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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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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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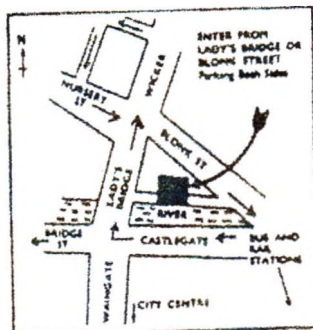
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The Christmas card will be prepared by Jane Needham and her
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You may remember that David, our vicar, visited Naisoya two years
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Along with the education work being done by Pastor David Kereto, a
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ally inadequate transport. Consequently there were greater risks of
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toddlers. *Jane Needham*



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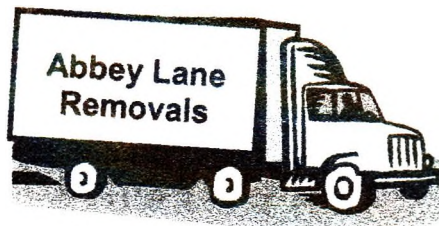
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REMEMBRANCE DAY 14th November 2004

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

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The Silence followed and the now famous words:

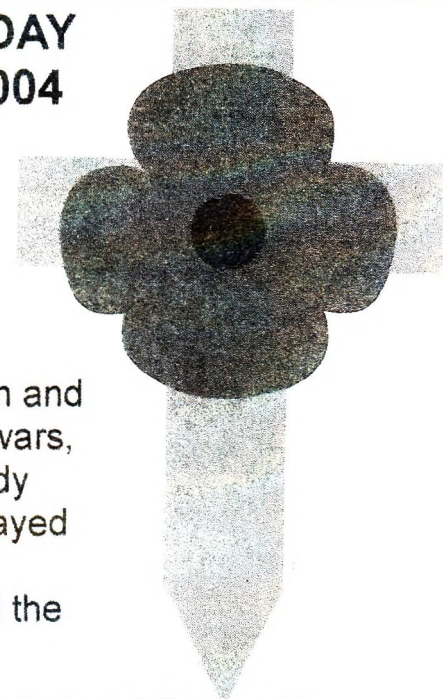
*They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old.
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning -
We will remember them.*

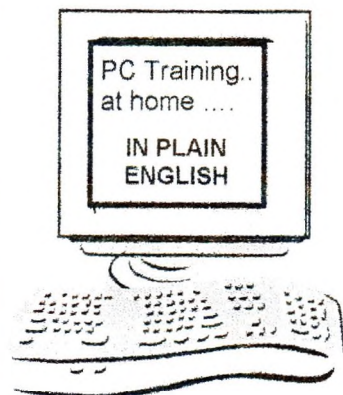
The reveille was sounded and wreaths were laid at the foot of the cross.

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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And 8th March
10.00 - 12.00



Martha and Mary Group



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Tuesday at 10.30 a.m. in the Lounge

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

The next meeting: January 25th 2005

Come and join us !

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.

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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.

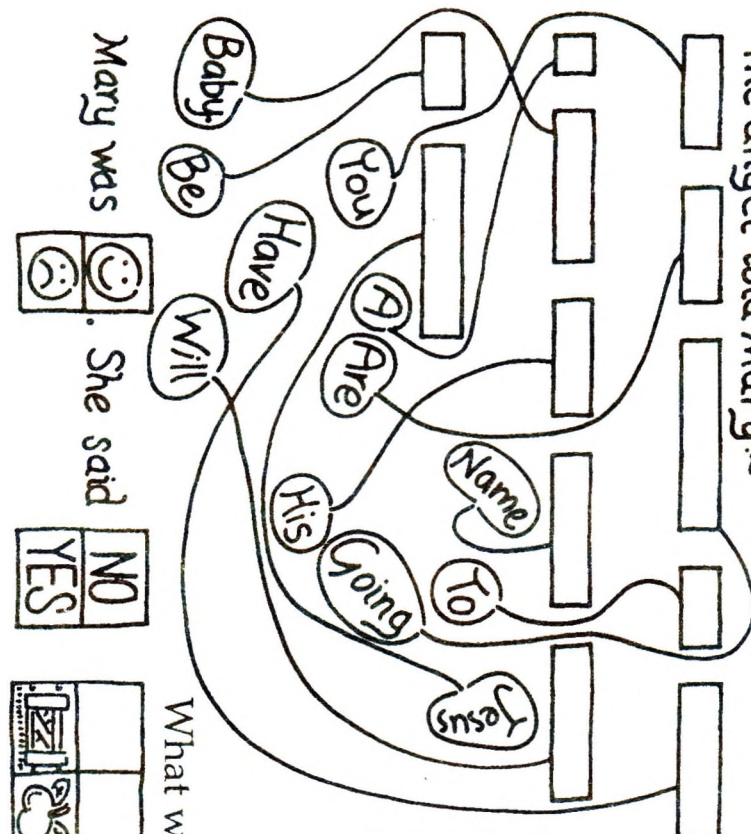
Heather is well. She is busy with a course of training for the Higher Level Teaching Assistant certificate.

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

Jeanne

THE ANGEL VISITS MARY

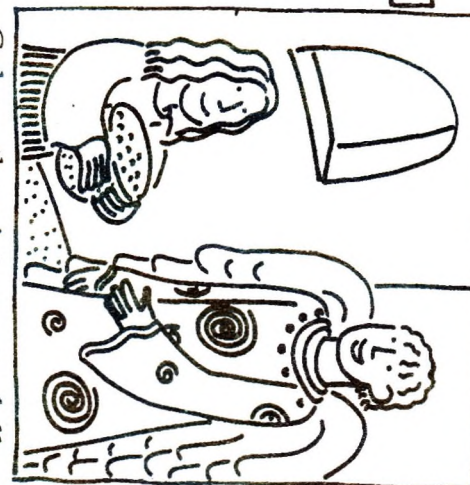
The angel told Mary:-



What was the name of the angel?



Colour the picture carefully.

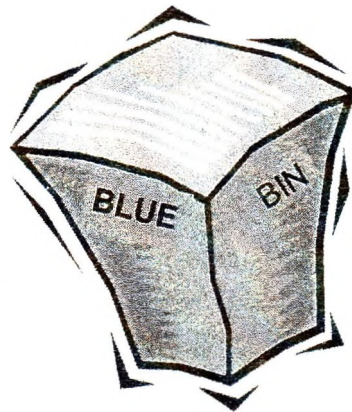


Green Light for All Saints?

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 25th, they become rubbish – unless recycled into more useful and beautiful objects. About 83 km² 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

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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 80th 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 80th 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

We were able to send
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as our Harvest Gift
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Dorothy Firth



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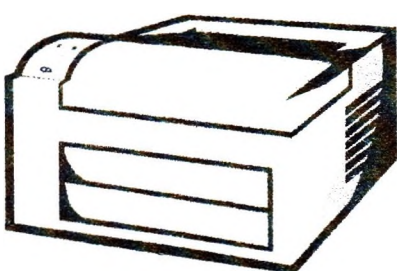
- Church car park sign - FOR MEMBERS ONLY - Trespassers will be baptised.
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someone in particular during the intercessions,
please contact either:

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.



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
The Babe of Love that we'll be meeting.



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INFORMATION AND BOOKING FORM FROM
Rachel Sheridan Tel. 0114 274 6740



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.

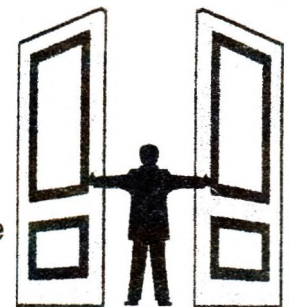
The consequences of rejection for him and many others like him (up to 300 in Sheffield alone) are that benefits are withdrawn, they are not allowed to work legally, cannot in the case of countries like Zimbabwe, be sent back to those countries and are therefore left literally destitute, with nowhere 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 by 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.

Pontius Pilate painted by Giotto in 1305



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

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

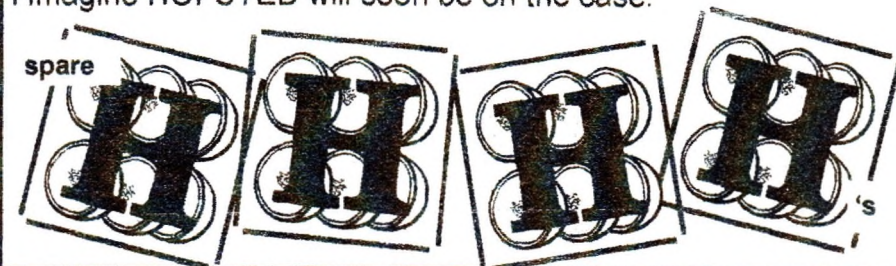
power. And yet when he wanted to escape from that, he could not. He could be deliberately provocative and antagonistic to the most deeply cherished Jewish practices and yet found himself helpless in the face of a silent Jesus and a baying mob. As with so many men of violence, it eventually proved his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

David Rhodes

The Revd. Dr. Joanne Woolway Grenfell is part-time Priest-in-Charge in Manor Ecumenical Parish, Sheffield. She writes in the Church Times:

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.

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* 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.

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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.
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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

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	7.00 p.m.	Guides	
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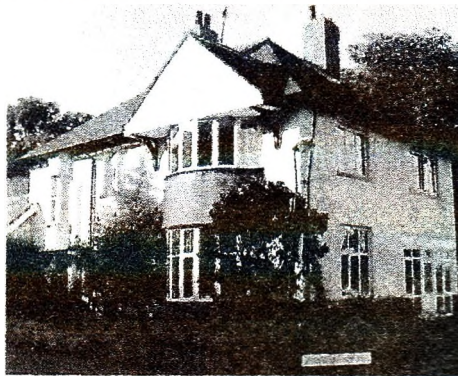
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From the Vicarage



Dear Friends

I am writing this prior to visiting Kenya for three weeks in January. Along with 11 others, including Steve from All Saints, we will be living with Maasai, centred on a place called Maji Moto (Swahili for "hot water"), working with the local Christians in a variety of ways.

There has not been a church at Maji Moto for very long and they are keen to see it grow. We will be visiting people in their homes, taking lessons of various kinds in the schools, leading teaching seminars on the Saturdays and participating in the church services on the Sundays. The group has been invited by pastor David Kereto, who is a Maasai Christian and longs to see others from the Maasai share his faith. Over the last twenty years, many have done so, with great joy and commitment. Going and sharing with them is a humbling experience. People will get up at the crack of dawn and walk many miles to share in a Christian event. Others will pay a heavy price, for not co-operating with the normal culture which includes polygamy and witch-craft.

Many put us to shame, with their joyful and unashamed faith and ability to speak three languages (Maasai, Swahili and English). Making such a visit very quickly dispels illusions and fantasies about the uniqueness or superiority of the west. We may have material wealth. The Maasai have wealth of other kinds - and underneath the surface whether it is on the plains of Kenya or

the suburbs of Sheffield, we are all the same flesh and blood, with the same human needs and struggles. Above all we have the same need to become reconciled with God and have our lives put back in harmony with Him.

Intriguingly the word "Masa" appears in the Old Testament. He was one of the sons of Ishmael, the half brother of Isaac (One of the Jewish patriarchs) and thus a forbear of the Arabic nations. Naturally some have suggested that the Maasai are descended from him. Perhaps so. But for all of us, if we try to trace our ancestry, when we do the maths of how many ancestors we must have (they multiply each time you go back a generation), we hit interesting statistics. Bill Bryson in "A short history of nearly everything", points out that if you go back 64 generations, which takes us to the time of the Romans, we are all necessarily descended from a million trillion people. Such numbers leave me cold, but I can well appreciate his next comment, that that amounts to several thousand times the total number of people who have ever lived. In other words, for all of us, intermixing of families (in the widest sense) and more mingling of tribes and races that we care to imagine, must have taken place. For all of us, there is an inevitability of sharing some form of common ancestry.

That is unlikely to be foremost in my mind on arrival in Kenya, which will feel so different. What I will be very conscious of though, is that for all of us, black, white or any other colour, what counts above all is not our nationhood, our racial background, or any such matter. What is of supreme importance is, "Have we put our trust in Jesus Christ and so entered the kingdom of God?" Toley or Maji Moto, it's same for us all.

I hope the weather is reasonable back home. In Kenya it should be the dry season and we'll have to make sure we've put on the sun-screen. Although it has to be said, that on a previous visit three years ago, the dry season felt awfully damp on occasions

With all best wishes

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9th 10.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion Holy Communion with Imposition of Ashes
13th 9.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 7.30 p.m.	First Sunday of Lent Theme:- What on earth am I here for? Baptism Service Holy Communion Healing Service
16th 10.00 a.m.	Wednesday Service Holy Communion
20th 9.30 a.m. 3.30 p.m.	Second Sunday of Lent Theme: You were planned for God's pleasure All Age All Together Informal Service at the Cheshire Home
23rd 10.00 a.m.	Wednesday Service Holy Communion
23rd 9.30 a.m. 11.15 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Third Sunday of Lent Theme:- You were formed for God's family Family Communion Morning Prayer Holy Communion

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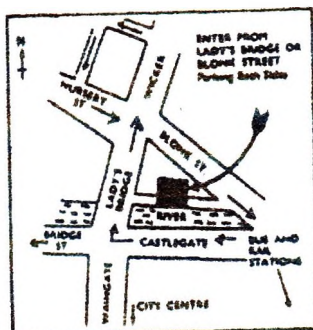
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As encouragement to *love* all others
It matters not the colour of face
For all who dwell in this earthly place.



Let us then His example follow
He whose *love* is never hollow
The one whose *love* is never spent
Proved by His Son whom heaven sent
He came the Father's *love* to tell
So we could know that *love* as well
Then with *loving* arms both opened wide
In sacrifice for us He died
And now it's up to us to show
The *love* above is here below.



Viv Filleul

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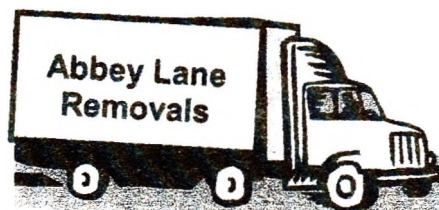
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Wendy Hooper

Thought

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So where does the Candlemas bit come in?

Jesus is described in the New Testament as the Light of the World, and early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day. The Church also fell into the custom of blessing the year's supply of candles for the church on this day - hence the name, Candlemas.

The story of how Candlemas began can be found in Luke 2:22-40. Simeon's great declaration of faith and recognition of who Jesus was is of course found in the Nunc Dimittis, which is embedded in the Office of Evening Prayer in the West. But in medieval times, the Nunc Dimittis was mostly used just on this day, during the distribution of candles before the Eucharist. Only gradually did it win a place in the daily prayer life of the Church.

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He will take photos of the women with their goats, so if you have given one, you will receive a photo in due course. The senior members will also receive a photo.

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Thank you again.

Josephine Collie

P.S. Due to illness in the family, Bryan Cooper needs to delay his planned visit. When the new date is known, we will advise you.



Prayers for a broken world from All Saints' Totley

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We bring before you today those men, women and children who now have no prospect of a happy new year - no hope, no joy, no foreseeable future. We find it almost impossible to put into words the feelings we have at this time, but you see into our hearts and understand the thoughts and prayers we hold there at this moment. We are your agents here on earth - we give, we help and we pray - but we need and ask for your presence in all these human activities to bring help and hope to these your heartbroken and suffering people.

Jesus, Christ Child, Light of the world, lighten the sudden darkness which has blackened the lives of these poor people, lives wrecked and broken beyond recognition. By the grace of your healing power, lead them slowly out into the sunshine of life once more so that one day

they may feel the seeds of hope begin to take root and flourish into a new, if distant future.

This is our prayer, from All Saints' Church to the nations of a shattered world.

May the passage of time bring them :

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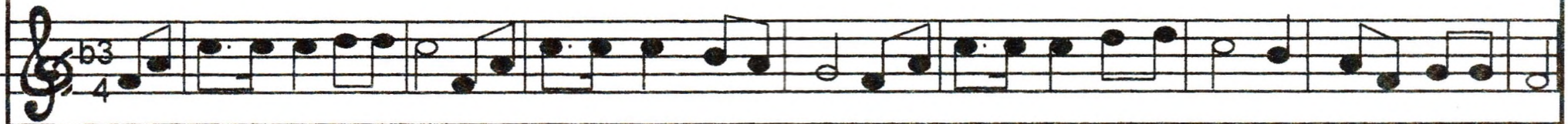
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and the eternal Peace of God

Amen



Asitha Fernando, a nine year old Sri Lankan boy, mourns the death of his mother in Korallawella, south of Colombo.



SOMEONE'S CRYING LORD

Someone's crying - anywhere, anytime, someone's crying.

