



Oh, that men would praise the Lord for His goodness,
and for His wonderful works to the children of men.

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Our dear Friends,

Just before going away together in August, we celebrated the 6th Anniversary of our arrival in Nottingham, memorable because it also happens to be our wedding anniversary. Sitting here in the mountains and walking in the garden of God's wonderful and varied creation, we have been reflecting on His goodness to us as a parish. Paul wrote to the Ephesians on one occasion:- "We, who stand before Him, are covered with His love . . ." an apt description of how it has been for us all in recent years. We have seen growth in every area numerically; many of us are slowly coming into a deeper knowledge and experience of the mysteries of the things of God: still others have come into an experience of God's healing emotionally or physically; countless others, and maybe we shall never know just how many, have come into a personal knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ, for the first time; the movement towards shared ministry as the staff team has expanded to enrich our lives; an increase in giving which equals dedication and sacrifice; the ever-increasing willingness of members of the fellowship to use their gifts. As we write this in burning continental sunshine, we are thinking of the group on holiday in Thwing planned and organised completely without us, and all the better for that we've no doubt! Covered with His love indeed! Amazing love! This autumn, the Women's Fellowship will be looking together at some aspects of that love: its tenderness; its vastness; its cleansing; its protective qualities. What does the love of God mean to you? It's well worth reflecting.

As we have been listening to God for our work for the coming year, one of our Lord's commands comes back continuously and authoritatively.

"This is my commandment that you love one another, as I have loved you."

We sing that so often. We say it so often. Have we begun to understand what it means? Talking to a non-Churchgoer recently, he accused the Church of speaking far too much about "love". If we truly love one another this autumn, what might that mean in practical terms? "Husbands; Love your wives." - it's as basic as that. Starting at home, "Love your neighbour as yourself". We show love to ourselves by eating, washing, taking exercise, gaining fulfillment in one way or another. Are we loving our neighbour in the fellowship like that? Love is always patient and kind; it is never jealous ... never rude or selfish ... does not take offence and is not resentful. (1 Cor 13).

Is that our attitude of mind as we thank of one another? "Oh! Help!" We may well stand covered with His love, but in the area of allowing that love to overflow to one another, we all wear large 'L' plates. Let's move into the autumn resolved to attempt to obey our Lord's command.

"Love one another as I have loved you".

This month we greatly look forward to Mike Marshall joining us on the staff. Mike and Josie are already much appreciated members of the fellowship and it has been deeply moving for us to watch them move towards taking the sacrificial step of giving up a well-paid and fulfilling job to come to serve us. They will need our prayers support and appreciation in these early months. Those are ways that we can love them.

We also look forward to Peter and David and Julia joining us from St. John's. They will be

living in the parish for a month before their official term begins. September is the best time to get to know them, so please invite them for meals, coffee etc., and be patient as they try to learn some of our names! They will be living with us in Barrack Lane and may be contacted there.

Rejoicing in His undeserved love as we launch into the autumn together.

David & Joyce

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OBLESSED JESUS.

Give me stillness of soul in Thee,
let Thy mighty calmness rule in me.
Rule me, O Thou King of gentleness,
King of Peace. Give me control
great power of self-control, control
over my thoughts, words actions,

from all irritability,

want of meekness,

want of gentleness

Dear Lord deliver me.

By Thine own deep patience,

give me patience,

Stillness of soul in Thee.

Make me in this and in all,
more and more like Thee.

St. John of the Cross



ST NICHOLAS MISSIONARY WORLD

WHO'S WHERE?

We at St Nicholas support several individual missionaries in addition to a number of societies. A missionary committee meets regularly under the chairmanship of Malcolm Offord to discuss the most appropriate ways of fulfilling our missionary commitments and of keeping the congregation up-to-date with relevant information and prayer needs. More detailed information is to be found at the back of Church on the notice board.

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Barry and Anthea Harrison are working with the Evangelical Union of South America.

DAVID AND IRENE GREEN are working in Nairobi with the Church Missionary Society.

LYN AND ELAINE FAILING are also with CMS in Nigeria

FAY RUMLEY works in S.W. Uganda also with CMS

NIGEL AND RUTH JUCKES are in the ministry in Natal, South Africa.

HELEN TAYLOR is on furlough, working in Harlow preparing for her marriage to a fellow missionary before returning

to the mission field.



Helen writes.....

