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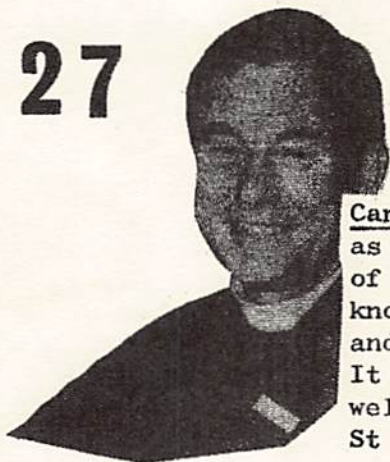


November

2 Coffee Club would be delighted to see friends join them at 9, Lenton Road for a Coffee Morning

6 visit of the Rev. John Marsh from Cambridge

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Canon Alan Neech - As well as being General Secretary of BCMS, Canon Neech is well known as a convention Speaker and Missionary Statesman. It will be a great joy to welcome him to the pulpit of St Nicholas'.

6.30pm

13 Worship and prayer ministry with the Rev. Denis Ball as the preacher.

PARISH

HOUSE PARTY

It is not too early to note in your diary that this will be on FEBRUARY 10-12 at Swanwick. Booking forms out soon, we hope!

Thank you!

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The Park,
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Our dear Friends,

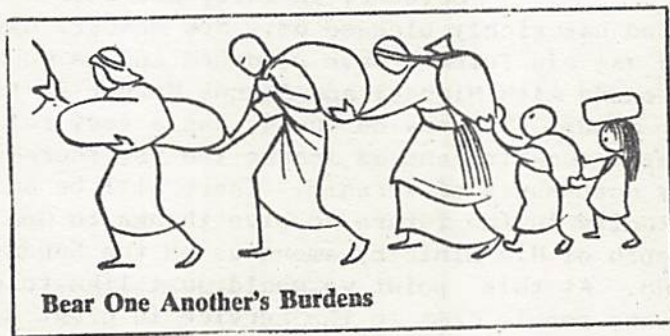
"That was the best weekend of my life." "Inspiring"; "uplifting". These are the ways some people have described the Harvest Weekend. Others commented: "The Church looks even lovelier than ever before" We look back on the weekend as a time of great encouragement in so many ways. It was encouraging to see the response to the plea for help with decorating the Church. It certainly did look beautiful. It was encouraging to enjoy the Harvest Supper and to observe how the West Bridgford group were able to work together so efficiently and happily. The ministry of David Green was such a help to a large number of us. The combined choir, worship workshop and mini-orchestra inspired many in their worship. And so we could go on saying thank-you. It was a lovely occasion to set the autumn ball rolling as it were.

October, in fact, has been a month when God has richly blessed us. New members have joined us; old friends have returned and as we write, the weekend with Michael and Jeanne Harper is fresh in our minds. The tea on Sunday was a very relaxed and happy occasion and as Jeanne led us, there was a very deep sense of worship. There will be an opportunity in the future to give thanks to God for the depth of His ministry among us on the Sunday evening. At this point we would just like to say, that many people came to the service in great need of one kind or another. Many can testify that during the service, God, Who is the Abundant Giver, met their need from His vast resources of strength, power healing and love. Praise God!

Some people have been asking why it was decided to have such a service with an opportunity for folk to ask for ministry. For many many months now, some of us have been feeling that God has been indicating to us that the time has come for us to step out in faith in this way as He directs. We feel that Sunday night was an indication that very many people would like the opportunity to receive this sort of prayer help. We need your prayers for guidance as we look at the practical details together on the staff.

It does seem to us that we are being asked by the Lord to look very closely at the Healing ministry at the moment. God has demonstrated to us very wonderfully in recent weeks that He is the Healer.

