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Our dear Friends,

"My goodness! It looks like a garden in here!" Exclaimed a friend who came to visit Joyce while she was ill. Our lovely bedroom bedecked with flowers and colourful greeting cards were visible signs of the love and prayers upholding and surrounding us during the long, trying period before Christmas. Thank you all so much for the love you showered on us during that time. "Pain is a great teacher" claims John Powell and during that time, we learned many important lessons.

One lesson came to us very early on in the form of a post-card, lovingly sent by a friend. On the front were these words:-

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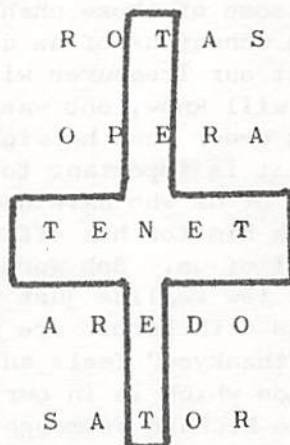
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"Strange message" I thought! The explanation on the other side thrilled us. These words were scratched on wall-plaster in Romas times and contain a secret Christian message:-



Tenet - HE HOLDS: HE KEEPS  
What better message to take with us into the New Year with all its unknowns:

THE LORD KEEPS, HE HOLDS.

But notice that the word is contained in the form of a Cross. Our Master suffered and we His servants, must not expect to walk through a dark world painlessly. In joy and in pain in the coming year may we know by experience as well as by faith that:-

"HE HOLDS."

Some members of the fellowship will need to be on our hearts and in our prayers as the New Year approaches. We think, of course, of Fay returning to Uganda. Let us continue to hold her in those "holding hands of the Lord. We think too of dear Miss Townend. How much it distressed us both on Christmas Eve to discover

that, at 96, she is finding life a struggle. She needs our prayers very much and though she is unknown to most of you, we especially commend her to your prayers.

1980 will doubtless see changes for many of us and we cannot foresee what some of those changes will be. One change we shall be conscious of as a fellowship fairly early on is that our Treasurer will cease to be Bob Marlowe. As you will know, Bob was appointed as an Elder recently and in order that he might fulfill this new role effectively, it is important to relieve him of other duties. Those of us who have had dealings with him would like to thank him for his efficient and gentle work on behalf of all of us. Bob works hard and unobtrusively that few realise just how hard he has worked. His dealings with people are with great courtesy and kindness and "thankyou" feels an impoverished way to express the gratitude which is in our hearts as he begins to hand over to Richard Watmough. We are so glad that we shall have the benefit of all Bob's spiritual gifts as he continues as an Elder and we are grateful to Richard for his willingness to step into the Treasurer's shoes. He brings his own skills and expertise to the work and we are grateful.

We are hoping, too, that 1980 will see changes in the Magazine. It was just over three years ago that Joyce took on the Editorship "for three months" to fill in a gap! Three years later she is still at it, but for the first few months of this year her pen will be otherwise engaged as she tries to complete a manuscript on Christian Marriage for the IVP and also attempts to write some Daily Bread notes for the Scripture Union. So we hope to have a change of Editor at least temporarily. More of that next time.

Many have rejoiced deeply with Anne in her recent engagement. Pray for her as she and Peter plan their wedding on Easter Monday. The beautiful Service of Carols by Candlelight was one tribute to all of Anne's work here at St Nic's. It is difficult to imagine the Church without her musical talent, but as that change too takes place, pray with us that we may discover the replacement of the Lord's choice when the time comes.



Christmastime at St Nicholas' made us realise again that we are surrounded by love here in Nottingham and indeed that love spreads world-wide as former members of the Church still keep in touch. As we thank you for all that you give to us, we ask for your prayers as we all go into the New Year, that the close of the year may find us obedient to our Lord and Master in whatever He is asking and that the closing year may find us delighting in Him more and more.

So, we move into the unknown trusting Him and acknowledging that "WHATEVER COMES TO YOU NEXT, COMES WITH HIM....." So, we can confidently wish you

*Happiness in the New Year.*

*David & Joyce.*

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# NEW YEAR

## My prayer for the New Year.

What would I like to be able to say at the end of this year, the arrival of which we now celebrate?

"This year I have lived

This year I have loved

This year I have grown and travelled on."

May there be time to laugh  
to know

the release of tears,  
the joy of movement  
and of being still.