"What! - still here!" many of you might be asking.....Y es, I am! - but now much clearer about plans for my return to Africa, as this last month I have become engaged to a fellow missionary working in Kampala, Uganda. Dr John Davies, another Ruanda Missionite, is at present Acting Superintendent of Mengo Hospital having worked for several years at Kisiisi Hospital in the Kigezi district of Uganda. We met last November at the Mission's Novemembr Conference, have corresponded since and finally were able to discuss plans for our future life together this summer during John's month's stay in U.K. We are both praising the Lord very much for His over-ruling of the situation and His clear guidance of each of us towards this step. John returned to Kampala last week. His tour doesn't end until next February/March and we are planning towards a wedding soon after he arrives home then. Thereafter we hope to return together to Kampala.

Many loving greetings to you all,

Helen





Apartado 97,
Arequipa,
Peru.

31st July 1979

Dear David and Joyce,

Please excuse the typescript - it is more legible than my handwriting, at least!

This is really just to thank you both and all the folk at St. Nick's for the very generous gift which you sent to us back in June and which, due to the usual delays in transferring money to Peru from Britain, has just arrived - at a very much better exchange rate than if it had come more quickly, so as usual all things 'worked together'! We are using the money for a variety of causes - some new clothes for us all (after twenty months back, the things we bought in England are beginning to wear), track suits for the girls for their gymnastics lessons and various odds and ends: the rest we are using for helping finance the Night Bible Institute in the way of providing more books for the library (the ordinary running on the Institute more or less pays its way), some more cash invested in the production of simple booklets for teaching in the country churches (around 700 booklets are now in use on the subjects of 'Baptism', 'The Elder', 'Giving' and 'Personal Evangelism'), and some help to the initiating of a Women's Bible School here in September (Anthea has written more about that in her note) and an injection of money to our 'Poor Fund' as the poor are always with us and in even greater numbers these days amidst the inflation and incessant strikes. It is amazing how far a pound sterling will stretch here - we ourselves want for nothing, of course, anyway. So do express our thanks to all the congregation.

Most of our other news is contained in the last prayer letter and there is little new to add

- the Night Bible Institute starts a new term tomorrow, we will be away at the weekend, hopefully sorting out problems in a church in the desert, and in the midst of the meetings receiving all comers to our home. We do remember you all in our prayers and manage to keep up with the news via the magazine and Tony and Janet. If you have any particular personal needs you would like us to pray about, then do let us know too.

With our love and prayers,

In Him,

Barry and Anthea.

ELDERS
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On September 23rd the newly appointed Elders will be commissioned to begin their new ministry. The five who have been chosen as our first Elders are:

Bob Marlowe

Gordon Walker

Gerald Cook

Martin Winbolt-Lewis

David Huggett.

Bob, Gordon and Gerald write to introduce themselves.....

Gerald.....

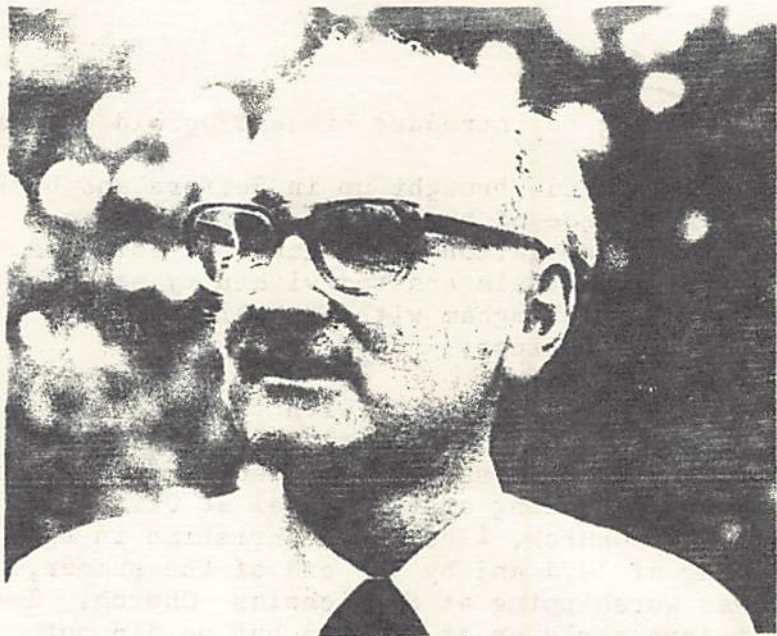
In writing to introduce himself Gerald writes:

I was born and brought up in Bedford and between the experience of the warmth of friendship amongst Congregationalists and the coldness of certain rituals enacted within my school, I came to Nottingham with agnostic if not atheistic leanings.

I had come to Nottingham with the somewhat idealistic ambition of becoming a teacher. Through the witness of young people at College and the preaching of the gospel at Clifton Baptist Church, I became a Christian in the Spring of 1971 and by the end of the summer, I was worshipping at St Nicholas Church. I met Anne early on at Clifton but we did not "date" until some years later and we got married in 1976, moving to Wollaton the same year.

