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## From the Vicarage



Dear Friends

Trying to write a letter that will have some sort of topical significance when it is published, in two weeks' time, is not always easy. Any attempt to look into the future is fraught with danger. Along with St. John's Abbeydale, Dore and Totley URC, and The Bridge, we are involved in running a youth project, via which Matt is employed. It was initially given a three year life, later extended to five, but we are already approaching year four. What happens next? Another exercise in trying to look into the future. Such looking ahead needs a mixture of faith and judgement. God's plans often turn out to be different from ours, so we must not be surprised when that is so. Our attempts to predict, or plan for the future can have a very mixed success rate. Perhaps that is why Jesus told us that the day's cares were sufficient for us. Worrying too much about what is yet to come is a sterile and destructive exercise.

But plan, of course, we must. If you aim at nothing, that is what you will hit, and aiming involves planning. In the last week of June we have been involved in a week's mission, entitled "Time4God". Planning and preparation were essential for that, or nothing would have happened. But as I write this, in the middle of the week, already we can say that there have been some surprises. Events, circumstances, encounters none of which were planned for.

There is an old hymn which has the chorus  
*I know Who holds the future,  
 And He'll guide me with His hand;  
 With God things don't just happen,  
 Everything by Him is planned.  
 So as I face tomorrow,  
 With it's problems large and small,  
 I'll trust the God of miracles,  
 Give to Him my all.*

The future is there waiting for us all. As part of our mission week, a prayer day was held. As part of that we were encouraged to reflect on various aspects of our lives, including the future. How do I face it? With fear, hope, excitement, resignation? What am I expecting, success, failure, good or poor health, poverty or riches? None of us really knows. And because of that, some of us spend a lot of energy worrying about these unknowns.

I think that the hymn has caught hold of something of great importance. We don't, can't know. But somebody does. So the best place to leave our future is with Him. That's not to say that we don't plan ahead, and act in a responsible way. It is to say, that we leave the outcome, and our well-being with Him. God once gave the prophet Jeremiah this message for the people of Israel, held captive in Babylon,

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,  
 "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give  
 you a hope and a future."*

Jeremiah 29 : 11

Such is the Lord's attitude to us all, not just those ancient Jews. Perhaps it's time for you to entrust past, present and future to Him.

All best wishes



## ALL SAINTS DURING THE WEEK

All Saints is based on a structure of small groups, known as cells. These meet at various homes and at various times during the week, both in the evening and during the day. Each group has a leader but each member is encouraged to play their full part. Sizes vary from six or seven up to around a dozen. Once each group reaches that size, it will multiply and a new group be formed. Their aim is both to provide a place of friendship and encouragement for each member to grow in the Christian faith and to learn how to live out the values we hold.

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Further details from one of the cell co-ordinators:

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## Sunday and Midweek Services - July 2004

### **4th Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

Theme: A baby at risk

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 Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

Theme: A disappointed failure

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 Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

Theme: An encounter with God

10.00 a.m. All Age Altogether followed by barbecue

#### **Visit of African Choir**

3.30 p.m. Informal Service at the Cheshire Home

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

### **21st Wednesday Service**

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

### **25th Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

Theme: Courage !!

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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**Services in August**

**1st Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

Theme: Starting Out

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

**4th Wednesday Service**

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

**8th Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

Theme: Losing Ground

- 9.30 a.m. All Age Altogether
- 11.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 3.00 p.m. Informal Service at Green Oak View
- 4.30 p.m. Tea in Hall followed by "Songs of Praise"

**11th Wednesday Service**

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

**15th Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

Theme: Rocky Road

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

**18th Wednesday Service**

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

**22nd Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

Theme: Safe Arrival

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

**25th Wednesday Service**

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

**29th Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

Theme: Wrong Turning

- 9.30 a.m. All Age All Together
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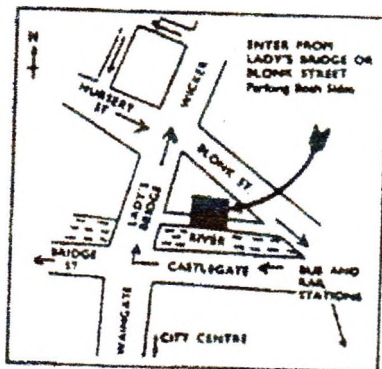
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### MARY

There are seven different women in the new Testament, all of whom bear the name of Mary. This issue, and next, we will look at two of the best known of them. Next issue we will look at Mary, the mother of Jesus, but this issue we will focus on Mary Magdalene.

Mary makes a somewhat fleeting appearance in the Gospels, although it is possible that some references which do not identify her specifically, could in fact relate to her. Magdala was a town on the western shore of the Sea of Galilee and in the region Jesus travelled to after feeding the 5000.



*A view of Magdala, on the Sea of Galilee*

There are few specific references to Mary Magdalene in the gospels. Luke chapter 8 describes her as being one of a number of women, who were accompanying Jesus and the twelve, travelling from village to village. All the women were those who had been delivered from evil spirits. In Mary's case, Luke tells us, she had been delivered from seven demons. Matthew and John






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refer to Mary as being one of a group of women, who watched the crucifixion from a distance. It is John in chapter 28, who describes Mary meeting Jesus in the garden, immediately after the resurrection and mistaking Him for the gardener. So she is depicted as the first to meet the risen Jesus and to take the news back to the others.

In summary, Mary came from a town on the banks of Lake Galilee, was delivered from evil spirits by Jesus and thereafter became part of his band of followers, probably giving financial support and practical help in domestic matters. She is clearly a close friend, present at His death and the first to witness the resurrection.

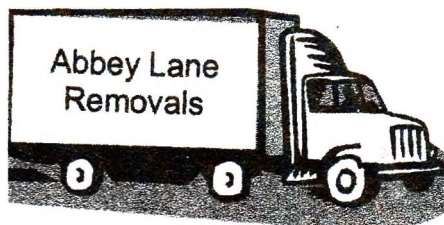
The first reference to Mary in Luke's Gospel immediately follows the occasion when a woman, notorious for her immoral life-style, had anointed Jesus' feet with perfume and tears. Many commentators have suggested that Mary and this woman are one and the same. That is a matter that is never likely to be proved conclusively. However, because of that link, Mary has become the type of passionate penitent, the one who finds cleansing and forgiveness and is overwhelmed with gratitude for that, ever since.

Other suggestions have been made as to Mary's identity. Some have suggested that she is the Mary who is the sister of Martha and Lazarus (who was raised from the dead in Bethany) who also anointed Jesus' feet with ointment. There is a third, similar anointing, recorded by Matthew and Mark and again



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it has been suggested that this too refers to Mary. Whether these links are right or not, is of minor importance. In Mary we certainly have somebody who both knew at first hand the delivering work of Jesus and who then displayed a consistency of love, worship and service thereafter.

Various stories concerning Mary circulated in the early centuries of the church. One (within the Greek Orthodox Church) suggests that she accompanied the apostle John to Ephesus, where she died, her body later being taken to Constantinople. Another claims that she went with Martha and their brother Lazarus, by sea to the south of France, where she died, to be buried at Aix-en-Provence.

As with so many Biblical characters, the information is tantalisingly sparse about their lives and the "before and after" of the specific events described. What I think we can be sure of with Mary, is that her love for Jesus was full and uninhibited. She was living evidence that the person who knows they have been forgiven much, loves much. Such qualities are timeless. We need to grasp them today with equal fervour.

*David Rhodes*

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and third - the greatest wonder of all - to find  
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*John Newton taken from Sunday Link*



# Christian Aid

Letter from Richard Buckley, Area Co-ordinator to Dorothy Firth, our organiser:

I acknowledge receipt of **£1561.59** from All Saints' Church, Totley.

Congratulations on the success of your collection this year. It is 10% higher than in 2003. That really is a splendid effort and you and your collectors deserve every credit. I doubt very much if many churches will do better than that.

Christian Aid Week looks increasingly anachronistic in this world of e-mail and websites. But, somehow, it continues to work ! I know that the main reason that it does so is the devotion of church organisers backed up by a team of collectors. So my prime task is to thank everyone in the church who collected and/or gave for the poor worldwide.

I have been reminded recently of one of the simplest ways in which Christian Aid gives support to poor communities. Not only is this cost effective, it also needs doing only once. It's the kind of magic scheme that runs itself after that ! And it involves reliance on nature or, as we might prefer to say, God's creation. I'm talking about the gift of animals to poor villagers. I've seen this happening with my own eyes in India more than once. On the first occasion, it was dairy

cows (Indians , or course, don't eat beef), on the second, goats, which can be a food source and also a supplier of milk. What happens is that a group of people, often women, are organised in a sort of co-operative unit. They then receive the appropriate animal, one per person. I guess it's usually ensured that the creature is a female, because the offspring are the secret. The first one will be given back to the project, to supply another family. The second one will be retained by the original beneficiary, and so on - almost ad infinitum ! As well as food, people gain a means of earning money from the yoghurt or cheese they make. In this way, your gift can - quite literally - be a multiplier, with the power to raise the living and nutritional standards for many poor families.

It is early to say how the Week has gone either generally or within Sheffield. But the signs are encouraging for yet another increase in income. I hope I don't have to eat my words !

Some dates for you to put into your diary:

*Alpha* suppers begin in the week commencing 19th September followed by the course - October 7th to December 9th

Sunday 10th October Buffet tea 5.30 p.m. followed by service at 6.30 p.m. at Dore and Totley URC - Rt. Rev. Cyril Ashton to visit.



## Reassurance for Parents

Christian parents who are concerned for their wayward children for any reason, may be reassured by the following extract published recently in the UCB Daily Word for Today.\*

**'... I WILL POUR OUT MY SPIRIT AND MY BLESSINGS ON YOUR CHILDREN.'** Isaiah 44:3

In the Old Testament, parents laid hands on their children, passing the blessing of God from generation to generation. You can do the same ! You can pray, claiming God's promises over your family, declaring that His will be done in their lives. Are such prayers effective? Absolutely ! God says, '...the words I speak. They will not return to me empty. They make the things happen that I want to happen and they succeed in doing what I send them to do (Isaiah 55:11) here are some 'promise-prayers' you can pray on behalf of your children.

1. '...I will pour out My Spirit and My blessings on your children ..."I am the Lord's", they'll proudly say ...' (Isaiah 44:3-5)
2. '...My Spirit and My words that I give you will never leave you or your children or your grandchildren, now and forever' (Isaiah 59:21)
3. "Do not weep any longer, for I will reward you. Your children will come back to you from the distant land of the enemy. There is hope for your future," says the Lord ...' (Jeremiah 31:16) to page 19 >>>



## SONGS OF PRAISE

### Sunday 8th August

As in previous years, there will be a special service of "Songs of Praise".

There will be a tea in the Hall at 4.30 p.m. followed by the service in Church at 6.30 p.m. All are welcome to both tea and service but we want you to choose your favourite hymn or song. Please pass these on to Maurice Snowdon (236 2822) as soon as possible but certainly by July 31st.



4. '... you can also be very sure that God will rescue the children of the godly' (Proverbs 11:21)
5. ' Blessed is the man who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in His commands. His children will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches are in His house and His righteousness endures forever (Psalm 112:1-3)

\* details of this booklet, which is available quarterly free of charge, can be obtained from Ken Filleul (Tel: 236 0872)



# By Request

Following my article in last month's magazine, Jeanne, our Editor, has asked me to write a few more articles enlarging on some of the things I touched on before. Last month's article was heavily condensed; it couldn't be anything else if it was to cover 50 years !

The subjects which will follow, this month and in future months, are one of Jeanne's choice. I am happy to comply with her choice. So here goes !

## **Why did I move from chartered accountant to ordination ?**

I was brought up in a Church-going family. My father was a very highly qualified professional Organist and Choirmaster. My mother was the daughter of a C. of E. clergyman - although he died when I was only two years old. So all my life had the Church at its focus and I made a personal commitment to God in Christ at the age of 15, sparked by the quality of life of a school friend.

I went into the Army as a volunteer, although since there was a war on, I would have been conscripted anyway.

My experience in the army, especially in the Far East, showed me what huge opportunities service life provided for a Christian. So I applied to transfer my emergency commission as a gunnery officer into a regular army commission and this was approved. On return to the U.K. after the war ended, I found army

life had lost its focus for me. So I resigned and, because of experience of running the accounts of the Indian Army School of Artillery amounting to millions of £s a year, I decided to pursue accountancy and was articled in London to one of the country's leading firms with offices in other countries.

I took up again at my local parish church and discovered that there was no ministry to teenagers. So in conjunction with a woman teacher, we set out to do something about it and we formed the "Senior Service" for boys and girls aged 13 to 18. It was great fun and God richly blessed what we were doing. During my fortnight's annual holiday from the office - that's all we got in those days - we ran a camp in the New Forest for young people. Blessing was multiplied a hundred-fold.

All this gave me a problem. Training to be a Chartered Accountant involved working by day and doing a correspondence course in the evenings in preparation for exams. But I knew in my heart and my head that if I was to minister to these young people in any meaningful way, I would need to visit them in their homes and meet their parents. How do you do that while also keeping up with the correspondence course ?

It can't be done. A spot of self-examination was called for. I came to realise that my heart was in the work with the teenagers while my accountancy was to become a means of earning my living and, ultimately, supporting my impoverished parents in their old age.



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I was torn apart. I looked once again at the possibility of a full-time ministry in the Church through ordination (I had considered it as a teenager). But there were three "impossibles" facing me.

1. I needed to get into University - and they were packed with post-war students
2. I needed funds to pay my way through University
3. I needed at the end to get a degree.

One night while studying at the dining room table, I threw my pen on the table and said to the Lord: "O.K. I'll do it if you want me to. But you will have to deal with the three "impossibles". BUT

- ♦ By six weeks later I had been approved by the Church as a candidate for ordination and was in residence in Emmanuel College, Cambridge.
- ♦ The central authorities of the Church had agreed to fund my five years' training; previously I did not know that these authorities had ruled that if an accepted candidate could not fund himself, the central funds would pay the costs.
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"With God all things are possible" - if we trust him and if we get on with our part.

*John Collie*

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 "That's the first time I've held a fallen woman," he quipped.  
 To which she retorted, "It's the first time I've been picked up by a vicar !"



**"Keep company with the more cheerful sort of the Godly; there is no mirth like the mirth of believers."** *Richard Baxter*

### **A MISSION TO PRAISE**

Born in Rowton, Shropshire, in 1615, Richard Baxter studied divinity and was ordained after becoming disillusioned by the moral standards of the court of King James I where he served. He lived and worked in Kidderminster for fifteen years between 1641 and 1661 (with an absence during the Civil War which he opposed).

He was active in the restoration of Charles II but his continuing dissatisfaction with the episcopacy led him to decline the See of Hereford and his refusal led to him being debarred from taking office in the Church. However, he continued to preach and write in the face of persecution and imprisonment because of his faith.