His touch still has its ancient power to heal. We have also felt challenged on Tuesday nights with the thought that so often healing in a person's life is in proportion to the amount of prayer which is going up for that person at any given time. What a responsibility that places on us to pray for those we know who are sick. We would particularly like to bring before you the great need that James and Lizzie Robinson have for our prayers. Praise God, there is now no trace of cancer in Lizzie's body. But their need for prayer is very great. Those who know and love them, may we "soak" them in prayer until strength returns to Lizzie. They both need to experience the upholding, strengthening, and ongoing healing which only the Lord can give.

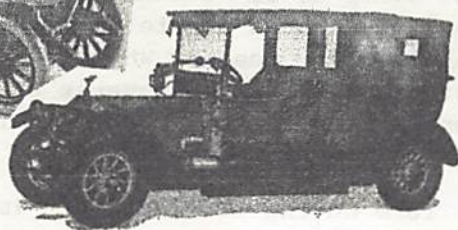


We have missed Janet Kenwood for several weeks now and pray that she will be able to be with us again soon, fit and well.

Life in the new home in Barrack Lane is very good. It feels so good to be in our own home in slightly quieter surroundings. It has produced one somewhat complicated pressure however. We refer to parking outside of the Rectory! The Rector is working in the old Rectory each day; Hilary is still working there; Michael Watkins does a certain amount of work from there twice each week; Joyce sometimes uses those facilities for counselling purposes and Anne and Pat of course are also there from time to time. This is straining the very limited parking facilities and in recent days this has caused no little embarrassment when we have arrived expecting to be able to park only to find that a member of the Church has parked there to go shopping. We do feel that we must ask that that very precious and unique parking spot should be reserved for staff cars please - or of course for those doing flowers in the Church. This also applies on Saturdays when there may well be weddings and other meetings which we need to attend in the hall. We apologise to those of you who have found this a very convenient free parking spot for shopping purposes, and ask you to try to understand the dilemma in which we find ourselves.

Yours in His wonderful service,

David and
Joyce Huggett





It was good to hear from Ruth Smales recently. She is settling happily to the work in India.

"We have now been at school for almost three weeks. (Mon 10th October) and are beginning to feel at home. It is good to be able to settle down and actually get on with the job! We have been given plenty to do teaching everything from Nursery Rhymes to Shakespeare! The children seem to be very bright and talk English quite happily although at the moment the younger children are having difficulty in deciphering our accents!

Many things are asking quite a bit of getting used to like eating with our fingers(!) and having a cook to wait on us hand and foot and persuading him not to put sugar in the scrambled eggs!! The hostel rules are very strict : men are not allowed at all on the women's corridors; where we are we are not allowed out after 7.0pm! The teaching situation is very formal so that even three and four year olds in the kindergarten classes sit at desks and do homework! One of the hardest things to get used to is being continually stared at. We are the only white faces for miles around and are therefore something of a curiosity. At school the children swarm round the staffroom door and windows just to have a look at us and swamp us if we stand still for more than a minute outside. Hardly a day goes by when we are not presented with flowers of one sort or another, or sweets it is somebody's birthday!

Term having started I can imagine what St Nick's will be like.





It was very sad recently to say goodbye to MICHI and MIVA. They expressed how very much they have enjoyed being part of St. Nicholas'. Their new address will be:-

MICHI and MIYA KOHNO, 24 DAI-NI-SHIMOKURATA-50
1167, SHIMOKURATA-CH, TOTSUKA-KU, YOKOHAMA, JAPAN.

They are looking forward to receiving the magazine each month.

Mrs. Powell has not been feeling too well recently and Mrs. Foster has had a major operation. Both would value our prayers - Mrs. Foster is at present staying with relatives in CHEAM.

It was good to see CLARE ASHCROFT in Church recently. She is settling down in her new teaching job in Chester and has been welcomed there by Margaret Shearn. Clare testifies in her letter to the benefit she gained from training in the "How to" of witnessing while she was at St. Nicholas'.



The Coffee Morning at Hilda Wood's home was a great success. There was a happy atmosphere, a wide variety of goods for sale from genuine apfel strudel to face flannels uniquely disguised.

