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Our dear Friends,

Do you remember the time when you came into a personal experience of faith in Jesus? Have you ever known the thrill of watching another person grow into assurance of forgiveness in Christ? Through your prayers, has anyone ever been found by God? If your answer to those questions is "Yes", you will want to pray for the Mission to the University this month. The unique opportunity to explain the riches of Christ to unbelieving students will absorb Martin and Mike's energies. Claire Evans and the University students who worship with us will also be involved. James reminds us that: "the fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much". Do you believe that? Then, pray on! The value of the persistent, concentrated prayers of each member of St. Nic's is incalculable.

Our thoughts focus on the mission as one of the major activities of the month. There is another!

Lent: time to give up sweets? No! An opportunity to contemplate our Lord's struggle to overcome Satan. He fasted: He endured: He agonised: He forgave: He conquered. How impoverished the Christian who neglects truths as vital as these!

A quiet Communion on February 18th provides the setting for a pre-Lent meditation on one aspect of the wilderness experience of Jesus.

Sister Stella Mary addresses the Monday Fellowship that afternoon. A warm welcome to other members of the congregation who wish to begin Lent in a quiet, worshipful way.

"Out of sight, out of mind"! Do you find it all too easy to forget those who have left us? Prayers for Fay Rumley in Uganda are an urgent necessity. May we not fail her in the difficult assignment God has given her. David and Irene Green, in a recent letter, invite us to pray that they may clearly discern God's will in certain important decisions pressing hard on them. Through our prayers, the Lord's peace, patience and wisdom can be released to that family in Kenya.

Members of the CYFA group may look tired and strained this month! Mock 'O' and 'A' Levels take place and the dreaded revision should take priority. Remember them, too, in your prayers that the felt Presence of the Lord might strengthen and sustain them.

The New Year letter contained the promise: HE HOLDS. We are experiencing that holding: how about you?

Thank you for your part in His holding of us, and your ready ability to rejoice with us that at the return of Joyce's energy.



With our love

and

THANK YOU!

David,

Joyce

HELEN TAYLOR



Dear Friends at St. Nick's,

Thankyou so much for a lovely welcome to your fellowship a few weeks ago. It was wonderful to be with you, to hear what the Lord is doing amongst you, and to share with you something of how He has been working in my own life. I was glad too that my visit coincided with Fay's return from Uganda, as she and I will soon be "neighbours". This unplanned 'coincidence' seemed to me just one more proof of the validity of the theme of Sunday evening: the Lord's reign in our lives - He does rule our circumstances, and work everything together for good to those who love Him.

I shared with you that evening how real this truth had become to me over this last year when John Davies and I were trying to conduct a courtship across several thousand miles and a war!! I trust we shall remember it in the coming months as we start a new life together in Kampala.

My marriage to John on the 16th February means for me a new country and a new people to adapt to - as well as a new husband? Not however a new mission, as John has been working in fellowship with Ruanda Mission for 12 years now. 10 of these years were spent in the Kigeni district of Uganda, but for the past 8 years he has been working in Mango Hospital, Kampala, where he is now Acting Superintendent.

Many have asked what my job will be in Kampala. For the present I intend to concentrate on being a wife! I suspect that I will be kept very busy just being that. Mango is a teaching hospital and is also very near the University so I understand there are quite a few students, medical and otherwise, who regularly "drop in".

Also John has many other visitors, African and European, from Kampala itself from "up country" as well as from outside Uganda. No, I'm quite sure I'll not be idle! Apart from entertaining, I can think of two other immediate jobs; home-making (John has recently moved into a bungalow in the hospital complex) and learning Luganda the local language in the Kampala area. John himself is still in the early stages of this, as he spoke a different local language in Kigeni.

