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Our dear Friends,

When the Church of England Newspaper did its blitz on Nottingham recently, the reporter asked us, "What do you do as an expression of your faith?" It was a good question. We had talked at length about the lively worship, the healing services and the growth of caring in Link Groups. It was right that he should press us to look for areas where our Christian concern might be expressed.

This month we place the spotlight on one specialised form of ministry in which many of you might well become involved in a variety of ways. We refer to the work which is being undertaken in the hospitals of the city by the Chaplaincy team. The General hospital is in our parish. For some years a small team from St. Nic's has visited the hospital each week on a Sunday afternoon. But patterns are changing, fresh winds are blowing and the opportunities for assisting the Chaplains are now much wider than they used to be. In order to give maximum space to develop some of the opportunities which present themselves, we are cutting the normal length of the Rectory letter.

There are just three things we do want to include in this letter. First, we would like to share the good news that Joyce has now been discharged from the hospital, healed inside and out! Second, at the end of this month we look forward to welcoming Fay Rumley back to the fellowship. Fay, as most of you know, has been in Uganda for the past 2 years. It has been a tough time, and settling back to some kind of normality in England will present a new set of problems. Would you especially pray for her as she returns. She is already seeking God's next step for her future. Let's pray that we may help her to find it.

The third thing we want to bring before you is Peter and Ann Weston's courageous five-week tour of South Africa, which receives a mention later in this magazine. Peter and Ann were members of St. Nic's before we came and have loyally supported us over the years. May we, as a church, be behind them in prayer as they go, and uphold their grown-up 'children', Theo, Penny, Celia, and Georgia who will remain in this country.

Thank you for all your caring concern of us as a family over the past months and for your prayers. Pray that as Joyce emerges from convalescence in the Spring that it may become clear to us all which reins she should take up and which she must leave on one side.

With our love, prayers and thanks.

David & Joyce.

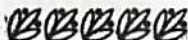


THANK YOU



ST NIC'S FAMILY NEWS

It was good to see Jack & Pam Cooper and their two children in church recently. Pray for them as Jack takes up his second curacy, in Ripley, Yorks, at the beginning of this month.



Our love and sympathy are extended to Astrid Worthington in the recent sad loss of her mother.



The Church Annual Meeting will be held this year on Thursday 2nd April at 7.30 pm. Book the date now!



Love is ...

Congratulations to Denise Wilkinson and Simon on the recent announcement of their engagement.

Belated congratulations to Kate Hewitt and Graeme Gunn whose engagement was announced at the Swanwick weekend.

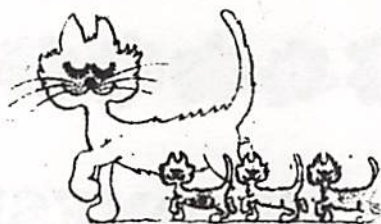




Congratulations to Joanna & George Dobbs on the safe arrival of Benjamin Andrew on 18th January, a brother for Stephen.

We rejoice with Anne & Peter Mott in the birth of Philip Timothy, also on 18th January.

We rejoice with Ian and Cathy Pullinger in the birth of Jeffrey Mark on 15th January, weighing 8lbs 4oz



help wanted

Would you like to be in control of the sound controls during services? - think of the possibilities for silencing the preacher, etc.! More helpers are needed and Iain Pullinger is very happy to show the uninitiated just how to twiddle the knobs. Please contact him, tel: 583620, if you are interested.

MRS. ETHEL SMITH

The Church has sustained another loss in the passing of Mrs. Smith, who died in December just before what would have been her 92nd birthday. Advancing years kept her from Church recently, but for over 40 years she worshipped there regularly. Her husband, Walter, and her son, Kenneth, (who later became Organist at Wilford Parish Church) both sang in the Choir.

She worked willingly for St. Nicholas' over a long period, notably in the difficult days of the 50s, when a dedicated congregation saved the church from closure, and then restored the church building itself. She helped, for example, to raise funds in various ways, organised the catering at the 3-day Sales of Work, and was for many years a member of the Womens' Fellowship.

