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## From the Vicarage



Dear Friends

I wonder what you are like at saying, "goodbye." Some of us find it easier than others. We don't seem to be able to break away from a social gathering, we can't face the pain of separation when loved ones leave, so we are not around when they do so, or somehow we can never find the right words. For many years, when we, as a family, would visit my widowed mother in Hertfordshire, it was most heart-rending to realise that she was choking back the tears as we said, "goodbye," and set off back for Sheffield.

In the next few weeks we have two, "goodbyes" to say in the life of All Saints.

Jeanne, who has edited and physically produced this magazine since October 1998, is to move on. She, and husband Derek, are to move into a flat nearer the town centre. Many readers will have seen the, "For Sale" board outside their bungalow in Totley. We shall be very sorry to see them both go. If you have appreciated and enjoyed the magazine in recent years, much of that is down to Jeanne. In the course of her time in charge, the magazine received an award from Radio Sheffield for being the best local production of its type. So we say a big **"Thank you"** to her - she will be greatly missed. If you want to say your own thanks to her, then pop a note through her letter-box, or in at the vicarage, and it will get to Jeanne. We wish Jeanne and Derek, and their family ( and canine friend!) God's richest blessing in the future. We are sure they will be finding their way

back to Totley on occasion.

As we bid farewell to the Fosters, we also greet Janine who will be leading the magazine team in the future. We appreciate Janine's willingness to take this on, and wish her well as she gets to grips with it all.

We are also to say "goodbye" to our current pattern of services on a Sunday. The choir have decided it is time to

retire, and so we say a big **"Thank you"** to them for all their hard work, and all that they have given of themselves and their talents over the years. All Saints has had a traditional choir for most of its life, so this is indeed a landmark. Many have, of course, contributed to this over the last eighty years. Of late it has been Stella Jockel who has led the group. On Sunday 4th Sept., we will be holding a special service at 10.00 a.m. to honour the work of the choir over the years. In doing so, we will also be saying, "goodbye" to the way things happen at present. Commencing on the next Sunday, 11th Sept., we begin a new pattern.

There will be just one service each Sunday morning, at 10.00 a.m. This will be contemporary and informal in nature, with provision for children. There will then be a traditional service, usually a communion, at 6.30 in the evening. This will include more traditional hymns and music, but there will be no choir present. The timing of this may be reviewed in the winter months.

So if you have been thinking, "I would really like to go back to church", or, "I really would like to give church a try", September will be an ideal opportunity. It will feel like a new start, so why not get in at the beginning?

Well, time to say, "goodbye",

With all best wishes



## ALL SAINTS DURING THE WEEK

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

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## Sunday and Midweek Services July 2005

**3rd**

**Trinity 6**

Theme:- Friend of Sinners

9.30 a.m.

All Age Worship

11.00 a.m.

Holy Communion

3.30 p.m.

Holy Communion at the Cheshire Home

7.00 p.m.

Healing Service at Totley Rise Methodist Church

**6th**

**Wednesday Service**

10.00 a.m.

Holy Communion (B.C.P.)

**10th**

**Trinity 7**

Theme:- A Rural Tale

9.30 a.m.

Baptism Service

11.00 a.m.

Holy Communion

4.00 p.m.

Tea in the Church Hall (80th Birthday Celebrations)

6.30 p.m.

followed by Evening Prayer in the Church

**13th**

**Wednesday Service**

10.00 a.m.

Holy Communion (B.C.P.)

**17th**

**Trinity 8**

A gift Day for the Water Project in Naisoya, Kenya

Theme: Don't be weedy

10.00 a.m.

Family Holy Communion followed by Barbeque,

Games and Bouncy Castle

3.30 p.m.

Informal Service at the Cheshire Home

**20th**

**Wednesday Service**

10.00 a.m.

Holy Communion (B.C.P.)

**24th**

**Trinity 9**

Theme: I am the Good Shepherd

9.30 a.m.

Family Communion

11.15 a.m.

Morning Prayer

6.30 p.m.

Holy Communion

**27th**

**Wednesday Service**

10.00 a.m.

Holy Communion (B.C.P.)

**31st**

**Trinity 10**

Theme: "I am the Resurrection and the Life"

9.30 a.m.

All Age All Together

11.00 a.m.

Holy Communion

6.30 p.m.

Evening Prayer



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## Sunday and Midweek Services August 2005

|             |  |
|-------------|--|
| <b>7th</b>  | <b>Trinity 11</b><br>Theme: Ever Faithful<br>9.30 a.m. All Age All Together<br>11.00 a.m. Holy Communion<br>3.30 p.m. Holy Communion at the Cheshire Home  |
| <b>10th</b> | <b>Wednesday Service</b><br>10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)   |
| <b>14th</b> | <b>Trinity 12</b><br>Theme: Stunning Vision<br>9.30 a.m. All Age All Together<br>11.00 a.m. Holy Communion<br>6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer                     |
| <b>17th</b> | <b>Wednesday Service</b><br>10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)   |
| <b>21st</b> | <b>Trinity 13</b><br>Theme: Stepping Out<br>9.30 a.m. All Age All Together<br>11.00 a.m. Holy Communion<br>3.30 p.m. Informal Service at the Cheshire Home |
| <b>24th</b> | <b>Wednesday Service</b><br>10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)   |
| <b>28th</b> | <b>Trinity 14</b><br>Theme: New Horizons<br>9.30 a.m. Family Holy Communion<br>11.15 a.m. Morning Prayer<br>6.30 p.m. Holy Communion                       |



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*Ken Filleul*



## News from Green Oak View

I received the following letter early in June:

Dear Editor

I am writing a short note to inform you that Green Oak View, Home for the Elderly is closing on the 12th November. An extremely sad occasion, but at last we have a final date, after 3 years of speculation. Our 15 permanent clients are all moving to a privately owned new build home on Warminster Road. Our staff have new jobs to go to and hopefully everybody will be as happy as they have been here. I myself will retire when the door closes, after 30 years service. May I take the opportunity to thank everyone at All Saints who have supported us over the years, with In-House Church Services, carols at Christmas and Monetary donation. We are busy at the moment organising outings and parties for our Residents to take their minds off the closure, which I'm sure you'll agree, will be a traumatic experience.

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Yours sincerely

*Eileen Rodgers*



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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 10<sup>th</sup> 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.

*Maurice Snowden.*



**"Older people have a realistic perspective. Seventy is not a pompous age and 80 even less so. On the contrary, people become open, candid and straightforward. These are the blessings of old age"**

(written in the Saga Magazine for February 2005 by Douve Draaisma, Professor of the History of Psychology in the University of Groningen, Holland)





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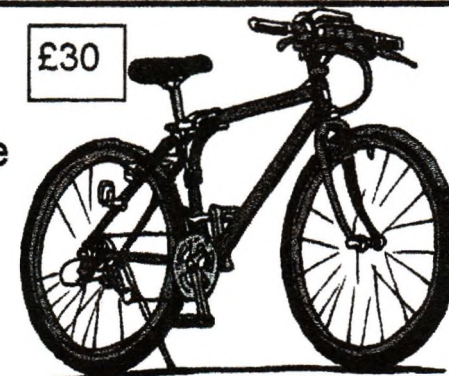
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Without hesitation he quipped, "They're going to give you a phone."



## **Our Daily Bread**

The recent celebration of the 60th anniversary of VE Day reminded me of two events about bread. During the war nearly all food except bread, flour and



vegetables was rationed, to ensure that everyone had a fair share of the limited food



available. There was only one kind of bread and one kind of flour, which were both rather grey but nutritious. There were some people who abused the system, but on the whole it worked well; there was certainly no worries about obesity! After VE Day things changed and before long, bread and flour were rationed for the first time, not because they were in short supply, but because the British government accepted responsibility for feeding the hundreds of thousands of hungry, homeless and displaced people in Europe, some of them until recently our 'enemies'. There were no demonstrations or protests against this restriction which was imposed upon us and which continued for about two years. We shared our daily bread with others.

It was only on 5th May that it was announced that the next day would be a holiday, so any celebrations had to be spontaneous, there was no time for elaborate preparations. The general impression was that nobody would have to work on VE Day. However, this impression was not shared by the authorities at the Royal Marine barracks at Eastney, so I found myself



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in a small party sent to collect food from the Royal Navy Victualling Yard at Gosport. There we loaded up our 3-ton truck with various foodstuffs, including a very large number of loaves and set off on the return journey. Almost immediately we were surrounded by a crowd of angry women. They had discovered that the bakers were also celebrating and there was no bread to be had, at a time when many people bought bread every day. They were not interested in any of the other food on the truck. It was bread they wanted.

Our corporal was faced with a dilemma, but being a resourceful man (as all corporals are) he entered into negotiations with the most vociferous housewife, while quietly telling each of us to bring a few loaves. He then dropped them into



the women's outstretched arms and ordered the driver to drive on quickly, while the women fought for the bread. I am not sure what the moral of this story is. On our arrival at

Eastney we were released from further duties and were free to join the celebrations. Since most of the Home Fleet was in Portsmouth at the time, the celebrations were prolonged and noisy.

*Martin Loft*



## Machines

The time is gone  
The time is sad  
For now we long  
For what we had  
The time has come  
Or so it seems  
When we are governed  
By machines

By telephone  
You make a call  
The age of buttons  
Says it all  
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And two for that  
We wonder where  
The stoppings at.

Need some money  
You've spent it all  
So you visit  
The hole in't wall  
When you shop  
Look at a screen  
No pleasant chat  
Is passed between

You don't feel well  
You feel so sick  
So fetch the doctor  
Double quick  
Here he comes  
On well oiled wheels  
Just hold this probe  
It's how it heals.

The system's better  
So they say  
But stop and think  
It's us who pay  
They take our time  
And money too  
No friendly face  
For us to view



Our loving maker had a plan  
That contact be - 'tween man and man  
And faces smile with light in eyes  
That soul to soul would recognise

He made us long to feel a touch  
A gentle voice conveys so much  
So let's remember, it's a fact  
We do need people —to interact.

*Vivienne Filleul*

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13 Dec. Christmas Lunch

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**for further details.**



# Make Poverty History

They danced, they sang, they chanted and they prayed. On the night of 15-16 April, an amazing 25,000 people packed the pavements around Westminster and Whitehall in central London to call for *'trade justice not free trade'*.

The all night event kicked off in Westminster Abbey with performances from artists including Beverley Knight, Jools Holland and Pete Postlethwaite and finished with a dawn procession past Downing Street.

This was the climax of the Global week of Action. Millions of people from more than 80 countries took part in a week's historic campaigning. The call for trade justice was sounded around the world.

The days running up to the Global Week of Action for Trade Justice saw a complete U-turn in the government's position on trade. In a series of announcements, it made clear that poor countries should not be forced to adopt free-trade policies.

**NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE HAPPENED  
WITHOUT THIS CAMPAIGN.**

The following is a letter from Sir Bob Geldof:  
Hello,

By being part of the Make Poverty History campaign you've done a lot over the last six months to create the golden opportunity to change the world that is in our grasp now.

That's why I wanted to tell you about Live 8 myself. Let me start by saying, this is not Live Aid 2 - this time it's not people's money we need, it's themselves. The five concerts taking place around the world are the starting point for The Long Walk To Justice, an event that will see hundreds of thousands of people heading to Edinburgh to tell the G8 leaders that the whole world is expecting them to deliver.

By doubling aid, fully cancelling debt, and delivering trade justice for Africa, the G8 have it within their power to change the future for millions of men, women and children. What we need to do is show them in our millions that we care and that we're watching.

Whether you're starting things off in Edinburgh on the Saturday at the vitally important Make Poverty History rally, or planning to head to the Scottish capital later in the week, the really vital thing is that you see your good work through and send a message loud and clear to those 8 men - now is the time, this is the year, **you** can make poverty history.

Thanks and good luck,

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### From the Editor

This is the last time I will be writing to you all as the editor of All Saints' News.

I hope you will give your support to Janine Scott - her task will not be an easy one. It will help her if you let her have your items for inclusion in the



magazine early and, where possible, by e-mail as this saves an enormous amount of typing.

Volunteers to help her will be very welcome.

We have had offers to buy our bungalow and we are waiting for 'developments' so at present we are unable to say when we will be moving to our flat.

I intend to remain a governor of All Saints' School and to keep playing the piano there so I will be in Totley quite regularly.

May I thank three kind people who answered my plea for deliverers to take over my round and that of one other.

Heather had a problem recently but seems quite well now. We are looking forward to our holiday in August when she and Beth will be with us.

*Jeanne*



## YOU MET THEM IN THE PAGES OF THE BIBLE

**VINEYARD**

Nobody in the New Testament has a name beginning with V, and just three or four very minor characters in the Old Testament do. This month we will look at a most significant plant, rather than a person - the vine, which is a symbolic thread throughout scripture, as well as a common plant in the land of Israel.

When the people of Israel first sent spies to explore Canaan (Modern Israel), after their flight from Egypt, they brought back examples of the land's produce.



One item was a bunch of huge grapes. As the Old Testament unfolds, so references to vines, grapes and wine increase. Jeremiah lamented the ruin of the vineyards of Sibmah. Ezekiel refers to the export of wine to Tyre, whilst Amos, Hosea and others of the prophets describe the process of treading out and fermenting the wine. The fermented wine was stored in strong new goatskin bags (hence Jesus' reference to

new wine needing new wine-skins) or large pottery containers. Wine could be used as a means of currency, and for the discharge of debts. The trade of wine production was held to be of such importance that it earned exemption from military service.

As well as in the making of wine, grapes were used in the Hebrew diet. Raisin cakes were commonly produced, and often used as gifts. The grapes would simply be dried on the rooftops in the hot sun. The eating of grapes as a fruit is also referred to in the Bible.

Symbolically the vine was used to represent God's chosen people from the early history of Israel. They had been taken from Egypt, and transplanted in a choice land.

They had been given all the attention that would enable them to produce choice fruit. Instead, they had produced only meagre



wild grapes. For this they were to be abandoned to the destructive power of their enemies. Nonetheless, the analogy of Israel as a choice vine was sustained. At the time of Jesus, on the doors into the temple



there was the image of a vine, recalling that association.

Amongst the parables of Jesus in the gospels, no fewer than five relate to vines and their culture.

Matthew, Mark and Luke all recall the parable of the wicked vineyard-keepers, who are entrusted with the vineyard while the master is away. When the master sends servants to collect his earnings they are beaten and killed. Eventually the owner sends his son, who suffers the same fate. The implication of the story for the leaders of Israel was immediately seen - and resented!

Jesus, of course, likened Himself to the true vine, as recorded in John's Gospel. True believers need to remain united to Him, just as the branch of a vine needs to remain united with the stem, if it is to bear fruit. By using that analogy, Jesus was taking the ancient use of the vine to represent God's people and saying that now that picture is completed and fulfilled in Him. No longer is it an analogy, it is a reality as the believer becomes

joined to the Saviour. As the vine produces grapes, so believers will produce fruit from being united with Jesus.



Vines growing in Israel

As Jesus broke bread and shared wine at The Last Supper, so the fruit of the vine took on the new significance. Its symbolic use in the Jewish Passover was extended to Christians for regular use in remembering the blood of Jesus, which was soon to be spilt on their behalf. Even on the cross, Jesus was offered a drink of wine vinegar - a product of wine that had become over acid.

The vineyard, its plants and produce would all have been very familiar to the people of Biblical times. As in so many instances, Jesus took the familiar, and used it to illustrate, teach and challenge. He took the ordinary, and revealed that which is extra-ordinary. Just as He may take ordinary humans, and as they become grafted on to Him, as a branch may be grafted on to the stem of a vine, so His extra-ordinary life may flow through them.

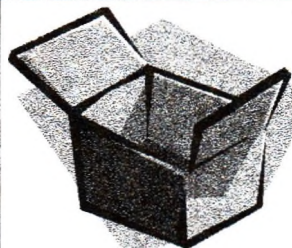
*David Rhodes*

### Caught out

The wee lad was obviously not paying attention during the Bible story. "Robert," said the teacher sternly, "Can you tell me how God knew Adam and Eve had eaten the forbidden fruit?" Robert frowned hard; then he beamed. "Please, Miss. It was because God saw the apple core!"







## Shoe Boxes

'Thank you' to all who have knitted and given to the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal in the past.

I can still collect articles all year round *plus* there is a new appeal as detailed below:

### Shoe boxes for Prisons

This year we have been asked to take part in a trial - packing shoe boxes for boys and girls in prisons. Mostly the boys are 14-20 and girls 10-18. To keep it simple, it is suggested we pack for any age, not age specific.

Items suitable for both girls and boys include:

- School items (notebooks, pens, pencils etc)
- Toothpaste and brush
- Soap (also soapbox would be nice)
- Small shampoo packed in plastic bag
- Towel
- Table games (dominoes, table tennis bat & balls, chess, snakes and ladders, ludo etc.
- Hat, gloves (scarf for girls; baseball cap for boys)

For girls:

Embroidery (small traced item)

Craft paper for models

Jewellery, hair ornaments

And girly things

Sanitary towels

*Pauline Perkinson*

For boys:

T-shirt (for P.E.)

deflated foot, volley or basketball

*Your choice of items from these lists would be appreciated*

The Wednesday afternoon Cell Group  
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contact Monica (2366979) or  
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### Spur

First pioneer missionary: "Why are you wearing only one spur?"

Second pioneer missionary: "Well, I figure that when one side of the horse starts running, the other side will, too."



## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND BEREAVED

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

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## I didn't go to church today

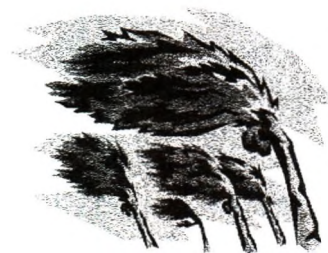
*Ogden Nash*



I didn't go the church today,  
I trust the Lord to understand.  
The surf was swirling blue and white,  
The children swirling on the sand.  
He knows, He knows how brief my stay,  
How brief this spell of summer weather,  
He knows when I am said and done  
**We'll have plenty of time together.**

## The Holy Alphabet

A Although things are not perfect  
B Because of trial or pain  
C Continue in thanksgiving  
D Do not begin to blame  
E Even when times are hard  
F Fierce winds are bound to blow  
G God is forever able  
H Hold on to Him you know  
I Imagine life without his love  
J Joy would cease to be  
K Keep thanking him for all the things  
L Love imparts to thee  
M Move out of 'camp complaining'  
N No weapon that is known  
O On earth can yield the power  
P Praise can do alone;  
Q Quit looking at the future  
R Redeem the time at hand  
S Start every day with worship  
T To 'thank' is a command.  
U Until we see him coming  
V Victorious in the sky  
W We'll run the race with gratitude  
X Xalting God on high;  
Y Yes there will be good times and  
Yes there will be bad, but  
Z Zion waits in glory where none are ever sad!





## Youth work news for S17 churches

### Missed a month

I missed the last edition of the magazine as I was caught up in one of the most exciting and significant events of my life. Most of you will know that Janine and I have just had a baby who we have called Grace. Just like we are to God our Father, so Grace is unique, special, vulnerable, needy and dependent on us her parents. I pray that we might love, care for her and bring her up as a model of how God raises us His children.

We named Grace as a reminder to her and us that it is only out of God's grace that we can know Him and follow Him, without it we would be eternally lost. So we look forward to the days, months and years ahead, particularly the ones when we finally have a full night's sleep!

### King Ecgberts School

The new building opened at the beginning of term and what a great building it is too! I get lost every time I go in, hundreds of thousands of pounds have been spent on top facilities and recourses. Apparently students' behaviour and concentration levels have increased, it is the rebirth of a special school. Joel, the Dore youth worker, and I have been privileged along with other Christians to go through the school praying for staff and students. We are committed to encouraging Christian students that this environment is a mission field, one where they can make a difference. Please continue to pray for them and the school.

Also please pray for Meadowhead School as they continue in their plans for a new school building.

### Football Tournament

19 teams came down to Abbeydale sports club for an afternoon of highly competitive football last month. The games were hard fought but played sportingly. These kind of events are so important for church youth groups seeing the bigger picture and having a chance to work as a team. Also of course the young people really enjoy them, which is also so important.

## Team building days

I have been particularly excited about the team building days for the 4 youth groups represented by All Saints' and St. John's for some time and I put a lot of effort in ensuring that young people came to them. I believed then and still do now that this is one of the most important opportunities they will have **this year!** Each group spent 3 hours doing fun, crystal maze type activities where there was a challenge for the group to complete together. Every group was different and the lessons that each group learnt were unique. Here is a list of just some of what they say they learnt.

'We learned to Plan before doing it.' (the exercise)

'Used our different strengths for different things.'

'We need to work together.'

'Listen to other people.'

'Included everyone.'

'Work as a team.'

'We have our own Leadership styles.'

'Have/share ideas.'

'Discuss first.'