May I discover the thrill  
of being deeply moved by life  
so that it becomes an adventure  
new every morning.

Don't let me rush through the days  
never pausing to be,  
missing the precious moments  
of being alive.

I'd like to see the flowers grow,  
to restore confidence to a frightened child,  
to hear the wind in the trees,  
to share another's joy, another's pain.

May there be time to dream  
to plan  
and then take action  
in work, hard work  
to achieve something, however small, that will say  
'I travelled this way'  
I'd like to bask in the warmth of the sun  
and walk through pine forests  
to be awed by eerie mountain grandeur  
and hear their silence:  
to watch the beauty and power  
of the sea as it crashes  
and foams over a sandy beach.





May there be time to fall in love...  
to feel the exaltation  
    and the heartache  
of giving my love away.  
May there be time  
to shoulder responsibility  
and unload the shackles of needless anxiety:  
to become aware of my uniqueness  
    and my humanity.  
I'd like to be amazed by the colours  
    of autumn leaves,  
to marvel at the vastness of the universe,  
to relish the differences of each season  
as the snow falls and the cold creeps in.  
May there be time,  
    as the year passes and I grow older,  
to learn wisdom  
and to come to You  
to discover in You  
the goal I am pursuing  
Love, full bloom in Life.





# JANUARY JANUARY

We make such a song and dance about the New Year.  
I wonder why? After all it's much like any other,  
a collection of seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks,  
months and then here we are again, December 31st  
when we all go mad and herald in another year.

"What has happened before will happen again. What  
has been done before will be done again. There is  
nothing new in the whole world. "Look", they say,  
"here is something new!" But no, it has all happened  
before, long before we were born". (Ecc. 1 v. 9-10)

So what is the point of 'New Year' unless it makes  
me think and consider 'how short life is' (Psalm  
90 v. 12) .....

New Year

A time for taking stock

For looking back

and remembering

*the highs*

*the lows*

and all the inbetweens

lost in the greyness of day after day living

or do I mean existence?

Regret, exhilaration, nostalgia

what filled my year?

Some things I would have changed

but as the poet says

'I suspect I could not

have come down to this place

a different way!

So, am I glad to be here?

Dare I say it - what next?

where next?

who next?



# New Start

New Year

A time for looking ahead  
for building on what has gone  
for leaving it all behind  
and starting again

A year - a long time to contemplate  
a short time, so very short to live  
Time does such funny things  
slow, slow, quick, quick S - L - O - W  
How look at a year  
or live it  
except moment by moment  
with one who loves me.



"God never copies himself - there is always something new and unexpected. This is what happens to our lives too, if we submit them to Him"  
(Paul Tournier - The Adventure of Living)



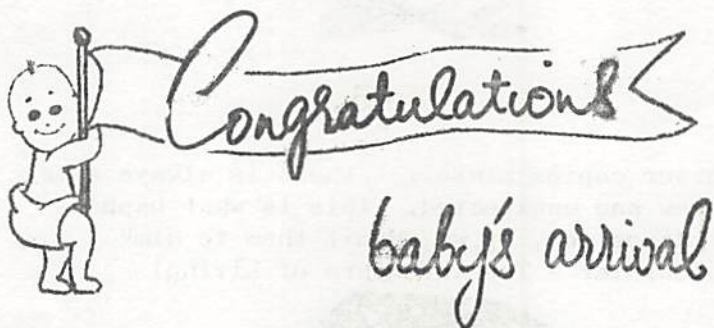
# Family Pages



The good news of Dave Cutt's engagement to Amy was somehow omitted from last month's magazine. We offer our love and prayers as they too prepare for marriage.

It is good to see Fay Rumley back with us. Pray for her as she prepares to return to Uganda.

Lovely too, to see old friends at the Carol Service - David and Helen Bent and Theresa (Stocker) and many others.



The safe arrival of little Daniel Thomas John to Gerald and Anne Cook has brought great joy to the whole fellowship. Gerald tells us that little Daniel ( maybe not so little, weighing over 8lbs at birth!) is very lively. Anne, however, is still very tired. May we love and pray at a distance, being sensitive about phone calls and visits, both of which can be very tiring. We all look forward to seeing the complete family in Church in due time and meanwhile take this opportunity of thanking both Gerald and Anne for all they have contributed to St Nic's over the years.



