



As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.

JOSHUA 24:15

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Dear Friends,

We make no apology for the lateness of the magazine this month. There were two very good reasons to delay publication, one that we have been very much under pressure with the Summer School on Prayer and the Engaged Couples weekend and secondly we wanted to spare George Hammond the hassle of this magazine with all the others which must be produced earlier in the month.

Thinking of George, we all rejoice to see him looking so well and coping admirably with his normal work load in the office so soon after his operation. His stamina and determination leave many of us gasping (and exhausted) but thanks be to God for the way he answered prayer for George.

Gladys Norman has been in and out of hospital since the last magazine was published and she too bubbles with stories of God's faithfulness to her. To God be the Glory!

The Summer School was an important time of thinking, sharing, learning, a watershed in the prayer life of our Church. Many have made suggestions for building on what we have learned and our responsibility now as a Staff is to lay before God what you seem to be saying and to discover His next step for us as a fellowship as a whole. Thank you those who have encouraged and supported us through this venture.

The Engaged couples weekend was another of

those occasions when we became very conscious of the prayer support of so many of you. Ten couples started out on the weekend and most stayed with us for the whole course! We hear so much these days about marital breakdown that many clergy are feeling the heavy responsibility which is theirs to prepare couples more adequately for the long journey of marriage. This was an important beginning and one which we shall want to repeat. In many ways, it is one aspect of the healing ministry of St. Nic's for as John Richards has indicated on more than one occasion, there is a healing which reaches back into the past touching those areas in which a person was grazed and bruised by the mishandling of others. There is a healing, too, which reaches forward in time preparing the ground, removing weeds, thorns and stones in advance so that tender plants may be sown with confidence. This is what we sought to do during the Engaged Couples Weekend and maybe in twenty years time we shall know whether we succeeded or failed! Those who are married need continual prayer support for their marriage, for we live in days when it is all too easy to fall into the confused thinking of those who are not seeking to build Christian homes and then relationships crumble before our very eyes.



One of the exercises on a Tuesday night during the School of Prayer involved listening to God for a vision for St. Nic's, its purpose, its ministry. We would like to conclude this letter with a resumé of what you seemed to be saying through the verses Scripture and pictures which you shared. May God underline for us that which came from Himself, that we may move forward obediently as a fellowship when the autumn busyness resumes.

Some Promises

God seemed to be promising that as a fellowship we would see the heralding of a Springtime in the Church, a coming to life of the bones which appear to be so dead.

He seemed to give both a promise and a command in Proverbs 16: 1 and 3, asking us to lay the plans before Him and promising to answer with direction and blessing.

A word of comfort came from God through many people in the form of words like this, 'Tell my people I love them with a love that will not let them go.'

Some Purposes.

In various ways God seemed to be saying to us that St. Nic's is to be a place of fruitfulness in the midst of starvation, an oasis in a barren land to which people are drawn, to be fed and nurtured.

The Church is to be a focus for local, national and international evangelism and several pictures were shared which seemed to confirm this.

Two pictures were particularly memorable. One was of St Nic's drawn in the shape of a football rattle. It was as if God was coming, taking us by the handle, the tower, swinging us around so that the people were scattered. (I reflect on the number who, for one reason or another are leaving the Church this summer to go to other parts of the country, indeed the world, and maybe there is a message here for them).

The second picture was that of the Church as an orange which needed to be segmented and offered to others. The act of breaking the orange into segments seemed a painful process, but a necessary one for the Church and those who would be on the receiving end.

A Plan

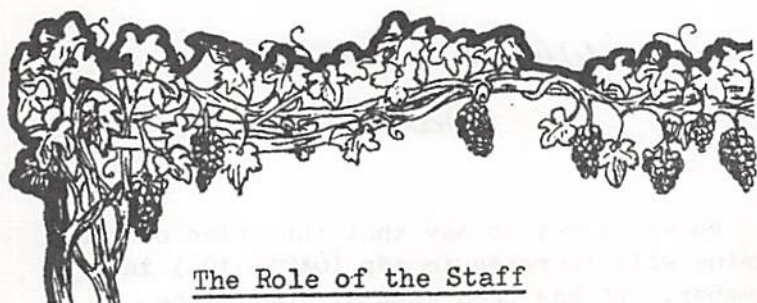
God seemed to be saying that He would heal the rifts and wounds which exist in the fellowship.