This is just the beginning, as we look to grow on these tools and help the young people to learn how to trust each other, encourage each other and open up to one another. Once the groups learn how to work together they are moving forwards in being more of what church is all about, being united within the body of Christ, in fellowship with one another, travelling together through the obstacles of life.

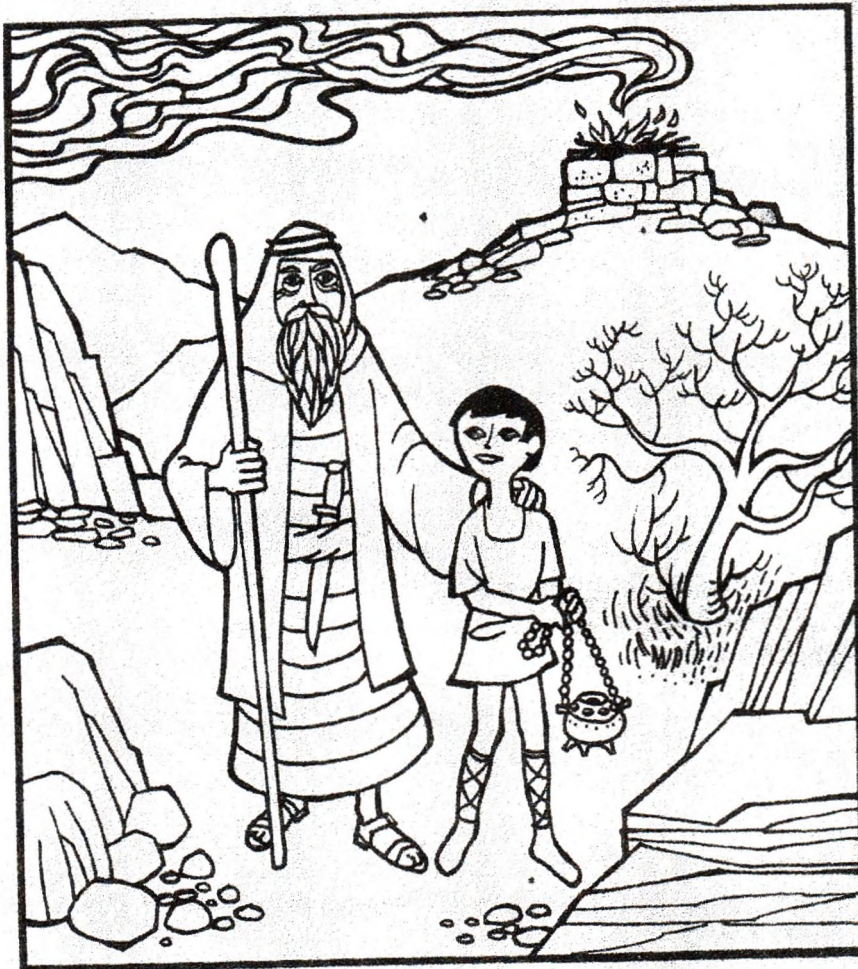
*Matt Conant*

### First

A minister asked a little girl what she thought of her first church service. "The music was nice," she said, "but the commercial was too long."



## A picture for you to colour



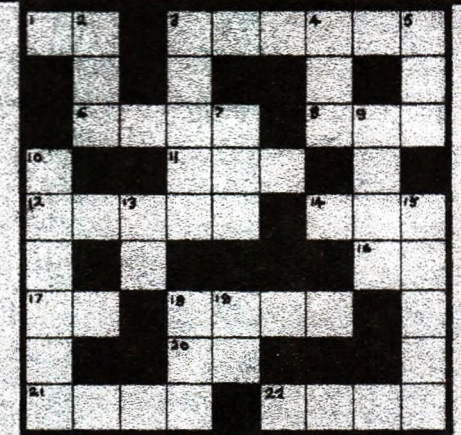
Abraham

Teach a child to be polite and courteous in the home and, when (s)he grows up, (s)he'll never be able to merge her/his car onto a motorway!

## Children's Page

## ACROSS

1. Abraham's City.
3. The Promised Land.
6. Abraham's people worshipped the — God.
8. Abraham's nephew.
11. Abraham never — the Promised Land.
12. It was a Land "flowing with milk and —".
14. Abraham and Sarah had a son. They called — Isaac.
16. God asked Abraham — sacrifice Isaac.
17. The Angel said: " — not kill the boy."
18. Abraham was prepared to — his son.
20. He sacrificed a ram — instead.
21. They went — the mountainside together.
22. Lot's wife was turned into a pillar of —.



## DOWN

2. The animal caught in the thicket (see 20A).
3. God — Abraham to be the leader of His people.
4. He left — to follow God.
5. Abraham could — believe Sarah would have a son.
9. To leave out.
10. Sarah — Abraham, and had Hagar and Ishmael sent away. (Another word for "blamed").
13. Did God's people always obey Him?
15. Abraham took Isaac to the top of — Moriah.
18. Short name for "family".
19. Read about Abraham — the Book of Genesis (Chapters 12-25).

## MISSING WORDS

1. Ur was in the country of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The Bible says Abraham lived for one \_\_\_\_\_ and seventy-five years (Gen. 25. 7).
3. Abraham and his kinsmen were \_\_\_\_\_ dwellers.
4. Isaac said: "Where is the \_\_\_\_\_ for the burnt offering?"
5. Abraham's wife was called \_\_\_\_\_.

tent      Mesopotamia      Sarah      hundred      lamb



Cathy, aged ten years, was asked to fill out the application for her first bank account. She was doing alright until there was a space for "name of former bank." After a slight hesitation, she put down 'Piggy'.



## Exploring Psalm 139

### "You discern my thoughts from afar"

A middle-aged woman went to visit her husband in hospital. She greeted him, went to his locker, gathered up his dirty laundry and replaced it with clean. She sat down on the chair by his bed and took out of her bag a newspaper and her knitting. She knitted while he read. The scene probably replicated what happened at home. Each was comfortable in each other's company. No words were necessary.

The first verses of Psalm 139 describe how every aspect of our life lies open to God. Wherever we go, whatever we do or say, God is present. The psalm conveys an intimacy in relationship with God. The writer is comfortable, completely at ease with God's continual presence.

The expression of our faith can rely too much on words and not enough on simply being. We need to rediscover the words of Psalm 46: *"Be still and know that I am God."* Then God, who discerns our thoughts from afar, will know that we are comfortable to meet him in the silence of our hearts.

*Neville Smith*

taken from Sunday Link



A £5 note found in the gutter, filthy dirty, is the same value as a pristine one. Every person, no matter how messed up, is just as valuable to God.

## CHANGE

### 'They all sang the new song . . .'

Revelation 5 : 9 NCV

We will never experience real growth in the church if we keep insisting everybody has to do everything our way. When it comes to salvation there's only one way - Christ. But when it comes to worship there are many ways and expressions. There is no 'exclusive' way of worshipping God! The music that turns one generation on, turns another off.

So let's stop arguing over personal preferences or speaking where God's Word is silent. Listen: 'They all sang a new song to the Lamb . . . every tribe, language, people and nation.' We all worship the same Lord and the only thing He asks is a sincere heart. God does not require us to express our love in identical ways, but He does mind us passing judgement on how others do it.

When the Bible says, 'They all sang a new song to the Lamb,' do you seriously think they all had the same music style? The great spiritual awakening that took place under the Wesley brothers left us with soul-stirring hymns like, 'O, for a thousand tongues to sing.' yet many in their day, while believing the words, condemned the melody as 'bar room music.'  
Wow!



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## Good Marriages



Sally had lived a good life, having been married four times. Now she stood before the Pearly Gates. The angel at the gates said to her, "I see that you first of all married a banker, then an actor, next a pastor and lastly an undertaker. Why? This does not seem appropriate for a Christian woman."

"Oh yes it is," Sally replied. "It's one for money, two for the show, three to make ready and four to go."

## What do you say to this one?!

"Life should **not** be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well preserved body, but rather to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out and loudly proclaiming, 'WOW! What a Ride!'"

Anon



## From the Registers

### Thanksgiving:

June 12th Alex Scott of Mickley Lane  
June 12th Keira Scott of Mickley Lane

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

July 8th Luke Andrew Brown  
July 8th George Henry Frost  
July 11th Joseph Alexander Thomas Cryan  
July 13th Jennifer Stephanie Harvey  
July 13th Christopher James Thompson  
July 13th Henry Rossington Ashmore  
July 14th Alice Sarah Fletcher

### Weddings:

June 11th Alexander James Munro and Kathryn Drakes of Green Oak Road

### Funerals:

None in June

### 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 July and August 2005

### Altar

### Memory Table

|      |      |                                     |                                      |
|------|------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| July | 3rd  | Mrs. Scott                          | Mrs. Mayson                          |
|      | 10th | Mrs. Foster                         | Cell Group<br>(Giles/ Bower & Brown) |
|      | 17th | Cell Group<br>(Carrington-Elson)    | Mrs. Perkinson                       |
|      | 24th | Cell Group<br>(Booth)               | Mrs. A. Waite                        |
|      | 31st | Mrs. Jockel                         | Mrs. Smith                           |
| Aug. | 7th  | Mrs. Loft                           | Mrs. Hill Pickford                   |
|      | 14th | Mrs. Holding                        | Mrs. Collinson                       |
|      | 21st | Cell Group<br>(Youth)               | Miss Bird                            |
|      | 28th | Cell Group<br>(Giles/Bower & Brown) | Mrs. A. Waite                        |

## DIARY DATES - July & August 2005

|         |  |
|---------|--|
| July    |  |
| 2nd     | Make Poverty History - Edinburgh   |
| 2nd     | All Age Afternoon Tea and Talents Hall 3.00 p.m.                           |
| 9th     | Cell Leaders Prayer Meeting Hall 8.00 a.m.                                 |
| 10th    | Class of 1925 Tea 4.00 p.m. and Service 6.30 p.m.                          |
| 12th    | Ladies Coffee Morning Hall 10.30 - 12.00 p.m.                              |
| 17th    | Sale of Cards (to buy a bike) after 10.00 a.m. service                     |
| 17th    | One Service at 10.00 a.m. followed by Barbecue and games and bouncy castle |
| 25th    | Cell Leaders Meeting Vicarage 8.00 p.m.                                    |
| 27th    | Summer Songs of Praise Hall 3.00 p.m.                                      |
| August  |  |
| 13th    | Cell Leaders Prayer Meeting Hall 8.00 a.m.                                 |
| 22nd    | Final date for items for the magazine                                      |
| 29th    | Collation of the magazine Hall from 9.30 a.m.                              |
| October |  |
| 1st     | Table Top Sale see page 15   |

**Final Date for items for September 2005 : Aug. 22nd 2005**

## Saying for Stillness

July "Come to ME, and listen to MY words;  
hear ME and you shall have life."

(Isaiah 55 : 3)

August "And you . . . who do you say I am?"

(Matthew 16 : 15)



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

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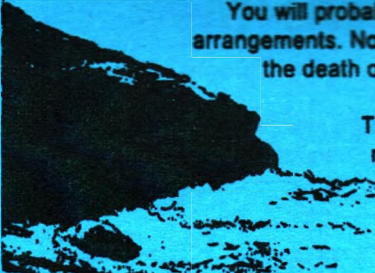




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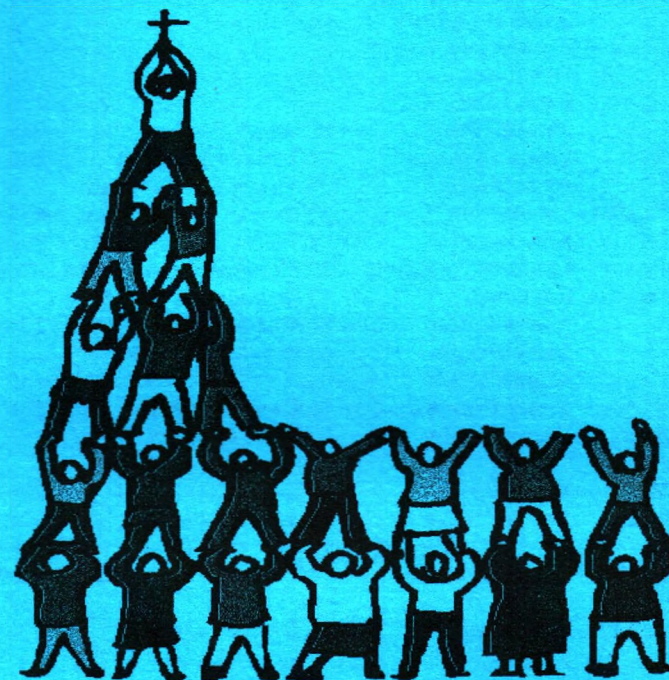
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## *From the Vicarage*



Dear friends

For most of us life has a discernible rhythm. Some of that is forced upon us by the weather, or by family or similar constraints. Some of us make a positive choice for such rhythm; some perhaps wish that there was more variety, and a more discernible pattern to lives. As we enter different stages of life, then so those patterns and rhythms change.

I am writing this on the eve of setting off for a family holiday. With three members of the family still at school, holidays in August are a prominent part of the rhythm, as is the return to school and the new challenges that entails.

In July we held a party in the church to celebrate the 80th birthdays of twelve members, or recent members, of the family. It was a lovely occasion and I am sure for all of us acted as a reminder of the different stages of our lives, and the challenge we have to adapt to and embrace the changes that the different ages present us with.

In the Genesis account of man's creation, interestingly he was made on day 6, and thus started with a day of rest on day 7. The pattern of regular breaks for renewal and refreshment was built into our psyche from day 1. Some of us will know the damaging effect that insufficient time out can have. There is to be a weekly rhythm, and a longer-term rhythm. Thus Jesus from time to time departed from the crowds to spend time alone with His closest followers, or in a solitary way with His father.

From the earliest days of the church, a calendar whereby we celebrate certain festivals at specific times was established - another structure to help us embrace a healthy rhythm.

Regular rhythm and an ability to move from stage to stage are important individually. They are, too, in the life of a church. So at All Saints, we are more active from September to Easter, and then quieter from Easter onwards. At different times in the church's life, different emphases have been to the fore. That is a healthy thing, as we seek God's guidance to respond to changing situations around us.

This September sees us entering a new phase of the way things happen. There will just be the one, informal, service on a Sunday morning, now starting at 10.00 a.m. Traditional worship will take place at 6.30 p.m. on a Sunday evening (initially, with the timing open to review) and 10.00 a.m. on a Wednesday morning. As in other areas of life, for some this new approach contains the challenge of change from a familiar pattern. For others a new beginning gives the opportunity of making a fresh start, or renewing a faith and a link with the church that has been lost in the past.

What the days ahead hold, we have yet to discover. Whatever it is for you, may you find the right rhythm of activity, recreation and worship. Whatever your stage of life, may you be able to establish a wider pattern that enables you to put first things first, and make the most of the opportunities your specific circumstances offer. And as the worship pattern of All Saints changes on a Sunday, may the opportunity of doing things a little differently be a point of growth for those who currently are part of the family, and act as an invitation to come and see for other readers.

With all best wishes



## ALL SAINTS DURING THE WEEK

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

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Further details from one of the cell co-ordinators:

David Rhodes 236 2322 Sally Rhodes 236 2322

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## Sunday and Midweek Services September 2005

**4th**

10.00 a.m. Last occasion when we will be led musically by the choir - this will be a special service to honour their contribution over the years.  
3.30 p.m. Holy Communion at the Cheshire Home  
6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

**7th**

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

**11th**

10.00 a.m. Service of Baptism  
6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

**14th**

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

**18th**

10.00 a.m. Guest Service to launch the new pattern of weekly morning worship  
3.30 p.m. Informal Service at the Cheshire Home  
6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

**21st**

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

**25th**

10.00 a.m. Family Communion with Revd Nick Dawson  
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**28th**

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Holy Communion (B.C.P.)



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**W**elcome to the new All Saints' magazine. A big thank you to Jeanne Foster who is retiring, she has almost single-handedly run it for seven years and now feels it is time for a well deserved break. She has handed it over to myself and Dorothy Firth without bribery or violence! I hope that we can do as good a job as Jeanne has done. I will be editing the magazine and Dorothy will be in charge of the collation and distribution. If you would like to make any comments on articles you have seen or would like to contribute an article please e-mail myself on ([Janine.scott33@btinternet.com](mailto:Janine.scott33@btinternet.com)).

I became a member of All Saints' church three years ago through doing an *Alpha* course. I found the course surprisingly interesting and full of welcoming people. At the time I didn't know many people in Totley and I went along to meet new people and make new friends. Since joining the church I have made loads of friends and really enjoy the sense of community and fellowship. If you would like to visit the church just to see what it's like then please do, it will be lovely to see and we won't make you come back every week!

I Hope you enjoy reading the magazine.

See page 13 for more information regarding *Alpha* courses



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(Anyone who wants to know more can contact Tina Hudson on: 0114 2620569).

*Janine Conant*

The next ladies prayer breakfast is being held on Saturday 26th November at 8am in the church hall. The next men's prayer breakfast is on Saturday 17 September. It is a brilliant way to start the day and I recommend you give it a go.



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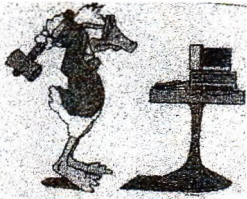
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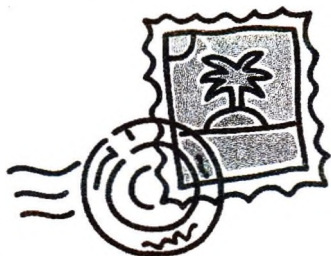
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## **'Stepping Stones'**

Through my Parishes Justice and Peace group, my awareness of the 'Drop the debt' campaign has been further encouraged by Cafod/Oxfam (debt relief to the poorer nations – mostly in Africa). At Birmingham 70,000 of us joined hands and with banners and whistles ringed the city centre in peaceful protest during the G7 conference held there in 1998. Sadly the violent protesters got most of the publicity encouraged by the media!! Bad news sells newspapers. We went on to London in 1999 'Break the chains of debt' slogans were paraded down the 'Embankment' between Westminster and Waterloo Bridges. Again a vociferous but peaceful protest by about 150,000 of us from all round the country. Again the 'violent brigade' got all the press attention....

Then came Edinburgh! Wondering whether my back could cope with a prolonged day of solidarity for this great cause of 'Debt relief' to Edinburgh and home again? I was unexpectedly encouraged by a 'Well-Heeled' individual from one of my Church's English Martyrs/All Saints – who said 'they couldn't be bothered with all this debt stuff'. A 46 seated coach (with toilet) was hired from Andrews of Tideswell by 'Our Lady & St. Thomas' church, Meadowhead and 'Holy Spirit' church, Dronfield through Angela Wood (Chairman of Outreach/Justice & Peace) and co-ordinators. Hilary, my wife, drove Janine Scott from All Saints' church and I to our pick up point at Woodseats Library at 5:10am. We got the front seats on the coach for our 'great journey' – wonderful!! We arrived in Edinburgh at midday and made our way to the Meadows, where we were greeted by a 'sea of white' (we were asked to wear white t-shirts etc.), the colour symbol of the event to **'Make Poverty History'**.



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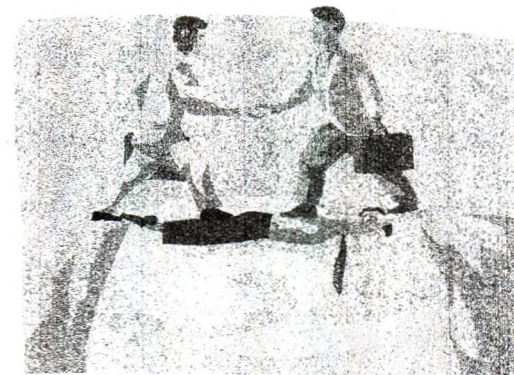
All the colours of the rainbow making 'white light'. A white band around the centre of Edinburgh, about 25,000 of us... the main reason for the gathering was to lobby the G8 members at their forthcoming meeting at Gleneagles for 'Trade justice, better aid and drop the debt'.

Those who arrived in Edinburgh earlier than we did paraded through the streets in a two mile circuit. By the time we arrived the circle was complete. However, our banners, prayers, good wishes and symbolic chains of debt were displayed and carried with honour and reverence and the solidarity of the occasion was complete. It was a great event and had some impact on the world leaders of the G8 countries (the world's richest nations) Britain, America, Russia, France, Germany, Italy, Canada and Japan.

The event was just a stepping stone in this great campaign and we must continue to try to **'Make Poverty History'**. At about 5:10pm we left Edinburgh arriving back in Sheffield at 10:45pm. Hilary met us and we made our way back to our little home on the hill in Totley – with its running water on tap, gas, electricity, overflowing supermarkets/health/Social Security safety net systems, pensions and multiple employment choices, freedom and 'way of life'.....

Then came the London  
BOMBS!!