Sadly, the New Year sees the departure of George and Jo Dobbs from us. While rejoicing with them in the new appointment which George has had offered to him, we realise that we are going to miss them. George has ministered to many of us in his quiet way, particularly in the Stapleford group. Jo has been so much part of us for many years, that it will be hard to see her leave. Many have appreciated the encouragement she has been able to give in the area of Chrisitan Dance and we shall miss her expertise in this and in other ways. They write a farewell letter:



Dear Friends,

Jo-Anna, Stephen and I are to move to 17 Aspen Drive, Chelmsley Wood, Birmingham B37, on January 8th.

I am to be Team Vicar for Education at St. Andrews Church Centre. We are excited about our new venture. St. Andrews is an Anglican/Methodist Church Centre serving a new housing area for some 30,000 people. The centre facilities are excellent with an auditorium worship area, several meeting rooms, a nursery, offices, shop and citizens advice bureau. Chelmsley Wood has all the social problems of a "new town" with an inner city overspill population. We join a team of five with a lively approach to worship and social involvement in the community.

We are sorry to be leaving St. Nicholas and our friends. We met at St. Nic's, married in the church and recently Stephen was baptised at morning service. We have been constantly aware of the kindness and support of St. Nic's people.

Naturally, I am pleased to be returning to full time ministry. May we seek your continuing prayers for our new parish, home and work.

God bless you all,

George

Those of us who were on Retreat at Mount St Bernard Abbey just before Christmas missed the fun of decorating the Church in time for the Carols by Candlelight. It did mean that we arrived back refreshed and gasped at the sheer beauty of the Church and rejoiced as we were able to participate in the beauty of the worship. Thanks go to all those who helped in any way to make the Christmas Services such a time of Christmas worship and wonder. We think especially of Mrs Kathleen Robinson organising the decoratin, Anne Kirwan and the choir, not forgetting Fi and the children and also to Mike Anderson who steps so ably into Anne's shoes at the organ. More and more we appreciate his leading of the worship.



Since Miss Jones felt she had to give up sending the St Nicholas News by post, George Ingram has kindly taken this over. As always with George, he is working quietly and unobtrusively and faithfully. We are grateful for his work. Filled in forms requesting the magazine should be sent to :

Mr George Ingram  
160, Vernon Ave,  
Basford  
Nottingham

and cheques and postal orders should be made out to the Church Treasurer please.

*Loving Congratulations!*

Congratulations to Anne Kirwan and Peter Mott on their recent engagement. Peter is to be ordained in June and will serve his first Curacy in Hull and sadly for us, but very happily for him, will be taking Anne with him in June. Meanwhile, they will be working together here.



# News from

At this time of year, we receive greetings from all over the world. This year, there have been many greetings to the Church, too, and we include some of them:



From Anne Rose in  
Germany.

Der dich behütet schläff nicht  
Psalm 121/3

Dear David and Joyce,

It has been nearly a year now that I was able to join in at St Nic's Houseparty, and see quite a number of friends there. It was a thrilling time, especially as I also met Doris, as another German Christian. I have only seen her once in Tübingen since then, as I don't live there any more.

This year was very busy as I started my teacher's training in a small, lovely town, Besigheim. It's surrounded by vineyards and has lovely old buildings (in some ways similar to Tübingen) Because it is small I found it really difficult to get to know people during the first few months, though I joined the Church choir and play in a little Chamber orchestra. I missed my Christian friends and felt very isolated at times. Also I was a bit afraid of teaching because I didn't know how I would manage. But I learnt a lot during these first few months. I can understand people much better who feel depressed.

Well, after Easter I felt much better, because I got to know some Christians who go to a Bible Study which I joined of course. This gave me new strength and encouragement. One couple who go to this Bible Study have a vineyard, so I spent a whole day in September picking grapes. (It was great!)

Teaching was very hard at the beginning, but now I really enjoy doing all kinds of sport with the kids and teaching English grammar and literature. A few weeks ago I did a project on Northern Ireland which was really interesting (hard work though). Some of the older (and younger) pupils are really keen on learning and using the language. I'm glad I do get on with the kids really well and am happy that God can use me as He wants. Even some people in Germany would disagree, I think we have many possibilities to reach our young people, they are quite open for talks and we as teachers should take these chances.

In September our school got an assistant teacher from Australia. We got on really well from the first minute and soon found out that we were both Christians. We are both really thrilled that God provides friends when we need them. She also comes to our Bible Study. When I took her home to my parents a few weeks ago, we also found out that she lives ten minutes walk from my brother in Melbourne (How small the world is!)