In several ways, He seemed to be saying that He would restore the authority structure, with David and Joyce at the core and other branches stemming from them.

There seemed a distinct promise that married people were coming!

The plans seemed to be summed up in this comment:

'A peaceful people
A contrite people
A sound people in an unstable setting'.



The Role of the Staff

would appear to be that of load bearing branches, while the congregation are the subsidiary branches which produce and bear the fruit. The staff were seen as supportive canes, while the congregation are the beans growing in profusion, bearing life-giving fruit.

There seemed to be an emphasis on the need to work in two's, sometimes married couples, but single people also working in partnership with others for mutuality, support and strength.

There is so much more we could share and early in the autumn will find a way to distribute more accurate and complete details of the fruit of our listening on that Tuesday and on the subject of prayer in the Church. Meanwhile, as you go away on holiday, you might like to lay these things before God asking Him where you fit into the over-all picture. Each of us is vital to the life of the Church and when one fails to pull their weight, the whole body suffers.

We end on a note of tremendous thanksgiving. We refer, of course, to the tremendous response you made to the appeal for money for a generator in Fay's school in Uganda. When over £2,000 is donated in love on one Sunday, there is a sign of spiritual life and unity of purpose which is really what it's all about.

May you all have a restful and relaxing holiday and return to the fellowship renewed in every sense of that word, ready to receive that which God has for us for the next phase in the life of our Church.

*With our love,
David and Joyce.*

P.S. We are sorry to say that the price of the Magazine will increase to 15p (OAP'S 10.) in September. It has been kept at 10p. since January 1977, but the greedy fingers of inflation reach into everything.



"You'd never get me up in one of those things!"

P.G.

Pastoral Group Progress - July 1980

Having met since September 1979 it's time we said what we think is being achieved. To put you in the picture I shall outline the role and function of this group.

The P.G. (saves space) is the particular body, along with the Wardens which oversees and maintains the more practical aspects and running of the activities and involvements of St Nicholas. Its function is to gather information from the church activities via representatives., and to distribute information to and between activities. It exists to encourage and promote involvement in ministry both individually and as a group, to co-ordinate ministry and to act as a resource centre for these activities.

Since we have begun we have looked at various areas, suggesting improvements where they have been asked for, or setting up new areas of ministry. These range from the Sunday School and the Creche to the bookstall and Missionary involvement. From drama to setting up a cleaning team. We shall be revising the 'Introducing St Nicholas' pamphlet for September as well as establishing stronger links with activites in the next few months.

Each member of the group is responsible for keeping in touch with certain areas, helping the leaders know what the P.G. does and how they can use it. Each meeting they will report back on their areas, as well as report back to their area of ministry with any relevant information or action suggested by the PG. In this way we hope to be a hub of communication and feed that on to various sources like the Magazine. We hope also to encourage people in their leadership work.

Mike Marshall (Evangelism, CYFA), Malc (Missionary Ctee, Wardens) and Irene Offord (Link Groups, Magazine article/reviews), Mike (Drama, Treasurer's work) and Fi Shouler (Worship Workshop, Sunday School), Cathy Pullinger (Banner group, Creche, Dance) Sinclair Payne (Hospital Ward service, Coffee rota, Address List) Peggy Wright (Coffee Club, Flowers, Monday Fellowship) and Martin Winbolt Lewis (Poster, Odd Job Squad, Bookstall/Library, Chinese F'ship) are the PG. Members. Other areas may be added in time to the group's oversight as they develop.

Please pray for our work as we try to keep in touch with so many areas of the church's life, and do feed in encouragements and needs to the appropriate person.

Martin Winbolt Lewis



ACROSS - 1. The morning. 7. Anon.
 8. Swell. 10. Rural. 11. Sol.
 12. Etc. 14. Aid. 15. Hosea.
 C (hose-a). 17. Still. 19. Seas.
 20. Abundantly.
 DOWN - 2. Hundred. 3. Mantle. 4. Rose.
 5. Ice. 6. Gallian. 9. Great Sea.
 11. So small. 13. Chosen. 16. Fled.
 18. I.O.U.