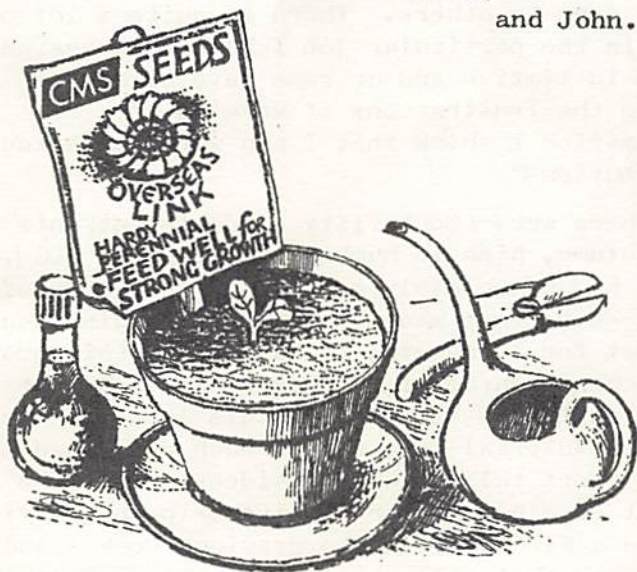
Easter should see us installed at Mengo. Until then, there are quite a lot of preparations to be made - both for the wedding and for our time abroad. Please will you pray for us? I have so much valued your prayerful concern and interest over the past years. I trust our fellowship will continue to grow and deepen in the years ahead.

The Lord bless you and keep you,

Love,

Helen,

and John.





39 Fernhurst Road,
London. S.W.6. 7JN.

Friday 14th Dec.

Dear David and Joyce,

Let me tell you a little of what has happened to me since I left you all at St. Nicks and begun new work in London. My first impression was one of incredible business and the fast pace of life in central London. It knocked me off my feet at first. But gradually I got used to burying myself in a good book on the tube and generally shutting off to all that was going on around. its marvellous what peace can be found amidst the bustle!

It goes without saying that doing an entirely different sort of job took quite a lot of adjusting too. I think at the moment that I am at the stage of having got used to what makes things tick in the office, in terms of what has to go things, and get things done by others. There is quite a lot of scope in the particular job I have been assigned, to use initiative and do some developing, so despite the frustrations of working in a big organisation I think that I can work at having a contribution!

There were about fifty graduate entrants this last autumn, high in number even for the GLC!, and it has been lovely getting to know some of them. We receive management type training together and meet for lunch etc. I have found this group the richest source of friends so far. Our training proves quite fun sometimes - this last week involved a day in tutorial type groups each of us had to give a short talk which was video-taped. The subject of mine was London Fire Brigade - having visited a Fire Station the previous week - and I discovered that seeing oneself on video-tape is not as horrific as one might imagine! A few weeks back we had gone through a similar exercise, but

without the video-tape that time. We were allowed to take on a subject of our own choice - mine was dance! It was considerably easier to be enthusiastic about that !!

On the subject of dance, I am going to a good evening class in creative dance which I find is stimulating my imagination quite a lot. I have been involved in a dance workshop at church. The idea of dance workshops for 'non-dancers' was something they had not tried before. But it was lovely because fairly early on in the autumn I met up with Dian Page, who leads the dance group who occasionally prepare a dance for a Sunday service, and she said they wanted to start having workshops. I really praised the Lord for that because I felt that I contribute something on that score as well as learn a great deal from Diana who is a trained ballet dancer. The one we have had was very small, which I discovered afterwards was just what the people who attended needed in order to feel inhibited. Maybe there will be some more in the new year. It was lovely to hear that Sonya had led a workshop, I hope it continues to develop.