Thank you all for all your prayers which have been a tremendous help during this year. I still feel a member of St Nic's and hope to come to Nottingham around Easter. Will there probably be anybody to put up with a poor little shy, lonely German girl for a few days??!!

I wish you all and the whole of the St Nic's Family a very happy Christmas and God's richest blessing in 1980.

With much love ,

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Paul and Mary Zahl write rejoicingly from the States;

"Mary and I praise God and thank Him for all his goodness. We are happy and fulfilled, our new son David is great cause to rejoice, John is a delight each day, and the ministry at Grace Church is blossoming. David Williams is eight months old. When he sits on the floor, he pitches back and forth like a ship in a storm. He has Mary's deep brown eyes. John is speaking in full sentences. His smile is famous. His main interests are Engine no. 3 at the fire house on 13th street, the animals at the zoo and Bert and Ernie. Devoting most of her days and nights to caring for two energetic little boys and one energetic husband has been rewarding for Mary, and not without challenge. Her patience and generosity are truly amazing. I rely on her insight and support in everything. Although my main job is still as Curate of Grace Church, commitments outside the parish have grown. Election to charismanship of the diocesan Evangelism Committee has meant many promising opportunities to preach up and down the Hudson. Meanwhile what is happening at Grace Church is remarkable testimony to the power of the Gospel. There are now seven prayer groups, for example, on Wednesday evening, and Sunday attendance still breaks records.



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110<sup>D</sup>, Transfer Rd.,  
Penang,  
Malaysia.

22.10.79

Dear Joyce and David,

Greetings to both of you and your family in Jesus Name. How are you? I am well. Still trusting in the Lord each day of my life.

I have been back in Malaysia now for almost 3 months and time really flies by. Praise the Lord. Do you remember Joyce, I shared with you about the Lord's conviction laid on my heart about serving the church here. The Lord really confirmed it for me on my 2nd and 3rd day back to Penang when I visited the Methodist Church I go to. I didn't approach the leaders but they came and shared with me that they were praying for readers to help them. It's amazing how the Lord can prepare me to do all these tasks awaiting for me to do in this church while I was in Nottingham. Let me name you some of the Lord's work here. I am helping the Girls' Brigade in their spiritual growth and I'm reading in their weekly devotion. It's a group of 20 + young girls and some of them are very keen to know more about the Lord. In a month's time I am taking 3 G.B. companies of girls about 40-50 of them up the Penang Hill and stay in a bungalow for a few days. My main aim is to know the girls better and be able to share with them on a closer level about the Lord. I've had a few speaking appointments mainly to young people. We have a large group called the Methodist Youth Fellowship of 60-70 boys and girls. At one meeting I spoke about "How to live a Christian life in an un-christian world." I praised God for wisdom and strength when preparing for these talks. It is Christ that I want to glorify and it's Christ that I want these young people to see. After the talk, I counselled some



of them who had some problems and difficulties. One of them sneaked out of her house early morning on Sundays to go to church so that her family won't know, because they object to her faith. You know I went through this path before in my life and I could feel for her and be able to encourage her in her faith in the Lord and to wait upon the Lord for the right time to tell her parents. I was also asked to speak at a meeting of which my sister is the chairman of this Advisory group. I even helped in the Sunday School, teaching the 10 - 12 years old. It's really a delight to me when I asked them to say a short prayer to Jesus (they never did it before in Sunday School) and their prayers were so beautiful and meaningful. No wonder Jesus loves children so much and so often uses children as an example.

My present biggest task is gathering a group of young people to prepare them for caroling. Yesterday we had our first meeting and we had 65 young people. There will be more joining in the next few practices especially from the 5th formers and 6th formers (O'level and A'level students). I am starting the meeting with a short devotion and prayer and then the practice, teaching them their parts (eg. soprano, alto, bass, tenor) and then end the meeting with prayer cells. I hope to achieve a praying youth group with God's help to pray for this church. I feel that the elders in our church are more hearers than doers of the word. They depend more on their own strength and intelligence than depending on God. The money talk seems to be slipping in everywhere. Even some of the youth leaders who complain so much and misusing their own authority eg. ordering others around than they themselves do the serving. I do pray that while I am here, I may be able to share Christ's example of leadership "I come to serve and not to be served". I know that the Lord has prepared many more things for me to do. I believe that I must keep looking at Jesus and



me a branch keep receiving the resources from the True Vine. Joyce, remember you share with the fellowship this passage on the True Vine and one verse particularly speaks to me even now as I serve the Lord here. It says ..."for apart from me (Jesus) you can do nothing" John 15 : 5. Indeed how very true of it. He must reign over all the tasks that He gives to me, after all they are God's work.