I taught maths for two years in Hyson Green before moving to Selston (near Swanwick) to teach R.E. Over the years at the Church I have been involved in running Pathfinders, a group for young people called "After Eight" and and the Wollaton Link Group. I have also been on the PCC for some time now. Although one is best remembered for one's association with such groups, I like to think that my biggest contribution over these years has been in personal work with individuals.





Gordon Walker

Being Nottingham born and bred, my roots are well and truly deep within the City itself. Prior to World War 2 I worked in a street adjacent to Castle Gate intending to make a career in the tailoring trade; but after five years in the R.A.F., I felt called to service with people rather than materials and thus started my life as a teacher (I am at present deputy head of a City Primary School).

Crusaders have played an important part in my life, and I have much for which to be grateful to the organisation, having become a Christian at a Crusader Camp. Later I was a leader in three of the local classes before resigning a few years ago.

It is nearly twenty years since Jean and I joined St. Nicholas' Church together with our three children (it wasn't called 'St. Nick's' in those days!), and in that time under four different Rectors have seen the church grow in different ways.

For the last fifteen years I have been one of the churchwardens, which office will have to be vacated in the near future in order to serve as an Elder.

Bob Marlowe

Although born in Wales, my roots are very much embedded in Nottingham - or more precisely, West Bridgford - because I have lived and worked there for most of my school and career years. Apart from four years army service in such far-flung corners of the empire as Lincoln and York, I was employed by the County Council until the re-organisation of local government and the health service in 1974, and since then by the Area Health Authority as Assistant Area Administrator. After an initial five years stint travelling daily to Mansfield, the Authority's offices are now in the former Children's Hospital.

Betty and I commenced worshipping at St. Nicholas' in 1960, with the encouragement of Russell and Elizabeth Forryan, both now sadly passed away, and mainly because of the Sunday teaching opportunities for Claire, and Licie who came along a little later. We have seen a fair bit of development in that time and, hopefully, we have grown with the Church in all respects. My background was really Methodist and Betty's High Anglican, and I suppose that St. Nicholas' was, at that time, a nice compromise.

I can point to no dramatic incident in my commitment to Christ - more of an absorption, typified by the phrase in Series 3 Communion - "With Him and in Him and through Him" which is a current meditation for me. Our Family attendance at a Fountain Trust Conference in Ripon in 1972 was especially significant as 'Baptism in the Spirit' became a reality.

Claire's recent wedding has in a way marked the end of a chapter of our St. Nicholas' life,

and the love and support of so many of the fellowship made that a truly memorable day for us.

My ten years as P.C.C. Treasurer are also now probably drawing to a close and I count it as a real privilege to have been involved in the financial affairs of the Church at such an exciting time of growth.

I look forward with very keen anticipation to all that I am sure the Lord has to unfold for us all in 'the next chapter'.



David and Martin Winbolt-Lewis are also to be Elders. There is no space this month to allow them to introduce themselves, maybe a treat in store for future editions of the magazine.



This is the month when we look forward to welcoming many newcomers to the Church of all nationalities. We also welcome Mike Marshall to the Staff, three St John's students, and the beginning of new activities as the autumn programme gets under way. The following pages are an introduction to new people. You will also find details of many of the activities which we hope will take place.



'Thankyou' Jo-Anna and George would like to thank their friends at St. Nic's for all the kindness and caring during the last nine months.

Stephen is a happy baby and progressing well.

Wanted...

Wanted An upright vacuum cleaner for use in the Chancel, one that would be kind to a new carpet.

Contact Gordon Walker if you can help.



Self Portrait!

So what now? A frequent question from all of us, asked of the Lord in times of decision, or times of change. Very often our minds are prejudiced, we have already decided what the Lord is going to do with us, and are frustrated when it doesn't work out that way. Probably it is so much wiser 'to get on with the job', waiting on Him in simple obedience.

April of this year found Rosemary and myself restless, with a house in Lenton close to the church, my Job was in Derby. Things weren't tidy. Although I had had a very good five years at my school, both in the department and the christian union, it seemed that the time was right to pull things together a bit, to centralize committments. We prayed and began looking for posts in Nottingham. Despite several openings, and the 'neatness' of some of them, nothing came up. Couldn't the Lord see how much better it would be?, how much more efficient? Maybe, we felt, we were missing His leading. Perhaps we ought not to be in Nottingham at all. Consequently, I applied for two attractive Jobs outside Nottingham, one in Solihull and one in Birkhamstead. I was offered one of these Jobs, and two days after turning it down, was contacted for interview for the second, which I declined. We were left more than a little confused. Turning the Jobs down had been done on the very subjective

basis of 'It didn't feel right', and taught us very little except that we needed to think things through a bit more clearly, and that despite lack of a job, Nottingham seemed to be the right place.

