
But over the seas, in Terrible Town,
Somebody's fever is going down,
As Mrs. Magnolia fumbles for the key:
High time for a cup of tea.
Out in the evens—back on the odd.
"Thank you very much indeed !"
Says God.*

We believe in life before death

How did the Week go ?

From conversation with church organisers and collectors, pretty well. Some people even enjoyed their collecting !

On the downside, there does seem to be a slow but inexorable growth in the numbers of householders who refuse to give, and of those who refuse, shall we say, firmly. It's too early to be certain, but the figures look encouraging. £25,696 has been paid in from Sheffield churches to date and this is ahead by 7.2%, which, if maintained, represents a

real rise in the aid budget. The proportion filling in the gift aid (tax) declaration has been steady at 7.3% of donors. It's a pity that isn't higher. Any ideas how to boost this ?

So GREAT !!

Well done and thank you to all concerned.

Typically, Sheffield gives £75,000 every CA Week, one of the largest amounts in the UK.



Christian Aid's Director

What will it pay for ?

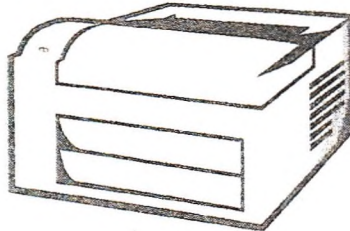
- ♦ Either the entire annual grant for the Deccan Development Society in India, working with Dalit (untouchable) women to improve their ability to earn a living
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The "we" were my longtime walking friends Dorothy and Ruth. Les very kindly drove us up there, but opted out of the walk, preferring to visit the RSPB site at Leighton Moss and spend the day watching his feathered friends.

The three of us registered with the organisers and then sorted out footwear. We had been warned that our feet would be alternately wet and dry and to wear old trainers or bare feet, but once our feet were wet they were never dry again until we arrived back at the car at the end of the walk.

I chose to walk in old socks and trainers, though I did try one section in bare feet, but the sandy ridges left by the outgoing tide were very hard on the feet, so that didn't last long.



The walk was due to commence at midday, so, as we had also been informed that once we set off there was no where to sit down and no toilet stops, we sat on a bench looking out across the bay and ate our sandwiches. We then joined the queue for the one toilet at the cafe, which the owner very kindly allowed the walkers to use. As there were

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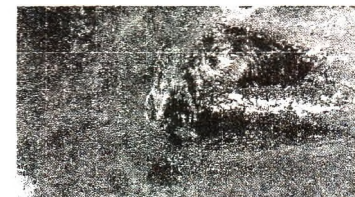
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about 300 walkers it was quite a queue!
The 300 walkers ranged from 5-75 and were accompanied by dogs of various shapes and sizes. Just before 12 o'clock the organisers called us together for prayers, then Phil, our leader headed off with his bamboo canes to prod the sand and guide us safely across. The three of us shot off pretty smartly after him, as being some of the older walkers, we didn't want to risk trailing behind. As it was, the pace was no problem. When we reached the section of the walk, about half way across, where the river Kent flows into the Bay, the channel became thigh deep and fast flowing. Here we rested on a sand bank until the children had all been picked up by tractors and ferried safely across. Fortunately the sun was still shining and the water wasn't at all cold, so the wading wasn't unpleasant. In fact it was quite fun, there was a great deal of laughter. The dogs had the greatest problems. The large ones swam, but the smaller ones were in danger of being swept away and had to be carried. Once safely on the opposite sand bank the long golden sands stretched out towards our destination, Humphrey Head and Flookburgh. In front of us, in the far distance, were the hills of the Lake District and behind to the east, the Fells of the Yorkshire Dales. We finished the walk at about 4.30, not particularly tired or footsore, though slightly damp, but having spent a thoroughly enjoyable day. Thank you Lord for our beautiful world and opportunities to enjoy it.



Thank you also to my sponsors. I managed to raise £150. The total amount raised for the Church Army was about £4,000.

I also thought about Moses quite a lot. What faith !!

Dorothy Firth.



Waiting for the Confirmation Service to begin



Clergy talking to the congregation before the Confirmation Service



Listening to the singing before the Confirmation Service



The Bishop confirms our Churchwarden



Pauline and Vicki renewed their Baptismal Vows



Abundant cakes for after the Confirmation Service



The expectant congregation at the Confirmation Service



Waiting for daddy ?

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Organised by Totley Residents' Association

From the Editor,

Lots of things going on this month: a picnic (and short walk), a barbecue, a long 'challenging' walk, a coach trip, a coffee morning and Open Gardens (July 19th & 20th) to mention just a few.



Remember the Totley Show in September - get your exhibits ready !

Looking even further ahead, the next *Alpha* Course begins in early October.

Hope to meet you at one or more of these functions. Heather, my daughter, is slowly recovering from the major surgery she had in May. The sad thing now is that she has joined the ranks of single parents very recently. Thank you for prayers and enquiries.

Jeanne

Three Wise...?

What would have happened if there had actually been Three Wise Women, rather than Men?

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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:

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 September 28th 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: 8th June Samuel James Hawkesworth
of Abbey Lane.

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

| | |
|-----------|----------------------------|
| 8th July | George Henry Frost |
| 8th July | Luke Andrew Brown |
| 9th July | David Joseph Frost |
| 11th July | Charlotte Emily Bridgens |
| 11th July | Emily Rose Smith |
| 11th July | Samuel John Smith |
| 14th July | Alice Sarah Fletcher |
| 27th Aug. | James Stephen Hadabora |
| 27th Aug. | Charles Douglas Liversidge |
| 27th Aug. | Daniel James Bell |
| 27th Aug. | Oliver James Milnes |

WEDDINGS: 7th June Derren Sanders
of Gamston Nottingham and
Sarah Louise Taylor
of Totley Hall Drive

FUNERALS: None in June

The next Memorial Service will be held on September 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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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.

FLOWER LIST

| July | Altar | Memory Table |
|--------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 6th | Care & Share group | Mrs. Billard |
| 13th | Mrs. Foster | Care & Share group |
| 20th | Miss. Taylor | Mrs. Perkinton |
| 27th | Mrs. Carter | Care & Share group |
| August | | |
| 3rd | Mrs. Jockel | Mrs. Smith |
| 10th | Mrs. Loft | Mrs. Hill Pickford |
| 17th | Mrs. Holding | Mrs. Collison |
| 24th | Mr. Hazlehurst | Miss. Bird |
| 31st | Ladies Club | |

July/August 2003

Diary Dates

| | | |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|
| July | | |
| Tues. 1st | Ladies Club | Hall 7.30 p.m. |
| Wed. 2nd | Over 50's Keep Fit Class | 2.00 p.m. |
| Sat. 5th | Family Picnic Tea Church Hall | 4.00-6.00 p.m. |
| Sun. 6th | Assistant Cell Leaders' Training | Vicarage 6.30 p.m. |
| Mon. 7th | Standing Committee | Vicarage 8.00 p.m. |
| Mon. 7th | Contemplative Prayer Group | 12 Marstone Cres. 2.45 p.m. |
| Wed. 9th | Over 50's Keep Fit Class | 2.00 p.m. |
| Thurs. 10th | Toddler Praise | Hall 10.00 a.m. |
| Sun. 13th | Sunday Youth Group | Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m. |
| Mon. 14th | P.C.C. Hall Lounge | 8.00 p.m. |
| Tues. 15th | Ladies Club Annual Outing meet | Vicarage 9.15 a.m. |
| Wed. 16th | Over 50's Keep Fit Class | 2.00 p.m. |
| Sat. 19th | Derbyshire Challenge Walk starts | Sunnyvale Rd. 8.30 p.m. |
| Mon. 21st | Contemplative Prayer Group | 12 Marstone Cres. 2.45 p.m. |
| Tues. 22nd | Martha and Mary Group | Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m. |
| Wed. 23rd | Children's Society Coffee Morning | 2 Sunnyvale Ave. 10.00 a.m. |
| Wed. 23rd | Over 50's Keep Fit Class | 2.00 p.m. |
| Thurs. 24th | Toddler Praise | Hall 10.00 a.m. |
| Aug. | | |
| Mon. 4th | Contemplative Prayer Group | 50 Rowan Tree Dell 2.45 p.m. |
| Mon. 18th | Contemplative Prayer Group | 50 Rowan Tree Dell 2.45 p.m. |
| Mon. 18th | Last day for items for the magazine | |
| Mon. 25th | Collation of magazine from | 9.30 a.m. |
| Sept. | | |
| Sat. 6th | Totley Show | Totley Primary School |

Sayings for Stillness

July "I will judge you in the place where you were born."

(Ezekiel 21 : 30)

August "Go and see . . . Go and do."

(Mark 6 : 38 & Luke 10 : 37)

Final Date : Items for September 2003 : August 18th 2003

ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL

| | | | |
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| 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 |
| | 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 |
| Tuesday: | 10.30 a.m. | Martha & Mary Group (4th) | |
| | | Sheila Eke | 236 7457 |
| | 7.30 p.m. | Ladies Club (1st & 3rd) | |
| | | Ann Ruthven | 236 8643 |
| Wed'day: | 10.00 a.m. | Parent & Toddler Group | |
| | | Vicki Waite | 236 6789 |
| | 2.00 p.m. | Ladies Keep Fit | |
| | | Val Simpson | 236 1483 |
| Thursday: | 10.00 a.m. | Toddler Praise (fortnightly) | |
| | | Joanne Smith | 262 0741 |
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From the vicarage



Dear friends

September arrives, and there's a sense of change in the air. Young people all restart their education, and have moved up a place. I'm writing this in early August, in very hot weather on the eve of going off for our family holiday, but come September we will be anticipating a change in the season. In the life of the church, as in many other bodies, the pace picks up again, after something of a summer lull. It's all part of the rhythm of life, the annual progression and changes that give variety and colour, but sometimes a sense of dread. For some, the approach of winter is daunting, for others the leaving behind of something much-loved is a sad affair.

Somebody said, "Constant change is here to stay." It's true, no matter how we may resist or welcome it, life and our circumstances will constantly evolve. Some change, is of course of our own making, some is wished upon us. Most of us have a conservative streak that will resist change at some level.

There is the story told of the church warden,

welcoming a new vicar. He greeted him with these words.

I'd like you to know vicar, that I and my father have been church wardens here for over fifty years. In all that time we have seen many changes, and have resisted every one.

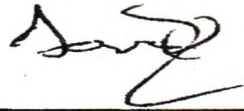
Change of circumstance is often a powerful factor in changing us within. Rising to meet a challenge, responding to a new demand, relating to new people. The way we tackle these things is often vital in the way we grow as people. Following Jesus is, of course, all about change. When we put our trust in Him, it is the start of a momentous, life-long journey. It is so radical, that the Bible uses terms like, "born again", "going from death to life" etc. You don't have to qualify in any way to become a Christian.

However, having done so, our business and the business of the Holy Spirit within us is to make us increasingly like Jesus. Speaking personally, there are still a lot of changes within me that would contribute to that process. I expect to feel the same about it until I die. To say, "I'm perfectly all right as I am. No change for me, thank you." is actually a recipe for spiritual death.

So whether you thrive on change and variety, or find security in stability and routine, the calling of God to change you within will always be there. I think the regular changes in our patterns of life can remind us of this. And the external changes we all face can be God's agents for those much more important internal changes.

Perhaps for you September means picking up old threads, or maybe it is facing a new challenge. Whatever it holds may The Lord bless you, and help you to trust and co-operate with Him, as the next months open up before us.

With all best wishes



A holiday of a lifetime !!

A couple decided to go to Cyprus for the weekend, but because they both worked it was hard to co-ordinate their diaries. So they decided the husband would go a day early and his wife would join him the following day. On arriving, the husband decided to e-mail his wife from his laptop. He accidentally mistyped her address and sent it off without realising to a widow who had just returned from her husband's funeral. He was a minister of many years who had been 'called home to glory' following a heart attack. The widow sat down to check her e-mails, expecting some messages from relatives and friends but instead, found this:

To: my loving wife
From: your departed husband
Subject: I've arrived.

I've just arrived and have checked in. Everything is ready for your arrival tomorrow. Looking forward to seeing you! Hope your journey is as uneventful as mine was.

(P.S. sure is hot down here !)



Courtesy of Grove booklets, Colin Miller and 'Diaspora', via Sunday Link.

Services in September

7th Trinity 12

Theme: The man who came from Nazareth

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

10th Wednesday Service

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

14th Trinity 13 (Alpha Sunday)

Theme: My Story

- 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

17th Wednesday Service

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

21st Trinity 14

Theme: The things we ponder on

- 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

24th Wednesday Service

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

28th Trinity 15

Theme: Does it all matter ?

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

31st Wednesday Service

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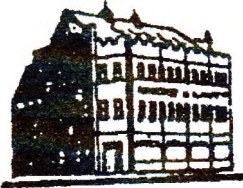
(apologies to those who have already seen the e-mail !)

1. God wants spiritual fruit, not religious nuts.
2. Dear God, I have a problem - it's me.
3. Growing old is inevitable, growing UP is optional !
4. There is no key to happiness. The door is always open
5. Silence is often misinterpreted, but never misquoted.
6. Do the maths . . . Count Your Blessings.
7. Laugh every day, it's like inner jogging.
8. If you worry, you didn't pray. If you pray, don't worry.
9. Blessed are the flexible for they shape.
10. The most important things in your home are the people.
11. When we get tangled up in our problems, be still. God wants us to be still so He can untangle the knot.
12. A grudge is a heavy thing to carry.
13. We do not remember days, but moments.
14. Life is moving too fast so enjoy your precious moments.
15. Nothing is real to you until you experience it, otherwise it's just hearsay.
16. It's all right to sit on your pity pot every now and again.
17. Surviving and living your life successfully requires courage. The goals and dreams you're seeking require courage and risk taking. Learn from the turtle, it only makes progress when it sticks out its neck.
18. Life is uncertain; eat dessert first.
19. Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely what other think you are.

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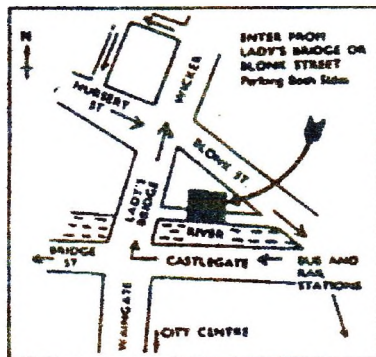


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glorious

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And worship to You bring
With words to shake the heavens
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worship

But Lord with You I'm speechless
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Notes from the PCC

Most of the time at P.C.C. meetings is spent discussing important practical matters and a number of such issues were discussed at the July meeting including:

- Some small amendments which needed adding to our policy for work with young people
- A suggestion that the PCC try out a different way of working / meeting
- Communication problems which have meant clashes in dates of events
- A suggestion to trial a system for projecting words of songs and other pictures / slides / illustrations
- A day away for members of the P.C.C.
- Trees – some may be rotten and require removal
- Posters advertising the Alpha course

Financial matters are also high on the agenda and the meeting in July was no exception. Chris, our treasurer, presented a half-yearly update on our financial position. The pledges from the Gift day resulted in around £1200 being donated: this will be split between Transport 17 (£400) and the educational needs of the girls we support in Kenya (£800).

We also spent around 45 minutes, discussing in groups and then reporting back, our response to three questions which were posed:

- ♦ What happens when we do pray together?
- ♦ What happens when we don't pray together?
- ♦ What helps or hinders us in this?

What would you have said?

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From the editor

Thank you to everyone for their contributions for this issue of the magazine - promptly supplied ! The compilation is so much easier when all the material comes in on time.

We've just returned from a holiday in the Dales and I'm pleased to report that Heather and Beth came to stay with us for four days and coped well. The weather was really good and Heather felt well - an improvement on previous weeks when her 'food' did not suit her. Prayers answered !

Jeanne

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You met them in the pages of the Bible

ELIJAH

It is tempting to think that characters who appear in the pages of the Bible are somehow special. Perhaps somehow they were automatically closer to God than we are, or God worked in a more obvious way then, or these were special people upon whom He had chosen to bestow greater authority. All this is not so. The characters in the Bible were like us, and had the same opportunities to co-operate with the Lord, or to resist Him. Of course, many were charged with great and special responsibilities. But their basic nature, and the way they related to God was no different than it is for us. James (in chap 5 verse 17) says as much about Elijah, our character this month.

His name means "My Lord is Jehovah." He lived in the ninth century BC, although there is no information given in the Bible, or anywhere else, about his early life. We are first introduced to him in 864 BC, when Ahab was king of the northern kingdom of Israel. (At this point in the history of the Jews, there was a southern kingdom, of Judah, ruled by a succession of descendants of David, and a break-away, larger, northern kingdom of Israel, ruled by a succession of kings who largely had taken the throne by force.)

Ahab had married Jezebel, a Phoenician princess. She insisted on furthering the pagan worship practices associated with the religion of Baal. In a short time, Israel was largely over-run by this brutal and promiscuous religion. A temple was built in the palace in Samaria (the capital), and Jezebel maintained 450 prophets of Baal. Into this arena stepped Elijah, the Tishbite. Because of the king's and thus the nation's, apostasy, he declared to Ahab that there would be neither dew nor rain in Israel, until he decreed. He then turned round, and departed for Cherith, on the other side of the River Jordan.