Frank  
Donnelly





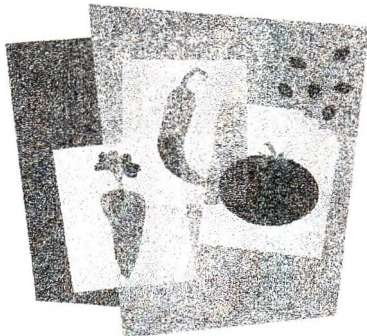


## Totley All Saints' School News

As some of you may have seen that our school meals at Totley All Saints' School received a glowing report in The Star newspaper last term. To further develop our children's interest in healthy eating our cook, Mrs. Maw, suggested that we grow our own vegetables.

We have identified the site, taking into account soil, light and shelter from the winds! This is being prepared in September. During the Autumn Term children will have the opportunity to apply (in writing!) for advertised gardening jobs - head gardener etc - job descriptions have been written. The applicants will be interviewed by Mrs. Maw, a Governor and I. The gardeners and Mrs. Maw will decide on suitable crops and a planting plan will be drawn up. We aim to supply our kitchen with some vegetables next year. We have applied to B&Q for a "Good Neighbour" grant to help us to fund this project and are awaiting the outcome at the time of writing this. If there is anyone in the parish who has the time and a little gardening expertise, and is interested in working with us, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school on 2361934 or call in at the school office.

Bev Houghton  
Headteacher



# Ladies Coffee Morning

## 2005

You are very welcome to enjoy coffee with us in the Church Hall 10.30 - 12.00



13 Sept.

11 Oct.

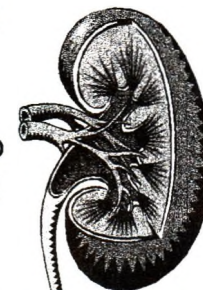
8 Nov.

13 Dec.

Christmas Lunch

## British Kidney Patient Association

Every summer the British Kidney Patient Association sends young patients away on adventure holidays. To raise funds, the association is appealing for people to send coins, stamps, supermarket reward cards, Air Miles and other collectable items to the Appeals Secretary, BKPA,





## Sheffield's Parent Lifeline

### LISTEN! DO YOU WANT TO KNOW A SECRET?

**Y**ou may recognise this title as the opening line of a pop song, from the sixties I believe. The sort of secret I have in mind is the secret of being a good listener.

I suppose that, basically, good listeners are people who are interested in other people and what they have to say. They are willing to see life from someone else's point of view without imposing their own beliefs. They are sympathetic to suffering, which encourages the speaker to go on talking, and they are not easily shocked.

Parents get a lot of stick these days when the papers carry stories of children as young as four or five creating mayhem in class and of older children committing acts of violence and generally being out of control. There has recently been a spate of television programmes showing experts teaching parents how to make their 'little angels' behave.

I am sure some parents can learn useful tips from these programmes and it must be heartening for some to see that there are children much more badly behaved than their own! However, life is usually more complicated than following a few guidelines, useful though they are, and parents whose sons or daughters have, say, taken to drugs may feel it's all their fault.

A recent survey reported that mothers nowadays get an average of three and a half hours' sleep a night, ninety minutes less than their own parents did. This leads to 40% becoming depressed and their jobs and sex lives suffering,

according to the survey. Parenthood has never been easy, but many women now work outside the home as well, so they are constantly tired.

All of which brings me to the point of this article which is to appeal to anyone who is a good listener - you know who you are - to consider applying to join Parent Lifeline (Helpline for Parents). We urgently need men and woman volunteers to help us take some of the hundreds of calls we receive a year. We are running a free training course at Lawton Tonge House, Nether Edge, starting at 7.30pm on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September and lasting two hours a week for ten weeks. The course will teach you to become even better listeners and to get some idea of the sort of problems callers are facing. Your capacity to offer emotional support and understating is most vitally needed.

Sheffield's Parent Lifeline started in 1978 as an attempt to support desperate mothers who might otherwise be driven to harm their children. It was felt that mothers of crying babies were most likely to need a helpline. Since then, we find we receive calls from parents of all ages about children of all ages, even grown-up ones. Despite the burgeoning of the number of helplines, Parent Lifeline still fulfils a need. It is not just a crisis line but gives parents a chance to talk over their worries and unburden themselves before problems become acute.

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### Father God

Father God dear Father true  
Let me hide myself in You  
Let me from this sad world hide  
Let me deep in You abide  
It's here dear God that I would stay  
Never would I go away

Help me that I do no wrong  
For to You, Lord, I belong  
These worlds' thoughts I do not share  
I would live within Your care  
Ever sheltered from all harm  
By Your strong protective arm

Although dear Lord I'd hide away  
By Your side I long to stay  
It's in this world You'd have me be  
Through my life let others see  
They too to you belong  
And that Your love is ever strong

See His arms are open wide  
In your heart He would abide  
Open up and take Him in  
Feel His joy, let love begin  
He will never let you down  
But will your life with blessings crown

*Vivienne Filleul*





## Youth work news for S17 Churches

### King Ecgberts School

This year Joel and I have again greatly enjoyed the open door we have had from King Ecgberts. We are looking forward to being involved with the Oasis Esteem sexual health lessons again where we will once again be teaching young people and discussing with them about how maintain healthy relationships.

We have already spent time with the year 7's on their open day and in the primary schools and are looking forward to continuing those relationships.

We will also be continuing to work with JaM, our Christian group at school where we are looking at the possibility of an Alpha type initiative.

### St Johns Youth

During this last year I have been working with two groups at St. Johns, an older and younger group. Our older group has been very busy in the last couple of terms revising for GCSE's and AS levels so hasn't been able to come very much, consequently we have been directing our efforts at the younger group. This group really excites me as the potential is massive with them in their solid growth and development, we are also hoping that some of the older group will help lead this group, thus learning how to lead in youth work.

### All Saints Youth

I have also been working with an older and younger group at All Saints. The older group is peer led and is learning to meet together without adult supervision. Another adult and I do meet with them from time to time in order to support them and offer any help they might want. The younger group meet together to learn, discuss, worship and socialise together each week for an hour and then are

joined by their non-church friends for a youth group. We hope that their friends, in time, will decide to join them earlier for the meeting.

### Rock Solid

We have just finished our 3<sup>rd</sup> year with Rock solid and have again enjoyed the success of this group very much. They have engaged with each other and the leaders on many levels socially and spiritually, seriously and relationally, in games and in discussion. Some young people hold it all lightly, some really enjoy it, some have chosen to ignore our Christian claims and some are accepting them. This year I am moving from Rock Solid leadership to Upper Level so that I can concentrate on encouraging and challenging this group in their growth.

### Upper Level

This group has been running for the last year and all the young people have really enjoyed their time together. They went away together for the weekend and had a great time. They have heard about the fundamentals of the Christian faith and thought about some of the issues that arise from that. They have had opportunities to discuss their opinions with each other and the leaders. This year we will be continuing on this thread and I hope they will be inviting their friends to some special evenings as well as being involved with some activities outside Tuesday evenings.

### The Goldmine

One of the activities I am hoping Upper Level might come to is the Goldmine, our monthly youth service that we run with Dore youth project. Young people attend this event from churches in this project as well as in Dore. It is a very important part of the youth work here and we will be working to continue, teaching, inspiring and challenging young people in this worship time.

*Matt Conant*



## YOU MET THEM IM THE PAGES OF THE BIBLE

### THE WISE MEN

The visit of the Wise Men to the infant Jesus, bearing gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh of course needs no retelling. Many of us will have memories of nativity plays and Christmas card images in our minds of kings mingling with shepherds and animals around a manger containing a baby.

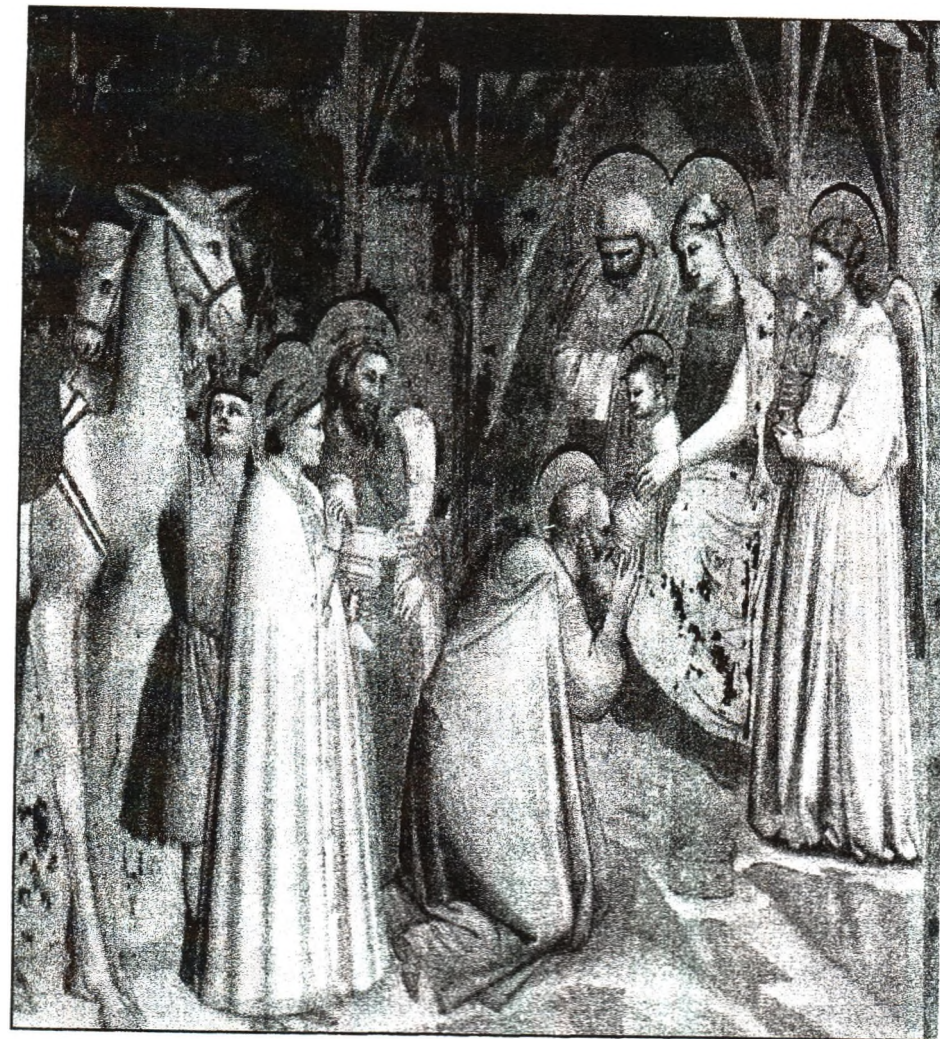
Pinning down exactly who they were, and precisely what happened is not so easy. Their visit is only recorded in one of the gospels, Matthew. He describes a visit some time (perhaps a number of months) after the birth of Jesus, so we must assume Joseph and Mary had found different accommodation by then! They came "from the east", so their precise origin is very vague. The gifts are referred to, but the number of visitors is not - the three is simply a deduction from the number of gifts. The visit to king Herod, his reaction, and subsequent murder of all the boys in Bethlehem under the age of two is a violent introduction to the life of Jesus. It is, however, entirely consistent with Herod's character, who was known (as a number of sources outside the Bible confirm) as a morose, personally insecure and cruel ruler.

One of the apocryphal gospels, the Arabic "Gospel of the Infancy" opens with these words:

*'And it happened when the Lord Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea at the time of King Herod the Magicians arrived from the east in Jerusalem, as Zoroaster had predicted'.*

Early stories linked the wise men with Persia or Arabia - both to the east of Israel. Persia in particular had a strong cult following the teachings of Zoroaster, a Greek

*Picture by Giotto of the visit of the Magi*





philosopher from the sixth century BC. In AD 614, Persian invaders of Israel refused to destroy the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem because the frieze over the door, of the arrival of the wise men, depicted one of them in Persian costume.

Some early Christian fathers looked back to Old Testament references and claimed they originated from Arabia. Both Tertullian and Justin Martyr referred to the passage in Isaiah 60 verse 6, which speaks of kings of Arabia and Saba bringing gifts of gold and incense. An Arab tribe known as the "Planeteers" in the early Christian period claimed that it was their ancestors who were the men in question.

Stories concerning the men grew up rapidly after Biblical times. Tertullian (second century theologian) refers to them as, "almost kings".

By the sixth century the names Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar were being used. In 1162, The Holy Roman Emperor, Frederick Barbarosa, claimed to have taken their relics to Cologne cathedral.

The wise men are sometimes referred to as "The Magi". The word is an Anglicisation of the Greek word used in the Bible. It can simply be translated as a wise man or a sage. The Greek historian Herodotus used it to refer to a particular Medean tribe who had a priestly function in the Persian Empire. Complementing this, Daniel in the Old Testament used the word to refer to wise men, or astrologers who interpreted dreams.

So who they were, where they came from, and what happened to them afterwards is all shrouded in mystery. What we can be sure of is that they were gentiles, who travelled westwards to arrive at Bethlehem, and who alerted Herod to a possible rival, thus triggering both slaughter in



*'The star of Bethlehem'*

Bethlehem, and the flight of Jesus' family to Egypt. Exactly what the star was, that is described in Matthew, has long been a matter of debate. Various suggestions have been made. Halley's Comet appeared in 11 BC. Chinese writings refer to an unusually bright star that was observed in 4 BC. The most likely astronomical event is the conjunction of the planets Saturn and Jupiter in 7 BC, which would have been a most striking and significant event to those observing the sky. Their visit in the Christian calendar has been commemorated on the day of Epiphany (6th January) since the fourth century. In a number of countries and traditions this is the day for exchange of presents. However, there is no suggestion that this is the date the wise men visited Bethlehem. The date has developed from the festival of Jesus' baptism, and has been a convenient day, soon after Christmas, to remember them.

So what exactly is their significance? Much is often made of the nature of the gifts, indicating both the royalty and divinity of Jesus, and pointing the way to His crucifixion. It is also very significant, that Matthew, writing his gospel very much for a Jewish audience, should recount this visit of Gentiles right at the outset. He then closed the gospel with Jesus' commission to His followers to, "make disciples of all nations." Jesus came for all nations, races, colours and types of men and women. Matthew is at pains to demonstrate that at the outset, and thus invite us to drop prejudices which we may carry, and respond to Jesus' call to be his emissary to the people's of the entire world.

David Rhodes



## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND BEREAVED

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Sharhabanu explains: 'We switched from chemicals to composting and began trying to save more of our local seed. Now we get four crops a year and our children can go to school.' Sharhabanu now harvests a range of vegetables and sixty different varieties of rice! Help other poor communities by supporting Christian Aid's 2005 Harvest appeal.

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## Connect Befriending Scheme

Geoff and Vanessa Kirby are the Church Army couple working in Pitsmoor (where Frank and Catherine's son is the Vicar) currently supported by All Saints'. We print here an excerpt from their last Prayer letter (written in June), the full text of which is displayed on the church hall notice board. Geoff and Vanessa hope to visit us some time in the autumn to tell us more about their work.

"This time last year we had just begun the first training sessions for eight volunteers – we now have 14! Within this team there is a rich diversity of age, background, culture and life experience. We have been approached recently by a few people who have expressed an interest in the training and so we are looking at the possibility of a third round of training in the autumn. Before this takes place we feel it is important that our current volunteers have all begun befriending so do pray that in the coming weeks this might happen. Over the months it has become clear that some of the volunteers are in need of befriending themselves as they struggle with the demands of life.

Eight volunteers are visiting people at the moment and two new referrals are currently being processed. We have received many other referrals but these have been inappropriate for the scheme either because they have been out of Connect's geographical area or because the individual's needs have been too severe or

complicated for our volunteers.

Our referral network is now widening having started with the local District Nursing Team and GP Surgery we are now working with Nomad, a local housing support scheme, a local drugs project and Sheffield Carers Centre.

Connect Coffee was set up in the spring for Befrienders to gather together once a month for a chat and to encourage one another. We now have guest speakers (District Nurses and other working in the Care sector in the community) coming along to chat to us which has proved very popular."

Taken from Connect—June 2005 Prayer letter

Ken Filleul





## What Price Fresh Water?

With the end of summer term a BBQ was planned after the morning service. It was a weekend when the team of evangelists that David had been involved with for the Walk of 1,000 Men (and Women!) were staying for the weekend using our church as a base for teaching and fellowship.

The sun shone. It was hot.

The service started, and the Cell group who was preparing the coffee ready for the end of the service found that the water flow from the taps had stopped. With the extra guests and BBQ this was especially disconcerting. However, it was especially appropriate, since there was a special offering for us to Gift Aid money to a Water Project in Naisoya, in Kenya, where Davis and Steve and the others in their team had been in January when helping Pastor David Koreto who works with the Massai Mara. £14,000 is needed to dig a well to provide ready water rather than a three mile journey to a muddy stream, and although a small amount had been raised we hoped to increase the amount. How apt it was that three of us spent the service carrying up water from the tap in the crypt to the church hall, in a variety of



containers to provide water to drink and to flush the toilets.

How good it was to learn afterwards that we had raised over £3,500 to help the project which has already started.

I would not wish to be a permanent water-carrier in a hot African climate. It was bad enough to be one for part of a morning on a hot English day in Tooty. As for our church water, at the end of the day it transpired that someone had inadvertently turned off the stop-tap, so all was well. Nevertheless it was a lesson through experience, and I remain grateful for my clean water.

Gay Riley

**This is your magazine!!!**

Are there any articles that you would like to see in this magazine, perhaps you are interested in cooking and would like to see a recipe page, perhaps you would like more jokes or more testimonies? Please e-mail me and let me know. I am always looking out for interesting articles to include so if you see one please let me know or alternatively maybe you could have a go and write your own piece!

[Janine.scott33@btinternet.com](mailto:Janine.scott33@btinternet.com)



## **The Purpose Driven Church Conference led by Rick Warren**

Six of us attended this three day conference in July with 1,000 delegates from 30 countries. Rick reminded us of the themes in his book "The purpose driven life."

- Why am I alive? What is my purpose? Does my life matter?
- Everything was started by God and finds a purpose in Him.
- God made us for his pleasure.
- He loves us, and knows us.
- In response we are here to worship Him and obey his commands.
- This means to take the Great Commission seriously.

Therefore we need to go out and tell the world about the sacrifice of His Son, who he sent to die for us upon the cross, for our sins, so that we may know eternal life. The eternal life will be with Him, and those who have accepted Jesus, His son into their lives. Those will be the only people there. Our life on earth is just a practice for our life in eternity, but the only difference for those of us that go there, is that the only people who will be there are the ones who have heard the Good news about Jesus. What will we say when we are asked have you told anyone about my son? There will not be people to tell in heaven. We need to use our time here doing this.

### **How to be a Purpose Driven Church**

We need to be an outward looking church where people know and love God and wish to share that love with the world. We must share The Great Commission to go out and tell others, not just to keep this knowledge to ourselves. Those of us who know Jesus, and who attend church need to understand that there are so many that do not, and that our mission is to them. Is church for us to sit in a cosy huddle, and feel the comfort of similar people around? Or is it for each and every one of us to set out to create such a place of love and welcome that we take the words of Jesus' Great Commission and go out and tell the world seriously? (This can be uncomfortable and difficult).

## **But what does this mean in reality?**

The world has moved so fast in the last few decades. Many have never heard of Jesus, never mind the stories of healings and parables that older people were taught in school. For many the actual building of a church is more unfamiliar than going abroad. Jesus wants us to go out and meet people where they are, and to bring them in to an environment that is not to alien for them. They need love and fellowship.

### **What do we do?**

- We need to be welcoming and loving.
- We need to keep jargon to a minimum.
- We need to use the sort of music with which they are familiar, but - with Christian lyrics.
- We need to have a clearly structured programme that will provide for their needs and those already within the church family.
- We need all the church family to understand that this is what we are doing.
- We need to pray that God will bless our church.

### **Some key thoughts about this: Jesus died for people not buildings.**

- You must build your people before you build your steeple.
- Activity and productivity are not the same.
- Different kinds of churches reach out to different kinds of people.
- Every member is a minister (one of our cell values.)

Some churches that are succeeding in reaching out and serving the Lord within the community have opened their doors between 11pm and 3am with people serving coffee and providing a listening ear. We are not an inner city church here on Tooty, so this is clearly not our role, (thank goodness do I sense you think!) However, we need to be clear about how we aim to grow and to nurture those we welcome. The change of service pattern in September may be one of the opportunities we can use. Many of us will be looking at what else we are doing and asking if this is what God wants us to do or not.