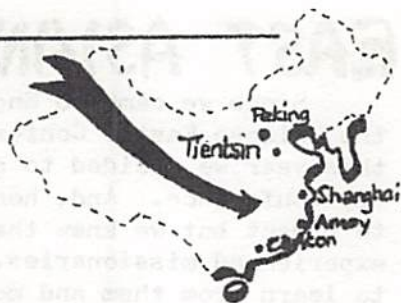
ANSWERS

EAST ASIAN POTENTIAL

Since we came to England, we had been attending the Chinese Easter Conference at Cliff College but this year we decided to go to the Overseas Missionary Conference. And, honestly, we did not know what to expect but we knew that we would be meeting many experienced missionaries. Our hearts were opened to learn from them and most of all to listen to God to what He had for us at this conference. At the Conference the Lord was really good to us, and opened our eyes to the work of the Holy Spirit in countries which are so near to our home and yet we were so ignorant to what was going on. We really felt so ashamed of ourselves for the lack of prayer support for our neighbouring countries.

The first country presented was Thailand and we praise God for His work in this predominantly Buddhist country. Have you heard of Buddhist monks taking up Bible correspondence courses? Well, it is true. Missionaries are working extremely hard in this country. In Manorom Hospital, a missionary hospital in northern Thailand, the missionaries are witnessing and sharing the Gospel with the sick and they are bringing many to the Lord. Imagine the Lord is using the healed lepers who are converted in the hospital, teaching them to be leaders and sending them out to witness. Remember that lepers are treated as outcast by many but the Lord loves them and uses them. We were so excited after knowing so much of Thailand. Then we moved on to the Philippines and we were told that there was a lot to be done among the tribal people. Again we felt the need to pray for the Philipinos and also for the missionaries. Japan came next. The question was, "What was the need you see in Japan?". A rich, powerful and "have-it-all" country and yet lost in its own materialism. Japanese are very devoted to their families, their employers and traditional practices. To be a Christian in Japan is considered a degrading act and he faces tremendous family persecutions.

INSIDE CHINA...



The last country presented was China, where our fore-fathers came from before they migrated to Malaysia (our home-country). China is a country of 900 million people. During the Cultural Revolution with Chairman Mao in power, Chinese Churches were closed and many Christians were imprisoned because they believed in the Lord Jesus. At this conference, Mr. David Adeney, (an ex-missionary to China) who visited China recently, showed us slides of China and amazed us of the greatness of God's work there. The door which we thought was closed to foreigners and christians has been always open to the Holy Spirit's work. Mr. Adeney visited a couple of churches which were recently re-opened for worship and we praise God for the many christians who queued outside the churches overnight in order to attend the early morning services. Some travel for days from the rural areas to get to these churches.

During Chairman Mao's reign, Christians had to meet in secret to worship God and if they were caught, they were imprisoned. One great Chinese christian leader, Wong Ming Tao, who was imprisoned for 22 years and released recently is still beaming for the Lord even though he is now 83 years old. He and many christians, though suffered through a number of years of hard labour in prison, and the torment they went through yet they came out of the prison rejoicing and praising God. They testified that the suffering was truly the way God wanted to purify and sanctify the church in China.

Nowadays, they meet in house-churches in much freedom and their prayer meetings or fellowship meetings last for long hours and often right through to the early morning. The Christians share their limited literature and bibles. Sometimes they have only one book from the Gospel and they share it with each other. During the cultural Revolution, Bibles and other Christian literature were destroyed. There were some who were able to hide their bibles e.g. putting it below flower pots. These christians memorised scriptures and kept them in their hearts and for years christian prisoners kept meditating on the scriptures they memorised and to claim God's promises. There was a 15 year old boy who faithfully waited every day for the Far East Broadcasting Service transmissions of small portions of scripture over the air. He copied them down in a book which took him a few years just to complete the book of Colossians. We were shown a carbon copy of part of this book. This made us ashamed of ourselves with our unlimited resources here.

The China Research Centre in Hong Kong is delivering bibles and christian literature, cassette tapes, etc. through christians in Hong Kong to those in China. Let us uphold our brothers and sisters in Christ in China in prayer that the Lord will continue to strengthen them in their faith and to grow in the Lord. Pray for those who were in prison before that they may not have too much difficulty in adjusting back to their normal lifestyle. Let us also pray that bibles and much more christian literature can be delivered to the chinese without any hindrances from the government. And finally, let us thank God that we can learn so much from our brothers and our sisters in Christ in mainland China.