Baxter introduced new ideas in his ministry such as house groups to discuss sermons and a system of pastoral visitation. He was concerned with the medical and educational needs of his people and was also a pioneer of Christian unity.

A writer, reformer and pastor, Richard Baxter's life and work and his integrity in refusing to compromise his beliefs speak to us today. We hear his message in his hymn "Ye Holy Angels Bright" -

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*Katherine Smith - taken from Sunday Link*





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And then to You be true

So help me face the wrong in me  
And give to me the power  
To overcome these faults of mine  
Get better by the hour

I pray don't leave me in the cold  
To struggle on my own  
I need You here beside me  
To bring me safely home

Then with You dear Lord, to help me  
I know I can succeed  
For You alone are just the one  
To meet my every need

Together Lord we'll walk this way  
For You're the one true guide  
With You to help I'll conquer all  
And turn the sinful tide

*Viv Filleul*



## 'Sheffield on the move' in Dore and Totley Area

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**Ecclesall Wood walks**    **Tuesday mornings**  
**10.15 for 10.30 departure**

Please note that this walk leaves from the Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet and not from Abbeydale Garden Centre as originally advised. We have been using the Hamlet since the beginning of April and it has proved very popular. The advantages are:

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<b>Totley</b>	<b>Wednesday mornings</b> <b>10.15 for 10.30 departure</b>
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This walk leaves from Totley library. We meet inside the library in the children's section. Most weeks we are able to offer a short walk as well as a longer walk. Both walks last approximately 45 minutes but the short walk takes a different route and proceeds at a more leisurely pace. We return to the adult section of the library after the walk for refreshments for which there is a nominal charge.

**Dore**                      **Friday 2nd July**  
**10.15 for 10.30 departure**

This special health walk for Dore Village Walking Week will leave from the Old School beside the green. Refreshments will be provided afterwards.

**Volunteers** play an essential part of the health walk project. If you might be interested in becoming a volunteer walk leader we would love to hear from you. Please contact Sue initially. Sue is the health walk co-ordinator for south-west Sheffield and can be contacted on 0114 2839 195. She will be happy to explain what's involved and provide additional information.



## MARTHA AND MARY GROUP

The next meeting will be  
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to meet, to offer support and afford a quiet  
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## From the Editor



We are in the middle of the Mission week as I write this.

The Guides had a Christmas party in June to emphasise that God is not just for Christmas.

Ladies from Christ Church, Hackenthorpe came to chat with visitors during the Martha and Mary morning. The Lounge was the

quiet area for prayer and quiet reflection.

The Palm Court (session one) was hosted by Eleanor and Gordon Grayson and proved a great success. Many thanks to them for opening their home.

Heather is well and managing to cope with her job and look after Beth. Beth has been recognised as a pupil with talent for art at her school which makes us all very proud. *Jeanne*

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# Ladies Club Programme

**JULY 6th 2004**

**Strawberry evening**



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**Sadly, this will be the last  
meeting of the Ladies Club**

## 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.



# Youth work news for S17 churches

## The sponsored famine

You may remember that the youth from some of the churches did a sponsored famine a few months ago to raise money for world vision, the money went to people in the world who don't have drinking water and so suffer terribly with disease and consequently death. The youth did a great job and raised an absolutely brilliant £998.66. So £888.66 went to world vision and we gave £100 to a church in South Africa who are doing mission to Mozambique where they will be bringing first aid and provisions to a tribe who are badly in need of help.

## Cathedral lock in

A group from S17 joined about another 150 other young people for a night in the cathedral where we were involved in various activities including giant sumo wrestling, a Velcro wall, giant board games and various workshops ranging from computer generated worship to contemporary worship with guitar and drums. It was a great night where young people could relax with each other, enjoy a non alcoholic cocktail and have some time to forget the worries and burdens of life.

## Summer's here

As we approach another summer, it's another busy

time in the youth project. I am in the primary schools this week talking to year 6 about the transition from Primary school to Secondary school. Rock Solid are out at laser zone and we've got a year 6 taster evening for those interested in seeing what it's like for next year.

We are going out on a bike ride, opportunities to play 5-a-side football and of course Beatanomix is happening.

I hope our young people take the opportunities we have and that we have a great start to a great summer.

## If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving isn't for you

How many times do we live through that well-known proverb, 'if at first you don't succeed, then try and try again' and fail and fail again, get fed up, frustrated and lose confidence in ourselves. Don't get me wrong, I totally believe in perseverance, but if it's not happening then there comes a time when you have to stop and try something else. For example, on talk shows when people say that they have tried every way known to mankind to go from size 14 to a size 10 and they are miserable trying. Maybe they should stop trying and be happy as a size 14.

We have sometimes got it wrong in the youth project and we have had to stop doing something the way we have been and look at how else we can do it.

'Explode' is one of those things. We have been trying for 9 months to establish a group and it has not happened, so we are going to ditch it and see how



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else we can reach out to older young people outside the churches. The youth services didn't work as I planned them to, so we have changed how we are planning them. Rock Solid wasn't quite right in some areas last year, so we change the programme slightly and we will continue to do so.

If God isn't leading you to skydive put the parachute away and try a motor boat or maybe something else, I don't know but God does !

*Matt Conant*

## **Power in the Word**

An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of religious service when she was startled by an intruder. As she caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables, she yelled, "Stop - Acts 2:38 ("..turn from your sin ...").

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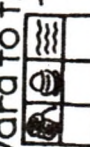
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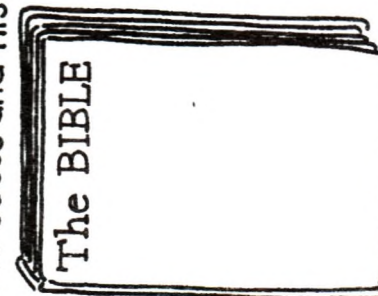
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to ...





## 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:

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 October 31st 2004

Name to be remembered .....

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

Favourite hymn .....

Please return completed forms to David Rhodes at the Vicarage.

## From the Registers

**BAPTISM:** June 6th Sarah Ann Monica Rorison  
of the city of Dubai

**THANKSGIVING:** June 13th Millie Taylor Marshall  
of 53 Mickley Lane

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

July 8th Luke Andrew Brown

July 8th George Henry Frost

July 9th David Joseph Frost

July 13th Jennifer Stephanie Harvey

July 13th Christopher James Thompson

July 13th Henry Rossington Ashmore

July 14th Alice Sarah Fletcher

Aug. 27th James Stephen Hadabora

Aug. 27th Daniel James Bell

Aug. 27th Oliver James Milnes

Aug. 27th Charles Douglas Liversidge

**WEDDINGS:** None in June

**FUNERALS:** June 22nd Eric Taylor  
of Lower Bents Farm  
June 30th Marjorie Kozuchowski  
of Aldam Road

The next Memorial Service will be held on October 31st 2004. 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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### FLOWER LIST

		Altar	Memory Table
July	4	Mrs. Mayson	Mrs. Mason
	11	Mrs. Foster	Cell Group (C-Elson)
	18	Miss. Taylor	Mrs. Perkinton
	25	Cell Group (Rhodes)	Cell Group (Rhodes)
Aug.	1	Mrs. Jockel	Mrs. Smith
	8	Mrs. Loft	Mrs. Hill Pickford
	15	Mrs. Holding	Mrs. Collinson
	22	Mrs. Hazelhurst	Miss Bird
	29	Cell Group (Giles/Young)	Cell Group (Giles/Young)

### July/August 2004 Diary Dates

July		
Sun.	4th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m.
Sun.	4th	Leaders Meeting Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
Mon.	5th	Contemplative Prayer Group 50 Rowan Tree Dell 2.45 p.m.
Mon.	5th	Cell Leaders meeting Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
Tues.	6th	Ladies Club Hall 7.30 p.m.
Wed.	7th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Sat.	10th	Leaders' Prayers Hall 8.00-9.00 a.m.
Mon.	12th	P.C.C. Meeting Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m.
Wed.	14th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Sat.	17th	Open House 116 Green Oak Road various times
Sun.	18th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m.
Mon.	19th	Contemplative Prayer Group 50 Rowan Tree Dell 2.45 p.m.
Wed.	21st	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Tues.	27th	Martha and Mary group Lounge 10.30 a.m.
Wed.	28th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Aug.		
Sun.	8th	Songs of Praise tea 4.30 p.m. and service 6.30 p.m.
Mon.	23rd	Last day for items for the magazine
Mon.	30th	Collation of magazine from 9.30 a.m.

### Sayings for Stillness

July "Every living soul belongs to Me."

(Ezekiel 18:4)

August "My people - I AM understanding."

(Proverbs 8:14)

Final Date : Items for Sept. : 23rd August 2004



## ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL

<b>Sunday:</b>	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)	
		Derek Hurton	235 0896
<b>Monday:</b>	10.00 a.m.	Drop in Coffee	
		Marjorie & Maurice Snowdon	236 2822
	10.00 a.m.	Toddler Group	
		Jo 262 0741 or Sharon	236 9639
	5.45 - 6.45 p.m.	Rainbows	
		Heather Johnson	235 0978
	7.00 p.m.	Guides	
		Maureen Allum	235 1262
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10.30 a.m.	Martha & Mary Group ( 4th)	
		Sheila Eke	236 7457
	7.30 p.m.	Ladies Club (1st & 3rd)	
		Ann Ruthven	236 8643
<b>Wed'day:</b>	10.00 a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group	
		Vicki Waite	236 6789
	2.00 p.m.	Ladies Keep Fit	
		Val Simpson	236 1483
<b>Thursday:</b>	10.00 a.m.	Toddler Praise (fortnightly)	
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# Alpha Autumn Programme

## All Saints' Church, Totley in partnership with Christ Church, Dore

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 - 9.30 p.m.

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Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 8 - 9 p.m.

**Alpha Prayer and Worship Event**

All Saints' Church

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September 7.30 - 9.30 p.m.**

**Alpha Supper**

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Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2004 - 9<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 - 10.00 p.m.

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Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 9.30 a.m. - 4.30 p.m.

**Alpha Away Day**

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Week 2 at All Saints' Hall 14<sup>th</sup> Oct' Why did Jesus die?

Week 3 at Dore Old School 21<sup>st</sup> Oct' Why and how should I read the Bible?

Week 4 at All Saints' Hall 28<sup>th</sup> Oct' Why and how do I pray?

Week 5 at Dore Old School 4<sup>th</sup> Nov' How can I be sure of my faith?

Week 6 at All Saints' Hall 11<sup>th</sup> Nov' How does God guide us?

**Away Day Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November** The Holy Spirit

Week 7 at Dore Old Sch. 18<sup>th</sup> Nov' How does God guide us?

Week 8 at All Saints' Hall 25<sup>th</sup> Nov' Does God heal today?

Week 9 at Dore Old School 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec' Why and how should we tell others?

Week 10 at All Saints' Hall 9<sup>th</sup> Dec' What about the church?

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec' 7-9 p.m.**

**Carols By Candle Light**



## ALL SAINTS DURING THE WEEK

All Saints is based on a structure of small groups, known as cells. These meet at various homes and at various times during the week, both in the evening and during the day. Each group has a leader but each member is encouraged to play their full part. Sizes vary from six or seven up to around a dozen. Once each group reaches that size, it will multiply and a new group be formed. Their aim is both to provide a place of friendship and encouragement for each member to grow in the Christian faith and to learn how to live out the values we hold.

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*Creating community*

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*Encountering God*

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Further details from one of the cell co-ordinators:

David Rhodes 236 2322      Sally Rhodes 236 2322

Ann Powell 235 0612

Gay Riley (youth and children) 236 6884

## Sunday and Midweek Services - September 2004

### 5th Trinity 13

Theme: A lesson from a vineyard

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 14

Theme: Keeping going in the desert

9.30 a.m. Thanksgiving Service

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

3.00 p.m. Informal Service at Green Oak View

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

### 15th Wednesday Service

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

### 19th Trinity 15

Theme: What is your legacy? Visiting preacher -  
Liz Jackson of Church Missionary Society

9.30 a.m. All Age Worship

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

3.30 p.m. Informal Service at the Cheshire Home

7.30 p.m. Healing Service. Visiting team from St. Thomas Crookes, led by Rev. Mick Woodhead

### 22nd Wednesday Service

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

### 26th Trinity 16

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### 29th Wednesday Service

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After being greeted by our hosts, we sorted ourselves out between the elegantly laid out tables and introduced ourselves to our fellow participants. On our table we had a good mix of Church regulars and those, like myself, who had accepted an invitation to attend.



Cereal or fruit juice was followed by a full English breakfast. Our waitress successfully delivered all 8 variations (no black pudding, no egg etc) correctly.

Tea, coffee and toast rounded off a veritable feast. The ladies in the kitchen did a marvellous job, proving a meal that matched any from a top class hotel.

As with the Alpha courses and the Totley barbeque, it is interesting how the church is using food to encourage outsiders to attend events. If all the meals are as good as this one the strategy should be very effective. We then heard from 3 men whose lives had been changed by finding God. They had all had severe problems as children or as young men, and their lives had been going rapidly down hill. Each in a different way had been introduced to God and Jesus and the transformation of their lives had been so immense that they felt the need to come and share their experiences with us.

After a few more words from Ric and a short prayer from David, we went our separate ways.

*The key question is, Did it Work?*

The testimony from the 3 men emphasised the need for a strong church of committed Christians able to reach out to those in need.

The fact that this breakfast was held, shows that All Saints is actively trying to reach out to the rest of the community.

Only a detailed analysis of those attending will show how many new people came or whether it was just feeding the faithful.

*Where does it leave me?*

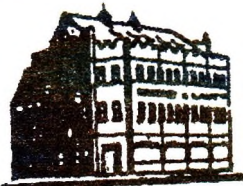
My beliefs are somewhat unorthodox, but I will continue to support the work of the local churches and other groups in their role as extended families.

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 Colin Wells



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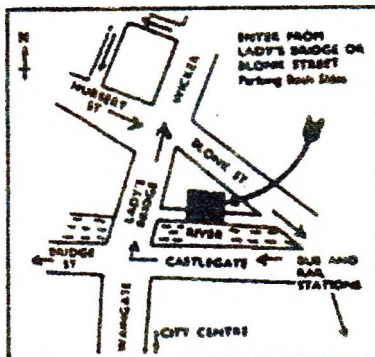
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## By Request

*I requested to know more about the '50 years' in the service of the church and the following is the second part provided by John Collie. Editor.*

### **Why a University education to be a clergyman ?**

I don't know what the rules are today. But 50 years ago, the body within the Church of England responsible for the training of would-be clergyman (they were all men in those days) began his training, he must obtain a university degree. (There were of course a few special exceptions to this.) In my judgement the rule was good.