There is much to cry about in so many parts of the world - the pain and distress of those caught up in conflicts not of their own making; those helpless in the path of natural devastation, and even more suffering the misery of disasters which are so often man-made. We have seen our Earth from space - a beautiful orb, blue and white and green, suspended in infinity, serene and silent. How do you see it Lord? Obscured by the smoke of war, torn and bloodstained, the silence shattered by raised voices and violent confrontation.

Someone's crying Lord - is it You? Crying over the works of uncaring people who have brought Your perfect creation to this miserable state.

Reach out to humanity with Your loving, life-giving spirit that all our lives may be transformed for the good of every race and nation, that Your tears may be dried for ever.

SOMEONE'S SINGING LORD

Someone's singing - all around the world people find reasons for singing songs of praise, joy and thanksgiving.

We thank You for the many people who have been so

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inspired by Your love and compassion for us that they feel compelled to go to the aid of others in some of the most desperate conditions people must endure. We thank You for the joy in our lives - for families and friends, for being alive on this day, for being able to meet and worship together and for Your promise to us through Your beloved son.

Someone's singing Lord - is it You? Singing a song of hope for all Your people that they will recognise their redemption in You.

SOMEONE'S PRAYING LORD

Someone's praying - prayers for others that they may find peace and contentment in their embattled lives.

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Prayers for ourselves, that our lives may be useful, fruitful and faithful to Your call;

And in the small dark hours of life, quiet prayers of trust and hope for those precious to us, whose lives and futures are held in Your hands.

Someone's praying Lord - can you hear, however faintly, through our weaknesses and failings, and still claim us as Yours?

Lord we place ourselves into Your hands and pray that we may play our part in bringing Your wonderful plan for creation to its perfect completion.

Amen.

Ann Ruthven

By Request . . .

Following on from the interesting articles published in 2004, here is the first of 'By Request' in the new year, as promised. Editor.

How do you become a Vicar?

These days, the Church of England has quite a good system for this which links together past history and present attitudes.

Every parish has a Patron. The Patron may be an individual or a corporate body. The Patron rarely has any financial interest or financial responsibility for the parish. People or societies become patrons due to all manner of incidents - even accidents! - of history. When a vicar leaves a parish, the Patron's responsibility is to nominate a successor.

Ecclesall, where I last worked as a vicar, used to be a daughter church of the Parish Church of Sheffield, and the Vicar of Sheffield provided a curate for it. When it became a parish in the 19th century, the Vicar of Sheffield nominated the vicar. When Sheffield Parish Church became a Cathedral, the Dean nominated vicars of Ecclesall. He still does.

Today, a great many parishes are in the patronage of the Bishop of the diocese. This is a good thing, in that the Bishop has a greater control over which men and women come into his diocese and a greater ability to shunt them round within the diocese. It is a bad thing in that there is always the danger of the diocese becoming monochrome according to the theological preferences of the individual Bishop.

Having found someone who the Patron thinks is suitable for the parish and who is interested in working there, the Patron sends the nomination to the Parochial Church Council (P.C.C.). The P.C.C. will previously have drawn up and sent to the Patron, a statement of the sort of man/woman they believe their parish needs and the sort of ministry required. (The Patron is at liberty to disregard this!)

On receipt of the nomination, the P.C.C. appoints a group of people from within the Church to conduct an interview; this

interview is very much a two-way affair. The interview panel consists of at least two people, although a few more is preferable. At Ecclesall I was somewhat shaken to be faced with a panel of 16 - but there were three Churches involved.

The panel has the absolute right to refuse to accept the Patron's nominee. In which case, the Patron has to try again. Similarly, the nominee has the absolute right to decline to accept the parish. It is an immensely responsible decision, for if the parish and nominee both say 'Yes', they will be stuck with one another for many years to come.

Why did I say 'Yes' to Ecclesall? Quite frankly, I was terrified at the prospect. It would be a massive undertaking. But, for me, the attraction of going there lay in my awareness that, in a population comprising so many leaders in the City in education, commerce and industry, almost every life I was able to touch for Christ would in turn touch hundreds, even thousands, of other lives on a daily basis. This was the challenge and the opportunity. With fear and trembling, I accepted it.

What should a Vicar do when he gets into the job? It's a question to which millions of people, whether church-goers or not, will offer a stream of answers. It is also a question to which every vicar will probably give a different answer. So I'm only going to ask and not to answer the question! My answer in any case would probably be very subjective and, apart from some exceedingly basic principles, would be conditioned by the gifts of the vicar and by the perceived needs and hopes of the particular parish.

John N. Collie

Hymns for Professionals

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Contractors . . . The church's one foundation
Obstetricians . . . Come labour on
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From the Editor

I hope it's not too late to wish you all a Happy New Year! I can hardly believe that almost one twelfth of the year has already gone. Looking at it positively, we have eleven twelfths to come!

Already there have been good things on our menu - *Alpha* is starting again this month, David and Steve report good news from Kenya and the Fellowship Meal was a great success.

It is the time for deliverers of the magazine to ask customers for their annual subscriptions. Thank you deliverers for collecting the money - sometimes leading to several visits to catch people in.

The sale of the magazines, plus the payments from the advertisers, usually covers the cost of running the office so please help this to continue by recommending our magazine to your friends and acquaintances and using the **advertisers'** goods and services when required.

Thank you to everyone for the masses of used stamps given to aid Leprosy Sufferers. Please leave a good margin around the stamp. If the perforations are damaged, the stamps are worthless.

Heather and Beth have had a good Christmas and New Year. Heather is hoping to gain her High Level Teaching Assistant Certificate this week - thankfully better news than three years ago this week when Crohn's disease nearly took away her life.

Jeanne

St Valentine's Day

There are two confusing things about this day of romance and anonymous love-cards strewn with lace, cupids and ribbon: firstly, there seems to have been two different Valentines in the 4th century - one a priest martyred on the Flaminian Way, under the emperor Claudius, the other a bishop of Terni martyred at Rome. And neither seems to have had any clear connection with lovers or courting couples.

So why has Valentine become the patron saint of romantic love? By Chaucer's time the link was assumed to be because on these saints' day - 14 February - the birds are supposed to pair. Or perhaps the custom of seeking a partner on St. Valentine's Day is a surviving scrap of the old Roman Lupercalia festival, which took place in the middle of February. One of the Roman gods honoured during this Festival was Pan, the god of nature. Another was Juno, the goddess of women and marriage. During the Lupercalia it was a popular custom for young men to draw the name of a young unmarried woman from a name-box. The two would then be partners or 'sweethearts' during the time of the celebrations. Even modern Valentine decorations bear an ancient symbol of love - Roman cupids with their bows and love-arrows.

There are no churches in England dedicated to Valentine, but since 1835 his relics have been claimed by the Carmelite church in Dublin.

From Parish Pump

A little girl was sitting on her grandad's lap whilst he read her a story. From time to time she would stroke his wrinkled cheek. Finally she asked, "Grandad, did God make you?" "Yes, God made me a long time ago," grandad said.

"Oh," she said, "Did God make me?"

"Yes dear," grandad replied.

After a long pause the little girl observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"



Youth work news for S17 churches

Detached work still goes on

I am pleased to report that the council have allowed a team of their youth workers to come up to S17 once a week to support young people who are considered to be a nuisance in the area. They will be driving round in a van equipped with tea and coffee and other recourses, looking for groups of young people hanging around on the streets.

Through these contacts, they hope to encourage young people with opportunities to progress in their lives. I am working in conjunction with this team and hope this will be a great boost to the work I have already been involved in.



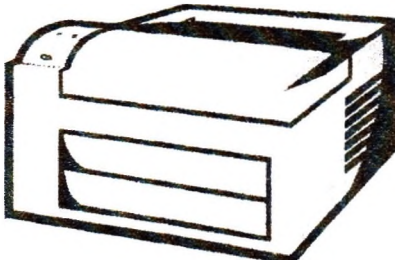
Sexual health lessons

Joel, the youth worker in Dore, and I have now completed half the lessons to year 9 at King Egberts. We have found it very interesting to see the attitudes young people have to sex, particularly the difference between what they say when showing off to what they say when prompted for an honest answer. We hope that through the teaching we have given, that young people will see that making good choices will make for them, safe lives - free from the fear of unwanted pregnancy and S.T.I's and that the safest way of this happening is by abstinence until they have one faithful partner in a committed loving relationship. The way that I believe God intended for everyone.

The Goldmine

Joel and I have teamed up again for an S17 area youth worship meeting every month called the Goldmine. We have already had 5 Goldmines and they have gone very well. We hope that more and more young people will be attracted to

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



coming and that together we have opportunities to worship Jesus and to receive from Him all that He would bless us with. The Goldmine will be continuing on the first Sunday evening of every month.

Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.

What would you rather be, a weasel or an eagle? The magnificent eagle freely flies around, the Queen of the air, powerful and graceful. Isn't that what we want to be like? After all, in comparison to the eagle, the weasel is looked down upon. It is uglier, weaker, unnoticed and could even be eaten by the eagle.

But as the heading says, weasels don't get sucked into jet engines! So that's one area they are more fortunate in than the eagles.

I believe that in a world where most of us relate to the weasel more than the eagle, we actually have more to be thankful for than we might first imagine. As Christians we believe that we are new creations, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ and co-heirs to the throne of God, with the promise of everlasting life. That is a truly great life to have and it's all freely available now! Like the weasel, we might not look like too much, but we have a unique role to play in the world.

I intend to continue sharing with all young people that they have as much worth as anyone and to stand tall in the knowledge that they too are special and unique. As long as they grasp hold of the truth and walk in it, the world really is their oyster. After all, it isn't what we are, it's what we do with what we are that really matters.

Matt Conant

Question: How do you decide who to marry?

Answer: No person really decides before they grow up, who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before and you get to find out later who you're stuck with. *Kirsten age ten.*



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Thanks. *Ann Ruthven*

The Wild Gospel

When I come across a good book, I like to tell my friends about it. When I come across a very good book, I want to shout about it from the roof-tops! The very good book that I have found is "The Wild Gospel" by Alison Morgan published last year by Monarch.

It is a very readable restatement of what the gospel means to us today taking into account that today's culture and language is very different from the time Jesus walked the earth. God's word is not just something that we find written on a page but is the power that caused creation, the power that Jesus possessed and the power that will move the earth in our modern times. For us it is the power of the Holy Spirit leading us to a fresh and deeper understanding of the world about us and our place in it. It is a powerful demonstration as to how we might bring God's eternal truth to life in our generation.

In one sense, it is the story of a journey - of how Alison came to faith twenty or more years ago. But it is also the journey she has taken as a scholar, a priest and a mother taking the gospel to both Leicester and Africa. On one of her trips an African banker said to her, "Do you not find that in the West, people have so much more than they need that they do not know they need God?" this was said as a chicken strutted through his simple room. It is such challenging statements as this that make the book special but, fortunately for us, she does not leave these questions unanswered. The answers all come in the gospels - but this fresh look at them deserves a good read.

Maurice Snowden



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The very first Valentine card - a legend

The Roman Emperor Claudius II needed soldiers. He suspected that marriage made men want to stay at home instead of fighting wars, so he outlawed marriage.

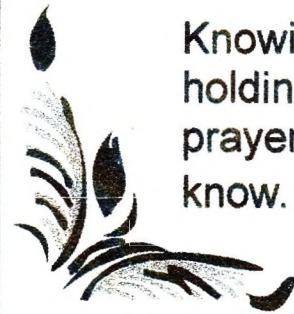
A kind-hearted young priest named Valentine felt sorry for all the couples who wanted to marry, but couldn't. So secretly he married as many couples as he could - until the Emperor found out and condemned him to death. While he was in prison waiting execution, Valentine showed love and compassion to everyone around him, including his jailer. The jailer had a young daughter who was blind, but through Valentine's prayers, she was healed. Just before his death in Rome on 14 February, he wrote her a farewell message signed 'From your Valentine.' So the very first Valentine card was not between lovers, but between a priest about to die, and a little girl, healed through his prayers.

From the Parish Pump

Thank you

We would like to express our very grateful and sincere thanks to all our friends at All Saints for all your prayers, loving support and practical help during Bert's illness.

Although there has been quite an improvement, there will be some way to go before Bert is fully recovered.



Knowing that so many have been holding us in their thoughts and prayers has helped more than you know.

Bert Lowe

Eileen Mason

Tight fit . . .

A minister walked into a shoe store and tried on a pair of shoes.

"How do they feel?" asked the sales assistant.

"Well they feel a bit tight," replied the minister.

The assistant promptly bent down and looked at the shoes on the minister's feet.

"Try pulling the tongue out," the assistant said.

"Well, theyth sthills feelth a bith tightth."



from the Parish Pump

What does "Inclusive" mean in the Church of England?

Following a meeting on Nov. 29th 2004, the Sheffield Diocese Inclusive Church Group was formed to carry forward some of the proposals at that meeting and to make people more aware of 'the principles of inclusion'.

In both His teaching and behaviour, Jesus made no distinction between people he met. He positively embraced all people, including the sick, women, sinners and the unclean. He made it clear that our 'differences' are not material to God.

As Christians we should set ourselves against definition and distinctions. We should, in the words of the great Quaker, George Fox, "Walk cheerfully over the world, answering that of God in every one." we should seek out the things that bind us in our common community.

Inclusion aims to put this teaching into practice in the way in which the Church works.

There are two main issues that currently bring the discussion into sharp focus: the appointment of women bishops and the treatment of gay and lesbian people in the church and more particularly, in the clergy. Both are the subject of heated debate. The vote on women bishops will take place in July 2005. But it would be a mistake to think that these are the only issues that are important. Inclusion means that everyone is important, is valued and cherished in the body of Christ. It means that we need to look critically at the way the Church treats everybody, at the structures of power, at the exercise of ministry. It also raises important questions about how we interpret scripture.

Deanery Synod representatives will be elected at our Annual General Meeting. These representatives will select the people to go to General Synod and vote. It's easy to feel that you cannot **Make a Difference**, but this time you can! Talk to other people in our church, talk to the vicar, lobby representatives.

The Sheffield Diocese Inclusive Church Group will be holding an event with a speaker and group session on the afternoon of 13th March at St. Aiden's on Sheffield Manor. Details from inclusion@sdic.org.uk.

Fellowship meal

For churches in S17



One hundred and forty people gathered in the Dore Church Hall

During the meal we all said this prayer:

God, we confess that we have turned our backs on the unity you desire and have allowed all kinds of divisions into your church and your world.

We have been unduly proud of our own traditions and scornful of others.

We have emphasised our difference rather than what we have in common.

We have not made the effort to understand those whose beliefs and practices differ from our own, nor have we been open to what we may learn from other traditions.

We have also allowed differences of age, gender, colour, class and nationality to fragment your church and your world.

Forgive our arrogance, narrowness and strife and in your mercy, grant once more the gift of unity to your people.

Amen.

(from Corrymeela Celebrating Together)

The meal was interspersed by a poem, a meditation, prayers and readings from the Bible (Isaiah 55:10/11 and St. John 1:1 - 14) and appropriately, the famous "I have a dream . . ." by Martin Luther King.

Naturally, there was much chatter with many different people as we were asked to move seats between the courses!

We were asked for ideas for future unified occasions. If you have an idea, please let a member of the P.C.C. know.

Possibly a Churches Together in S17 ?

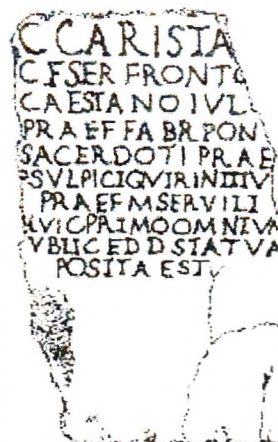
YOU MET THEM IN THE PAGES OF THE BIBLE QUIRINIUS

The turkey and Christmas pudding may be a fading memory now, but 'Q' brings us to a man who has brief mention in the Bible, but a significant, if shadowy role in the birth of Christ.

Luke tells us that Quirinius was the governor of Syria during the reign of Caesar Augustus and thus he had to arrange the census which necessitated Joseph and the pregnant Mary to travel to Bethlehem. Herein lies a matter that historians and Biblical scholars have disagreed about.

*Part of an inscription
referring to Quirinius,
also known as*

Publius Sulpicius



Sources outside the Bible confirm that Quirinius was governor of Syria and that he would have been, when the census was arranged by Caesar Augustus. However, that census has been firmly dated at 6 AD. When Jesus was born, Herod the Great was in power. He died in 2 BC, so how can these two apparently contradictory facts be reconciled, or did Luke, the gospel writer, simply get it wrong?