Gay Riley



# TODDLER PRAISE

**Starts**

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> September**

**10.00am**

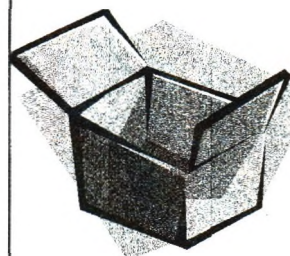
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November, 1<sup>st</sup> December, 15<sup>th</sup> December

## Shoe Boxes



'Thank you' to all who have knitted and given to the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal in the past.

I can still collect articles all year round *plus* there is a new appeal as detailed below:

### Shoe boxes for Prisons

This year we have been asked to take part in a trial - packing shoe boxes for boys and girls in prisons. Mostly the boys are 14-20 and girls 10-18. To keep it simple, it is suggested we pack for any age, not age specific.

Items suitable for girls and boys include:

- School items (notebooks, pens, pencils etc)
- Toothpaste and brush
- Soap (also soapbox would be nice)
- Small shampoo packed in plastic bag
- Towel
- Table games (dominoes, table tennis bat & balls, chess, snakes and ladders, ludo etc.
- Hat, gloves (scarf for girls; baseball cap for boys)

For girls:

Embroidery (small traced item)

Craft paper for models

Jewellery, hair ornaments

And girly things

Sanitary towels

*Pauline Perkinson*

For boys:

T-shirt (for P.E.)

deflated foot, volley or basketball

*Your choice of items from these lists would be appreciated*



## The Mayonnaise Jar and Two Cups of Coffee

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and 2 cups of coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. The professor then picked up a box of small pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed that it was. The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous "yes." The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things—your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favourite passions. Things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full. The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car. The sand is everything else—the small stuff. If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "There is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you. Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical check-ups. Take your partner out to dinner. Play another 18. ! There will always be time to clean the house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first...the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand." One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented, the professor smiled. "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."

## From the Registers

|                      |               |  |
|----------------------|---------------|--|
| <b>Baptism:</b>      | July 10th     | Freddie and Charlie Richardson of 5, The Crescent<br>Frederick Morgan Smith of 10, Main Avenue |
|                      | September 8th | Arthur George Thompson   |
| <b>Thanksgiving:</b> | August 7th    | William James Ashton of 71, Cartmel Road, Woodseats  |
| <b>Weddings:</b>     | July 9th      | Andrew Mark Brown of Green Oak Road and Claire Frances Phillips of Gleadless Ave.              |
| <b>Funerals:</b>     | July 28th     | Wilfred Felton of Kerwin Road, Dore  |
|                      | August 11th   | Christine Scott of Aldam Road  |

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The quarterly services have been discontinued.  
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- The Crèche caters for under 3's.

## FLOWER LIST September 2005

### Altar

### Memory Table

|      |                         |                                   |
|------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 4th  | Mrs Firth               | Mrs Gray                          |
| 11th | Mrs Holding             | Mrs Parr                          |
| 18th | Mrs Filleul             | Cell Group<br>(Rhodes/Rose&Young) |
| 25th | Cell Group<br>(Filleul) | Cell Group<br>(Filleul)           |

## DIARY DATES - September 2005

- 4th Last occasion in church where the choir will lead musically Church 10.00 a.m.
- 10th Cell Leaders Prayer Meeting Hall 8.00 a.m.
- 10th International White Band Day 2
- 13th Ladies Coffee Morning Hall 10.30-12.00 p.m.
- 17th Men's Prayer Breakfast Hall 8.00 a.m.
- 18th Guest Service to launch the new pattern of weekly morning worship Church 10.00a.m.
- 19th Final date for items for the magazine
- 20th Totley All Saints' Church Toddler Group 10a.m.
- 22nd Toddler Praise Hall 10.00 a.m.
- 23rd-25th Weekend of Teaching and Fellowship
- 26th Cell Leaders Meeting Vicarage 8.00 p.m.
- 26th Collation of the magazine Hall from 9.30 a.m.

**Final Date for items for October 2005 : Sept. 19th 2005**

## Reflection

What difference would it make to the life of your church to see its other members as God's gift to you?

(from the New Daylight Bible notes)



## ORGANISATIONS AND REGULAR MEETINGS IN CHURCH & HALL

### **Monday — Thursday**

9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus

**Sunday:** 10.00 a.m. Crèche (under 3's)  
 Josee Shaw 236 2481  
 The Alive Gang (3 to 13 years)  
 Sally Rhodes 236 2322  
 Gay Riley 236 6884

(alternate) 6.30 p.m. Sunday Youth Group  
 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 p.m. Rainbows  
 Sue Clifton 262 1096  
 7.00 p.m. Guides  
 Maureen Allum 235 1262

**Tuesday:** 10.30 a.m. Ladies Coffee Morning (2nd)  
 Ann Ruthven 236 8643

**Wed'day:** 10.00 a.m. Parent & Toddler Group  
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**Thursday:** 10.00 a.m. Toddler Praise (fortnightly)  
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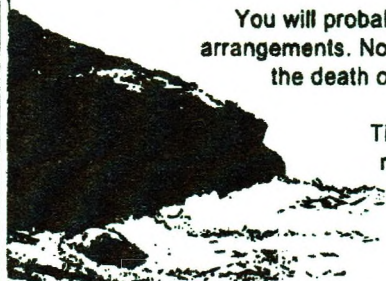




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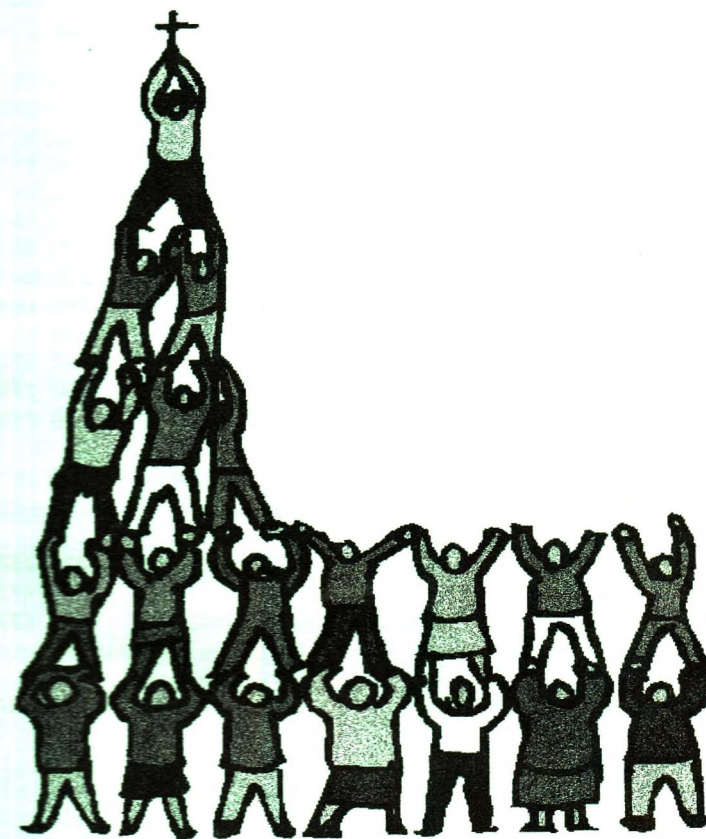
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## October 2005

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**Totley Parish Church Magazine**



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## *From the Vicarage*



Dear Friends

Recently our daughter, Ruth, acquired a new flute. This was no easy business. It involved advice, planning, a visit to Nottingham, and considerable expense. Imagine the anguish on arrival home, and the new flute was to be put through its paces, to find that the wrong one had been packed by the shop.

Of course, nobody intended that. It was a case of human error which had involved the wrong tag being attached to a box. Doubtless all have us have done similar things, although often the consequences are not quite so inconvenient. As a family in the summer holidays, we enjoyed a lovely holiday on Menorca. We have yet to hit the era of photographic digital technology, so still enjoy the anticipation of waiting for the prized photos to be developed and returned. Imagine our chagrin, when we opened the envelope. When changing a film I had managed to reinsert the used film in the camera, and thus we had sent off one film that had been exposed twice, and one that had not been exposed at all. Human error once again.

"To err is human, to forgive is divine." We all will and do make mistakes, great and small. Even the most efficient of us are not faultless. It is because of the human tendency to err, that the importance of forgiveness is so high. It can be hard enough sometimes, to forgive somebody else's unwitting error, that has had an impact on us. When we suspect malice or vindictiveness, rather than folly or weakness, the stakes are a lot higher. When we have suffered profoundly because of somebody else's deliberate act, then we may be faced with impossibility. Except that with God, nothing is impossible.

Jesus taught us to ask in prayer, that we might be forgiven to the extent that we forgive others. Quite a challenge. Something we will only achieve this as we allow Him to master our hearts, and the ways we react to others.

Two practical implications of his are :-

Allow others to make mistakes. It's part of life, and how we learn. G K Chesterton said, "If a job is worth doing, it's worth doing badly." Honour and encourage honest endeavour which may be less than perfect.

Be great at forgiving. Hold no grudges. Treat others as you want the lord to treat you. Be great at forgiving.

With my best wishes to you



## Introduction to Cell Groups at All Saints'

At All Saints' we believe that the life of the church needs to be expressed and shared, in both larger and smaller group settings. Coming together on a Sunday and at other times, gives a sense of being part of a wider body and joining in corporate worship. But the building of real relationships and the facing of real issues in our lives is harder to develop in a large setting and this is where cell groups are needed. The small group provides a place for everybody to actively grow in our relationship with God, each other and non-believers and they are places to share your problems and have friends to listen and pray with you. The cells meet at various homes and at various times during the week, both in the evening and during the day.

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### **2nd October**

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3.30 p.m. Holy Communion at the Cheshire Home  
6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

### **5th October**

#### **Wednesday Service**

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

### **9th October**

10.00 a.m. Service of Baptism—'Realistic Understanding'  
6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

### **12 October**

#### **Wednesday Service**

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

### **16th October**

10.00 a.m. 'Compassionate Community'  
3.30 p.m. Informal Service at the Cheshire Home  
6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

### **19th October**

#### **Wednesday Service**

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

### **23rd October**

10.00 a.m. Family Communion—'Giving Good News'  
6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

### **26th October**

#### **Wednesday Service**

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## Christine Scott An Appreciation

At the beginning of August, Christine finally gave in to her seven year struggle with cancer and joined the Lord. During the time she had been a part of the church family at All Saints', she had been willing to serve when her health permitted. In particular she served as a deputy church warden. But of greater note was her strong faith. She used every opportunity to witness and tell those she met of God's love and sacrifice for us. She met people on the bus, people in waiting rooms and people in the wards during the many times she was an in-patient. She radiated a sense of peace, that she had through her faith and it was this that must have impressed those she met, especially in situations where she was obviously finding life difficult. She also shared her thoughts on paper and the poem below is one she wrote and was read at her funeral. We send our sympathy to her husband Pete, her daughter Lisa and her son Gary. We continue to remember them in our prayers and we will continue to remember Christine as a shining light for the Lord. May she rest in peace.

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**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October  
7.30 p.m.  
Dore Old School**

Would you like to go on an *Alpha* course? If so Totley and Dore church are jointly holding an *Alpha* course every Thursday evening starting on October 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are looking for answers – the *Alpha* course is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith, it consists of a series of short talks and an opportunity to discuss key issues relating to the Christian faith. It is for everyone, especially those wanting to investigate Christianity, it's free and there is no commitment to attend all ten courses. Why not give the first evening a try, you never know you might enjoy yourself.

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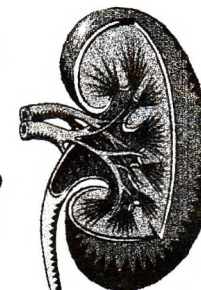
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Put your clocks back on  
Saturday 29th October  
and get a well-deserved  
rest in bed!



# British Kidney Patient Association

Every summer the British Kidney Patient Association sends young patients away on adventure holidays. To raise funds, the association is appealing for people to send coins, stamps, supermarket reward cards, Air Miles and other collectable items to the Appeals Secretary, BKPA, Bordon, Hampshire GU35 9JZ.



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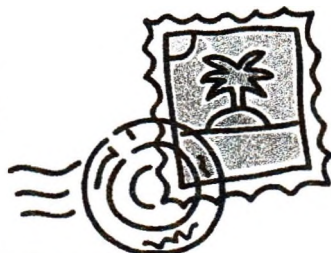
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# Hello

Did anybody spot any mistakes I made in the September edition? I made a few but thankfully picked most of them up before printing. It was a steep learning curve and I have learnt many new skills. Thank you to all who helped especially Vicki who I rang in a panic on Saturday night for her help with the printing!

We are holding a Fair Trade stall in the Church hall after the 10.00 o'clock services on Sunday 16th and Sunday 23rd. This has been organised by Ken Filleul so please do attend and stock up on Christmas cards and presents.

Alpha starts again on 6<sup>th</sup> October, this year Harry and Lynda Liddle will be sharing the course with Jill from Dore Church. Please invite your friends to the course. I was invited a couple of years ago by a church member and have had my life transformed as a result.

This month we are running a competition to design the front cover of the magazine for the Christmas edition. Come on all of you children, have a go at designing the cover. Bev. Houghton, Head teacher from All Saints' School will be judging the competition. See page 22 for more details.

Please send me your comments and write some articles to make the magazine as interesting as possible. The final date for items for the November edition is the 21<sup>st</sup> October.

*Janine Scott*



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## 'Family' by Vivien Filleul

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For all the love that we express  
In words and deeds and thoughtfulness

And as, dear Lord I watch them grow  
Much more of You I come to know  
I come to see Your loving heart  
The way You love us from the start

And as relationships progress  
Through pain and tears and happiness  
And as we show how much we care  
I see that You are present there

Now I can see my feelings sure  
All can be shared by our Father pure  
I pray I bring You such great pleasure  
As do my loved ones, beyond measure.





# Ladies Coffee Morning

11 Oct.      8 Nov.

13 Dec. - Christmas Lunch

You are very welcome to enjoy coffee with us in the Church Hall 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.



Don't forget the working morning on Saturday 8th October from 10.00 a.m. Please come and help for as long or as little as you can with your friends and family.

## Things to do in Sheffield during October

### St Luke's Hospice Plant Sale 2 October 2005 11:00 a.m.

A sale of plants and gardening books. Refreshments will be available at St Luke's Hospice, Little Common Lane, off Abbey Lane, Sheffield, S11 9NE. Telephone: 0114 236 9911

### Weston Park Hospital Cancer Appeal

**2 October 2005**

This Year Weston Park's annual sponsored walk (from Meadowhall to Victoria Quay, with a 6km or a 12km route to choose from) has a 'think pink' theme and walkers are asked to dress in pink. Contact Telephone: 0114 226 5373

### Family Sunday at Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet

**2 October 2005 11:30 a.m.**

Activities for children plus guided tours and living history demonstrations. Telephone: 0114 236 7731

### Apple Day

**9 October 2005 1:00 p.m.**

A day for all things apple related including apple pies, apple jelly, apple juice and children's games in Meersbrook Park. Contact Telephone: 0114 258 4730

### Preserving Your Local Family History

**11 October 2005 11:00 a.m.**

Part of Off the Shelf Festival. A chance to get free expert advice on the care and storage of your family's historical documents at the Central Library, Surrey Street, Sheffield S1 1XZ. Telephone: 0114 273 4400

### Greno Woods Walk 3 October 2005 1:00 p.m.

An easy going walk through an area of ancient woodland with extensive views over Ecclesfield, Sheffield and the surrounding countryside, led by Les Seaman. Venue: The Meeting Point. Contact Telephone: 01226 283598 or 07792 456961.





### Children's Front Page Magazine Competition

For all you under 13's out there. Why not have a go and design the front cover for our Christmas edition magazine. The entries will be judged by Bev Houghton (Head Teacher from All Saints' School) and the winner will receive their design on the front cover of all of the magazines for the December/January edition.



Closing date for entries is 18<sup>th</sup> November and you must be under the age of 13. You need to put your name, age, address, and telephone number on the back of your entry and then send it to myself: Janine Scott, 33 Mickley Lane, Totley, S17 4HB.

*NB: Please remember the winning entry will be printed in black and white and will be reduced to a smaller size to fit on the front page.*

# Jailbreak

## Musical by by Roger Jones

**Ecclesall Parish Church**  
**Friday 21st October**  
**7.30 p.m.**

A group of people from church are rehearsing for Roger Jones' latest musical Jailbreak. The performance will include dancing, drama, soloists and choir. Roger's musicals are based on scripture, this one being about Paul in Philippi. It will be a good evening conducted by Roger and well worth taking a friend.

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### Children @ All Saints

Children of all ages are catered for at All Saints' church on a Sunday morning during the 10 O'clock services apart from the 4th Sunday of the month in which the service will be an 'All Age All Together service'.

The Crèche caters for children under 3 in the church lounge. Sparklers offers children aged three to six and Alive Gang offers children aged six to thirteen appropriate activities in the church hall.

Each week children discover the reality of God's love and its relevance to their daily lives.

All leaders have been checked for suitability in accordance with the Diocesan Child Protection Policy and in line with our church policy.

If you are new to the church or just visiting please bring your children along. If they would prefer to sit quietly in church during the sermon there are some Christian story books available on the window-sill at the back of the church.

For more information please speak to:

Gay Riley, children's co-ordinator  
 0114 236 6884



## Millions face food shortages in Niger

**M**any thousands of families in the south of Niger are teetering on the brink of catastrophe without food aid and sufficient rainfall.

As the leading UK charities launched a nationwide appeal for Niger and surrounding countries because of drought and last year's locust plague, Jeff Woodke, of Tearfund's partner Jemed, said he was witnessing families eating grass to survive.

Speaking by satellite phone from the parched lands around Abalak in the south of Niger, Jeff Woodke reported: "Today we have been distributing 57 tonnes of rice to nomadic families in the bush. But it just isn't enough and we must urgently get more food aid into people's hands. I have seen women out collecting grass to take home to cook for their families. We are still facing a critical situation."

Jeff added that rain was desperately needed in the next few weeks to provide food for livestock. "So many cattle have died in the drought. There was some rain in this region a few days ago, but it wasn't enough. We have to hold on and pray that we get more rain and get it soon," he declared.

In neighbouring Burkina Faso the situation is also acute, say Tearfund partners. Kouka Sebego, a widow and mother of seven children told Tearfund aid workers: "When we eat we wait two days before we eat again, so that we don't use up what we have bought. And we eat it with leaves so it lasts longer. I am worried."

Fifty-year-old Kimpoko Ouedraogo, one of thousands of people who will hopefully receive emergency food aid from Tearfund partners in Burkina Faso, Development Organisation of Evangelical Churches (ODE), said: "We are anxious because we do not know how long we can keep going because the needs are enormous and our resources are shrinking."

Donations to the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) Niger Crisis Appeal can be made at: [www.dec.org.uk](http://www.dec.org.uk) or by phoning the DEC on 0870 60 60 900. Donations can also be made by going into any high street post office or bank. You can also help by praying for more food aid to reach the families and for rain to provide water for the cattle and people.

The Disasters Emergency Committee is made up of the UK's leading international development and relief charities. Those involved in the Niger Crisis Appeal are: ActionAid, British Red Cross, Care International UK, Christian Aid, Concern, Islamic Relief, Oxfam, Save the Children, Tearfund and World Vision.

*Article Taken from Tearfund -  
(Tearfund is one of the UK's leading relief and development agencies, working in partnership with Christian agencies and churches around the world to tackle the causes and effects of poverty).*



## YOU MET THEM IN THE PAGES OF THE BIBLE

### ARTAXERXES

**I**n our alphabetical journey through the Bible, we have arrived at "X", and not surprisingly there is no suitable candidate or topic whose name begins with that letter. However, the Persian king whose name appears above is close (i.e. the name Xerxes, with a suffix), and so he is this month's subject.

Tying the biblical record to other historical records from other nations is not always easy. However, Artaxerxes does give us an opportunity to do just that, albeit somewhat tenuously. Judea was conquered by the Babylonians, under Nebuchadnezzar (of hanging gardens fame), and many of the people were taken to Babylon (modern Iraq) as captives. Jerusalem, its walls and temple were left in a state of ruin. All this took place between 598 and 585 BC.

However, Babylon itself was then over-run by the Persians (Modern Iran) under the emperor Cyrus in 539 BC. The Jews were still in captivity in Babylon when this happened. The policy of the Persians, though, was to restore religious idols etc.



to the countries that the Babylonians had removed them from. In the case of the Jews, this could not be done, because there were, of course, no idols. For them, restoration meant rebuilding Jerusalem, in particular the temple. An edict to this effect was issued, but progress was very spasmodic.

Enter Artaxerxes. There were several Persian rulers by this name. The first reigned in Persia from 465 to 423 BC, and the second from 404 to 358 BC. The Biblical references to the Persian king of this name are a little ambiguous, but it is pretty clear that it is Artaxerxes who is referred to.

This general background is known from secular historical sources. The exact impact of the man on the people of God is amplified in the Bible.

