

LORD,

make me an instrument of Your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
Where there is injury, pardon;
Where there is doubt, faith;
Where there is despair, hope;
Where there is darkness, light, and
Where there is sadness, joy.

O, DIVINE MASTER,

grant that I may not so much
Seek to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive;
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born
to eternal life.

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Our dear Friends,

We were on holiday in Suffolk. The weather was wet! Even so, the little Church in the delightful village where we were staying was ablaze with colour. Villagers and Church members had united to produce a most imaginative and artistic Wild Flower Festival, and with wild flowers gathered from the hedgerows and heath, had reproduced a floral version of the Pilgrim's Progress. It was a fascinating hour, walking around the Church and admiring their work. Then, in the Church Hall, there were displays by the Brownies and Guides and other members of the congregation. How easy it is, we felt, to experience a much-needed feeling of belonging if one lives in a community as compact as that rather remote village near the Suffolk coast. But what is the purpose of a City Centre Church? Is there a future and a purpose for such a ministry? If we did not believe there was a purpose for a Church like ours, we should not be here! Way back in the late Spring, the PCC set aside a Quiet Day to consider the complexities of the ministry of Christian work and fellowship in City centre Nottingham. In the Watmough's lovely home in Leicestershire, we gave ourselves time to "listen to God" about His will for the future of the work here. It seemed, from this time of listening that a three-fold purpose emerged: It seemed that the Church was to be a place where people could come for spiritual refreshment and renewal and not all of these

would be members of the Church. This does seem to be happening. Very frequently these days, we find visitors coming to worship with us as if they were "on holiday" to be refreshed and renewed, so that they can go back to their own demanding situations strengthened. Pray that as a Church we may be equipped to minister to such people. Some small groups in the Church are also seeing this as an important part of their ministry. Coffee Club and the Mid-week lunch have long been places where Christians from other Churches have come to both give and receive and it is exciting to see this two way ministry growing and developing.

A second function which seemed to emerge quite powerfully at the Quiet Day was that of St. Nic's being a place of commissioning. Many of us have important and responsible jobs in the City. The Church is the place where we receive spiritual food (in the form of teaching on Sundays, Tuesdays and in the small groups) but it is also the spiritual home from which we are sent into our secular employment to live and witness for Christ. How many of us "waste" time looking for opportunities to witness for the Lord in our spare time, when He has given us a vital and unique commission in the place where we work. We don't need to look for opportunities, they surround us every day! There seemed to be a warning that this kind of witnessing would be very costly to those who took the challenge seriously, but as the writer to the Hebrews tells us, the suffering we have yet experienced is really minimal when we consider His suffering for us.

Thirdly, the Church was to become a place of "belonging". How? That question may well be asked when we live miles apart and when the congregations are so big it is impossible to know everyone. And yet that feeling of belonging to one another is beginning to take place. Many of us found that in the small groups on Tuesday nights, we belonged to one another in a new way

as we studied together and shared with one another and in most groups, there was real sadness when the time had come to move to another group. The Area Link Groups have also contributed greatly to this feeling of "belonging" and in the Women's Fellowship that feeling grows with each meeting so that when someone is absent they are missed. At this time of year, newcomers will be joining the Church. They seek for somewhere to "belong" in the strange, bewildering city of Nottingham.. Once again, may we ask for sacrificial caring for those who come to us looking for a spiritual home.

Underlying all of the purposes for our fellowship mentioned above, was the assumption that we existed not just for ourselves, but that others might hear the Good News of the Gospel. Two things have thrilled us in recent months: the zeal of some who really want to reach others for the Lord and the spiritual hunger expressed by some who have recently been coming to us. Perhaps the most humbling and exciting thing in the ministry is to encounter someone who is hungrily seeking for God. There are some among us now. Praise God!

It was while we were away on holiday that a letter arrived from the Bishop agreeing to allow Martin and Sue Winbolt-Lewis to work with us here in the parish. For us, this is good news indeed. As we have watched the work expand in every area, under God's guidance, we have found our own tiredness level increasing as the months go by. Even with Anne and Judith's loyal and faithful support we were not coping with the work load. Some time ago, it seemed as if God was indicating that we should consider inviting Martin and Sue to join us and we rejoice deeply that it is now possible to do that. They are no strangers to some of us. Martin did his month "placement" with us when he was a student at St. John's and during that time he lived with us in Maid Marian Way. Some members of the

Women's Fellowship have specially happy memories of Sue. In pouring rain, we visited the home of her parents in Hope only a few days before Sue & Martin's wedding and Sue and her mother calmly entertained us to tea in their lovely home! Right now we are looking for accomodation for them. The Bishop has made it clear that we must support them ourselves as a Church for there is no money available for them from the Diocese. This will mean an increase in giving to the Assistant Ministry Fund. Some are giving to this in a sacrificial way already. If you haven't yet felt it right to contribute, may we ask you to prayerfully consider whether this might be something God would have you to do. Di Bratt is the person to see and all giving to that Fund is entirely confidential. Gifts large and small are always most welcome. We believe that to maintain the growth in the Church at this moment, it is essential to have the sort of help which Martin and Sue can give.