How often when the Lord reveals his hand, does everything fall into place. What before had seemed obscure, now becomes clear. Two weeks before it was necessary to hand in a resignation, David asked if I would consider going on the staff of St. Nicholas. Somebody once told me that the Lord had never asked him to make any big decisions. It was the same here with us. A big step maybe, but to take that step was a natural and easy progression for us at this time in our lives. With the sanction of the P.C.C. we went ahead, and with a certain amount of consternation at school my resignation was handed in on the contractual deadline.

The way ahead is not particularly clear, though I am very excited about the prospects for next year. The brief for the Job is to stimulate and promote outreach from the church. I see my role as being one of initiation, and co-ordination of evangelistic endeavour from the body of the church, so get ready! I don't see myself as a 'one man band' evangelist. At the moment, Rosemary will continue to work at her three-day-a-week Job as a social worker, a lot of thought needs to be put into how and where she fits in with what I will be doing, a lot of adjustment is needed here, so please pray.

We have had, and have, fears in plenty. But fear is an absence of faith. We would appeal for your prayers particularly for the faith to trust that the Lord who leads so clearly, can only lead wisely.

Mike Marshall.



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Peter
Mott.

A week after I went up to Cambridge University, I was dragged along to the Freshers' Sermon where I was converted from Churchgoing to Christianity. After a degree in Botany, I went on to Dundee University to do a PhD on a bog. (See picture above by Barry Penn). I then went out to Botswana, in southern Africa for four years to lecture in biology. It was while I was there that I was called to the ordained ministry. I feel I have returned as a missionary to England!

If I had known while I was in Cambridge that I was to get ordained, I would not have gone via Dundee and Botswana, but looking back I can see I learnt many things they never teach in a theological College. I think the most important lesson was how much of the way I express my faith is simply because I am British. The Africans expressed their faith very differently, and yet we both loved the same Lord. It is not that one expression was better than the other, just different. But I

do believe the African Church can teach us a thing or two about worship and fellowship.

I do not regret giving up my botany; people are even more interesting than plants. I do not approve of congregations that act like rows of cabbages! That is one reason why I am looking forward to coming to St Nic's in September.



David
Cutts

St Nicholas is a Church name which always brings back happy memories for me since I worshipped at a Church of that name when I was a student at Durham University. In 1973 I graduated with a mathematics degree, having spent three very happy and fruitful years there. It was particularly the influence of the Christian Union and also the Church which helped me to develop as a Christian. After that I got down to some real work(!), taking a management post with the Post Office on the telecommunications side. This has proved to be valuable experience

My two years at St John's have been spent taking the B.A. in Theology at the University and I am now looking forward to spending my last year before ordination on a more pastorally

orientated course (the Diploma in Pastoral Studies). I am therefore grateful for this opportunity to undertake my placement at St Nic's and hope I will be able to contribute something in return for all that I shall receive.

To give you some idea of what I am interested in, my hobbies are fairly typical:

Sport: I attempt to play rugby for the College

Reading: when I have the time

Music: guitar and piano

Photography

and the great Clergy pastime: RAILWAYS!

Peter and David will be living in the parish for the whole of the month of September. That is an excellent time for them to come for coffee, lunch, tea or supper. Do try to get to know them during that time when they are more free. They will both be working with us for the next seven months. We look forward to receiving what God has to teach us through them. Meanwhile pray for them as they prepare to join us in the life of the fellowship. How God has enriched our lives in the past through our St John's students. As we pray for them He will do that once more.

As we go to press, we learn that Julia Popp, also from St John's will be joining us in September. We look forward to having her with us enormously. More news of her later!



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Robin.

Area Link Groups

At present there are seven area groups, covering all parts of the city, and each led by one or more linkmen. Activities vary, as the following reports will show, but their aims are to generate a feeling of 'belonging' (more possible in a small group), to worship, pray and study together, and to create a basis for practical help (e.g. lifts, baby-sitting, etc.) for Christian fellowship, for welcoming newcomers and for evangelistic outreach. Each of the linkmen has been asked to contribute a brief description of themselves and of the way their group has been functioning (three of the groups have new leaders from this month).