He was the son of Xerxes of historical record, probably referred to as Ahasuerus in the Bible. We also know that he was raised to the throne after the assassination of his father (although he himself was not involved) and that his reign was largely peaceful. He was nick-named "Long-handed" because one of his hands was longer than the other. It was under his reign that Nehemiah



'Nehemiah'

was given permission and resources to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls. Ezra, the priest, had returned to re-establish proper worship under Ahasuerus. The account of Esther, in the biblical book by that name, is set in the reign of Artaxerxes' father, as was the ministry of the prophet Malachi.



The attitude and actions of Artaxerxes were directly instrumental in the return of the Jews from Babylon, and the re-establishment of the nation, centring around temple worship. It was this re-established nation, that evolved over the next three centuries into the Roman province into which Jesus was born.

The books of Ezra and Nehemiah describe the return of the exiles and the rebuilding of the city. The writings of the Old Testament go no further historically, and so there is a three or four hundred year gap before the events described in the New Testament, although other sources do provide information about that period.

Artaxerxes, then merits a couple of passing references in the books of Nehemiah and Ezra. We can presume that the actions he took would have been quite insignificant in his own life and career. Yet they were of immense significance for the history of the Jewish people, and ultimately the advent of the Jesus. Apparently insignificant actions can have profound effects, as is, of course, the case for us.

It is also interesting to realise that this man was not either a Jewish or Christian believer, and yet what he did was vital in the divine plan of salvation. God invites us always to be conscious disciples of His Son, but is well able to use and over-rule the actions of those who do not acknowledge Him.

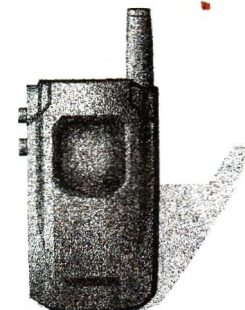
As is so often the case with people referred to in the Bible, we would love to know more about them, and their own spiritual journeys. In this man's case there is little.

What we can take from him though, is that we should look for the Lord's handiwork in all circumstances, not just, "religious" ones. And realise that what may be of immense significance for us may appear trivial and mundane at first sight.

David Rhodes

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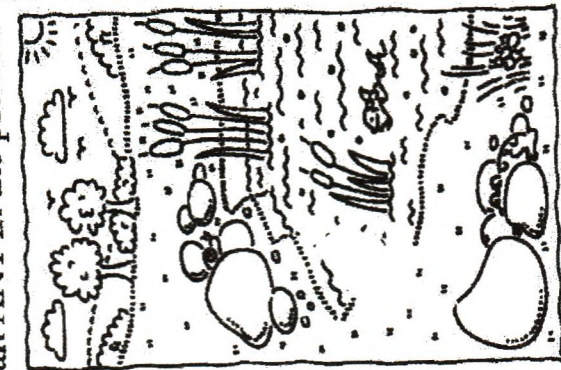


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## Youth work news for S17 churches

**I**t is better to do and fail than to not do at all.

The first American steamboat took thirty-two hours to go from New York to Albany and people laughed. The horse and buggy passed the early motorcar as if it were standing still. (It usually was.) People laughed. The first electric light bulb was so dim people had to use a gas lamp to see it. People laughed. The first aeroplane came down fifty-nine seconds after it left the ground. People laughed. But where would we be today without those inventions? The people who criticised are soon forgotten but the person of action is remembered.

If you are one of those who aim is to fulfil God-given dreams and goals you may have already experienced discouragement, criticism and ridicule. It is far too often the reaction society gives.

It may be that you achieved your goal and quickly the criticism turned into praise or it may be that you are still working hard to complete your aim.

Maybe you have given up, maybe you haven't dared to start?

One thing that is for sure is that if no one steps out in faith and exploration then we will never move forwards.

The Bible tells us in James, 'But someone will say, You have faith; I have actions. Show me your faith without actions and I will show you my faith by what I do'.

It goes on to say 'As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without actions is dead.'

I constantly struggle with the fear of failure; failure as a husband and as a dad, failure in the youth work growing and progressing, failure in the young people in our churches growing up as committed followers of Jesus.

But I step out and give all I have, sometimes I fail and sometimes I succeed. What is important for me and anyone involved in leadership within any capacity, is that we are supported and encouraged whatever the results. As without it our heads go down and we start to lose our vision and stumble and fall.

I would like to encourage you and urge you to follow your dreams, step out in faith and live out your dream, it is better to do and fail than to not do at all.

Theodore Roosevelt said, 'It is not the critic who counts; not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, and comes short again and again, because there is not effort without error and shortcoming. But who does actually strive to do the deeds? Who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends himself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if he fails, at least fails while daring greatly.'

*Matt Conant*



## 'INVITATIONS'

This morning, 18th September we held our invitation service and David talked about invitations and the need for an R.S.V.P. This immediately struck a chord with me, as I almost neglected to reply to an invitation, which in the end has presented me with a great opportunity.

In June I was invited by Christian Aid, to attend a discussion on Fund Raising at the Victoria Hall. My first thoughts were, "Mmm! Fund raising sounds a bit boring" and filed the invitation in the 'to be dealt with later' pile of unrequested mail, which we all receive. Two days before the meeting I unearthed the invitation from the pending pile and thought "Oh dear, I've not replied". I replied immediately and accepted the invitation. It turned out to be an interesting discussion with people from head office in London. One of my comments was that it would be useful to have more feedback on where the money actually went after fund raising events.

At the end of the meeting I was approached and told that if I really wanted to know, there was a group going to look at Christian Aid's work with partner organisations in Peru in October. The advice was to go home and think it over and if you are interested I will put your name forward (though it is past the closing date and probably full by now). I went home and told Les, who straight away said I ought to take the opportunity. So I said I was interested and duly filled in the appropriate forms when they arrived. I didn't hear anything for a few weeks and put it to the back of my mind.

Then one day the phone rang and it was a young lady from Christian Aid speaking to me all about Peru, so I asked, "Does this mean I am going to Peru then"? "Oh yes", she replied, "there was one place left, so we've given it to you".



I am going to Peru with 12 other supporters and two interpreters on 23rd October, an opportunity I would most certainly have missed if I had not replied to the invitation!

Please pray for the success of the field trip, looking at health, youth and agricultural issues with the very poor people in the shanty towns we shall be visiting and the safe return of the entire group.

Dorothy Firth

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# TODDLER PRAISE

6th & 20th October

10.00am

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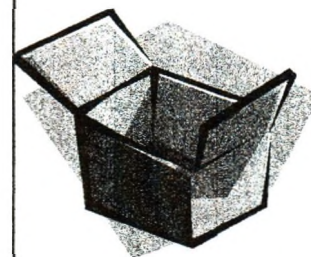
Suitable for all young children.

Tea, coffee, juice and biscuits

Further Toddler Praise dates this year are:

3<sup>rd</sup> November, 17<sup>th</sup> November,

1<sup>st</sup> December, 15<sup>th</sup> December



## Shoe Boxes

'Thank you' to all who have knitted and given to the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal in the past.

I can still collect articles all year round *plus* there is a new appeal as detailed below:

### Shoe boxes for Prisons

This year we have been asked to take part in a trial - packing shoe boxes for boys and girls in prisons. Mostly the boys are 14-20 and girls 10-18. To keep it simple, it is suggested we pack for any age, not age specific.

Items suitable for girls and boys include:

- School items (notebooks, pens, pencils etc)
- Toothpaste and brush
- Soap (also soapbox would be nice)
- Small shampoo packed in plastic bag
- Towel
- Table games (dominoes, table tennis bat & balls, chess, snakes and ladders, ludo etc.
- Hat, gloves (scarf for girls; baseball cap for boys)

For girls:

Embroidery (small traced item)

Craft paper for models

Jewellery, hair ornaments

And girly things

Sanitary towels

*Pauline Perkinson*

For boys:

T-shirt (for P.E.)

deflated foot, volley or basketball

*Your choice of items from these lists would be appreciated*



**Interview with Bev. Houghton**  
**Head teacher at All Saints' School**

*When did you start working at All Saints' School?*  
Officially 1.1.05 – although term didn't start until 4.1.05.

*What school did you last work at?*  
William Rhodes Primary and Nursery School in Chesterfield.

*How much experience do you have?*  
I've been teaching for 32 years – some of it part-time when my children were little - in London, Sheffield and Derbyshire, most of it in Church schools.

*Why do you like working with children?*  
You never stop learning from children, every day is different and they make me smile!

*What do you like most about All Saints'?*  
Everyone in it! The sense of belonging to something very special and the awe of carrying on the long line of education in the Church school in this area. (Also the views – especially the one from the staff toilets!!)

*Do you have any children?*  
Two – Tom is 25 and Katie is 22. Still my children, but also "my best friends".

*What are your hobbies and interests?*  
I'm a "fair-weather" gardener, I enjoy reading, art and listening to my husband's Blues Band but my biggest hobby, (which I share with Katie), is riding and showing our Dales pony.

*What is your favourite music?*  
I find it very difficult to choose one piece – I like folk, big band and Elgar – one of my favourites is the hymn "The Church's one foundation", I get very emotional whenever I hear it.

*What is your favourite book and why?*  
Usually the one I have just finished reading! The characters become like "old friends"!

*What three things would you take with you if you were stranded on a desert island?*  
My husband, John, Tom and Katie – although they wouldn't be the most practical things that I could take! So - a Bible – full of good stories and to make sure that I didn't lose my Faith, Vanish because I hate wearing dirty clothes and a bottle of white wine – so that I could use the bottle to send a message in!

*Do you have an ambition you would like to fulfil before you're 60<sup>th</sup>?*  
Until last October I would have said to be Head teacher, so now - to do a good job at Totley All Saints School.

*What things do you dislike most?*  
Rude people – both big and little!

*What is your favourite food?*  
Chocolate.

*What are you most proud of?*  
My family, especially my father, who has been my inspiration for as long as I can remember.



## FLOWER LIST October 2005

### Altar

### Memory Table

2nd

Cell Group  
(Donnelly)

Mrs Monfredi

9th

Cell Group  
(Youth)

Cell Group  
(Youth)

16th

Cell Group  
(Giles/Bower&Brown)

Mrs Cooke

23rd

Cell Group  
(Carrington-Elson)

Elsie

30th

Mr Hazelhurst

Cell Group  
(Booth)

## From the Registers

**Baptism: September 11th**

Sarah Louise Pool  
of 149 Green Oak Road  
Rufus William Ludlam  
of 7 Totley Hall Croft

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

October 10th  
October 14th  
October 14th

Rebekah Elizabeth Young  
Samantha Kaye Turner  
Grace Victoria Hadabora

**Weddings:**  
**Funerals:**

## DIARY DATES - October 2005

- |      |  |                             |
|------|--|-----------------------------|
| 3rd  | Coffee Morning   | Hall 10.00-12.00 p.m.       |
| 4th  | Totley All Saints' Church Toddler Group 10a.m.             |                             |
| 6th  | Toddler Praise   | Hall 10.00 a.m.             |
| 8th  | Working Morning  | from 10.00 a.m.             |
| 10th | Coffee Morning   | Hall 10.00-12.00 p.m.       |
| 11th | Totley All Saints' Church Toddler Group 10a.m.             |                             |
| 11th | Ladies Coffee Morning                                      | Hall 10.30 a.m.             |
| 14th | Half Night of Prayer                                       | Church from 8pm             |
| 15th | Leadership Day   | St Luke's 9.30 p.m.         |
| 16th | Fair Trade Stall   | Church Hall from 11.00 a.m. |
| 17th | Coffee Morning   | Hall 10.00-12.00 p.m.       |
| 18th | Totley All Saints' Church Toddler Group 10a.m.             |                             |
| 20th | Toddler Praise   | Hall 10.00 a.m.             |
| 21st | Bobby Ball Outreach Event City Hall                        |                             |
| 21st | <b>Final date for items for the magazine</b>               |                             |
| 23rd | Fair Trade Stall   | Church Hall from 11.00 a.m. |
| 24th | Coffee Morning   | Hall 10.00-12.00 p.m.       |
| 25th | Totley All Saints' Church Toddler Group 10a.m.             |                             |
| 30th | Joint Healing Service with<br>Totley Rise Methodist Church | 6.30 p.m.                   |
| 31st | Collation of the magazine                                  | Hall from 9.30 a.m.         |
| 31st | Coffee Morning   | Hall 10.00-12.00 p.m.       |
| 31st | Light Party  | Hall 4.30p.m. - 6.30p.m.    |



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

|                          |                                |          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|
| <b>Monday — Thursday</b> |                                |          |
| 9.00 a.m.                | Start the day with Jesus       |          |
| <b>Sunday:</b>           |                                |          |
| 10.00 a.m.               | Crèche (under 3's)             |          |
|                          | Josee Shaw                     | 236 2481 |
|                          | The Alive Gang (3 to 13 years) |          |
|                          | Sally Rhodes                   | 236 2322 |
|                          | Gay Riley                      | 236 6884 |
| 6.30 p.m.                | Sunday Youth Group (alternate) |          |
|                          | Paul Kent                      | 236 5559 |
| <b>Monday:</b>           |                                |          |
| 10.00 a.m.               | Drop in Coffee                 |          |
|                          | Marjorie & Maurice Snowdon     | 236 2822 |
| 5.45 p.m.                | Rainbows                       |          |
|                          | Sue Clifton                    | 262 1096 |
| 7.00 p.m.                | Guides                         |          |
|                          | Maureen Allum                  | 235 1262 |
| <b>Tuesday:</b>          |                                |          |
| 10.30 a.m.               | Ladies Coffee Morning (2nd)    |          |
|                          | Ann Ruthven                    | 236 8643 |
| 10.00 a.m.               | Church Toddler Group           |          |
|                          | Jo 262 0741 or Sharon          | 236 9639 |
| <b>Wednesday:</b>        |                                |          |
| 10.00 a.m.               | Parent & Toddler Group         |          |
|                          | Mel Morton                     | 236 6300 |
| <b>Thursday:</b>         |                                |          |
| 10.00 a.m.               | Toddler Praise (fortnightly)   |          |
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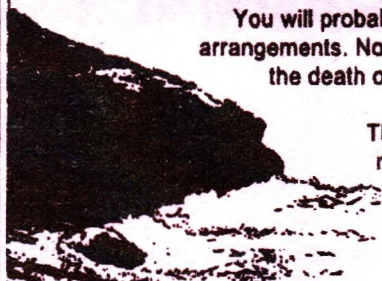




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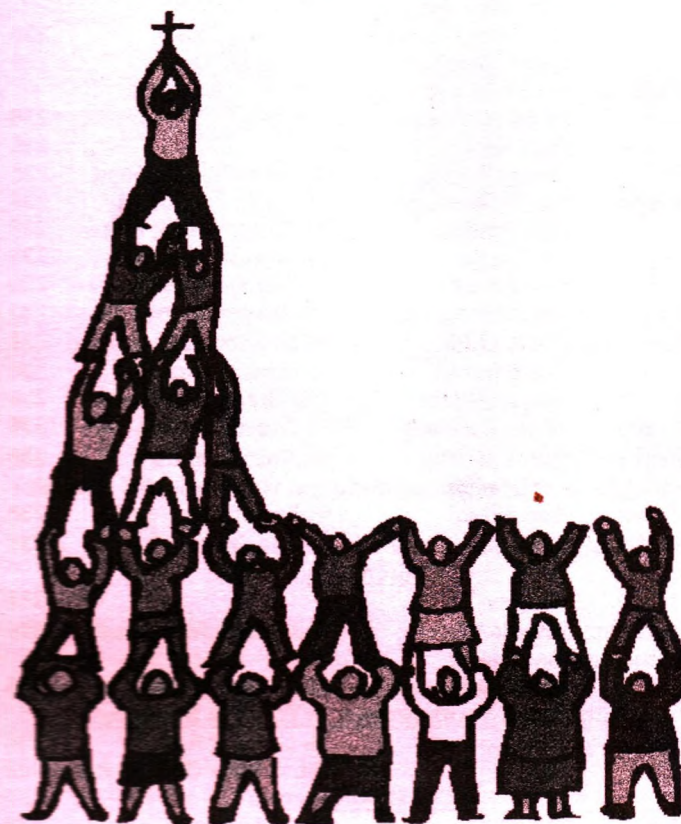
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## Totley Parish Church Magazine



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|                                 | Steve Hadabora   | 10 Oldwell Close       | 236 6789 |
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|                                 | Paul Kent  |                        | 236 5559 |
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## *From the Vicarage*



Dear Friends,

Things don't last for ever, or go on in the same way for ever. We wish that they would, and work hard to try and make that happen, but sooner or later we will have to face up the fact that the world changes about us.

Here at home, we are going through the process of exploring college places for Ruth, our daughter. All too soon she will have set off for a new destination. What an exciting time for a young person. And at the same time something of a challenge for mum and dad as we come to terms with the reality that home life will never be the same again.

Fifty or so years ago, a heating system was installed in the church building. With minor adjustments and maintenance it has served us for all that time. In mid-October, one of the two boilers finally decided it was time for a permanent rest, and so we are faced with the uncomfortable, but unavoidable truth, that nothing lasts for ever. (Will anything made in 2005 still be going in 2055 we may well wonder!).

The challenge of facing up to, and coping with these things is unavoidable - it is part of life. Some of us relish such things, for others we find them threatening and fearful.

But there is a truth and foundation that can enable us to keep a steady course through these things contained in the subject of this month's "You met them in the pages of the Bible."

In a world of such unpredictability, we may find a foundation with a God who will never change. His name is "I am" - we are here because He chose to create us, and set His love on us. He will remain unchanged whatever happens to us, or our families: however long or short our mortal lives may be. He is, "I am". In our human search and need for a meaning in life, and the inner resources to live as we would long to, His invitation is to find a security with Him, because with Him he really is unchangeable.

Where Ruth winds up, and how we will cope with the end of the boiler remains to be seen. For most of us we will have encountered some change, minor or major, before the next issue of this magazine. Living well involves a huge variety of skills. Finding the right way to respond to change is amongst the most important! Oh well - time to look at another college prospectus! With my love to you



# Hello

Autumn is on its way, this is my favourite time of the year. I love the beautiful colours and the earthy smells and Bonfire night and Christmas are approaching fast.

Start the day with Jesus (Monday to Thursday in the church hall) now starts at 9.00 a.m. to enable parents of school children to join in. If like me you seem to never have any spare time then this is the perfect way to start the day.

Please read Paul Kent's testimony of how he came to Jesus. It's a really interesting read and shows how God is working even when you aren't aware of it.

Have a go at the Global Footprints, How 'Green' are you? The answers are scary and make you realise recycling is very important and don't forget to post your entry to me for the 'design a front cover for the magazine' competition. (See page 5 for more details).

Thank you to Liz and Kay Sykes for proof reading the magazine this month.

Please send me your comments and write some articles to make the magazine as interesting as possible. The final date for items for the December/January edition is the 18th November.

Janine Scott



## Children's Front Page Magazine Competition

For all you under 13's out there. Why not have a go and design the front cover for our Christmas edition magazine. The entries will be judged by Bev. Houghton (Head Teacher from All Saints' School) and the winner will receive their design on the front cover of all of the magazines for the December/January edition.



Closing date for entries is 18<sup>th</sup> November and you must be under the age of 13. You need to put your name, age, address, and telephone number on the back of your entry and then send it to myself: Janine Scott, 33 Mickley Lane, Totley, S17 4HB.

*NB: Please remember the winning entry will be reduced to a smaller size to fit on the front page.*



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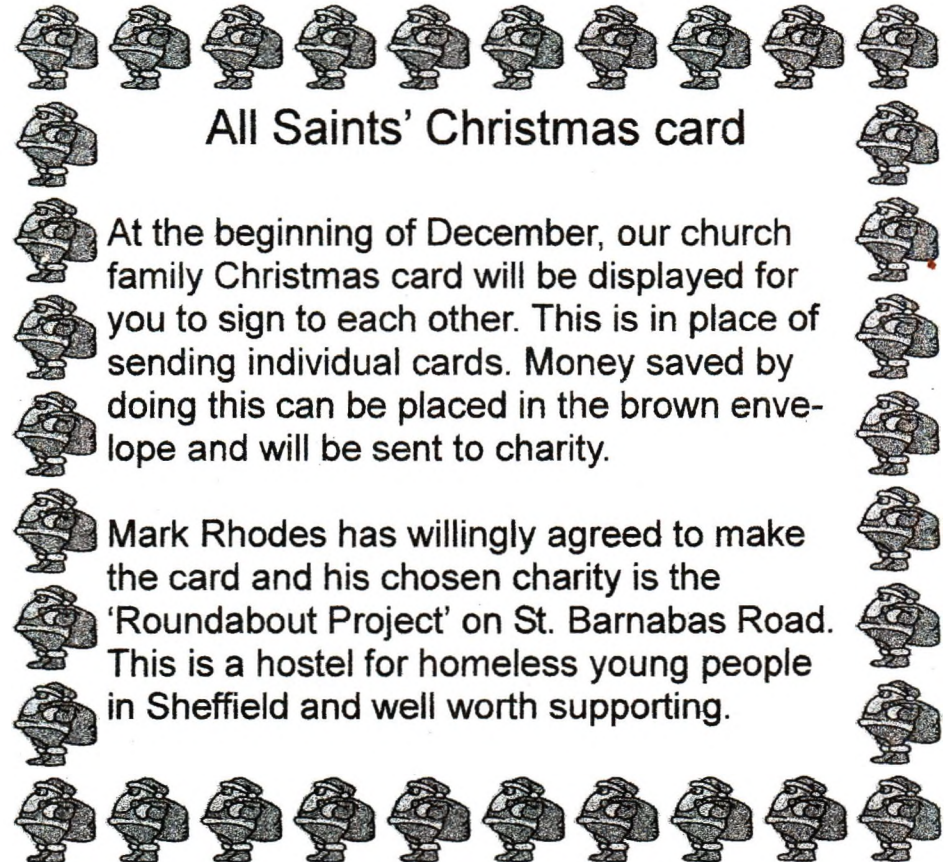
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### **All Saints' Christmas card**

At the beginning of December, our church family Christmas card will be displayed for you to sign to each other. This is in place of sending individual cards. Money saved by doing this can be placed in the brown envelope and will be sent to charity.