In spite of much loose thinking and talking today, a university is not primarily a factory which produces degrees. The purpose of a university education is infinitely more far-reaching than that. It is an experience where men and women learn how to live, learn how to discuss current affairs and each other's interests, learn how to mix with and to respect differing viewpoints. It is an experience whereby the mind is stretched, inherited standards are challenged and new ones presented. In a phrase, it should be a life changing experience. Those who get this opportunity will of course learn how to study alone without the close oversight of a teacher, a facility which will stand them in good stead in the future. And, if they work hard, they will gain a degree. So it is - or was then - deemed right that those who wished to minister through the Church to a wide-ranging public, should be required to face these experiences.

The question for a would-be clergyman is : what subject should he read ? My answer was : anything except theology ! After university he goes to a Theological College which is the equivalent to a Technical College for future clergy. Five or six years of studying theology is bad for the health ! So I opted for History. Why : because I reckon that we can only understand today if we have an awareness of what has gone before. Find






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the answer to the question of how we got where we are and you have a reasonable chance of understanding how to go forward. But there is no guarantee. Not every historian gets it right !

In spiritual or religious terms, a university experience can be of untold value for all. Many cups of coffee and pints of beer have been sunk discussing with others the basics as well as the intricacies of religion. To benefit from this, the undergraduate does need an open mind. That's not the same thing as having convictions. But it does mean the willingness to have even one's most cherished convictions tried and tested by the convictions of other people. That is really healthy. Young Christians should take this experience back to the Churches whence they came.

So yes, I believe the Church is right to put its young ordinands through a university experience. If they use the experience well, they will be of far greater value in any future ordained ministry. For the ordained man or woman is not put into place just to pump out his own spirited religious ideas, but they are there to receive from as well as to give to others such glimpses of the ways of God as he/she thinks he/she has received.

*John Collie*

Six year old Angie and her four year old brother Joel were sitting together in church. Joel giggled, sang and talked aloud. Finally his big sister had had enough.

"You're not supposed to talk out loud in church," she said.

"Why ? Who's going to stop me ?" Joel asked.

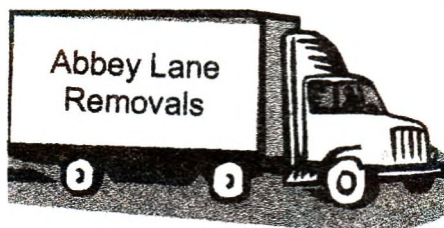
Angie pointed to the back of the church and said, "See those two men standing by the door ? They're hushers."





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George Herbert.

Taken from Sunday Link

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*Dorothy Firth*



## You have to laugh . . .

The world's strongest man was touring with his show and for his finale he would take an orange, squeeze all the juice out of it and offer a thousand pounds to anyone in the audience to get another drop of juice from it. Time after time, people came forward but, squeeze as they might, none could do it.

Then one evening, a skinny old man came forward to meet the challenge. The crowd laughed at the idea that he could squeeze more juice than the strongest man. He calmly took the orange, put it between his palms - and to the crowd's amazement, out came a single drop of juice.

Handing over the thousand pounds, the stunned strongman couldn't resist asking the old man what he did for a living.

"I'm the treasurer for my local church."

*From Grove Books via Sunday Link.*



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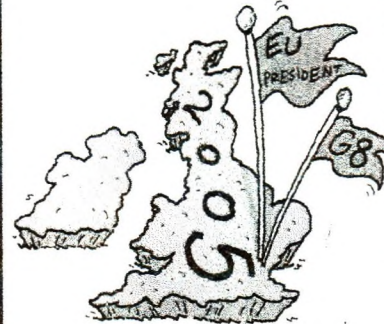
The Ghanaian government wants to help by taxing chicken imports but the International Monetary Fund, which lends Ghana money, will not allow this tax.

Without this type of help, poor farmers across the world will not be able to trade their way out of poverty.

The G8 summit this year failed to live up to promises that all the remaining debts owed by the world's poorest countries would be cancelled. World leaders did agree to extend the qualifying time for debt cancellation and increase funding. Justin MacMullan, Christian Aid's campaigns policy officer, said: 'Where it has been delivered, debt cancellation has made a real and lasting difference to people's lives. We need to make sure that Tony Blair persuades the G8 summit in 2005 to deliver full debt cancellation and make changes to international trade rules.'

## 2005 in a nutshell

10-16 April	Global week of Action on trade
April	Africa Commission reports to UK Govt.
6-8 July	Tony Blair hosts G8 summit in Gleneagles
July-Dec.	UK takes up presidency of the EU



**Bishops fly the flag for trade justice**





## You met them in the pages of the Bible. MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS

Jesus' mother was an intimate part of His life on earth from first to last. From the moment when the angel announces to her that she was to give birth, by the activity of the Holy Spirit, to her presence at the foot of the cross, He was to be central to all that she did.

Traditions exist concerning her life prior to her first arrival on the pages of Scripture. According to the apocryphal second century "Gospel of James", she was the daughter of elderly parents, Joachim and Anna, in Jerusalem. Justinian, the sixth century emperor, built a huge church in honour of Anna, in Constantinople. Another tradition asserts that she was born in Sepphoris, a large city near to Nazareth.



*Roman remains in present day Sepphoris*

The first we can know about her with any certainty (largely through material in Luke's Gospel), is that she was a young woman (perhaps aged between 14 and 16). Betrothed to the older Joseph, both of whom were descended from the family of King David, when she received an angelic vision concerning the

birth of the son, whom she was to name Jesus. Mary's reaction was of immediate acceptance and co-operation and has thus become a model for Christians ever since, of one who having heard the word of the Lord, immediately was obedient - a challenge and inspiration for us all. Joseph, too, received an angelic visitation to assure him of the truth of Mary's circumstances, so that he would stand by his pregnant fiancée - rather than see her condition as a cause of disgrace.

During pregnancy, she visited her cousin, Elizabeth, who was also pregnant in remarkable circumstances, with a child who would become John the Baptist. It was during this visit that she composed a song of praise (to be found in Luke, chapter 1 verse 46-55) which has been used in worship from the dawn of the church and is often known as "The Magnificat." the two boys were born within six months of each other. Luke says that Mary went to see Elizabeth "in the hill country in Judea" - not far from Bethlehem. Today, the town of Ein Karem in that region is named after a "gracious Spring" which supposedly marks the spot where the two women met. Perhaps she was there already when Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem for the census and he collected Mary en route.

The biblical account of the birth of Jesus is, of course, famous. The family had to be housed in the inn (probably the area of a house normally used for the animals) where the child was born and a feeding trough was used as a crib. Shepherds visited, and some time later (so very probably better accommodation had been found by that time!) the eastern wise men, or magi. Some have suggested that the birth of Jesus would actually have been far more likely to have occurred in Nazareth. However, as early as 155 AD, the church father, Justin Martyr, referred to the cave in Bethlehem, where Jesus had been born and in the late 200's, the church leader, Eusebius, wrote, "*The inhabitants of the place bear witness of the story that has come down to them from their fathers, and they confirm the truth of it and point out*



*the cave in which the virgin brought forth and laid her child."*



*Manger Square in modern Bethlehem*

In keeping with Jewish law, forty days after the birth, Mary and Joseph took Jesus to the Temple in Jerusalem, to offer thanks and consecrate Him to the Lord. At some point after that, because of Herod's attack on the infants in Bethlehem (in the wake of the visit of the magi) they fled to Egypt (again, being warned by an angel in a dream) before returning and settling in Nazareth.

The next thirty years are very hazy. There is one famous incident when Jesus was aged twelve. The custom of His family was to go to Jerusalem each year to celebrate the Passover (not unlike annual journeys that we might make at Christmas time). On the occasion in question, on the return journey, Joseph and Mary realised that their son was missing. Mary's panic may readily be imagined. He was found, eventually, calmly discussing matters with the teachers in the temple and expressed surprise that his parents would not have realised that he "was about His Father's business." Luke tells us that neither parent understood what He was saying, but they took Him home, where Mary pondered on these things and watched him mature and develop a healthy reputation before God, and His contemporaries.

What was home like? Again, there is an element of conjecture here. Nazareth was a market town in Southern Galilee, but on

an international trade route. It was a place where sophisticated traders from exotic far-off places rubbed shoulders with Jewish workers. Homes would have been small, perhaps one room being used as living room, workshop and bedroom. Whether there were other children in the family is a matter for debate. There are Biblical references to brothers and sisters of Jesus, and Luke chapter 2 verse 7 refers to Jesus as Mary's first born. On the other hand, it has been pointed out that the term "brother" and "sister" were used at the time to refer to cousins and other relatives who were not siblings. Also, why did Jesus entrust the care of His mother to John from the cross, if she had other natural children able to do that? There are many matters of detail that the Bible does not disclose and this is one of them - and as with many such questions, whilst our curiosity may remain unsatisfied, such things are not crucial to our understanding of who Jesus is and our response to His call to follow Him. Whatever the reality of her family circumstances, it would seem that Mary was present with Jesus during His public ministry.

The first recorded miracle is the turning of water to wine at Cana in Galilee, where Mary was present and famously told the organisers to do whatever Jesus told them to. Mark (in chapter 3) describes another incident, early in Jesus' ministry, in Capernaum, when Jesus is addressing a crowd and Jesus' mother (and brothers) arrive.

At the cross, Mary was there as mentioned, at Jesus' instruction was taken into the apostle John's home thereafter (John chapter 19). It would seem from Matthew that Mary was probably in the party of women who were first to discover the Resurrection, when they went to anoint Jesus' body as soon as possible after the Sabbath had finished. In the first chapter of Acts, Luke specifically records Mary's presence with the disciples as they awaited and then received the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, on the day of Pentecost. She was clearly an integral part of that very first Christian community and had been so as it grew during Jesus' earthly ministry.



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What of Mary's life after Pentecost? Once more we have to enter the world of conjecture. There is no specific mention of her in the Bible after Pentecost. Two traditions have persisted over the years, both surrounding John. One depicts Mary as living the rest of her life in his home in Jerusalem. The other paints her as travelling with him to Ephesus, where she later died. Mary's death in Jerusalem is the longer-standing tradition and is a widely accepted opinion by scholars. Mary is perhaps one of the most immediately remembered Biblical characters, after Jesus. She it was who did all the things a mother has to for a growing child. She it was who knew the helpless anguish of seeing a child suffer immensely. She it was who became a follower, even though she was His mother. She it is who can be a model for us all in gently quiet and yet utterly faithful and practical devotion to her Son. Her attitude in Luke chapter 1 verse 38, of "I am the Lord's servant" remained with her for the rest of her life. May we share it today!

*David Rhodes*

## Patience is a virtue . . .

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5 and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson.

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Sept. 14th	Coffee in the Lounge
Oct. 12th	Coffee in the Lounge
Nov. 9th	Afternoon trip to WORK
Dec. 7th	Christmas Lunch

Look out for future arrangements!



## End of an Era

The final meeting of Ladies Club in its present form was our Strawberry Evening on 6th July in the hall. Main aim of this group when it began almost 50 years ago was to provide an evening away from home for ladies of the parish of any denomination (or none at all) to come together for friendship and fellowship. Over the years, many strong, enduring friendships have been formed and we have been educated and entertained by a variety of speakers and demonstrators.

A long-standing part of the club has been charitable fund-raising, notably for MacMillan Nurses and over the years many thousands of pounds have been raised for this and other good causes. Alongside this has been a desire for service and commitment to our church, primarily fund-raising efforts towards the building and equipping of our Church Hall. In addition, we have provided refreshments for all occasions, Spring cleaned the church into our 70's and beyond, organised the Senior Citizens Christmas Party, held Jumble Sales for church and charity and manned stalls at Garden Parties and Christmas Bazaars - all successful outreach into the community in Totley. However, the time has now come to hand over these outreach opportunities to our younger parishioners and hope they derive as much pleasure and fulfilment from them as we all have done over the years.

Finally, I would like to express my personal thanks to my fellow committee members during the last three

years: to Sheila and Barbara for getting the tea and coffee on the table when we were all flagging; to Sue and Alan for keeping the accounts straight when my sums went wrong; to Betty and Moreen for manning the turnstile and standing no nonsense; to Gill who thanked the speakers for me when I couldn't think what to say, and last but not least to Betty and Freda who found so many interesting speakers for us and for the many times they kept me upright and facing the right direction. So now I remove the clapper from my Bell of Office and retire as Chairman.

So what happens now ?

Well we hope to continue meeting for a coffee and chat in the Lounge on the 2nd Tuesday in the month (unless circumstances dictate otherwise) from 10.30 to 12.00 noon beginning in September - as "Ladies Morning Coffee". Our first few dates are as follows and others will be published as we go along.

Sept. 14th	Coffee in the Lounge
Oct. 12th	Coffee in the Lounge
Nov. 9th	No meeting - afternoon trip to Work
Dec. 7th	No meeting - Christmas Lunch

It is hoped that this will enable members to keep in touch with each other while keeping financial and administrative matters to a minimum.

*Ann Ruthven*

Ex-Chairman

Totley All Saints' Ladies Club

(see page 27 for  
Ladies Morning Coffee)



## MARTHA AND MARY GROUP

The next meeting will be  
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## From the Editor



If you have been away, I hope you  
enjoyed your holiday as much as we  
did. The rain poured on a couple of  
days but the waterfalls were  
fabulous !

Judging by the diary dates for  
September, there is a busy time  
ahead. The clubs will be back in full  
swing, the children back at school

and *Alpha* (with a difference) is back on the menu.  
Memories of the Mission week are about the Men's  
Breakfast - the first letter since I suggested a  
'Letters Page'. Hopefully, this is acceptable and  
will not be the last.

Heather is well and she, Beth and Alison enjoyed  
the holiday with us. *Jeanne*

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When I got a little closer the doors swung open wide  
And when I came to myself I was standing inside.  
I saw a host of angels. They were standing everywhere  
One handed me a basket and said "My child shop with care".  
Everything a human needed was in that grocery store  
And what I could not carry you could come back for more.  
First I got some Patience, Love was on the same row.  
Further down was Understanding, you need that everywhere you go  
I got a box or two of Wisdom and Faith a bag or two  
And Charity of course I would need some of that too.  
I couldn't miss the Holy Ghost. It was all over the place.  
And then some Strength and Courage to help me run this race.  
My basket was getting full but I remembered I needed Grace,  
And then I chose Salvation for Salvation was for free  
I tried to get enough of that to do for you and me.  
Then I started to the counter to pay my grocery bill  
For I thought I had everything to do the Masters will.  
As I went up the aisle I saw Prayer and put that in,  
For I knew when I stepped outside I would run into sin.  
Peace and Joy were plentiful, the last things on the shelf.  
Song and Praise were hanging near so I just helped myself.  
Then I said to the angel "Now how much do I owe?"  
He smiled and said "Just take them everywhere you go."  
Again I asked "Really now, How much do I owe?"  
"My child" he said, "God paid your bill a long long time ago."  
This poem has been sent to you with love and for good luck.  
It originated in the Netherlands and has been around the world.  
Of course, good luck is just another way of saying "Blessings".  
*Received by e-mail.*



## BREAD

There are thoughts running around in my head  
 What goes into producing the bread  
 The farmer is first, he sows his seeds  
 No ! The Chandler providing his needs  
 Also machinery that fills the drill  
 Not forgetting the one that can till  
 Tell me Father, how were they all made  
 With the parts that twist, the sharp honed blade  
 How was ore mined and carried where  
 It became steel in crucible there  
 And the machines that fashioned pieces  
 The list's so long it never ceases



So back to the wheat that is growing so fair  
 With thanks to You with Your tender care  
 Now that it's ripe and ready to glean  
 Harvested by another machine  
 You who inspired the work in our mind  
 Fathomed it out and gave to mankind  
 Off to the mill and turned into flour  
 Travelling on roads long hour upon hour  
 The roads are yet more parts to their tale  
 Asphalt and tar, hardcore and shale  
 This endless story here in my head  
 Shows how God provides us with bread



On to shops of plastic and glass  
 Two more stories on which I shall pass  
 Ferried on lorries from factories great  
 Run by diesel to bring bread for the plate  
 Then come people and objects they use  
 Into this tale together are fused  
 Food for the eating to keep them well  
 All have stories with more tales to tell  
 Housing for shelter, fuel for the heat  
 The washing of clothes, shoes for the feet  
 With thanks for all, much more than's been said  
 To glorious God who gives us the bread.