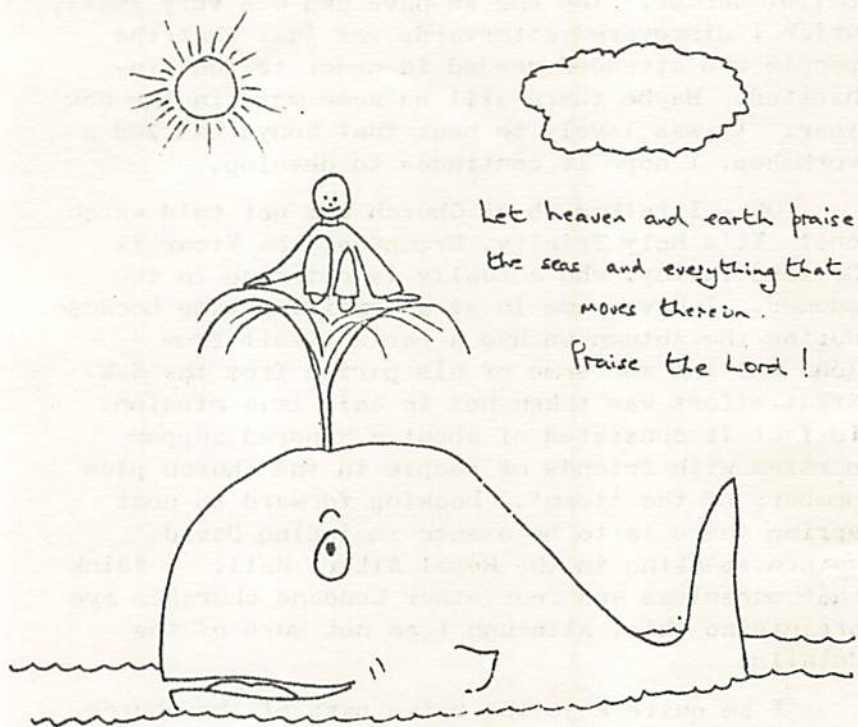
Oh - I talked about Church but not told which one! It's Holy Trinity, Brompton, the Vicar is Raymond Turvey, who actually is retiring in the summer. I have come in at an exciting time because during the autumn we had a parish visit from John Collins and some of his parish from the S.W. Great effort was taken not to call it a mission. In fact it consisted of about a hundred supper parties with friends of people in the church plus members of the 'team'. Looking forward to next spring there is to be events including David Watson speaking in the Royal Albert Hall. I think that ourselves and four other Londond churches are organising this, although I am not sure of the details.

I am quite enjoying being part of the church, I am at an advantage about knowing what's going and so feeling that I belong because my flat-mates

are so involved. At the moment, though, I am just beginning to get used to mixing with all those smart Knightsbridge people form quite a core. I'm not used to it - but it's very good for me! I suppose its good for us to learn to adjust to a very different church, even if at times we compare them in our mind and want to have the familiar and known and loved around us again!

Sending lots of love to you both. May the Lord direct you and keep you in what He wants for you.

Judith.



CHRISTIAN RENEWAL CENTRE

"For Christ Himself is our way of peace"
Ephesians 2 v. 14



Dear David,

I would value the Church backing me up David in prayer (I do realise also that although St. Nicks is my Church, not many of the Congregation know me). The Lord is indeed moving here and we are seeing great things and we also know that it is Spiritual War and we are under a great deal of attack.

- (1) Please pray for me as I go on a Youth Weekend 1st - 3rd February.
- (2) As I go into Crumlin Road Prison (Top Security) with Cecil to Lead/Take a Service. 300 prisoners (many long-term) are expected to attend. Please pray 17th February 3.30 - 4.30 p.m.
- (3) As I lead an Evangelistic Weekend at Dick Cotton's Church 23rd/24th February. I will be speaking Saturday p.m., preaching Sunday p.m. and then speaking again.

I realise how important it is to have a Church behind you, backing you up with prayer.

There is much to share about what God is doing in Ireland.

You are in my prayers. I look forward to hearing from you.

Agape,

John Joannen

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LATEST NEWS

Roger Simpson, bushy beard matching curly head, bounced (tigger-wise) with enthusiasm as he burred and enthused about his first Curacy at All Souls. He and Mushy lead "Agnostics Anonymous" - a group for those who are groping; have organised an International Christmas Houseparty and an out-reach mission to Christmas shoppers in City centre London. They thrive on the bustle, noise, and excitement of their Oxford Street life. Pray for them: it's "front line" work for God!