Mark Rhodes has willingly agreed to make the card and his chosen charity is the 'Roundabout Project' on St. Barnabas Road. This is a hostel for homeless young people in Sheffield and well worth supporting.

## **WANTED**

Do you have any toys or books for the Parent and Toddler Group Christmas Fair? If you no longer need them please contact Mel who will be willing to collect.

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(See page 11 for more details about the Fair).



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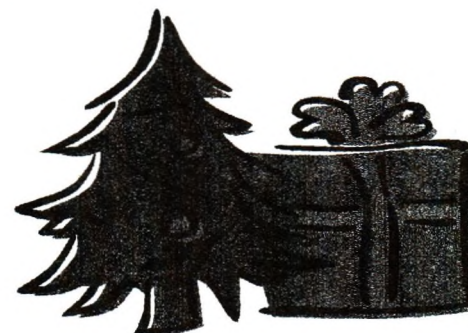
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## News from the Gray family 'Moving On'

We have been very glad that folk have been asking how we are and what we're up to so here's a brief update. Since Christmas working life has been unsettled for both Debbie and Ric as Jobcentre Plus continues to change rapidly. Ric will be undertaking six months detached duty to a national tier role monitoring performance of contact centres around the country, this will probably mean less time for other things but we pray God will enable us to maintain a healthy balance. Debbie's back condition is still giving her periods of intense pain however she presses on with day to day life and looks forward to being pain free. Please pray God will heal her. David has gone back to King Ecgbert's to do A' Levels after doing far better than predicted in his GCSE's. He had started an apprenticeship but the employer did not fulfil the statutory requirement and David realised school might well be a better option after all! Becky is really enjoying her second year at Norton doing diploma in performing arts and has landed a lead role in the Christmas production. She is working part time in the Co-op as well and also learning to drive!! Ric's sabbatical continued to October and we now know that we are being called to move on. We are not moving from our home in Tottle, although we may have to consider this in a few years because of the needs of Debbie's Mum and/or Ric's parents.

We are however moving on in terms of where we regularly worship and fellowship.

We continue to be disciples of Jesus and are sure we have purpose being where we are living and working even though we will not be physically worshipping at the parish church. We have spent a great deal of time praying and listening and believe God is prompting us to bid farewell to All Saints' before he reveals what's next. Our time in this fellowship has brought us close to so many people and we thank Our Lord for all the relationships he has established and continues to develop. We give thanks for everything we've been involved with and the opportunities we have been afforded whilst being here and we ask for your prayers that Jesus will give us discernment as to how our ministry moves on and continue to bless our lives so that we will be a living sacrifice for him.

The last ten months has been very different in many ways from the last ten years and through this time of change we know our faith has deepened and our reliance on Jesus increased. We pray this will continue. We pray regularly for the people of the church, All Saints' community and wider and ask for Jesus to bless his faithful church. We pray for us all to be his hands and feet so that his love will be seen by those our ministry brings us alongside and that they will come to call him Lord.

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*Ric and Debbie Gray*



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## Parish Weekend

There is no way that the parish weekend in September can be adequately reported. You had to be there to get the full flavour. However I have been asked to write a few words. Nick Dawson, vicar of Owlerton, led us and on Friday evening gave a moving talk about the amazing love of God. He made the very important point that when we love we are changed. Thus when we pass on the love which God, in His mercy showers on us, we are changed and become more filled with the Holy Spirit. If we are to be obedient to God's commands we have no option but to pass on that love and so we have no option but to recognise that we are constantly being changed. This renewal, which is God's command, is a continuous process so we have never "arrived"! Also Nick pointed out that we cannot know the truth of this process until we experience it for ourselves. The line of the hymn "Will you come and follow me and never be the same" is very appropriate for us and we should understand the personal commitment involved.

On the Saturday morning we had two sessions when we considered the question of God's grace. It is by the grace of God that we are touched by His love. We acknowledge that we are imperfect, sinners, even dreadful people, but God can and does use us for His purposes. Jesus quoted the passage in Isaiah 61 when He said (Luke 4 18-19) that "the Spirit of the Lord is on me.....". We too have to "preach good news to the poor" etc. We are empowered to do this through God's grace. He likened the gift of grace to a Christmas present!



We have to receive it, open it and then use it! It is not so much that we do something and ask God to bless it but rather we let God's grace, working in us, show His love to those whom we meet.

One highlight for us was the singing of "Faithful One". It spoke very clearly into our particular situation. It was an inspiring weekend continued in church on the Sunday. We hope that Nick will come back to Totley before long.

*Maurice Snowdon*



### Christian Aid Week 2005

Most of the results of May's collection are now in except for the large towns and cities, where collecting the last contributions takes longer. It's always risky to prophesy, but we expect East and South Yorkshire to be 'up' by 5%. This is excellent, given that the national total rose by less than 0.5%. You—the organisers, the collectors, the donors—have not **helped** to raise nearly a quarter of a million pounds for the poor, you **did** it. Our sincere thanks to all of you.

## NOVEMBER DIARY DATES

### Tuesday 1st

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Church Toddler Group

### Wednesday 2nd November

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
- 10.00 a.m. Parent & Toddler Group

### Thursday 3rd November

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Toddler Praise
- 7.30 p.m. Chocolate Fondue & book Stall

### Saturday 5th November

- 9.30 a.m. Alpha away day

### Sunday 6th November

- 10.00 a.m. Commitment Sunday  
(Theme: A day for saying, "Yes")
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

### Monday 7th November

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Drop in Coffee (Marjorie & Maurice)
- 5.45 p.m. Rainbows
- 7.00 p.m. Guides

### Tuesday 8th November

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Church Toddler Group
- 10.30 a.m. Ladies Coffee Morning

### Wednesday 9th November

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
- 10.00 a.m. Parent & Toddler Group



## November Diary Dates cont.

### Thursday 10th November

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 7.30 p.m. Alpha

### Saturday 12th November

- 9.30 a.m. 'Making the most of my life on purpose' seminar
- 7.30 a.m. Cell Leaders Prayers

### Sunday 13th November

- 10.00 a.m. Remembrance Sunday
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

### Monday 14th November

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Drop in Coffee (Marjorie & Maurice)
- 5.45 p.m. Rainbows
- 7.00 p.m. Guides
- 8.00 p.m. P.C.C. Meeting

### Tuesday 15th November

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Church Toddler Group

### Wednesday 16th November

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
- 10.00 a.m. Parent & Toddler Group

### Thursday 17th November

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Toddler Praise

### Friday 18th November

- Closing date for magazine competition & articles for December/January edition.

### Saturday 19th November

- 7.30 p.m. Indian Evening

## November Diary Dates cont.

### Sunday 20th November

- 10.00 a.m. (Theme: Isn't church full of hypocrites?)
- 6.00 p.m. Youth Group
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

### Monday 21st November

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Drop in Coffee (Marjorie & Maurice)
- 5.45 p.m. Rainbows
- 7.00 p.m. Guides

### Tuesday 22nd November

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Church Toddler Group

### Wednesday 23rd November

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
- 10.00 a.m. Parent & Toddler Group

### Thursday 24th November

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 7.30 p.m. Alpha

### Saturday 26th November

- 8.00 a.m. Ladies Prayer Breakfast

### Sunday 27th November

- 10.00 a.m. Theme: Can you prove that God exists?
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

### Monday 28th November

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Drop in Coffee (Marjorie & Maurice)
- 5.45 p.m. Rainbows
- 7.00 p.m. Guides
- 8.00 p.m. Cell Leaders



## November Diary Dates cont.

### Tuesday 29th November

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Church Toddler Group

### Wednesday 30th November

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
- 10.00 a.m. Parent & Toddler Group

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I went to Oughtibridge with a young person who will be shortly going to Kenya on a missions trip.

We also went to another a youth service where the young person gave her testimony on her Christian faith and her plans to go to Kenya.

### Youth confirmation

We are putting on sessions for young people who are preparing for confirmation this month. The sessions will cover all the basics of the Christian faith and teaching on what we are doing when we receive communion. Also there will be opportunities for young people to think through their relationships with God and to ask questions. If any young people would like to come to these sessions whether or not they are thinking about confirmation they would be very welcome, just let me know.

*Matt Conant*



### ALPHA AWAY DAY

The Alpha away day on the Holy Spirit will be held at St. Luke's, Lodge Moor on Saturday 5th November. Anybody who would like to come just for the day is very welcome.

Please tell Harry or Lynda Liddle (t: 236 4941)



## YOU MET THEM IN THE PAGES OF THE BIBLE

# YAHWEH

We have nearly completed our journey through the Bible, taking one character for each letter of the alphabet. Next month we will conclude the series with Zechariah. There are no Biblical characters whose names begin with Y. However, the term Jehovah, or Yahweh, is used thousands of times in the Old Testament, either alone, or in conjunction with other words, so this month we will look at this word.

In the Hebrew text of the Old Testament, Yahweh is one of three words used as directly referring to the Lord. El, and Elohim are also very common. Used in slightly different ways, they all carry the meaning of "I am who I am". Most famously, when Moses asked at the burning bush who it was that he should say had sent him to deliver the people from Egypt, the reply was, "Say this to the people of Israel, Yahweh (I AM) has sent you". (Exodus 3 : 14)

Initially for the people of Israel, the name of God was too sacred to vocalise. Also, the original Hebrew contains no vowels, so the letters YHWH were transposed to, "my Lord." ( or "adonai"). Later vowels were added, and by the twelfth century AD this was being rendered "Jehovah." However, the word Yahweh was certainly known to the early Christians, as there are some Greek forms of it in Christian literature from the first three centuries of the church.

In conversation with the Pharisees in John chap 8, Jesus famously said, "Before Abraham was, I am" (v58) Their reaction was to attempt to stone Him. Why? He was unmistakably taking upon Himself the divine name and being contained within the sacred word, Yahweh.

Back in the old Testament the word is at times combined with others, to further expand the nature of the Lord.

When God provided a ram for Abraham to sacrifice when he had been challenged to sacrifice his son, Isaac, God is referred to as "Jehovah-Jireh" - or, "The Lord will provide." After a victory over the Amalekite tribe, Moses erected an altar and named it "Jehovah-Nissi" meaning, "The Lord is my banner". Gideon spoke of "Jehovah - Shalom", (The Lord is peace), Jeremiah of "Jehovah - Tsidkenu", (The Lord is our righteousness) and so we could go on.

How we refer to God can be very revealing of our view of Him, and relationship with Him. When asked how to pray by His disciples, Jesus told them to begin, "Our Father" - not a denial of the truth of eternal existence implied in, "Yahweh", but adding an intimate and personal aspect that Jesus Himself taught, modelled and invited people to enter into. He also, said, very bluntly, that He is the unique way to getting to know the Father. The "I am, and always have been and always will be" - Yahweh - of the Old Testament, has become approachable and knowable, on a personal level, as that same God revealed Himself in the person of Jesus. The invitation to us is not just to know about Him in our minds, but to know Him at a personal level at the heart of our beings.





## PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND BEREAVED

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

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All of us know, however, that all the charity in the world won't bring help to the more than one billion people living on less than 60p a day. Government policies on aid, trade and debt **must** be changed as well. And as the great rally at Edinburgh for the G8 showed, ordinary folk will turn out in their hundreds of thousands for such

a cause. Agencies like ours do, though, need to educate their supporters about the issues and provide them with the resources to campaign. Another use for your money!

The total raised at Harvest was £179.50 which will of course be increased by those who gift aided their donations.

### CHRISTIAN AID AT CHRISTMAS

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*Dorothy Firth*

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### **Update on the crèche facilities**

After a couple of years of organising the crèche rota, Josée Shaw has now been succeeded by Tim and Liz Hardie. Both Tim and Liz have been checked for suitability in accordance with the Diocesan Child Protection Policy and in line with All Saints' church policy. They both have previous experience of working in the crèche from their previous job and are looking forward to meeting the babies/children who will be using the facilities.

A team of four helpers made up of Tim and Liz Hardie, Janine Conant and Janine Scott will be helping once a month on a rotational basis to enable the babies and children to get to know the helpers. Additional helpers will also be available on a larger rotation basis to provide extra support.

If you have any babies/toddlers you may bring them down to the crèche on Sunday, they will be very welcome.

### **Vacancies for Foundation Governors**

There are three vacancies for Foundation Governors at the All Saints' Church School. The role is especially to maintain and safeguard the Christian ethos, so people need to be practising Christians. The recommendation is made by the P.C.C. If you are interested please speak to David Rhodes. (t: 236 2322).

### **P.C.C. and Leaders Away Day**

The cell leaders and P.C.C. from All Saints' church met in October for the day at St Luke's church, Lodge Moor reflecting on 'Being the church on purpose'. One exercise was to decide what the church should be and what the church should do. The resulting sentences are:-

- *All Saints' is called to be a loving community following Jesus Christ.*
- *All Saints' is called to practise sharing the good news of God's love by word and deed.*

### **\*\* Making the most of my life on purpose \*\***

**Saturday 12th November**  
**Church Hall**  
**9.30 am—12.30 pm**

A morning seminar to follow up the October sermons. The seminar will give us the opportunity to think through some of the issues raised in the sermons and also help us to make a clear personal response.

Please let David Rhodes know if you would like to attend by 6th November. (Childcare is available).



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3rd & 17th November

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| 6th                       | Cell Group<br>(Rhodes/<br>Rose&Young) | Mrs Dixon                |
| 13th                      | Mrs Simons                            | Mrs Simons               |
| 20th                      | Mrs Powell                            | Cell Group<br>(Donnelly) |
| 25th                      | Mrs Beeley                            | Mrs Firth                |

## *JOKES ('Out of the mouths of babes' by David Pytches)*

One Sunday a young child was playing up so much during church that his father eventually had to pick him up and carry him out. As the father marched sternly down the aisle the boy called out loudly to the congregation: "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

'I didn't ask God to help me not to misbehave,' said Alex to his exasperated parents. 'I asked him to help you to put up with me!'



# TESTIMONY

By Paul Kent

I've lived in Sheffield all of my life working full time as a rubber stamp maker. I had a pretty normal childhood and was brought up to believe that God existed but I only went to church sometimes, mainly because I went to the local church school. When I was twelve I got friendly with a lad who lived near me and his family were Christians. They used to take me to Sunday school and I went to Sunday school camp a couple of times.

As I got into my teenage years other things suddenly seemed a lot more important than going to church on a Sunday morning. For a start there was the Sunday League football and then the essential drinking in the pub afterwards. Like a lot of the lads that age, my weekends basically consisted of going to the pub Friday night, going to the pub Saturday lunchtime, going to the match if United were at home, going back to the pub in the evening, playing football Sunday morning and then going to the pub for the rest of the day.

This was my life for quite a lot of years, even after I married my first wife. It was probably part of the reason our marriage ended in divorce after only a short time.

In March 2000, I met Joy. Joy was divorced and bringing up Christopher, our eldest son on her own. We started living together very soon after we met and in July 2002, Jacob was born and we married that October. About this time Joy decided to start going to church

with our next door neighbour Gail. It was great, I really looked forward to Sunday mornings because she took both of the children with her and I got to stay in bed and watch 'Match of the day', enjoying the peace and quiet. I very occasionally went with her, just to stop her nagging really and although I probably wouldn't have admitted it I did actually enjoy it. I didn't have a problem with Joy getting involved with things at church but no way did I want to be dragged into it.

After I'd been to church a few times Gail invited us round for a meal one evening, she also invited another couple (Matt and Janine Conant). We had a pleasant evening but I remember saying to Joy when we went home, he seemed like a nice bloke but it's not normal for a lad his age to be into all of this 'God stuff', he should be down the pub at the weekend. (Matt is now one of my closest friends and together we run the youth group at church).

In February 2003, Joy started doing the *Alpha* course, she came home every week absolutely full of it. I could tell this was having a really big affect on her and to be honest I was a bit worried about where it would all end. When Joy was about half way through the course, life suddenly went downhill when my mum died of cancer. Although she had been very ill it was a massive shock. She was only 55 and it didn't seem possible that she was gone. The following Sunday it was Mother's Day and Joy asked me to go to church with her. She thought I would get some comfort from it and because I didn't know what else to do I went. It was quite a



strange experience and people I had never met before came up to me to say how sorry they were. I found I did get some comfort from being there and after that I did go to church occasionally with Joy.

In June 2004, the church held a mission week and Joy put my name down for the men's breakfast on a Saturday morning. The ladies at our church cook the most fabulous breakfast so it was well worth getting out of bed for. I was really surprised to find that the men were normal! I don't what I expected really but I really enjoyed it and a lot of what was talked about seemed to make sense. We also went to the Memorial Service the next day so I could remember my mum which was quite a turning point.

A lady I didn't know from another church, stood up at the front and gave her testimony. She spoke of her mum dying of cancer suddenly and everything she said seemed very much the same as what had happened to me. She told us how she had turned to God and He had helped her through it. Up till then I hadn't thought much about God but that day I said to David Rhodes that I would do a short course that the church was running called the 'START' course. I enjoyed that and got a lot out of it.

In September that year the church held a weekend away at Scarborough and we decided to go. We were both a bit nervous about it because we had no idea what to expect. It turned out to be one of the most amazing weekends of our lives. It is really hard to put into words what happened that weekend but I know

that while I was there God really reached out and touched me. I lost all of the doubts I had about becoming a Christian and I knew that this was the only way to live my life. I invited God that weekend to come into my life and as I stood there and was prayed for, I really felt that He was actually in the room with me. It was a life changing moment and we both came back knowing that God wanted us to follow him and that we needed to bring our children up to know and love Him.

When I got back to Sheffield I realised that if this was going to be my way of life I needed to learn more about it. So I went on the *Alpha* course, got involved with the youth at church and am now in a cell group full of ladies!

The church now plays a really important part in my life. In fact I couldn't imagine my life without God in the middle of it. I've got a much better relationship with my wife because I don't spend all of my time and money in the pub and my children enjoy good quality time with me. My values and priorities have changed completely, I have some really great friends who I know will always be there for me and most of all I know that whatever happens in the future, God will be there to help me through it. Now when I sit in church on a Sunday morning with my family I just can't believe how God has blessed me.

*Paul Kent*

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## *From the Vicarage*



Dear Friends

October was the warmest on record. November seems to have started in a similar vein, so I wonder if the predicted hard winter will ever arrive. Global warming does seem to be an incontestable fact. I recently saw a spectacular picture of a rocky mountain, which had been covered in ice and snow permanently until just recently. So I expect most of us believe in the phenomenon, although we might debate the precise causes, and the exact responsibility that we have.

Belief in other realms is more questionable. Where are you in relation to the Loch Ness monster, the yeti, life on other planets, the effectiveness of alternative medical therapies or the best way to arrange our educational and health services? Belief can be a very subtle matter, and yet it actually underpins our day-to day lives.

We have beliefs about the reliability of our gas and electric supplies, such that we depend entirely upon them.

We have beliefs about how other people view us and are likely to treat us, which effects our behaviour. And so we could go on. I was recently introduced to a "Sat Nav" - route finding device in a car. Its owner, a total stranger to Sheffield, believed in it implicitly, and preferred its instructions to my local knowledge - and indeed it worked out fine!

So belief and behaviour are closely linked. As is belief and reasons for it. My friend with the Sat-Nav had used it successfully before, so was going to do so again. So what about Christmas? How do you approach it? It raises very important questions of belief.

Is the Christmas story an engaging fable for the end of December, something around which to hang an annual family celebration? Is it somehow valid for children, but not so for adults? Or is it real? Are the events rehearsed each year actually true? Did God become flesh, was He born of a virgin, and did His coming really have implications for all mankind? If we believe that this is true, then we need to act on it - in allowing that same Jesus to shape our lives.