*Vivien Filleul*

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## **What is it like to be a refugee in this country ?**

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We learned that an refugee has to be given permission to be in a country and that a asylum seeker is a person who has not been given permission. In fact this country has only 0.5% of refugees in the world even though it is the fourth wealthiest country. We learnt a lot of facts that are generally unknown. For instance:

- the public believes we host 23% of the world's refugees when in fact it is only 1.98%
- this country is the eighth in Europe in terms of the number of asylum applications with 1.9 per 1,000 of the population whilst Austria is the top with 46
- in 2002, applicants came mainly from Iraq, Zimbabwe and Afghanistan
- in 2002, 85,865 applications were made. 10% (8100) were granted asylum; 24% granted



exceptional leave to remain; 53% were refused. About 790 are kept in some form of detention. About a third of these have been there longer than four months

- a lot of refugees are refused asylum to begin with but then the process goes to appeal which takes about 18 months. It is a very costly business
- The average family seeking asylum receives 24% less in income support and benefits than its British born equivalent. This amounts to £36.54 and they not allowed to work or seek training whilst waiting a decision
- in the year ending 2000, immigrants contributed £31.2bn in taxes and consumed £23.8bn in benefits

In Leeds, Rachel works for a secular charity, but the Welcome to Leeds work is voluntary and gives her the opportunity to proclaim her faith. There is a strong voluntary group of Christians who are doing their best to support refugees in difficult situations. By offering hospitality and practical help, they are able to demonstrate their Christian faith by their actions and often have opportunities to speak of their faith. If anyone wishes to know where there is somewhere locally, the United Reformed Church on Norfolk Street does a lot of work helping refugees. The most important thing to the refugees is to have a safe place to live. Ideally they would prefer it to be in their own country.

*Gay Riley*

*statistics taken from Independent Newspaper*

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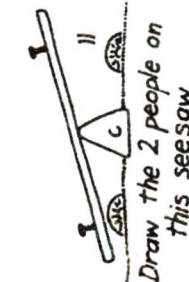
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spreading the load

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are

people

to

sort

out

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of

the

problems!

I'll never see Moses at this rate!

So

are

people

to

sort

out

Circle the right ones, cross out the rest.

How can we help one another?

talking things over

laughing together

laughing at someone

offering to help

doing what we promise

not turning up after all



## **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:  
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 October 31st 2004**

**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 July and August

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

Sept. 8th	Arthur George Thompson
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Sept. 14th	Harriet-Ami Cockcroft

**WEDDINGS:** None in July and August

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19th	Mrs. Filleul	Cell Group
26th	Mrs. A. Waite	Mrs. Beeley

### September 2004 Diary Dates

Wed. 1st	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Sun. 5th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m.
Sun. 5th	Leaders Meeting Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
Mon. 6th	Cell Leaders meeting Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
Wed. 8th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Thurs. 9th	Alpha Training for Leaders and helpers Lounge 7.30 p.m.
Sat. 10th	Leaders' Prayers Hall 8.00-9.00 a.m.
Mon. 13th	Contemplative Prayer Group 6, Overcroft Rise 2.45 p.m.
Mon. 13th	P.C.C. Meeting Hall Lounge 8.00 p.m.
Tues. 14th	Ladies Coffee Morning Hall Lounge 10.30 a.m.
Wed. 15th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Thurs. 16th	Alpha Training for Leaders and Helpers Lounge 7.30 p.m.
Sun. 19th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m.
Mon. 20th	Last day for items for the magazine
Wed. 22nd	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
Fri. 24th	MacMillan Coffee Morning Hall 10.00 a.m.
Mon. 27th	Collation of magazine from 9.30 a.m.
Mon. 27th	Contemplative Prayer Group 6 Overcroft Rise 2.45 p.m.
Mon. 27th	Alpha Supper Cross Scythes Public House 7.30 p.m.
Tues. 28th	Martha and Mary group Lounge 10.30 a.m.
Wed. 29th	Over 50's Keep Fit Class Hall 2.00 p.m.
October	
Sun. 10th	Sponsored Walk in Chatsworth Park (Sight Savers)
Sun. 10th	Visit of Bishop Cyril URC 5.30 p.m.

### Sayings for Stillness

"My people shall be tried . . . as gold is refined . . .  
 in the furnace of affliction."

(Isaiah 48 : 10 and Zechariah 13 : 9)

Final Date : Items for Oct. : 20th September 2004



## ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL

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		Steve Spendlove	236 1752
	6.30 – 8.30 p.m.	Sunday Youth Group (2nd & 4th)	
		Derek Hurton	235 0896
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		Marjorie & Maurice Snowdon	236 2822
	10.00 a.m.	Toddler Group	
		Jo 262 0741 or Sharon	236 9639
	5.45 - 6.45 p.m.	Rainbows	
		Heather Johnson	235 0978
	7.00 p.m.	Guides	
		Maureen Allum	235 1262
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10.30 a.m.	Martha & Mary Group ( 4th)	
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	10.30 a.m.	Ladies Morning Coffee (2nd)	
		Ann Ruthven	236 8643
<b>Wed'day:</b>	10.00 a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group	
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		Val Simpson	236 1483
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## From the Vicarage



Dear friends

Saturdays in our house are busy to say the least. With three children doing paper rounds ( and on a Saturday, the quantity of paper to be taken round is enormous!), to be followed up by various tennis, squash and orchestral practices, all at different points of the compass, there is much coming and going!

Modern life, for many of us can seem like a treadmill, on which we are trapped. The endless round of activity and demand upon us, for which there is not quite enough time or energy is unceasing. I am sure that this is all the worse because of the IT revolution, which means that everything is so instant, including the arrival of additional pressures upon us.

I recently read a most helpful book, entitled, *The Life You've Always Wanted*, by John Ortberg. It examines our yearnings for a quality of life, and steady state of heart and mind that many of us recognise is somehow a quality of life we would long to experience, but somehow seems just beyond our reach. So often we know disappointment in ourselves, in the way we react to people and situations, in the motives we recognise at work in us, in the way we shrug others away, even our nearest and dearest, because we will pander to a more selfish agenda. How do we address such issues in our lives? A vital component in the answer is the practise of spiritual disciplines which enable us to live authentically and spontaneously in the way that Jesus taught. His teaching is not about rules and regulations, but a kingdom to enter into, and such disciplines are a part of that.

I expected the book to be about such matters as Bible reading,

prayer etc. They are there, but there is so much more. It includes chapters on celebration, secrecy, servant-hood, and . . . . . the unhurried life.

Such disciplines are not ends in themselves, but just as an athlete undertakes training exercises, not to be good at the exercise, but to enable them to compete in the real event, so the disciplines are not ends in themselves, but are there to enable us to live, in the ordinary hurly burly of life, in the way that we should - and the unhurried life is one of them.

Now, I am a natural hurrier. I tend to try and cram too much into a day, and have a tendency to be last minute - all of which breeds hurry. So I found that chapter especially challenging and illuminating. "Join the longest queue at Tesco" it encourages. Take steps to resist multi-tasking, and the hurry sickness of the modern world.

Take a look. Do you hurry, perhaps on a journey, itching to move off from the traffic lights, when you have no need to? Do you skim read, when you have ample time to digest something at a leisurely pace? Hurry, prevents us from receiving love, we're too preoccupied with the next matter, or giving it - we are exhausted rushing from one thing to the next.

I have to confess (another of the disciplines) that I am a hurrier. I have allowed it to invade my life in a multitude of ways, and I know I am the poorer for it. I need to take his advice - and find ways of resisting it.

Even on a Saturday morning, because business and purposeful activity, and hurry are not the same. Indeed hurry will tend to undermine the purposefulness of one's life - we get so taken up by getting to the next thing.

The clocks soon change. The nights draw in. We can choose to go slower if we wish. Jesus told us to "*Seek first the Kingdom of God, and everything else will be added to you.*"

Part of that is learning not to hurry.

Will you join me in finding how to do that?

With all best wishes



## ALL SAINTS DURING THE WEEK

All Saints is based on a structure of small groups known as cells. These meet at various homes and at various times during the week, both in the evening and during the day. Each group has a leader but each member is encouraged to play their full part. Sizes vary from six or seven up to around a dozen. Once each group reaches that size, it will multiply and a new group be formed. Their aim is both to provide a place of friendship and encouragement for each member to grow in the Christian faith and to learn how to live out the values we hold.

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Further details from one of the cell co-ordinators:

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## Sunday and Midweek Services - October 2004

### **3rd Trinity 17. Harvest Thanksgiving.**

Theme:- A Vision Worth Living For

9.30 a.m. All Age Worship

11.00 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 18**

Theme:- Love God

9.30 a.m. Baptism Service

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

3.00 p.m. Informal Service at Green Oak View

5.30 p.m. Tea at U.R.C. followed by Joint Service with Bishop Cyril

### **13th Wednesday Service**

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

### **17th Trinity 19**

Theme:- Love each other

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

### **20th Wednesday Service**

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

### **24th Last Sunday after Trinity**

Theme:- Love a Broken World

9.30 p.m. Holy Communion

11.15 a.m. Morning Prayer

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

### **27th Wednesday Service**

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

### **31st Fourth Sunday before Advent**

Theme:- Sharing of Ministries Abroad – Rev William Mather

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Week 3 at Dore Old School	21 <sup>st</sup> Oct'	Why and how should I read the Bible?
Week 4 at All Saints' Hall	28 <sup>th</sup> Oct'	Why and how do I pray?
Week 5 at Dore Old School	4 <sup>th</sup> Nov'	How can I be sure of my faith?
Week 6 at All Saints' Hall	11 <sup>th</sup> Nov'	How does God guide us?
<b>Away Day at Lodge Moor Sat. 13<sup>th</sup> Nov'</b>		The Holy Spirit
Week 7 at Dore Old School	18 <sup>th</sup> Nov'	How does God guide us?
Week 8 at All Saints' Hall	25 <sup>th</sup> Nov'	Does God heal today?
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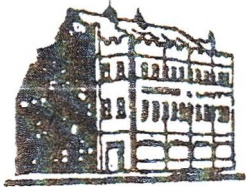
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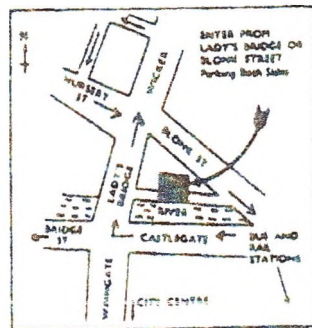
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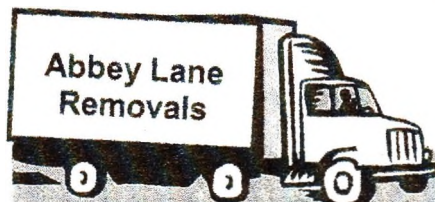


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## WHO IS MY NEIGHBOUR?

### Is she a teenage orphan in Uganda?

There are so many worthy appeals to us that it is difficult to know which to respond to and which to pass by.

Earlier this year, David received one such appeal from Diana, a 17 year old in Uganda. She was asking for financial help to continue her schooling. If not, she would have to leave, (and those of us that are a little in tune with some of the problems of Africa realised that in effect, that would mean an early marriage and probably an early death due to the AIDS virus). David checked out the situation with her Pastor and our Church sent her some money.

Then her Pastor wrote telling us that she needed urgent heart surgery, which was expensive. They had acquired much of the money but she could not have the operation if she did not have all the funds. Since I co-ordinate our work with the teenage girls at this church, I thought to myself that really she was similar in age, and wondered what would we have done for one of our own girls if they needed surgery. I sent out a letter to this effect as well as the general appeal that David made in church. We were able to send some money which helped to make the operation possible and it was a success.

Diana was so grateful. We recently received a heartfelt letter of thanks from Diana herself. After the initial greetings she writes, "...it has taken a long time without writing as I have been in illness which I passed through well due to God's power who gave you a kind heart and you rescued my life when I was carried on a big and serious surgery. I thank you very much indeed, this is so unbelievable you really made it and am so happy with you. Thank you very much for that and God bless you on that matter."

She writes that she will continue with her studies and work hard to pass her exams and will send us a pass slip! She doesn't know what else she can do to show her appreciation of our support, both for her education and health but says, "God is the only one who will reward you accordingly. I very much pray to God that He blesses you in all what you do."

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## Youth work news for S17 churches

### Beatanomix

It had so much going against it.

First of all Euro 2004 was on line to clash with it. I prayed and prayed that somehow God would intervene in the football and that England would finish second in their group stage, so play on June 24th (the day before Beatanomix) and not win the group and so play on June 25th (right smack bang in the middle of Beatanomix). If Beckham had scored his first penalty against France, Beatanomix would have clashed with the football, if Heskey hadn't fouled Zidane, Beatanomix would have clashed with the football. If Beatanomix had clashed with the football, we would have struggled to have enough youth to make it worth putting the event on. Next, there was confusion over the hall booking and we nearly couldn't set up the hall to even hold the event, but thanks to some very generous people it was sorted. The rain held off, the helpers turned up, the equipment worked and the young people turned up!

Beatanomix, if you don't know was an evening where we invited all the young people between 11 and 18 in S17 to come for an evening together. The evening had three bands to entertain them, a fantastically gifted master of ceremonies, break dancing, disco, 11 free give-aways all donated to us from local shops in S17 and the star prize, an X box paid for by a very generous donor.

In all we had around 60 young people turn up and no trouble. Many are looking forward to another night, which we hope to put on later in the year.

It was a night where young people from outside the churches could see Christians putting on a quality event and see for themselves that Christianity is fun, is relevant and is accessible.