As with all such debates, the conclusion one is likely to come to, will be coloured by one's presuppositions at the outset. The sceptic will make the most of the apparent contradiction. Those who see the Bible as divinely inspired will lean towards an explanation which harmonises the material.

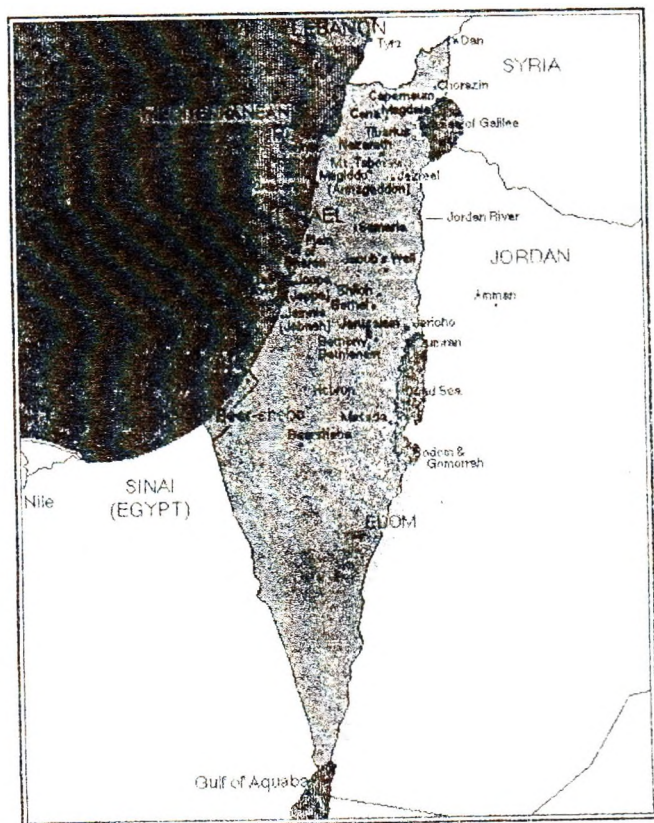
Some matters are beyond dispute. The Romans took censuses for the purpose of taxation regularly. For the Jews, this was a cause of great resentment. Quirinius enjoyed a successful career in the Roman diplomatic service. In "The deeds of Augustus Caesar by Augustus" his appointment to the Roman council in 12BC is referred to. This was a considerable honour, only being afforded to two people in each year.

The historian Tacitus makes reference to him, describing the way emperor Tiberias honoured him before the Senate, on his death in 22AD.

But what are we to make of the census Luke refers to, especially as he says in Chap. 1 verse 3, that he has made a careful investigation of the facts surrounding the life of Jesus, so that he can present an orderly account?

The census of 6AD is actually referred to by Luke in "The Acts of the Apostles" in a debate in the Sanhedrin (or Jewish ruling council), Gamaliel, a Pharisee, refers to 'the days of the census' (Acts 5 : 37). This discussion took place after the crucifixion and resurrection. A throw-away comment like that must indicate that within living memory, there was a census that was so traumatic and significant in the

life of the country, that it needs no more explanation, like, "The Depression", or "The War". Could that census have been the one in 6 AD?



The Near East at the time of Quirinius

We also know that Augustus Caesar ordered a census within the empire in 8BC. Given the time that it took for communication to take place in the period, it is quite conceivable that in Palestine, nothing would have happened for two years, taking it to 6BC, the year often suggested for the birth of Jesus.

At that time, Quirinius did not have the title "Governor" of Syria. However, he may well have been present and had a prime role in the military district of Syria well before his appointment as civilian governor. Luke may be using the term in a looser way, because he was the one who governed, rather than using it as an official title.

If these things are so, then the census that took Joseph and Mary to Bethlehem would have been the one originally called in 8BC and Quirinius was the Roman official responsible for administering it. His sole reference in the Bible fixes the events at a specific time in history, related to other identifiable matters.

At such a distance, it is of course very difficult to be absolute about many matters. That the various datings in the Bible do not always easily dovetail is a mark of its authenticity. If there were no questions to be asked, nor matters to be resolved, we might feel that somebody had worked hard at ironing out all the wrinkles. As it is, in the pages of the Bible, we have accounts of the same events from various pens. Each was inspired by God, but also wrote as an ordinary person seeking to put down the things they had experienced or learned of. That putting them together may raise questions like the exact date of Quirinius helps me to believe in the authenticity and reliability of scripture. It really is what it claims to be and thus the various authors all have a different perspective to bring.

David Rhodes

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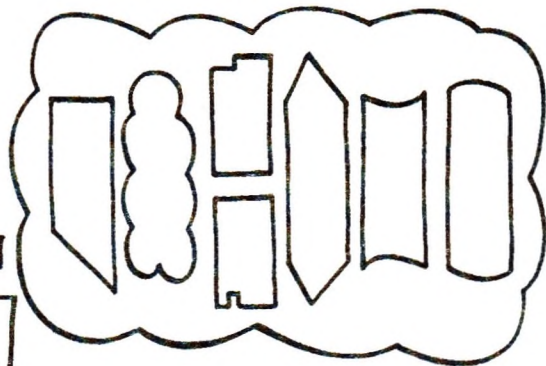
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celebrate the anniversary of the
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Feb. 9th Emma Louise Cheetham
Feb. 10th Joseph Thomas Tozer
Feb. 10th Penny Elizabeth Tozer

Weddings:

No weddings in December 2004
and January 2005

Funerals:

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Jan. 12th Victor (Vic) Sydney John Copp
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6th	Mr. Iosson	Mrs. Bramall
13th	Cell Group (Hayden)	Mrs. Scott
20th	Cell Group (Giles/Young)	Cell Group (Giles/Young)
27th	LENT - No Flowers	

DIARY DATES - February 2005

2nd	Over 50's Keep Fit class Hall 2.00 p.m.
5th	Diocesan Choral Festival Cathedral see page 15
8th	Ladies Coffee Morning Hall 10.00 - 12.00 p.m.
9th	Over 50's Keep Fit class Hall 2.00 p.m.
12th	Cell Leaders Prayer Meeting Hall 8.00 a.m.
13th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m.
14th	P.C.C. Meeting Lounge 8.00 p.m.
10th	Cell Leaders meeting Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
16th	Over 50's Keep Fit class Hall 2.00 p.m.
15th	Cell Leaders' Prayers Hall 8.00 a.m.
23rd	Over 50's Keep Fit class Hall 2.00 p.m.
21st	Last day for items for February Magazine
22nd	Martha and Mary group Lounge 10.30 p.m.
27th	Sunday Youth Group Hall 6.30-8.30 p.m.
28th	Collation of magazine from 9.30 a.m.
28th	Cell Leaders Meeting Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
March	
4th	Women's World Day of Prayer Totley Rise Methodist Church 10.00 a.m.
13th	The Sheffield Diocese 'Inclusive' Church Group afternoon meeting see page 38
April	
4th	Sheffield Christian Constituency Movement Endcliffe Methodist Church Hall 7.30 p.m.

Final Date for items for March 2005 : February 21st 2005

Saying for Stillness

"You are (shall be) MY witnesses."

(Isaiah 43 :12 and Acts 1 : 8)

ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL

Sunday:	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
Monday:	10.00 a.m.	Drop in Coffee	
		Marjorie & Maurice Snowdon	236 2822
	10.00 a.m.	Toddler Group	
		Jo 262 0741 or Sharon	236 9639
	5.45 - 6.45 p.m.	Rainbows	
		Heather Johnson	235 0978
	7.00 p.m.	Guides	
		Maureen Allum	235 1262
Tuesday:	10.30 a.m.	Martha & Mary Group (4th)	
		Sheila Eke	236 7457
	10.00 a.m.	Ladies Coffee Morning (2nd)	
		Ann Ruthven	236 8643
Wed'day:	10.00 a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group	
		Vicki Waite	236 6789
	2.00 p.m.	Ladies Keep Fit	
		Val Simpson	236 1483
Thursday:	10.00 a.m.	Toddler Praise (fortnightly)	
		Joanne Smith	262 0741
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From the Vicarage



Dear friends

As you read this, Easter is behind us - a fairly unusual situation, as more often than not it falls in April. Over the next two or three years, school terms are going to be rescheduled, so that they are no longer tied in to Easter. There are obvious reasons for this, enabling schools to sustain a more even pattern of teaching time at this time of year. Good Friday and Easter Monday will be preserved as bank holidays, whether or not they happen to fall in the school term or not.

Many will welcome this change. Some will see it as yet another erosion of our nation's Christian heritage. The reality is, that the place of Christian belief, practice and values in public life has been declining very quickly over the last half century.

Fifty years ago, the landscape was very different. Legislation relating to marriage, abortion, censorship, and the use of Sunday, was all very different. In the last fifty years the explosion of cheap air travel and the media has meant that we have been exposed to a vastly wider number of influences than previously. From the 50's onwards, there has been a steady flow of immigrants to the UK from very different lands, which again has brought a widened range of influence and opinion to our culture.

We have been described as a post-Christian nation, with some truth. Whether or not people were committed Christians in a personal sense, there was a far wider general acceptance of values and behaviour that were seen as resulting from our

Christian heritage than is the case today.

Our response to this shift in culture can vary. For some, it will be a sadness. Others may feel we have broadened out in a healthy way. What seems to me to be important is to recognise the reality of the world as it is today, and respond to it. Bemoaning a lost past, or living in the hope of a golden future is not the best way of making the most of the present day. St Paul urged the Ephesians

Be careful then how you live - not as unwise, but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil (Eph 5: 16 - 17).

It is not a new experience to be faced with changing and challenging times. When we compare what we have in the UK with many nations we have much to be grateful for, in terms of material wealth, freedom and security. And yet at the same time we might wonder about the health of the core values and attitudes which our society embraces and promotes. Although parliamentary sessions are still opened in prayer, we may wonder what room there is for God, and godly standards in our national life.

Jesus came to His own, and His own received Him not. Real Christianity has always been in opposition to the world around it. Exactly where the points of divergence are will vary. It may mean standing against the self-centred materialism of the west, or militant anti-Christian attitudes in other cultures. Wherever real Christianity is in evidence, it will challenge the world around it. Steve and I on our recent visit to Kenya saw this in a blatant form. Here at home it may be more subtle, but none the less real.

So let us not be blind to the world we live in. And let us not be deaf to Jesus. Repeatedly in the New Testament He said, "I tell you the truth." Let's hear that, believe that, and live it out in the post-Christian Britain of the early twenty-first century.

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Sunday after Easter

Theme:- All kinds of trials

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All Age Worship

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Holy Communion at the Cheshire Home

6th

Wednesday Service

10.00 a.m.

Holy Communion (B.C.P.)

10th

Third Sunday of Easter

Theme:- Seeds that last for ever

9.30 a.m.

Baptism Service

11.00 a.m.

Holy Communion

6.30 p.m.

Evening Prayer

13th

Wednesday Service

10.00 a.m.

Holy Communion (B.C.P.)

17th

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Theme: A chosen people

10.00 a.m.

Joint Service and Church Annual General Meeting followed by Bring & Share Lunch

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Theme:- Back Home

9.30 a.m.

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Louise Mahahle, 25, works on a sugar plantation in Maragra, Maputo Province, Mozambique. She is the only member of her family to have a job. She says, 'there are many women working at the sugar plantation. Before the sugar factory opened, we were very poor ... Now things are better, we can all earn money and buy food from the markets.' Her job is one of thousands created since the Mozambique government helped its sugar industry by attracting investment into it. It set the price for imported sugar which means that the locally produced sugar can compete with imports. However, Mozambique is an exception. Rich countries that lend money to poor countries force governments to accept free-trade policies. In Ghana, for instance, thousands of farmers have been forced to give up farming. This means that millions of people face an uncertain future as they lose the means to make a living. What they need is trade justice - not free trade.

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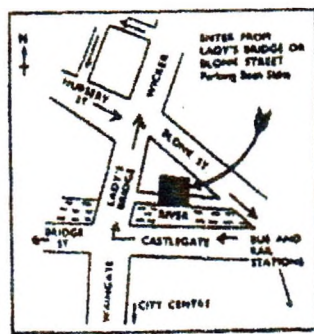
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The Class of 1925.

It emerges that there are several members (seven actually!) of All Saints' congregation who admit to having been born in 1925. Not only that, but their birthdays are clustered in the months between March and July. At a recent discussion (including two "seniors" from September 1924!) it was agreed that we would organise a tea in the Church Hall on

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and invite anybody who would like to come to share the celebration with us.



The timing is such that it would be possible and appropriate for some to go to Evening Prayer in Church at 6.30 p.m.

We would probably be glad of a little help nearer the time but this preliminary notice was called for because, by the time this magazine is printed, the birthday season will already have begun. No! I am not going to tell you who they all are – they can tell you themselves if they wish but there might also be others whom we have not yet identified and we would hate them to feel left out. If anyone reading this wants to confess their age you could give me a ring.

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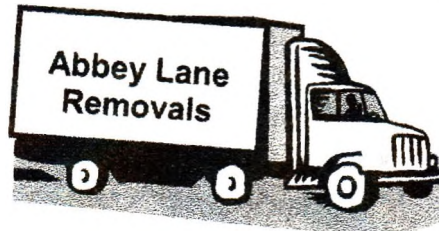
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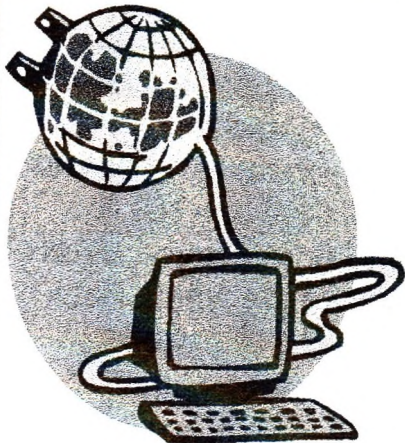


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By Request...

Through the months and at my request, John Collie has written interesting articles telling us how he came into the ministry and answering my questions - questions I feel sure you would have asked if given the opportunity. Editor

Would you write something about sacraments?

A definition

Unfortunately the word "sacrament" has become associated with religious activity. The word was used to describe a Roman soldier's oath of allegiance to the Roman Emperor. So it would be well first to define the word.

In a phrase, any sacrament is an action which conveys vastly more than the action itself. Examples abound in daily life! The slapping of one pair of lips against another pair of lips both signifies and conveys so much more than the physical action. A present given "with all my love" does not usually equate with "all" one's love, yet "all" one's love can indeed be conveyed by the gift and is properly received through the gift. Similarly a hand-shake can be a sacrament. Words are sacraments in that they convey much more than the words themselves. Likewise with a smile. Of course all of these can be, and sadly are, often grossly misused. But that doesn't invalidate the definition. We are therefore, all sacramentalists throughout life. Even children are - before they can pronounce the word. So let's be proud of it. And let's be careful how we use them.

In view of all this, it should be no surprise at all that Jesus gave us two sacraments. He knew how we function; was He not one of us? He knew our use of and our need for sacraments. The first one is . . .



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Holy Baptism

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Clearly, in putting forward infants for baptism a huge weight of responsibility rests on the parents. They are to make a public profession of their own Christian faith and commitment. They are to make public promises about their own future lifestyle. They are to pledge to see that the infants are brought up within the worshipping life of the Church. These days a huge amount of preparation of most parents is needed.

Baptism is always with water. The quantity of water used is totally irrelevant, even if it has a subjective significance to the candidate. Water is used as a symbol of our being washed by Christ from our sin. You can get as clean in a bath of five inches of water as in one of 50 inches!

Baptism is into God the Father through Jesus Christ by the action of the Holy Spirit. It is not just something we do. God is in action too on His side of the Covenant. One can go through the motions of baptism time and again. But one can only be baptised once. To attempt to repeat it is to question whether God is faithful to His promise, to His side of the Covenant. We may well slip back. But a so-called "second



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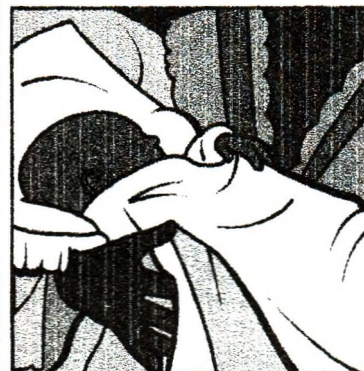
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baptism" is not the scriptural way to put things right on our part. Nor does the Church endorse it, indeed it provides a service for the renewal of baptismal vows. Maybe it would be good if we all used this once a year.

The second sacrament that Jesus gave us is Holy Communion. But that is for next month!

John N. Collie

Great expectations



At a baptism, the young minister was full of enthusiasm. He held the baby in his arms and speculated aloud as to the child's possible future. "He may become a captain of industry, a great scientist or a gifted teacher - someone on whom hundreds of young boys may model themselves."