It is with gratitude that we record that over £42 has been given. A wonderful result!

It has been very good to see Mrs. Fonyan back with us recently.

JOLYON MITCHELL telephoned recently. He is now living and working in WOOL in Dorset where he is seeing the Lord work in a wonderful way. He misses his friends at St. Nicholas' and would like to keep in touch.

JANE LEWIS has settled very happily into College life in CHESTER. She seems to be involved happily in many Christian and other activities. Continue to pray for her.

News from Nigel Jukes: Nigel has now been in his parish in Natal, South Africa, for three months. He has recently attended a renewal conference in Johannesburg and reports on evidence of the healing power of the Holy Spirit in people's lives, not only



physically but also racially and denominationally. He writes: "It was a time when the whole body of Christ in this land knew God's judgment on them for their complicity in the divisions which plague us." He has also recently led a CYFA-type house-party with 130 young folk from his church and found it a most rewarding time. Let us pray for God's blessing on and encouragement to Nigel and also for South Africa as a nation at this critical time.

wanted

Gardening or other odd jobs

Please contact Mr. Sheriff, 8, Radcliffe Road, West Bridgford, or in churchyard.

KAT. DALBEAR is very happy teaching music in Rugby. She now has her own flat, 8A Belton Rd., Rugby. She and Andrew are to be married in Exeter on 5th August next year.

Claire Marlowe is settling down well to her year in France. It was Claire who wrote the unnamed article in last month's magazine. She has been very conscious in these early days of the Lord going before and preparing the way for her even in the little details. She sends love to her friends at St Nicholas'.

Pete and Sue Hobson write happily from Manchester where they are enjoying their first Curacy and finding the excitement of God working with those whom they have known over a period of years.

This month we say a sort of goodbye to Colin Brewitt Taylor who leaves us to go to Sheffield. Colin has thrown in his lot with us right from the beginning in Worship Workshop and the Choir. We feel sure we shall be seeing him from time to time so it is not really goodbye - merely thank you!

"OUR COUNTRY
FOR CHRIST"
CPAS



What is C.P.A.S.?

The Church Pastoral Aid Society is the oldest Home Missionary Society in the Church of England, founded in 1836, by a group of laymen who were concerned about the spiritual poverty of people in this country. The first President was Lord Shaftesbury, known as the "Poor man's Earl", because he spent his life helping the poor and needy. The aim of the society is "To carry the Gospel, by means of the church, to every man's door". This means helping and strengthening local churches in their outreach.

What does C.P.A.S. do?

Initially aid was given mainly by grants to vicars for assistant staff, but now the work has expanded in a variety of ways, including:

Patronage: C.P.A.S. are Patrons of our church and many churches all over the country. This means the Society appoint our Rectors, thus ensuring an Evangelical continuity.

Grants: Are made to parishes in special need, to help pay a curate or Lady Worker, to ordinands in training for the Ministry.

Youth work: Falcon camps and houseparties enable about 1,000 children and young people to have a holiday and hear the Gospel. CYFA and Pathfinder groups, Climbers and Explorers.

Staff Evangelists: C.P.A.S. has its own full-time evangelists who lead missions in parishes all over the country. You must have heard of Garth Hewitt!

Candidates for the Ministry: There is a department for selecting candidates for training, and special weekends are held for people who feel that God is calling them to the ministry.

Falcon books: C.P.A.S. publish a wide range of books and booklets, Service books, Youth Praise and Psalm Praise etc.

How is it supported?

The financial support comes mainly from collections and donations from churches and individuals. We help them to help us.

How can I help?

By putting a little extra in the collection on C.P.A.S. Sunday (Nov. 20), or a donation, anytime, to the C.P.A.S. secretary, or by having a collecting box. By praying for the work of the society. The magazine "Together" (available bi-monthly from the secretary) will keep you informed about the work and the prayer topics of people and parishes throughout the country. This country is a Mission Field, will you support its missionaries?

Publications

O. Wilmott.

Can I believe
in Jesus
Christ?