### Primary schools

I have really enjoyed going into the four primary schools in S17 to meet the young people in year 6 again this year. We had some lessons where the youngsters thought a little about





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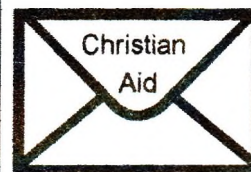
the fears they have in moving up to Secondary school. I met many of them again at the King Egbert's open day for year 6 and I hope that during Autumn I will continue to get to know them and work with them.

**This year . . .**

We are excited this year as we start a new youth group which has stemmed from Rock solid that will enable the young people there to think a little deeper on the Christian issues they have already explored. Joel, the Dore youth worker, and I are working on plans to hold another Beatanomix and initiate some joint youth worship. We are having more sleepovers, more weekends away, more football competitions and more fund raising. We continue to pray that God blesses our work here with young people.

*Matt Conant*

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### News from P.C.C. Meetings

The P.C.C. met three times before the summer break and once since. Matters discussed have been many and varied!

A group to manage the fabric and running of the Church Hall has been comprised and it reports back to the P.C.C. on a regular basis. The floor has been polished and thanks are extended to Ray Bailey for his help in this area. Other maintenance issues, such as replacement of slabs in the paths around the church hall and complying with Health and Safety laws concerning asbestos have been carried out. An audit has been undertaken to assess our response so far to the requirements of the Disability Discrimination Act (DDA). The report compiled was very thorough and the P.C.C. is looking at ways to put the suggestions to come from that into practice. In September we heard about plans for a check-up of our environmental practices.

Plans for the Mission week at the end of June were discussed in detail and other ideas for later in the year were also aired. After the Mission week, positive comments were received about every event which took place.

In July the P.C.C. decided to spend some time at every third meeting focusing on one aspect of church life. To this end, part of the September meeting was taken up with a discussion on Youth and Children's work and how best to develop this.

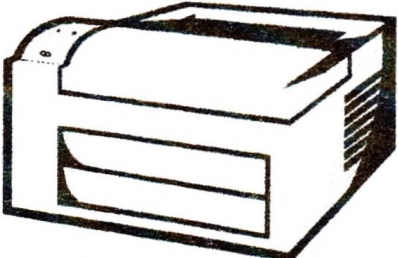
The P.C.C. also discussed an idea to encourage each other to share our worldly goods. This idea is being developed and plans will be shared with each congregation on Harvest Sunday in October. The Area Dean visited in the summer and his suggestion for tighter security in the church is being looked into.

Other items discussed included:

- Charitable Giving
- Upgrading the Sound System
- Sunday morning coffee
- Our financial commitment to the youth project
- Car parking facilities
- David's proposed trip to Kenya and plans for David Kereto to visit us.

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4. To listen to the prayers - adopt them as your own - beware of wandering thoughts and formality
5. To respond aloud with the Clerk; this will help to keep up your attention and devotion
6. To stand up during the singing and to unite in it with the best endeavour to produce congregational Psalmody
7. To remember you are praying for others as well as yourself
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These instructions would have had rather more authority than might have been expected, since Reverend William Smythe was not only the Incumbent but also the Lord of the Manor. He owned the whole village, so his congregation would seldom include anyone who was not a member of his family, or his employee, or his tenant.

*Martin Loft*

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A curate lost his voice at the local football match one Saturday and being due to preach the next morning, he thought he should call in and consult the vicar. So he rang the vicarage bell and the door was answered by a very attractive teenage daughter.



"Is the vicar in?" the curate managed to whisper very quietly.

"No," she whispered back, thinking she had got the message. "Come on in!"

*From the Parish Pump*

## YOU MET THEM IN THE PAGES OF THE BIBLE NICODEMUS

The subject of this month's article appears only in John's gospel and then on just three occasions. However, the significance is greater than those three references might suggest, both for the discussion he had with Jesus and the strand of Jewish life from which he came and the way that coloured his reaction to the Lord.

Like the apostle Paul, Nicodemus was a Pharisee. The word has come to mean somebody who is self-righteous and perhaps a hypocrite, in popular parlance. That is really to do an injustice to the originals, although it has to be said that they were prominent in opposing and persecuting Jesus.

Pharisees were experts in Jewish law, ceremonial and ethical, and as such sought both to keep meticulously, and teach it to their contemporaries. Thus when Jesus and his disciples went for a walk through a cornfield, and the disciples idly picked ears of corn, it was Pharisees who accused them of breaking the law relating to Sabbath.



*Pharisees discuss a scroll of the Torah, or Law*

Nicodemus was one such, and a prominent and respected Pharisee, as he was also a member of the Jewish ruling council, Sanhedrin - the highest court of the Jews, that carried both judicial and administrative powers. His personal background may well have been wider than his Jewish heritage, as his name is Greek, meaning "ruler of the people".

He is first referred to by John as approaching Jesus by night



(in chap. 3). The suggestion is that Nicodemus did not want to be seen publicly in conversation with Jesus, and so he chose a private time. Perhaps the meeting occurred in the Garden of Gethsemane, a quiet place Jesus often resorted to at the end of the day when in Jerusalem.

His approach is a polite reference to Jesus' powers. In reply Jesus does not engage in the niceties of small talk, but immediately refers to the necessity of being born again to enter (or even see) the Kingdom of God.

Nicodemus' real issue was, "How can I really know God in the way that You do? You speak about the kingdom of God - what is the reality of this?" Jesus, in one of the bluntest of his discourses, tells Nicodemus that for him, and indeed all of us, the necessity is that we are born again, or born from above. Jesus did not come to undertake some form of moral reformation. He came to impart life to the believer, which until he or she is reborn by the Holy Spirit, nobody has. Without that life, entry into the Kingdom of God is impossible.

Nicodemus did not immediately grasp these things.

*You are Israel's teacher and do you not understand these things?* (John chap. 3 verse 10)

We are left to presume that Nicodemus left pondering on this conversation and its implications both for his life and his role in Jewish society.



He next appears in John chapter 7, when the Pharisees are discussing with the temple guards why they had not arrested Jesus. Nicodemus makes a low key observation in Jesus' defence, pointing out that Jesus should be given the opportunity to defend Himself. Nicodemus' colleagues turn on him and sneeringly suggest that he must come from Galilee too. Whether he ever put his trust in Jesus, and became a disciple is never made clear. However, it would certainly seem that he was prepared to speak up on Jesus' behalf, on this occasion, knowing well the reaction he was likely to receive. His final appearance in the gospel is right at the end, in chapter 19. Nicodemus accompanied Joseph of Arimathea in taking Jesus' body for burial. It was Nicodemus who provided 75lbs (a considerable amount, worth a great deal of money) of myrrh and aloes for embalming. John comments that Joseph was a secret disciple, for fear of the Jews. Perhaps Nicodemus was in a similar position.



*The Garden Tomb in  
Jerusalem, possible  
burial place for Jesus*

What happened to him subsequently? We have no sure knowledge of that. There is an apocryphal gospel attributed to



him and various traditions assert that he became a faithful and open disciple. His encounters with Jesus that we do know about, speak to us today of the challenges facing any of us, in openly following the Saviour and the need that is common to us all - whatever our background, to be born again of the Holy Spirit. In Nicodemus' case, his devout background was not what the Lord was looking for, rather it was the openness to the work of the Holy Spirit within. So it is today.

*David Rhodes*

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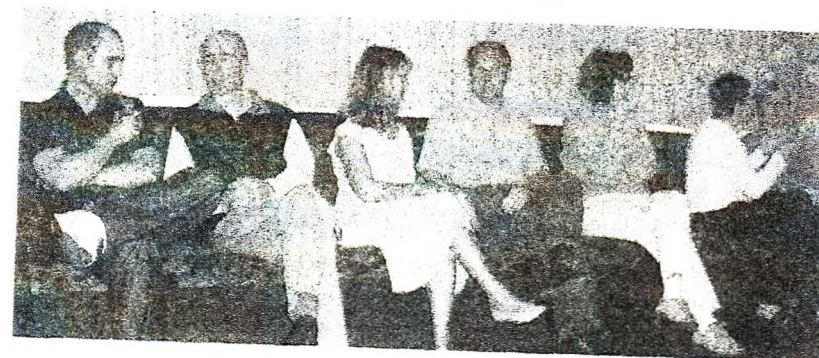
The curate went to the bank and asked for a statement of his account, adding, "We want to know how far afield we can go for our holiday." Handing his statement, the cashier enquired very gently: "Have you got a field at the back of your garden, sir?"



*Taken from Parish Pump*



From Scarborough



Lots of talking and listening



More talking and listening and lots of eating !

*Editor*



# By Request

*At my request John Collie continues with more of his experiences during 50 years in the service of the Church. Editor*

## **What is the Lee Abbey Youth Camp?**

In the years when I was the Leader of this Youth Camp, it was run for two consecutive fortnights each August. Each fortnight catered for 120 young people aged between 16-25 (in fact the vast majority were between 16 and 20 years) and was more or less equally divided between boys and girls. To support and work with me, I harvested in the preceeding twelve months, a team of up to 48 profoundly dedicated men and women, culled from a wide variety of walks of life - nurses, teachers, students; one I recall was a barrister from Sheffield. All surrendered two or four weeks of their annual holiday to help run the camp.

It was a tented camp; in the girl's lines there were six girls and one leader per tent; in the boy's lines there were seven boys and one leader per tent. Why the difference? The girls brought too much gear to fit seven in a tent!

The leaders held other responsibilities besides particular physical and spiritual care for those in their tent. Some worked in the catering side; all food was cooked on open fires for which wood had to be chopped up; the latrines and wash tents had to be serviced daily; vegetables had to be prepared; social activities set up; the big marquee re-seated continually for the next event, etc. etc.. On one evening, sandwich lunches had to be prepared for the entire Camp, ready for the next day's 25 mile walk to the Doone Valley and back. (And, yes, I led one half of the Camp on this !!)

The young people came from all over the country, some encouraged to go by their Churches. By no means did all come from a Church background. One year we had a gang of boys aged 16-19 from Peckham in a deprived part of South London;

they called themselves, "The Peckham Slobs". They had no previous Church connections, but a wonderful work of God's grace was done in their lives.

The huge field in which the Camp took place is on the 300 acre estate of Lee Abbey, just outside Lynton in North Devon, in one of the most beautiful and unspoilt pieces of countryside. One side of the field was bounded by a fence guarding a sheer drop to the estate's private bay below. Surrounded by such beauty, cared for by a Christian team of volunteer leaders, prayed for by the Lee Abbey Community in the House at the top of the hill and by the 8,000 Lee Abbey Friends of Christ worldwide, it was not surprising that so many young eyes were opened to God's love and found it possible to make an enthusiastic response to Him.

I recall sitting on a bank in the field talking with a 17 year old boy. "It's so peaceful here," he said. That would hardly have been my description of a camp with some 140 high-spirited young people! It transpired that he was the son of a church organist, but his home was one of acute tension and constant bickering. He was in that field discovering and responding to the peace of God.

Each evening Campers and Team members met in the large marquee for an Epilogue, geared to their levels of experience and understanding, on the basics of the Christian message. They came along en masse. The message of the Epilogue was followed up in each tent before lights out in free and open discussion. Would it surprise you to know that the Epilogue subject which opened up Campers' hearts and minds to the Gospel was the one on "Personal Relationships"? There is a gospel about sex - and they embraced it with both wonder and relief.

Each morning I led a Bible Study in the Chapel tent. Those who came had to get up three quarters of an hour earlier than the others. Originally I expected to see a handful turn up. In the event, there were often about 100 and never less than 70 who came.



The purposes of the Camps were evangelistic and pastoral. The effectiveness of the Camps was due to the quality of life evidenced by the Team members and the solid prayer support from outside as well as within the Camps. Even writing about it all, I am acutely aware that I am treading on holy ground.

*John Collie*

P.S. I have written this article entirely in the past tense since I am describing events of some years ago. But I have no reason whatsoever to believe that the aims and practice of these camps today has changed in any respect. Details have certainly altered. But not the vision.

*Our youth worker, Matt Conant, is finding that sleepovers and week-ends away in addition to weekly youth club, present opportunities for evangelism, working and praying together, showing "that Christianity is fun, is relevant and is accessible". ( see Youth work news page 15) We can help by praying for God's blessing on all that Matt is doing. Editor*

### **God Supreme**

So here we worship and adore  
Creator who made more and more  
Our source of life, the breath of air  
The One who gives His constant care  
The One who always gives His love  
Who reigns supreme, who is above  
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Must accept His lowly state  
Our Lord of life to You we raise  
Our grateful song our thankful praise  
Honour, glory, our praises teem  
To the great God who reigns supreme.

*Viv Filleul*

### **How the American space programme proved the reality of two miracles recorded in the Old Testament.**

This was related by Harold Hill, consultant in the space programme. The scientists were checking the position of the sun, moon and planets. They needed to know where they would be in 100 and 1000 years. The computer showed there was an error with the information given or with their results. It transpired that there was a day missing in space in elapsed time.

Eventually a Christian remembered from Sunday School being told about the sun standing still. When he looked in the Bible he found in the book of Joshua 10: 8, where the Lord said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of them, I have given them into your hand. Not one of them will be able to withstand you." In verse 12 Joshua asked for the sun and moon to stand still and in the next verse it describes that it did for "about a full day".

At first they thought this was the answer but they found that the elapsed time in Joshua's day was 23 hours and 20 minutes. The Bible had said 'about' which means approximately. Thus there was a missing 40 minutes. It was vital to find this since it would be multiplied several times over the orbits.

The Christian thought again and remembered the Bible saying the sun went BACKWARD. In 2Kings 20:9-11 the prophet Isaiah visited Hezekiah on his death-bed and told him that he was going to die. Hezekiah prayed to the Lord to save his life. As Isaiah was leaving, the Lord asked him to return and tell Hezekiah that his prayers would be answered. The King asked for a sign as proof that the Lord would keep His promise. Isaiah said, "Shall the shadow go forward ten steps (i.e. degrees) or shall it go back ten steps" . . . . . And the Lord made the shadow (that is the sun) go back the ten steps it had gone down on the stairway.

These ten degrees were exactly forty minutes, which together with the 23 hours 20 minutes in Joshua 10:12 makes the missing day in the universe.