Sure enough, the predicted drought took place. Elijah himself was initially fed by food brought by ravens, and water from a

brook. When the brook dried up, he went to Zarephath (near Sidon, in Phoenicia) where he lodged with a widow. During this time, her supply of oil and flour for baking was miraculously maintained until the end of the drought. Also the woman's only son died. Elijah prayed, and his life was restored.

In these experiences, he fore-shadowed Christ, who also restored life (on three occasions) and twice multiplied food in a miraculous manner.

After three years, the Lord told Elijah that the drought was about to end. Elijah returned, to find that Ahab had instituted a search party for him. When they met, Ahab greeted him with, "Is it you, you troubler of Israel?" (1 Kings 18 : 17). Elijah's reply was to say that Ahab was the troubler of Israel, because he had forsaken the Lord in favour of Baal.

Mount Carmel



From this meeting, a contest emerged. The prophets of Baal were to build an altar on Mount Carmel. So would Elijah. Then they would both pray for fire. The god who answered with fire, would be demonstrated as the true god. To the people Elijah said, "How long will you go limping between two opinions? If the Lord is God, then follow Him. If it is Baal, then follow

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him." (1 Kings 18 : 21)

Altars were built. The prophets of Baal worked themselves into a frenzy, seeking for fire. They even slashed their garments and skin. Nothing happened. In the midst of it all, Elijah was there taunting them. "Shout a little louder. Perhaps your god has had to go to the toilet, and cannot hear you." When they eventually gave up, Elijah built his altar, using 12 stones (one for each of the tribes of Israel). He also dug a trench, which was then filled with water. (Intriguingly there is no information as to where the water came from, after three years of drought!) When he called on the Lord, the altar was consumed with fire. In the ensuing pandemonium, the prophets of Baal were all taken, and slain. The prophet was then able to tell Ahab that the drought was at an end. On the seventh time of asking, when his servant was sent to look towards the sea, he came back and reported he could see a cloud. Rain would follow.

What an occasion. What an utterly shattering experience for all concerned. What a vindication for the name of the Lord, and his prophet Elijah. This is a high point in the Old Testament account of the on-going battle between the Lord, and those faithful to Him, and those who wanted to adopt the pagan practices of the surrounding nations. You would think that Elijah's authority was established for ever.

Not a bit of it. Jezebel was furious, and issued a death threat. In the face of them, Elijah simply fled. He arrived in the Negev desert region, found a bush, under which he collapsed, exhausted, and begged the Lord to let him die. He, in a day or so had slipped from the triumph on Mount Carmel, to suicidal depths of despair. He certainly was "a man just like us." Eventually he made his way to Mount Horeb (also known as Sinai, the place where Moses received the commandments) where the Lord met him, famously, not in the wind, earthquake or fire, but the still small voice.

This resulted in Elijah being commissioned to go back and face Ahab for a final time. The king, had arranged the death of

a man Naboth, in order to acquire a vineyard, that he coveted. The scheme had been Jezebel's. Elijah appeared on the scene, announced the doom of Ahab and his house, and predicted that Jezebel would die in such a way that dogs would lick up her blood. After Elijah's own passing, this took place, when a subsequent king of Israel, Jehu, had her thrown from a window, and indeed dogs came and licked up her blood. After 22 years on the throne, Ahab was killed in the battle of Ramothgilead, against the Arameans. When his injured successor, Ahaziah sent for help from the Baal worshipped in Philistia, the messengers were intercepted by Elijah, who called fire down upon them.


His own passing is unique. As he sensed his time on earth was drawing to a close, he recruited a successor, Elisha. On his final journey, he kept trying to persuade Elisha to wait to allow him to carry on alone. Elisha would have none of it. Eventually they reached the River Jordan, near Jericho. Elijah rolled up his cloak, and struck the water. The waters parted, and they crossed, dry-shod. Arriving on the other side, Elijah asked Elisha what he would like to receive, when Elijah's time came to go. "A double portion of your spirit", was the reply. Walking on they were met by a chariot of fire and horses. Elijah ascended into the chariot, and disappeared from sight in a whirlwind. Elisha promptly picked up his master's mantle, which had remained on the ground, and he too rent the waters of the Jordan, on the return journey.

Because of his mighty works, and extraordinary passing, Elijah occupies a unique place in Jewish tradition. By some he is still held to wander the earth, ready to usher in the messiah. (Reference to that idea occurs when the disciples answer Jesus' question as to who they think He is, in Matthew chap 16). Often at the circumcision of a Jewish baby a chair is set out for Elijah. An extra cup of wine is poured for him at the Passover, and during the service a door may be flung open to allow him in. So when James said that he was a man like us, he was

choosing somebody for whom it was most difficult to make that claim.


So does it hold water? He certainly was party to some of the most miraculous and improbable events recorded in the Old Testament. The manner of his passing is unique. And yet he could be subject to fear, intimidation and depression. We may not be called to invoke fire on sodden altars. We are called to cry to God for the fire of the Holy Spirit to fall on cold hearts, and spiritually parched communities. We are called to seek the honour of His name above all else, and reach out in faith in ways which transcend human wisdom and ability. The specifics may be different but the principle is the same. It's the principle of weak people entrusting themselves to the God who made us all, and being willing to do what he tells us. Elijah did. Who knows what God will do through our lives when we are similarly utterly at His disposal?


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The Canon Jeffrey John Affair

A great deal more heat than light emanated from much of the Church of England while the debate ranged on whether Canon John was a fit person to be consecrated as a Bishop. Tragically, much of the debate raged around selected texts from the Bible. The poverty of understanding Scripture was laid bare for all to see and, as the Archbishop of Canterbury remarked, the Church was in danger of being seen as a soap opera. (A vast number of people see it like that anyway !)

Assuming that we don't believe that the Bible dropped ready written from heaven, then when reading it, Old as well as New Testaments, we need to find answers to five questions and to deal with them in the following order:

1. Wrote this ?
2. To or for whom did he write it ?
3. What were the circumstances of the day that he was addressing ?
4. What did he have to say to those to whom he wrote ?
5. What, if anything, does this passage have to say to us/me today ?

So many people try to interpret the Bible by going only to question five. They will almost certainly get the wrong answer ! To answer question five with near accuracy it is no less than imperative to get a correct answer to questions one to four first. One wonders how many of those who claim to have spoken and written on this 'Affair' from a Biblical standpoint asked all five question first. Yet this is the route to discovering the riches that are contained for us and all generations in the pages of the Bible.

The Church appears to be two-faced anyway. Lay men and women are fully accepted in the life of the Church while experiencing long-standing same-sex relationships. This is not officially permitted to clergy. Why not ? We become Christians by baptism and faith. That goes for all, regardless of sexual orientation.

Tragically, so much thumping of texts from the Bible has done little if anything to illuminate the issues under discussion. To proclaim "the Bible says" does not of itself affirm anything. Did

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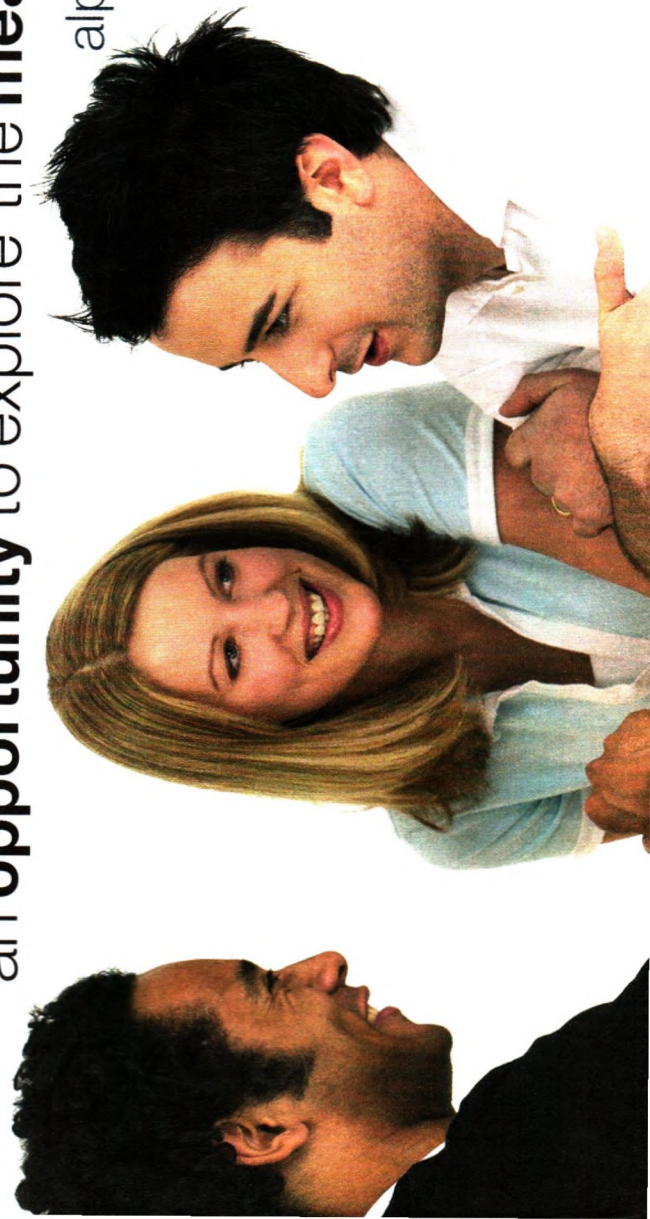
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you know that the Bible says of the people of the much loved holiday island of Crete, "It was a Cretan prophet, one of their own countrymen, who said "Cretans were always liars, vicious brutes, lazy gluttons" ? To which St. Paul adds the comment, "and he told the truth". (Titus 1:12). Did you know that the Bible says, "A woman must be a learner, listening quietly and with due submission. I do not permit a woman to be a teacher" ? (1.Timothy 2:12). So much for women clergy, women preachers, women leaders of groups. Did you know that the Bible says, "A woman brings shame on her head if she prays or prophesies bare-headed" ? That puts most Church women into trouble these days. I could go on ! But go back to and answer my five questions before you risk bandying these texts around. And the same goes for any other texts.

Two more reflections on the Canon John issue. I do not attempt here to condone or condemn the homo-sexual lifestyle. But Canon John had an active sexual life with his partner for 14 years when in 1991, the Church, in a document issued by the Bishops and labelled "Issues of Human Sexuality", gave guidelines which prescribed such behaviour. Although he disagreed with the guidelines, as an obedient member of the Church, he immediately ceased from such activity. How many clergy can put their hand on their heart and claim such instant and continuing obedience to the authority of the Church on matters with which they personally disagree ? As one of the clergy I can tell you - not many !

Finally, in the course of all this publicity, the evangelical Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, admitted that he had consecrated two homosexual priests as bishops. But there was no fuss. Why ? Because neither of the two priests had let it be known publicly that they were homosexuals. Canon John let his position be known. As one woman priest wrote in the Church press, "What are we to make of a Church that cannot embrace, or even accept, a person who is totally obedient to the official mind of the Church while speaking the truth in love ?"

Canon John Collie

Youth work news for S17 churches

What I did last summer !

I learnt two important lessons last July. The first one was, don't plan too much for the youth over July because they're really busy. The second was, God does great things when we depend on Him.

Over the four weekends of July I planned four different events. A pizza evening for the St. John's youth. A football tournament and barbecue for S17 and S8 youth, a worship workshop day with Jane Rowell, the minister of the U.R.C., a bike ride and a lunch for some of the youth at All Saints. It was really hard work to get sufficient youth to most of these events but for each one, young people did come and all of the events were successful in their own right. I need to constantly remember that every individual is precious and I am here to work alongside individuals not groups. Obviously I work with groups but the emphasis needs to be on the individuals within the group, not the group as a whole.

By God's grace and provision, our football team won the tournament, the worship workshop pulled new people in and encouraged others in worship. Our bike ride was dry and even though three youth fell off their bikes, none were hurt seriously. The one accident which resulted in the young person having to retire, was at the end of the day and my puncture happened half a mile from the cycle centre. Praise God !

Primary Schools

I enjoyed very much the opportunity I had last term in visiting all four primary schools in S17. As I did last year, I worked with year 6's in looking at 'moving up from primary to secondary school'. We looked at their excitement of what is to come and their fears of the unknown. I was very happy to give out books to each year 6 pupil in Totley Primary and Sir Harold Jackson, paid for by All Saints and St. John's respectively. These books were all about the transition process which the youth will be making and were underlain with Christian principles. Let's try

and include the new year 7's in our prayers as they come to grips with a new school and the new friends they make.

Rock Solid

In the primary schools, I also took the opportunity to invite the year 6's to Rock Solid. We had a taster evening in July and all the leaders were very happy to see twelve new youngsters come. We had a lovely night and I hope that they will want to come back again as we start back in September.

We ventured into Rock Solid last year, not knowing how it would turn out and if we would continue a second year. But we are very happy that a steady twelve young people came and took part in our activities and heard about who Jesus is and how he can change their lives. It is with continued faith that we carry on for another year and encourage young people to come to a Christian youth group and experience Christ's love.

New Wine

Janine and I went on a Christian camping conference for all ages called New Wine at the beginning of August. I had a very special time with a number of young people and also was challenged and inspired by the seminars. I hope that I can continue to have a real sense of God's plan for this area and can bring some of what I have learned to the youth.

Autumn

It promises to be busy again over Autumn. We are having a sleepover for the church youth and one for Rock Solid youth. We are having two weekends away, one for the younger age range and one for the older. We are planning two youth worship sessions as well so it will be tiring but a lot of fun. Let's be expectant of what God will do over Autumn and into 2004 !

Matt Conant

Is a shotgun wedding a case of **wife or death ?**

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September 2003

23rd

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Children's Society Coffee Morning held on 23rd July

Once again our day was blessed with good weather
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coffee, chatting to friends. We are please to announce
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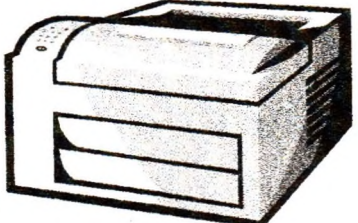
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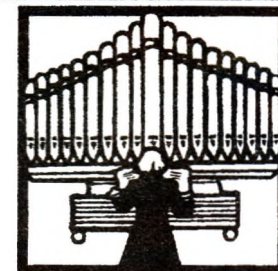
I maintain that an organist, who is master of his instrument, is a virtuoso of the highest order.

Beethoven

In my eyes and ears the organ will ever be the King of Instruments.

Mozart

The art of building organs has attained such heights from one year to the next that one may with reason be amazed at it. And Almighty God alone can never be given sufficient thanks for having granted to man in His mercy and great goodness such gifts as have enabled him to achieve such a perfect, one might almost say the most perfect, creation and instrument of music as is the organ in its arrangement and construction; and to play upon it with hands and feet in such a manner that God in Heaven may be praised, His worship adorned and man moved and inspired to Christian devotion. *Michael Praetorius 1619*



A father overheard his child addressing God as 'Dear Harold' and interrupted him to find out why. 'Well, that's what we call him in church,' said the little boy. 'You know the prayer, "Our Father who art in Heaven, Harold be thy name!"'



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

*The following is an abridged version of a longer e mail recently received from **Janet Harris**. Copies of the original unabridged letter are available from Frank and Catherine Snow.*

10th August 2003

Greetings from Ho Chi Min City!!! Its hard to believe I've been here over two weeks now. Basically things seem to be going very smoothly - LOTS to be thankful for (thank you). I'm well and happy and have been warmly welcomed and well looked after by those I already knew here. At the moment I'm staying with a friend I already knew here, Mary. But an apartment has been found for me to rent and I expect to sign the contract for that and move in tomorrow (11th). I'm really looking forward to being in my own place, to be able to properly unpack and start getting to know my neighbourhood, etc. The new place is a nice-looking 2-bedroom flat in a big, brand new apartment block. I'll be sharing it with another British girl - a friend who I overlapped with for a year in Hertfordshire! She's coming to help home-school the children of a British family here and is due to arrive in ten days time! Its great how this has worked out, and should be great fun to share together.

Language lessons at the university began last week. It's a class of 12 at the moment, mainly Korean guys here for business, but also a French couple and 2 Japanese women. One of the Japanese women is exactly my age and we're enjoying getting to know each other a bit - we had lunch together one day last week (mainly speaking Japanese!). I'm hoping that in the future hanging around in the cafe on the campus might be a good way to get to know some Vietnamese students. My first week here a Vietnamese student, My Phuong, a friend of Mary, came for a couple of hours each day to help me make a start on language study and to take me out and about a bit and she's been very kind and helpful to me in other ways (and has quite good English). I'd also like get to know her more as a friend. It's the pronunciation which is the BIG challenge with Vietnamese. The grammar doesn't seem too complicated but there are so many unfamiliar vowel and consonant sounds, as well as the tones. It helps that the language is written in the Roman alphabet but many of the letters are pronounced very differently from in English.

The first couple of Sundays I went with Mary to the meeting she usually attends. It was interesting to observe but of course I didn't understand a word! So this morning I went to what is probably the biggest meeting place in the city and has interpretation into English (using headphones). It was good to understand what was going on! The time was also preferable (8:30am) to the 6am of Mary's group! In both places the style of the meeting was quite formal.