My family is still very hard and cold to the Gospel. I seem to have changed, more on the quiet and serious side according to what they said. Sometimes I believe that God can even speak through me even though I don't giggle as much as I used to. Their worship to the idols still the same or if not worst. Sometimes they play the tape with the chants (prayer) to the idols. My sister and I do pray together. My youngest brother is very open to the gospel and I've shared with him already. Will keep praying that he will accept Christ too.

Even though I am here and Milton is in Nottingham. I praise the Lord for keeping us and strengthening us in our relationship. The engagement ring I am wearing is a help too in my sharing and counselling. I don't worry about Milton because I know that the Lord is looking after him and so is He who is looking after me here. We praise the Lord too for all that He has done for us and we pray that we will remain in the centre of God's will for us, and Christ as our first lover.

Please do pray for me while I am here that I remain faithful to Christ and that I will do what He wants me to do. And in the midst of all these works, I can find time to spend with the Lord to be recharged and ready to serve Him.

I do want to thank you all for your patience

in reading my long-winded letter. Sorry for my scribbling. My love to the Church members.

God Bless and Yours in Christ's Service,

Dorothy.

"He must increase, but I must decrease."

John 3 : 30.

## 基督教華僑佈道會

Tim and Barbara Oakley write from Liverpool where they are settling in to their new parish. Tim records that on the day they were being prayed for according to the St Nic's Prayer Diary, he was in bed with a violent tummy bug and it was a comfort to know he was being surrounded with prayer that day.

Brian and Diana Harriaon (Austrian Houseparty) write from Manchester: "Things are changing at our Church. We are learning many things especially the need for deep commitment and love one to another. We have been going through some painful, healing times as relationships and problems are sorted out. We have four very active house groups and our singing group is being blessed with many songs from the Lord which we share with the Church.

This month we say a loving goodbye to Pam Fox who has moved up to Grimsby to be nearer her mother in her illness. We shall miss Pam greatly.

It was good to hear from Cathy Shaw who worshipped with us when she was a student at the Poly that she is settling happily into the Scargill Community and really feels that is right for her at the moment.



january 1883



By the Rev. Theodore L. Guyler, D.D., January 1883!

The opening work of this year witnesses a concert of prayer every day throughout Christendom. This "week of prayer", which is now so widely observed, owes its origin to the suggestion of Dr. Morrison and the Rev. Mr. Newton, of the "Loodiana Presbytery", in Northern India. The original purpose of the service, as set forth by those missionaries, was to pray that "the Holy Spirit may be poured out on all flesh." It contemplated no more than this; but in this it aimed to secure the most vital and precious gift that could be bestowed from Heaven. There was no presumption in this, for our Lord had promised this glorious gift to those that seek aright, and declared that "your Heavenly Father will give the Holy Spirit to them that ask it."

## THE SPIRIT CAME

When we pray for the Holy Spirit understandingly, we do not ask for a mere influence. We ask for the presence and power of a Person, the third Person of the Divine Trinity, who possesses the attributes of personality as completely as Jesus Christ did when He assumed the human form. The Holy Spirit - we may say it with profoundest reverence - is the executive of the Godhead. Through Him the efficiency of the Godhead upon human souls is exercised. He is the revealer of all vital and needful truth. He is the author of that wonderful Word whose penmen He inspired. Is my Bible a light unto my feet and a lamp unto my path? He kindled the lamp. The Holy Spirit gives me discernment to apprehend aright the great truths of that Word of Life. He convicts every sinner of his guilt and danger who is genuinely convicted and brought to true repentance. The most powerful sermon of a Whitfield or a Spurgeon would not move one solitary sinner one inch toward Heaven without the agency of



the Holy Spirit. When the Apostle addressed his fellow-Christians, he said to them: "You hath He quickened" i.e., to you hath He given life from the dead. If I am a Christian, with any power for good in this world and any hope of glory in the next, it is because the Divine Spirit regenerated me. To Him I owe my new birth, just as veritably (though not in the same way) that I owe my natural birth to my parents. In my hours of conflict and sore trial, He is my Comforter. If He dwells within me, then I possess peace and submission to God, and fervent love to my fellow-men, and patience and every other needful and beautiful grace. Without Him I am nothing; with Him I have power. All this being true, can there be any object of prayer that is even comparable to this gift of the Spirit of God? Not only for the opening week of the year, but through its every week the foremost request for all of us should be:



"GRANT UNTO US THY HOLY SPIRIT!"