1 Peter 4:19

Dorothy Loh



YWAM

(from Peter Barrett, a member of our congregation who is doing 3 months training course with YWAM)

Youth With A Mission (YWAM) is an inter-denominational organisation involved to varying degrees and in different ways in about 40 countries. In Britain there are two training schools, one in Scotland and one in England. The course I am doing is called a discipleship training school and lasts $3\frac{1}{2}$ months.

The first $2\frac{1}{2}$ months, the lecture phases are spent in a large manor near Haywards Heath. There are about 50 of us here of 10 nationalities. The structure of the set-up, though not the spirit, bears some resemblance to an English boarding school!

The YWAM motto is "To know Him and make Him known". Hence in the teaching we receive there is a strong emphasis on the character of God. The main aim of the course is the deepening of relationships between us and God, and us and other people. To encourage a good measure of practical application of the relevant teaching we are split up into small groups. We also do some manual work in the afternoons.

In the second phase of the course we shall be doing an outreach in a place as yet not known.



WEDDINGS

Our best wishes and prayers for a happy marriage to David Widdowson and Becky who are to be married on Saturday 12th July.

Also to Milton Tan and Dorothy Loh, who are to be married in St. Nicholas' Church at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday 19th July.



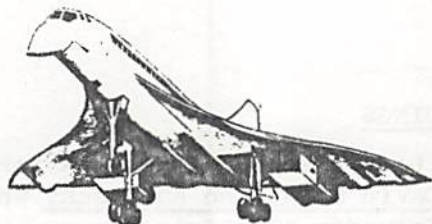
CONGRATULATIONS

to Mike and Rosie Marshall on the birth of Alistair John (just too late for the last magazine)

to Roger and Mushy Simpson on the arrival of Thomas Westgarth

and to John and Kate Arkell on the birth of their third child Christopher James on 4th June.

John would also value prayer as he takes over as Director of Campus Crusade, at its headquarters in Reading.



Martyn Offord writes;

By the time this article is published, Deirdre, the children and I will be in the final stages of preparation for a year's teacher-exchange visit to the U.S.A. That is assuming the final confirmation arrives. If it has not, we will feel very stupid when this magazine comes out.

I shall be working in a High School in Champlain, on the Canadian border with New York, State. This is the top right hand corner of the USA, near Montreal, for those of you with atlases. The children will be in Kindergarten and First Grade there, and Deirdre after a hectic three years of combining motherhood with social work, will enjoy a year as a "pure" housewife. The area has a severe winter but is very much atuned to it, so presumably we will all be sledging, skating and skiing with a medical insurance to match.

So why uproot ourselves from a comfortable, established pattern of life and risk upheaval, insecurity and an alien culture? Am I going with a missionary zeal to teach English to the Americans (or even more excitingly to the nearby French-Canadians?) Or are we going to extol the virtues of contemplative prayer to the stern Puritans of New England? I am afraid we go with no such noble motives.

We have been really appreciating our "home" at St. Nicholas' over these last few weeks; especially we have reflected how much we care for the people here and how much we will miss their care for us.

Yet we have felt for some time a need to "break-out" for a while, to widen our experiences and so gain something to talk about for the next forty years (as illustrations in sermons, I expect). Our original ambition was a year in the wild high-life of California: sunbathing, surfing, swimming pools and Alan Whicker! But as a friend pointed out, a year snowed up in a village of 1,400 people, 35 miles from the nearest shopping-centre would do us more good. We may well get what we need rather than what we wanted. That is, as a family, time to find each other and to become more needful of each other, to grow by facing new situations and decisions together and, perhaps, some peace and quiet to deepen our spiritual lives without being tempted to be too active and having too many commitments to fulfil.



Bilborough, with its strong Christian emphasis and progressive educational set-up seems the right place for me. Yet I always fear stagnation and welcome the opportunity of having to fit into a strange system and adapt to new colleagues, students and curricula. The children will inevitably have some traumas, but hopefully they will increase in confidence and have opportunities they would miss here. Also we feel they may find they receive more than the fag-ends of our time and energy as is so often their lot in Nottingham.

Although she has already been booked to speak to a group of social workers in New York State, Deirdre plans to avoid pressure, give up having head-aches and to enjoy such novel domestic activities as baking, patchwork, sewing and a completely new one - darnning my socks. She also hopes to do plenty of reading and writing. I have not neglected to show her the comments of a

Puritan divine of the area who wrote of a young wife who in 1645, "was fallen into a sad infirmity, the loss of her understanding and reason, which had been growing upon her divers years, by occasion of her giving herself wholly to reading and writing ... For if she had attended her household affairs, and such things as belong to women she had kept her wits."