HCMC is estimated to have about 7 million people and 2.6 million motorbikes!!! Most of the traffic is motor bikes (often carrying two or more people!). The population is fairly densely packed so that in terms of area the city doesn't seem that huge. The streets always seem to be flowing with traffic, and dotted along many of the pavements are people selling things (fruit, drinks, sun hats, lottery tickets ... or almost anything). People range from the well-dressed businessman, the occasional young woman in flowing ao-dai (traditional dress) to manual

labourers and little old ladies with traditional conical hats, often carrying two big baskets of goods on a bamboo pole over their shoulder. They seem a hardworking and resourceful people. It seems to be very much a country in the throes of rapid development. Foreigners who have been here a few years comments on how rapidly it has changed. The people generally seem friendly and helpful and children especially, on seeing a foreigner, often like to say 'hello' and sometimes try a few other words of English!

Traffic rules are certainly very different from in the UK, and you do have to keep your wits about you at all times, but not quite as scary as I expected. I may get a motorbike sometime, but for now I'm very happy on a pedal cycle. For the first few days I let Mary or others take me to places on the back of their motorbikes, whilst I got used to the traffic 'rules'. Then after a few days I felt able to venture out alone on my own bicycle. Equipped with a map, I'm now enjoying exploring the city and being able to get to wherever I want (well, eventually .. sometimes after a few wrong turns or detours due to unforeseen one-way systems!). Indeed I can now consider myself thoroughly equipped for cycling: to guard against sunburn I've bought some shoulder length gloves! Brown acrylic - very fetching I don't think - but most of the young women here wear them!

The flat comes with basic furniture, fridge, cooker, etc. but everything else I need to buy. It's quite fun setting up a home from scratch. I've been glad to find that there are a few supermarkets with quite cheap prices. There are also many markets and smaller shops which would probably be cheaper for a Vietnamese, but in these places you have to bargain - likely to be higher prices of a foreigner with little language ability. So I'm sticking to supermarkets for now! Purchasing has had to be one bicycle-basket load at a time though My Phuong did very kindly take me for one expedition by motorbike. This was very useful, but may be I bought too much that time. Whilst I marvel at the items and quantities

others transport around this city by motorbike, our journey home, clinging to a great stack of bags and boxes, was perhaps a 'cultural experience' I don't feel in a hurry to repeat! The food here is great! All the main dishes I've had, mainly rice or noodle based, have been good. French influence remains in that good French bread is also readily available! (and pate and cheese at a price.) I'm also eating masses of fruit - not only familiar things like bananas and watermelon but also new fruits like papaya, pomelo, rambutan, dragon fruit, mangoustine and custard apples. (Oh the hardships of living abroad!) I think quite a lot of the roadside stalls will sell you a meal to 'take away', very cheaply - seems a good option to me who's not the keenest of cooks - though I'm not yet familiar enough with the foods or language to try this on my own. I hear the UK has been having a heat wave. I've no idea what temperatures are here (I haven't got a thermometer!) but certainly to me it feels hot and humid! And apparently we are now in the "cooler" half of the year - the rainy season ... so I hope I'll get a bit more used to the heat before the hotter half of the year begins (Oct/Nov)! Only a few places use air conditioning (those who have it use it sparingly because electricity is expensive) but a lot use ceiling fans (my new apartment has both options). Inside, with fans going, it's usually okay - though the middle of the day can be sweaty. I guess it's also because of the heat that things tend to start very early in the morning, then many people take a siesta after an early lunch - something I've also done some days.

Love to all,

Janet

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Roman collar. With the growth of the High Church Oxford movement, this collar became universally worn by clergy - by 1870, it was standard dress for every clergyman. As for what it stands for - it has become a symbol for the church, something easily identified that often helps people begin to think about God.

Taken from Sunday Link.

BONES

The membership of any organisation is made up of four sets of bones.

There are the **Wishbones**, who spend all their time wishing someone else would do the work; along with the **Jawbones**, who do all the talking but very little else.

Another group is the **Knucklebones** - they knock everything that anybody else tries to do. But most valuable are the **Backbones**, who get under the load and actually do the work.

To which set do you belong ?

Taken from Church News Service



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:

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 September 28th 2003

Name to be remembered

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

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Favourite hymn

Please return completed forms to David Rhodes at the Vicarage.

From the Registers

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| BAPTISM: | 13th July | Jennifer Harvey of 3, The Quadrant |
| | 13th July | Henry Ashmore of 3 Quarry Road |
| | 13th July | Christopher Thompson of 3 Totley Hall Drive |

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

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| 8th Sep. | Arthur George Thompson |
| 10th Sep. | Ellie Rose Gayle |
| 10th Sep. | Adam Craig Young |

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| WEDDINGS: | 11th July | Ian Whitehorn and Victoria Anne Lambert of Prospect Road at Christ Church Dore |
| | 7th Aug. | Brian Mark Cashin and Helen Margaret Wragg of Baslow Road |
| | 22nd Aug. | Simon Lee Scully of Lemont Rd and Tanja Konopasek of Bonn, Germany |

FUNERALS: None in July and August

The next Memorial Service will be held on September 28th 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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SEPTEMBER FLOWER LIST

| | Altar | Memory Table |
|------|--------------|--------------------|
| 7th | Mrs. Firth | Mrs. Gray |
| 14th | Mrs. Holding | Mrs. Parr |
| 21st | Mrs. Filleul | Care & Share group |
| 28th | Mrs. A Waite | Mrs. Beeley |

September 2003

Diary Dates

| | | | | |
|--------|------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| Mon. | 1st | Contemplative Prayer Group | 6 Overcroft Rise | 2.45 p.m. |
| Mon. | 1st | Standing Committee | Vicarage | 8.00 p.m. |
| Tues. | 2nd | Ladies Club | Hall | 7.30 p.m. |
| Wed. | 3rd | Over 50's Keep Fit Class | | 2.00 p.m. |
| Sat. | 6th | Totley Show | at Totley Primary School | |
| Mon. | 8th | P.C.C. Hall Lounge | | 8.00 p.m. |
| Wed. | 10th | Over 50's Keep Fit Class | | 2.00 p.m. |
| Thurs. | 11th | Toddler Praise | Hall | 10.00 a.m. |
| Sun. | 14th | Sunday Youth Group | Hall | 6.30-8.30 p.m. |
| Sun. | 14th | Assistant Cell Leaders' Training | Vicarage | 6.30 p.m. |
| Mon. | 15th | Contemplative Prayer Group | 6 Overcroft Rise | 2.45 p.m. |
| Wed. | 17th | Over 50's Keep Fit Class | | 2.00 p.m. |
| Mon. | 22nd | Last day for items for the magazine | | |
| Tues. | 23rd | Martha and Mary Group | Hall Lounge | 10.30 a.m. |
| Tues. | 23rd | Ladies Club | Hall | 7.30 p.m. |
| Wed. | 24th | Over 50's Keep Fit Class | | 2.00 p.m. |
| Thurs. | 25th | Toddler Praise | Hall | 10.00 a.m. |
| Sun. | 28th | Sunday Youth Group | Hall | 6.30-8.30 p.m. |
| Sun. | 28th | Vision Group | Vicarage | 6.30 p.m. |
| Mon. | 29th | Collation of magazine | from 9.30 a.m. | |
| Mon. | 29th | Contemplative Prayer Group | 6 Overcroft Rise | 2.45 p.m. |

Sayings for Stillness

"My Word . . . shall prosper in the thing whereto I send it."

(Isaiah 55 ; 11)

Final Date : Items for October 2003 : September 22nd 2003

ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL

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| 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) | |
| | | Steve Spendlove | 236 1752 |
| | 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 |
| | 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 |
| Tuesday: | 10.30 a.m. | Martha & Mary Group (4th) | |
| | | Sheila Eke | 236 7457 |
| | 7.30 p.m. | Ladies Club (1st & 3rd) | |
| | | Ann Ruthven | 236 8643 |
| Wed'day: | 10.00 a.m. | Parent & Toddler Group | |
| | | Vicki Waite | 236 6789 |
| | 2.00 p.m. | Ladies Keep Fit | |
| | | Val Simpson | 236 1483 |
| Thursday: | 10.00 a.m. | Toddler Praise (fortnightly) | |
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From the Vicarage



Dear Friends

Soon after I first moved to Sheffield in the 1960's, I took part in some parish visiting with the church I had joined (St. John's, Owlerton). I set off along a particular street, knocking at each front door. Most of the houses showed every sign of having somebody in, but there were no answered doors. I was a very bewildered refugee from more southern parts! Eventually, as I was turning away from yet another unopened door, I heard the sound of footsteps coming down the passageway, which I had observed at intervals in the terrace of houses. "Thou wants to go round the back, luv, nobody uses t'front door" So I was introduced to the shared yards, which were a common feature of many areas of housing in Sheffield, and in places still are. Along with the sharing of yards, often went a very real sense of sharing of lives, and community spirit. Community can be a very difficult plant to grow. A sense of belonging, of sharing in the joys and

sadness, burdens and challenges of others, a flourishing of relationships which can cross differences of age and generation - all these are features of community, and a community spirit that many feel was present in a by-gone era, but has now disappeared.

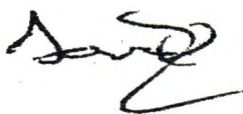
In fact these are basic human needs. We all flourish when these things are present, and we can feel naturally part of such a community. We are all diminished when it is absent. But selfishness, personal insecurity, fear of what others may think of us, patterns of life-style, and many other things often hamper the growth of genuine community.

One of our values at All Saints is the building of such an atmosphere. In our **ABC**, **C** stands for **C**reating **C**ommunity. It's not just a good idea, its at the heart of what it means to be church. Jesus told us to love each other, bear one another's burdens, honour one another and much more. So it is a high value, and one we seek to put into practice by the life of the cell groups, and the wider life of the church.

In the next few weeks we will be looking specifically at this in our Sunday sermons, and putting a strong emphasis on how we are to work this out in practice. No successful marriage happens automatically. It needs to be worked at, and that is something that remains true no matter how long a couple may be married. The same is true for building community. It is something we very properly ask the Lord, in prayer, to create in our midst. But we also need to do all we can to promote it and studiously avoid doing and

saying those things which will damage it.
May this autumn be a time when you know both the presence of a God who loves you, in your life and the inner freedom that being part of a loving community can bring.

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Services in October

5th Trinity 16 Harvest Sunday

Theme: How soft is your heart ?

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

8th Wednesday Service

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

12th Trinity 17

Theme: Foundations really count

- 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. Harvest Songs of Praise at St. John's Abbeydale

15th Wednesday Service

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

19th Trinity 18

Theme: Cell—e bration. All involved

- 10.00 a.m. Cell —e— bration with Holy Communion
- 3.30 p.m. Informal Service at the Cheshire Home
- 7.30 p.m. Healing Service

22nd Wednesday Service

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

26th Trinity 19 Commitment Sunday

Theme: Becoming Disciples

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

29th Wednesday Service

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

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The young people in our church family have done particularly well with their G.C.S.E. results this time and as such are to be congratulated. However, the extra pressure and stress this adds to the youngsters coming after needs to be appreciated. It has been a privilege over recent years to come to know many of our church family teenagers quite well. They are hard-working and enjoy many different activities, such as music, drama and sport. Many are good at communicating with people of all age groups, as well as some having gifts in caring for younger children; many have amazing spiritual gifts. None of these things will be graded in a written examination and yet these gifts are so important for enabling a young person to become a well-balanced adult utilising the particular gifts that God has given, which thankfully are all different, to help develop a well-balanced world.

Of course, we need future leaders with good academic abilities, but let us not forget the importance of balance. I know as I grow older, I shall appreciate even more people who can care for me and share God's love for me.

Gay Riley

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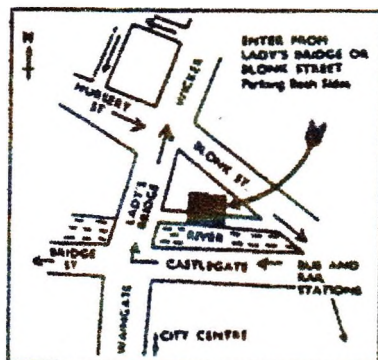


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FESTUS

Biblical characters, whose names begin with "F" are few and far between. One is the Roman procurator, responsible for sending the apostle Paul to Rome for trial. His name is Porcius Festus, and appears in Acts chapters 25 and 26.



Coins from the period of Festus. The tree was the vine symbol used on coins in Israel.

The Jewish historian, Josephus, tells us that Festus was appointed by Emperor Nero, to succeed Felix, under whose regime there had been simmering revolt, as procurator of Judea. Festus had the responsibility to restore peace and order.

His centre was at Caesarea, on the Mediterranean Coast. The city was built by Herod (The Herod who was on the throne at the time of the birth of Jesus), and had become the second largest, after Jerusalem, in the country. It was chosen by the Romans as their administrative centre.

Much remains today, and has been expanded by archaeology of the surrounding area. It is one of the most impressive sites in modern Israel.

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The Roman amphitheatre, at Caesarea, as it appears today.
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To Caesarea Festus came, around the year, AD 59. The apostle Paul had been a prisoner for the last two years, Felix (Predecessor to Festus) avoiding the issue, and refusing to try him. Festus arranged for Jewish leaders to come to Caesarea to bring charges, at a tribunal that he would arrange. Paul refused all charges, which centred around allegations of introducing a Gentile (Timothy) into the parts of the Temple sacred to the Jews alone. In reality, the charges were a weak attempt to eliminate the threat of Paul, in much the same way that trumped up charges were levelled at Jesus. "Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I offended at all," was Paul's reply. (Acts 25 : 8). Not wishing to enrage the Jewish leaders, Festus proposed a formal trial at Jerusalem, at which he would preside. At that, Paul appealed to Caesar. It was the right of those who held the position of being Roman Citizens. Paul held that honour, and in fact had used its privileges previously on his missionary travels. Festus' reaction was

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immediate. "You have appealed to Caesar, so to Rome you will go." Thus Paul's journey to Rome was initiated. Shortly after, King (i.e. a descendant of Herod the great, who exercised authority under the umbrella of Festus, as the representative of Rome) Agrippa, and his sister Bernice, arrived, to welcome Festus, as the new procurator. Festus sought their advice. In an audience with them both, Paul spoke eloquently and passionately, of his own background, his experience of meeting with Jesus on the Damascus Road, and his conviction about the resurrection, and the fact that Jesus is the messiah. (See Acts chapter 26). His words had a profound impact on his listeners. Festus suggested that his great learning had driven him mad, whilst Agrippa realised that the implication of what Paul was saying was that he too, should become a follower of Jesus. This he resisted, with, "Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?"

The upshot was, that both Festus and Agrippa felt that Paul had done nothing illegal, and could be set free. However, as he had appealed to Caesar, that had to be carried through, and so to Rome he must go.

Josephus describes Festus as an efficient governor, who was well received by the Jews. He died, unexpectedly at his post just two years after his arrival, by which time Paul would have arrived in Rome.

In the scope of the Biblical narrative he is a minor character, who appears fleetingly. For him, dealing with Paul would have been a nuisance matter, revolving around the religious feelings of a group of people he would have felt quite foreign to. However, like Pilate before him, he unwittingly played a crucial part in future events. Because of him, Paul went to Rome, and so the progress of the gospel was accelerated in Europe. It can be very unwise to underestimate the potential of what may appear to be very minor matters or decisions, in our lives.

David Rhodes

A Little Flagrant Propaganda

"Choose your rut carefully: you may be in it for 2000 miles."

So runs a notice, it is said, in the outback of Australia, where there is nothing to be seen save arid scrubland on all sides. And a few ruts in the sand leading beyond the horizon.

We talk about "being in a rut", meaning that certain well worn habits have taken over our lives. But the trouble with ruts is that they are easy to get into, much harder to get out of. Habits are similar. We start off slipping into them unthinkingly, and then find we are in them for a lifetime. Sunday mornings spent reading the weekend papers, the odd cigarette, four spoonfuls of sugar in the cup of tea, or a fondness for steam puddings and chocolate gateaux. Or, conversely, a sweaty session at the gym three times a week or an hour's painful jogging on a Saturday afternoon. Such habits eventually shape us (in more ways than one?) and make us what we are.

"We first make our habits," said John Dryden, "then our habits make us."

"A man consists of the sum-total of his habits", said another, cynically.

There is one habit, however, essential I believe, for the Christian. It is the practice of setting aside a short time



each day for God. Most of our waking moments are spent surrounded by the attitudes and values of the world around us. Unconsciously we absorb these and they influence the way we think and act.

But 20 minutes spent reading the Bible and in prayer can lift us above the everyday, show us more about God, fill us with praise and strengthen our resolve to live His way.

This is where Bible Reading Notes come in. (I told you this was a piece of flagrant propaganda...). They are there to help us. For those unfamiliar with them let me briefly explain how they do this. They suggest a set passage for each day, giving the background to it, explaining its meaning and providing devotional insights to enrich our faith. They stimulate, challenge, invigorate our spiritual lives. And help us reach out to God.

Already there are about 25 members of All Saints who order (and presumably use!) Bible Reading Notes. I would be very happy to take orders for new subscribers, or to change the order for any ready for a change. We order from both Scripture Union and the Bible Reading Fellowship, and there are Notes for new Christians and more in-depth Notes for those more mature in the faith. ("Milk" or "strong meat", St. Paul calls it.) I will gladly provide old copies as samples, and give any other information needed. Notes come out quarterly (Scripture Union, £10 per annum) or every 4 months (B.R.F. £9-15 per annum). Feel free to contact me at any time - (Catherine Snow, 11, The Green, Toley, Tel. 235 0024)

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I commend it to you.

Catherine

Interested in cooking ?