The New Testament teaches us that the only two agents that are to bring this sin-smitten world back to God are the Holy Spirit and the Christian Church; but the Church without the Spirit is as utterly powerless to move itself or move others as a locomotive is to propel a train until a flame is kindled under its boiler. Here lies the secret of the inefficiency that so painfully affects and cripples our pulpits and our churches. Here lies the real cause of the lamentable lack of conversions which is now so much commented on in every quarter. We do not read that one of Christ's Apostles ever converted a single soul until the gift of the Spirit had been granted; but when Peter (who had been reconverted himself) received the power from on high, he brought three thousand to Christ by one discourse! That master workman in the salvation of souls, Charles G. Finney, acknowledged that sometimes his preaching was as useless as sounding brass; and the reason was that he relied on himself, and not on the Almighty Spirit. Then came what he called a "breaking down before God", when he renounced

sin and self-reliance, and cried out for a fresh baptism of power from on high. When he became filled with the Holy Spirit, the weight of his spear was a weaver's beam and his words were clothed with thunder.

This was in the direct line of Scripture injunction and experience. The command to the apostolic Christians was: "Be ye filled with the Spirit". Two bodies cannot occupy the same spirit at the same time, and, if our hearts are filled with the Spirit of God, there is no room for the greedy and godless world. Unbelief flees away, like the darkness at the coming of the dawn. Every grace thrives and grows. We are inspired with tender sympathy for others and become intensely solicitous for those who are living without God and dying without hope. When we are filled with the Spirit we do not need to be drummed or scolded to a prayer-service, or to be baited to God's house by some prodigy in the pulpit or some novelty that piques curiosity. When filled with the Spirit, the purse opens easy at the touch of charity, the tongue is unloosed to speak for Christ, and what we say and what we do is attended with a supernatural power. To be filled with the Spirit is a revival.

At this moment this wonder-working Spirit of God, on whom our very lives depend, is absolutely "grieved" away and "quenched" in too many of our churches. "Ye do resist the Holy Ghost is the tremendous indictment that lies against many a pastor and church now cursed with barrenness. Such churches, by quenching the heavenly fire, become like an ice-field of Siberia. The one hope and the only possible hope of all such Christians is in a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit. This must be sought. A few persons in every church may inaugurate a new state of things by putting themselves in the right posture before God. There may be a genuine and soul-renewing revival in any church, if only a few persons honestly, humbly, and earnestly prepare the way. There must be a clearing out before there is a filling up; a breaking-down before God, before there is a building-up into new dimensions and beauty. When even three or four penitent Christians



thirst for the Holy Spirit, and cry out for Him, and make room for Him, He will hear the prayer of faith and come. When the sun comes, then comes the morning. The gift of the Holy Spirit is (since Calvary) the mightiest, richest, holiest, and most unspeakably precious gift that the Godhead can bestow. It is within our reach today. Shall we have it? And, having it, keep it?

let the light  
shine! 

St. Nicholas' Holiday  
at Sheringham.

**Holiday**

After the successful St. Nicholas' holiday at Thwing last August, something had to be done for this year. And so the Christian Alliance Holiday House at Sheringham has been booked for the week 23rd to 30th August.

Sheringham is only a few miles from Cromer and within access of Sandringham, Norwich and the Norfolk Broads. Cost - £49.

Get your Holiday Brochure NOW from the back of the church, and book early.

Further information from Gordon and Jean Walker.





## "Miracle on Death Row"

by Judge Kermit Bradford.

I am not the sort of person who spends whole evenings in reading and I'm generally too shattered to read by the time I get to bed, so most of my reading of this book has taken place during break and lunch times in my civil service job! That is an indication of the raciness and readability of the book, not a reflection on the length of the lunch breaks!