David Widdows thrives in a very different Curacy. The residential area of Manchester provides him with a variety of experience and responsibility. He is fully stretched and deeply fulfilled.

Both former St. John's students make the full-time ministry sound an attractive proposition!

John and Sally Wilkinson write from Manchester:

Life in Oldham is quite hectic but very enjoyable. After 18 months of hard struggles in the little Baptist Church where we have gone since leaving Nottingham, we have finally left and gone to worship in a Methodist Church in Chadderton - this was the church we went to for fellowship, but we have now become quite involved. We have joined a small music group which is seeking to lead worship in the church, and finding great blessing and fellowship in this group. The preaching at the church is very evangelistic and Bible based. There is also an increasing feeling among the church leadership of the necessity of allowing the Holy Spirit to have full control of the church and of individuals. There is a desire that the services be real worship, led by the Spirit, and not just a "hymn sandwich". We really do feel at home there, and it's so lovely to be once again in fellowship with brothers and sisters who want to move on in their Christian faith.

Sally has a new job, too! She's working at Manchester Town Hall in the Quantity Surveyor's Department doing clerical work. She finds that the job is challenging and enjoys the work very much. God is so good to us - so often over the past 15 months we've been impatient with Jim but His timing has once again been shown to be perfect. Praise Him!

We send our fondest love to you and to all our friends at St. Nic's. God bless you all.

Love from
John and Sally.

NewsFlash!



We rejoice with Chris and Helen Medley in the safe arrival of their daughter, Sara, weighing 6lb 5oz on January 29th. May we surround this little family with the healing love of God.

Sue Maynard was one of those memorable students whose life enriched the lives of those who bothered to get to know her. Worshipping from her wheelchair, she inspired many of us continuously. She sends her love to all at St. Nic's and we rejoice with her that she has qualified and is working in partnership with another lawyer.

Goodbye

This month we say goodbye to Bee Lan. After four years in Nottingham she is very much one of us and we shall miss her bright smile greatly as she returns to Malaysia.

開荒佈道

我們的同工經常帶同年輕人往各地進行探訪和開荒工作。許多福音工作均以英語為媒介，但真正的挑戰是如何打進操粵語的餐館圈子。每年夏季我們均訓練和派遣一隊年輕人組成的佈道隊往歐陸各國巡

Walking to Church with Anne, our Vietnamese friend, this morning goads me to pray more intelligently for the refugee work undertaken by her and many colleagues. The long working hours of interpreting, travelling, encouraging, re-settling, and welcoming Vietnamese refugees proves both fulfilling and exhausting. Continue to pray for her and those families known to her, struggling with the traumas of re-habilitation

Dorothy Loh is back, has returned to Nottingham after a fruitful time in Malaysia. The Chinese Fellowship and we, at St. Nic's, are enriched by the encouragement which she and Milton bring. Meanwhile, with great sadness, we bid farewell to Bee Lan. Her presence in both fellowships has been a joy. The Lord has revealed Himself to her during this time in England. While rejoicing that He goes with her, a part of us would like to go too! Ellen has returned from her trip to Malaysia and we look forward to receiving news of God's personal dealings with her. To complete the Chinese family news for the moment:

David Wells and Susan (sometimes known as K.K.) celebrated their engagement just before Christmas, which means that Susan returns to Nottingham at Easter.

Please Pray...



..... for the MISSION TO THE UNIVERSITY

Many of our student friends will be involved in this week long mission to the whole of the University. Many of us may well feel that we could be prayer partners to this important work. Many students come up to University with no belief in God, but for a unique period in their life find that people all around are open to talk about what a personal faith means.



HELPING BY PRAYER

University Missions from an assistant missionary's standpoint.

Nottingham University will experience its Christian Union Mission this February 16th - 24th. What's going to happen?