However, the Bishop has made it clear that with the current shortage of Curates, it will not always be possible for us to have a Curate. In fact, when Martin leaves, it is unlikely that he will be replaced by another Curate. To quote the Bishop: "You must have your laity so trained that the Church can cope with only a Rector". This fitted in very much with the thinking of the Staff about the desirability to use many of our gifted lay people more effectively. Twelve men have been invited to meet together on Tuesday evenings, to think through the planning of the Church services and strategy and we hope that they will be used eventually to teach, to minister at some of the services in a variety of ways and gradually be set free to use their gifts to the benefit of all of us. Would you especially remember this group in your prayers.

Many members of the Fellowship have made it their responsibility to pray for the many camps and houseparties being held this summer

and also for the Cambridge mission to Overseas students. I wish you could have travelled with us the other day. We were bringing a car load of teenagers back from a trip to Dertysshire. They had been thrilled by all that they had learned during these summer months. Working in Cambridge and being at houseparties had made a profound effect on them. One of them said: " For me, Christianity has fallen into place this summer. I'm suddenly realising what it is all about." Praise God! Pray for these young people as they go back to their schools and Colleges that they may have the courage to be witnesses and leaders for the Lord there too.

So we move into another busy autumn with its many new opportunities . Reflecting on that well-known and well-loved chapter in 1 Corinthians recently, I have been impressed by the words of Paul : Love.....seeks not her own. (1 Cor.13) As we meet up again, seeking to love one another as the Lord has commanded us to do, maybe each of us could use that phrase as a personal motto. What a difference it would make to the fellowship.

With our love and thanks,

David & Joyce.

LOVE...



SEEKS NOT HER OWN

MRS MATTHEWS

It is with regret that we have to record the recent and unexpected deaths of Mrs Ivy Matthews and Mrs Olive Ursell.

Mrs Matthews died on July 10th in her eighty-fourth year at her daughter's home in Yorkshire. It is six years since she left Nottingham to share in the home, love and comfort of her family but her prayers and thoughts were very frequently with us at St Nicholas' and she kept marvellously up to date with our news by means of letters from her friends here and by receiving the Church Magazine regularly. She loved to return to Nottingham at least once a year to stay with George and Maisie Ingram and to renew old friendships. Members of the Womens Fellowship will recall how much she enjoyed the trip to the Major Oak last year followed by tea in the garden at Tom and Sylvia's. She was so bright and so delighted to be with us all again.

Her late husband, George, was Rector's Warden of St Nicholas' for over twenty years and during that long spell of office, he could always be certain of the full support of his wife in all of his duties. Apart from their love for the Church, they shared a common concern and interest for a local boys' home acting as relief houseparents so that Staff could enjoy days off and holidays.

It was good to know that her illness was so short and that she was surrounded by love and care to the end. Many of her friends in the Church made Sunday 23rd July a special day in her memory by arranging the flowers in Church and it was lovely that some of her relatives from Yorkshire could worship with us that evening.

MRS URSELL

It was characteristic that one of those arranging flowers in memory of Mrs Matthews was Mrs Ursell. It was a great shock to all of us to learn of her death on July 26th. She was a regular member of our Evening congregation and loved to attend Women's Fellowship regularly. She first came to St Nicholas' in the '60's. A friend invited her to come along to a service, she came, liked us and stayed becoming an enthusiastic member of the Basford Home Area Group.

She was a loving, gentle person with great compassion for her neighbours who lived alone. She made time to visit and sit and talk with them and was doing just that only a few hours before she died. She will be greatly missed from our fellowship, since she was greatly loved by all of us. One of our last memories of her will be the sheer delight she expressed while in Derbyshire with the W.F. in July. She loved that walk through the fields and tea in the garden at Holloway not to mention the ice-cream on the way home! Little did we realise that within a few weeks she would suffer a stroke and die so quickly.