*Gay Riley*



## **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:

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 October 31st 2004**

**Name to be remembered .....**

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

**Favourite Hymn .....**

Please return completed forms to David Rhodes at the Vicarage

## **from the Registers**

**Baptism:** July 11th Joseph Alexander Thomas Cryan  
of 45 Sunnyvale Road

**Blessing and  
Thanksgiving:** Sept. 12th Matthew Daniel Giles  
of 54 Old Hay Close

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

Oct. 8th Katie May Bosworth  
Oct. 8th Christopher William Jackson  
Oct. 14th Samantha Kate Turner  
Oct. 14th Grace Victoria Hadabora  
Oct. 20th Jacob Andrew Wright  
Oct. 20th Holly Emma Wright

**Weddings:** July 31st David Rodney Ledger and  
Christina Francesca Pearson  
of Totley Grange Drive

**Funerals:** July 14th Edward (Ted) Blackburn  
of Edmund Avenue, Bradway  
Sept. 10th John Russell  
of 18 Main Avenue

The next Memorial Service will be held on October 31st 2004. 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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## FLOWER LIST OCTOBER 2004

	Alter	Memory Table
3rd	Cell Group	Mrs. Monfredi
10th	Mrs. B. Waite	Mrs. Scott
17th	Cell Group	Mrs. Cooke
24th	Mrs. Ruthven	Cell Group
31st	Mrs. Hazelhurst	Cell Group

## DIARY DATES - OCTOBER 2004

4th	Cell Leaders meeting	Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
6th	Over 50's Keep Fit class	Hall 2.00 p.m.
7th	Alpha course starts -	Dore Old School 7.30 p.m.
9th	Cell Leaders' Prayers	Hall 8.00 a.m.
10th	Chatsworth Sponsored Walk (Sight Savers)	
10th	Buffet Tea at Dore & Totley URC	5.30 p.m.
	followed by service at 6.30 p.m.	with Bishop Cyril
10th	Sunday Youth Group	Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m.
11th	P.C.C. Meeting	Lounge 8.00 p.m.
12th	Ladies Coffee Morning	Lounge 10.00 a.m.
13th	Over 50's Keep Fit class	Hall 2.00 p.m.
18th	Last day for items for the Nov. magazine	
20th	Over 50's Keep Fit class	Hall 2.00 p.m.
24th	Sunday Youth Group	Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m.
25th	Collation of magazine from 9.30 a.m.	
26th	Martha and Mary group	Lounge 10.30 p.m.
27th	Over 50's Keep Fit class	Hall 2.00 p.m.

**Final Date for items for Nov. : October 18th 2004**

## Sayings for Stillness

"Neither do I condemn you."

(John 8 : 11)



## ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL

<b>Sunday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Creche (under 3's)	
		Josee Shaw	236 2481
		The Alive Gang (3 to 13 years)	
		Steve Spendlove	236 1752
	6.30 – 8.30 p.m.	Sunday Youth Group (2nd & 4th)	
		<del>Gay Riley</del>	236 6884
<b>Monday:</b>	10.00 a.m.	Drop in Coffee	
		Marjorie & Maurice Snowdon	236 2822
	10.00 a.m.	Toddler Group	
		? Jo 262 0741 or Sharon	236 9639
	5.45 - 6.45 p.m.	Rainbows	
		<del>Heather Johnson</del>	235 0978
	7.00 p.m.	Guides	
		Maureen Allum	235 1262
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10.30 a.m.	Martha & Mary Group (4th)	
		Sheila Eke	236 7457
	10.00 a.m.	Ladies Coffee Morning (2nd)	
		Ann Ruthven	236 8643
<b>Wed'day:</b>	10.00 a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group	
		<del>Vieki Waite</del>	236 6789
	2.00 p.m.	Ladies Keep Fit	
		Val Simpson	236 1483
<b>Thursday:</b>	10.00 a.m.	Toddler Praise (fortnightly)	
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## From the Vicarage



Dear Friends

So December is here again. Perhaps it's my age, but it certainly seems to come round faster and faster each year. Recently on Remembrance Sunday we spent some time reflecting on our memories of the past, our challenges in the present and our hopes for the future. This time of year, with Christmas celebrations and the onset of a new year encourages such reflection.

For most of us memories of the year will include some highs and lows, some laughter and tears, some satisfactions and some disappointment. For some it will be a year you wish to forget. One event, or a sequence of events, have made it very difficult for you, and you welcome the sense of fresh start that comes with 1st January. For others, there will have been a birth, or a marriage, or a new start that has worked out so well, and the year is one to cherish. For most of us we have added to our memories this year, and these memories will help shape what we are and how we react to the challenges of tomorrow.

Tomorrow is, of course, a closed book. We may have plans, or even predictions. We may be working hard to achieve a particular goal, but the reality is we have no idea what tomorrow holds. However, what holds true for us all, is that the choices and decisions that we take today will colour the way we handle tomorrow. As we build habits, as we choose wisely or unwisely today, so we pave the way for tomorrow.

In John's Gospel chapter 10, Jesus looked back at the religious leaders of the Jewish nation in past years. He likened them to thieves and robbers, who wished to exploit the flock entrusted to them, and who would flee at the first hint of trouble. But entrusting one's life to Him, Jesus said, was the pathway to the most abundant life. Choices made in the past had meant that a nation had been left floundering in a spiritual vacuum, not knowing where to find real peace, faith and hope. It is not so different today. Our instinctive cry to find a spiritual home so easily goes in the wrong direction. Statistics published last October reveal that 12 million of us are football fans, of whom 67% are so tied up with their interest that they experience significant depression at the end of the season, and 75% say that football is the most important thing in their lives. 86% plan their lives around games.

I like a game of football, both to play and to watch, as well as the next man. But I know that it will never satisfy my cry for a spiritual home. It will never give me abundant life. It, or any other human interest of concern, will never be the water that I may drink and never thirst again.

Only Jesus will and must do that for us. That same Jesus who has tasted the width and depth of human experience from the cradle onwards. That Jesus, who in a few short miles and a few short years travelled from the Bethlehem manger to the Jerusalem tomb, by way of a cross. That same Jesus, who still calls us to follow Him.

So as a new year unfolds, will you walk into it in His company, under His influence, going His way? Whatever the past may have contained, He invites us at this, and every season, to centre our future around Him.

Happy Christmas



**Sunday and Midweek Services December 2004.****1st Wednesday Service**

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

**5th Second Sunday in Advent.**

Theme:- Compassionate Volunteers International

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 Third Sunday in Advent**

Theme:- Who is least in the Kingdom of Heaven?

9.30 a.m. All Age Worship

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

3.00 p.m. Christingle Service

**15th Wednesday Service**

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

**19th Fourth Sunday in Advent**

10.00 a.m. Christmas Presentation by the children and young people

3.30 p.m. Informal Service at the Cheshire Home

6.30 p.m. Carol Service

**22nd Wednesday Service**

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

**24th Christmas Eve**

4.00 p.m. Crib Service

11.30 p.m. Holy Communion

**25th Christmas Day**

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

9.30 a.m. Family Worship

**26th Boxing Day**

10.00 a.m. Baptism followed by shortened Holy Communion

**29th Wednesday Service**

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

**Sunday and Midweek Services January 2005****2nd****Second Sunday of Christmas**

Theme:- A cause for thanks

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****First Sunday of Epiphany**

Theme:- Wisdom that counts (All local churches will be exchanging pulpits)

9.30 a.m.

All Age Worship

11.00 a.m.

Holy Communion

6.30 p.m.

Evening Prayer

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

10.00 a.m.

Holy Communion (B.C.P.)

**16th****Second Sunday of Epiphany**

Theme:- Dangerous divisions

9.30 a.m.

All Age All Together

11.00 a.m.

Holy Communion

3.30 p.m.

Informal Service at the Cheshire Home

7.30 p.m.

Healing Service

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

10.00 a.m.

Holy Communion (B.C.P.)

**23rd****Third Sunday of Epiphany**

Theme:- Questions of morality

9.30 a.m.

Family Communion

11.15 a.m.

Morning Prayer

6.30 p.m.

Holy Communion

**26th****Wednesday Service**

10.00 a.m.

Holy Communion (B.C.P.)

**30th****Fourth Sunday of Epiphany**

Theme:- Am I meant to be like everybody else?

9.30 a.m.

All Age Worship

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Holy Communion

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Memorial Service



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## **Amy's Testimony**



During the parish weekend in Scarborough in September, I was resting in my room; I was reading Matthew, the feeding of the five thousand, when I had the feeling that someone was there with me. It's not the first time that I have had that feeling. I felt a pair of arms round my shoulders; it was as though a really big burden had been taken off my shoulders. I was really angry with God for taking my friend away from me so soon. I had a feeling of a wonderful peace, love and joy. My friend Camilla and I used to go to classical concerts together and to the theatre - we had been friends for seven years. One Saturday, we spent the day together. She made me lunch and we watched a video of Bridget Jones Diary and also she lent me the book. That was the night she died. When Camilla died, I could not grieve properly or get it off my chest, but now I can because I have been changed and healed.

Sue Hope was talking about how we hide our feelings behind a veil, like pain, upset, hurt and grief, I realised that I had been doing that myself.

I now know that God only looks at the heart. He only looks on the inside because he knows what sort of people we are.

*Amy Wrigglesworth*



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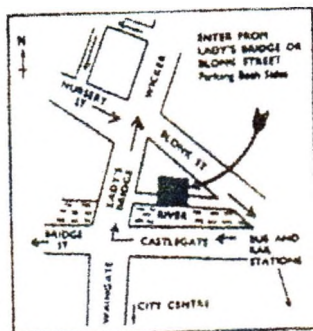
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## Christmas Card



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during December for you to sign and so  
send greetings to each other instead of  
buying individual cards.

**Any money saved may be donated to charity.**

***Please put your donation in an envelope near the card.***

The Christmas card will be prepared by Jane Needham and her  
chosen charity is 'Kenya'.

You may remember that David, our vicar, visited Naisoya two years  
ago and has been invited to go again in the New Year.  
Along with the education work being done by Pastor David Kereto, a  
small eight bedded Medical Centre has been built in Naisoya for Mi-  
nor Surgery as well as Mother and Baby and Preventative Medicine  
facilities.

The nearest hospital is some way along very bumpy tracks by usu-  
ally inadequate transport. Consequently there were greater risks of  
complications.

Now that the community has its own Unit and that Totley All Saints  
has a link with that community and offers financial

support for educational needs, I felt it would  
be appropriate for us to offer our card-  
donations to provide for more comfort or  
medicines for the babies and  
toddlers. *Jane Needham*





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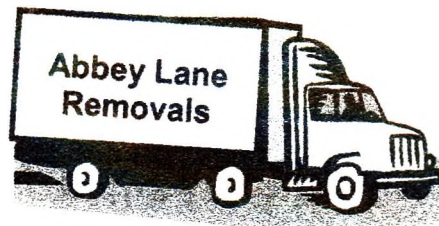
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As people walked in procession to the War Memorial in warm sunshine, the familiar sound of the bagpipes greeted us.

After the list of Totley men and women, who died in the wars, was read out, a young lady member of our church played the Last Post.

The Silence followed and the now famous words:

*They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old.  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning -  
**We will remember them.***

The reveille was sounded and wreaths were laid at the foot of the cross.

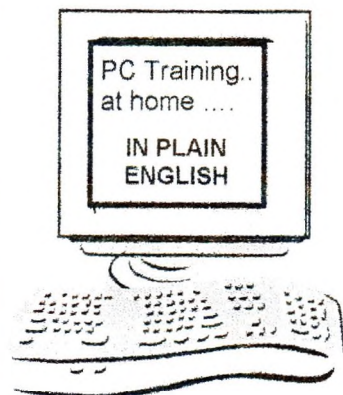
*Prayers for Peace, Relief of Want and Suffering and Guidance from our Saviour to give us Wisdom, Courage, Hope and to keep us Faithful to our Pledge* were said together.

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## School News

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Dr. Yvonne Twelvetree, the head teacher of All Saints' School at Christmas time.

We all will miss her.

Her management skills and promotion of 'team spirit' leave the school in good shape for her successor, Bev. Houghton, who will take over after Christmas.

Our loss will be Rivelin School's gain!

## From the Editor

I want to thank all the people who help with the collation and deliver the magazines ten times each year.

The next magazine will be February 2005 and yearly subscriptions will then be due for collection.

Many of the people who help with the magazine collation and deliveries are 'mature' and some are reaching the age when they need to retire from the above activities.

We need at least two 'younger' people to make deliveries in the **Marstone Crescent** and **Aldam Road** area to take out approximately 10 magazines each. **Please help if you can.**

When you use the services of our advertisers, please make it known that you found their advertisement in All Saints' News. This will help them renew their advertisement and so give us the revenue to maintain the church printing and magazine.

I wish everyone a Happy Christmas - do come and join us to celebrate the birth of Jesus - and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

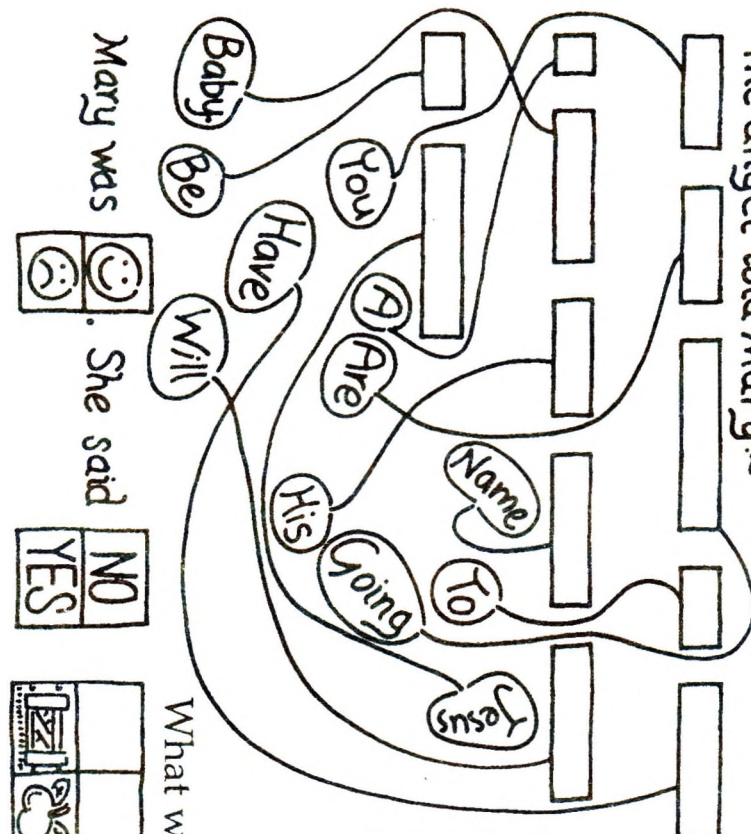
Heather is well. She is busy with a course of training for the Higher Level Teaching Assistant certificate.

I am working with my eldest daughter, Christine, researching the family tree. I wonder what secrets we will uncover?