The Park Group was rejuvenated in May, and has met fortnightly for Bible study. We have been looking into our role as a link group and seeking a vision for our position in the local community. Our theme of 'salt' and 'light' has helped to shape our thinking. This session we will study the book of Ruth, as well as ten-pin bowling (5th Sept.) and a student tea (14th Oct.) The group is co-ordinated by : Anne Kirwan, (op.cit!); Irene Offord, a conscientious house'worker'; and Robin Scott, a school teacher.



Wollaton and Aspley Area Group - Peter and Sue Ellis

Peter and Sue have only recently moved into this area but have been members of St. Nicholas' Church for over 3 years. They follow on from Gerald and Anne Cooke as leaders, or perhaps more accurately as co-ordinators. The members of the group span a wide age range and include students, young couples, single people and families. We hope to continue the flourishing Bible study which will be held fortnightly on either Wednesday or Thursday evenings - whichever is the more favoured evening. 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'.

Lenton Group

Previously led by Mushy and Roger, quite a few changes this year. Nothing as yet planned - hope to get going in September. In the past, weekends away with each other have been a fruitful activity. I hope we can continue this. Not as yet had a regular weekly meeting - More used to meeting approximately monthly for various events. This is flexible depending on the needs and other commitments of the group members. Policy will probably be reviewed in September.

Arnold and Sherwood Group

The area boundaries in the north west of the city have recently needed to be re-drawn, so that all those living north of a line approximately represented by Woodborough Road and Plains Road, will probably belong to this area, which will be quite extensive geographically. Time will tell how this will work out in practice! The original leaders of the Sherwood group, Pete and Sue Ellis, have recently moved to Wollaton (See Wollaton Group for their next assignment!), and the new leaders of this whole N.W. area will be John and Wendy Sayers (20, Mowbray Rise, Arnold - Tel: 261023) and Ros Richardson, who has very recently moved to 15 Newton Close, Arnold (Tel:262185). As Wendy is expecting their first baby very soon, the Sayers will not be able to be active in the group for a couple of months, so any enquiries for the present to Ros please! Ros is working at the City Hospital, while John and Wendy are doctor and nurse respectively and returned a year ago from work with TEAR Fund in Bangladesh. John is at present working in the casualty department of the University Hospital.

CARLTON AREA GROUP



The Carlton Group covers most places to the East of the City Centre. We meet fortnightly on Wednesdays throughout the year for Bible Study and prayer. We are learning to share and pray together and to be a support to one another. We feel that "belonging" is important, and we try to encourage members to give to each other and meet the needs of one another. Not all St Nicholas' people who live in the area come to the meetings, which usually have about 8 - 12 people, but we like to keep in touch with everyone and try to care for the sick and elderly in the area.

We have recently enjoyed a picnic together, an evening bowling, and some of us have attempted gardening....."Is this a weed or a flower?" We have also shared a home Communion during one of our Wednesdays and are considering a meal together later in the year. We encourage people to get to know one another by occasionally circulating up-dated address lists.

Meetings usually alternate between the home of Paul and Viv Evans in Carlton(See photo above) and that of Ian and Cathy Pullinger in Sneinton. The venue and date of the next meeting is usually on the board at the back of Church.

PAUL AND VIV EVANS ARE THE LINK MEN.

WEST BRIDGFORD AREA GROUP

Jean and I have been asked to write a short report about the Link Group. The groups are just entering upon their third year and we feel the intention for which they were formed ie linking people together so that in practical ways we can meet each other's needs ourselves taking the initiative, is being established in the West Bridgford group. West Bridgford is a geographically large area and we have groups of people living on the perimeter as well as people in the Meadows and villages south of the Trent. As Jean and I are not car drivers, we asked Debbie Watmough if she would keep in touch with the village people which she kindly agreed to do.

The Bible Study group which meets alternate Thursdays in various homes and which was started a long time before the link groups were formed attracts 10/12 people and, because we meet regularly and have got to know one another, there is growing open-ness between us.

From the Bible Study group sprang the desire to have an agape meal which we have had on several occasions and at which we were joined by people who are not able to come to the regular Thursday meetings.

Anyone in the area who is free on Thursday evenings is most welcome to join us for a time of Bible Study and prayer. The places of the meetings are always put on the board at the back of Church.

We have had informal teas/coffee occasions together. We have also had barbecues(very popular) at Gordon and Jean's home. The barbecued food cooked by Gordon. The picnic we managed this year was on a very wet Sunday, but everyone who came enjoyed it.

We tried a record evening and discovered that people principally like to talk (!) and so , in order that this need can be met, and also to introduce the newcomers who come in at this time of year, we are planning two coffee evenings in the near future.

Betty Marlowe.