Preaching at her funeral, the Rector rightly said: "We have only ever heard good spoken of her". Praying with her on one occasion, God seemed to give us a verse for her containing a promise: "I have written your name on My palm". How that verse brought deep joy and comfort through some of the struggles and disappointments which she bore so bravely. Thank God for the Resurrection and that she is now "with Him" which for her is far better. But the pain for those left behind is intense. Please pray for her family at this difficult time.

from the editor

WHO'S WHO

The magazine is full of information about new people. That is rather symbolic of the life of our Church at this time of year and it brings its own sense of bewilderment and excitement. It used to be the same in Cambridge and each summer I would loudly lament over the numbers who were leaving the fellowship. Our Vicar used to encourage me by saying regularly: "See how good it will be in the autumn when new people come. And they always did, and it was good!"

However, some of us will be remaining and we hope that feels good too! David continues in the Rector's saddle and much of his work this autumn will be heading up the enlarged team of workers. This will take adjustments, so please be patient! Anne Kirwan continues to direct the music of the Church and how very blessed we are to have her expertise in this and other areas. Many, we know, have cause to thank God for Anne's ministry in the Church. Judith returns to us this month after a varied summer and she will soon be immersed in the student work again. It will be good to have her back knowing the ropes and able to give her time to the student congregation. And I hope to continue with the magazine, the Women's Fellowship, counselling and the various other jobs that fall to my lot as Rector's wife. We are all looking forward to having Martin and Sue join us as part of the team. There must be adjustments all round so please surround us and undergird us with your prayers.

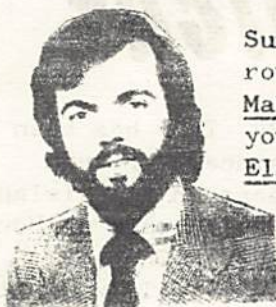
new faces

St. John's College

Among the many new faces which will be appearing in the Church, we hope, in the next few weeks, will be three of special importance. Three students from St. John's will be coming to learn, to worship and to minister with us. They arrive on September 2nd and will be living at no. 30 with the Rectory family for the first ten days. We hope you will get to know them quickly. Roger Simpson will also be working with us: The St. John's Four !

DAVID WIDDOWS

David has only recently returned from Greece where he has been studying for the past year. Our information about him is as yet very sketchy. He will doubtless correct the mistakes and fill in the gaps when he arrives. He has already studied for a couple of years at St John's. He then won a scholarship and has had a fascinating year in Greece, especially studying the methods of ministry in the Greek Orthodox Church. He will bring interesting insights into other methods of worship. This is to be his final year at St John's.



Sunday at 6.20pm in the third row from the back of Church:

Mabel: Who is that mysterious young man out the front again?

Elsie: I've heard tell he's from St. John's, me duck.

Mabel: That explains a lot - funny places those vicar factories!! They're all a bit funny from there.... look at that Roger Simpson fella, he's weird too. What is the Cof E coming to???

Elsie: Calls himself Mark Davies I believe.

Mabel: Dark Mavis?! They're mad as hatters.

Elsie: Oooh Mabel! Here he comes now..... do be careful what you say.

"Hello to Mabel, Elsie and anyone else who's been asking that question: "Who is that mysterious young man?" If I fill you in on a few details now, you can get to know some more

MARK DAVIES

by accosting me and chatting when you see me.

I've been at St John's for two years and am now in my final year of the Bachelor of Theology degree. I hope to find a Curacy for next summer fairly soon. Before I started at St John's, I'd spent some time teaching in a Durham Prep School before I moved to the east End of London. There I lived in the Mayflower Family Centre doing youth and community work in my spare time. By day I was a Social Security Inspector in the city. After 2½ years I came north.

Why choose St Nic's for my final year? Having a particular interest in the areas of healing and worship, St Nic's has an open-ness to growth in those areas which excites me. My main concern is to get to know as many of you

SUE KNIGHT

"Taiwan? Er.... Where is it?" This has been a frequent question put to me since my return home after four and a half years on this island the size of Ireland, located north east of Hong Kong and one hundred miles off the Chinese mainland. The sixty OMF workers in Taiwan help the existing Churches, aiming to stimulate the numerical and spiritual growth of local congregations. We concentrate our forces on three strategic spheres of Church ministry: student, tribal and industrial work.

During my first term of service, I spent two years at Language School learning to speak the Mandarin dialect before combining part-time study with student work. The latter involved helping Church youth groups, and school and College Christian groups affiliated with the Campus Evangelical Fellowship (the equivalent of the UCCF in this country.)

Through contact with students, I realised my need of training to become a more effective counsellor and I am glad, therefore, to have the opportunity to study at St John's for a year. I'm also thrilled to be linked with St Nic's, and through them to the Chinese Church and I look forward to all that the coming months hold.