*Jeanne*

# THE ANGEL VISITS MARY

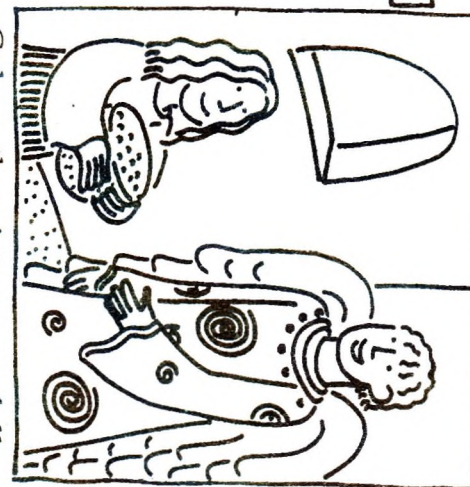
The angel told Mary:-



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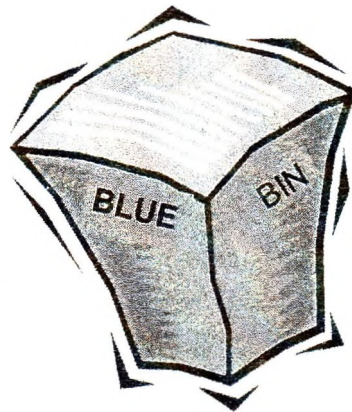


## Green Light for All Saints?

There has been a growing awareness that, as churches worshipping a Creator God who gave us the earth and pronounced it good, we should be at the forefront of action to save it from the current abuses endangering both us and our world. In July, Archbishop Rowan Williams gave a lecture on the environment, stressing the need to intervene in order to avert a global ecological crisis that could put "our viability as a species at stake".

### What should we do?

The place to start is with ourselves, individually and corporately. As individuals, it may often seem that there is little we can do. But the cumulative effect of many little things does make a big difference. For example, at this time of year, cards and presents in beautiful wrapping are eagerly anticipated. After the 25<sup>th</sup>, they become rubbish – unless recycled into more useful and beautiful objects. About 83 km<sup>2</sup> of wrapping paper is thrown away every Christmas – enough to cover Guernsey. So this year, please give your blue bin a 'present' and make sure all that paper doesn't go to waste.



### Let me know if it helps.

I would like to make this column a regular feature of our magazine, with some useful tips on how we can be more "green" at home.

Corporately, the Christian church is one of the largest organisations in the world. Together we can make a huge difference. The Sheffield Diocesan Environmental Group was

formed earlier this year, following a motion passed by the local diocese. Of its four initial aims, the first is to assist local churches to undertake Environmental 'Check-ups'. As reported in last month's magazine, All Saints is to be one of the first in Sheffield to do our own Check-up. This is a simple survey of what we are currently doing as a church, in order to produce some idea of where we could develop an environmental ministry. Volunteers of all ages can take part, so if you would like to be involved, please see Deborah Hewitt (tel: 236 8159).

### Why should we do something?

The following excerpts may provide food for thought:

Mission statement of All Saints Totley:

to love God,  
to love each other  
**to love a broken world.**

The Five Marks of Mission formulated at the 1988 Lambeth conference:

- Mark 1: To proclaim the good news of the kingdom
- Mark 2: To teach, baptise and nurture new believers
- Mark 3: To respond to human need by loving service
- Mark 4: **To seek to transform unjust structures of society**
- Mark 5: **To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation; to sustain and renew the life of the earth**

The following extract is from an address by Rev. John Stott:

### Caring For God's World

#### The Biblical imperative for conservation

Scripture tells us both that "the earth is the Lord's" (Psalm 24:1) and that He "has given it to man" (Psalm 115:16). These assertions do not contradict one another. The earth belongs to God by creation and us by delegation. This does not mean



that He has handed it over to us in such a way as to relinquish His own rights over it, but that He has delegated to us the responsibility to preserve and develop the earth on His behalf. How then should we relate to the earth? If we remember both its creation by God and its delegation to us, we will avoid two opposite extremes and instead develop a third and better relationship to nature.

First, we will avoid the *deification* of nature. This is the mistake of pantheists, who identify the Creator with His creation, of animists who populate the natural world with spirits and of the New Age Gaia movement which attributes to nature its own self. But all such confusions are derogatory to the Creator. The Christian de-sacrilizing of nature (the recognition that it is creation, not Creator) was an indispensable prelude to the whole scientific enterprise and is essential to the development of the earth's resources today. We *respect* nature because God made it; we do not *reverence* nature as if it were God and inviolable.

Secondly, we must avoid the *exploitation* of nature, which is the opposite extreme...to behave arrogantly towards it, as if we were God. Genesis 1 has been unjustly blamed for environmental irresponsibility. It is true that God commissioned the human race to "have dominion" over the earth and "subdue it" (Genesis 1:26-28) and

that these two Hebrew verbs are forceful. But it would be absurd to imagine that He who *created* the earth, then handed it over to be *destroyed*. No, the dominion God has given us is a responsible stewardship, not a destructive domination.

The third and correct relationship between human beings and nature is that of *co-operation*. God has deliberately humbled Himself to make this divine-human partnership necessary. He

**C**reator, Redeemer, Sustainer

**A**lert nations, enthuse churches

**R**ecieve our commitment and so  
entwine our lives with Your  
purpose

**E**arth and heaven will then sing  
of your glory.  
**Amen**

created the earth but told us to subdue it. He planted the garden but put Adam in it "to work it and take care of it" (Genesis 2:15). We are not only to conserve the environment, but also to develop its resources for the common good [of all peoples of the world].

It is a noble calling to co-operate with God for the fulfilment of His purposes, to transform the created order for the pleasure and profit of all. In this way our work is to be an expression of our worship, since our care of the creation will reflect our love for the Creator.

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*Deborah Hewitt*

### The Eco-Congregation story.

Eco-Congregation was developed from a Pilot Study involving churches from across Britain and Ireland and dedicated in a service at St. Paul's Cathedral in September 2000.

A tree was planted in the churchyard to mark the occasion. The ecumenical service was led by senior church leaders and included a sermon preached by the Bishop of London. Eco-Congregation Scotland was dedicated in a service at Dunblane Cathedral in March 2001.

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## News from P.C.C. Meetings

The October meeting of the P.C.C. was very busy with lots of issues being discussed:

- Insurance matters, primarily concerning the projection system but also updating our policy in general.
- Children's work and matters such as training, Criminal Records Bureau, and leaders for Sunday mornings.
- Share Circle – administration and setting up
- Feedback from the Scarborough week-end
- Church 80<sup>th</sup> birthday preparations – provision of food, safety issues regarding fireworks, setting up etc.
- Youth Club
- Maintenance matters such as lighting the paths, switches to control the lighting and laying of slabs
- Dog fouling of the church grounds. As children play on the grass around the church and hall, this is a problem. New signs will be bought and erected to remind dog owners of their responsibilities.

At the November meeting, a great deal of time was spent in looking at our financial position and in setting a budget for 2005. We considered the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations and we would like to thank everyone involved in making the occasion such a success. We also looked at the plans for services in December and for celebrating Christmas.

The PCC take a break in December and will next meet in the middle of January.

*Jane Lawry* PCC Secretary

The little boy was to be an angel in the school play and his line was "Behold, I bring you good tidings."

He asked what *tidings* were and his mother explained that it meant *news*.

On the night of the play, the youngster had stage fright and, after a long silence, blurted out, "Hey, have I got news for you!"

## What would I do without You ?

What would I do if I didn't have You

To take my worries away ?

Who would I turn to when I'm alone ?

Who'd be there for me everyday ?

I might say I don't need you when angered or stressed

Or shout at You lots when I am distressed

But it's then that I need You to put me at rest

When I ask for forgiveness I soon feel blessed

I know that You're always out there

Looking out for me

No matter what wrongs I do

You'll give me TLC.

I love You and I always will,

Deep down in my heart

Whatever distance I am from home

We'll never be apart

If I ever have doubts about my life

Or about the things I do

I know that I just ask for help

And Your guidance will lead me through

My heart will overflow with love

My eyes brim with tears of joy

My hands will be used to worship You

To do work that I enjoy

I will spend all my life with You

Your love will never end

I'll live my life to do Your work

My Jesus, my God, my friend.

Natalie Booth

age 14





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Thank you to my friends at All Saints for their concern and loving support while I have been ill during this last summer.

*Hazel*

### Tear Fund

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*Dorothy Firth*



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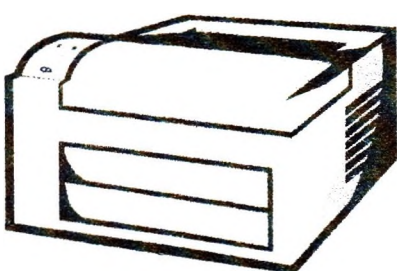


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at the back of the Church for  
any written prayer requests.



### **The star**

*Viv Filleul*

I say old friends do you see where  
A star that hangs in't heavens there ?  
A star I say that is new born  
That shines so bright though it is morn.



I'm sure 'twas not there yesterday  
Now there's a legend so they say  
Something about a baby king  
And hope of peace that he would bring

Could this be time I want to know  
The star - now has it come to show  
The birthplace of this special babe  
The one they say, the world he'll save ?



So come old friends let us depart  
And on this epic journey start  
Let's go and find this baby where  
\*We can give Him due honour there

So let's set out with confidence  
Although this journey makes no sense  
Now stir your steeds and then prepare  
Consult your almanacs with great care



With special gifts now we'll set out  
And find what this is all about  
With faith and trust we now are seeking  
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## Sabbatical

I'm grateful that after Christmas I will be privileged to have a time of sabbatical from ministry with All Saints' Totley. Many folk have asked "what does it mean?" Well, in a word "Rest". Why have one? To take stock of the gifts God has given me and to evaluate my ministry and seek guidance as how God would have it developed. Also to recharge my physical, mental and spiritual batteries as well as allow others to recognise their gifts and be enabled to exercise them.

It's ten years since Debbie and I came to Totley with Becky and David. Our ministry has been varied: children's work through Sunday school, Trailblazers and J Team. We've both been members of PCC and on a practical level I have done what I can in the church hall and as sound system coordinator. I was three years a student at Cliff College including taking part in and leading over ten missions. Leaving college four years ago I was licensed as Lay Parish Evangelist with responsibility for *Alpha* and member of church Leadership Team. Most recently it was a joy to be part of the preparation for and undertaking of 'Time4God' mission.

We're not moving house or stopping our day jobs! In fact I've recently taken on more responsibility in my work. So what happens during a sabbatical?

Well here are some ideas that I've had so far:

- Pray in a more disciplined manner and seek God's will for our future ministry
- Go on a retreat to aid the above and recharge spiritual batteries
- Read more – especially around contemporary ways of being church
- Take up a pastime with Debbie – something neither of us has been involved with before or knows much about
- Explore the Marriage Course as potential joint ministry and productive pre *Alpha* programme
- Improve my guitar playing and golf swing!





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- Worship with other churches to be able to receive and deepen relationship with Jesus
- Explore ways of loving a broken world in a relevant and practical way

I have been concerned for some time about the last point and sign off with this quote from material produced by The Besom:

'...as I passed through the gateway, I would begin to hear, as never before, the cries of the poorest and the most excluded on this planet – cries for food, cries for mercy, cries for justice, cries for love – my love... I find that I cannot close my ears to those cries. They are not deafening so much as urgent, heart rending and desperate.'

It seems to me the road ahead begins with the question: How can I live as I do when those who send up these agonising cries to an all-loving God live as they do? May God the Father continue to bless us all through Jesus our saviour in the power of the Holy Spirit as we seek to love him, love each other and love a broken world. In His service,

*Ric.*

**Church signs:**

**In the dark ?  
Follow the Son**

**This is a ch--ch.  
What is missing ?  
(U R)**

**Running low on faith ?  
Step in for a fill-up !**



# Christmas Celebrations



December  
10 and 11th

Carols by  
Candlelight  
(see page 15)

12th

Christingle  
(see page 11)  
(no evening service)

3.00 p.m.

14th

Old Folks Tea  
followed by  
Christmas Songs

4.00 p.m.

5.00 p.m.

19th

Children's  
Performance  
(one service)

10.00 a.m.

19th

Carol Service

6.30 p.m.

December  
24th

Crib Service

4.00 p.m.

24th

Holy Communion

11.30 p.m.

25th

Holy Communion

8.00 a.m.

25th

Family Worship

9.30 a.m.

26th

Baptism Service  
followed by shortened  
Holy Communion

10.00 a.m.





## Youth work news for S17 churches

### King Egberts

#### Assembly

Respect is unfortunately something we see very little of these days and it is exactly that subject that I have been challenging the youngsters on lately at King Egberts. In the assemblies, I have encouraged the students to think about why people disrespect each other in the world today? I shared that I believe one reason for this is the lack of understanding of one another. We often think that we are being shown disrespect when actually we are failing to understand where the other person is coming from or are allowing our prejudices to intervene. I gave an example of getting home from school after a really bad day. They flop in their chair only to be shrieked at by their mother to go and tidy their room. They see their mother shouting at them as disrespectful to how they are feeling and after they have screamed back at their mother, she sees them as disrespectful to her. But of course she doesn't know the day they have just had. If they understood each other at that moment, neither would have shown or felt disrespect. I challenged the students on this principle to think about how they treat each other. Why is there so much racism and hostility between students? I think the answer is because they don't take time to understand each other, to learn how to give and take and develop mutual respect. I finished the assembly explaining that Jesus told the people, above all things, to love one another.



I pray that the students at King Egberts will learn to do this and that our community will as well.

### Sponsored Walk

Joel and I had a great day giving out lollipops to all the students who went on the 13 mile sponsored walk last month. There is no better way to meet every student personally and to bless them with a small gift. Relational work is so vital in enabling the young people to listen to the message we bring them. They will take it in so much more if they know the face behind the message.

### Rock Solid

We are continuing to move on with both of our groups. Upper Level have looked at many of the basics of Christianity as well as continuing to take part in their own Rock Solid activities. We hope to take this group away for a weekend next year. Rock Solid has just had a night out bowling. The numbers have settled down from the 40+ we were getting at the beginning of the term, to about 25 on average a week.

### Detached Work

This work has been a struggle, as detached work often is. We have sometimes struggled to locate where the group is and also the other person that helps me is sometimes not able to come due to other commitments. But we will continue trying as we feel it is important to show the youth of our community that we do care about them and their welfare.

*Matt Conant*

When the restaurant next to the church put out a big sign with red letters that said, 'Open Sundays', the church reciprocated with its own message:





## Christmas Greetings to everyone at All Saints' from Joan Stratford

It really seems like only yesterday that I was typing last year's message, how time flies! I was very disappointed that I couldn't join you for the Church's 80th Birthday celebration last month, I am sure it was a wonderful occasion. Life for me has continued to be busy, with a School Inspection each term, I am fortunate that I manage to get ones which are either in Sheffield or fairly close by. My role as the Diocesan representative on numerous committees also continues. I regularly thank God that I am able to cope with so many activities.

As I said last year, one of the advantages of retirement is being free to travel. In June I enjoyed a holiday in Spain with two female friends. In July and August, Nick and I, accompanied by our friends Dorothy and Eric Streeter, spent 3½ weeks touring Canada, the highlight being our train journey over the Canadian Rockies on the 'Rocky Mountaineer'. Recently we have enjoyed some welcome sunshine in the Canary Islands.

However, the highlight of the year was the arrival of another granddaughter, Grace Elizabeth, born on September 14th (Dorothy Simons' 80th birthday). I greatly enjoyed spending time with Kate, Bruce and Ruth in Northumberland in the weeks following the birth.