Many of the older members of the Church will remember her work for the Church with gratitude, and her bright and cheerful personality with real affection.



ASH WEDNESDAY

4th March

10.45 am

A quiet service of Holy Communion will be held in Church to help us as we enter the season of Lent. We hope to arrange a Creche so that members of Coffee Club can join with members of the Monday Fellowship for this act of Worship. There will be no meeting of the Monday Fellowship that week - The service replaces the regular meeting but is open to all who would like to attend.

Peter and Ann Weston write:

The decision to move from security and comfort, to uncertainty and separation, is more difficult to make as one grows older - but now the plans are made, we can look forward to new friendships and new horizons in Africa.

My first Sunday in Rhodesia was Easter Day 1979. The service of the Northside Church was held in a school, with an armed patrol in the grounds. But it reminded me so much of the community spirit at St. Nicks' - and of home. The preacher to that multi-racial congregation, was Peter Griffiths - one of the Elim Missionaries who had escaped the massacre a few months previously. To be led in the Easter prayers for renewal and for peace, by one whose faith in the future had survived such a disaster, was memorable indeed. In the event, Rhodesia has become Zimbabwe, war has given way to peace, and a bumper harvest will help the people of this beautiful land begin to work out their own future.

Ann and I will spend next month as a working holiday in the African Hospital in Bulawayo, in preparation for what we hope will be a 2-3 year contract, starting in the Autumn. So we shall be back briefly in the Spring, before moving house back to Cumbria in May.

We would like to thank all of you at St. Nicks' for the sense of community the Church provides and which will stay with us wherever our travels lead us.

Ann and Peter.



A PATIENT'S

POINT OF VIEW

Advent Sunday dawned and I felt a twinge of envy as I thought of the crowds making their way to church. The walls of the General assumed prison-like proportions. How lovely it would be to go out of the ward and into a place of worship. Other patients, I knew, felt the same. Was the Chapel service to be held that day? It was, I was told.

At lunch time, we fantasized about how we would get there. Perhaps some able-bodied people would arrive with a fleet of wheel chairs to take us in comfort? Perhaps we would have to walk? But how far was it? Could we make it?



At 1.55 pm, ten of us, armed with blankets to combat the cold, stood and waited. There were to be no wheel chairs. Perhaps there hadn't been enough volunteers to transport patients that day? No escort arrived either. And we couldn't go unaccompanied. A generous auxiliary nurse 'volunteered' to steer us through the maze of corridors which separated us from the longed-for chapel. We were fortunate. We were the able-bodied ones - comparatively speaking anyway. Most of us couldn't stand up straight at that stage.

Few of us could walk, but we could shuffle, albeit slowly. And so, bent slightly at the middle, best foot forward, we shuffled. Like a school of penguins, we entered the ancient lift which gobbled us up and then spilled us onto the ground floor. There were more corridors, long and high. There was the front door with its blasts of cold December air. We felt a long way from 'home' and very confused.

We did reach the chapel but the service had begun. It had taken us fifteen minutes to walk there! We shambled into two empty pews near the back and perched thankfully onto the hard and slippery support which they afforded. It was quiet in the chapel. The words of the preacher went over my head. I was too tired to concentrate. But we all enjoyed singing the Lord's praises. And it was clear from his face that the preacher believed what he was saying. I don't know if it was the hymns, an odd word here and there or just the peace of the place which brought Him. All I know is that the Lord came to us.

We had to 'hurry' back to our visitors. Like children returning from a Sunday School outing, we were droopy; exhausted by the long excursion. But as the creaking lift shook us back to the ward, we talked about the Lord. And at tea-time, we talked about the Lord. And that was the beginning of some priceless conversations and fellowship making it an Advent Sunday I shall not quickly forget.



patience... I'm coming Lord



The small St. Nic's team who are involved with the hospital service in the chapel at the General on Sunday afternoons have volunteered to take responsibility for the following Sundays in the near future: February 8th; March 1st and March 8th. This means that they are responsible for transporting or escorting patients from their wards to the chapel. As the article 'A Patient's Point of view' shows, this can take a long time since the General is so big. On Christmas Day, for example, some patients were unable to attend the service because there were insufficient people to escort them to the chapel. Peter Bates, who heads up the St. Nic's team, would be most grateful of the offer of more help for this important ministry.