MARK DAVIES (continued)

as I can as early on as possible. You'll find me in the parish full time in September, so grab me and introduce yourself then. You'll find out for yourself whether or not it's true what they say about St John's !

(Sounds as if it will be an interesting year!
(Ed.)

MARTIN & SUE



Since 1974 when our faces will have been familiar to you in St Nicholas', Sue and I have been in London for 3 years. In June 1975, we went to Christ Church, Highbury, our first Curacy. Here we cut our ministering teeth amidst the pressures and opportunities of inner city life.

We reckon we learnt a lot there, certainly about ourselves and spiritual warfare.

Hannah was born in May last year, the day after I was

admitted to Bart's Hospital with pneumonia! Since February this year, we have been living in St Stephen's Vicarage, East Twickenham, which has been a wonderful experience, not least for the friends and fun Hannah has had. It has been a very supportive fellowship at St Stephen's and Sue has got to know many people there, while I have been able to share in the ministry a little after doing a minicab driving job for a few months. We have been loaned a house in Twickenham for a few months to tide us over the time when our new arrival comes, early in September.

Having looked for a second Curacy since last year, without success, might have had its problems, but we feel the Lord has used the time to teach us more lessons. We have been learning how to trust Him rather than our own arrangements. Time and again He has stepped in when we have been on the brink of disaster, using our helplessness as a spur to faith. We

learnt that even when we don't understand Him we still need to trust Him. It's been hard but thrilling. It now seems so right that we come to St Nic's.

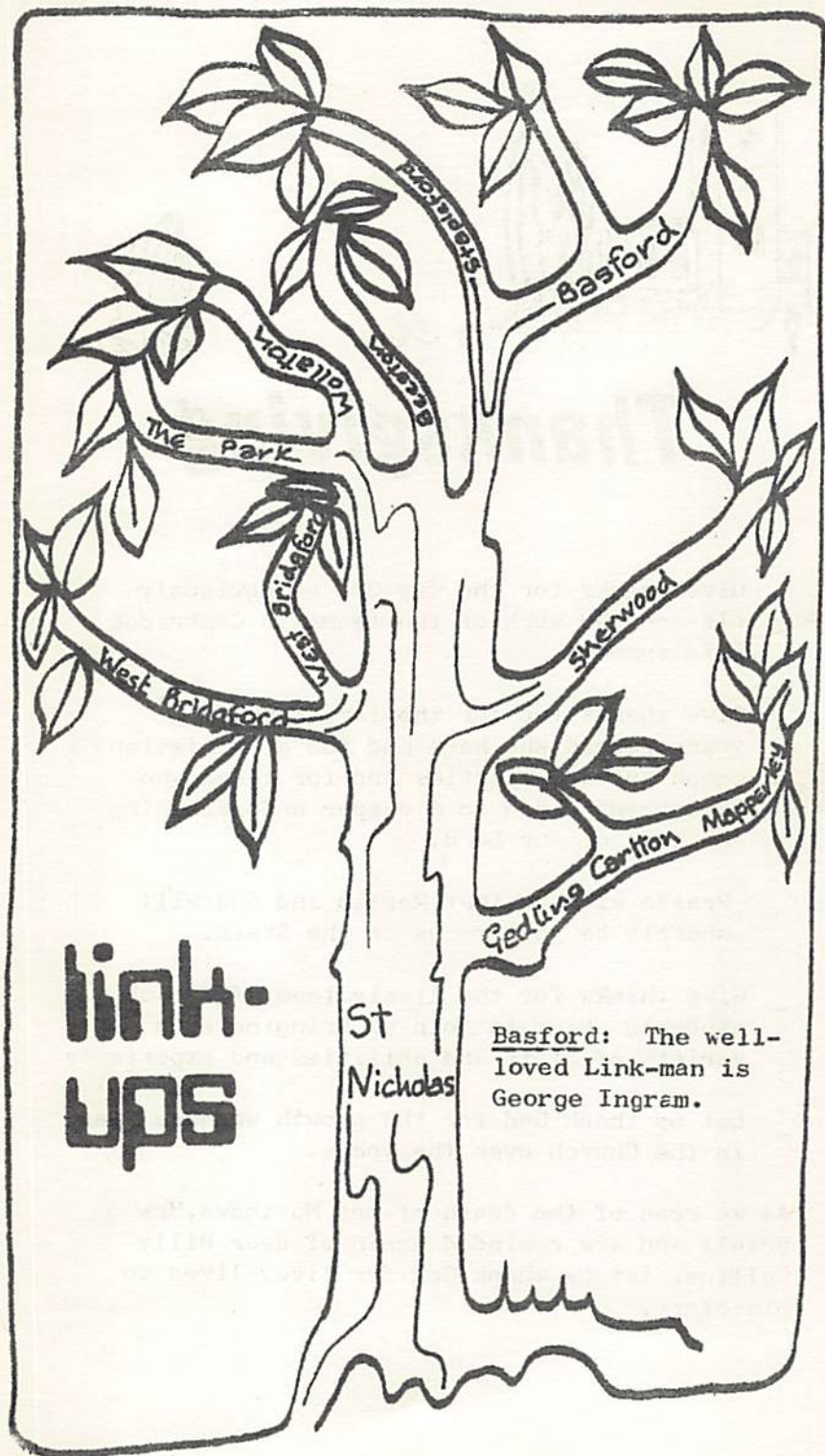
We look forward to what He will do through the Body at St Nicholas'. I am sure it will be costly, but also an adventure and a joy. It will be good to get to know you all once again and for you to get to know us.