As one of the joint Missioners Roger Mitchell pointed out, a mission is not really meant to be a 'one-off' event, but an intensified period of activity within the already present life and work of the campus Christians. During a mission there is a main speaker who will do a central evangelistic talk each evening. Much of the other work will aim to bring people of their own free will to hear him. Along with central meetings and concerts, much of the mission will go on in halls of residence and the different academic departments. Literally no stone will be left unturned in an attempt to reach people with news of the mission, if not the Gospel itself.

Harking back to Roger Mitchell's comment, an Assistant Missioner is not 'a professional' brought in to do the 'dirty work' while the individual Hall C.U.'s look on with silent admiration (or shame!). He or she or both will hopefully work within a prepared situation, speak at coffee parties and discussion forums, and meet with those expressing real interest in Christian things. Often 'an outsider' has an advantage in a situation where the C.U. members themselves are too familiar with certain people and their problems. Often the assistant missioners do have more developed pastoral and speaking gifts than many of the students. All in all it has been found helpful to have older Christians working alongside the Hall C.U.'s to encourage them, as well as to supplement their work.



In February, Mike Marshall, Claire Evans and I will be working with Cripps Hall, Willoughby Hall and Rutland Hall respectively. Roger Forster will take the central meetings where a proclamation of the Gospel will be made. There will be street drama, a Christian rock concert, meetings in Halls, faculties, public places and canteens. Do pray that we all have the energy to last the pace (!), grace to be gentle and humble and yet vital in our witness to Jesus Christ as Saviour, Lord and Friend.

Martin Winbolt Lewis.

a student response



A member of our congregation. Vivacious and well loved had, I remembered, been greatly influenced by the last mission to the University "What did the last mission mean to you?" I asked her the other night. The warm, ready response was not a trite one: "IT CHANGED MY LIFE!" she confessed. "It was the first demonstration to me that the Lord is the God of Miracles." "It was Unbelievable. I felt cynical throughout the meeting I attended. Then suddenly, for no apparent reason, it all clicked into place. At one moment I was hard, cynical and unbelieving: the next I was weeping as I entered a new land. I remember singing all the way home in the fog!"

Another student who recently came into a personal faith describes the experience in this way: "I don't know why I went to that meeting. I haven't been in Church for years: so why go to a Christian meeting? It was something the speaker said that just clicked into place. I went to the meeting as an unbeliever: I came out having opened my life to Jesus!"

The convicting, changing word of the Holy Spirit continues to-day. May these testimonies encourage you to

PRAY ON

Jump to it

The thought of coming back at the beginning of this term to what would probably be my most 'challenging' term at university, (including finals ?) was not, I must admit, a very pleasant one. Mission for me is something which has been approaching at snails pace for about a year now, and I suppose it never really dawned on me before now, that it would ever actually arrive. My thoughts seem to have been echoed in various comments I've heard from students - mutters of, "we'll never be ready for it" and "will God really work miracles here in Nottingham". It all comes down to how vast we really believe God is - is he really able to save even our closest friends who we know so well, and seem so far from committing their lives to some 'fanatical cause' that their friend seems to believe in. But while these are thoughts which I must admit come to mind all too often, there is also an ever-growing expectancy of just what is going to happen in mission after all with such an opportunity to openly tell people the good news and with all the prayers of students and others alike which God has been listening to for over a year now, God will work in ways that only He knows. To rest in the fact that my God knows so much better than I do just what is best for my friends, acquaintances, students and the university in general, is a real necessity, but much more is something to be so thankful for. I cling to the verse Ephesians 3v20 '(he) who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think.' Praise God that He is faithful to His promises!!

AFGHANISTAN

As students, we grew accustomed to praying for JOCK and GWENDY ANDERSON, the missionary links from the Church we attended. We had never met them, but weekly prayer made it feel as though we knew them. Their "baby" is now a student at the University here and worships with us. Jeanie writes asking us to pray for her parents who plan to return to troubled AFGHANISTAN shortly.