The team plan to meet on three subsequent occasions to 'listen to God', to seek His way forward about future involvement in the hospital. On February 22nd and March 18th the team will meet in the hospital chapel for this purpose. Again see Pete Bates if you feel you would like to join them, or turn up at 5.00 pm in the chapel on those days.



catching a vision



In the January edition of St. Nicholas' News, I described some of the ways in which the hospital Chaplain's ministry had helped me personally during hospitalisation. I mentioned the specific ministry of the laying-on-of-hands before the operation, the brief visits which always came at 'just the right time'. I did not mention the short Communion service which he conducted for me which 'fed' me spiritually.

'How can one man, one deaconess and few part-time assistants care for all the patients in this way? As I began to ask myself this question it pushed me into exploring the extent of the potential of the Chaplaincy work. I discovered that the Rev. David Stoter is chaplain to Eye Hospital, the General, the University Hospital, the Medical School, the School of nursing and the School of Radiography. It also includes back-up departments: medical, para-medical, administrative and technical. It embraces 850 units of accommodation. To borrow David's phrase, 'it is a sizeable township.'

When the Queen's is fully operational, assuming that the General is maintained at its present level, David Stoter and his colleagues will be responsible for at least 6,000 staff and over 2,000 patients. The relatives of patients, who also have needs, are not included in those figures.

When numbers like that stare you in the face, it is obvious that a small team could not cope even on a superficial level. And the goals which David Stoter has set are by no means superficial. On the contrary, they are demanding and time-consuming. He aims to make himself available to patients by giving them time, by showing, through caring and touch, that they are accepted with their suffering. This acceptance communicates the kind of love which frequently

encourages a patient to share feelings of anxiety, anger, guilt, confusion, fear or depression. It is the kind of love which fosters an open-ness to God.

The spiritual open-ness engendered through caring paves the way for the 'sacramental' ministry which I appreciated so much: the laying-on-of-hands, the anointing with oil and receiving Communion. But the readiness patients show to receive what the Chaplains have to offer presents a problem. In August 1980, David calculated that he and his team were already taking Communion on 70 individuals per week. On top of that, there are the services to take in each hospital, the 6,000 staff to pastor and the vital ministry to patients' relatives.



Even if the work concentrated only on patients who embrace the Christian faith, the Chaplain would not be able to cope. But his work does not revolve around those who are already assured of their faith. Rather, one aspect of the work which David considers to be vital is the contact with people who have little or no faith. And many are being touched by God in a variety of ways. I spoke to one long-stay patient in the General, for example, who told me that she had been confirmed in the hospital chapel. David finds himself baptising people regularly. These are some of the signs that some people are ready to reassess spiritual values when illness interrupts the flow of life, producing an unexpected water-shed.

Soon after beginning my search for a solution to the question 'How does the chaplain cope?' I found my answer. The Chaplaincy team cannot possibly cope unaided. David Storer is the first to acknowledge

this and has therefore 'dreamed a dream'. Let him describe the vision which has captured him, 'Our aim is to build up a chaplaincy team:

We are selecting and training people to be attached to wards as visitors. They will visit all the patients on their wards and then pass on to the chaplains the people who need further help.

We also need people to be involved in bringing patients from the wards to the chapel for services.

We need people with administrative and secretarial skills

We need those willing to act as sacristans for the Chapel.'

If you haven't yet found your niche, there are two further needs, one practical and one 'spiritual'. First, David is hoping to provide kneelers for the chapel and is asking for volunteers to sew these. The kits are ready to make up and ladies able to do cross stitch would be putting their abilities to good use. Each kit costs about £8. Perhaps a Link Group, Coffee Club or Women's Fellowship might buy one and appoint a 'Lydia' to make it? The second need is for prayer. Unless the work is undergirded by prayer it will fail to impact those who are in need. 2.00 pm Sunday afternoon is a key time. Remember, too, the Chaplains as each day they seek to bring the reality of Christ into people's sufferings. Maybe some could covenant to become prayer partners for this work?