BILLY COLLINS

They told me, Billy Collins, they told me
you were dead
They sent me bitter news to hear and bitter
tears to shed
I wept as I rememberd how often you and I
Had tired the sun with talking and sent him
down the sky.

And now thou art lying, my oldest friend
and best
A handful of grey ashes, now gently laid
to rest
Still are thy pleasant voices, thy many tales
awake
For Death, he taketh all away, but these he
cannot take.

The above was sent to us from Singapore by an old friend of Billy's, Major John Long MBE. He had read of Billy's death in St Nicholas News and asked that the above should be published in memory of one whose friendship and companionship meant so much. In a lovely letter, Major Long recalls some of the happy times he spent in the home of Bill and Hilda.



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St
Nicholas

Basford: The well-
loved Link-man is
George Ingram.



For Praise

& Prayer



Thanksgiving

- Give thanks for the way God so obviously blessed the work of the teams in Cambridge this summer
- Give thanks too for the large number of young people who have had fun at Christian camps and houseparties and for those who have been helped to a deeper understanding and love of our Lord.
- Praise with us that Martin and Sue will shortly be joining us on the Staff.
- Give thanks for the lively team of St John's students about to join us bringing such a variety of gifts and abilities and experience
- Let us thank God for the growth we have seen in the Church over the years.

As we read of the death of Mrs Matthews, Mrs Ursell and are reminded again of dear Billy Collins, let us thank God for lives lived to His glory.

PRAYER

- Sept. 2nd: Wedding of George and Jo
Sept. 3rd: St John's students starting today
Sept. 4th: Martin & Sue and Hannah
Sept. 5th: Opening of extended Bluecoat School today.
Sept. 6th: Meeting of Link-men tonight
Sept. 7th: Worship Workshop
Sept. 8th: The Choir and its ministry
Sept. 9th: The bereaved
Sept. 10th: David speaking at a Pathfinder Birthday Service in Chesterfield
Sept. 12th: Staff meeting today.
Sept. 13th: Area Group meetings this autumn
Sept. 14th: Those who are sick
Sept. 15th: Clifton and Poly students returning
Sept. 16th: Nigel and Ruth in their work
Sept. 17th: That we may worship in Spirit and in truth
Sept. 18th: Joyce attending Conference at Swanwick.
Sept. 19th: John Arkell leading Mid-week Lunch meetings this autumn
Sept. 20th: PCC Meeting
Sept. 21st: Coffee Club meetings
Sept. 22nd: Meeting of Ministry Committee
Sept. 23rd: Barry and Anthea in Peru
Sept. 24th: Jack Cooper's Ordination today
Sept. 25th: Staff Quiet Day
Sept. 26th: Mid-week Fellowship meetings
Sept. 27th: DEF Meeting tonight
Sept. 28th: David and Irene Green
Sept. 29th: Lynr and Elaine in Nigeria.
Sept. 30th: Our Harvest Supper.

Afternoon Outing

- Sept. 11th: The Women's Fellowship Outing to Rutland Water.



It was just a year ago that the area groups were set up with a Link-man to coordinate activities. At the last meeting of the Link-men it was generally felt that the experiment had been a good one. Many people appreciated the greater feeling of "belonging" generated by the small groups. Some groups meet regularly for Bible Study now and each group has met from time to time socially. Activities have varied from a Sunday afternoon trip round Old Nottingham to a weekend mini-houseparty at Holloway. I have invited the link-men to disclose some details about themselves so that we are better informed. Few responded to the request for a photograph. I wonder why? Thanks to the brave ones!!

Carlton Area: Paul and Viv Evans (872787)

Paul is a technician for the County Council and has lived in Nottingham all his life. He married Viv in 1975 and has lived in Carlton since. They have one child.