BY DAVID WILMOTT



Can
I turn
to God?

BY DAVID WILMOTT



Can
we face
facts?

BY DAVID WILMOTT



Falcon



Is
anything
wrong?

BY DAVID WILMOTT



Must
I join
the Church?

BY DAVID WILMOTT



Why bother
with
the Bible?

BY DAVID WILMOTT



**CENTRE PAGE
PULLOUT**

KENYA



6% Muslim



68% Christian

Please

Pray...

focus **Work**
on **in**
Nairobi

St. Mark's Church,
Westlands, Nairobi,
Kenya.

In his talk to the
Women's Fellowship in
October, David Green
made St. Mark's
Church come alive for

us and asked us to pray that the work in that Church would come alive spiritually. David is our link missionary working with CMS in Kenya. He is in fact Vicar of St. Mark's which he describes as a "fine, modern-looking stone-built church." The work in Westlands was started over 50 years ago as a "White Chaplaincy Church" although the present building dates back only to 25 years. In many ways it has had a troubled history. There have been considerable changes and now 90% of the congregation are African, Indian and Kenyan Asians. There are three services each Sunday: At 8.00 a.m. there is a traditional service of Holy Communion; at 9.00 a.m. there is the Swahili service attended by about 100 people and at 10.30 a.m. the English service has the largest congregation when 150-200 people gather for worship.

David asked for prayer in four main aspects of his work:-

1. That a nucleus might be built up in St. Mark's.

The African members of his congregation are paid monthly and on "pay weekends" they go home. Home is where their piece of farmland is - not Westlands. Those who come to work in the City do so only to supplement their meagre income. Therefore few would consider St. Mark's as their "home church" and this hits hard at the giving and other aspects of the life of the church.

Praise for the beginning of a nucleus of African workers to help David and Irene - and pray that the Lord will send others.

2. Spiritual darkness Unlike England to-day, it is still the "done thing" to go to Church in Nairobi. This means that there are many who remain "fringers". David shared the depth of his burden that very few had committed their lives to Christ during his time there. He asks that we pray that many may come alive spiritually from their spiritual deadness and apathy.

3. Social darkness As in England, so often one partner in a marriage is committed to Christ, but not the other. This can lead to tension within the marriage. Pray particularly that there might be couples who are both committed to the Lord and committed to St. Mark's because they came to faith in our Lord Jesus Christ there - in that church. Pray that there might be spiritual children ready to be taught.

4. Spiritual warfare As David spoke, we sensed the intensity of the spiritual battle which he is caught up in. He spoke of his own sense of oppression in the ministry since he moved to St. Mark's in January '75 of the battle with the forces of evil. Pray for him and the family, for their protection and that they might be thoroughly equipped with the whole armour of God.

Some of us feel deeply committed to pray for

David,

Irene,

Andrew,

Catharine

and Baby Sharon.



You might like to remove these centre pages as prayer reminders.

NOTHING

TOO HARD FOR THE LORD

David Green

"So it was you I was on the Broads Cruise with!"

"And didn't we do a Beach Mission together at Felpham?"

"You were in Islington at the same time as I was, too."

So ran the conversation between The Rector and David Green over the Harvest Weekend. An old friendship became firmly cemented as we discovered anew the wonder of what it means to be "one in the Spirit" with someone who was a comparative stranger.

David is working with CMS in Kenya. He was linked to St. Nicholas' way back in 1970 and visited the church when he was last on furlough four years ago. Few of us were here then!

His recent visit enriched our Harvest Weekend and many thank God for his ministry to us. It has not been an easy year for him and he and Irene and the children have many adjustments to make.

Will you consider becoming prayer partners for the work in Nairobi?

God



Answers Prayer!



A COMMUNIST CHALLENGE

Here is a terrible indictment of Christianity, by a Communist. The words appeared originally in 'Paix et Liberte', and they are very solemn.