If you feel you would like to pursue one or more of the ideas I have mentioned, would you, in the first instance, contact me for more details?

Joyce Huggett.

(I am grateful to David Stoter and the Editors of Link Magazine for their co-operation in producing this article.)

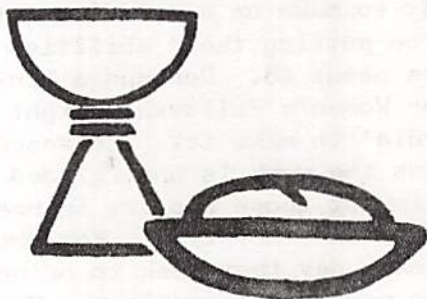
Please Pray...



We focus our prayers this month on the work which is being done in hospitals.

Week 1

Pray for the St. Nic's Hospital ministry group who take responsibility for escorting patients to the chapel service at the General Hospital at 2.00 pm on Sundays. Ask God whether you might offer your services and join them. Pray especially for their continuing ministry under David Stoter's guidance - especially that February 1st; 22nd and March 15th may be occasions when they are clearly guided by God.



Week 2

Pray for the hospital Chaplaincy team as they visit patients, lead services and take Communion to the sick. Pray for their ministry to the staff in the hospitals and their support of the relatives of the patients. Pray especially for the Anglican Chaplain, David Stoter as he master-minds a massive project to ensure that patients in the Eye hospital, Peel Street, the General and the Queens Hospital are visited and helped by Christians. Ask God whether this is the kind of work you could be involved in.

Week 3

Pray for members of the congregation who are involved in hospital work:

medical students - mention some of them by name.
doctors and surgeons - take one and pray for him/her each day this week.
nurses - be specific in praying for individuals you know.

Pray for Peter and Anne Weston and their work in South Africa.



Week 4

Pray for those who work in hospitals 'behind the scenes'.

Ros Richardson, Sue Ellis and Ian Grim working in the labs. Mention any others whom you know to the Lord. Pray for research students like Martin Evans for the Lord's inspiration in his work.

Pray for Social workers, district nurses, physiotherapists, hospital volunteer workers like Kathleen Robinson.

Include hospital porters and ambulance drivers in your prayers. Find out whether there are any members of your Link Group who have close links with the hospital and pray for them by name this week.

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ROMANS

Chapter 5 : the consequences of justification

(i) peace with God

The chapter begins with one of Paul's magisterial 'therefore's. What is the consequence of the argument of the preceding chapters? In vv 1-2 we see 3 of our privileges in Christ:

- (1) peace with God - pardon for our past.
- (2) access by faith - power for the present.
- (3) hope of glory - prospects for the future.

In v.3 we are told to 'glory in tribulations' that is to say in the day-to-day pressures of the world. Do I do that? What a potent witness it would be if I did.

v.5 teaches important truths about the Holy Spirit; He was given to us at our conversion (an aorist participle 'having been given' refers; in Greek, to a single, completed action) but the effect of His presence is continuous (hence the perfect tense 'has been shed abroad') if we day by day submit to His promptings.

v.6 takes us back to v.1; that and the next four verses spell out again what happened upon the Cross. Notice 4 descriptions of fallen man - 'ungodly' (6), 'sinners' (8), 'enemies' (10), 'without strength' (6) i.e. unable to do anything about it. In vv.9-11 the argument is that if God did so much for us when we were rebels, is it likely that He will forsake us now that we are reconciled to Him?

This section (1-11) spells out plainly two ways in which we may know for certain that we have peace with God:

- (1) objectively - the Lord Jesus died for me,

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the historical fact of the Cross.

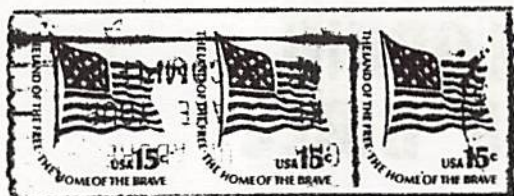
(2) subjectively - the gift of the Holy Spirit within us which we know in experience. Once again we note the balance of Biblical teaching - the two truths are held in equilibrium.