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My Mum and Dad (Jock and Gwendy Anderson) are flying to Afghanistan on Sunday January 27th.

Things they would value prayer for:-

- (1) For safety. (They will be staying in Kabul) and for quick adaptation to the present circumstances, for language ability, and that they will use the opportunities that God gives with His wisdom. That they will be filled with His love.
- (2) For the infant and growing Afghan church. 6 months ago believers openly declared themselves for the first time. They need teaching and leadership. Praise God that the Church has been blessed through this time of crisis in the country.
- (3) Pray for inner strength and peace, and safety for the other colleagues who are in Afghanistan - especially for those working in the Eye Hospital which Dad will be medical director of. Pray that they would have wisdom in deciding whether to remain in the country or whether to pull out (leaving the Eye Hospital in Afghan hands - or possibly Russian).

NEW BOOKS



'For the Love of Ann'

I recently read this book, which moved me. It isn't the kind of book you would expect to be reviewed here, as it isn't a 'Christian' book. But that's the thing, for whilst reading it, I saw how easily we fall into the trap of making false distinctions between sacred and secular.

The book is a moving true story of a girl, Ann, who from the earliest days of her life exhibits abnormal behaviour traits. She shows no sign of recognition, emotion or need apart from the obvious one of hunger. This changes until unbearable screaming accompanies any new factors in life, such as surroundings or food changes. All this happens in a small terraced house where there are two other children and the father on shift work. Driven to their wits end the parents hear from the doctor that she is 'Schizophrenic and psychotic', and will not improve. In fact she is autistic, but her parents refuse to accept that she cannot be helped. That is a lesson in itself.

To reveal more would be to detract from the reading of this book. Nonetheless it warms the heart. Personally, I seemed to see the hand of God in her gradual healing and return to normality. Many of the signs which accompany healing where faith is exercised are present, too. So is faith, not as St. Paul might describe it, but as the writer to the Hebrews sees it, that gift of holding on despite all the appearances which seem to say 'don't, you're mad!' The parents can do without the Church (with every justification as you'll see if you read the book) but not without God, in the very simplest and most helpless of ways. It is, after all, the prayers of the simple and most

helpless that He is pleased to hear.

Do read this book, and apart from the effect of the story, see if you too see those Everlasting Arms holding up that family, Ann especially. I suspect that had they not been there, this book would not have been there for the writing.



by James Copeland (Arrow Books).

Price 60p.

Martin Winbolt Lewis.

THE TOOTH

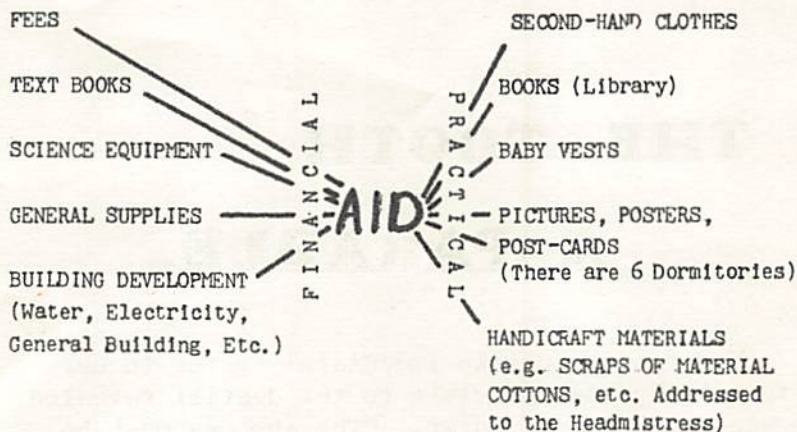
A PARABLE

Fay faced a crisis immediately prior to her return to Uganda. A visit to the dentist revealed an abscess behind a molar. "The abscess must be drained thoroughly before the cavity can be filled" dictated the dentist. "That will take a week", As we prayed for Fay one Tuesday night it seemed that the Lord wanted to use her deliverance to challenge us as individuals and collectively as a fellowship. Those places where resentment, criticism, hatred, and negative feelings of many kinds need to be drained before the empty cavity of our lives can be filled afresh with His life-giving Spirit. As we become conscious of our abscess forming within our hearts, may we submit it to the lancing of the sword of the spirit that poison may no clog up the works. "Be reconciled to one another".