'The Gospel is a much more powerful weapon for the renewal of society than is our Marxist philosophy, but all the same it is we who will finally beat you. We are only a handful, and you Christians are numbered by the million. But if you remember the story of Gideon, and his three hundred companions, you will understand why I am right.

We Communists do not play with words. We are realists, and seeing that we are determined to achieve our object, we know how to obtain the means. Of our salaries, and wages, we only keep what is strictly necessary, and we give up the rest for propoganda purposes. To this propoganda we also 'consecrate' all our free time and part of our holidays.

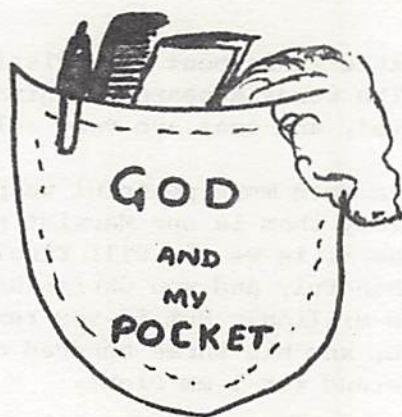
You, however, only give a little time and hardly any money for the spreading of the gospel of Christ. How can anybody believe in the supreme value of this gospel if you do not practise it, if you do not spread it, and if you sacrifice neither time nor money for it?

Believe me, it is we who will win, for we believe in our Communist message and we are ready to sacrifice everything even our life, in order that social justice shall triumph. But you people are afraid to soil your hands.'

How can we answer this?



**What
do you
think?**



The Rev. Michael Baughen was interviewed some time ago on the subject of giving.

"How to give till it hurts - and still enjoy it!"
he called the article.

"It seems that many people when they first come to Christ take a while to get their giving sorted out - some, unfortunately never do. It used to be said that the last place that was really touched was the wallet, and I think this is often true!"

The TWO Biblical principles are:

TITHING - PROPORTIONATE GIVING.

THANK OFFERING - over and above that.

TITHING The Bible talks about us tithing 10% of our income.

tax?" you may question be can I get than "how

10%

"Before or after ask. Might that asking "how little away with" rather much can I give?"

Whichever way you decide, and it is a personal matter, it is important to act on this Biblical principle of proportionate giving. It is so easy to search frantically for a 10p piece when entering Church and to feel that £1 is an enormous sum. Let's be practical:-

Income: £2,000 p.a.

10% £200

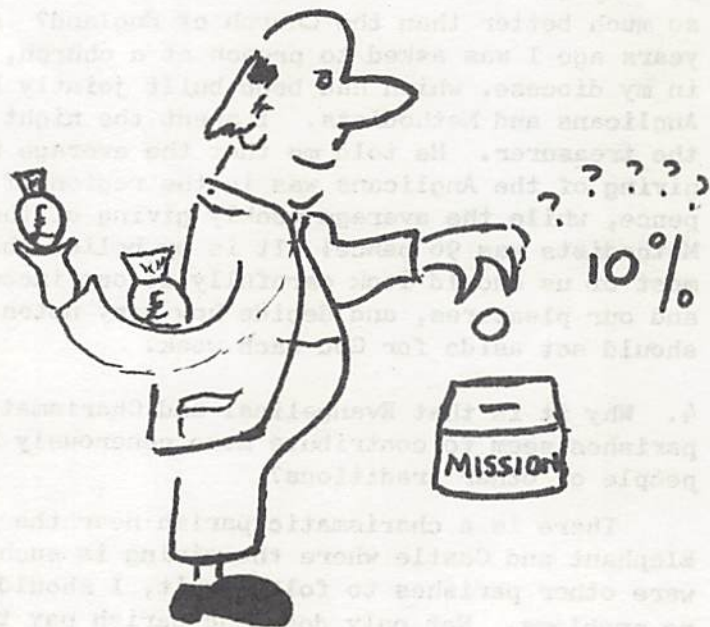
i.e. £4 per week (or nearly)

How does this compare with what we are giving now?