Betty was born and bred in Nottingham meeting Bob while she was working as a shorthand typist with Notts County Council. They were married in 1949 and have two daughters. Jean, co-link-man has been married to Gordon for 32 years during which time they have lived in West Bridgford. Jean, a country lover was born in Argyllshire in Scotland but served in the WRAF in the war as a shorthand typist. A Presbyterian by up-bringing, Jean found it difficult at first to adjust to Prayer Book services, but writes: "The ministry at St Nicholas' has enriched my life spiritually and taught me so much that I hadn't grasped previously." Gordon and Jean have one daughter, Pam, and two married sons who both live in Nottingham. Ian and his wife Liz live in Sandiacre and Tony and Kath live in Bramcote.



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SUNDAY SERVICES AND WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

- 10.45am Morning Worship with Series 111 Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday of the month
- 6.30pm Evening Worship with Holy Communion (Series 111) on the 3rd and 5th Sundays in the month.

Coffee is served in Church after the Evening Service.

Sunday School Climbers, Explorers and Pathfinders take place weekly except on Family Service Sundays. The children leave the main service after the second reading.

CLIMBERS (3-6): are led by David & Carol Bates

EXPLORERS (7-11) led by Michael Balls

PATHFINDERS (11-14) led by Mike and Fi Shouler.

CRECHE A creche is run every week except on Family Service Sundays. There are always two helpers, sometimes more.



HOSPITAL WARD SERVICE

Each Sunday afternoon a team visits the General Hospital to lead a time of worship. More helpers are always most welcome.

After Church each Sunday evening teenagers meet together in the Lower lounge for The group is led by Keith Jackson, Steve Holton and Mike and Rosie.

CYFA

CHINESE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP meet each Sunday in the Lower Lounge at 2.30pm for worship, teaching and prayer. Led by Ing Sun Ting, with Joyce as their advisor, they aim to reach some of the hundreds of Chinese living in Nottingham.

MONDAY

The Monday Fellowship, led by Joyce Huggett, meets fortnightly in the Lower Lounge for teaching, worship, and sharing. All who are free at this time are most welcome.



The main midweek meeting of the week takes place every Tuesday in the Hall at 7.45pm. It's format can vary, but usually the first part consists of a

number of teaching groups on a variety of topics followed by a joint session of prayer and praise. We encourage all who possibly can to make this a top priority in their committment to the Church

WEDNESDAY

MID WEEK LUNCH

Intended for those who work in the city centre during the day, this group has been meeting weekly for talks and discussion. It's future format is under review; for more information, contact Martin Winbolt-Lewis.

Some Area Link Groups meet on Wednesday evenings fortnightly.

THE P.C.C.

also meet on Weds.

COFFEE CLUB is mainly planned with the needs of mums with young children in mind. Meeting fortnightly at 9, Lenton Road, The Park with an organised creche, this is a good opportunity for mums and toddlers to share fellowship! More details are available from Peggy Wright.

THURSDAY

WORSHIP WORKSHOP

MEET EACH WEEK IN THE LOWER LOUNGE for practice, prayer and fellowship.

Some area groups also meet on Thursdays.



THE ELDERS meet together at Breakfast time(!) on Saturday mornings.

A variety of activities are arranged from time to time at the weekend. Watch for details.

from the
**Rector's
Postbag**

ROGER & MUSHY SIMPSON
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TELEPHONE: 01-637 0449

Dear Brothers and sisters at St N ic's,

Roger and I were so touched by your very generous gift to us. We have both appreciated your love to us so much expressed in very practical ways and also in our fellowship together with you. In practical ways, we've known your love from the time we spent in the basement room at the Rectory, our term with Malc and Irene, to moving to our little home in Radford and the help you gave us in decorating. It's also been great to be a part of the fellowship at St Nic's and we feel we've learnt a lot - perhaps particularly in the area of prayer and we've really enjoyed the worship. We feel this will be very valuable for us when we move to All Souls.

Our move to London went well - and so has this CYFA camp. (Ask the others!) The removal men carried our furniture and packing cases up to our flat on the third floor and we will sort it all out in September after our holiday.

Once again, thank you - and do come and see us in London (then minutes walk from John Lewis on Oxford Street)

With our love,

*Roger & Mushy
Simpson.*



Goodbye!

Dearest all at St. Nic's,

'Goodbye' may be a sad word, but as children of God, we can rejoice in the fact that His Family does not only extend locally but nationally as well as internationally. Yet the most comforting thought is the assurance through Christ of meeting in eternity.