Are you interested in cooking and old recipes ?

If so, I have a shoe box full of pre-war and war-time recipes that were left under the eaves of our old house. It seems a shame to throw them away when they might be of interest to someone, but I don't know who ! Could it be you ? If so, please phone me on 236 6884.

Gay Riley

The little boy came home from his first day at Sunday School. He told his mother that his Sunday School teacher was Jesus' granny.

"How do you know that ?" asked his mum, "Well, she never stops talking about him," he replied !

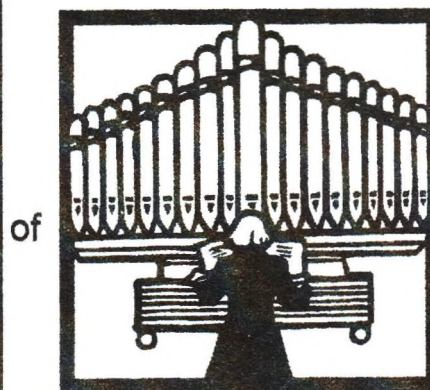


What an event !

Over thirty people from All Saints' attended the organ recital in the City Hall by Themis Tournpoulidis. What an event ! One wonders how many at All Saints' realise what a highly qualified organist we have ?

Themis was born in Ioannina (Greece) in 1977. He began his studies as a harmonium pupil (Diploma in 1997 unanimously and first prize) and continued his studies on the piano (1997-2000). As a music student he appeared in various concerts as a solo performer, as an accompanist of choirs and took part in chamber music classes given by A Myrat (conductor of Kamerata Orchestra of Athens). In 2000 he was accepted as a postgraduate student in the Music Department of the University of Sheffield, where he studied for the Degree of Master in Music (Organ Performance) with A. Kirk (MA Oxon, FRCO) and Dr. A. M. Brown, whilst his masters thesis involved aspects on J. S. Bach's 371 four-voiced chorale harmonisations. In 2001 he was awarded the Degree of Master of Music and the same year he got accepted in the same University to study for the Degree of PhD. In Music Performance, sponsored by the Charles Bryers Organ Scholarship. He attended the second Organ festival in Athens in 1999, organised by Nicolas Kynaston (master classes given by J. Geffert, F. Hauk, D. Roth and J. Parker-Smith) and participated in the Summer Organ Academy in Haarlem in 2002 (master classes by H. Fagius and W. Zerer). In December

2002 he participated in the Helmuth Rilling continuo master classes and appeared in the students' concert with the Kamerata Orchestra 'Friends of Music' and the Bach Academy of Stuttgart in the Athens Concert Hall. In July 2003 he took part in the Summer Organ Academy in Oundle where he attended master classes by K. Bowyer, D. Sanger, J. Filsell and J. Laukvik. He is currently studying with Kevin Bowyer at the Royal Northern College of Music, while his PhD research thesis involves the investigation of the relationships between music and rhetoric in Baroque organ music. He is a graduate of the Department of History and Archaeology of the University of Ioannina (2000), he holds a Degree in Harmony (2000) and he was recently appointed organist at All Saints'.



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It's You who makes the world to turn
You who don't the spiders spurn
You who makes the desert flower
You who causes ice to tower
You who made fish to walk on earth
It's You who gave the world its birth.

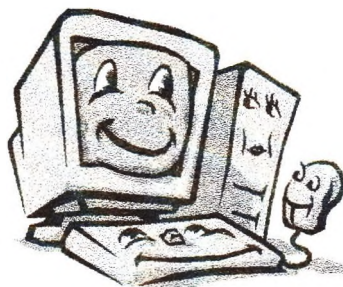
But when we take it in and think
We see we're only on the brink
Of all the splendour that You are
That You go on, beyond us far
To places way beyond our mind
Despite our search we will not find
Your depth, Your height, the start, the end
Of You our God, our Lord, our Friend.



Have you noticed ? All Saints' has a new Web Address!

www.allsaintstotley.co.uk

Look at the site and let Chris Booth know if there is anything else you would like to see there. More pictures of church events would still be welcome!



Christmas Card

A large home-made Christmas card will be in church from the beginning of December as usual, for us to sign our Christmas greetings to one another instead of sending individual cards. We are invited to contribute the money thus saved, to a charity.

More details next month !

Stella Jockel

Youth work news for S17 churches

Integrating Youth from within the church with youth outside it ?

As you know I work alongside both youth from within and outside the church in S17. As a whole the work with the church youth is separate from the work with unchurched youth.

I have often thought about how I might go about trying to encourage the two groups to come together, to somehow integrate the youth and have one group of young people, Christians and non-Christians meeting together as the youth in S17. The possibilities could be great, young Christians witnessing to those who don't know Jesus. Youth with bad behaviour encouraged to enjoy life whilst displaying good behaviour. It sounds wonderful, but how possible is it ? Could this dream really become reality ?

I have just read an article in a Christian youth work magazine on this very subject and it gives a good example of this issue.

It describes a youth worker called Iain from Glasgow who works within a middle class church. For a long time the youth work was limited only to young people from his church congregation. But over the last few years the church has had an ongoing detached youth work project and Iain has made many good contacts with many people hanging on the streets nearby. He introduced a drop-in night at church and also

organised football matches at the local five-a-side pitches.

The leadership at his church decided to try something bold and invite the lads who go to the football to join in with the church youth group. They had already planned three weeks doing some art sessions and so decided it would be a good time to invite them.

Iain got together some brushes, paint and big sheets which he stuck on some of the walls of the room they met in. All his regular youth were there and he was starting to explain how the evening would happen, when the door banged open and three lads from the football game came in. They were wearing shell suits and baseball caps and seemed to enjoy hitting each other. One of them asked where the spray cans were, another said he thought it was supposed to be a graffiti session, Iain tried to explain about the safety issues of ventilation and spray cans and then tried to continue his introduction to the session.

'Can the images be explicit?' a lad asked. It got worse as they soon decided to attack each other's artwork and soon they all had mud-brown covered sheets. When they stopped for some tea and toast things got better and the visitors did have some conversation with a few of the other young people and leaders. But as they left he was sure that this experiment in integration would only be a one off. He was cleaning up the mess of paint in the hall for quite a while afterwards and was surprised to see one of the lad's back, who had evidently forgotten his coat. 'Sorry we mucked around and wasted the paint. See you next

week.'

Iain learned a lesson that night. Integrating the church youth with the unchurched is a big undertaking, almost impossible. But isn't that part of living out what the Christian life is, believing in the God of the impossible.

The article didn't take into consideration what the youth from the church thought about their night being messed up. It didn't comment on the next two weeks of what happened and if any damage was caused to the building or the neighbours' properties. It didn't fully answer the question - can there be integration? But it raised the issue that trying to bring two groups from such different cultures together is extremely difficult. It's a dream. One group, made up of youth from the church and outside it, all worshipping God together. It may be impossible. But let's aim for the impossible and then be ready to give God the glory when it happens.

As we continue in the start back after the summer, I will continue to build relationships with both youth from the church and from within the local community. I will continue to encourage both that the best possible life they can live is one with Jesus at the centre, at school, at Rock Solid, in the community and within the churches. Please join with me and pray that through the witness of our Christian youth, others will see the truth about Jesus and want to join them as Christians in S17.

Matt Conant

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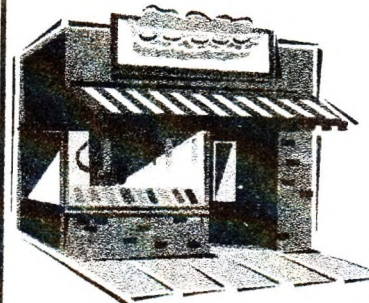
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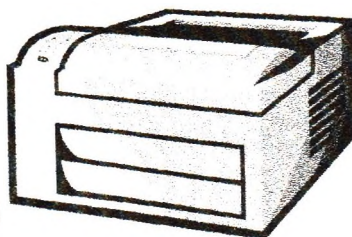
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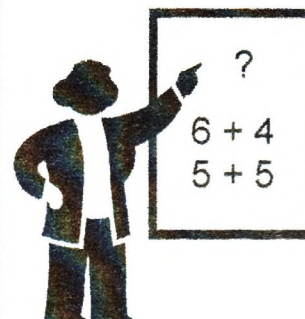
Banana Crunch

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| 8 oz margarine | 2 large eggs |
| 8 oz rolled oats | 2/3 bananas |
| 8 oz caster sugar | ½ tsp bicarb |
| 8 oz plain flour | of soda |
| Swiss roll tin 12" x 8" | |



- ♦ Grease tin if necessary
- ♦ Melt margarine in large pan over low heat and remove from heat
- ♦ Stir in oats, sugar, flour and bicarb, then eggs.
- ♦ Spread half over base of tin. Cover with sliced banana. Put rest of mixture over top of banana. It will spread in cooking.
- ♦ Place on centre shelf - Gas Mk. 5 / 375°F / 190°C
- ♦ Cook 25 minutes until golden brown and risen.
- ♦ Cool slightly and cut into 16 fingers.

Stella Jockel



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| Teacher: | How much is six and four? |
| Boy: | That's about eleven ain't it? |
| Teacher: | Six and four are ten. |
| Boy: | But six and four can't be ten. Five and five are ten! |

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND BEREAVED



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

Ann Powell 235 0612 or
Dorothy Firth 236 4190 or
firths@fish.co.uk

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

From the Editor



Alpha begins this month, please see pages 26 and 27 for details.

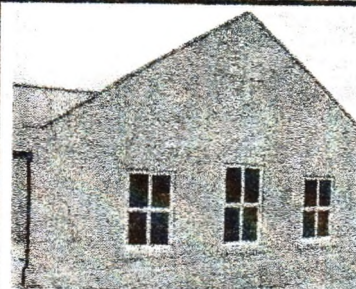
Look out for information about the Harvest Supper on Oct. 18th in the Sunday notices.

Sue Hope will preach at both morning services on October 26th. Sue will be a key person in enabling our mission next year, 'Time 4 God'.

A 'Light Party' is planned for October 31st in the Church Hall.

The Ladies club winter programme is in full swing. *Our school Autumn Fair will take place on October 11th and as everyone knows, this is a major fund raising event.*

Thankfully Heather, my daughter, is well and is trying hard to get fit. She is walking and has started to play (gentle?) badminton with her daughter. *Jeanne*



All Saints' C. of E. Primary School

October News

After a very enjoyable summer break, we are now back to another school year and are ready and raring to go.

Over the past two years we have been working very hard to raise £10,000 for the school to enable them to purchase IT equipment for the new ITC Suite which is to be built this year. We are very proud to report that we have raised this money and £10,000 will be handed over to the school during this term. It is a fantastic project to raise money for, as IT plays such an important part of our lives these days and every child in the school will benefit from the facilities offered by the ITC Suite.

We have a very busy term ahead of us and our first event will be our Autumn Fayre to be held on Saturday 11th October. We would like to raise £2797 at the event to purchase a whiteboard, projector and primary software for the new ITC Suite. There will be a cake stall, raffle, basket tombola, refreshments, games, used books and toys, rainbow stall, craft stall and much more and we would like to invite everyone to come along and join us. The fun will start at 2.00 p.m. We will also be holding our Bonfire and Fireworks display on November 5th. There will be a BBQ selling hot dogs, burgers etc and there will be homemade cakes and buns and tea and coffee for sale. We hope to see you there.

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all the new children and their families who have joined the school this year. We hope you are all settling in well and have a very happy time at the school.

Totley All Saints' PTA Committee

Sheffield Christian Constituency Movement
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Monday 6th October
7.30 p.m.

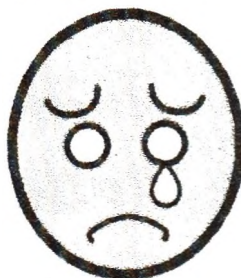
Endcliffe Methodist Church Hall
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Speakers: Father Shaun Smith
(Chair of Church Action on Poverty, Sheffield)
Sister Clare Smith, RSM

Poverty in our city is not a headline story !

A cry before SATs GCSEs or A levels ?

A parent overheard his child praying by his bedside, 'Now I lay me down to rest; I hope to pass tomorrow's test. If I should die before I wake, that's one less test I have to take.'



Toddler Praise A LIGHT PARTY

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Friday 31st October
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There will be no Toddler Praise on Thursday 30th October.

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO WORSHIP IN THIS CHURCH

O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship; narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife.

Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. God make the door of this house the gateway to Thine eternal Kingdom.

Seen in a church by a member on holiday.

SIGNS & SYMBOLS

What could be more English than a country church with a tower? You only have to see a painting with one in and you just know what country you're looking at - real Constable country. And yet church towers aren't English at all !!

Their whole design, structure and position on the church buildings are the traditions brought over with our conquerors from other countries - Saxony, Denmark and the other Norse lands.

Towers were originally used to live in. They were seen as 'safe' places because of their height and the fact that they could be easily protected. They also worked well as landmarks in the daytime and lit, as beacons in the dark.

The earliest church tower is thought to have been built in 674 in Northumbria. Towers come in all sorts of shapes and sizes and have been built over different parts of the church building.

Some churches even have more than one.

Like most things where they are placed and their shape depend more on when they were built, the state of building materials available in that place as well as the skills of the local builders at that time than any deep thinking. For example, there are 120 round towers in Norfolk and in Essex, where stone was scarce, there are many brick built towers.

But what do they tell us about God?

Well, what they're not doing is pointing to a God with a beard who sits on a cloud in the sky!

For me, they make me look up; to lift my sights, to look around me. Some days that's not always easy !

Jo White

Taken from Church News Service



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Elizabeth Ferard - a life of service

Back in the nineteenth century, the lot of middle-class women was reputedly oppressive. People were scandalised by women religious, too, not only because they were associated with Romish practices, but also because they escaped the confines of spinsterhood or marriage to live seemingly independent lives.

While many people know about the establishment of nunneries, however, few have heard of Elizabeth Ferard, who became the first Anglican member of the order of Deaconesses. The deaconess community of Kaiserwerth in Germany inspired her: so it was a licence from Archbishop Tait, not monastic vows, which allowed her to establish the deaconess community of St. Andrew to work in poor parishes - as do many religious orders - first in London's Kings Cross and then Notting Hill (both still include areas of deprivation). Unlike the religious, many of whom moved to sunnier places like Malvern and Wantage, deaconesses were usually parish based.

She reminds us that the gospel is lived in the life of the parish. As she said, 'deaconesses must above all remember that they are to tend and to teach the poor, the sick and children as servers; first as servants of the Lord Jesus; second as servants of the poor and needy; third, as servants of one another'.

That might apply to us all !

Margaret Marshall

This article was taken from Sunday Link

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:

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 December 28th 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: 14th Sept. Harriet Cockroft
of 28 Totley Hall Drive

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

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|-----------|-----------------------------|
| 8th Oct. | Katie May Bosworth |
| 8th Oct. | Christopher William Jackson |
| 14th Oct. | Grace Victoria Hadabora |
| 14th Oct. | Samantha Kate Turner |
| 17th Oct. | Lucie Elizabeth Greaves |
| 20th Oct. | Jacob Andrew Wright |
| 20th Oct. | Holly Emma Wright |

WEDDINGS: None in September

FUNERALS: 9th Sept. Peter Eric Tompkins
of Totley Hall Lane

The next Memorial Service will be held on December 28th 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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Telephone number: 236 2322**

Children and Young People

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

SEPTEMBER FLOWER LIST

| | Altar | Memory Table |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 5th | Care & Share group | Mrs. Monfredi |
| 12th | Mrs. B. Waite | Mrs. Scott |
| 19th | Care & Share group | Mrs. Cooke |
| 26th | Mrs. Beeley | Care & Share group |

October 2003

Diary Dates

| | |
|-------------|--|
| Wed. 1st | Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m. |
| Thurs. 2nd | Alpha first meeting Church Hall 7.30 p.m. |
| Mon. 6th | Poverty in Sheffield Endcliffe Meth. Church Hall 7.30 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. |
| Sun. 12th | Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m. |
| Sun. 12th | Cell Leaders' Training Vicarage 6.30 p.m. |
| Mon. 13th | Contemplative Prayer Group 50 Rowan Tree Dell 2.45 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. |
| Thurs. 16th | Toddler Praise Hall 10.00 a.m. |
| Mon. 20th | Last day for items for the magazine |
| Tues. 21st | Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m. |
| Wed. 22nd | Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m. |
| Sun. 26th | Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m. |
| Sun. 26th | Mission Group Vicarage 6.00 p.m. |
| Mon. 27th | Collation of magazine from 9.30 a.m. |
| Mon. 27th | Contemplative Prayer Group 50 Rowan Tree Dell 2.45 p.m. |
| Tues. 28th | Martha and Mary Group Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m. |
| Fri. 30th | Toddler Praise Light Party Hall 10.00 a.m. |

Sayings for Stillness

"I will display MY glory among the nations."