A spin-off of an exchange arrangement is that we will have to clear the junk that has accumulated in the house and return all those church library-books that we have borrowed. Perhaps we have some of yours as well!

Doug and Sue and their two small children will be living in our house and hopefully sharing many of our friends. They're Methodists by attendance and have come over via their letters as being generous and very warm. One of the major reasons for exchanges breaking down is when the newly arrived family, especially the wife, feel socially isolated. If you are used to visiting or ringing us, please do so with them; introduce them around so they can form their own circle of friends, find a church if they want and get to know the area. We really do depend on some of our friends to do this over the first few weeks.

We too will appreciate your letters. We clearly want the best of both worlds - a year away in America, but we can't bear to be left out of anything here either!

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**THIS IS A
ROUND TUIT**

At long last we have a sufficient quantity for each of you to have one of your own. Cut it out and guard it with your life as they are hard to come by, especially the round ones.

For years we have heard people say I'll do it as soon as I get a round tuit. Since you now have a round tuit of your own many things that have been needing to be accomplished will now get done.





India opened my fear-hardened heart to God through a musical revue "India Arise" which came to Europe following initiatives by Rajmohan Gandhi, grandson of the Mahatma. This led to accepting responsibility in community and industrial relations and many unexpected friendships across the divide of class, colour and creed.

One such friend is Bill Taylor who worked for 50 years in the motor car industry. His shop floor experiments in listening to God moved him from confrontation to resolving countless strike situations. He became Union Chairman of the 1800 sheet metal workers at B.L. Longbridge.

The idea "Go to India - take a team" came as he sought God's direction on retirement. Practical experience has convinced him that God does have a plan for industry, also for the way we are meant to share with those in need. It was in this setting that Bill enlisted another 6 men of faith, mainly with shop-floor experience, who are engaged in the re-generation of British industry. They prayed up and talked up the necessary finance.

The team spent 10 weeks travelling over 4,000 miles across this country of contrasts. Bombay, Poona, Delhi, Allahabad, Jamshedpur, Dhanbad, Durgapur and Calcutta. All key centres where industry has grown at an impressive rate.

The unfolding itinerary included over 25 plant visits, the largest employing 38,000, (often we participated in joint management-union meetings); over 30 interviews which included ministers of the present and past governments; talks to Chambers of Commerce, Rotary, Lions, trainee priests and a Press Club. We even appeared on TV news in three languages when addressing the Indian Merchants' Chamber, Bombay.

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All this was sandwiched between two 6-day training programmes in "Creative Leadership for Industry and National Development" which are a further development of Rajmohan Gandhi's work. These courses at Asia Plateau (60 miles from Poona) are regularly used by many of the companies we visited.

During an early interview, Shri N.G. Goray, former High Commissioner in London, said that the key to the serious shortage of electric power was a new spirit in the coal industry and the railways. The team then made a particular point to meet people in these important sectors.

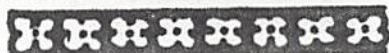
& POOR

Two members of the team had to return to their jobs after 4 weeks and I joined up for the last 4 weeks starting at Durgapur which is part of a great steel and coal belt 100 miles from Calcutta. Our time with Mother Theresa (as mentioned in the April magazine) meant much to us all. Seeing the half-naked families, washing, eating, living on the pavements also remains in the memory as a personal challenge.

Wherever we spoke, there was an immediate response to our practical stories of a change of heart creating new teamwork and responsibility. Honesty and apology appeared to be an unexpected and most welcome topic - especially from the British!

There is much more which could be said about practical responses which give hope for the future. All the human needs and the fear, which so often lies at the root of corruption, can be answered as hearts are opened to the full dimension of Christ's love and direction. We at St. Nic's have our part to play in demonstrating this - home and abroad.

Richard Hawthorne



A THANK-YOU

Earlier in the year, the University Christian Union were in need of new hymn books for use at their meetings. In view of the close links between them and St. Nic's, the P.C.C. decided to support and encourage the C.U. by contributing towards the cost of 100 hymn books.

Nightingale Hall,
23rd June 1980

Dear David,

I am writing on behalf of the C.U. here at Nottingham to thank you for the generous gift of hymn books that St. Nick's gave us. We really should have written at the beginning of term and I'm sorry we haven't. However, we are very grateful,

Yours in Christ,

Alison Christie
Secretary.





c/o Campus Crusade For Christ,
103 Friar Street,
Reading.