THANK OFFERING

Tithing is merely our duty. The thank offering is over and above that as a response of love and gratitude to God who gives abundantly.

Malachi: 3.10 makes it very clear that blessing is linked to giving. "Bring the full tithes and offerings (tithes and offerings!) into the storehouse and see if I will not pour out a blessing." "At my own Church" continues Michael Baughen, "we have recently been amazed by God's blessing as we have been involved in a reconstruction project. When looking at the giving, there is no doubt that a large proportion of the congregation, young people mainly, have really taken this seriously and have brought full tithes and offerings into the storehouse, and God has given us a blessing that has swamped and staggered us."



By The Bishop

CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME

(From an article by the Bishop of Southwark, Church Times, December 24th, 1976).

"Let's turn to our responsibilities as individual Christians. Here is a list of items for consideration:

1. To what extent do we believe that as stewards we are not owners of our possessions but custodians? In other words, what prompts our giving? Until we have faced this question fearlessly and with integrity we shall get nowhere.

2. To what extent do we look at the problem realistically? Let me explain. I am a financial ignoramus, but I read in The Times that the pound today as compared with the pound in 1914 is worth seven pence. Now supposing we had been alive in 1914, would we have been content with a weekly donation of seven pence?

3. Why is it that the Free Churches seem to do so much better than the Church of England? A few years ago I was asked to preach at a church, not in my diocese, which had been built jointly by Anglicans and Methodists. I spent the night with the treasurer. He told me that the average weekly giving of the Anglicans was in the region of 34 pence, while the average weekly giving of the Methodists was 96 pence! It is my belief that most of us should look carefully at our incomes, and our pleasures, and decide how many notes we should set aside for God each week.

4. Why it is that Evangelical and Charismatic parishes seem to contribute more generously than people of other traditions?

There is a charismatic parish near the Elephant and Castle where the giving is such that, were other parishes to follow suit, I should have no problems. Not only does the parish pay the

salaries of three people above the normal strength, but it contributes most generously to the diocese. I think I know the answer. I was passing the church about midnight and, as the lights were on, I went inside to find out what was happening. I was told they were having a seven-day "pray-in" - all day and all night."

EXPLORING YOUR BIBLE



Genesis 28 v 20-22

Deut. 16 v 27

Malachi 3 v 10

MONEY

Mark 12 v 41-44

Acts 20 v 35

Luke 11 v 42

Poverty and wealth

Some notes of a sermon preached by the Rev. David Green on Harvest Sunday.

2 Corinthians 8:1

The Macedonian Christians were saved. Their great joy in their salvation needed to be expressed. Their method of expressing this joy was in giving.

"The outflow of giving comes from an inflow of the love of Christ. They gave generously although they were extremely poor materially. Those to whom Paul was writing however, were lacking in this overflowing joy. As Paul writes, he bursts forth in praise and thanks to God, the Abundant Giver.

1) Self-giving

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| God's | | |
| Riches | | The grace |
| At | = | of Our Lord |
| Christ's | | Jesus Christ. |
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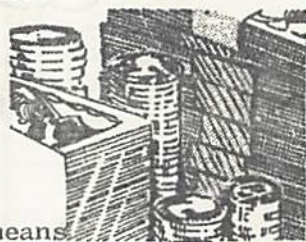
Although He was so rich, yet for our sakes He became poor so that we, through His poverty might become rich. It was for our sakes that He came to die on the cross. And we are called to follow His example. We are called to give ourselves to the Lord. It follows that in giving ourselves, whatever we have in our pockets comes too!



2. Giving what we value and what we need

v. 3 & 4

They gave according to their means and beyond their means.



3) How to give

Gladly!

2 Cor. 9:7 - God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Cor. 8:7 wholeheartedly
Excel in giving!



As our hearts overflow in love for the Lord, we shall be asking how much shall I give - not how little!

We shall then learn to give to the full extent of the need. The heart full of love given, not according to resources but according to need.

4) Experiencing God's resources

His resources are ample and fully capable of supplying all our needs.