(Ezekiel 39 : 21)

Final Date : Items for November 2003 : October 20th 2003

ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL

| | | | |
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| Sunday: | 9.30 a.m. | Creche (under 3's) | |
| | | Lorna Davis | 236 9878 |
| | | The Alive Gang (3 to 13 years) | |
| | | Steve Spendlove | 236 1752 |
| | 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 |
| | 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 |
| Tuesday: | 10.30 a.m. | Martha & Mary Group (4th) | |
| | | Sheila Eke | 236 7457 |
| | 7.30 p.m. | Ladies Club (1st & 3rd) | |
| | | Ann Ruthven | 236 8643 |
| Wed'day: | 10.00 a.m. | Parent & Toddler Group | |
| | | Vicki Waite | 236 6789 |
| | 2.00 p.m. | Ladies Keep Fit | |
| | | Val Simpson | 236 1483 |
| Thursday: | 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

I recently attended a teaching morning for church members across the diocese of Sheffield. It was a fast-paced occasion, with a main speaker who kept our attention, and focused our thinking. His broad Bradford accent and ready wit were a definite asset in that department. He spoke about two words, which I think have a wide application. They were, "Hunger" and, "Now."

The purpose of the day was to look at aspects of the churches reaching out into their communities, and having a real sense of seeing God at work in their midst. Robin, our speaker, commented, that it is the churches who are hungry for God's blessing, that are liable to see those things happen. Thinking that something would be nice, or expecting to squeeze God into our mould, or our pre-conception about how He might behave are not the same. Hunger implies a deeper longing for God's presence and activity, that is open to Him on His terms, not ours.

Now means - desire for such things now - not at some unspecified point in the future.

These two words are of wider significance. What is it that we hunger for? We all have basic human drives, looking for love, a sense of significance or self-worth, a feeling of purpose or direction in our lives. But are our hungers just revolving around our own needs, or are we those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness", as Jesus urged?

You may have seen a poster that reads, "If God feels distant, guess who moved?" A fair point. We may feel God seems to be unreal or distant, but if so, is it something to do with us? Have we allowed ourselves really to seek Him? Is there a hunger there? Just like they say that the sportsman who is most hungry to win, is likely to emerge the victor - so a hunger for God is the more likely truly to find Him.

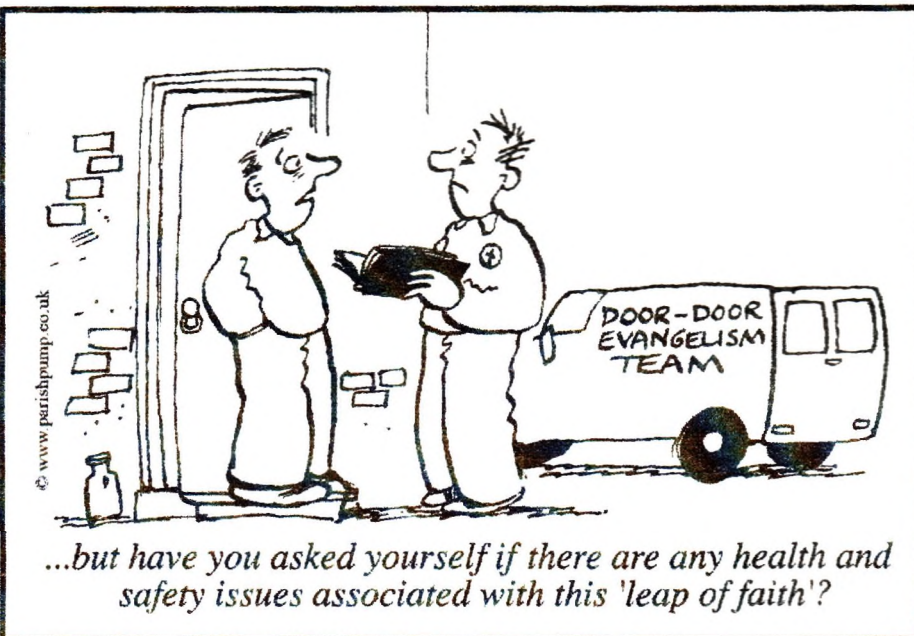
And, "Now." Patience is certainly a virtue, Rome was not built in a day and more haste often produces less speed. But there is a streak in most of us that is liable to find excuses for deferring matters of first importance. "I can put off thinking about that, until after I have finished decorating the front room, or the children have fled the nest, or life is less busy at work" or whatever it might be. This, I think can be particularly true about spiritual matters. We can defer taking God seriously in our own lives endlessly. We can also defer expecting Him to bring new life to our church or community in the same way.

The Bible tells us that Jesus is the same, yesterday, today and for ever. He is no different today from any

other point in history, including His time here on earth. To look for, expect, pray for, and hunger for His presence and blessing now, not at some unspecified future point is a very healthy thing.

Two words. Wide application. To step back, from time to time, and take stock of our lives is most valuable. Perhaps you would like to do that this month, before the busyness of Christmas is upon you, in the light of, "Hunger" and "Now."

With all best wishes

Services in November

2nd 4th Sunday before Advent. Commitment Sunday

Theme: Bear with one another.

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

5th Wednesday Service

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

9th 3rd Sunday before Advent. Remembrance Sunday.

Theme: Honour one another

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

12th Wednesday Service

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

16th 2nd Sunday before Advent

Theme: Submit to one another

- 9.30 a.m. Baptism Service
- 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 "Christ the King".

Theme: Be kind and compassionate to one another.

- 9.30 a.m. All Age All Together
- 11.15 a.m. Holy Communion
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

26th Wednesday Service

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

30th Advent Sunday

Theme: Sticks and stones may break my bones

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

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P.C.C. News

The meetings in September and October dealt with a wide range of subjects. We heard about the annual visit of the archdeacon, received feedback about the services during August, discussed organisational and pastoral structures within the church, and the possible formation of a leadership team to support David and growth in our church. We also investigated the possibility of an audio-visual system for use in the church and hall, and looked at setting a budget for the next financial year.

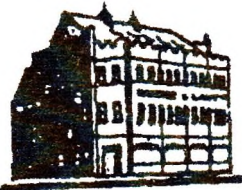
Other issues included:

- a) maintenance of the paths /drive.
- b) removal and pruning of trees within the church grounds
- c) appointment of a foundation governor for All Saints' school
- d) requirements for improving the church hall kitchen facilities
- e) a visual inspection of electrical equipment in use in the church hall, kindly carried out by Peter Casson
- f) personnel required to help with Health and Safety, and to help in the management of the church hall
- g) and last, but not least, a suggestion that coffee is available during PCC meetings, to keep us all going!

Jane Lawry P.C.C. Secretary

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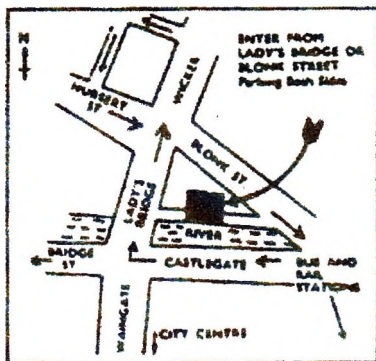


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Dear Editor

I welcomed the Vicar's article about Festus, as I do those on many other biblical characters. However, far from being Festus's victim as Mr Rhodes implies, Paul made a very deliberate choice.

As Mr Rhodes points out, Paul was a full Roman citizen with the absolute right to elect to be heard by the Emperor. When Paul exercised that right Festus had an obligation under law to refer Paul's case to Rome. He went through the motions of a hearing, as was required, and reached the formal adjudication, again as was required. Paul, an intellectual and a trained lawyer, knew precisely what he was doing. Thus the responsibility for sending Paul to Rome rests entirely on his, Paul's, own head and this leads us to very different conclusions.

We know from his record that Paul had a consummate, some would say "crafty", political mind, he was also an astute strategist. Every major church he had set up was in an administrative centre with direct influence over the region it served. By choosing to be tried by the Emperor, Paul was certain of an audience in which he must defend himself. If, he must have thought, he could convert the Emperor then the Empire, as much later events in history of Christendom proved, would be forced to follow. Paul took a huge gamble with his life, he'd done it before, but what a prize if he succeeded!

So, we see an analytical mind at work, a willingness to take on the most powerful in the land, the courage to put his own security at risk. Paul was hardly the most sympathetic character in the New Testament. It is easy to cast him as a megalomaniac, driven by his own ambition for the ultimate place in history as the Christian conqueror of the known world. We could also cast him as a brave man, indeed a hero, for the cause of Christ. Whichever, but no one can doubt his fearlessness, nor that he was a man ready to make choices for himself and what he believed in.

Yours sincerely

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A MUSLIM ENCOUNTER

On Friday evening just before 7.30 p.m. we arrived at Pond Street bus station on our way home. There were taxis waiting so we were helped into the first one driven by a Pakistani about 60 years old. He was very helpful but we didn't speak much except to give him directions. When we arrived home there were several parked cars and another vehicle waiting to pass so our driver backed into our drive where we got out and he helped us unload our luggage. I paid him and then he said would I mind if he said his prayers in our drive because he was already late! I agreed and he got out his prayer mat and knelt facing Mecca. I was "Lost for Words"

I wondered what to do but then I too uttered a prayer. I was thankful that here was a man whose faith meant so much to him that he was willing to be obedient even though he ran the risk of some embarrassment. We need Christians who are sure of their faith and obedient as this man was. He was giving me a very practical lesson and perhaps it is one that many of us need to learn.

After a few minutes he stood up and I thanked him. I told him that he worships the same God as I do - the God of Abraham, Moses and the prophets. I also made it clear that we understand our faith differently but God made us both in the same image. I did not feel that this was the right moment to talk about Jesus to him but I hope and pray that this experience was one small step to encouraging dialogue rather than enmity.

I really felt that the whole experience was a privilege.

Maurice Snowden

September 2003

This is a commentary by DAVID LIMBAUGH about Mel Gibson's very controversial movie regarding Christ's crucifixion.

It's very worth reading.

MEL GIBSON'S passion for "THE PASSION"

How ironic that when a movie producer takes artistic license with historical events, he is lionized as artistic, creative and brilliant, but when another takes special care to be true to the real-life story, he is vilified. Actor-producer Mel Gibson is discovering these truths the hard way as he is having difficulty finding a United States studio or distributor for his upcoming film, "The Passion," which depicts the last 12 hours of the life of Jesus Christ. Gibson co-wrote the script and financed, directed and produced the movie. For the script, he and his co-author relied on the New Testament Gospels of Matthew Mark, Luke and John, as well as the diaries of St. Anne Catherine Emmerich (1774-1824) and Mary of Agreda's "The City of God." Gibson doesn't want this to be like other sterilized religious epics. "I'm trying to access the story on a very personal level and trying to be very real about it." So committed to realistically portraying what many would consider the most important half-day in the history of the universe, Gibson even shot the film in the Aramaic language of the period. In response to objections that viewers will not be able to understand that language, Gibson said, "Hopefully, I'll be able to transcend the language barriers with my visual storytelling; if I fail, I fail, but at least it'll be a monumental failure."

To further insure the accuracy of the work, Gibson has enlisted the counsel of pastors and theologians, and has received rave reviews. Don Hodel, president of Focus on the Family, said, "I was very impressed. The movie is historically and theologically accurate." Ted Haggard, pastor of New Life Church in Colorado Springs, and president of the National Evangelical Association, glowed: "It conveys, more accurately than any other film, who Jesus was." During the filming, Gibson, a devout Catholic, attended Mass every morning because "we had to be squeaky clean just working on this." From Gibson's perspective, this movie is not about Mel Gibson. It's bigger than he is. "I'm not a preacher, and I'm not a pastor," he said. "But I really feel my career was leading me to make this. The Holy Ghost was working through me on this film, and I was just directing traffic. I hope the film has the power to evangelize." Even before the release of the movie, scheduled for March 2004, Gibson is getting his

wish. "Everyone who worked on this movie was changed.

There were agnostics and Muslims on set converting to Christianity... [and] people being healed of diseases." Gibson wants people to understand through the movie, if they don't already, the incalculable influence Christ has had on the world. And he grasps that Christ is controversial precisely because of WHO HE IS - GOD incarnate. "And that's the point of my film really, to show all that turmoil around him politically and with religious leaders and the people, all because He is Who He is."

Gibson is beginning to experience first hand just how controversial Christ is. Critics have not only speciously challenged the movie's authenticity, but have charged that it is disparaging to Jews, which Gibson vehemently denies. "This is not a Christian vs. Jewish thing. '[Jesus] came into the world, and it knew him not.' Looking at Christ's crucifixion, I look first at my own culpability in that." Jesuit Father William J. Fulco, who translated the script into Aramaic and Latin, said he saw no hint of anti-Semitism in the movie. Fulco added, "I would be aghast at any suggestion that Mel Gibson is anti-Semitic." Nevertheless, certain groups and some in the mainstream press have been very critical of Gibson's "Passion." The New York Post's Andrea Peyser chided him: "There is still time, Mel, to tell the truth." Boston Globe columnist James Carroll denounced Gibson's literal reading of the biblical accounts. "Even a faithful repetition of the Gospel stories of the death of Jesus can do damage exactly because those sacred texts themselves carry the virus of Jew hatred," wrote Carroll.

A group of Jewish and Christian academics has issued an 18-page report slamming all aspects of the film, including its undue emphasis on Christ's passion rather than "a broader vision." The report disapproves of the movie's treatment of Christ's passion as historical fact. The moral is that if you want the popular culture to laud your work on Christ, make sure it either depicts Him as a homosexual as an everyday sinner with no particular redeeming value (literally). In our anti-Christian culture, the blasphemous "The Last Temptation of Christ" is celebrated, and "The Passion" is condemned. But if this movie continues to affect people the way it is now, no amount of cultural opposition will suppress its force and its positive impact on lives everywhere. Mel Gibson is a model of faith and courage.

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A short time ago we were in the Bowes Museum in County Durham looking at an exhibition of wedding dresses from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. There was one particular striking dress, which attracted quite a lot of attention, and it was clear from the comments of the people round it that their reactions to it were mixed. Some were appreciative of the sheer beauty of the dress. Some were absorbed by the skill of the dressmaker who created it and the quality of the materials she used. Some were astonished at the extreme narrowness of the waist and the width of the crinoline. Some were interested in the way that it fitted into its historical setting and compared it with the other dresses round it. It is possible that some may have been indignant, seeing it as an example of the extreme contrast between the rich and the poor in mid-Victorian

England: only the wealthy could afford something like that. To some it may have been just another frock.

I was looking at it in a different way, because it was made for my grandmother for her wedding in 1863. So it had a special family significance for me, but in a slightly remote way, because it was within my knowledge but outside my memory. More particularly it brought back memories of the last time I had seen it on a day that has great personal significance for me, when my sister wore it at her wedding in 1949. So it reminded me of many things associated with that day, some happy, some humorous and some sad.

In a roundabout way this seems to me to have some bearing on the way in which we approach the supreme and distinctive act of Christian worship, whether we call it Holy Communion, the Lord's Supper, the Eucharist¹, the Mass of the Divine Liturgy² (in the Eastern Orthodox churches). All of us who take part in the service may have many different reactions to it and our own reactions may vary from time to time according to our personal circumstances and the time and place in which our worship is set, whether it be in our parish church, a cathedral, a hospital ward or the open air.

We may see it as a way of reminding ourselves of Christ's last supper with his disciples before his crucifixion, a reminder of an historical event that has significance for the whole world as well as ourselves. We may think of it as a specifically individual reminder of all that we personally have experienced of God's grace³ through the events which we recall, the death and resurrection of Jesus. It is certainly always an act of obedience, because we are doing what Christ told his disciples to do. For some, it is a way of making Christ's sacrifice on the Cross a reality in our lives. It may be seen as a way of expressing our fellowship, both with Christ and with those who share the sacrament⁴ with us or with those who have shared it with us in the past. It may be a special experience of Christ's presence in our life, immediate and overwhelming. As the Book of Common Prayer says, we



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come to the service "for the strengthening and refreshing of our souls by the Body and Blood of Christ, as our bodies are by the Bread and Wine". It can never be just another service. At different times we may come to the service to find relief from grief and loss, courage in times of weakness, assurance in times of doubt, or quiet in times of turmoil. We may come in order to express a great sense of thanksgiving, or equally great sense of failure. We may come because we just can't stay away.

This is not a complete list of all the ways in which Christians regard, or have regarded, this central act of Christian worship. Sadly, it has sometimes been the subject of violent debate among Christians, each group claiming their own theory to be the only true one and condemning as heretics all who differ from them.

So when we come to Communion at All Saints next Sunday, or next Wednesday, there will be people with us in the congregation who are looking for, and finding, different gifts, expressing different views from our own. This is good because in a true parish church there will always be a variety of opinions and practice, not just one approved theology⁵ and approach. In the end, it doesn't matter what we think about it. The important thing is that in our own way we come in faith and worship God reverently, with the certain assurance that he has already found us and welcomes us with love and understanding.

Martin Loft

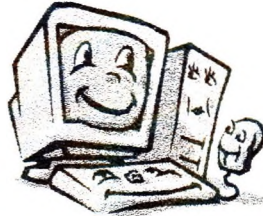
We should not use jargon but below are some of the 'churchy' words used above and which may need explaining:

1. *Eucharist*: a Greek word meaning thanksgiving
2. *Liturgy*: the regular pattern of worship of a Church
3. *Grace*: the way in which God helps us
4. *Sacrament*: an outward and visible sign of an inward spiritual grace
5. *Theology*: a way of talking about God.

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More pictures of church events would



Why on earth do we go to Church ?

We go to church to WORSHIP GOD - but we can do that anywhere, can't we ?

Of course, and praising God in the shower is a worthy pursuit, but it cannot compare to singing God's praises in a church congregation, especially with a choir and a soaring organ. Similarly, a quiet tête-à-tête with Jesus over our bedtime cocoa is a precious thing but at Holy Communion God's Son invites us to share a foretaste of eternity with all creation in attendance.