The Carlton area is a very large one also including Arnold, Mapperly, St Anne's, Sneinton and Gedling as well as outlying villages. A Bible Study is held fortnightly in the area plus other social occasions (- one was a splendid tea at Paul and Viv's home. Ed.)



Wollaton and Aspley Area: Gerald and Anne Cook



Gerald write: "Anne and myself are both teachers in Nottinghamshire and have worshipped at St Nicholas' for some eight years now. (They were both students at Clifton Ed.) We have been married for two and a half years." Anne begins a new teaching post this term at the Bluecoat School.

The Wollaton and Aspley area group is now about thirty strong. Over the past year we have enjoyed a regular Bible Study in various homes in the area. We have also joined together to work as a catering team for a parish lunch and enjoyed a picnic with another area group nearby.



West Bridgford Group: Jean Walker and Betty Marlowe.

Jean Walker writes: " I have been married for thirty years and have a family of three, two of whom are married. I share the task of link-man with Betty Marlowe and find this works very well.

(Jean works closely with her husband Gordon, one of the Churchwardens and Betty with her husband Bob, our able Church Treasurer and helper in so many ways. The four of them make a very much used pastoral team in West Bridgford. Ed)

The group comprises between 40-50 people of all ages: students, young married couples, single people and some older folk. We have a regular Bible Study and share social occasions. We also try to help one another in practical ways.



Sherwood Area Group: Pete and Sue Ellis

" We have been married for three and a half years and have lived in Nottingham for most of our lives, apart from a few years in London.

The area comprises Mapperley Park, Sherwood and the area around the City Hospital. One of the aims of the group is for people to get to know one another and feel part of the local area as well as being part of St, Nicholas'. We have a Bible Study at our house (6, Ebury Road, Sherwood) on alternate Thurs. P.S. Peter is a solicitor in Nottingham and Sue is a pharmacist.

"Mushy" Simpson: The Park North group.

"Mushy" is married to Roger Simpson who is one of the St John's students working with us this year. Mushy has a very real ministry of her own. She was a student at St John's herself a few years ago and then worked as part of the Church Staff in Oxford. The area covers the roads at the Derby Road end of The Park and also includes Derby Road itself. There is a good group spirit and they have met for various social activities.

"Pippy"McEwen: The Park East group

"Pippy", trained in dentistry is the link-man for families with older children living in The Park. There have been some social activities and the teenagers meet in the Youth group on Sunday evenings.

("Mushy" and "Pippy" were absent when the request for information was given so they have not been able to speak for themselves !)



The Park Central: Di Bratt

The group is mainly centred on an area of The Park stretching from the Lenton Road roundabout to the southern circus. All The Park groups meet for Bible Study once a fortnight rotating between some of the houses in the area. In addition, there have been occasional times when we have met socially. The group largely consists of young single people and there is also the opportunity to meet for walks or theatre trips. Di is a Probation Officer in a small town outside the city and has been a member of St Nicholas' for a number of years.

The Park South: Tom and Kathleen Robinson

Tom is a well-loved lay reader and has been a member of St Nicholas' for a number of years. He is well supported by his wife Kathleen, a member of the Choir and the Women's Fellowship. The group caters for those in the south-west corner of The Park. There have been some most enjoyable social gatherings in recent months.

(Tom and Kathleen celebrate their Ruby Wedding Anniversary this year)

Stapleford Area Group :Deirdre Offord

Deirdre Offord lives in Stapleford with her husband, Martyn and their two young daughters. She has been worshipping at St Nicholas' since coming to Nottingham in 1971 and finds that her commitments in the Church, the care of her family and a part-time job with the Social Services occupy her fully. Her area group covers part of Beeston, Bramcote and Stapleford. Being so far from the centre of Nottingham, the group is quite small. We meet monthly for Bible Study.



I am always most grateful
to receive snippets of
news for these pages.
(Editor)

Family Pages

This month we say a temporary goodby to Helen Wright who goes south on September 7th to begin training at St. Loyes College Occupational School in Exeter. Her term begins on Sept. 11th and she would value prayer as she goes off.

Meanwhile Frank Wright has been appointed as a Magistrate in the city and we offer him our congratulations.

Andy and Jenny Skinner will be leaving us shortly to continue their training. They will be living in Derbyshire, so doubtless we shall see them from time to time. They will be missed from the Park Bible Study Group and also by the Christian Medical Fellowship where both have made valuable contributions.