Then turning to the parents in a rather grand manner, he asked, "And so what name do you give this child?"

Gladys Dunn

Gladys Dunn was new in town. She decided to visit her nearest church. The people were very welcoming and the singing by the choir was melodious, however, the preacher was boring! What a pity she thought, spoiling the visit for her. Glancing round she saw many of the congregation nodding off. Finally the sermon ended and the service was over. After the service she turned to a still sleepy-looking gentleman next to her, extended her hand and said, "I'm Gladys Dunn."

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Interestingly the time and location of his exploits is very carefully documented in *Judges*, although the period as a whole is turbulent and murky to say the least. He receives passing mention in the list of those of great faith in the *New Testament* book of *Hebrews*, chapter 11, but does not appear anywhere else in the Biblical account. Because of the highly unusual nature of his exploits, some have suggested that he is more myth than reality. His name means "Man of the sun", and so it has been suggested that stories of Samson derive from the sun gods of neighbouring pagan nations. However, the very precise geographical details given about his life would suggest a greater degree of authenticity about the account.

He lived around the twelfth century BC. It was the time for the people of Israel between the initial conquest of the land and the establishing of a monarchy to govern. A series of Judges emerged, who were the national leaders, and held civil and religious influence.



With Samson, Gideon and Samuel are the most well-known such men. In Samson's case, there is no evidence of him wielding civil or religious power, but his great strength meant that he was a threat to the enemy Philistines, and an iconic figure for

Israel.

His birth was unusual. His father was named Manoah, a member of the tribe of Dan. His mother had long been childless, when an angel promised her a son. To honour this, she brought him up as a Nazarite from birth as instructed by the angel. Nazarites (usually a voluntary matter undertaken in adulthood) took vows to abstain from alcohol, and not to cut their hair, as marks of their dedication to the Lord as described in *Numbers* chapter 6.

From youth onwards, Samson's career was marked by sexual liaison with the Philistines, and acts of great strength and violence.

The Philistines had settled in the neighbouring lowlands to the Israelites, and sought to expand into the Judean foothills. This was the area initially allocated to the tribe of Dan, and so they in particular lived in uncomfortable proximity to the Philistines. As a young man Samson persuaded his reluctant parents to arrange a marriage for him with a Philistine woman. However, after a wager at the wedding, great violence erupted. His bride was persuaded to disclose the answer to a riddle he had posed, which resulted in Samson slaying 30 Philistines, in order to take their clothes. Later, on revisiting his wife and father-in-law, Samson was furious that in his absence she had been given to another man. This time he caught 300 foxes (perhaps jackals), tied them together in pairs with lighted torches between their tails, and set them loose amongst the crops awaiting harvest.

Great damage was done. In fury, the Philistines turned on Samson's wife's home, and set it alight. Both she and her father died. Incensed, Samson wrought havoc amongst the Philistines, before hiding.

The tense relations between the people of Israel and Philistia were now stretched to breaking point. Samson, for the Philistines, was public enemy number one. The Israelites, too, felt cowed by the Philistines, as they saw them as rulers over them at that time, so Samson was persuaded to give himself

up. However, when handed over to the Philistines, the ropes binding him snapped like threads, and he went on the rampage. Grasping the jaw-bone of an ass (A curious weapon to say the least!) he slew 1000 men. His remarkable strength, each time is attributed to the Holy Spirit coming on him, and enabling to do these superhuman feats.

Soon after, he was visiting a Philistine harlot, when he was made aware that he may be captured. His response was to wrench the locked city gates and pillars out of their settings, and carry them to a hilltop, near his home - a distance of about 38 miles!

Famously, he is linked with Delilah. She was yet another Philistine woman that he became infatuated with. She was persuaded to use her feminine charms to learn from Samson what the secret of his great strength was. After giving her the wrong answer several times, and then being able to repulse the men who thought they would be able to capture him, he finally disclosed the secret of his strength, in the fact that his hair had never been cut.

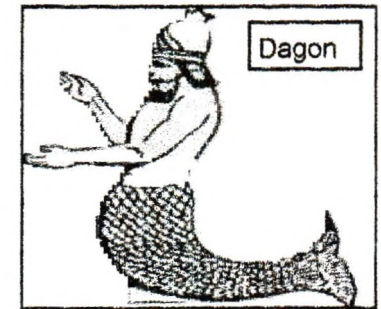


Now Delilah had him! Lulling him to sleep, his head on her lap, she cut his hair. This time she was no escape. He was captured, his eyes put out, and taken in chains to the Philistine city of Gaza, where he was put to work turning the prison mill-stone.

This account was the inspiration for Milton's poem, *Samson Agonistes*, where he describes Samson as *Eyeless in Gaza, at the mill with slaves*

Himself in bonds under Philistinian yoke

The Philistines worshipped a god called Dagon. Eventually, seeking to spice up a festival with an infamous presence, Samson was paraded in the temple, when it was full to capacity with a further three thousand on the roof. As he was led in (he was, of course, still blind), he prayed that his strength might return just once more, that he may be avenged on the Philistines. And so it happened.



Standing between two pillars, he was able to exert such pressure, that they gave way, precipitating the collapse of the temple. Samson died under the falling masonry, along with a large number of Philistines - more in number than he had slain during his life.

The story of Samson may well be a puzzle to us. Did these things really happen? Why is such a dubious character presented to us in the Bible?

The time of the Judges was a dark period for God's people - it was a time of moral and religious weakness and confusion. Samson certainly reflects this. He was obviously prone to lust, was quick to seek violent revenge, and broke his Nazarite vows concerning abstaining from alcohol. On the plus side, we see glimpses of real faith about him, in particular right at the

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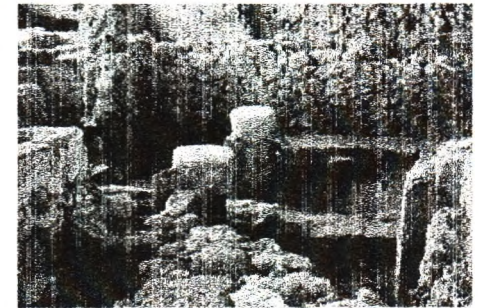
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end of his life.

The writer of *Hebrews* obviously viewed him as an authentic figure. In the 1970's, archaeologists at Tel Qasile (Just to the north of Tel Aviv, near the modern university) discovered a temple. The whole site was clearly a substantial Philistine settlement.

The layout of the temple, in particular the pillars, corresponds very closely with the description of the one in which Samson met his end, as described in *Judges*.



Remains of philistine temple at Tel Qasile

He was a clearly flawed man, yet one whom God used. Whilst his flaws may be warnings, and not encouragements to us, we may view Samson as a very imperfect person, who yet could be used by God. The Bible tells us that we cannot see God if we do not seek after holiness of life, but also that He will use us along the way, with all our imperfections.

David Rhodes

The Bishop's visit

A bishop was visiting a small church in his diocese. He wanted the young people to understand what he had to say about the Good Shepherd, so he dressed up in his bishop's long flowing robes and carried his crook. "Now," beamed the bishop, "do you know who I am?" After a moment's silence, one child ventured, "Little Bo Peep?"



taken from Parish Pump

Youth work news for S17 churches

King Egbert's School

Many of you may know that King Egbert's are in the process of moving buildings. They will be moving out of two existing buildings into one larger building. This is a big undertaking for both staff and students. There will be a great deal of adjusting to do. It is a very positive event for this school, as a natural unity will be developed where previously there was not. Out of the unity the school will have, there is much opportunity for Christians to come together and for spiritual growth. Please could you pray for the new building and for the students and staff, particularly as you drive or walk past the school.

U.R.C. Youngsters

Janine and I had a great time going out with the young people from the United Reformed church with their parents and Jane Rowell. We all stuffed ourselves with pizza, one young person attempting to eat a family sized pizza by himself! After this, we went off to Hollywood bowl and had a competitive game of bowling. It was really good to spend time with these young people, as I don't see them too often. I am looking forward to the next opportunity to challenge them at bowling!



Mixin' it on the decks!

During half term the council youth workers came down and worked alongside me with a group of youngsters we have been seeing in our detached work. The youth workers brought down some C.D's and a double C.D. player called decks. The young people learnt a little about how to 'mix' the music, 'scratch' and put 'loops together'. They behaved really well and definitely enjoyed the



opportunity. Activities like this promote self esteem and self confidence as well as new skills and in turn, these attributes help young people to take opportunities in education and employment.

Youth Leaders conference

Joel and I went on a youth leaders' conference last month, which was a really great occasion. Dr. Tony Campolo, a Christian sociologist, led it. He taught with great passion and wisdom and gave us much to take home. He told us how 'We are working with young people who are being seduced by Babylon.' Babylon being the society we live in, one that 'convinces us that the stuff we don't need is more important than what we do need.' In other words, people are more bothered about possessions and success than they are about loving others and loving their creator. Young people have bought into this lie and so think that it is more important to have an X box than help others, more important to have the right clothes than acknowledge their dying need for a relationship with God. Tony challenged us to grab their imagination, give them a cause to fight for and they will stand up and go for it!

We both came back and are already challenging young people to dare to realise their dream that this community can change as they themselves become ambassadors of that change. This is exciting stuff, young people expressing true self, realising their potential and living the most fulfilling life of which they are capable. It you are one of those who are pessimistic about the future, that is the hope we have. It is one I believe will be realised!

Matt Conant

The Lord's Prayer?

When I was younger, I believed the line was, "Lead a snot into temptation."

I thought I was praying for my little sister to get into trouble!

60th Anniversary Event
24th April 2005 3.00 p.m.
Victoria Hall Norfolk Street
Sheffield.

The Rt Rev Jack Nicholls,
Bishop of Sheffield,
will preach.

Contact Richard Buckley
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Christian Aid's Diamond Jubilee Year

Ride for Rwanda
28 May - 4 June
The website is very
informative with plenty of
information and ideas about
ways to raise funds
www.rideforrwanda.org.uk
(See page 37)

Pray and Fast

Eat with the poor

Monday 11th April
Service 12.30 Lunch 1.10
Place: St. Matthew's Church and Hall
Carver Street Sheffield.

(just beyond John Lewis' store & turn left)

This is part of the People's Week of Action on Trade and is arranged by the Sheffield MakePovertyHistory Coalition. It is suggested that Christians should fast on this day as an act of solidarity with those worldwide who have no such choice. Lunch will be what many Tsunami victims had for weeks after the disaster, gruel and water. This is preceded by a communion service, when we may share Christ's life-giving gift of His body and blood together. This led by the Revd. Richard Buckley of Christian Aid assisted by the Revd. Louise Dawson (Methodist Church and Churches Together) ALL believing Christians are welcome to the service, this is an 'open altar',

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Tactful

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The congregation often read the 23rd Psalm together. One Sunday before they started, he smilingly said, "Oh, may I ask the lady who always arrives at the still waters while the rest of us are in the green pastures, to wait for us this time?"

Crossing

A policeman on a busy street was approached by an elderly lady with poor sight, who asked if he would see her across the road. He said, "There's a zebra crossing just up the road." "Oh well," said the lady, "I hope he's having better luck than I am!"

**How you can take action for trade justice
 this Christian Aid Week**

15 - 21 May 2005

Say a prayer:

Holy Spirit of God,
 Light a flame within me,
 Burning for justice,
 Glowing with kindness,
 Shining with hope
 For the end of poverty
 And peace of all people
 In this ever-turning world.
 Amen.

(Christian
 Aid/Peter
 Graystone)



July - December
The UK holds the
presidency of the EU.

July: G8 Summit meeting in
the UK
The meeting of the world's richest
eight nations returns to the UK in
July. The UK government wants
the agenda to address poverty in
Africa.

December
Ministerial meeting of
the World Trade
Organisation



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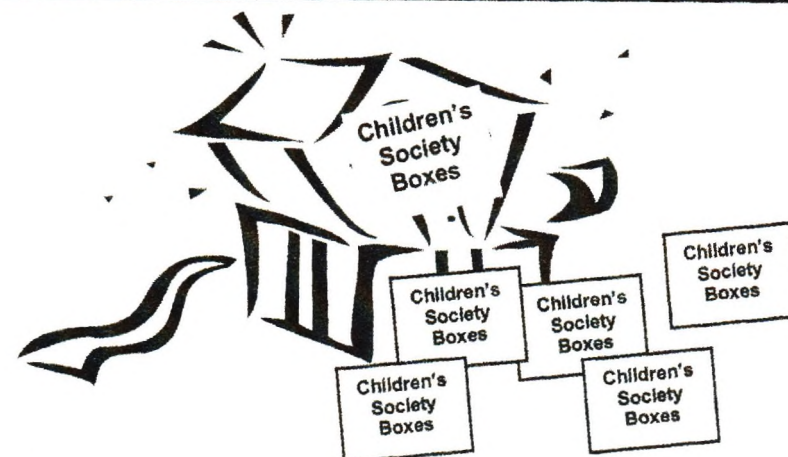
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND BEREAVED

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.



The box collection this year has raised £306.44 - thanks to all contributors. As I have lost several people from my list during the last year, are available for anyone who would like one. *Ann Ruthven*



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From the Editor

There are just a few more subscriptions to be collected for this year. If you have not already let me have the money collected, will you try to let me have it quite soon? I would like to get the accounts up-to-date.

I will be retiring from editing the magazine in July and all the other jobs allied to it. There have already been volunteers to continue the publication. If you think you could be part of a team to help produce/print the magazine after July, please let me know and I will pass on your name to the volunteers. It certainly has been a challenge to produce a magazine on time but one I have enjoyed! *Editor*





Let Our Light Shine

Women's World Day of Prayer

In Poland and many other countries, bread and salt are symbols of hospitality and friendship. So with bread and salt, we were welcomed to the service held at Totley Rise Methodist Church and prepared by the women of Poland.

Christina, a Polish lady pronounced the verbal welcome, "Szczęść Boże" - (Shtensht Bor-jher) "May God Bless You".

The women of Poland wanted to remind us of the words of Jesus, "You are the salt of the earth . . . You are the light of the world."

Prayers and hymns had been chosen with *light* in mind. The choir, with only a short rehearsal, sang the descant to a little known but appealing hymn.

The address by Dr Marion Jepson reflected *light* in many facets. This was followed by the lighting of candles and a prayer:

"Lord, we thank you for your Light given to us so richly through your Word and through the Holy Spirit. Help us to be the salt of the earth and light of the world."

A collection taken during the service raised £220.

Tea and coffee was served in the church hall with a chance to meet and greet old and new friends.

Editor

The Revd. J.D. Benson writes:

I have to take 'Parish Pump' (see below) to task regarding Archbishop Michael Ramsey. I had the privilege of being Ordained Deacon by him in 1961 in York Minster. He may well have been, quote, "only able to talk about Atonement when he was a Durham Cathedral Canon", but he was, after all, a most respected Professor of Divinity and a most lucid lecturer and writer, able to put complex theological concepts into a digestible form.

When he came to York Diocese as our Archbishop, Parish Clergy and Theological Students like myself found him to be a most approachable, Pastoral Father of God. In fact, in my humble opinion, after Archbishop Michael, the Church of England seemed to move from a Pastoral to a Managerial model. He was quite shy, but had a wonderful sense of humour and loved being with ordinary Parishioners. I shall never forget his words of sound Pastoral advice at my Ordination Retreat. Our visits, as students, to his 'Bishopthorpe Bun Fights' saw him at his Fatherly best and he always tried hard to remember our names, but sometimes gave us the wrong one!

Should anyone be interested, I have two biographies (by Owen Chadwick and Michael De-la-Noy) which I will gladly loan - for a small fee!

God Bless you all

David

Archbishop Michael Ramsey was one time canon of Durham. The dean's wife wrote to a friend: "He is nice. But he has no small talk. He can talk about Atonement. But unfortunately (or not) that is not a subject which is usually on our minds."

Taken from Parish Pump

Notes from Sabbatical

'...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.' The road ahead begins with this 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?

Extract from Simplicity, Love and Justice – a discussion course produced by *The Besom Foundation* who provide a bridge between those who want to give money, time, skills or things and those who are in need.

Care for Orphans

I received a letter from my friend Stephen Nyairo from Kenya and have determined to support him and help him fulfil his dream of building an orphanage for children that have no choice but to live on the streets and eat from the garbage dumps!

James 1:27 says "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world".

Debbie and I have set up a direct debit to start supporting this project financially but feel a leading to be involved in an even more practical way. I continue to pray that The Lord will show me how this might be done and am speaking to others for advice and counsel. Stephen's letter is attached I'd be glad if you would speak to me about this project.