If you warn me that my house is on fire, and I believe you, I will act on it. I need to do the same with the Jesus of Christmas!

Happy Christmas and New Year

With my best wishes to you

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'Sandy'.



# Hello

Welcome to the bumper issue covering the Christmas period and the January 2006.

The magazine competition was judged by Bev Houghton, head teacher from All Saints' School and the winner was James Hadabora aged 6. There were two other entries; Alex Scott and Nicole Sime. Please have a look at pages 9 and 21 for their entries. They were all brilliant and I think Bev had a hard time judging them.

Good luck to both Jennifer as she goes to Nairobi in Kenya working with the underprivileged children and Hilary as she also goes to Kenya to evangelise with some of the team that David Rhodes and Steve Hadabora worked with last January. I hope God both blesses them and uses them for His will.

Don't forget to get your 'Carols by Candlelight' tickets from Harry Liddle!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Please send me your comments and write some articles to make the magazine as interesting as possible. The final date for items for the February edition is the 20th January.



*Janine Scott*

When doing your Christmas shopping, please remember to look at the alternative gift catalogue on the notice board in the Church hall. You never know your friends and relatives may be delighted to have a goat in Africa or some fruit trees or a computer mouse.

### **SATURDAY 10th DECEMBER - CAROL SINGING FOR CHRISTIAN AID in FARGATE.**

Please come along for an hour or whatever you can spare and join in this opportunity to witness and raise funds for our brothers and sisters in the third world. Please meet in the cathedral forecourt from 11.30am. If you are interested call Dorothy Firth on 2364190.

### **HOLA PERU!**

As many of you will have seen me around, you know I'm back. Thank you for your prayer support for my Christian Aid supporter trip. It was a wonderful experience, which I'll never forget, nor will I forget all the dedicated people I met working with the disadvantaged and marginalised people of Peru. The projects we visited included, youth work in the shanty towns of Lima, the Minka fair-trade centre, whose items are for sale in the U.K., the "Casas de la Salud" health houses, which we would call clinics, but cover a much broader spectrum than our clinics, the ladies who voluntarily run the "Glass of Milk Clubs", providing nourishment for the poor 3-5 year olds, a kindergarten, TB sufferers who are helped to grow vegetables at one of the clinics and thereby have access to fresh vegetables, a guinea-pig farm", 1 male and 7 females, so the owner could sell some in the market, pass them on to other unemployed people and have a source of food, but the most disturbing visit was seeing the plight of the asparagus workers in the fields. This I cannot go into in detail it would take far too long and we are not sure of the correct way to handle the issue. Hopefully I will have my slides back soon and am then happy to talk to any interested group.

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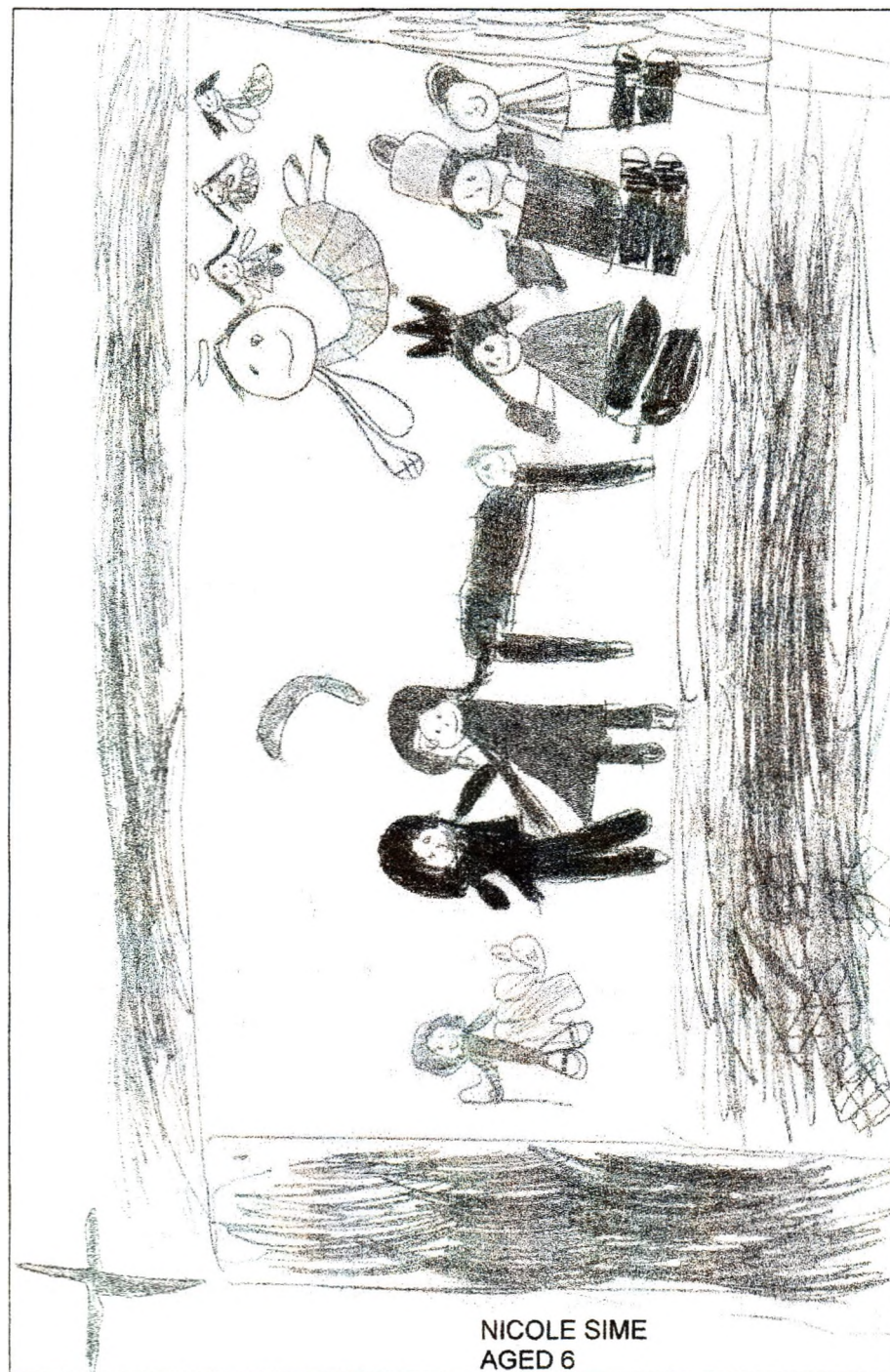
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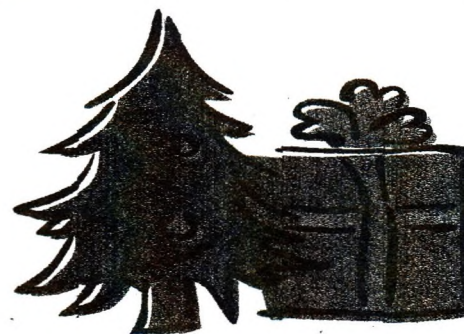
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## **'Figures moving in the right direction'**

New statistics show that the Diocese of Sheffield is one of the most thriving regions in the Church of England, with rising attendance levels and giving figures.

They reveal that the diocese is one of eight that has seen increased attendance levels for children and young people, and is one of the 23 dioceses to have seen a rise in adult attendance levels.

In total the average weekly attendance for 2003 is up to 21,200 from 20,100 in 2002, an increase of 1,100.

The Bishop of Sheffield, Rt Rev Jack Nicholls, said: "These figures are hugely encouraging and endorse all the good work that is happening throughout the diocese.

"It shows that Church is an important part in the lives of local people and devalues much of the bad news that we hear so often."

The diocese also continues to show increasing levels of giving, with the amount given through the Gift Aid Scheme in 2003 being £11.36 per giver per week; this figure is up from £11.16 in 2002, and places the diocese as the second most generous in the Church of England.

Nick Hutton, diocesan giving director, welcomed the statistics by saying: "We should celebrate these figures and all the work in parishes that they represent."

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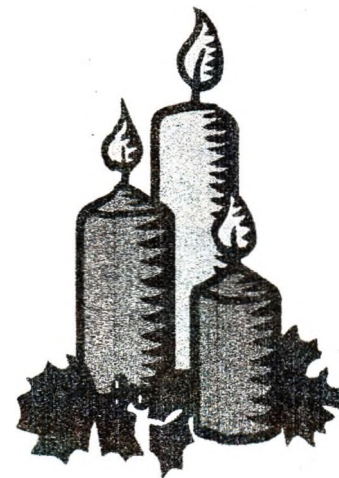
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"We are in direct touch with ministry and church leaders in Pakistan who have reported hundreds of Christians are amongst the homeless as their houses have collapsed. Many are sleeping in the open. Church buildings in the region have been damaged. Although the Pakistani Government will be giving help, Christian leaders fear that corruption means little will reach their community. A senior church leader told us that earthquake victims are already moving to cities like Islamabad; he expects they will take the jobs of the Christians there. We have sent a first grant for immediate aid for Christians affected by the earthquake. As a despised minority, regularly discriminated against, they need assistance from their Christian brothers and sisters around the world at this time. With the help of gifts we will be able to keep sending assistance, including for longer term needs and the knock-on effects such as job losses which are expected."

Barnabus Fund is a registered charity and was established in 1993 and channels aid to projects run by national Christians in more than 40 countries.

## Situations Vacant

We still have some vacancies within the church for those of you who would like to help;



- We would like some more people to help set up and operate the AV system and clear away microphones at the end of the service on a rotational basis. (Please see Steve Giles for more info).

- Would anybody wash the tea towels and tablecloths each week? (Please see Gay Riley)



- Sign up for the car rota to take some of the older folk to the 10.00 a.m. service. (Please see Ken Filleul)

- Youth Club helpers are also needed (preferably woman) to help on Sunday evenings in the tuck shop. This would be on a rotational basis. (please see Gay Riley)



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They are also running an evening course in conjunction with Dore Church starting on Tuesday 17th January 2006 at Dore Church.

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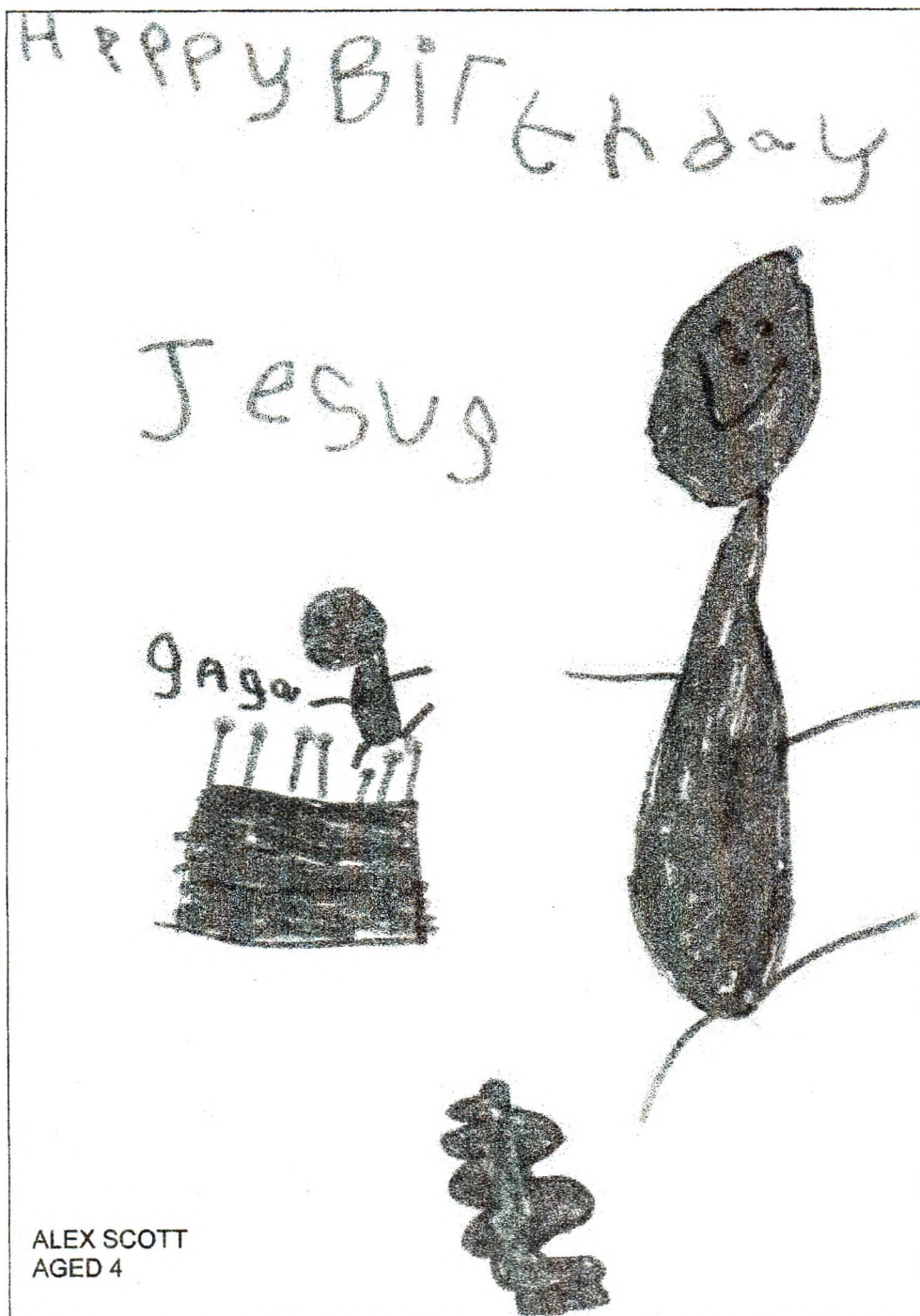
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## News from the Hurton's

Greetings from the last city in England (at least the locals call it a city, although in reality it's no more than a garrison town). I'm not writing like Paul, to tell you how to become disciples, but instead because Janine Scott asked me to let you know how we're getting on up here. I guess the best way of summing things up would be to say that a few weeks ago I commented to Dawn that I was probably happier before we moved house, work, school and church, but that overall I thought it was more worthwhile being here. Which is another way of saying that although we still miss you all a lot, we have work to do here and it'll be a year or two more before we know if we're making any real progress.

Good and bad events in the last year have included the sun setting over Blencathra; dismantling, transporting and then re-erecting Dawn's studio-sheds (only possible thanks to the Tozers and Giles); Christmas visitors; January floods and storms; the septic tank/open sewer escapade (enough said); two weeks without a water supply; Noah moving school (again); being accused by a senior vicar of "sinister behaviour" at work (I had to look that one up in the dictionary to be sure I wasn't dreaming); the Abba tribute band at the school's summer fundraiser; and, at last, a couple of recent evening services at the local church where we really felt God was with us.

When times have been tough we've looked back on being in Totley as preparing us for being here – without that time or your love and prayers since, we would probably have gone under.

As far as our everyday lives go, Connie is at the village school (3 miles away), while Noah is now at school in Penrith (11 miles away) having been unable to settle in the village school. This makes for some interesting logistics. As a result, Dawn is working part-time unpaid as the family taxi service, and part-time paid for the national youth advocacy service helping make sure children's views are heard as part of e.g. care proceedings. She is still working at turning her metalwork into a job rather than a hobby.

It was wonderful in the summer to meet up with some of you at New Wine. The four of us took enormous encouragement from the week there and it seems to have spilled over into things locally, with a small group of us feeling inspired to try organising an informal evening service at our local church. Ultimately we decided it was no good moping around feeling sorry for ourselves because All Saints Calthwaite isn't All Saints Totley, and once we got stuck in we found that there are a surprising number of like-minded people (Maurice and Margery will know at least two of them). We feel a great sense of hope and expectation that God will touch the hearts of people in this place.

If any of you are passing or would like to visit, we'd be delighted to see you – either for a cup of tea, a bed for the night or a field for camping. We really enjoy it when we have visitors and it's great to catch up on people's news. Please keep it touch and please pray for all of us and for our vision for the local church. We will keep you in our prayers.

With much love, Derek, Dawn, Noah and Connie



## DECEMBER DIARY DATES

### Thursday 1st December

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Toddler Praise

### Saturday 3rd December

- 10.00 a.m. Working Morning
- 11.00 a.m. Toddler Group Christmas Fair
- 7.30 p.m. 'Beer, burgers and film' night

### Sunday 4th December

- 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

### Monday 5th December

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Drop in Coffee (Marjorie & Maurice)
- 5.45 p.m. Rainbows
- 7.00 p.m. Guides

### Tuesday 6th December

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Church Toddler Group
- 10.30 a.m. Ladies Coffee Morning

### Wednesday 7th December

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
- 10.00 a.m. Parent & Toddler Group

### Thursday 8th December

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus

### Friday 9th December

- 7.00 p.m. Carols by Candlelight

### Saturday 10th December

- 8.00 a.m. Cell Leaders Prayers

### Sunday 11th December

- 10.00 a.m. Baptism
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

## DECEMBER DIARY DATES

### Monday 12th December

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Drop in Coffee (Marjorie & Maurice)
- 5.45 p.m. Rainbows
- 7.00 p.m. Guides

### Tuesday 13th December

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Church Toddler Group

### Wednesday 14th December

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
- 10.00 a.m. Parent & Toddler Group

### Thursday 15th December

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Toddler Praise

### Saturday 17th December

- 8.00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

### Sunday 18th December

- 10.00 a.m. All Age All Together (service led by the children)
- 6.00 p.m. Youth Group
- 6.30 p.m. Carol Service by candlelight

### Monday 19th December

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Drop in Coffee (Marjorie & Maurice)
- 5.45 p.m. Rainbows
- 7.00 p.m. Guides

### Tuesday 20th December

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Church Toddler Group

### Wednesday 21st December

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Quiet service of Holy Communion
- 10.00 a.m. Parent & Toddler Group



## DECEMBER/JANUARY DIARY DATES

### Thursday 22nd December

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 7.00 p.m. Memorial Service

### Saturday 24th December

- 4.00 p.m. Crib Service (please bring a labelled present)
- 11.30 p.m. Holy Communion

### Sunday 25th December

- 8.00 a.m. Service of quiet Communion
- 9.30 a.m. All Age All Together followed by a short communion service

### Monday 26th December

- 10.00 a.m. Drop in Coffee (Marjorie & Maurice)
- 5.45 p.m. Rainbows
- 7.00 p.m. Guides
- 8.00 p.m. Cell Leaders

### Wednesday 28th December

- 10.00 a.m. Quiet Communion Service

### Sunday 1st January

- 10.00 a.m. Family Communion

### Monday 2nd January

- 10.00 a.m. Drop in Coffee (Marjorie & Maurice)

### Tuesday 3rd January

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus

### Wednesday 4th January

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)

### Thursday 5th January

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus

### Sunday 8th January

- 10.00 a.m. Baptism
- 6.30 p.m. Holy Communion
- 6.30 p.m. Leaders Meeting at Vicarage

## JANUARY DIARY DATES

### Monday 9th January

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Drop in Coffee (Marjorie & Maurice)
- 5.45 p.m. Rainbows
- 7.00 p.m. Guides

### Tuesday 10th January

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Church Toddler Group

### Wednesday 11th January

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
- 10.00 a.m. Toddler Group

### Thursday 12th January

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Toddler Praise

### Sunday 15th January

- 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

### Monday 16th January

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 9.30 a.m. Daytime Alpha Course
- 10.00 a.m. Drop in Coffee (Marjorie & Maurice)
- 5.45 p.m. Rainbows
- 7.00 p.m. Guides

### Tuesday 17th January

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Church Toddler Group
- 7.15 a.m. Evening Alpha Course (Dore)

### Wednesday 18th January

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus
- 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)
- 10.00 a.m. Toddler Group

### Thursday 19th January

- 9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus



## JANUARY DIARY DATES

### Friday 20th January

Final date for items for the February edition of the magazine

### Sunday 22nd January

10.00 a.m. All Age All Together  
6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

### Monday 23rd January

9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus  
9.30 a.m. Daytime Alpha Course  
10.00 a.m. Drop in Coffee (Marjorie & Maurice)  
5.45 p.m. Rainbows  
7.00 p.m. Guides

### Tuesday 24th January

9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus  
10.00 a.m. Church Toddler Group  
7.15 a.m. Evening Alpha Course (Totley)

### Wednesday 25th January

9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus  
10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (B.C.P.)  
10.00 a.m. Toddler Group

### Thursday 26th January

9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus  
10.00 a.m. Toddler Praise

### Sunday 29th January

10.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
7.00 p.m. Healing Service

### Monday 30th January

9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus  
9.30 a.m. Daytime Alpha Course  
10.00 a.m. Drop in Coffee (Marjorie & Maurice)  
5.45 p.m. Rainbows  
7.00 p.m. Guides

### Tuesday 31st January

9.00 a.m. Start the day with Jesus  
10.00 a.m. Church Toddler Group  
7.15 a.m. Evening Alpha Course (Dore)



## Make a difference

As an old man was walking down the beach, he noticed a little girl ahead of him picking up starfish and flinging them back into the sea. He asked her why she was doing this. The little girl explained that a starfish stranded on the beach when the tide went out would die if it were left in the morning sun. "But the beach goes on for miles and there are millions of starfish," said the old man. "How can your efforts make any difference?" The little girl looked down the stretch of beach and at all the stranded starfish. Then she stared at the one in her hand. As she pitched it back into the sea, she said, "It makes a difference to this one."