Uganda

NEWS FROM FAY RUMLEY

Before returning to Uganda late in January Fay mentioned several ways in which we, as a church and individuals, can support her, her school and the local community. As well as asking us to remember her constantly in prayer she gave many practical suggestions, and of ways in which we can ensure that these are not wasted.



DO'S AND DONT'S FOR PARCELS

FOOD Always declare as **DRIED FOODS** NEVER list the contents. A One kilo parcel costs £1.08 to send. A parcel weighing over one kilo costs £2.99, even if only a little over, so do check for weight!

BOOKS Book post is the cheapest rate out. Wrap the books in polythene first and then in brown paper. Leave one end open a little so that

the customs men can see what is inside. No duty is paid on books. One book sent to one missionary can be passed on and read by over one dozen missionaries and 160 girls! Novels, Classics and Biographies are welcomed as much as 'holy' books.

PRINTED PAPER This should include all magazines, photographs, posters, calendars, notepaper etc. NEVER declare calendars as such; the duty can be as high as £5!

CLOTHES Declare as SECOND HAND CLOTHES and again there will be no duty to pay. If parcels are addressed to the Headmistress, the customs officials will know that they are going to an institution.

VESTS Kisiizi Hospital aims to give a new vest to every baby born there. This will possibly be the only new piece of clothing each child will ever possess, and the vest will possibly last 7 years!! Bright colours are greatly appreciated, so it's a very good way of using up oddments of wool. If you need a pattern, Cathy Pullinger has several photo-copies. Declare these as baby vests of no value and send direct to:
The Sister in Charge
Kisiizi Hospital,
P.O. Box,
Kabale,
Uganda, East Africa. PLEASE always enclose your name and address.

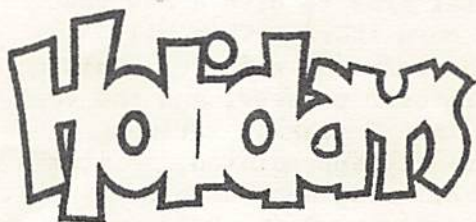
MONEY

Money for use within the school can be sent directly to the Honourable Treasurer who is:
Mrs. M.G. Donald,
32 Dovecot Road,
Edinburgh,
EH12 7LE, Scotland.

Cheques should be made payable to BISHOP'S GIRLS SCHOOL; MUYEBE. Alternatively then can be passed to Iain Pullinger, who has agreed to forward them. Please do enclose your name and address, and how you wish the money to be used (if you have a preference).

A girl's fees amount to apporximately £200 per year, often the parents and family are able to provide all of the first year fees, but, as time goes on, it becomes more difficult to find the money. If you wish to support a girl on a regular basis, you can be linked with her, and correspond with her on a personal basis. In every case the girl will be given your name and address so that she can write to thank you.

Di and Hugh McClintock



From MAGGI BARWICK,
37, Brampton Drive,
Stapleford, Nottm.

HOLIDAYS IN EXCHANGE FOR HELP

The Spastics Society, for which I work, organises holidays for handicapped people of all ages both in Great Britain and overseas. A great many of the disabled folk who go on these holidays need personal help with daily living and the Society takes it upon itself to find suitable escorts.

It occurs to me that many St. Nicholas' people - particularly students - might be willing to offer such help. In return, the escort gets a free holiday.

If anyone is interested, I would be glad to give more information. My home telephone number is 395981 and office number is 608037.

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Friday, 7th March 1980

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METHODIST CHURCH, PARLIAMENT STREET,
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OF THE SALVATION ARMY

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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 1.00 - 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.