Parts of his letter follow:

"I was a student at Cliff College from 1997 to 1998. I was

blessed with the opportunity to meet a lot of people from all over the U.K. and received emotional and financial support from my Christian brothers and sisters ...

Africa is still struggling financially. Unfortunately, the victims of this financial upheaval are orphans and widows. Most of the orphans live on the streets and eat from the garbage dumps. It has been my dream to build an orphanage for these children. One of the brothers in Christ who had a vision for the orphans in Africa was David Holmes. David used to be the principal in an African High School years ago. Unfortunately, he contracted malaria and passed away in England two years ago. After his death, David Holmes' lawyer told me that he had left me £3000. His generosity and kindness never left my heart and I knew that I had to do something to keep his dream alive. So far, I have a total of £3200. The project will require £40,000 and I am inviting you to be a part of this project through your generous contributions. Please give whatever the Spirit leads you to give. My mother and father have volunteered to work on finding the land to build it on. (The orphanage will consist of a church and school and sports facilities.) I also plan to travel to Africa as soon as sufficient funds are available.

I know that no matter how small or big your gift is, God will bless you in return as you bless the orphans of Africa.

Stephen O. Nyairo, 12727 Drake Circle, Coon Rapids MN 55448, United States of America.

Ride For Rwanda

I have also received information that Canon Geoffrey Daintree and Andy Wooding-Jones (Mick Woodhead's predecessor at St Thomas' Crookes) plus others are undertaking another 'Ride for Rwanda'. This is a one off to raise money for a development project to build a Theological College in Rwanda. Again I feel prompted to be involved to a greater extent than contributing financially and am praying for guidance. I would be glad to talk to you about this project as well.

Tsunami

I read a very moving account published by Barnabas Aid of a full time Christian worker in the Andamans. It tells how he lost his wife in the Asian Tsunami. David Adhikesavan and his wife Esther got up at 3.30am on Boxing Day morning to pray and prepare for their Christmas service. As they were preparing the tsunami struck, the water broke down the church wall and submerged them, Esther was carried away and David never saw her again. Like him, I thank God for my wife. Like Esther was for him, Debbie is a great source of strength and encouragement to me. I pray for him.

Ric Gray

Please contact Ric about any of the above on 0114 236 9204

Make Poverty History

**Global Week of Action for Trade Justice
is the 10th to 16th April 2005.**

I'm going to London on the 15th April to take part in 'Wake up to trade justice' I will light one of ten thousand candles during an overnight vigil at the heart of government at Westminster. Please seriously consider coming too and make your presence felt. It's our chance to influence what happens at the G8 summit in July and to tell the Prime Minister and Government we want action. If you are unable to come please buy and wear a white band - the symbol of **Make Poverty History**. Order your wristband now. Available in cotton (tie to fit) or silicone (one size) £1.00 each. I have a small supply. To order more please phone **08700 787 788** or visit www.christianaid.org.uk

Ric Gray

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2005 programme

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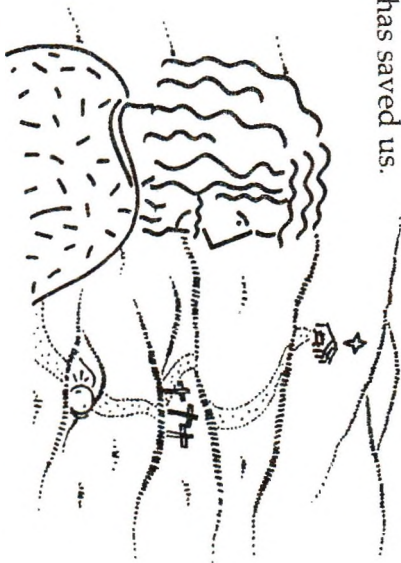
**Endcliffe Methodist Church Hall
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7.30 p.m.**

Subject: The E.U. Constitution

Reasons for attending:

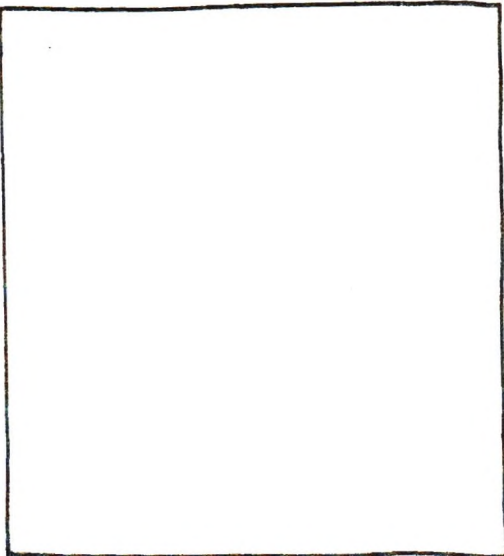
- To find out as much as possible about the E.U. Constitution in order to be able to vote in the Referendum with confidence
- E.U. Constitution will probably be one of the important issues of the General Election.

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Stop by stop, on and on

When?

I was born I could walk I started playgroup I went to school I had my measles jab

From the Registers

Baptism: March 6th Jolene Jade Douglas
 of Main Avenue

March 13th Liam Bradley Townend
 Amelia Miriam Townend
 of Totley Hall Croft

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

April 18th Kieran Harry McGrail
 April 18th Elizabeth Ruth Dickinson
 April 18th Evie May Collier
 April 18th Harriet Mae Sharp

Weddings: March 28th Nicholas Leslie Peter Rae
 of Victoria Street and
 Deborah Michelle Hewitt
 of Totley Brook Glen

Funerals: None in March

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The P.C.C. will announce the new arrangements for
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	Altar	Memory Table
3rd	EASTER FLOWERS	
10th	Cell Group (C. Elson)	Mrs. Bryer
17th	Cell Group (Booth)	Cell Group
24th	Cell Group (Rhodes)	Cell Group

DIARY DATES - April 2005

4th	Sheffield Christian Constituency Movement Endcliffe Methodist Church Hall 7.30 p.m.
4th	Cell Leaders Meeting Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
9th	Cell Leaders Prayer Meeting Hall 8.00 a.m.
10th	to 16th Week of Action for Trade Justice
11th	Service 12.30 and Lunch <i>MakePovertyHistory</i> St. Matthew's Church and Hall
12th	Ladies Coffee Morning Hall 10.30 - 12.00 p.m.
15th	to 21st Christian Aid Week
17th	Annual General Meeting followed by Bring and Share Lunch
18th	Last day for items for May Magazine
24th	60th Anniversary of Christian Aid Service at Victoria Hall 3.00 p.m. (Bishop Jack)
25th	Collation of magazine from 9.30 a.m.
26th	Martha and Mary group Lounge 10.30 p.m.
May	
2nd	May Day Trek see page 29
28th	to 4th June Ride for Rwanda
Also	
25th	June Night Hike see page 29
10th	July Class of 1925 Tea and Service see page 11

Final Date for items for May 2005 : April 18th 2005

Saying for Stillness

"What doest thou here?"

(1Kings 19 : 9 & 13)

ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL

Sunday:	9.30 a.m.	Creche (under 3's)	
		Josee Shaw	236 2481
		The Alive Gang (3 to 11 years)	
		Sally Rhodes	236 2322
		Gay Riley	236 6884
	6.30 – 8.30 p.m.	Sunday Youth Group (alternate)	
		Paul Kent	236 5559
Monday:	10.00 a.m.	Drop in Coffee	
		Marjorie & Maurice Snowdon	236 2822
	10.00 a.m.	Toddler Group	
		Jo 262 0741 or Sharon	236 9639
	5.45 - 6.45 p.m.	Rainbows	
		Sue Clifton	262 1096
	7.00 p.m.	Guides	
		Maureen Allum	235 1262
Tuesday:	10.30 a.m.	Martha & Mary Group (4th)	
		Sheila Eke	236 7457
	10.00 a.m.	Ladies Coffee Morning (2nd)	
		Ann Ruthven	236 8643
Wed'day:	10.00 a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group	
		Mel Morton	236 6300
Thursday:	10.00 a.m.	Toddler Praise (fortnightly)	
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From the Vicarage



Dear friends

What do the letters PC signify for you? A marvel of modern technology, a man with a helmet, a raft of attitudes, or something else. "Political Correctness" is one of the more recent phrases to have found its way into the dictionary. It acts as a not-so-subtle form of censorship on opinions, attitudes, and their expression, especially in public. Vocabulary, attitudes and even behaviour which may have been unremarkable a quarter or half a century ago have somehow become unacceptable, or even seen as evil or perhaps criminal. Who decides just what is and is not acceptable, what we are supposed to think and are allowed to say, is of course a mystery. We do not have "thought police" as is at times the case in totalitarian states, but somehow there is an impersonal influence wielded which can have a profound impact upon us.

This has great implications for Christians. To be a Christian has seldom, if ever, been very PC in this, or any other country. From the earliest days of the church, when Christians were martyred for refusing to worship the Roman emperor, to follow Christ has meant to stand against prevailing attitudes. In twenty-first century Britain this may more and more be the case, as PC attitudes increasingly dictate that the only attitude not to be tolerated is intolerance - and to nail your colours firmly to the mast of Jesus Christ, and to proclaim that He alone is Lord and

saviour is seen as being intolerant.

In recent Sundays we have been looking at one of the letters in the New Testament. It was written by the apostle Peter to Christians who were being persecuted for their faith - in other words holding to their faith in Christ, and not simply adopting the currently held PC attitudes, whatever they may have been. In fact that was the case for Christians for the first three centuries after Christ. It is very clearly the case in many countries today where other religions or ideologies are enforced by law, and can be seen creeping into the UK - witness such matters as the retreat in places from celebrating the Christian dimension of Christmas and the recent removal of Gideon Bibles from a group of private hospitals.

So where does that leave us today? It leaves Christians where they have always been, following a Master who spoke about and demonstrated the boundless love of God for a fallen humanity, but who also was uncompromising about His unique nature as God's only Son. It leaves Christians following a Master who Himself found that prevailing authority objected to His influence. It leaves Christians wanting to live out and share the transforming relationship with God that they have found, but to do so in the way that Jesus did, and in the power which He provides.

Peter told his readers that they were aliens and strangers in the world, but to live such lives, because of their relationship with Christ, that others may be drawn to Him by what they saw. On my recent visit to Kenya, I was in conversation with a man, not a Christian, who spoke movingly of exactly that impact that the Christians he knew was having on Him. Whether we feel we are PC or not, that's not a bad way to approach a personal life in Totley too!

With all best wishes

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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 May 2005

1st	Sixth Sunday of Easter Theme:- The Bible on marriage
9.30 a.m.	All Age Worship
11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
3.30 p.m.	Holy Communion at the Cheshire Home
4th	Wednesday Service
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
8th	Seventh Sunday of Easter Theme:- The price of Christian faith
9.30 a.m.	Baptism Service
11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
6.30 p.m.	Evening Prayer
11th	Wednesday Service
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
15th	Pentecost Theme: Power from on high
9.30 a.m.	All Age All Together
11.00 a.m.	Holy Communion
3.30 p.m.	Informal Service at the Cheshire Home
6.30 p.m.	Taize Service
18th	Wednesday Service
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
22nd	Trinity Sunday Theme: A tricky subject examined
10.00 a.m.	Family Communion Service - followed by a picnic at Chatsworth for all the churches
6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
25th	Wednesday Service
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
29th	First Sunday after Trinity Theme: Wise and foolish builders
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The Class of 1925.

It emerges that there are several members (seven actually!) of All Saints' congregation who admit to having been born in 1925. Not only that, but their birthdays are clustered in the months between March and July. At a recent discussion (including two "seniors" from September 1924!) it was agreed that we would organise a tea in the Church Hall on

**Sunday 10th July
from 4.00 p.m. till 6.00 p.m.**



and invite anybody who would like to come to share the celebration with us.



The timing is such that it would be possible and appropriate for some to go to Evening Prayer in Church at 6.30 p.m.

We would probably be glad of a little help nearer the time but this preliminary notice was called for because, by the time this magazine is printed, the birthday season will already have begun. No! I am not going to tell you who they all are – they can tell you themselves if they wish but there might also be others whom we have not yet identified and we would hate them to feel left out. If anyone reading this wants to confess their age you could give me a ring.

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Maurice Snowden.

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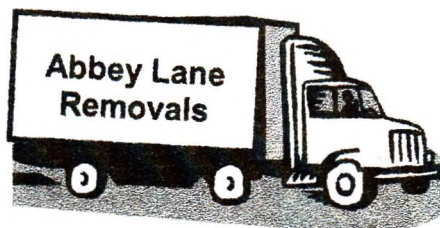
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Notes from the P.C.C.

The Parochial Church Council has met three times since Christmas. Some of the items discussed were:

- **Church Magazine** The future of the church magazine was discussed as circulation numbers have been falling. Thoughts such as how to promote it, pricing strategy and delivery of the magazine were investigated.
- **Use of the Church Hall** The PCC discussed hiring fees, regular users, requests for new regular bookings and how this fits in with requirements for church activities such as Alpha courses.
- **Children and Youth work** The PCC has adopted the up-dated version of the Child Protection Policy. The names of helpers cleared by the Criminal Records Bureau, in relation to work with young people, were noted.
- **Youth Project** The future of the project has been discussed. It is widely seen as very valuable and the PCC voted to continue to support it after the summer of 2006 when the five year term is finished.
- **Preparations** for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting in April. The PCC received the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2004.
- **The Archdeacon's visit** In preparation for this, the PCC has received questions relating to our Mission including questions on patterns of worship, patterns of fellowship and patterns of



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mission and service. We spent time at two meetings looking at different aspects of these questions.

Other issues discussed have included a Mission event at the newly refurbished City Hall in October at which Cannon and Ball will be speaking; the duties of the Sacristan and Verger; maintenance matters such as repairs to the boiler and construction of signs to remind dog owners not to let their dogs foul the grounds. The PCC also heard of plans made to ensure the sound and audio-visual systems will be manned each Sunday.

Jane Lawry
P.C.C. Secretary

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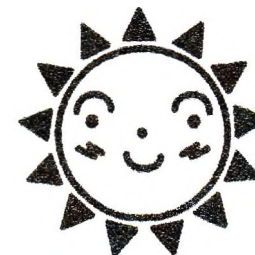
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The brooding world in darkness lay
Before there was ere night or day
The waters there that covered earth
In darkness lay before the birth
Naught could be seen for all was black
Of colour, light there was great lack
But then our Lord gave order He
Let there be light, just let it be
Then came the day, the light shone out
What joy there was, dark put to rout.



So let us now with God declare
There will be light just everywhere
Deep in our hearts and in our mind
So no dark deeds we there will find
With fervent joy for good we'll fight
As we live ever in the light
And so we'll walk with heads held high
Our faces lifted to the sky
Let's celebrate each brand new day
As homage to our God we pay.



Vivien Filleul

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The demand for uniformity led to the first written liturgical texts, originally so that prayers and other forms of words could be checked against "official" practice. An advantage was that heretical teaching could be spotted and dealt with. The disadvantage was that many local variations were lost, as was the case when the Celtic tradition in Britain was supplanted by the Roman rite.

By the Middle Ages, pilgrims travelling Europe would find a service much the same wherever they went and always, of course, in Latin.

Ordinary worshippers understood little of what was said, often whispered at the far end of the church, behind screens, by the clergy. The congregation had no service books; nor could they have read them if they had., whether in Latin or in English. If liturgy (leitourgia) originated as service by the people, of the people, medieval liturgy was something done for the people and to the people: worship by proxy.

Taken from Sunday Link

My daughter, who is in nursery school, said,
"Our Father, who art in heaven,
how didja know my name?"

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YOU MET THEM IN THE PAGES OF THE BIBLE

TIMOTHY

Paul met the son of Eunice, and grandson of Lois when he visited Lystra (in modern Turkey). Both the ladies were



The site of Lystra

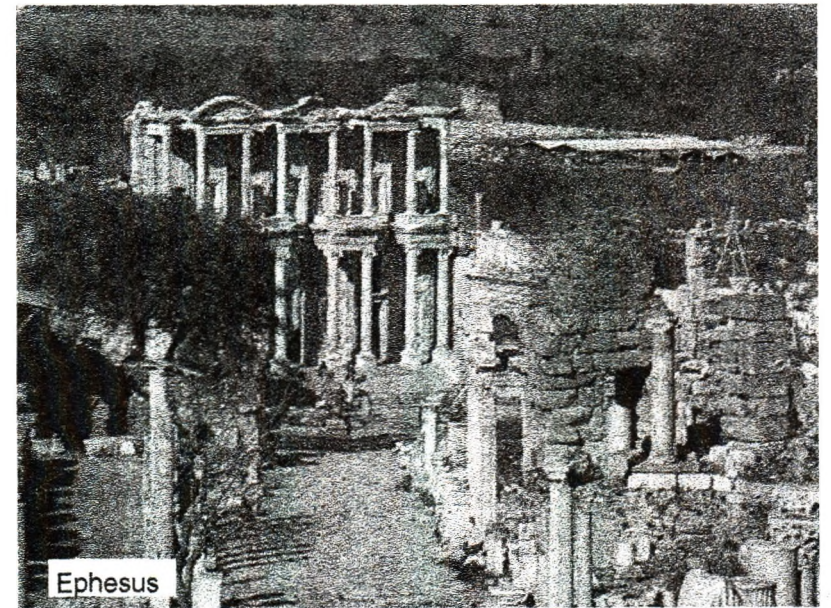
Jewesses and had brought Timothy up to know the Old Testament scriptures, and to love the Lord. Eunice's husband was a gentile, which was later to be significant for

Timothy (and perhaps Paul). On his first visit to the town, Paul was stoned, and had to flee. However, he planted a church. On his return, during his second journey he discovered that Timothy, and his mother and grand mother were respected members of the growing church there.