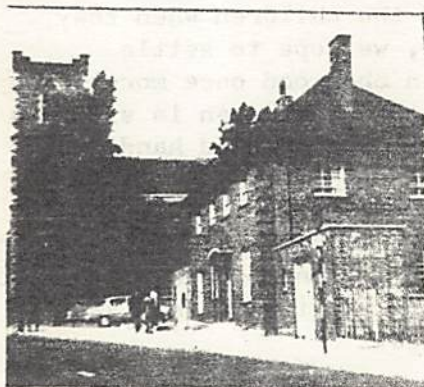
David and Helen Bent also leave us within a few days. David has an appointment in Banbury. They have only been with us for a year but have very quickly felt part of the fellowship and we shall miss them on Tuesdays. They will also be missed by the West Bridford group. Helen has frequently ministered to us with her lovely voice and it is fitting that her "Swan song" should be sung at George and Jo's wedding!

Congratulations On baby's arrival



Paul and Viv Evans have a beautiful daughter. They would like to thank many of their friends for prayers, cards and gifts. It was lovely to see the whole Evans family in Church in August. While mentioning Paul, he is no longer on the PCC as stated erroneously in a recent magazine.

Another baby to arrive recently is little Elvin Lam. His parents, Khee Poh and Chooey are members of the Chinese fellowship and will be moving into the Old Rectory shortly.



There will be more changes at the Old Rectory this month. Chris and Steve move out to a house in Sneinton and some of the Chinese Christians move in. It is lovely to have so many of the Chinese fellowship worshipping with us

and fitting that some should take up residence so near to the Church.

Those who attended the last Coffee Morning at the home of Hilda Wood will want to be present at the COFFEE AND FELLOWSHIP MORNING which she is busily planning for Thursday September 28th from 10.0am - 12.30pm.



There will be a Bring and Buy Stall and all gifts will be greatly appreciated. Proceeds will go in support of the Leprosy Mission and Cancer Research. All will be most welcome at:

21, Shortwood Close, Canal Street.

Home...

While we have been saying farewell to so many of the fellowship, one family have been eagerly preparing

to come home. Many of us look forward to meeting Mike and Anne Oldak and the children when they arrive back from Zambia, we hope to settle happily in their home in Sherwood once more. They will be pleased to see that their van is still in the fellowship, though it has changed hands more than once!

Kat Dolbear and Andrew were married in St. Leonard's Church Exeter this summer. Anne Kirwan played the organ. The Huggetts were married in that same Church eighteen years ago!

Apologies from the Editor for omitting one name from the list of those confirmed by the Bishop of Sherwood recently. Despite an injury to his ankle, Tony Field was able to limp to his Confirmation. It is so good to have Tony singing in the choir each week.



GREECE

A few minutes before the magazine went for duplication, this letter arrived from David Widdows.

"I'm in my third year at St John's and intend to be ordained next summer. This year I have had a break from College to broaden my experience slightly. I have spent most of it studying in North

Greece. I had a kind of exchange scholarship to get to know the Eastern Orthodox Church. This involved living in an Orthodox monastery for nearly six months and a little travelling. It all sounds rather bizarre, but I found the whole thing really amazing. I found a lot of Orthodoxy hard to cope with, but was very aware of God's help in understanding it. He also gave all kinds of unexpected things in terms of fellowship, friends, prayer and reading etc. I hope, too, that that He was able to use me.

Since getting back to England, I have spent two interesting months working as a filing clerk in an insurance office in London.

Oh yes! Before going to St John's, I did a Classics degree at Oxford, which meant I was able to learn Modern Greek a bit more easily and appreciate the country. It was a great experience being a "stupid" foreigner for a change!

Tomorrow I'm off to lead a Houseparty in Wales!

ST NICHOLAS WORLD



Over the years, a number of people from St Nicholas' have been accepted for full-time service overseas. It is both our duty and our privilege to share the work with them in prayer. Many individuals have accepted that responsibility and pray quietly on their own. Some like to meet together from time to time to support our friends prayerfully. On Sundays and on Tuesdays, they are frequently mentioned. Those who are new to the fellowship might find it helpful to know who works where.

WHO'S WHERE?