Worship, like God, can be small, but God can also be big and in need of bigger worship. *Geoff Anderson* *Taken from Sunday Link*

A Sunday school teacher was teaching how God created everything, including human beings. One little boy seemed especially intent when she explained how Eve was created out of Adam's ribs.

Later in the week, his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and asked him what was the matter. The little boy explained worriedly: "I have a pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."



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Making beds and washing loo
Darning socks and stockings too
Feeding birds and feeding pets
Hanging clothes and washing nets
Bathing baby, oh so sweet
Bibs and bottles, nappies neat
Ironing, cooking in saucepan
Boiling kettle, tea when I can.

Rushing shopping, ferrying child
Running parties - get so wild
Working needle, cotton and thread
Some are copies, some from head
Painting, papering, ceilings and doors
Knocking in nails, sorting out drawers
Digging garden, throwing out weeds
Organising furniture to suit our needs.

Washing fridge and stacking plates
Locking doors, sweeping 'tween gates
Mending fires, chimneys sweep
Where's that cat ? Finding things to eat
Serving others, catching bus
I don't want to make a fuss
Glad these tasks -things I can do
Each of them Lord, I do for You.

Chopping tree, looking at screen
Now what do these figures mean ?
Teaching, serving, where's the till ?
Will they ever pay this bill ?
Push that button, heat and sweat
Must be the longest day yet !
Fixing lights, chopping meat
Working, dropping, ignore heat
Preaching, building, orders give
This and more that we may live.

This refers to men's jobs - is there anyone out there, willing to try their hand at writing another 'men's jobs verse ' ?



Vivien Filleul

Ministry

Twice a month, on a Sunday afternoon, the comfortable lounge of *Cheshire Home* becomes the venue for a simple service. Out of a total of 33 residents, an attendance of 15 is not a bad percentage. Each has chosen to be there and no one attends against their will. That fact encourages me when I see blank faces and unresponsive eyes and when I can't understand what some would like to say to me at the end of the service. What has taken place in each heart and mind (mine included), as we sing hymns, read a Bible passage or share Communion together?

But lest I underestimate the possibilities of such a ministry, God provides tiny glimpses of his spiritual work in the lives of one or two people we have come to know in the home.

Betty's poem, at the end of this article, was written in brighter days before storm clouds gathered and deep sadness filled her life. Its words recall a past gift to communicate and a spiritual perception that gives hope that she still responds to a personal prayer with her.

Diane once worked and spoke for God as a missionary until increasing disability steadily robbed her of movement and speech. How many people in S. America still give thanks for her ministry among them? Her sweet and godly smile still bear testimony to God's presence with her.

Chris, with his own sad background, shows spiritual concern for others, gently pointing out those who can't attend the services but might appreciate a visit to their room.

And without the support, encouragement and organisation of *Peter* our ministry at the home would be infinitely more restricted, to say nothing of the daily contribution he makes, despite his own handicap, to the welfare of the other residents by his pastoral interest and his representation at administrative levels.

It is easy to fall into the trap of judging Christian ministry by the amount of our activity, by the words we speak, and by visible

'results', but time spent at the Cheshire Home in Totley has reminded me that God has a different yardstick. Initially I went expecting to minister to their needs. I am now grateful for their ability to minister to me.

Why not join us occasionally in this ministry?

Help me Lord

*Not always, Lord, can I be
Full of joy to worship thee.
There comes at times in my life
Days of darkness, stress and strife.*

*When everything seems to go so wrong,
For I am weak. But you are strong.
Sometimes I drift away from thee
And allow my life to be run by me.*

*In my weakness comes doubts and fears.
Then I am reduced to tears.
I reach out, Lord, for your hand,
Cry, "Help me Father, on my feet to stand."*

*"Lift me from this valley deep,
Bring me to your highest peak.
Clear this dark veil from my eyes.
Show me, Lord, how to be wise.*

*Teach me to trust you, my greatest Friend,
And feel your love which has no end.*

*At these times, when I am low,
Please, Father, to me your glory show.
Teach me, Lord, in your way
How within your arms to stay.*

Betty Lomas (Cheshire Home)

CELL-E-BRATION

If you were unable to attend church on Sunday 19th October, or perhaps you couldn't find a seat so you went back home, you missed the various presentations of the parable of the Good Samaritan which included a RAP, an Alive Gang show, a meditation (below) and the chance to take a copy of one of the Cell group's 'up-to-date' Good Samaritan story (p.27). It's a bit difficult to repeat the former two items on this page but the latter two are here for you to read:

Have you ever been a Good Samaritan ?

Offered to post a letter for someone ?

Lent a friend money when they've been a bit short or given someone a lift to help them out ?

Nowadays the phrase, "being a Good Samaritan" can mean any small act of kindness towards those we know, quite often at virtually no expense to ourselves - we've been passing the post box anyway, we know the friend will refund our money and the person needing the lift doesn't really take us out of our way. Not too difficult for us. Anything requiring a helping hand to strangers can sometimes take lots of soul-searching on our part, what will this commitment cost me in time, effort and expense and, shamefully, when will it end ? We do our best for others, within limits, and pray that someone else will take care of the rest.

The Samaritan in the bible story was different. He didn't stop to weigh up the odds, work out the consequences or wonder if it was a con-trick, as we might do. He saw a fellow human being in trouble and got involved, using his own resources to help the poor man, paying cash for his care with a promise to the innkeeper of more to come if needed.

Jesus was our Good Samaritan. We are the victims this time, in all kinds of trouble and pain. He was asked to tend our wounds and pay the highest price of all. He didn't want to do this -

asked to be released from the task - could have walked away as did the priest and the Levite. But of course, he didn't; he obeyed God's call.

The Samaritan paid for the man's care with coin and went on his way. We don't know what happened after that. Jesus paid for our care with his earthly life and the consequence has been our eternal salvation.

Ann Ruthven

The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10 25-36).

Intent upon making an impression, the young scholar continues in mildly condescending tones. He had been pressing the Rabbi for some time and, in point of fact, none of the listeners quite knew if his intention was to challenge or genuinely learn.

"What do you hold is necessary to inherit eternal life ?" 25

"What do we have from the scriptures ? What is your interpretation ?" came the mild reply. 26

"Clearly scripture teaches us that one should love the Lord with all sincerity and our neighbours as ourselves," came the confident reply. 27

"Indeed this is so! Do this and God will be gracious," came the quiet reply. 28

But intent upon proving his earnestness, the young scholar persisted. "And who is my neighbour ?" 29

Not for the first time, the Rabbi answered with a story. "There was a man who went down to the Totley Rise newsagent one dark Saturday evening in winter. As he left the shop a desperate junkie who had been sleeping rough in the Totley area, saw his chance of a fix and fell upon our man. He probably did not intend the harm he inflicted in his desperation - nevertheless, he left the man very badly hurt. But lying slumped on the pavement, he might have been mistaken for a drunk or junkie himself. 30

The Professor of Adapted Theology and Applied Ethics was the newsagent's next customer and he stepped right over the prostrate man in order to enter the shop; as he did so, replying

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to an imploring look to the effect that he felt sorry for our man, but believed that to give directly to beggars on the street did not solve the awful problem of homelessness. Notwithstanding, it was a scandal that, in this, the twenty-first century, there were homeless people on the streets of Britain ! **31**

Next came the man's own, rather posh cousin, who looked mortified, ignored the outstretched hand and blushing with embarrassment, announced volubly around the shop that 'Fred had never done anything like this before'. **32**

Eventually there came an Iraqi, on a visit to England to seek medical attention for an injury sustained by his son in the recent war. He was looking for some work in the small ads posted in the window to boost his inadequate income. He looked at Fred and was immediately moved to investigate. The truth of the matter rapidly became apparent and he disappeared, only to reappear minutes later with a taxi. **33**

With the help of the taxi driver, Fred was transported to the Hallamshire casualty where, after a four hour wait on a trolley in a corridor (during which, however, the Iraqi was in constant attendance with cups of tea and entreaties for attention) it was the opinion of the neurologist that overnight observation was necessary. **34**

The next morning came and our hero felt much better. But of course, he had no money and the hospital wanted the bed. And we all know what that means. Fred was just walking our into the cold air, not feeling too well and not relishing the prospect of a five mile hike back to Totley, when the Iraqi appeared. He quickly arranged a taxi, paid the fare in advance and after giving his address to the driver in case of difficulties, vanished into the cold morning. **35**

Looking straight at the scholar, the Rabbi asked, "So who was Fred's neighbour ?" **36**

Jane Needham's Cell Group

"Kindness has converted more sinners than zeal, eloquence or learning." *F.W. Faber (1814-1863) from Sunday Link*

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From the Editor



Did you come to the Harvest meal on 18th October ? It was a very happy occasion. The meal was good, the quizzes were thought provoking and the entertainment just right. Those four young people with their snatches of radio programmes - hilarious ! And that fellow with the dead cat in a paper bag must have used the same bag 'to live in' during the next sketch!

Alpha is going well. Those attending enjoy the meals and the chat before the course - I hear the course is interesting too - and this coming from a certain person, is praise indeed !

Heather is doing well. She says she has so much more energy than she had before she was ill. She went on her bike this week which was tiring but she is trying so hard to get her legs to work !

Jeanne



All Saints' C. of E. Primary School November News

The Autumn Fair raised between £1800 and £1900 (money is still arriving!). The Committee thank all those who supported this effort.

On the evening of Wednesday 5th November there will be a bonfire and fireworks in the school grounds. As last year there will be a BBQ selling hot dogs, beef burgers etc. and hot soup and refreshments will be available. The fire will be lit at 6.30 p.m. and the fireworks will begin at 7.00 p.m.

We are asking families to donate a minimum of £2 towards the cost of fireworks. Please do not bring fireworks or sparklers. This will keep things safe for everyone.

Wood is needed for the fire. If you have wood please leave it at school (see the caretaker or leave in a safe place).

Totley All Saints' PTA Committee

There will be a book fair after half term. Books suitable for primary children will be available after school in the hall.

You met then in the pages of the Bible

GAMALIEL

Here is a man who only fleetingly appears in the New Testament but perhaps is of greater significance than commonly realised.

He was a Jewish rabbi with the honoured title of Rabban. This was a title reserved for only the seven most honoured and respected teachers. As a Pharisee and doctor of law, he had been one of those who had taught the apostle Paul in his Jewish upbringing, as he acknowledges in Acts 22 : 3. Gamaliel was the pupil and grandson of the great Jewish rabbi, Hillel, who together with his contemporary and rival, Shammai, had done much to develop and hand down for posterity, the tradition of the Law.



Page from a copy of the Old Testament as used by Pharisees at the time of Gamaliel

The school of Hillel represented the merciful and in the eyes of some, liberal interpretation of the Law. This was the approach adopted by the Pharisees and thus Gamaliel. This was in contrast to the approach encouraged by Shammai - of a very rigid and unimaginative attitude, an approach adopted by the Saduccees.

Soon after the Day of Pentecost, in those heady and dramatic first weeks of the church's life in Jerusalem, Peter and John were arrested for preaching the Messiahship of Christ. It was the influential and respected Gamaliel who secured their release. He argued in the Sanhedrin, the ruling council of justice, in a way that was both generous and practical. He reminded the council of others who had also made Messianic claims in recent times and of the way their movements had all swiftly petered out. So, in this case, if the preaching was false, then it would soon come to nothing. However, if there was truth in it and the Sanhedrin opposes it, they may well be putting themselves in the position of opposing God Himself. So Gamaliel counselled that these Christians (although that name had yet to be coined) should be left alone. Future events would be judgement enough. His arguments prevailed and the apostles were released after a flogging and went on their way, rejoicing that they had been counted worthy to suffer for the name of Jesus.

The Talmud (the Jewish companion volume to the Law or Torah of the Old Testament) comments "Since the Rabban Gamaliel died, the glory of the Law has

ceased." He was certainly one of the most highly respected Pharisees in the whole Biblical era. So Gamaliel was mentioned briefly twice in scripture (Acts 5 and 22). His influence on Paul can only be guessed at but he must have been a very significant figure in his early days. His argument in the Sanhedrin is indicative of a man with an open heart and a clear mind, prepared to challenge others in order to co-operate with the Lord. There is no specific indication that he became a follower of Jesus, as one or two of his contemporaries did (Nicodemus and Saul of Tarsus to name two). However, he is an example of how apparently small acts of brave integrity can have consequence far beyond those imagined at the time - as he kept open the door for the very early spread of the gospel.

David Rhodes

Oaty Apple Crunch

2 lb cooking apples 2 oz caster sugar
8 oz porridge oats 4 oz margarine
1 tsp. ground ginger



Peel and core the apples and cut into thick slices. Arrange them in an ovenproof dish, sprinkling them with sugar. Melt the margarine in a saucepan and stir in the oats and ground ginger. Spread this mixture over the apples and bake the pudding in a cool oven (300°F/150°C/Gas Mk.2) for about 40 minutes.

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Ann Ruthven

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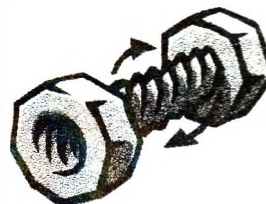
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Global Warming: A Weapon of Mass Destruction?

by Philip Barron

One of Britain's foremost climate scientists, John Houghton, recently warned that human-induced climate change threatens our long-term security at least as much as the potential threats from chemical, biological or nuclear weapons. Recent record-breaking temperatures may be an indication that global warming is proceeding much faster than expected.

Now, Christian Ecology Link (CEL) has set up Operation Noah, a campaign that asks churches and community groups to help bring together all sectors of society for action against dangerous climate change. It is hoped that Operation Noah will have a similar impact to Jubilee 2000 and the campaign for Trade Justice; a major launch is planned to take place next year.

The issue is at root a spiritual one, so faith groups can play a key role in raising awareness and bringing about the necessary changes in lifestyle. Could it be that our scientists, like the prophets of old, are the voices God is using to call us to repentance and a change of direction?

Operation Noah calls for the creation of "a climate of justice for the poor and for future generations." The lifestyles of the rich nations are seen as the principal cause of climate change and it is the poor who are suffering most. CEL is urging the government to back proposals for a scheme that would allow every country equal rights to emit 'greenhouse gases' within an agreed limit that the planet can bear. Permits would be issued which could be traded, so that the rich nations end up indebted to the poor – thus alleviating both climate change and economic injustice.

Meanwhile, the campaign asks us to take action personally in our homes, at work and in our church. One can switch to a renewable energy supplier such as Unite) or Green Energy UK. Supporters are also sent other ideas for saving energy. In addition, it's important to talk to others, so as to change the culture of apathy and denial.

To obtain leaflets ring 01949 861516 or
email Noah@christian-ecology.org.uk

Postal address: Operation Noah, Corner Cottage, Main Street,
Langar, Nottingham NG13 9HE.

Youth work news in S17 churches

Youth worship

The youth came together again earlier on in autumn to spend an hour and half together in worship. Some of our youth played instruments and sang, others led poems and prayers and we had discussion on 'doing God's will'. It was really good to see so many young people involved this time and I hope more can continue to lead us.

Rock Solid

We started back into our second year at Rock Solid in September and so far have exceeded all expectations of numbers. We are really pleased to be having 30 youngsters coming including 9 boys (we had no boys for the majority of last year). It is in no way about numbers and we know that some youth will leave as they see that the club is not for them. But there is a lovely buzz about Rock Solid as we establish again into our second year.

Sleepovers

We had our third annual sleepover for our youth from the churches in September. This time we invited the youth from Meadowhead and St. Chad's to come so we had 50 young people with us for the night. It was, to say the least, a lively night and some of the youth got about an hour's sleep! All in all the behaviour was excellent and everyone had a good time.

We also had a sleepover for the Rock Solid youth a week later and again they all enjoyed their night together. It was really positive time for us all to bond together and have a bit more time to get to know each

other.

Youth Alpha

We have started a youth *Alpha* course that we have aimed at our youth within the churches and some have brought their friends. It is a great opportunity for the youth to learn more about the basics of Christianity and to have a chance to ask any questions that they may have. We hope that we will be able to put another one on next year in which they will be able to invite their friends too.

Coming up

There are two weekends away happening this autumn; one will have happened as you read this. The first one is aimed at our older youth and takes place at Redmire in North Yorkshire. It promises to be a good time as we take the opportunity to have fun together and learn something new. We are again linking with the other youth groups outside S17 to encourage the youth to make new friends.

The second weekend is for our young youth and takes place at Edale at a youth hostel. This weekend will be jam packed with activity and will include a session on what Christianity is and isn't all about.

Matt Conant

A little boy was taken Christmas shopping



by his mother. He watched the escalator going down for several minutes and then asked: "What happens when the ground floor gets full of steps?"

Encouraging Signs

If we are prone to despair at the state of the world around us, we can take encouragement from the many ways in which God can be seen to be at work. We know how significant the *Alpha* course has been (and still is) at helping many come to faith, locally, nationally and worldwide and the following extract from the latest UCB Link Letter (on display - Church Hall bookstall) can reinforce our sense of optimism. "UCB has been raised up over the last seventeen years to provide quality resources* to whoever asks for them, free of charge.

At the end of August, we were privileged to be a major sponsor of Festival Manchester. OVER FIFTY THOUSAND YOUNG PEOPLE attended this evangelistic event over the week and heard Luis Palau speak about Jesus.