On this second visit, Paul, and his companion Silas, took Timothy with them when they set off for Macedonia. From then, he rapidly became Paul's trusted emissary, at times deputy, and eventually replacement about 17 years later.

He was a lot younger than Paul, and would seem to have been less robust both in nature, and in physical constitution. In writing to the Corinthians, to pave the way for a visit from Timothy, Paul said, ". . . see that you put him at ease among you, for he is doing

the work of the Lord, as I am. So let no one despise him." (1Cor 16 : 10) In writing to him personally (1Tim 5 : 23) Paul refers to his frequent ailments, and advises him to take small amounts of wine for the sake of his stomach. Paul never married, and thus fathered no children. Timothy was probably the nearest he came to a father/son relationship. "Timothy's worth you know, how as a father with a son, he has served me in the gospel." (Phil 2 : 22) He trusted Timothy with some delicate and difficult missions, despite his apparent shyness. He must have had wisdom, tact and perseverance to sustain these tasks. He took Paul's letters from Ephesus (where they were written) to Corinth, and his name is also linked with the churches in Thessalonica, Colossae and Phillipi.



Ephesus

Although other places are linked with Timothy, he probably spent much of his time at Ephesus. Paul had a long stay there, when he was accompanied by Timothy. The fourth century historian, Eusebius, records that Timothy became the first

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bishop of Ephesus, while the apocryphal, "Acts of Timothy" describes his martyrdom at Ephesus, in the year 97 AD, whilst he was protesting at the immorality associated with festivities associated with the pagan goddess Diana. After his death a tradition grew up that his remains were taken to Constantinople in the year 356, but that story does not have a very strong basis.

At the end of his third journey, when Paul met with a group of disciples before sailing for Jerusalem, Timothy was with them. Whether he then accompanied Paul to Jerusalem is unknown. Some have suggested that Paul took Timothy into the temple, and this caused uproar as he was then accused of taking a gentile beyond the appropriate area (even though he had in fact been circumcised when he became Paul's companion.) We only have few hints as to Timothy's subsequent life. He probably acted as Paul's secretary and companion until he eventually arrived in Rome, and so experienced the various challenges of that journey, including the ship-wrecking. It would seem probable that Paul sent Timothy to Ephesus, as his representative, and we know that he asked Timothy to bring him some scrolls and a cloak (2Tim 4 : 13) Whether he arrived before Paul's execution, we do not know. There is a reference to Timothy's release (probably from prison) right at the end of *Hebrews*, which some think is a personal note from Paul, added at the time of their joint imprisonment in Rome. Whoever wrote it, they must have known each other well, and Timothy must have been known to the recipients, for such a passing remark to have made any sense.

The Bible contains two letters from Paul to Timothy, counselling him on the leadership responsibilities that he had, as well as giving him personal advice. Scholars have varied in their views as to exactly when the two letters were written. It would seem that 2Timothy was written by Paul, whilst in prison in Rome, and that perhaps 1Timothy was as well, although there are some hints that it could have been penned earlier. Although not as famous a relationship as some others in the

Bible, that between Paul and Timothy is highly significant and instructive. Here was an older Christian making it his intention to mentor a younger man, to see his gifts and give them a platform, to take his particular weaknesses and foibles seriously, and above all to see how God would use him. Each generation faces its own challenges and particular demands. Each generation has to discover how to communicate the gospel in helpful and realistic ways for that time. But each generation needs too to build on the spiritual inheritance of their forebears. Paul and Timothy's relationship is a subtle yet powerful example and inspiration to us of those things.

David Rhodes

For those who were unable to hear the Vicar's Annual Report here is the final section:

The three G's

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Every new day, never mind new year, is full of unknown challenge and possibility. We are God's gift to one another and those around us. Whatever life holds, whatever changes we have to cope with, my prayer is that when members of All Saints have met together, or with other, **our impact is that we make easier and more desirable for others to trust in and follow Jesus.** Blessed be His name.

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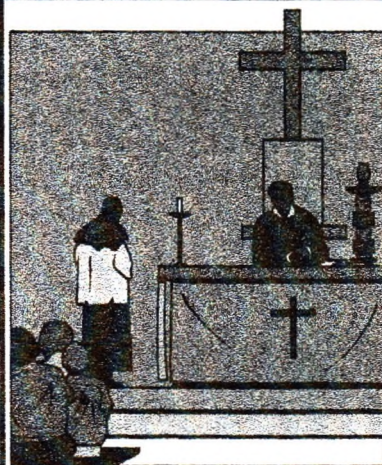
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Buys a water tank for a Peruvian village. This means that the villagers can get water without having to walk to the nearest stream which could be over 2km away.

Teresa Palacio Durand from Peru washes her five year old son, Rolando, in a sink provided with Christian Aid's help



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By Request...

At my request, Canon John Collie has answered the many questions which emanated from talking to him about his service in the Church of England. I know from your comments that you too have found his answers interesting. I am sorry that all my questions have been answered. I shall miss the inclusion of these informative articles.

Would you write something about sacraments?

Last month, I gave a definition of a sacrament: "Any sacrament is an action which conveys vastly more than the action itself". And I wrote of this in respect of the first sacrament that Jesus gave us - Holy Baptism. I come now to the second one which is . . .

Holy Communion

It was with a sense of shock, surprise and enormous pleasure that about 30 years ago, I realised something to which I had previously been blind.

In the New Testament, St. Paul claims to have encountered the risen Christ twice in personal conversations. The first was of course on the road to Damascus when his life was simply turned round. The second was when Jesus gave Paul a direct recall of what took place at the Last Supper (1Corinthians 11, verses 23-26).

If you had been creating a single scenario between the risen Jesus and Paul, what would you have suggested that Jesus would talk about? Maybe the event and the significance of the Crucifixion? Maybe some fuller detail of the Resurrection and Ascension? Or maybe the headlines of the Sermon on the Mount? On his own dealings with temptation in the wilderness? There is so much that Jesus might have talked about to the new

disciple Paul, because of course Paul was not himself present at the earthly life of Jesus.

Clearly Paul got all his authoritative information about the events in the life of Jesus from the other eleven disciples; he needed to be told all of it. Included in this would be the events of the Last Supper which, by the time he wrote to the Church in Corinth, he was able to call "the tradition". But it was that event - and only that event - that Jesus gave to Paul in a personal revelation. This raises the question: Why? The only sane answer is because Jesus himself reckoned on the incalculable and critical value of that event. Paul no doubt wrote it out for the same reason while he was trying to reform the chaotic life of the Church of Corinth.

When you come to think about it, it is very clear why Jesus and Paul rated it so highly. No other corporate act of the Church, no other attempt to devise a service of worship and evangelism comes near to what we call Holy Communion. It contains and sets forth the fiercesome drama of the Cross, in the words of Jesus, "my body broken for you . . . my blood shed for you." The service is the sermon and the congregation is drawn right into it.

At the supper table Jesus took bread bought at the local baker's shop and wine from the local off licence, the bread of our working lives and the wine of our pleasures, took them to himself and gave them back as "my body . . . my blood." to those who have eyes to see, this is the supremely converting action. Here is sacrament indeed. That is why Jesus gave it to us - "a sacrament is an action which conveys vastly more than the action itself."

For whom is this available? In baptism we are made one with Christ. In baptism we are brought into fellowship with Christ's body, the Church. Properly, Holy Baptism is the doorway to Holy Communion. On the weekly notice sheet in Sheffield Cathedral is written: "Baptised children of any age are welcome to receive communion". How right! The saying "born with a silver spoon in his/her mouth" comes from the use

of a silver spoon to administer this sacrament to infants. Let the Church get the spoon back and use it with reverence and awe. With Bishop's authority, I did this at Ecclesall and it proved to be profoundly significant for some children who were far too young to be pressed into the life-long commitment of the vows taken at confirmation.

This is the last of the series of articles which Jeanne, our Editor, asked me to write. I am glad and thankful to those of you who have found them to be of interest and stimulating.

John N. Collie

From the Editor

Thank you to everyone who came to help with the collation on Tuesday 29th March. We finished in record time considering we managed with only one stapler - the second one had been broken by person(s) unknown!

For anyone who missed my letter last month, I will be retiring after I have edited/printed the July/August publication. I do hope you will consider joining the new magazine producing team. There are several ways you can help - by:

- providing good copy (preferably on disk or by e-mail)
- keeping to the set deadline
- helping with the printing or collation
- delivering magazines and or course, buying one!

Please contact Janine Scott (262 0773)
or Steve Giles (236 7018)



Mr Fix-it.

I was able to explain to the church Annual General Meeting that the Gift Aid Scheme is available on any money given to the Church by people paying Income Tax. The benefit is approximately 28% extra money for the Church at no extra cost to the donor. This is an important benefit! To be effective the donor needs to do two things. The first is to sign a Gift Aid declaration which is a simple form which I can let you have. The second is to make sure that the money which is given to the Church comes in one of three ways. (a) A bank Standing Order if you are willing to make regular payments monthly or annually over a period of time. I have the necessary form. (b) Use weekly envelopes which I can arrange to let you have, or (c) Casual payments can be made in envelopes suitably marked with the donor's name (small white envelopes are available at the back of the church or other plain envelopes can be used.)

All this is not really as complicated as it sounds but I can explain further to anyone who asks. The need to give money to the Church is not so much so that we can balance the books (although that is important) but we all need to make our personal contribution to the wider Ministry that is our Christian calling. If our Church income exceeds the expenditure by £10,000 (say) then that money is available for work which we can only dream about otherwise.

If we all took to heart what David had to say about tithing in his annual report we wouldn't just have £10,000 excess but much more. Think what could be done in the power of the Holy Spirit and in Jesus' name if only we were released in that way. It would be a tremendous boost to the growth of the Kingdom in Totley and in other places as well. What about it? Are you doing what you should?

Maurice Snowden (Telephone: 236 2822)

Youth work news for S17 churches

Truth Conference

Last month a group of young people came with me to the Sheffield City-wide youth and youth leaders' conference, called "Nail the Truth", for a day of worship and teaching. The youngsters really valued the time they had together as they attended seminars that informed and challenged them, worshipped God with lively music and singing and prayed for one another.

For me the day was a great opportunity outside the normal youth groups to spend quality time with young people. A great day!

Rock Solid

Rock Solid went out to Ice Sheffield for our Big Night Out last month. All the youngsters and leaders seemed to enjoy themselves either clinging onto the rail and limping round, speeding round, falling over and playing on the arcades. I spent most of my time being chased round the ice rink by some boys far too eager to see me go flying onto the ice!

Upper Level

Upper Level didn't have a night out this term but they have had their weekend away and had a video evening. We have been very excited about this group recently as some of them are responding very positively to what the leaders are sharing with them and are expressing interest in the Christian faith.

The Goldmine

The Goldmine is still attracting many people and new people are coming regularly. For anyone who doesn't know what it is, it is the youth service we have for young people in S17. Last month, like the churches did, we celebrated Easter together. But we decided we would put on twelve worship Stations of the Cross of Jesus. The youngsters went round and contemplated on twelve different aspects of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. They thought about such things as 'what is it like to be rejected as Jesus was' and also thinking about people that they know who have lost someone and praying for them. These

worship stations are regular aspects of the Goldmine every month. We feel they are very important as they allow the youngsters to lead themselves in how they respond to Jesus instead of being led from the front all the time.

The prayer of the New York Fire Department chaplain who died at ground zero September 11, 2001.

Father Mychal Judge, the New York City Fire Department chaplain who died at ground zero September 11, 2001 would pray, "Lord, take me where you want me to go. Let me meet whom you want me to meet. Help me say what you want me to say and keep me from getting in your way."

I think this is a great prayer for us too, to pray every morning as we start our day. If we can be that available to God daily, then we will surely enable Him to use us to do great things through us. But be aware of what you pray when you say, 'take me where you want me to go.' Sometimes God will take us to the bottom of the pit and in that pit will use us mightily. Many great people like Father Mychal Judge can testify to just that.

Matt Conant

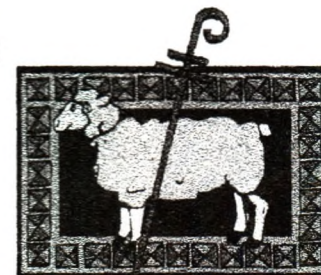
Morning Worship

The service of worship this morning (Sunday 17th April) on B.B.C. Radio 4 came from St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin. The preacher was the Dean. He was talking about the present-day activities of the Church, not least in connection with its worship. He remarked:

"Jesus said to Peter, 'Feed my sheep', not 'experiment on my pet rabbits'".

Apposite I think!

(name supplied)



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How did you find out about Jesus?

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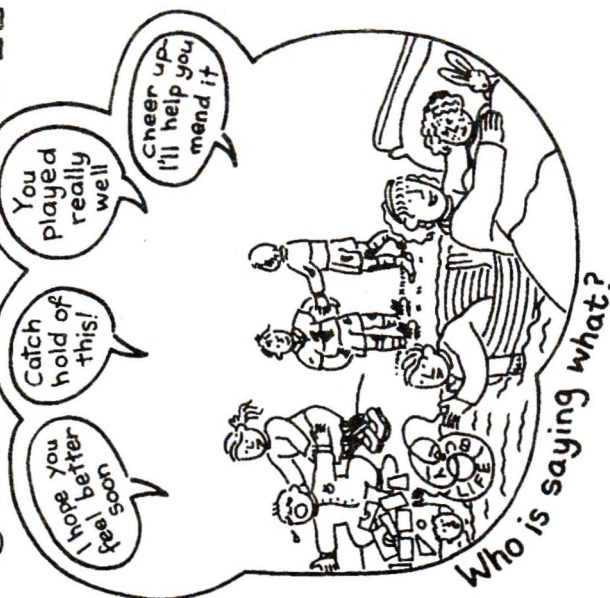
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DID YOU KNOW

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How can we let them know?

IDEAS



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2. Write their name here

3. Pray for them at least once EVERY DAY until you are 18.

"Dear Jesus, I would love to know you are real and that you love them very much. Amen"

from the Registers

Baptism:

April 10th Emily Castleton of Stonecroft Road
April 10th Katelyn Needham of Main Avenue
April 10th Thomas Freeman of The Quadrant

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

May 9th Charlotte Alicia Smith
May 9th Sophie Poppy Lindley
May 12th Kacey Marie Richardson
May 13th Mark, Christian & Emilie Hibbard (now in New Jersey, USA)
May 13th Harry Austin Lashmar
May 13th Sarah Lucy Shaw
May 18th Billy and Luke Mathews

Weddings:

April 30th Martin George Farmington Plant to Janet Louise Wells of Glen View Road Sheffield 8

Funerals:

April 27th George Hazelhurst of Ash House formerly of Green Oak Road

Memorial Services

The quarterly services have been discontinued. There will be an annual service just before Christmas. The date will be announced nearer the time.

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FLOWER LIST May 2005

Altar

Memory Table

1st	Cell Group (Filleul)	Mrs. Jones
8th	Mrs. Loft	Cell Group (Donnelly)
15th	Mr. Lowe	Cell Group (Youth)
22nd	Miss Perfect	Cell Group (Hayden/Giles)
29th	Cell Group (C-Elson)	Cell Group (C-Elson)

DIARY DATES - May 2005

2nd	May Day Trek see page 29
14th	Cell Leaders Prayer Meeting Hall 8.00 a.m.
10th	Ladies Coffee Morning Hall 10.30 - 12.00 p.m.
14th	John Wade Singers Millhouses Methodist Church 7.30 p.m. see page 27
15th	to 21st Christian Aid Week
23rd	Cell Leaders Meeting Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
23rd	Last day for items for June Magazine
24th	Martha and Mary group Lounge 10.30 p.m.
28th	to 4th June Ride for Rwanda see page 29
30th	Collation of magazine from 9.30 a.m.