This true life drama is the story of a guy called T.C. Callahan who is put on trial by the U.S. State for a murder which he claims he did not commit. His defence lawyer (the author, Kermit Bradford, nothing to do with the green frog in "The Muppetts!") becomes increasingly convinced of Callahan's innocence. Suspense and tension mount as both men (accused and defendant) miraculously become Christians and consequent further miracles occur. This book challenges us not to lead schizophrenic Christian lives! being holy and helpful on Sundays (even weekday evenings), but being guilty of leaving Jesus outside of our work places, relationships and other mis-tuned "secular" areas of life. This book also provoked me to think about other areas of life, such as justice, crime, the sanctity of life, capital punishment. It's a book I would strongly recommend. It makes a good present for non-Christian relatives and friends, or if you can't afford the 90p, it is possible to ask the local library to purchase it. That adds another

readable Christian book to their repertoire!  
Incidentally, I've found reading a Christian book  
like this at work has given unexpected opportunities  
to witness. Praise the Lord!

Pete Francis

MISTER GOD, THIS IS ANNA



Have you ever noticed how someone else's book appears more interesting than your own? Christina was lent this book with an enchanting picture of a bedraggled little girl on the front. Thumbing through, I was captivated by the pictures, drawn by them to dip into the text. Then it happened ... I was hooked on Anna! A runaway child from the East End of London, I found, was speaking to me about the Lord in a refreshingly new way. It wasn't so much that she was saying anything new, but as always, the approach of the five year old to God is delightfully simply, uncomplicated and unsophisticated and she was /getting through" I found. Consequently, I couldn't put the book down despite family accusations: "You're being unsociable" and Christina's protestations: "That book was lent to me and not you"! If you are looking for something light, readable, stirring and profound, I recommend: Mr God, this is Anna. Published by Fount at 80p, you won't regret spending a Christmas Book token on this book and then many others, believers and those who are just interested will find it worth borrowing from your library!

# Please Pray...

This month, may we pray for:

The Parish Houseparty at Swanwick in February.

The Lord's leading of the Staff and Elders as we seek a replacement on the Staff for Anne

The Staff and their partners, that we might gain a right perspective on ministry, marriage and life and that our priorities may be God directed.

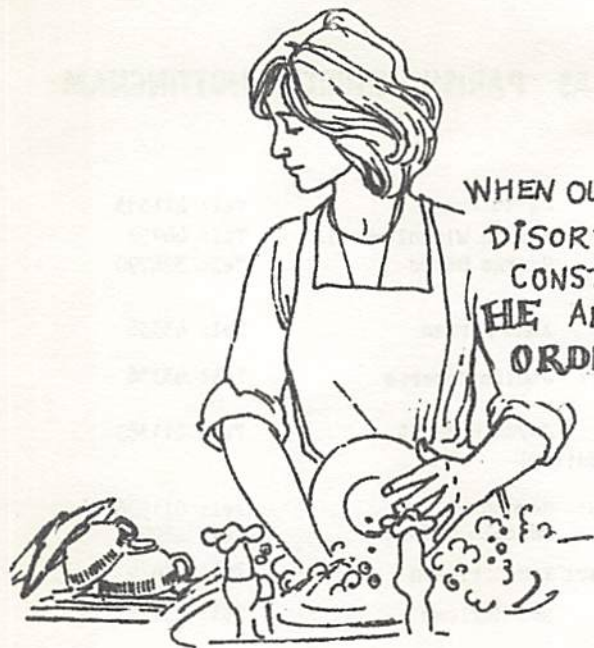
For each of the organisations of the Church and for those in a position of leadership.

That as a fellowship we may be alert to the leading of the Holy Spirit of God, not quenching His work by lethargy, disobedience or stubbornness.

Pray especially for those who are not able to be with us at meetings: the house-bound, the sick, the depressed. As we live life at break-neck speed, let us beware of passing by those in need.

That each member of the fellowship might be able to pray: Lord, here am I send me.....  
and mean it!





WHEN OUR LIVES BECOME  
DISORDERED HE IS  
CONSTANT TO BLESS—  
HE ALONE CAN BRING  
ORDER OUT OF CHAOS. ✱

BETTER IS A HANDFUL OF QUIETNESS THAN TWO HANDS  
FULL OF TOIL & A STRIVING AFTER WIND. ”  
ECCLESIASTES 4.6.

GIVE THE LORD THAT  
SITUATION NOW;  
PEACE IS JUST A  
PRAYER AWAY!



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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.

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