David and Irene Green were returning home from furlough earlier this year. For very appropriate reasons, the offer of a home to them was withdrawn. For a long period of time no satisfactory solution appeared to be forth-coming. Ten days before their arrival in England, the Lord prompted a lady to offer her house. Nervously, she enquired, "Is it good enough for you?" It was more than good enough. It was ideal! In offering her own home, she deprived herself of her own needs, going to stay with a friend while the Greens moved in. God's blessings are showered in abundance.

5) Giving is an expression of thanks to God.

Time spent in prayer.

Money as the Lord leads.

Home open to others, perhaps overseas students.

Older people needing help with shopping and decorating.

There are plenty of opportunities for sharing the Lord's grace which He showers on you and me.



Give and it shall be given....



As an Oxford undergraduate in his first year, John Wesley received £30, while his expenses were £28. He gave £2 away. The following year his income was £60 and he gave away £32. The next year he received £90 - and he gave away £62. His account for the fourth year shows that he still spent only £28 on himself and gave all the rest away. Shortly before he died, he said, "For upwards of 86 years I have kept my accounts exactly. I will not attempt it any longer, being satisfied with the continual conviction that I save all I can and give all I can; that is all I have."

The story is told of a farmer who was known for his generous giving. His friends could not understand how he could give so much and yet remain so prosperous. One day a spokesman for his friends decided to get to the bottom of the matter.

"We cannot understand you," he said. "You give away far more than the rest of us and yet you always seem to have more to give."

The farmer smiled, "That's easy to explain," he said. "I keep shovelling into God's bin and God keeps shovelling into mine, but God's got a bigger shovel!"

William Colgate, as a boy, gave a tenth of his income. As his business prospered, he gave two-tenths, rising to five-tenths. Then, when his children were educated, he gave all his income to God. He became a millionaire.



Children's Page



I wonder if a scene like this ever takes place in your house.

Your father comes in from work, opens the door, trips up over something on the floor and finds his legs all tangled up in something else. "Why ever," he roars, "can't you children hang up your satchel and coats when you come in from school?!"

Or perhaps it's mum's turn. The minute she sees you sitting having a quiet dream she says, "Why do you sit there doing nothing? Why don't you go and tidy your room?"

Well, here is the perfect answer. How would you like to enter a competition? Then you will have an excellent excuse for your parents (though maybe you'd better just quickly hang up your school things and give your room just the smallest of tidy-ups).

This is the competition, with two age-groups: 5-7 (inclusive) and 8-11

- i) Write a Christmas carol or poem;
- ii) Write the story of the first Christmas as if you yourself had been there.

Use your own words and it should be your own unaided work.

Please tell Mum and Dad not to make too much fuss about the handwriting and spelling when they peep over your shoulder to see what you are up to.

Please put your name and age on a separate piece of paper pinned to the entry and give it to Irene Offord by November 20th.

P.S. Perhaps parents of the younger group could write out the masterpiece if the child finds it difficult!

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH CHURCH NOTTINGHAM

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SUNDAY SERVICES AND WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

- 10.45 a.m. Morning Worship (Communion 1st & 5th Sunday)
Creche, Sunday School, Explorers, Pathfinders.
5.20 p.m. Hospital Ward Service.
6.30 p.m. Evening Worship (Communion 3rd. Sunday).
Coffee is served in Church after the Service.

Each Week

Parish Fellowship: For Prayer & Study: Tuesdays 8 p.m. Lower Lounge.

Choir Practice: Fridays 7.30 p.m. The Church.

Worship Workshop: Thursdays 8 p.m. Lower Lounge.

Mid-week Lunch: Wednesdays 12.30 - 2 p.m. Lower Lounge.

Fortnightly

House Fellowship

Meetings: Wednesdays & Thursdays 8 p.m.

Women's Fellowship: Mondays 2.30 p.m. Lower Lounge.

Coffee Club: Wednesdays 10.15 a.m.