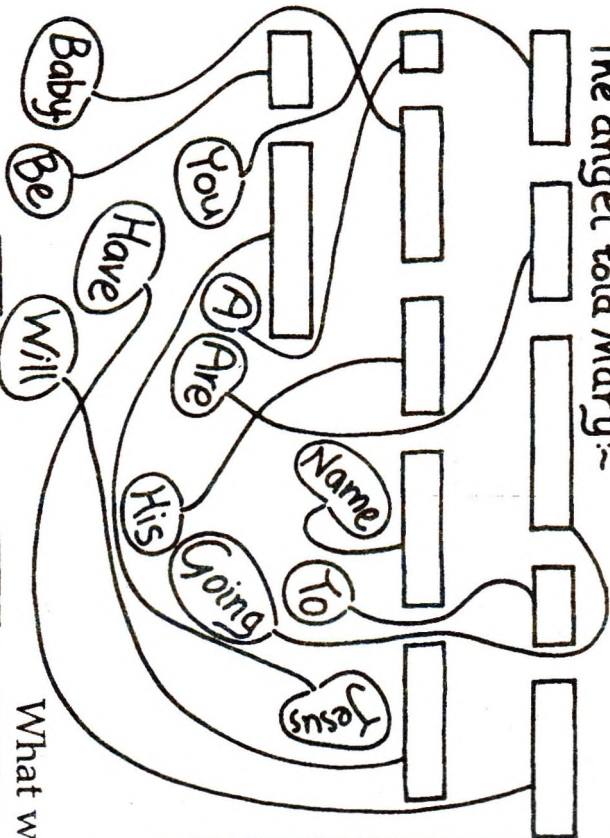
Through the partnership with Message Trust who organised this event, OVER FIFTEEN HUNDRED PEOPLE MADE DECISIONS FOR CHRIST and UCB was able to distribute over 27,000 copies of WORD FOR TODAY* and broadcast Luis' message live over our radio channels."

* *WORD FOR TODAY* is published every three months and contains a daily Bible verse or two with a short commentary which can be particularly helpful for anyone who is short of time and/or new to the faith. Free introductory copies are available in the Church and Church Hall.

Ken Filleul

THE ANGEL VISITS MARY

The angel told Mary:-



Mary was



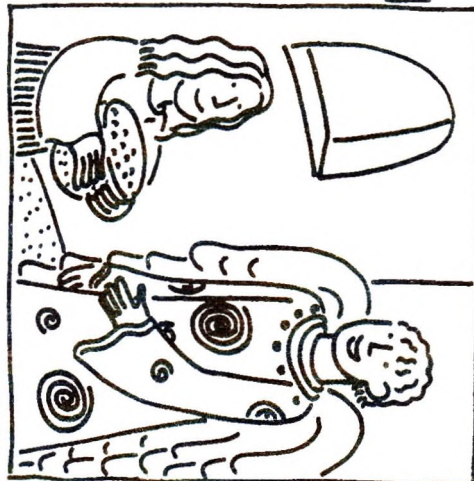
. She said



What was the name of the angel?



Colour the picture carefully.



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:

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 December 28th 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 October

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

| | |
|------|---------------------|
| 18th | Nathan Mark Needham |
| 18th | Matthew James Ward |
| 18th | Megan Marie Cobb |

WEDDINGS:

None in October

FUNERALS:

None in October

The next Memorial Service will be held on December 28th 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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| | Altar | Memory Table |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 2nd | Mr. Hazlehurst | Care & Share group |
| 9th | Mrs. Simons | Mrs. Dixon |
| 16th | Mrs. Powell | Mrs. Simons |
| 23rd | Mrs. Beeley | Mrs. Firth |
| 30th | Care & Share group | Mrs. Clarke |

November 2003

Diary Dates

| | | |
|--------|------|---|
| Mon. | 3rd | Standing Committee Vicarage 8.00 p.m. |
| Wed. | 5th | Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m. |
| Sat. | 8th | Alpha Away Day St. Luke's Lodge Moor 9.30 a.m. |
| Sun. | 9th | Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m. |
| Sun. | 9th | Assistant Cell Leaders' Training Vicarage 6.30 p.m. |
| Mon. | 10th | Contemplative Prayer Group 1 Quarry Road 2.45 p.m. |
| Mon. | 10th | P.C.C. Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m. |
| Tues. | 11th | Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m. |
| Wed. | 12th | Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m. |
| Thurs. | 13th | Toddler Praise Hall 10.00 a.m. |
| Mon. | 17th | Last day for items for the magazine |
| Wed. | 19th | Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m. |
| Sun. | 23rd | Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m. |
| Mon. | 24th | Collation of magazine from 9.30 a.m. |
| Mon. | 24th | Contemplative Prayer Group 1 Quarry Road 2.45 p.m. |
| Tues. | 25th | Martha and Mary Group Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m. |
| Tues. | 25th | Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m. |
| Wed. | 26th | Over 50's Keep Fit Class 2.00 p.m. |
| Thurs. | 27th | Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m. |

Sayings for Stillness

"My kingdom is not from here."

(John 18 : 36)

Final Date : Items for Dec./January 2003 : November 17th 2003

ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL

| | | | |
|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| Sunday: | 9.30 a.m. | Creche (under 3's) | |
| | | Lorna Davis | 236 9878 |
| | | The Alive Gang (3 to 13 years) | |
| | | Steve Spendlove | 236 1752 |
| | 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 |
| | 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 |
| Tuesday: | 10.30 a.m. | Martha & Mary Group (4th) | |
| | | Sheila Eke | 236 7457 |
| | 7.30 p.m. | Ladies Club (1st & 3rd) | |
| | | Ann Ruthven | 236 8643 |
| Wed'day: | 10.00 a.m. | Parent & Toddler Group | |
| | | Vicki Waite | 236 6789 |
| | 2.00 p.m. | Ladies Keep Fit | |
| | | Val Simpson | 236 1483 |
| Thursday: | 10.00 a.m. | Toddler Praise (fortnightly) | |
| | | Joanne Smith | 262 0741 |
| | 7.00 p.m. | Choir Practice in Church | |
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From the Vicarage



Dear Friends

The biggest financial investment most of us make is in our house. The mortgage rate is something that can have huge bearing upon our family finances, so that when it goes up, as it just has for the first time in four years, we are liable to sit up and take notice. We may see our home as an investment, as well as a roof over our heads. Perhaps we have invested money in property, and benefited from the recent boom in prices.

The turmoil in Iraq continues. People of all ages, religions and nationalities regularly lose their lives. We may have very strong feelings about the matter. What is incontestable is that the US, ourselves, and a number of other countries have invested very heavily in seeking to bring peace and justice to a troubled land. We may disagree with the strategy, or even the propriety of western nations being there at all. What we cannot disagree with is the reality of the massive

investment that has been made.

What we invest our money, time and energy in is most significant. It reveals where our true priorities are. It will serve to strengthen and reinforce those values and priorities which made us choose that course of action in the first place. Investment is unavoidable. We all have resources of money, time and opportunity. We all make choices as to where those resources are directed.

Christmas speaks of the investment that God has made in mankind. He gave His most precious item - His Son - to be "God with us", and wind up nailed to a cross. He has said, that all the riches of heaven are available to those who believe in this Son - what an investment! Christmas says that God gave His all for mankind - you and me.

So Christmas also asks us to review our own investments. What is it that we are putting time, money and energy into? What will be the dividend from these investments in our lives, and those around us?

John chapter 1 verse 12 is often read at carol Services, "To all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, he gave the right to become children of God." It's the investment God has already made in mankind. And it asks us to respond in like manner.

I hope you have a very happy and memorable Christmas. And may you know the presence of Christ as a reality into 2004.

With all best wishes

Services in December 2003**7th 2nd Sunday of Advent**

Theme: Talk that builds up

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

10th Wednesday Service

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

14th 3rd Sunday of Advent.

Theme: The power of thankfulness

- 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

17th Wednesday Service

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

21st 4th Sunday of Advent

- 10.00 a.m. Children's Presentation
 3.30 p.m. Informal Service at the Cheshire Home
 6.30 p.m. Carol Service

24th Christmas Eve

- 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
 11.30 p.m. First Communion of Christmas

25th Christmas Day

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion
 9.30 a.m. Worship for all ages (45 minutes)

28th First Sunday of Christmas

Theme: Lost and Found

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

31st Wednesday Service

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

Services in January 2004**4th Second Sunday of Christmas**

Theme: What is your speech full of ?

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

7th Wednesday Service

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

11th Baptism of Christ

Theme: Meeting Him in a private place

- 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

14th Wednesday Service

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

18th Second Sunday of the Epiphany

Theme: Meeting Him with a few others

- 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

21st Wednesday Service

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

25th Third Sunday of The Epiphany

Theme: Meeting Him in corporate worship

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

28th Wednesday Service

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

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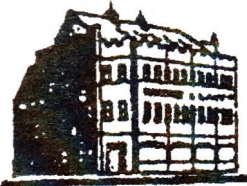
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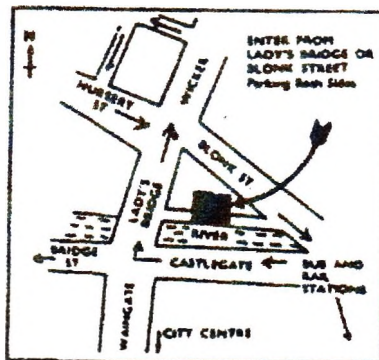


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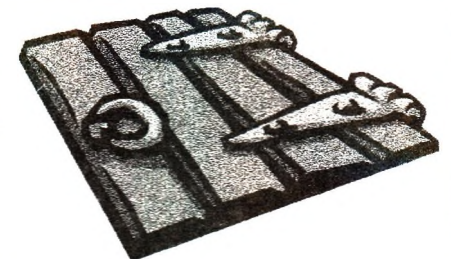
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The hinge of history
is on the door of the
Bethlehem stable.



WALK THRU THE OLD TESTAMENT IN A DAY !

Yes ! This is what four of us did on one Saturday in September. It was fascinating and good fun.

We had a hand-book, a teacher, some visual aids and learnt 77 hand-signals to remind us of the main story line from the creation of the world (a circle with our hands), to Jesus coming and dying for us on the cross (hands crossed).



We learnt that the 39 books in the Old Testament had 17 historical books which told the main story which records **events**. In addition there are 5 books of poetry which record the **experiences** of God's people. The 17 books of the Prophets (5 major and 12 minor) record sermons and **expectations** both of God and His people.

The Pentateuch is a name for the first five books of the bible and was written by Moses. (It is the same in the Jewish Torah). We learnt some of the geography of the area regarding the travels of the Israelites. We reminded ourselves of the story of Joshua and the cycles of Judges when God sent a deliverer such as Deborah or Gideon. The stories of Samuel, Saul and David lead on to a divided kingdom for 400 years with a North/South divide and only 8 good kings of Judah. This was when the prophets such as Ezra and Nehemiah spoke up. Then finally after 400 years of silence, Christ came.

We were shown the startling contrast between phrases in Genesis at the beginning and Revelation at the end, such as Genesis 3 : 24 'They were driven from God's presence' and Revelation 22 : 4 'They shall see His face'.

This is enough for this time but next time I can give you more, editorial space permitting !

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"Wise men talk because they have something to say;
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To All Saints' Church Totley Sheffield (via Dorothy Firth)
I am very grateful to you for your Harvest Donation of £364 to
Christian Aid.

There are degrees of poverty, but the bottom line is whether
or not people have enough to eat. I cannot forget meeting a
widowed mother in Sierra Leone whose first words to me
were, 'When we got back after the war, I found it hard to find
enough for even one meal a day'. The irony is, Jenneba is a
skilled rice farmer and would normally have grown much more
that her family's needs. But two years in exile had allowed the
bush to overrun her fields and left her without a readily
available source of food.

Your gift could fund programmes designed to give back
people like her their independence. In Jenneba's village an
organisation called Association for People's Empowerment
has been doing just that. Funded by Christian Aid, they
supplied tools and rice seed so that farmers could get back on
the land. When I got there, the rice paddies were a sea of
green and the first grains were ripening. Jenneba borrowed
my penknife (Sheffield steel, of course!) to show me how the
heads of grains were harvested.

So at the simplest level, your gift will have helped families and
communities to feed themselves. There is scarcely a more
Christian act. I am aware that there are deeper meanings in
the Lord's command to 'feed My sheep', but I am sure that He
did not ignore the requirement for food when he said this.

Yours sincerely

Richard Buckley

Area Co-ordinator - South and East Yorkshire

The Gift



Hear 'Hark the herald angels sing'
The ancient song of carolling
It tells us of the time of year
A time of joy, a time of cheer.

But stop before you're overcome
And festivities make you feel numb
And in the stable just stand still
And let the peace your heart deep fill

Just look, the babe in manger there
In poor surrounds so rude and bare
Remember that He came to save
No splendour, wealth or power did crave

So let us stay here for a while
To see the wonder of His smile
Depart from tinsel, noise and care
And join with Mary watching there

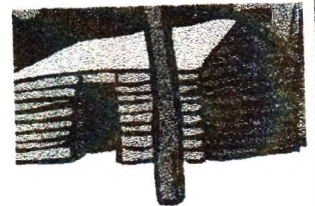
Enjoy the calm, enjoy the peace
From worldly cares yourself
release
Accept this gift from heaven sent
It was for you this gift was sent



This precious gift from heav'n above
Was sent from God to show His love
No power, no wealth can compare
To His great gift just lying there

Come, from your noise and bustle leave
Remove the trappings and receive
This precious gift for everyone
Remember it is God's own son

So here in this most humble place
We meet our Saviour face to face
In gratitude let's softly say
We thank you God,
for this great day.



Vivien Filleul

Flight to Egypt . . .

A Sunday school teacher had asked her class to draw pictures of their favourite Bible stories. She was puzzled by Thomas' picture which showed four people in an aeroplane. So she asked him which story it was meant to represent.

"The flight to Egypt," replied Thomas.

"I see . . . And that must be Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus, but who is the fourth person?" asked the teacher.

"Oh, that's Pontius the Pilot."



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Through the Church Missionary Society, All Saints is one of ten churches who undertake to support a Mission Partner in prayer, interest and finance. Our Mission Partner is the Wright family, Steve, Jo and their children Emily, who is nearly 14, Stephen, 12½ and Bethany who was eight in November. They have recently moved from Kuwait to a new post in Dubai and have written to say how they are settling in to a new job and yet another home.

A copy of this letter is on the Mission notice board in the hall foyer. Please read it and if you'd like to receive a copy of future news letters, then add your name to the list so that I can keep you in touch. I'll be sending a Christmas card soon and, as always, will pass on best wishes from everyone at All Saints.

Catherine Wrigglesworth

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Anon



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Churches Together in Sheffield 17

It is with regret that Churches Together in S17
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To acknowledge the good work done in the
past by CTS17, you are invited to a

**Service of Thanksgiving
Sunday, January 18th
at All Saints' Church, Totley
at 6.30 p.m.**

The clergy in CTS17 intend to hold quarterly
combined services and it is hoped that other
activities will be arranged when church people
in the area will be able to meet, enjoy each
other's company and celebrate their Christian
faith.

Stockings

The most unbelievable thing about
Christmas is that poem about children
hanging up their stockings by the
chimney with care. We live in a flat -
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our home and
when have you ever heard of a child
hanging anything up ?





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It would be great if you have read a book that you could recommend to others by writing a short piece about it for the magazine.

We have been given a quantity of old tapes of talks, including a few Spring Harvest and New Wine, which we do not have space for. If anyone would like any of these, let us know by the end of December.

Pauline Perkinson and Sheila Eke

Written on a plaque at the entrance to Prioris Harwicke near the Oxford Canal



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So when at last I'm carried in
The Lord won't say, 'who is it?'

Gay Riley

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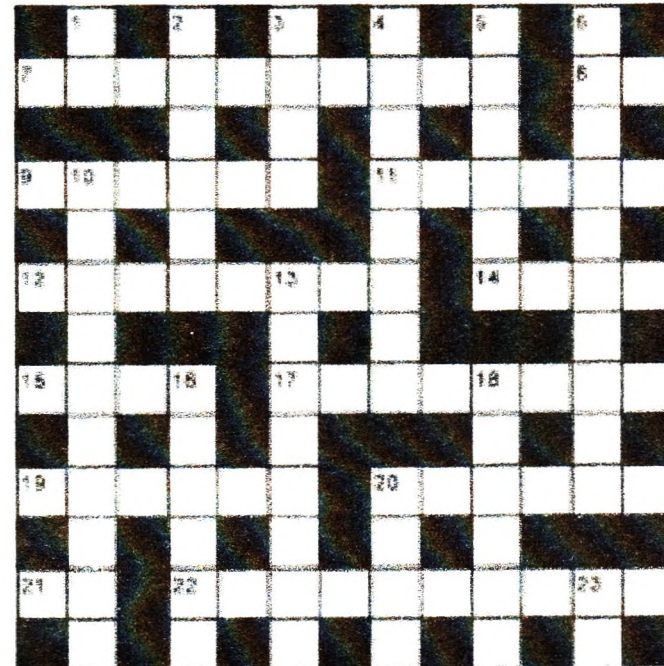
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ACROSS

- 1 Region of NW Iran (10)
- 8 Part of the verb "to be" (2)
- 9 The son of God (6)
- 11 Eigger (6)
- 12 The site of Christ's crucifixion (8)
- 14 Pull abruptly (4)
- 15 The third son of Jacob and Leah (4)
- 17 One of the young men cast into the furnace at the order of Nebuchadnezzar (8)
- 19 Person of outstanding virtue (6)
- 20 The name of two books of the Old Testament (6)
- 21 Prefix meaning not (2)
- 22 100th anniversary (10)

DOWN

- 1 Job was a resident of which land (2)
- 2 Irritating (6)
- 3 Kiln for drying hops (4)
- 4 Loose-fitting hooded gown (8)
- 5 Gnarled (6)
- 6 In the Old Testament, this was the tent which enclosed the Ark of the Covenant (10)
- 10 Informal folk concert (10)
- 13 Capital of Uzbekistan (8)
- 16 Charge with a crime (6)
- 18 The longest of the Epistles of St. Paul (6)
- 20 The first son of Noah (4)
- 23 Prefix meaning without (2)

Answers on page 33

You met them in the pages of the Bible

HEROD

The name Herod means, 'sprung from a hero'. It was the family name of a government official in the Roman province of Indumea (Edom in the Old Testament and situated in the area of Israel, immediately to the south of Jerusalem) called Antipater. He came to office in 63 BC and was eventually murdered in 43 BC. However, in that time he secured a position of power for his family, which they would hold for a hundred years or so.