Also	June Night Hike see page 29
25th	July Class of 1925 Tea and Service see page 11
10th	

Final Date for items for May 2005 : April 18th 2005

Saying for Stillness

"If anyone is thirsty, let him come to ME."

(John 7 : 37)

ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL

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		Josee Shaw	236 2481
		The Alive Gang (3 to 11 years)	
		Sally Rhodes	236 2322
		Gay Riley	236 6884
	6.30 – 8.30 p.m.	Sunday Youth Group (alternate)	
		Paul Kent	236 5559
Monday:	10.00 a.m.	Drop in Coffee	
		Marjorie & Maurice Snowdon	236 2822
	10.00 a.m.	Toddler Group	
		Jo 262 0741 or Sharon	236 9639
	5.45 - 6.45 p.m.	Rainbows	
		Sue Clifton	262 1096
	7.00 p.m.	Guides	
		Maureen Allum	235 1262
Tuesday:	10.30 a.m.	Martha & Mary Group (4th)	
		Sheila Eke	236 7457
	10.00 a.m.	Ladies Coffee Morning (2nd)	
		Ann Ruthven	236 8643
Wed'day:	10.00 a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group	
		Mel Morton	236 6300
Thursday:	10.00 a.m.	Toddler Praise (fortnightly)	
		Joanne Smith	262 0741
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From the Vicarage



Dear Friends

Recently I was told a story in which somebody had been treated in a most cynical and underhand way. With much dignity, the teller was not prepared to disclose details. The point of the story, however, was that he had decided to confide in a friend, and then ask his opinion as to what he should do in response. "You must forgive them" was the reply. In saying that, he put his finger on the heart of the Christian faith, and on one of the sides of Christianity which distinguishes it from all the other belief systems that you could think of. It is rooted in forgiveness - God's forgiveness of us, and ours of one another. Jesus spoke about forgiveness on numerous occasions. Perhaps, most famously, it is embedded in the Lord's Prayer. "*Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.*" Or to be more precise in translation, "*Forgive us our sins, to the extent that we forgive those who have sinned against us.*" (Matthew 5 : 12) Forgiveness is an issue for us all. We all know what it is to be hurt, let down or mistreated by others. Sometimes it is unwitting, sometimes it may be deliberate. Similarly we are all the causes of those things in the lives of others, again perhaps unwittingly, or, at times (if we can be brutally honest), deliberately. Often it is those we are closest to, or most apt to look up to, that we will encounter in this way. The more one thinks about, or feels for a person, the deeper the wound when they disappoint us. So how should we respond? The answer of Jesus is unequivocal. Forgive them. As Jesus hung on the cross, enduring torture and agony beyond most people's imagination, He cried out "*Father, forgive them, they do not know what they are doing.*" (Luke 23 : 34) "But," we cry, "How can I? If only you knew what had been done to

me, you would not be talking about forgiveness." Each one of our lives is, of course unique. In most cases we do not really know the challenges others face. But the words of Jesus are not qualified by circumstance, they stand for us all. *Forgive me my sins to the extent that I forgive those who sin against me.*"

We don't have to think long to see the force of this. Can you picture the stooped shoulders and bitter features of the person who bears grudges, and holds on to ancient injuries? How many lives are lost, families destroyed, and futures blighted, daily, because groups, races or factions cannot forgive past hurts? What difference would forgiveness make?

The power of forgiveness is recognised by many secular as well as Christian bodies. In a Gallup poll, 94% of respondents said they thought it was important to forgive, but only 48% said they tried to practice it. Failure to forgive has been linked to high blood pressure, heart disease and kidney disease. So why do we find it so hard? I believe there are many reasons. Here are two of the most common. Firstly, to forgive we have to step outside our own ego-centred world. We are not too good at that.

Secondly we are often so blind to our own need to receive forgiveness from others, and above all from The Lord, who knows us entirely. A glimpse of His willingness to wipe our slates clean would inspire us far more in relation to one another.

So how can we grapple with this matter? I believe it is both simple and profound. We learn to grapple with this, as we do with so much else, as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus. As He masters my life, so I can live like Him. And that includes the ability to forgive. Depend upon my own meagre resources, and I will find 101 justifications not to. So, are you struggling with this issue at the moment? Is there a family member, close friend or colleague that you feel bitter towards, whose words or actions seem to dominate your thoughts, and lead you into vengeful fantasising? Are you trapped there despite your best efforts? Jesus also said, "*Come to me all you who are weary and heavy laden, and I will give you rest.*" (Matthew 11 : 28) Being mastered by Him is so simple to say or write, but utterly profound in experience and impact on our lives.

If we all learnt to forgive, really do so from our hearts, really kept no score of wrongs, what difference would that make to you, your family, Totley, Sheffield . . . ?
With all best wishes

A handwritten signature in dark ink.

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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5th 9.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 3.30 p.m.	Trinity 2 Theme:- Faith and healing All Age Worship Holy Communion Holy Communion at the Cheshire Home
8th 10.00 a.m.	Wednesday Service Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
12th 9.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Trinity 3 Theme:- An early experience of mission Baptism Service Holy Communion Evening Prayer
15th 10.00 a.m.	Wednesday Service Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
19th 9.30 a.m. 11.00 a.m. 3.30 p.m. 6.30 p.m.	Trinity 4 Theme: Priorities All Age All Together Holy Communion Informal Service at the Cheshire Home Healing Service
22nd 10.00 a.m.	Wednesday Service Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
26th 9.30 a.m. 11.15 a.m. 6.30 p.m.	Trinity 5 Theme: The Kingdom advances Family Communion Service Morning Prayer Holy Communion
29th 10.00 a.m.	Wednesday Service Holy Communion (B.C.P.)

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Thank you

Elisabeth and Anne would like to thank all George Hazlehurst's friends at All Saints for their care for him over the last few years.

It was particularly good to see so many who were able to come to his funeral on Wednesday 27th April.



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The Class of 1925.

It emerges that there are several members (seven actually!) of All Saints' congregation who admit to having been born in 1925. Not only that, but their birthdays are clustered in the months between March and July. At a recent discussion (including two "seniors" from September 1924!) it was agreed that we would organise a tea in the Church Hall on

**Sunday 10th July
from 4.00 p.m. till 6.00 p.m.**



and invite anybody who would like to come to share the celebration with us.



The timing is such that it would be possible and appropriate for some to go to Evening Prayer in Church at 6.30 p.m.

We would probably be glad of a little help nearer the time but this preliminary notice was called for because, by the time this magazine is printed, the birthday season will already have begun. No! I am not going to tell you who they all are – they can tell you themselves if they wish but there might also be others whom we have not yet identified and we would hate them to feel left out. If anyone reading this wants to confess their age you could give me a ring.

(236 2822)

Maurice Snowdon.

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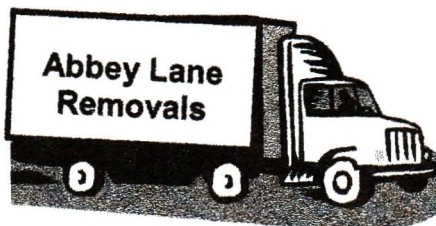
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YOU MET THEM IN THE PAGES OF THE BIBLE KING UZZIAH

Fifty two years is a long time to reign as king, but that was Uzziah's experience. He was aged sixteen when he became the tenth king of Judah, and died at 68.

Of the Israelite kings, David and Solomon are probably the most well-known. Somewhat controversially, Israel first appointed a king, when the prophet Samuel anointed Saul. What started well for Saul ended in defeat in battle and disarray. David succeeded him, and saw Israel emerge as a major power in the region. His achievements were developed even further by his son, Solomon, renowned over a huge area for his wealth and wisdom. However, Solomon's son, Rehoboam, immediately created much resentment and opposition, such that the kingdom divided.

Ten of the twelve original tribes formed the northern kingdom of Israel, and embarked on a history that saw a succession of kings, many of whom had seized power by force, and most of whom turned their backs on the Lord.

The other two tribes became the southern kingdom of Judah, and were ruled by a series of kings all directly descended from David. They varied immensely in their faithfulness to the Lord, some being determined to follow Him, and lead the country in that way, some following the example of their northern neighbours.

Uzziah's father was typical of the kings of Judah. He started well, and sought to listen to and obey the Lord. But as time passed his desire to do this faded. This resulted in a humiliating defeat in battle with Israel. Amaziah was taken prisoner, and Israel's army pillaged the temple in Jerusalem. On his release, he fled from Jerusalem, but was tracked down and assassinated. So, he was replaced by his teenage son. At the outset his own reign, Uzziah set out as his father had. He sought both to draw the nation back to authentic worship of



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the Lord, and also to strengthen Judah in terms of military power. He restored good relations with Israel's king (Jeroboam II), which allowed Israel to extend her boundaries eastwards over the Jordan valley, and Judah to push south and west. Between them they restored their boundaries roughly to the area David himself had controlled 250 years previously.



The site of Eilat

Uzziah was able to rebuild the town of Ezion Geber (at the northern end of the Red Sea, the modern Eilat), originally built by Solomon, but subsequently burnt and allowed to fall into ruins. Modern archaeology in the area has found remains and artefacts which date back to the time of Uzziah. He also extended westwards into Philistine areas, towards the Mediterranean coast.

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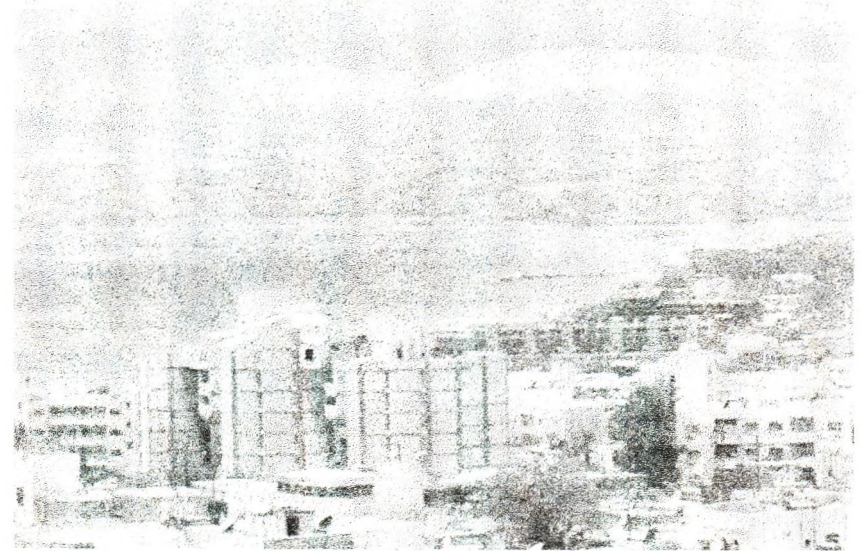
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Modern Eilat

Pushing out other tribes, of course, resulted in the development of increased fortifications within Judah. The walls of Jerusalem were strengthened, and equipped with devices to hurl rocks and arrows at any attackers. The main roadways also saw the building of a network of forts. Three of these have recently been excavated, in the Negev region, from which Uzziah had ousted the Edomites. He appointed Hanaiah as commander and trainer of the full-time army, and saw to it that it was well equipped. He was also concerned for developing agriculture and commerce. Semi-arid areas that were being colonised were developed, as water cisterns were built and flocks and herds developed. In fertile areas increasing numbers of vineyards were encouraged. As the politics of the area ebbed and flowed, so Uzziah became the leading figure, on one occasion leading a coalition of kings against the warlike Tiglath-pileser who was emperor of the powerful Assyrians.



Contemporary carving of Tiglath-pileser

So under Uzziah Judah, grew in power, influence and wealth. This was reflected in the growing luxury and concern with all matters of the world exhibited in Jerusalem. Prophets Isaiah, Amos and Hosea all spoke strong words of warning about this. Uzziah came to the throne in 781 BC. The writer of the book of 2 Chronicles in the Old Testament says of him at the outset *'He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, just as his father Amaziah had done'* 2Chron 26 : 4. But his success affected his attitudes and judgement. Verse 16 of the same chapter reads *'But after Uzziah became powerful, his pride led to his downfall. He was unfaithful to the Lord his God, and entered the temple of the Lord to burn incense on the altar'*. Only the priests had the right and responsibility to minister in the temple. Uzziah was taking upon himself an honour that God had not given him. The priests sought to restrain the king, who grew angry with them. Whilst holding the incense censer, and railing

Ladies Coffee Morning

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14 June

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Martha and Mary Group

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against the priests, leprosy broke out on his head (as Rembrandt sought to portray.) Thereafter he left the temple and lived the rest of his life in seclusion - lepers, even kings, could not mix with others. His son Jotham ruled for him until he died in 740BC.

An interesting footnote to Uzziah was written by the archaeologists of the earlier twentieth century. Lepers were excluded from normal society in death as well as life. They were buried well away from the bodies of non-infected people. Today, in the Israel museum, is a re-interment stone discovered in Jerusalem. It dates from the first century BC. The inscription reads 'Hither were brought the bones of Uzziah, king of Judah. Do not open'.

It would seem that his remains were eventually reunited with those of the rest of David's line, albeit several hundred years after his death.

Rembrandt's painting of the leprous Uzziah



So Uzziah is almost a classic case of a man, who started in dependence on the Lord. One can only imagine what a sixteen year old, whose father has been assassinated, would have felt like, on assuming the throne. His sense of vulnerability and need to depend on the Lord would have been huge.

But as success came, and the self-confidence of maturity developed, so his sense of the call of the Lord on his life, and the need to continue to walk his way waned. Just as had been the case with his father. For both, it ended in tragedy. In Uzziah's case, a dramatic judgement from God which disabled and Excluded him for the rest of his life. The warnings are obvious. In success or failure, youth or maturity we need to put the Lord first, and walk humbly before Him. Any other path bodes ill for ourselves, and all whom we influence.

David Rhodes



From the Editor

We have just returned from having a week in the Yorkshire Dales. The weather was sunny but cold. Back now to producing the penultimate edition of the magazine! This month we have several articles reminding us of the plight of others in North Vietnam, Africa and Roumania.

We have Memories of George on page 28 - described as 'an old fashioned gentleman' which I feel is just right.

May I remind you that the next edition of the magazine will cover both July and August so please get your notices in for both months. *Jeanne*

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Reflections of a PCC Secretary.

As I come to the end of my "stint" as PCC secretary, I look back to my first few meetings with affection. How I struggled to find the right words to convey what had been discussed! On occasion I even found myself sounding like the parish secretary in "The Vicar of Dibley"! A while later I received some words of wisdom from the Anglican Digest, given to me by Ann Powell. I hope this may help the next PCC secretary

Phrase:

Meaning:

The PCC met and evaluated the situation. Half the PCC members turned up and talked for a while.

All possible solutions to the problem were explored. Everybody talked a lot.

A great deal of additional work will be necessary before the proposal can be acted on. Nobody understood what it was about.

While no agreement was reached, it was agreed that progress had been made towards resolving the problem. Nobody budged an inch from their own views.

It is widely accepted that..... Two people agree that....

The consensus is..... A couple of other people think so too.

This concludes the PCC appraisal of the situation. We absolve ourselves of all future responsibility.

After a short discussion..... The discussion went round in a circle and lasted over half an hour.

It is hoped that this report will stimulate interest in the problem. We hope someone else will sort it out next time.

Freedom April 2005

The Methodist Christian conference, Easter People, was held just after Easter in Scarborough. The theme was FREEDOM, remembering, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free". We heard speakers from various parts of the world with uplifting stories.

We were shown a brick to remind us that by being found to own a bible in North Vietnam, the penalty is hard labour, producing 20,000 bricks a day. The speaker who had visited there, now carries the brick with his Bible to remind him.

We heard how Bishop Elias Taban in Southern Sudan, has stayed with people he is pastoring for the last 20 years during the on-going war. At times he had nothing except for a hole in the ground to shelter from the bombs, but the faith of the people is strong and an amazing example to us in the West.

Many charities are suffering from the result of the generous giving to the Tsunami. Especially in Africa, resources are diminishing. Mildmay, which is a charity providing care and training worldwide for HIV/AIDS, is one such charity. The deputy director was flying out to Kenya the next day to close one centre, since they did not have the £20,000 to maintain the project.

Then the Stop the Debt, Worldwide Poverty campaign speaker made a big impact when she said that the numbers of people dying and suffering who needed the world to help them, was the equivalent of a Tsunami every 20 days. It is possible to solve the problem if the will is there and if those negotiating have the wisdom and discernment to by-pass corrupt governments in such a way that the resources go directly to the people.