Taken from 'Sunday Link 12th June 2005.'

## White Band Day 3—Saturday 10th December

We need a big push on Trade before the WTO meeting in Hong Kong the following week if there's going to be any chance of improvement of the rules which govern world trade in order to benefit the poorest countries.

Please can you:

- Send off a red VOTE FOR TRADE JUSTICE card if you haven't already. (The aim is 1 million to be handed in in Dec!)
- Send off a train card to Alan Johnson Sec of State at DTI
- Write to your MEP
- Pray

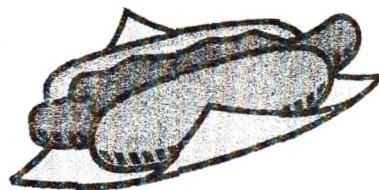


# The Light Party



Fifty three children aged 2½ to 9 came and had fun for two hours. They celebrated the good things that Jesus brought with him into the world and learnt that He does not want us to join in Halloween activities and bad things. The bible tells up to keep away from magic and spells. This is what some children remembered:

- I made a hat of a lantern. I had a hot dog, pizza, a drink and some crisps. I played the shuffleboard and bagatelle. (Amelia)
- I liked making the paper questions about Jesus with Jennifer. (Nicole)
- I liked eating the food, especially the cake. (Nathan)
- I enjoyed the skill of the shuffleboard. (Bethany)
- I still wear my hat. (Rebekah)
- I remember that God made the light so that we can see and shine for God. (Louise)
- I liked the singing and games. (Rachael)
- I liked 'Guess Who' and the games you could make and especially the food. (Thomas)



- I liked playing the games and the food. (Alex)
- I liked the singing and dancing and making the lantern. I played on the bagatelle and the food was yummy. (James)
- I liked to dance and sing and I made a crown. Gay told us a story with a candle because Jesus is the light of the world. (Grace)
- I liked the bagatelle. (Sam)
- I liked playing all the games especially the one Harry did. (Imogen)
- I liked all of it, playing the games, making the origami puzzle and the hot dogs were good too. (Toby)



I attended the light party with my two children, Alex and Keira. They both had a fantastic time, especially Alex who loves doing anything crafty. I think all of the children enjoyed themselves. A lot of preparation and time went into the party so thank you to Gayle and Vicki and all of the helpers.

Janine Scott



## YOU MET THEM IN THE PAGES OF THE BIBLE

### ZECHARIAH

Identifying the natural family of Jesus from the Bible is not entirely straightforward. Matthew 12: 47 refers to Jesus' "Mother and brothers". Mary and Joseph made the journey to Bethlehem because that was where their family hailed from, so one can guess that there would have been relatives there. During her pregnancy Mary visited Elizabeth, wife of Zechariah, and mother of John the Baptist. Luke 1 : 36 refers to Elizabeth as Mary's relative. The precise nature of the relationship is not clear, but on the basis of that, Jesus and John have been viewed as cousins, with the blood-line running via Mary and Elizabeth.

The circumstances of John's birth are remarkable. Zechariah was a member of the priesthood, from the family of Abijah. They were clearly devout in their practices, but getting on in years and childless. Zechariah belonged to the twenty four families responsible, by rotation, for service within the temple. Each day, two individuals were chosen by lot from amongst these families to tend the incense brazier that was kept burning immediately in front of the Holy of Holies. The occasion came when Zechariah was chosen. As he entered the sanctuary to tend the brazier, so the congregation remained outside. Preparing himself to perform this sacred office, he received a vision.

An angel, standing on the incense altar, appeared to him. He was overwhelmed by the experience, but was able to receive a mind-blowing message from the angel. He and Elizabeth would at last have a child, who was to be called John. He would be great before God, filled with the Spirit even in the womb, never to touch alcohol, and would turn



Zechariah tending the brazier

many back to the Lord. He would prepare the people to receive the Lord. Zechariah protested. The upshot was that Gabriel revealed his name to him, and said that because of his unbelief he would be struck dumb until the events predicted occurred. When he returned to the people, his demeanour and appearance

spoke of as mighty encounter - but as the angel had said he was totally dumb.

Six months later Elizabeth conceived. It was not until after the boy's birth, and Zechariah's written confirmation as to his name (not a family name) that the power of speech returned. Filled with the Spirit he then prophesied with words that have been used in Christian worship ever since. They are found in Luke 1 : 67 - 79, and since the days of the Latin prayer book have often been known as "The Benedictus." In beautiful and powerful words he speaks of his son's role in revealing God to the people, and paving the way for the one who would follow - his cousin, Jesus.

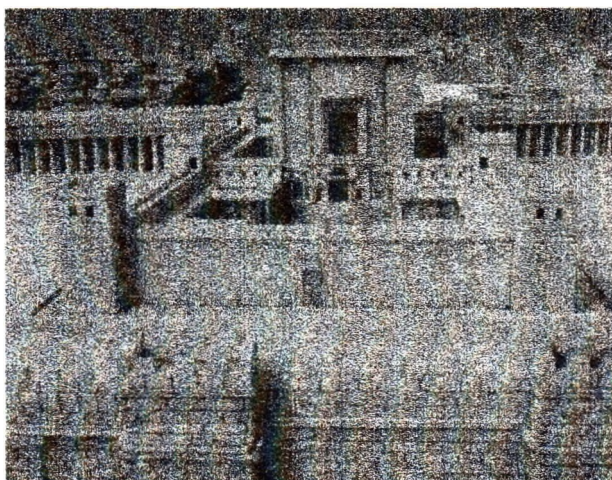
Tradition has it that these events took place in a village near Bethlehem, known as "Ein Karem" meaning "Gracious Spring." Today this is a suburb of Jerusalem. Now there is Franciscan monastery there, centred on a cave, which, it is claimed, was John's birth place. Nearby there is a hollowed



rock, that mediaeval tradition asserts was a place Zechariah hid his family from Herod, when that brutal ruler ordered the slaying of all the young boys in the region. The Biblical account of Zechariah closes after the Benedictus. Tradition has it that he was later murdered in the temple at the command of Herod. Both Matthew and Luke record Jesus making reference to a Zechariah, who was murdered in the temple, so this may well be the fact.

As with many Biblical characters, he appears briefly, and then we know no more. However, in his case he has bequeathed a hymn of worship that has been loved by millions down through the centuries. Zechariah had a life that was unspectacular, and devout. It was this training and acquiring of holy habits that allowed him to respond to the Lord (albeit with some protest!) in the way that he did when the moment came.

As we may pray, "Your kingdom come, Your will be done", we too are asking the Lord so to govern the mundane details of our lives, that we are prepared for the unknown challenge or opportunity when it comes. There is no substitute for quiet faithfulness.



Temple

# Help wanted

## Magazine distribution in 2006

Is there anyone with access to a car who can spare 2 hours at the end of each month to deliver the Church magazines to the distributors? (Numbers, names and addresses supplied). This will be for February, March and April 2006.

Dorothy will resume distribution at the end of April.

Please speak to Janine Scott (262 0773).

## 10 things that make you feel good!

1. Being in love.
2. Laughing so hard your face hurts.
3. Finding a £20 note in your coat / bag.
4. Hearing your favourite song on the radio.
5. Accidentally overhearing someone say something nice about you.
6. Waking up and realising you still have a few hours left to sleep.
7. Making new friends or spending time with old ones.
8. Watching the expression on someone's face as they open a much-desired present from you.
9. Getting a hug from someone you care about deeply.
10. Knowing you've done the right thing, no matter what other people think.



## **'Bethlehem comes to Totley'**

**10th & 11th December**

Bethlehem is coming to Totley Rise Methodist Church over the weekend of 10th and 11th December. The church buildings will be transformed into the Bethlehem of Jesus' time for the church's '*Journey to Bethlehem*'.

The free tour lasts for approximately half an hour every 10 minutes from 4.30pm—7.30 p.m. To book please phone Gill on 0114 2361635. (It is essential to book).



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# **Ladies Coffee Morning**



**13th December  
Christmas Lunch  
10.30 a.m.—12.00 p.m.**

**Dates for 2006:**

**14th February, 14th March, 11th April, 9th  
May, 13th June, 11th July**

**You are very welcome to enjoy coffee with us in the  
Church Hall 10.30 a.m. - 12.00 p.m.**



## **Youth work news for S17 churches**

### **Fondue Evening**

Upper Level all enjoyed a sweet night stuffing themselves with melted chocolate with banana, marshmallows and apple dips. It was a really good occasion to bond together as a group and have a giggle. It was really obvious that spending an evening having fun was just as productive as our 'usual' evenings looking at an aspect of the Christian faith. As long as we get the right balance in what we do evenings like this are invaluable. I recommend fondue evenings to anyone.

### **Lunch with the Bishop**

All the Anglican full time youth leaders were recently invited by Bishop Cyril to have lunch with him and share what was going on in our projects. It was an entertaining time as well as informative. He told us how much he wanted the diocese to invest into youth work, that his advice to churches was to introduce youth workers rather than curates. It is refreshing to see that the Bishop is so much behind youth work and I hope it spurs us all on to be behind it.

### **The community is starting to tackle youth nuisance**

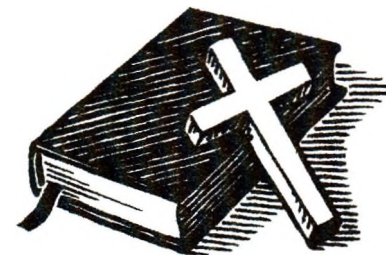
There have been a series of meetings with agencies all over Sheffield discussing how best we can tackle youth nuisance behaviour. A plan has been drawn up involving the police, parks, the Sheffield youth service, local residents and many more to enforce and

challenge behaviour and work with the young people in recreation to help prevent boredom. It is a good positive step that this forum is making and I think it will make difference in and around S17.

### **Grace's dedication**

Janine and I were really happy to see our baby daughter Grace dedicated last month. We decided not to have her Christened but made a declaration that we will bring her up within a Christian family, telling her and showing her through our lives that God loves her and sent Jesus to die for her so that she can know him. We hope and pray that later on when she is able to decide for herself she will be baptised and choose to follow Jesus for herself. My prayer for her is the prayer of the youth project that all our young people who we know and work with will decide for themselves to follow Jesus as their Lord and saviour.

Matt Conant





## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO EVERYONE AT ALL SAINTS' FROM JOAN STRATFORD

How quickly Christmas comes around, my Mother always used to say that this increasing speed was a sign of old age! I was very pleased to see so many of you when I was invited to join in the 80<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of several Church members last July. It was a wonderful occasion and what an achievement for so many members of All Saints'.

Last Christmas we bought our children a book titled '100 places to see before you die'. As we realize that death is likely to be nearer for us than the children we looked through and found that we had visited very few of the places mentioned. We were spurred into action and booked a holiday to Peru. Recently there has been some doubt over whether I would be up to coping with the journey, but this week (I am writing this at the beginning of November) I have been given the 'go-ahead', I am sure this is a result of a good deal of prayer. It will be a very different trip to the one, which Dorothy Firth is to undertake. Ours will be very much a sightseeing holiday with some rest periods. The highlights are visiting Machu Picchu, we will not be walking the Inca Trail but travelling by train. Later we will take another train journey to reach Lake Titicaca; I am told that these train journeys are regarded as two of the most fantastic train journeys in the world. Hopefully if all has gone to plan by the time you read this article we will just have arrived back from our travels.

We have spent time with the family, including a holiday in Corsica with Kate, Bruce, Ruth and Grace. For the next year we will see little of Richard and Eva as they have given up their jobs to go travelling for a year. They left for Kathmandu last month and are currently walking the Annapurna Trail. Unfortunately we are storing all their belongings for the year!

I visited All Saints' School in July and had lunch with Bev who seems to be settling well into her role as Head teacher. I paid another visit in October for the Autumn Fair in order to sell some of my books on the history of the school. If anyone would like a copy, perhaps for a Christmas present, please contact me (Tel. 2308428). I have reduced the price to £10 for a hardback and £7 for a paperback. I need the cupboard space to store some of Richard's belongings. It is always good to have news of ex-pupils. In December we have Camilla Tait coming to stay with us. She and her brother Mark were pupils at the school when their Father was a visiting Professor at Sheffield University for a year in 1995-6. She is now at University and she and her boyfriend are touring England during their long vacation. She is looking forward to showing Craig where she attended school in Sheffield.

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*



# TODDLER PRAISE

1st & 15th December  
12th & 26th January  
10.00am

Totley All Saints'  
Church Hall

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Suitable for all young children.

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## FLOWER LIST December 2005

|      | <u>Altar</u>                      | <u>Memory Table</u>               |
|------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 4th  | Cell Group<br>(Giles/Bower&Brown) | Cell Group<br>(Giles/Bower&Brown) |
| 11th | Cell Group<br>(Carrington-Elson)  | Mrs Wortley                       |
| 18th | Christmas Trees                   | Mrs Donnelly                      |
| 25th | Christmas Trees                   | Mrs Donnelly                      |

### 'Why are saints Saints?'

- "Because they are cheerful when it is difficult to be cheerful;
- Patient when it is difficult to be patient;
- They press on when they would dearly love to stand still;
- They keep silent when they would dearly love to talk;
- They are agreeable when they would dearly love to be disagreeable.

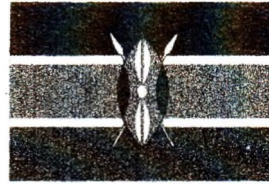
THAT IS ALL

It is quite simple really!"

From Sheffield Diocesan News



## 6 months in Kenya by Jennifer Booth



On the 5<sup>th</sup> of January I am leaving from Heathrow airport and, after an 11.5 hour flight, will arrive in Jomo Kenyatta International airport in Nairobi, Kenya. I will be spending 6 months based in Nairobi working with a Christian organisation called South West Youth Ministries. During this time I will be working with the underprivileged children, carrying out work in the slums, with the street children, in orphanages, schools and churches. There may also be a chance for me to travel to Tanzania and Uganda and carry out work there.

I am really looking forward to this amazing opportunity to help those who are less fortunate than us and although I know there will be times when it is hard I am sure this experience will really build me up in my faith as well as allowing me to experience the different ways people from other cultures live.

I am so excited about being able to go out and work with the young children over there, sharing my faith with them through music, teachings, helping them to learn English (as well as them teaching me Swahili so I can communicate in their language too) and possibly doing some sports coaching.

Apparently even though the children have so little they are always happy and smiling and really grateful for what they do have. I am sure I will have so much to learn from them as well!

I would like to thank all of you who have supported me financially enabling me to carry out this work that I have felt called to do. While I am in Kenya I would really appreciate prayer support for all the work we will be carrying out so that we all have the courage, the knowledge and the ability to help those we are working with.

Having had my first Swahili lesson I feel *slightly* more prepared for going away but I still find it hard to believe how soon I will be leaving! Although really looking forward to going to Kenya, I am also feeling quite scared about being away from home, and everyone I know and love, for so long. I think that homesickness will be one of my main struggles so lots of prayer support for this too please!!

It has been suggested that we take gifts, such as pens or pencils, to leave for the children there so if anybody has any spare ones lying around that they'd like to donate it would be much appreciated!

Jennifer Booth





## An evening to remember...

What do you get when you put together fabulous food, good company, excellent hosts and the services of a professional chef? An Indian Evening to remember, that's what!

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November about 60 people gathered together in the church hall and enjoyed a really delicious Indian meal served to our tables by a brilliant team of waiters and waitresses, namely members of Totley All Saints Youth Group! Under the watchful eyes of Matt Conant and Paul Kent (both resplendent in black evening wear) course after course of Indian cuisine was served at our tables. Onion Bahjis, Samosa, fluffy white rice, chicken curries, vegetable curries, Naan Breads and still more came from the kitchen. As if that wasn't enough, a mouth watering selection of desserts just had to be sampled – Chocolate Fudge Cake, Pavlovas and the irresistible Nightly Passion were all served by our excellent hosts and enjoyed by everyone who succumbed!

So apart from a really enjoyable meal what was the evening really all about? The whole event was organised by the church youth group to raise funds for Jennifer Booth's trip to Kenya in January. Elsewhere in this magazine you can read from Jennifer herself what the trip is all about and what God has called her to do whilst she is away. The evening was a total success and a brilliant way to raise much needed funds to help Jennifer go and share God's love with the children in and around Nairobi. Let's pray that God will continue to provide all that Jennifer needs to make the trip memorable both for her and the lives she will touch whilst she's there.

Oh, one last thing...when's the next meal?!!

Steve Spendlove



## Two Thousand Years On

Infant Holy, fast asleep  
Joseph, Mary watch do keep  
Infant pure there at your rest  
By father God now you are blest  
Infant precious lies serene  
Angels hover o'er the scene  
Infant gentle, meek and mild  
Did you know you're Christ the child



Precious Saviour did you know  
When born here on earth below  
what the future held for you  
All that you would need to do  
Did you know your burden then  
That you came here to save men  
From this sinning, hate and greed  
Their cold hearts and reckless deed

Two thousand years Lord now have gone  
But still the fight goes on and on  
People dying in despair  
Wars and famine lack of care  
Come now babe and show your light  
Devils darkness put to flight  
Heavenly blessings now we crave  
Remember Lord, you came to save

Sinners all Lord we do plea  
In your light now we will see  
Truth and honour here will grow  
Your true love Lord we will know  
See the world in splendour dressed  
All will find eternal rest  
Peace on earth was angels claim  
Come here saviour o'er us reign.



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## From the Registrars

### Baptism:

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

December 1st  
December 7th

Bethan Rose Collier  
Joseph Michael Cashin  
George Albert Ludlam

### Weddings:

### Funerals:

If you would like to set a date for your wedding or would like to have your baby baptised please contact Revd. David Rhodes at the Vicarage on 0114 2362322





### Introduction to Cell Groups at All Saints'



At All Saints' we believe that the life of the church needs to be expressed and shared, in both larger and smaller group settings. Coming together on a Sunday and at other times, gives a sense of being part of a wider body and joining in corporate worship. But the building of real relationships and the facing of real issues in our lives is harder to develop in a large setting and this is where cell groups are needed. The small group provides a place for everybody to actively grow in our relationship with God, each other and non-believers and they are places to share your problems and have friends to listen and pray with you. The cells meet at various homes and at various times during the week, both in the evening and during the day.

The values we hold as a church:

*All involved*  
*Becoming disciples*  
*Creating community*  
*Doing evangelism*  
*Encountering God*

Please come along and become part of a cell group. Further details are available from:

|                             |          |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| David or Sally Rhodes       | 236 2322 |
| Jane Needham                | 236 8935 |
| Gay Riley (youth /children) | 236 6884 |
| Ann Powell                  | 235 0612 |



### Children @ All Saints

Children of all ages are catered for at All Saints' church on a Sunday morning during the 10 O'clock services apart from the 4th Sunday of the month in which the service will be an 'All Age All Together service'.

The Crèche caters for children under 3 in the church lounge. Sparklers offers children aged three to six and Alive Gang offers children aged six to thirteen appropriate activities in the church hall.

Each week children discover the reality of God's love and its relevance to their daily lives.

All leaders have been checked for suitability in accordance with the Diocesan Child Protection Policy and in line with our church policy.

If you are new to the church or just visiting please bring your children along. If they would prefer to sit quietly in church during the sermon there are some Christian story books available on the window-sill at the back of the church.

For more information please speak to:

Gay Riley, children's co-ordinator  
 0114 236 6884



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### **Sunday:**

Crèche (under 3's) Tim and Liz Hardie 235 6386

The Alive Gang (3 to 13 years) Sally Rhodes 236 2322  
Gay Riley 236 6884

Sunday Youth Group Paul Kent 236 5559  
(alternate Sundays)

### **Monday:**

Drop in Coffee Marjorie and Maurice Snowdon 236 2822

Rainbows Sue Clifton 262 1096

Guides Maureen Allum 235 1262

### **Tuesday:**

Ladies Coffee Morning Ann Ruthven 236 8643  
(2nd Tuesday of month)

Church Toddler Group Jo Smith 262 0741  
Sharon Rawlings 236 9639

### **Wednesday:**

Parent & Toddler Mel Morton 236 6300  
Group

### **Thursday:**

Toddler Praise Jo Smith 262 0741  
(fortnightly)