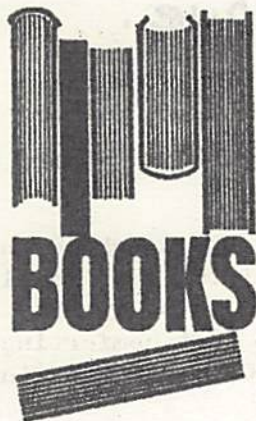
For the past two years or so, we have been much blessed and encouraged in every aspect in sharing fellowship with all of you. Though we did not get to know many of you in a more personal manner, we really appreciate all the prayer support rendered to us especially in those difficult times which our family experienced. The Lord has always been faithful in loving and caring for us, providing every kind of our need, physically and most important of all spiritually.

All praise to His Nam . He is also continuously guiding us along in a very clear way. We do appreciate further prayers that we will settle into a Fellowship down in London soon so that we can continue to serve the Lord in all we do, and not loosing vision of our Lord Jesus especially when we are about to enter another stage of life which can be so different from the student days.

We also thank the Lord for David and Joyce for their constant love and concern for us and we extend our heartfelt gratitude. If the Lord wills, we look forward to sharing in Fellowship once again with you all. Till then may the blessing of God be with you all.

With prayerful wishes,

Khee poh and Chooy
(and Alvin)



What have you read lately?
My mind went a complete blank
at the daunting prospect of
answering this simple question
because I happen to be one of
those people who devour whole
books at a great rate whilst
at the same time dipping into
half a dozen others! Well, I
make no apologies for reviewing
a comparative 'oldie' because
it wasn't so long ago that it
was new to me and some of you
may be in the same boat or who
knows, you might blow the dust
off your copy and re-read it!

Peter Marshall Mr. Jones meet the master
Fontana paperback

You can either devour or dip into this one,
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tive, at others humorous and yet others wistful
and full of yearning. Well, that's how it gets
me and I see no reason why I should be alone!

Try this for size:-

From 'Research unlimited'

"Science has its foundation in research
Its discoveries all rest upon the patience,
willingness,
and open-minded seeking
of thousands of men and women who have taken
one single proposition and sat down humbly
before it to explore and to test it a great
number of times,
under varying conditions
and then to report the results.

Suppose that in this same way there were a comparable number of young men and women setting out to get their Master's degree, or to write their Ph.D., thesis on their findings, after months of careful experiment with such propositions as these;

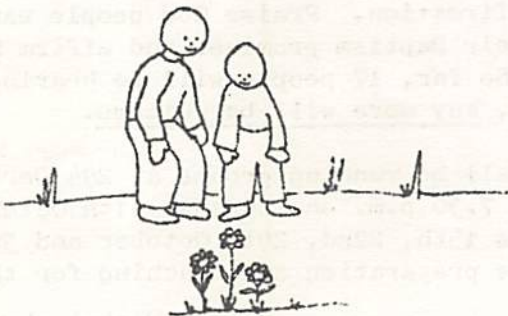
"Therefore take no thought, saying "What shall we eat?", or, "What shall we drink?", or "Wherewithal shall we be clothed?" ... for your heavenly father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

But seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you ". (Matt 6:31-33).

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Consider the lilies of the field,
they neither toil nor spin,
yet I say to you that not even Solomon
in all his glory was arrayed like one of these



PASTORAL GROUP

At the Annual Church Meeting we heard of the growth towards an eldership in the church. Since then we have our first group of elders. At the same meeting we read in the handout of a "Pastoral Committee" of those who are in leadership positions in the church. This will begin to meet in September with representatives from all St. Nicholas' activities from the Sunday School through to the Chinese Fellowship and Women's Fellowship. It is hoped that the communications between each section of the church will improve through this Pastoral group. We hope that a vision for outreach and ministry will emerge as the mind of the elders becomes shared and evaluated here. We hope that we shall care for one another as people with responsibility for others. We shall begin to relate the Area of Ministry form findings to the ongoing work of St. Nicholas. We ask for your prayers.

Martin Winbolt Lewis
(chairman)

Confirmation

November 11th at 6.30 p.m. will see the Bishop of Sherwood back in the hot seat for our Autumn Confirmation. Praise God people want to confirm their Baptism promises and affirm His to them! So far, 17 people will be hearing from me on this, any more will be welcome.

We shall be running groups at 29⁴ Derby Road, Lenton, at 7.30 p.m. on Thursday 11th October, and Mondays 15th, 22nd, 29th October and 5th November as preparation and teaching for this.

Martin Winbolt Lewis.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST,
BRIGHTON SUMMER PROJECT.