Lynn & Elaine

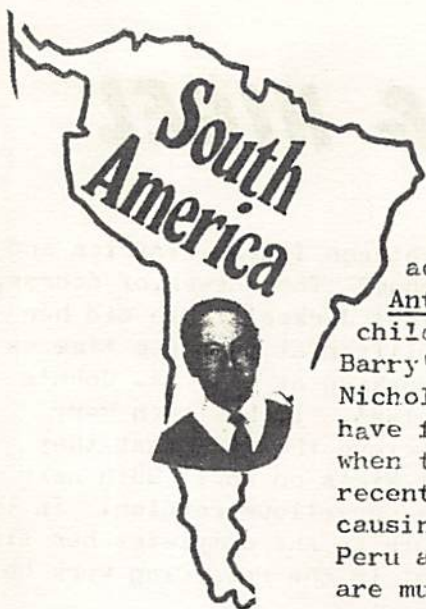
Lynn and Elaine Failing are an American couple who worshipped with us while Lynn was doing post-graduate studies at the University. Elaine was our first Parish Secretary

They are now working in Nigeria

HELEN TAYLOR

has just returned from Burundi where she was teaching

a variety of subjects. She is feeling that it might be right to return to Burundi in the future so in October she will start a year of training at All Nations College.



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Arequipa
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The above is the address of Barry and Anthea Harrison and their children, Judi and Claire. Barry's home Church is St. Nicholas' and it was good to have fellowship with them when they were on furlough recently. Inflation is causing much hardship in Peru at the moment and they are much in need of our prayers and help.

DAVID GREEN



David and Irene Green have just returned with their family to Nairobi. They have many adjustments to make and need our prayers.

RUTH & NIGEL

What is the link between India, S.Africa and St. Nicholas' Nottingham? The answer, of course, is Ruth Smales and Nigel Jukes! Ruth did her teacher training at Clifton at the same time as Nigel was a student working at both St. John's College and St. Nicholas'. It has been very exciting for us to receive the news that they hope to married in St.Nic's on April 28th next year. That will be a marvellous reunion! In the meantime, pray for Ruth as she completes her time in India and for Nigel in the rewarding work he is doing in Natal

Other Missionary news:

TEAR FUND: The jar for halfpennies has recently been emptied. Contents: £14.50. Thanks to Mark Fayers who grappled with the counting!

BRITISH AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY: At the moment the Church is buying three Bibles a month as part of the EFES Bible-a-month scheme. Individual contributors to the scheme are also welcome. The cost is £1.50 a month.



TEAR FUND CATALOGUE: is now available showing a wide variety of attractive gifts for sale. This is a marvellous way to do your Christmas shopping, avoiding the rush of shops and at the same time helping needy people in third-world countries. The colourful new catalogue may be seen on the display board at the back of Church where you will also find up-to-date information about all of the missionaries mentioned in this edition

THINK AHEAD!



Autumn can be a time for new beginnings. As you take up your diary once again, it might be helpful to see at a glance what is happening at St. Nicholas'.



- 10.45am Morning Worship.
(with group activities
for children)
- 5.20pm Hospital Ward Service
- 6.30pm Evening Worship
Coffee is served after
the Evening service.

MONDAY

Women's Fellowship meets fortnightly in the Lower Lounge at 2.30pm. Meetings begin again with an outing on September 11th.



The Parish Fellowship meets each week in the Church Halls at 7.45pm. Various groups are planned for the autumn: teaching on the basics of the Christian faith; teaching on Christian leadership as well as group Bible Studies. The first part of the evening is spent in groups. At 8.30pm we come together for prayer and praise. It would be appreciated if you could make this meeting top priority in your diary. We grow together as we pray together.



WEDNESDAY

Coffee Club meetings

are fortnightly.

This is an excellent opportunity for young mums to come together for fellowship. There is a Creche for the tiny ones - growing rapidly! The time is 10.15am and the place: 9, Lenton Road, The Park.

The Mid-week Lunch takes place each Wednesday in the Lower Lounge. Soup, rolls and cheese are served from 12.30pm. At 1.0pm there is a talk or discussion on some aspect of the Christian Faith. If you work in the city or do your shopping there on Wednesdays you will be most welcome. John Arkell will be leading this important work in the autumn.

Some Area Group Bible studies meet at 8.0pm on Wednesdays

THURSDAY

Other Area groups meet for Eible Study

on Thursdays. Details of time and place are to be found on the notice board at the back of Church.

Worship Workshop meet each Thursday in the Lower Lounge for fellowship, prayer and practice. If you are an instrumentalist or if you enjoy singing could it be that your gifts could be used for God in this group? Anne Kirwan would be pleased to talk to you about the ministry which the group is enjoying.



The Choir practice in the Church at 7.30pm each Friday. There are vacancies for men and women. Again, Anne Kirwan is the person to see.

PARISH NOTICES

Harvest WEEKEND



Decoration of the Church:
Saturday, Sept. 30th from 9.0am
All help greatly appreciated.



Harvest Supper: 7.30pm Church Hall
Saturday, September 30th.

Thanksgiving



Thanksgiving Services: October 1st
Preacher: The Rev. Martin Winbolt-Lewis.

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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: Tuesday 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.