3rd July, 1980

Dear all at St. Nic's.

This is really a short note of thanks to all of you who have been praying for me during my college years. I am delighted to say that these years have been a time of blessing, not to say that problems did not exist. However, my college life has drawn to an end with the news that I have received a B.A. ordinary degree in Religious Studies and History.

At the moment I am down here in Reading printing materials for a Campus Crusade Bible Conference in August. I am also looking around for permanent work down here of which there appears to be a substantial amount.

Thanks again for your prayers,

With love and prayers in Christ,

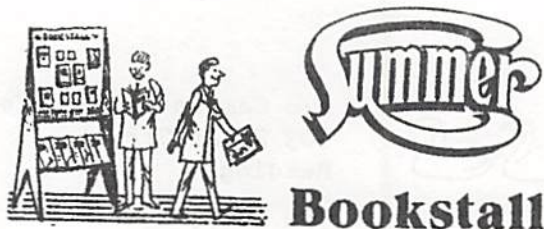
Jane (Lewis)



Flat to Rent

Alistair and Elizabeth Campbell hope to move from their flat in the Park within a month. Anyone interested in renting it (previously hallowed by Rev. P.D.!) contact them at church or on 43696.





the Church bookstall under the tower provides an ample supply of literature to encourage you into further exploration in prayer. The book list issued during the first week of the school suggested several helpful books. Here are some additions. If you don't want to buy them, many are available from the religious section of the County Library!

REACHING OUT by Henri J. Nouwen
Published by Fount 95p.

Henri Nouwen writes with insight into the psychological needs of modern man and combines this with a mature spirituality. You will not want to read this book at one sitting, but to absorb it one priceless section at a time. Memorable sentences and concepts bring new and exciting discoveries in ones personal search for God.

POUSTINIA by Catherine De Hueck Doherty.
Fountain 75p.

The authoress founded a house of friendship, prayer and simple life style in the United States twenty years ago. She and others experimented with a rhythm of life which combined availability to others and time dedicated to prayer and quietness. Poustinia is a Russian word meaning 'desert', the lonely place where people venture who want to find the God who dwells within them. The calmness of this book is its strength. It made me hungry for more silence, more prayer and a rhythm of life which finds it's anchor in God and its service with people.

INTO THE NEW AGE by Stephen Verney
Fountain 65p.

The cover of this book, water cascading down a ravine with enticing, refreshing power, is symbolic of the content of the book. Stephen Verney writes with a refreshing, compelling style. His own excitement in exploring life with God communicates. His chapter on contemplative prayer is deceptively simple. To practise what he teaches leads to a deep experience of God.

PRAYER CONVERSING WITH GOD by Rosaling Rinker
Zonvervan.

The authoress makes prayer sound simple. Her practical suggestions help you to emerge from the rut so many of us fall into with regularity.

TO PRAY AS JESUS by George Martin
Ann Arbor Press.

Every page of George Martin's book contains invaluable information, insight or practical guidelines, urging one on in the quest of prayer. If you can find it, snap it up, its a gem.

FIRE IN COVENTRY by Stephen Verney

Don't be put off by the cover or the title for both obscure the dynamic content of Stephen Verney's first book. It is the most exciting Christian book I have read for a long time. There is a copy in the Church Library. If you want exciting reading for your holiday, borrow this one. There are parallels here with what God is doing among us at St. Nic's. I wonder what it will say to you?



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Collier Row,
Romford,
Essex.



Dear David, Joyce and all friends at St. Nic's,

You're probably wondering what happened to that nice young couple last seen wandering off into the sunset.

The above address is our final definitive version for at least the next year or two we hope. We arrived via a large many-roomed mansion in Ilford which we were very grateful for until the place flooded.

Dr. Barnardo's gently hinted that we might like to seek greener pastures elsewhere whilst they retrieved what was left of their house. After a couple of months standing guard by water tanks and binding the odd fractured water pipe we were thankful to move into our own flat in April.

As we spent 6 months or so living out of suitcases we are only just adjusting to being settled in one place, but we're very pleased to be here and are getting to know the area.

At the moment we've got the best of both worlds - easy access to the centre of London and the open countryside only about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile away,

As for the natives, they are very friendly but unfortunately speak with the local accent which is different from ours, and re-education being such a long process we're not all that optimistic about favourable results!