It was his son who became known as Herod the Great, and so courted the favour of the Romans, that he was granted the title, 'King of the Jews'. This was the Herod who was in power at the birth of Jesus. This Herod's second surviving son was known as Herod Antipas and had the title 'Tetrarch of Galilee' (tetrarch meaning, ruler of a quarter of his fathers' kingdom) it was this Herod who executed John the Baptist and to whom Jesus was sent for one of His trials by Pontius Pilate, prior to His execution.

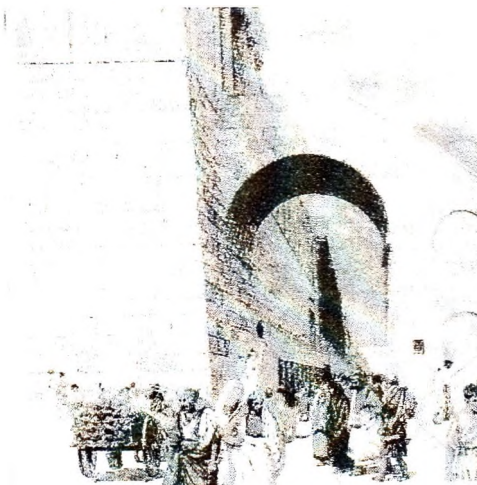
HEROD THE GREAT

He ruled (as puppet to Rome) the Jewish provinces from 37 to 4 BC. It was on a visit to Rome in 40 BC that he had been granted the title 'King of Judea', which then became operative in 37 BC.

He liked to claim Jewish roots, although in fact, as already mentioned, his family was Edomite. Greek culture and literature had influenced him greatly and fed his ambitions as a builder. It was he who rebuilt the temple in Jerusalem on a far grander scale than the existing structure (which in turn had been built by Jewish exiles returning from captivity in Babylon, some 500 years previously). Most of the building was finished between 19 and 9 BC. However, the final completion did not happen until 64 AD. It lasted just six more years, as it was razed by the Romans in 70AD. Traces of it remain today, in the Wailing Wall and some stonework beneath the Al Aksa

mosque. Herod could hardly have made a more lavish gesture, to endear himself to the Jews, but it was never enough to overcome his gentile roots.

A scene in
the temple



Other building projects included a shrine at the grave of the patriarchs (Abraham and his descendants) at Hebron, a number of palace-fortresses, including the Antonia in Jerusalem, and Masada, where the Jews famously were besieged by the Romans in 70AD.

He was a clever but unscrupulous politician. Like many who have wielded power, but fear it has not been accepted by his subjects, he was very insecure and ruthless in suppressing any supposed opposition. He executed his wife and two of his sons on this basis. He also slaughtered all the infant boys in Bethlehem, at the birth of Jesus, because he clearly feared the emergence of a rival. Although there are no clear historic records of this event outside the Bible, it accords very much with his character. Indeed, because of regular brutality, one more massacre may not have attracted too much attention. Josephus, the Jewish historian of the period, describes Herod as deluded, violent and vicious, as he sunk into a physically and mentally degenerative old age.

*First century picture
probably of Herod.*



The wise men, seeking Jesus at His birth, sought out Herod at his capital Jerusalem. They were pointed towards Bethlehem, because of the prophetic word of

Micah in the Old Testament, saying that the messiah would be born there. Although Herod had asked them to return, so that he could go and worship too, the wise men were warned in a dream to flee, so they had left Bethlehem before the killing of the children took place. They did not return to Judea until Herod died.

Interestingly, he was buried in Bethlehem, the site of one of his palaces. His kingdom was divided between his surviving sons. The southern three provinces went to Herod Archelus, who had the title of ethnarch., Galilee and Perea went to Antipas, called tetrarch and lands to the north and east of the Sea of Galilee to Herod Philip.

It is now calculated that Herod the Great died in 4 BC, so that must date the birth of Jesus at around 6 BC. To account for both the circumstances of the birth and the subsequent stay in Egypt.

He was not a pleasant man. Driven by his passion for political power and a longing for acceptance by those he ruled, his

violent insecurity would always come to the surface whenever he felt at all threatened. One side of him wanted to be the messiah figure for the Jews but the repressive 'I must retain power at all costs' self-seeking politician was the stronger voice.

HEROD ANTIPAS

Thirty odd years after His birth, Jesus came face to face with Herod the Great's son. Herod the Great never saw Jesus, but his presence and actions had a profound effect both on Jesus' early life and the whole atmosphere in Israel at that time. In many ways Antipas took after his father. His vicious streak was clear to see. So was his interest in building. Antipas built the castle and city of Tiberias on the north-west shores of the Sea of Galilee. It became his capital and a major city in the region. John the Baptist denounced him for marrying Herodias, the wife of his half-brother Herod Philip. In order to do this he divorced his existing wife, the daughter of the king of Arabia. King Aretas took his revenge, defeating Antipas in battle in 36 AD.

In 39 AD he was summoned to Rome by emperor Caligula. Hoping to be granted the title of king, he was instead banished from the lands he ruled and so his reign and life ended in ignominy.

So the Herods, father and son, wielded power (with the permission of Rome) in a self-seeking and ultimately destructive way. They were part of the political landscape throughout the lifetime of Jesus. Violence, turmoil, fear, political execution, foiled attempts to find a solution to it all are nothing new in the Holy Land. Indeed one suspects that the Herods would have felt quite at home there today.

It was to such a world that Jesus came and spoke peace, forgiveness and the hope of heaven, by faith in Him. If those living in such circumstances then, could find the reality of that, then so may we today.

David Rhodes

MARTHA AND MARY GROUP

The next meeting will be on
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From the Editor



The latest *Alpha* course is more than half way through. Many of the attenders spent a day together this month.

If you missed this course, there will be a chance to join the next course early in the new year.

I wish all our readers and Happy Christmas and New Year

There are many Christmas activities for you to enjoy both in the Church Hall and in the Church.

Please join us.

Heather, my daughter, is still making good progress. She is hoping to start her part-time work after Christmas - something I thought she would never achieve !

Jeanne

Totley All Saints' C. of E. Primary School



Many thanks to everyone who came and supported us at our school bonfire and fireworks night last month. The weather was fine, the barbecue went well (although

unfortunately we did run out of burgers and sausages towards the end - sorry!!) and the fireworks were pretty spectacular. We were delighted to have raised £450 towards the school IT Suite and were very grateful to everyone who came along on the night. Thanks must also go to all who helped and to those who donated wood for the fire. Your support is very much appreciated. We now have a quiet period until after Christmas and we would like to take this opportunity of wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year.
PTA Committee.

Answers to the crossword

Across

- 7 Azerbaijan
- 8 Am
- 9 Christ
- 11 Larger
- 12 Golgotha
- 14 Yank
- 15 Levi
- 17 Shadrach
- 19 Zaddik
- 20 Samuel
- 21 In
- 22 Centennial

Down

- 1 Uz
- 2 Trying
- 3 Oast
- 4 Djellaba
- 5 Gnarly
- 6 Tabernacle
- 10 Hootenanny
- 13 Tashkent
- 16 Indict
- 18 Romans
- 20 Shem
- 23 An

Christmas greetings to everyone at All Saints from Joan Stratford

Over the last year it has been good to have news of you through All Saints' News, which Betty Waite kindly posts to me each month. I have contact with a number of you and of course receive regular news from school regarding their achievements. I was so delighted to receive a copy of the excellent Ofsted report and to see the school appear at 311 in the Sunday Times list of the top 500 primary schools in the country.

You may be interested to hear of our Confirmation Service at Lodge Moor which was something of a Totley Reunion. The Bishop conducting the service was the Rt. Rev. David Hallett (former Vicar of Totley). Because we are a Local Ecumenical Partnership, we have representatives of the Methodists, URC and Baptists taking part in the Service. On this occasion the representative of the Methodists was the Revd. Elizabeth Mackay, who lived in Totley back in the 1980's, when I arrived at All Saints' School and whose two sons - Colin and Daniel - were pupils. My role was much less important, merely Sidesperson!

Life for me has continued to be busy, for which I am thankful with my health problems unlikely to ever go away for long. My advice to everyone is do everything you want to do whilst you can, because one never knows what the future holds. Since writing to you earlier in the year about our trip to South Africa, there have been several other enjoyable, although somewhat less exciting holidays. One of the advantages of retirement is being free to travel. In June, Nick and I went to the Italian Lakes, then in November, welcomed some late sun in southern Spain, in September I enjoyed a holiday with friends in Warwick and Telford.

I am managing to continue my Ofsted inspection work, on average I do one a term. My Diocesan responsibilities keep me busy. I continue to serve on the Board of Education, on the Diocesan Synod and represent the Diocese on five other

committees, all connected with education. Another interest, when I can fit it in, is as a volunteer at the Oxfam shop in Broomhill.

Most importantly, I am able to pay regular visits to my children - Kate, Bruce and Ruth are still in the Newcastle area and Richard and Eva in Ealing, London. I realise that I am only able to maintain this pace of activity because of the help and support I receive from my family and some wonderful friends.

I hope to attend one of your Christmas services, but would like to take this opportunity of wishing all a blessed Christmas and happy and healthy New Year 2004.

My God bless you all.

Joan Stratford

The S17 song

JESUS, BE THE CENTRE

Be my Source, be my Light, Jesus

Jesus, be the centre,
Be my hope, be my song, Jesus.

*Be the fire in my heart,
Be the wind in these sails;
Be the reason that I live,
Jesus, Jesus.*

Jesus, be my vision,
Be my path, be my guide, Jesus.

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What's on the Christmas tree?

MOUSE HOLE

★ The Christmas Tree ★

Why do we decorate a fir tree at Christmas?
The story of the Christmas tree is said to have started in Germany when Saint Boniface replaced the oak tree which was sacred to the pagans with a fir tree decorated with candles in honour of Jesus, the light of the world.

A Star shows the way to Jesus
See Matthew 2:1-12

Angels bring messages from God.
Read about Gabriel's message in Luke 1: 26-38
Read the shepherd's story in Luke 2:1-20

Candles remind us that Jesus lights the way to God.
See Luke 2:29-32

Presents remind us of God's special gift to us.... Jesus!

"For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not die but have eternal life." John 3:16

Make Stars

1. Fold a square of paper
2. Fold
3. Fold
4. Fold
5. Cut
6. Open out

Make Angels

1. From a paper circle cut
2. Fold
3. Fold around, stick and decorate

Leek and Potato Pie

2 lb potatoes, peeled, cooked and mashed
 1½ lb leeks, cleaned and sliced
 4 oz red cheddar cheese, grated
 ½ pint of milk
 1½ oz margarine
 1 level dessertsp. Cornflour
 salt and pepper



Make cheese sauce with half the margarine, cornflour, milk, seasoning and most of the cheese. Melt the remaining margarine in a saucepan, add the leeks and cook until soft. Put the cooked leeks in a shallow ovenproof dish, pour the cheese sauce over and top with mashed potato. Sprinkle the remaining cheese on top. Bake in a preheated oven (150°C/ 300°F/ gas 2) for 30 minutes. Brown the top under the grill. Serves 3 - 4 people.

Hazel Perfect

A father gave his daughter a young puppy for Christmas. An hour later, he found her in the kitchen, looking sadly at a puddle in the centre of the floor. "Look dad," she said, "my pup runneth over!"



Taken from Smile Lines - the Parish Pump

Youth 17

Our Mission "To care for young people in S17 with the love of God and the sure hope of Jesus Christ." We aim to **Support, Encourage and Equip** young people within the S17 area into becoming secure, stable and fulfilled young people who are sure of their future.

This has been made possible through the support and encouragement of the individual members of the churches who are involved. This input is making a difference in the lives of our young people in the S17 area and is helping to provide for the future.

A network has been created between the youth projects within the area. Working together has led to social and spiritual events with the potential of over seventy young people being involved.

Matt Conant, our youth leader in S17, has made links with the local council officer, giving the churches a voice in the council, helping to push an agenda for young people in S17.

Through Rock Solid and outreach work in King Egbert School, Matt has been able to give a Christian input to the day to day dilemmas our young people face, including drugs and litter.

This difficult task is being energetically undertaken by Matt.

Information taken from a leaflet available in involved churches.

MEMORIAL SERVICES AT ALL SAINTS

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

There will be memorial services on the following dates:

Dec. 28th 2003 March 28th, June 27th, October 31st 2004

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 December 28th 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 November

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

December

1st Bethan Rose Collier

10th Joseph Matthew Collier

12th Henry Edward Wall

January

9th Matthew William Talbot

12th Oliver Marshall

12th Abigail Amelia Shaw

WEDDINGS:

None in November

FUNERALS:

1st October

Elizabeth Maltby
of Main Avenue

The next Memorial Service will be held on December 28th 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
BABY BAPTISED PLEASE CONTACT**

David Rhodes at the Vicarage

Telephone number: 236 2322

Children @ All Saints

Children of all ages are catered for at All Saints. Alive Gang offers age appropriate activities for 3 to 13 year olds. Each week children discover the reality of God's love and its relevance to their daily lives.

Children remain in church for the first part of the 9.30 service and then join their Alive Gang group, except for the monthly all ages service when we all stay in church.

The Creche caters for under 3's.

December 2003 & January 2004 FLOWER LIST

| | Altar | Memory Table |
|------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 7th | Mrs. Scott | Mrs. Wortley |
| 14th | Care & Share group | Mrs. Billard |
| 21st | CHRISTMAS TREES | |
| 28th | CHRISTMAS TREES | |
| 2004 | | |
| 4th | Mrs. Firth | Mrs. Turner |
| 11th | Mrs. Firth | Mrs. Simons |
| 18th | Mrs. Beeley | Mrs. Parkin |
| 25th | Care & Share group | Care & Share group |

December 2003 January 2004 Diary Dates

| | | |
|----------|------|--|
| December | | |
| Wed. | 3rd | Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m. |
| Sat. | 6th | Toddler Christmas Fair Church Hall 10.00 -1.00 p.m. |
| Mon. | 8th | Contemplative Prayer Group 12 Marstone Cres. 2.45 p.m. |
| Tues. | 9th | Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m. |
| Wed. | 10th | Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m. |
| Thurs. | 11th | Toddler Praise Hall 10.00 a.m. |
| Fri. | 12th | Carols by Candlelight Church Hall 7.00-9.00 p.m. |
| Sat. | 13th | by ticket from Linda and Harry Liddle |
| Sun. | 14th | Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m. |
| Wed. | 17th | Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m. |
| Sun. | 21st | Crib Service Church 4.00 p.m. |
| Tues. | 23rd | Martha and Mary Group Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m. |
| Wed. | 24th | Carol Singing Cheshire Home 6.30 p.m. |
| January | | |
| Mon. | 5th | Contemplative Prayer Group 12 Marstone Cres. 2.45 p.m. |
| Mon. | 5th | Standing Committee Vicarage 8.00 p.m. |
| Wed. | 7th | Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m. |
| Sun. | 11th | Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m. |
| Mon. | 12th | P.C.C. Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m. |
| Wed. | 14th | Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m. |
| Mon. | 19th | Contemplative Prayer Group 12 Marstone Cres. 2.45 p.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 Hall 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. |
| Tues. | 27th | Martha and Mary Group Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m. |
| Wed. | 28th | Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m. |

Sayings for Stillness

December "I will walk among you . . . ye shall be MY people."

(Leviticus 26 : 12)

January "My hour has not yet come." (John 2 : 4)

Final Date : Items for February : January 19th 2004

ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL

| | | | |
|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| Sunday: | 9.30 a.m. | Creche (under 3's) | |
| | | Lorna Davis | 236 9878 |
| | | The Alive Gang (3 to 13 years) | |
| | | Steve Spendlove | 236 1752 |
| | 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 |
| | 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 |
| 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 |
| | 10.00 a.m. | Parent & Toddler Group | |
| | | Vicki Waite | 236 6789 |
| | 2.00 p.m. | Ladies Keep Fit | |
| Wed'day: | | Val Simpson | 236 1483 |
| | 10.00 a.m. | Toddler Praise (fortnightly) | |
| | | Joanne Smith | 262 0741 |
| | 7.00 p.m. | Choir Practice in Church | |
| Thursday: | | Stella Jockel | 236 9413 |

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