Paul Negrut is now pastor of one of the largest churches in Europe, with a congregation of 4,000. But it was not always so. He continued to bear witness as a pastor under increasingly persecuted church under the Ceausescu regime in Roumania. His most difficult time was when his wife and seven year old daughter were being threatened. He was one of thirty pastors

who signed a letter to the Ceausescu to ask for the true church to be allowed to function. (There was a state church.) All thirty bid farewell to each other and their families, in the certainty that they had all signed their death warrants. Two days later, Paul was asked to speak at a church near the border of the village of 200 people. He did so and word reached them that the leaders were to be arrested after the service. The people surrounded the church all night. It was mid-December and bitter. The next morning 1,000 more joined them. The Ceausescu sent for more troops. The people walked into the capital. The troops fired at them. Some were killed. The crowd in that freezing December weather took off their coats, they took off their shirts and waved them. The troops had never seen such a thing. The people shouted, "THERE IS GOD. THERE IS GOD."

The government troops joined them, as did the reinforcements that had arrived. The Ceausescu tried to escape in their helicopter. He was killed by his own troops. The rest is history and witnessed by many of us on our television screens. However I had not realised to what extent prayer and trust in God, in facing up to the Goliaths of that country had played in the successful overturn of an evil regime. It is a lesson to us all and as Paul Negrut said, "There are no giants on earth bigger than God." Dictators may try to deny His existence, but THERE IS GOD.

Gay Riley

Signing the register at a wedding, the groom had difficulty in making his ball-point pen work. "Put your weight on it," said the vicar. So the groom complied: 'John Smith (eleven stone, four pounds)'





Memories of George

At his funeral we were all encouraged to recall our own special memories of George and we later realised that, as a cell group, most of us have known him for a considerable time.

Mary's memory goes back the furthest to when she was growing up in Hathersage - she remembers the Hazlehurst family as being well known in the Hope Valley. Later George married Kate, the daughter of the village policeman in Castleton. Doreen tells us that he always wanted to go back there to

live but could no longer afford the house prices.

George and Katie eventually moved onto Green Oak Road where he created a beautiful garden, growing not only flowers but fruit too and provided enough rhubarb for Doreen to satisfy even Bill's appetite for rhubarb and custard.

When Kate became ill, he took over the cooking, preparing meals for her special diet. Beatrice describes him as 'a real home lover'. She was a friend of Katie's and they walked up to meetings of the Ladies Club together. One snowy winter night, she was faced with walking the rest of the way home on her own but George came out and insisted on accompanying her right to the door before returning home. On another occasion, he surprised her by sending some flowers simply because, he said, "I thought they might cheer you up". There were always flowers in the house for Katie and even after she died George continued to put a vase in the front room window in her memory. Another friend remembers having a conversation with George when he stopped by her driveway. Later, he surprised her by returning with a pot of snowdrops from his own garden which she planted under her tree. They're still there today and of course have multiplied.

Many people remember him for his acts of kindness and his

very good manners. Christine hadn't known him well, but her impression was of 'an old fashioned gentleman'.

Catherine remembers George from the time that Amy joined the choir. He was a wonderful example to her as they attended practices and services together and whenever there was a church family celebration or shared meal, everyone looked forward to George's special home made parkin cake.

He wrote out the recipe for it which they still have to this day.

George continued to sing with the choir until the end of his life although he became too frail to process. At the end of one morning service recently, David, concerned for his well-being, whispered, "George, will you stay in your seat!" to which George replied rather loudly, "What do you mean, I've been asleep?" Of course he never was

Minnie always looked out for him at the end of every service, when he would come and give her a hug and a kiss. She used to joke that "you'll get us talked about!"

Well, long may we continue to talk about George and share our memories of him.

Compiled by the Wednesday afternoon cell group.

Footnote

The family who now live in George's former house tell us that it has always been owned by someone with that name. They have two small boys who enjoy the garden now. The younger one is called . . . George!

Billy Graham, who is taking his last crusade in New York's Flushing Park this month, once had to preach in the Roker Park stadium in Sunderland during Mission : England in 1984. He said it was the coldest day he'd ever preached in the open-air. He wore a cloth cap, two sweaters, two sets of thermal underwear, two pairs of thermal socks.

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Words of worship are still at the cutting edge of technology: the *Methodist Worship Book* and *Worship from the URC* are available on CD-ROM while *Common Worship* texts can also be downloaded free of charge from the Church of England website and manipulated on a personal computer. If the words we use in worship reflect our understanding of God, the use of contemporary English and modern thought patterns stresses our belief in His presence in the world today. Yet for some, the sheer poetry of the *Book of Common Prayer* comes closer to conveying the majesty of God. This is why *Common Worship* includes traditional and modern language versions. There is room for both as we worship the God who is beyond us, yet among us: the God who was and is and will be . . . whose story continues.

Heather Cooke taken from the *Sunday Link*



Thanks for the Goats!

Many of you will remember Josephine Collie's card sale when she used the proceeds to buy goats to give away. The goats purchased were given names of people in our Church, for example,

Minnie, Doreen etc.

The following letter was received recently, addressed to Josephine:

All the Akamba ladies say "thank you" to all your Church member friends for their kindness in giving goats. I enclose photos, all as per your list. The ladies who were very poor were chosen by the Pastors of two African Churches in Twimyua village, Eastern Province of Kenya.

Again, with many thanks for your kindness.

Bryan Cooper

The minister had mentioned all the books of the Old Testament and finally came to Malachi. "Ah, Malachi," he intoned. "Where shall we put Malachi?" Suddenly a voice from the back piped up, "He can come and sit here - I'm going!"



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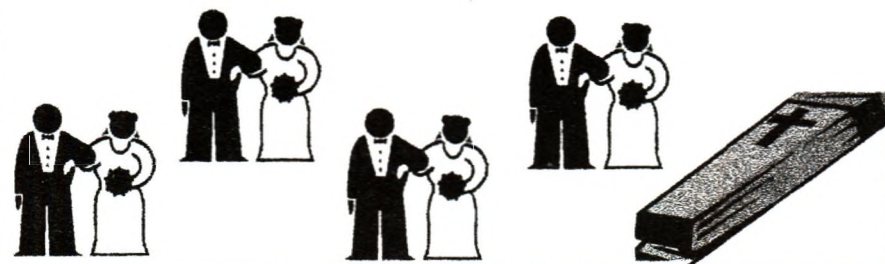
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Make Poverty History

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VOTE FOR TRADE JUSTICE

Make Poverty History

Africa seems to be centre stage, with Comic Relief and the report of the Africa Commission taking place recently.

Both events graphically illustrate the waste of human potential in Africa because of poverty and conflict – both man made and preventable tragedies.

But what they both highlight is the immediate need for action, action from the world's richest countries themselves to tackle their problems.

Both suggest similar solutions – the solutions put forward by Make Poverty History: **trade justice, debt cancellation and more and better aid.**

It's only nine words but if they're followed by actions, 800 million people could go to bed with full stomachs and we could end the injustice that sees 30,000 children die every day, one child every three seconds. Comic Relief has already raised more than £30 million, but money isn't all that's needed, we also need political will.

That's why Make Poverty History is calling for action, from us and from world leaders. Everyone can play their part to change the world just by logging onto the Internet and visiting the Make Poverty History website at: www.makepovertyhistory.org and urging the Prime Minister to deliver on his promises at the G8 Summit in Scotland in July, in Europe, at the UN Summit in September and at the World Trade Organisation meeting in Hong Kong in December. We've heard about the problems of poverty for too long; it's time we all did something about it. Janine Scott and I took part in the 25,000 people vigil at Westminster on 15th April. Janine is going to Edinburgh in July and hopes you will join her. Please read her article on pages 36 and 37 and act to help Make Poverty History. Thank you.

Ric Gray.

Wake up to Trade Justice

More than 25,000 people attended central London on Friday 15 April including myself and Ric Gray. We were supporting an all-night vigil calling for justice in trade. It was a chance to stand in solidarity with other campaigners from all over the country to raise awareness and challenge our Government to deliver trade justice – not free trade.

The event started off at Westminster Abbey with songs, testimonies and readings from singers and actors including Ronan Keating, Beverley Knight and Vanessa Redgrave.

Unfortunately as we approached the overflow doors of the Abbey we were told that the Abbey was full, so we waited outside for an hour and at 11.30 p.m. joined the crowds to form a human white band around Parliament Square before heading towards Downing Street in a candle-lit procession. At midnight we paused for a minute's silence and then everybody whistled, shouted, cheered and made as much noise as possible to voice their call for Trade Justice.

Ric and I then made our way back to the Abbey and spent the night in our sleeping bags in the freezing cold outside the grounds of the Abbey along with some of the other supporters. Various events had been laid on at the local churches relating to the

global week of action, however because so many people had attended this event, queues were very long and many of the events were full to capacity.

At 6.30 a.m. we joined the campaigners on a dawn procession past Downing Street for a final march. We joined the convoy near the back where some of the people had changed into costumes. There were hundreds of banners and placards and the atmosphere was fantastic. You could hear the cheers in the distance as the crowd reached Downing Street and there was a real feeling of unity and harmony.

At 8.00 a.m. I left Ric and made my way home, it had been a fantastic night although freezing cold. The next big event being arranged by 'Make Poverty History' campaign is to create a giant human white band encircling Edinburgh city centre on 2 July.

Would anybody like to come with me? If enough people are interested we could hire a coach. If you would like more details then please come and see me, alternatively log onto www.tearfund.org/G8 for the latest information including details of transport and accommodation.

Janine Scott
Janine.scott33@btinternet.com

Make Poverty History

Honour and Praise

There's the sea to show God's power
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Here's the river cascading down
Hills that rise up to a crown
Bejewelled with insect and butterfly
Chirrup on earth or fly by sky
And here in forest, field or glen
Places not inhabited by men
Are animals who are fierce and wild
Some will roar but some are mild
But each and all these wondrous things
Are here to praise the King of Kings.

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
All mortal man, who thinks he's great
But must accept his lowly state
Our Lord of Life to Thee we raise
Our grateful song, our grateful praise
Honour to You, Lord, may we give
All the years and days that we live.

Vivien Filleul



**A minister's advice to a deacon
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spoke the greater the tyre.**



Mr Fix-it.

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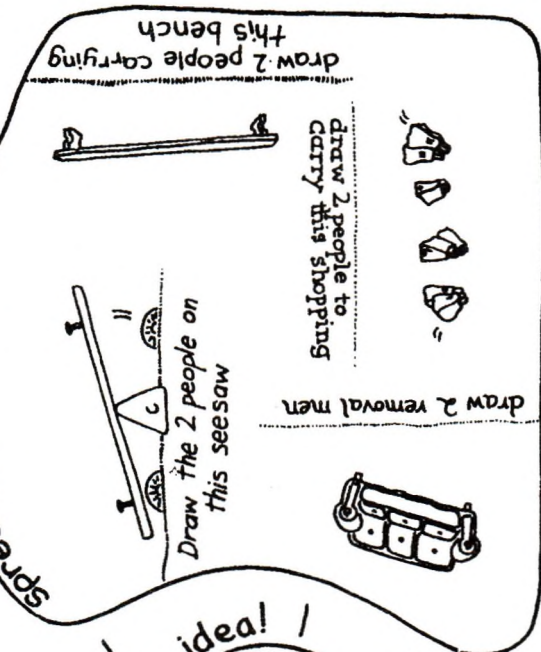
All this is not really as complicated as it sounds but I can explain further to anyone who asks. The need to give money to the Church is not so much so that we can balance the books (although that is important) but we all need to make our personal contribution to the wider Ministry that is our Christian calling. If our Church income exceeds the expenditure by £10,000 (say) then that money is available for work which we can only dream about otherwise.

If we all took to heart what David had to say about tithing in his annual report we wouldn't just have £10,000 excess but much more. Think what could be done in the power of the Holy Spirit and in Jesus' name if only we were released in that way. It would be a tremendous boost to the growth of the Kingdom in Totley and in other places as well. What about it? Are you doing what you should?

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Many hands make light work

WANTED
COULD YOU HELP
—putting the cups away after church?
—leaving your church row tidy?
—saying hello to people after church?
—opening doors for people?
—remembering your coat?
See what you can do!



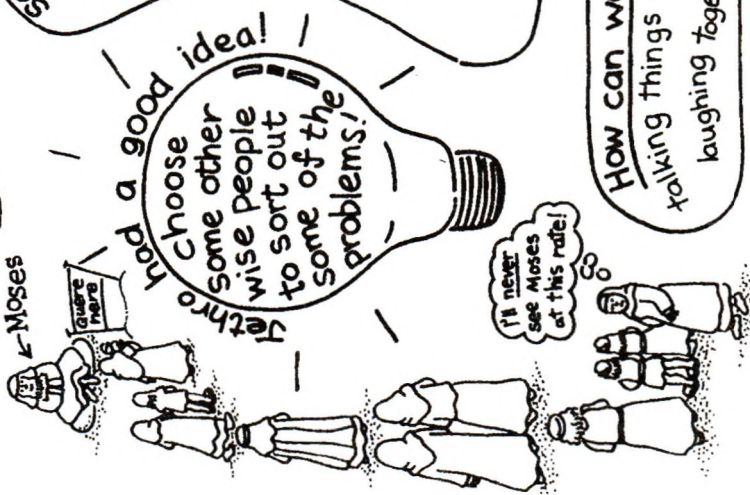
Circle the right ones, cross out the rest.

How can we help one another?

talking things over
laughing together

offering to help
doing what we promise

not turning up after all



from the Registers

Baptism:

None in May

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

June 8th	Samuel James Hawksworth
June 9th	Luke Elliott Freeman
June 10th	Penny Ann Ashmore
June 10th	Faye Mary Unwin
June 16th	Eleanor Jayne Pashley
June 16th	Alister David Greaves

Weddings:

May 5th	Craig Leslie Shaw to Vanessa Leigh Ideson
May 21st	Martin John Laurie to Andrea Louise Platts

Funerals:

None in May

Memorial Services

The quarterly services have been discontinued. There will be an annual service just before Christmas. The date will be announced nearer the time.

IF YOU WANT TO BE MARRIED OR HAVE YOUR BABY BAPTISED, PLEASE CONTACT

David Rhodes at the Vicarage
Telephone number: 236 2322

Children @ All Saints

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

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

The Creche caters for under 3's.

FLOWER LIST June 2005

Altar

Memory Table

5th

Mrs. Mayson

Mrs. Mason

12th

Cell Group

Cell Group

(Rhodes/Rose & Young) (Rhodes/Rose & Young)

19th

Mrs. Hill-Wilson

Cell Group (Filleul)

26th

Mrs. Perkinton

Mrs. Simons

DIARY DATES - June 2005

- | | |
|------|------------------------------------------------|
| 11th | Cell Leaders Prayer Meeting Hall 8.00 a.m. |
| 14th | Ladies Coffee Morning Hall 10.30 - 12.00 p.m. |
| 18th | Football Game and Picnic see page 33 |
| 20th | Last day for items for June Magazine |
| 27th | Collation of magazine from 9.30 a.m. |
| 27th | Cell Leaders Meeting Vicarage 8.00 p.m. |
| 28th | Martha and Mary group Lounge 10.30 p.m. |
| July | |
| 2nd | Make Poverty History - Edinburgh - see page 37 |
| 2nd | Afternoon Tea and Talents see page 13 |
| 10th | Class of 1925 Tea and Service see page 11 |

Final Date for items for July/August 2005 : June 20th 2005

Saying for Stillness

"I will give authority . . . even as I also received authority from my Father."

(Revelation 2 : 26 - 7)

ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL

Sunday:	9.30 a.m.	Creche (under 3's)	
		Josee Shaw	236 2481
		The Alive Gang (3 to 11 years)	
		Sally Rhodes	236 2322
		Gay Riley	236 6884
	6.30 – 8.30 p.m.	Sunday Youth Group (alternate)	
		Paul Kent	236 5559
Monday:	10.00 a.m.	Drop in Coffee	
		Marjorie & Maurice Snowdon	236 2822
	10.00 a.m.	Toddler Group	
		Jo 262 0741 or Sharon	236 9639
	5.45 - 6.45 p.m.	Rainbows	
		Sue Clifton	262 1096
7.00 p.m.	Guides		
	Maureen Allum	235 1262	
Tuesday:	10.30 a.m.	Martha & Mary Group (4th)	
		Sheila Eke	236 7457
	10.00 a.m.	Ladies Coffee Morning (2nd)	
Ann Ruthven		236 8643	
Wed'day:	10.00 a.m.	Parent & Toddler Group	
		Mel Morton	236 6300
Thursday:	10.00 a.m.	Toddler Praise (fortnightly)	
		Joanne Smith	262 0741
	7.00 p.m.	Choir Practice in Church	
		Stella Jockel	236 9413

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