Both of us are enjoying our respective jobs - Tony has a few projects based on the north of England (where everyone speaks perfectly) and,

consequently is able to travel from time to time - and I am a supervisor in the D.H.S.S. (a Civil Servant in other words) and to my surprise, since I wasn't trained for it, am really enjoying the challenge of running my own section of people.

After spending what seemed like a considerable time waiting for jobs to resolve themselves last year and feeling as if nothing was working out for us, we certainly feel now that we are able to approach our work with right attitudes of thankfulness and enthusiasm.

Our new church is the local Baptist Church - we tried several in the neighbourhood but we felt at home immediately in the Baptist Church, since the people, though not numerous are very warm and kind. Now we feel that we can start to contribute to the life of the fellowship having settled into this new area and thanks to the many lessons we learnt while with you in Nottingham.

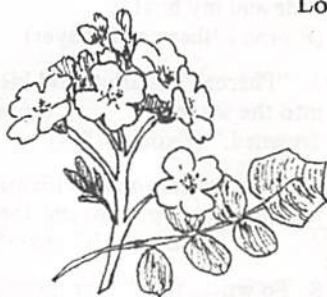
We were a little discouraged when we lived in Ilford since we knew we were only there temporarily.

However, reviewing the past 6 months we have seen every one of the question marks hanging over our lives being erased by the Lord, and the way made clear - so there's no excuse now for not serving Him better.

Love to you all,

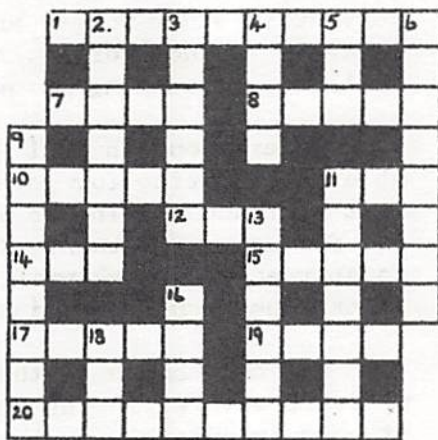
Tony and Janet Hills

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CROSSWORD

THE SEA



CLUES ACROSS

1. "If I take the wings of and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall thy hand lead me" (Psalm 139:9 & 10).
7. Soon
8. A smart heaving of the waves?
10. Of the country
11. Sunny king, and wise, shortly.
12. Inside ketch and the rest.
14. First this for help.
15. Within we chose a suitable prophet's name.
17. "He maketh the storm a calm, so the waves thereof are" (Psalm 107:29)
19. High ones for the main.
20. "God created great whales and every living creature that moveth, which the water brought forth" (Genesis 1:21)

CLUES DOWN

2. "The length of the ark shall be three cubits" (Genesis 6:15)
3. "And round it hath cast, like a the sea" (Robert Grant).
4. "The waters which came down from above stood and up upon an heap" (Joshua 3:16)
5. Solid Water
6. "As of old apostles heard it by the lake". (C.F. Alexander).
9. Name of the Mediterranean Sea in Bible times. (5, 3)
11. "Dear God, be good to me, the sea is so wide and my boat is" (Breton Fisherman's Prayer)
13. "Pharaoh's chariots and his host he cast into the sea; his captains also are drowned." (Exodus 15:4)
16. "The sea returned to his strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians against it" (Exodus 14:27)
18. So writes the debtor shortly.

GOING TO...

This summer, as always, many camps, houseparties and evangelistic ventures will take place in this country. Members of our own congregation will help with some of them. Through prayer, we may be the roots of the tree which draw up vital sap nurturing those who have opted to be the fruit bearing branches.

PRAYER

May we hold before God:

The Cambridge Mission to overseas students which lasts from July to September.

Pathfinder, CYFA, Crusader, Covenanter camps and houseparties, particularly the one at Felixstowe in August involving Mike and Rosie and others from St. Nic's.

Beach Missions being held in many seaside resorts, including the team going from our fellowship to Cromer.

Our own Parish Houseparty at Cromer in August.

Claire Evans and her team going to Italy.

Summer is a time when the fellowship can feel fragmented as we each go our separate ways for rest, relaxation and renewal. May we therefore pray for one another, the ongoing work of the Church and would you especially pray for the Staff who are on Holiday in August (David and Joyce in September).



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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.