7th July to 11th August, 1979

For me, the Project began on the Thursday before the actual commencement in Brighton, when Martin and the West Bridgford Link-up Group commissioned me. I would like to thank the people there and all of you at St. Nicholas' who were praying for me during my time in Brighton. The first answer to prayer I witnessed was the Lord providing me with a job - by 11 o'clock on the first weekday I was assembling clocks!

The Project was based on "The Great Commission" of Matthew 28: 19, 20, and included training students in Evangelism and Discipleship, along with an opportunity to grow in our walk with God and to be developed as spiritual leaders. Thus, our evenings were spent in times of teaching of training in evangelism and discipleship, in Bible study of Philipians, one social evening and one well deserved free evening each week!

Our weekends were spent in Evangelism which included helping Derek Heyman, an Open Air Campaigner, by giving our testimonies and talking to as many people as possible after his Gospel Presentation. We also shared the Gospel ourselves in a personal way with people on the beaches, either by questionnaire or by explaining our purpose in Brighton. We used the Campus Crusade booklet "Knowing God Personally" and gave a copy to the people afterwards. Other opportunities to share the Gospel message occurred at work either during work hours or through Gospel presentations at lunch time.

We were given the opportunity to help the Connaught Mission where we were staying by carrying out our questionnaire in the local community and

giving the Pastor an assessment of the feeling within the area concerning the Church and Christianity. In a practical way we helped with the creche, Sunday school, serving tea after morning service and leading an evening service.

At the end of the third week the Staff left us to run the Project ourselves for two more weeks. Before leaving, they gave us all particular responsibilities. I, myself, was assigned, along with one of the lads, to lead the Evangelistic side of the Project. My own specific responsibility was to encourage the students to prepare their testimonies; to ensure that they all had an opportunity to give their testimony and to discuss the presentation afterwards.

To everyone the Project was a challenge and we saw the Lord use us as His instruments - for instance we saw the Lord bring 30 people to accept Him as their Saviour and Lord. Please pray for them. To me, personally, it was a time when I saw the Lord using me as His instrument and a time when I saw His strength to be made perfect in my weakness (ss 2 Cor. 12; r 9, 10). Furthermore, the experience gained will help me in my ministry at College. In many areas I feel I have grown spiritually and many aspects are of even more importance to me than they were before - the foremost of these being Prayer, Christian love and discipline.

Jane R. Lewis.





Prayer Diary 0000

SEPTEMBER

- Sunday 2nd St John's Students beginning their "placement" today.
- Monday 3rd Bluecoat School term begins today.
- Tuesday 4 Fellowship meeting tonight
- Wednesday 5 Mid-week Fellowship
- Thursday 6th Worship Worksnop
- Friday 7 Barry and Antnea in Peru.
- Saturday 8th David and Irene Green in Nairobi
- Sunday 9th The Staff as the busy autumn gets under way.
- Monday 10th Mike and Rosemary Marshall as they begin their new work
- Tuesday 11th Fay Rumley in Uganda
- Wednesday 12 Coffee Club meetings this session
- Thursday 13th Link group meetings in each area as the new session begins
- Friday 14th Lyn and Elaine in Nigeria
- Saturday 15th Joyce speaking on "Depression" in Leicester tomorrow
- Sunday 16th The CYFA Group meeting tonight
- Monday 17th Women's Fellowship meetings
- Tuesday 18th Nigel and Ruth in S.Africa
- Wednesday 19th The Work of the Nottingham Chinese Christian Fellowship
- Thursday 20th Family life with it's joys and trials.
- Friday 21st Mark Davis, David Widdows and Sue Knight
- Saturday 22nd Quiet Day at Belper today
- Sunday 23rd Commissioning Service for the Elders tonight
- Monday 24th Kate and Robin preparing for their wedding on Saturday next.
- Tuesday 25th Students returning to Nottingham for the first time
- Wednesday 26th Newcomers to Nottingham
- Thursday 27th For those who have left St Nic's in recent weeks.
- Friday 28th The lonely, the depressed

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SUNDAY SERVICES AND WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

Sunday

- 10.45 a.m. Morning Worship.
Creche. Climbers. Explorers. Pathfinders.
- 5.20 p.m. Hospital Ward Service
- 6.30 p.m. Evening Worship.
Coffee is served in Church after the Service

Each week

- Parish Fellowship Group Studies and Prayer
- Worship Workshop Thursdays 7.30 p.m. Lower Lounge
- Mid-week Lunch Wednesdays 12.30 - 2.00 p.m. Lower Lounge

Fortnightly

- Area Link Groups Wednesdays and Thursdays 8.00 p.m.
- Women's Fellowship Mondays 2.30 p.m.
- Coffee Club Wednesdays 10.15 a.m.