It is always good to have news of you all at Totley. I am particularly grateful to receive information of ex-pupils of All Saints' School. It means a great deal to be told of exam results and future career plans, it shows appreciation of the contribution of our efforts at the school. I was greatly saddened to hear of the death of Ted Blackburn, he had made such a valuable contribution to All Saints' Church in years gone by and he was such a lovely gentleman. Dorothy is missing him and I am sure will appreciate support from Church members.

I would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a blessed Christmas and happy and healthy New Year 2005. May God bless you all.

*Joan Stratford*

## Not even a Stable

Those who attended a recent meeting of the United Nations Association at Totley Rise Methodist Church heard heart-rending stories by speakers from the local charity called ASSIST which supports asylum seekers in and around Sheffield.

The main speaker was a native Christian refugee from Zimbabwe, who as well as talking about his personal experience of the widespread oppression, intimidation and violence in that country, told of his desperate plight in this country following the unexplained refusal by the Home Office of his request for asylum in Britain.

The consequences of rejection for him and many others like him (up to 300 in Sheffield alone) are that benefits are withdrawn, they are not allowed to work legally, cannot in the case of countries like Zimbabwe, be sent back to those countries and are therefore left literally destitute, with nowhere to live, totally dependent on charitable support. Volunteers from ASSIST endeavour to provide as much of this support as possible, not least by coming alongside the asylum seekers at a Friendship Club, but are in great need of extra people to help.

How wonderful it would be if, remembering at this time of year in particular the Christmas story, some readers might be prompted to respond in the same way as the innkeeper in Bethlehem, by coming to the rescue of the homeless and just as importantly by campaigning for changes to the rules. ASSIST can be contacted at the Central United Reformed Church on Norfolk Street and further details are posted on the Church Hall Notice Board.

*Ken Filleul*



Will you volunteer to open the door to asylum seekers this Christmas?



## YOU MET THEM IN THE PAGES OF THE BIBLE PONTIUS PILATE

We may be more used to thinking of Pilate at Easter than at Christmas. However, the alphabet brings us to "P" this month and in fact it is no bad thing to consider Pilate at this time of the year. It was Pilate who most dramatically and publicly had to make a decision about what he would do with Jesus, what his response to the apparently helpless Son of Man would be. The same issue faces us at Christmas. What will we do with the apparently helpless Son of Man, Jesus, the baby, who after 30 odd years stood before Pilate? Will we wash our hands of Him or turn to follow Him?

But who was this man, Pilate? He is one of the few Biblical characters who are referred to be a number of other writers of the time. In Pilate's case, he appears very briefly in the writings of the Roman, Tacitus, in those of the contemporary Jewish historians Josephus and Philo and in the fourth century church father, Eusebius.

He was appointed procurator of Judea in 26 AD, at around the age of 30. As such, he was responsible directly to the emperor and had complete authority over everybody apart from Roman Citizens. Little is known about him prior to that. There are some guesses, but the probability is that he had a fairly privileged upbringing in Rome, trained as a diplomat, before being posted to Judea - not a popular position, as the Jews were notoriously difficult to handle and insisted on different religious treatment from anybody else in the Empire. "Pilate" is a derivative of *pilum*, the Roman word for javelin, so it could well be that he came from a military family. He also managed to marry well, as Claudia, his wife, was the grand-daughter of the emperor

Pontius Pilate painted by Giotto in 1305



Augustus. Her decision to accompany her husband on his travels and permission for her to do so, were quite unusual. Most women in her position were forbidden to accompany their husbands and in any case may well have preferred to stay within the safety and familiarity of Rome.

So, in 26 AD he arrived in Judea and retained his post for ten years, when his own actions resulted in him being withdrawn. He clearly wanted to make a mark of Roman authority from the outset and in doing so caused huge upset.

Jerusalem was the one city in the Roman empire where the main square did not contain a statue to the emperor, to which passing citizens were required to bow. Such a matter would have been anathema to the Jews and so the emperor Augustus had granted them impunity from the demands of the cult of the emperor. Pilate ignored this utterly. He marched through Jerusalem, the soldiers displaying the image of the emperor on their standards. Having arrived at the Antonia Fortress, he then ordered that the standards be so arranged that the images of the emperor were looking directly down into the temple. Pilate then returned to his seat of government in Caesarea.

Outrage followed. 7,000 plus Jews descended on Caesarea and picketed Pilate's residence. Every time he emerged, they were to be found surrounding the place, making earnest prayers for him! After a week of this, Pilate could take no more and the images were removed.

Jewish historian Philo had no time for Pilate. He described him as *by nature rigid and stubbornly harsh, of spiteful disposition and an exceedingly wrathful man*.

He had good reason to hold such an opinion. Pilate seemed to go out of his way to provoke the Jews and though on occasion outwitted, often responded to their protest with great brutality. During this regime, a new series of coins were issued. They have been found in quite large numbers in modern time. The practice of procurators to issue coinage was well established. Normally they would be decorated with images of natural



items, such as plants or food. Pilate deliberately chose to put on them, images of pagan worship or pictures directly associated with imperial authority and aura.

Another incident, early in his time in Judea, concerned the water supply to Jerusalem. Pilate decided to build a six mile aqueduct to improve the water supply. Remnants of the finished article are still there today. However, as ever, finance was an issue.

Pilate came up with a simple answer - raid the temple treasury. Not surprisingly,

a riot followed in which thousands were deliberately trampled to death - Pilate apparently giving the signal for the repression to begin, himself. Luke 13 : 1 refers to Pilate mixing the blood of human victims with temple sacrifice - which may well be a reference to this incident.

His violence eventually proved to be his undoing. In 36AD, a crown of Samaritans had collected for a religious observance on Mt. Gerizim, their traditional place of Sacrifice. Pilate saw this as an act of revolt and so destroyed a neighbouring village with all its inhabitants, as an act of reprisal. The upshot of this was that he was summoned to Antioch to appear before the Roman legate to Syria, despatched back to Rome and ultimately exiled to Italy. His final end is uncertain. It has been suggested that he simply died in exile, that he committed suicide or that he was executed by Nero. The church in Ethiopia have made him a saint. As with many Biblical characters, there is a brief period when much is known, but we are left guessing at the rest of their lives.



The coin of year 29 ("LIS")



The coin of year 30 ("LIZ")



The coin of year 31 ("LIH")

This was the man who held sway over Judea during Jesus' public ministry and before whom he was taken by the Jewish authorities after he was arrested. Caiaphas (the wily high priest who organised the picketing of Pilate's residence in Caesarea already referred to) was determined that Jesus should die. However, because of their position within the Roman Empire, whilst Jews had retained elements of control over their own affairs, they were forbidden from passing a death sentence. Only Pilate could do that. Hence Jesus is presented before Pilate, who is pressured by both the Jewish leaders and the mob (set up by Caiaphas and co ?) to execute Jesus. Many have asked why such an apparently brutal and ruthless man should appear to be reluctant to do so. He had much to gain (in placating potential trouble makers) and little to lose (after all, what was one more death to a man so used to blood shed?)

It is clear that Pilate was very reluctant to pass the death sentence on Jesus. Initially, perhaps, he resented the obviously manipulative tactics of Caiaphas - who can hardly have been his favourite person ! Faced with Jesus, he was quickly intrigued and challenged by him. His wife had a warning dream which she anxiously shared with her husband. Despite his ruthlessness, one can see Pilate wanting to avoid acceding to the Jewish leaders' pressure. So he sent Jesus to Herod, the Jewish ruler of Galilee. The two men hitherto had been at odds - perhaps because it was Galileans who were slaughtered in the temple. However, after this exchange, they became friends. He offered to release Jesus under the special Passover concession that operated. He had him scourged, as a vicious alternative to actual execution and finally washed his hands to try to distance himself from the whole process. Nonetheless, millions of Christians every Sunday recite that *"Jesus was crucified under Pontius Pilate"*.

Like many men, we may see Pilate as both a child of his times and yet trapped in them. He could be violent and ruthless, because that was how the Roman Empire maintained its



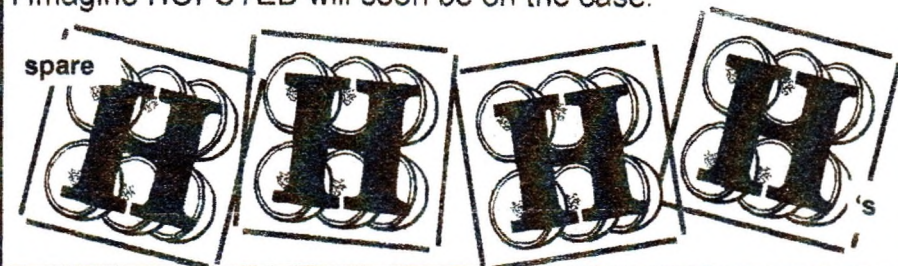
power. And yet when he wanted to escape from that, he could not. He could be deliberately provocative and antagonistic to the most deeply cherished Jewish practices and yet found himself helpless in the face of a silent Jesus and a baying mob. As with so many men of violence, it eventually proved his undoing and even in that violent era, he was deemed to have gone too far.

So at Christmas, Pilate may not be at the front of our minds. But let this article serve as a reminder that just as Bethlehem is only a few miles from Jerusalem, so Easter is only a few months after Christmas and it is the same Jesus, central to both places and seasons, who invites us to respond to Him, as He silently did to shepherds in Bethlehem and Pilate in Jerusalem.

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A year on, the Sheffield accent is still a source of fascination. We overheard one mother on the bus correcting her son's pronunciation, as he was trying to get his little sister to stop pestering him. "It's not 'Gie o'er'," she said. "It's 'Gie over'." Searching for Utcliffe Wood Crematorium and Arbour Avenue in the A to Z got us nowhere, until we realised we should have been looking under "H" in both cases. But the disposable letters don't just disappear into an alphabetic black hole; they are recycled and reappear in unexpected places. Samuel's nursery book reports this week that he has had a very good "happetite". I imagine HOFSTED will soon be on the case.



## Colours of Christmas

I fill a glass with water,  
dip the sable brush and begin  
... to colour Christmas.

Shadows blend and deepen  
to an ebony emptiness  
in stable corners.

A fluff of orange uncurls  
into a curious cat,  
as the heavy door swings  
on rust brown hinges.

And here are shepherds,  
wrapped in sandstone,  
moss green, the blended greys  
of granite and rain heavy cloud

Later, I will reveal  
in jewel bright garments  
of travellers,  
royal purple, crimson, jade.

But now Mary radiates harmony  
in pearl and powder blue.  
While Joseph, earth centred,  
is yellow ochre, raw umber,  
touches of olive.

Outside the sky  
is midnight and silver,  
but the child is new dawn.  
His eyes are full of rainbows  
and his smile is edged with gold.  
*Maureen G. Coppack 1996*

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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 a memorial service on January 30th 2005. The service 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.**

*The PCC is due to discuss the memorial services in the January meeting. The result of their discussion will be made known afterwards.*

### **Memorial Service January 30th 2005**

**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.

Dec. 1st Bethan Rose Collier  
Dec. 7th Joseph Michael Cashin  
Dec. 10th Joseph Matthew Collier  
Dec. 14th George Albert Ludlam

**Weddings:** None in November

**Funerals:** None in November

The next Memorial Service will be held on January 30th 2005. If you would like a loved-one to be remembered at that service, please complete the form on the page opposite and return to David Rhodes at the Vicarage.

**IF YOU WANT TO BE MARRIED OR HAVE YOUR  
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## Children @ 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.



## \* FLOWER LIST December 2004 & January 2005 \*

	Alter	Memory Table
Dec.		
5th	Mrs. Scott	Cell group (Youth)
12th	Cell group (Hayden)	Mrs. Wortley
19th	Trees	Mrs. Donnelly
26th	Trees	Mrs. Donnelly
Jan.		
2nd	Mrs. Beeley	Mrs. Turner
9th	Cell group (Booth)	Mrs. Simons
16th	Cell group (Rhodes)	Mrs. Parkin
23rd	Cell group (Filleul)	Mrs. Wiggett
30th	Cell group (Donnelly)	Mrs. Bryer



## DIARY DATES - December 2004

1st	Over 50's Keep Fit class Hall 2.00 p.m.
6th	Cell Leaders meeting Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
7th	Ladies Christmas Lunch
8th	Over 50's Keep Fit class Hall 2.00 p.m.
10th & 11th	Carols by Candlelight Hall 7.00 p.m.
11th	Cell Leaders' Prayers Hall 8.00 a.m.
12th	Christingle Service Church 3.00 p.m.
12th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m.
14th	Old Folks Tea and Christmas Songs Hall 4.00 p.m.
15th	Over 50's Keep Fit class Hall 2.00 p.m.
22nd	Over 50's Keep Fit class Hall 2.00 p.m.
24th	Crib Service Church 4.00 p.m.

## January 2005

5th	Over 50's Keep Fit class Hall 2.00 p.m.
9th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m.
10th	Cell Leaders meeting Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
11th	Ladies Coffee Morning Hall 10.00 - 12.00 p.m.
12th	Over 50's Keep Fit class Hall 2.00 p.m.
15th	Cell Leaders' Prayers Hall 8.00 a.m.
17th	P.C.C. Meeting Lounge 8.00 p.m.
19th	Over 50's Keep Fit class Hall 2.00 p.m.
23rd	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m.
24th	Last day for items for February Magazine
25th	Martha and Mary group Lounge 10.30 p.m.
26th	Over 50's Keep Fit class Hall 2.00 p.m.
31st	Collation of magazine from 9.30 a.m.

**Final Date for items for February 2005 : January 24th 2005**

## Sayings for Stillness

**"I AM the light of the world . . . receive your sight."**  
 (John 9 : 5 and Luke 18 : 42) for December

**"I AM making all things new."**  
 (Revelation 21 : 5) for January



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

<b>Sunday:</b>	9.30 a.m.	Creche (under 3's)	
		Josee Shaw	236 2481
		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
<b>Monday:</b>	10.00 a.m.	Drop in Coffee	
		Marjorie & Maurice Snowdon	236 2822
	10.00 a.m.	Toddler Group	
		Jo 262 0741 or Sharon	236 9639
	5.45 - 6.45 p.m.	Rainbows	
		Heather Johnson	235 0978
	7.00 p.m.	Guides	
		Maureen Allum	235 1262
<b>Tuesday:</b>	10.30 a.m.	Martha & Mary Group ( 4th)	
		Sheila Eke	236 7457
	10.00 a.m.	Ladies Coffee Morning (2nd)	
		Ann Ruthven	236 8643
<b>Wed'day:</b>	10.00 a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group	
		Vicki Waite	236 6789
	2.00 p.m.	Ladies Keep Fit	
		Val Simpson	236 1483
<b>Thursday:</b>	10.00 a.m.	Toddler Praise (fortnightly)	
		Joanne Smith	262 0741
	7.00 p.m.	Choir Practice in Church	
		Stella Jockel	236 9413

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