The final section (vv 12-21) draws an analogy between Adam and the Lord Jesus Christ (N.B. for Paul, Adam was undoubtedly an historical figure). They are similar in that all men are affected by their actions (vv.11 & 18), but dissimilar in (a) motive - Adam was governed by self-will; the Lord by self-sacrifice, (b) character - Adam was disobedient and the Lord obedient 'even unto death' (v.19), (c) effects - by one came death and condemnation (v.18); by the Other came life and justification (v.18).

May I end this month with a challenging question? Do I belong to the 'old' humanity initiated by Adam or to the 'new' humanity initiated by Christ? We are all 'in Adam' by birth but not necessarily 'in Christ' because that is by faith. "In God's sight are two men - Adam and Jesus Christ. These two men have all other men hanging at their girdle-strings" - Thomas Goodwin, 17th c. President of Magdalen College, Oxford.

Next month: Chapter 6 - the consequences of justification: (ii) union with Christ.





30 Church St.,
Champlain,
N.Y. 12919

January 11th

Dear All,

My incisive mathematical mind suggests to me that as this is my second trimonthly letter to the magazine, we must have been in the USA for six months. We arrived with temperatures around 90F; school was cancelled today because with last night's temperature dropping between -30 and -40 the school buses would not start. Existing in this weather is a whole new dimension of cold for those of you who sit chafe in the back pew as latecomers leave the door open. Metal handles drop off car-doors, fuel lines freeze and the static electricity in the air means that we electrify each other when we kiss. A humidifier is a necessary adjunct to passing the peace.

But our first white Christmas will always be memorable. Hauling the children on sleds we set off through a foot of snow into the woods to collect evergreens for the church. Then, with the sun setting across the desolate land we trekked back, the girls enthroned upon sleds of greenery, and the only sound the crunching of our boots in the snow, the call of a crow and the melody of thermal underwear rubbing around our knees. We drank hot chocolate around an open wood-stove and ate cookies.

Since Christmas we have made our debut on the ski-slopes where we have made quite an impression - about ten feet from the top actually. Other winter delights that await us when the weather becomes bearable, that is above zero, is snow-mobiling and ice fishing, which, as far as I can gather, involves watching a hole in the ice all day hoping that the bass will bite before the frost does. Frost-bite is a reality; a few moments without gloves and the hands start waving frantically in the air in a manner of which some of you would be proud.

Thank you to all who have written over Christmas. At times we are badly missing the St. Nick's fellowship with all its little foibles. Some of those were demonstrated beautifully on the Harvest Supper tape we recently received; edited by master impressario Mike Marshall. The tone of St. Nick's humour has changed - it seemed very iconoclastic, disrespectful of authority and extremely funny. We found ourselves unable to identify some of the voices.

We seem, as usual to be rushing hither and thither. Two months ago Deirdre was in love with the local Episcopal priest in a Rural Theatre Production - now I am repeating the same exercise with his wife. She is very glamorous - but then aren't all clergy wives? The Methodist Pastor, incidentally is directing the play. Seeing how clergy in an area like this face minute congregation of lukewarm Christians prompts us to ask that in your prayers you not only remember the thankless task the clergy face here, but how, beyond the joy and zeal of St. Nicks there is a world full of isolated, disheartened men of God upon whom the laity have placed the total responsibility of embodying the Gospel.

The shooting of John Lennon probably impacted the news here more than the election of Mr Reagan. It has reawakened yet again the subject of gun-control. The woods here are full of people shooting bears, deer, rabbits, often each other and frequently themselves!



We are greatly looking forward to attending a conference in New York early February on "The Experience of God". The three excellent speakers include Fr. James Jones author of "Filled with New Wine" which some of you may have read. It will be good to have this time for teaching, input and reflection. It also gives us the opportunity of some sightseeing in the city,

and for meeting up with Paul and Mary Zahl and seeing them 'at work'.

We had a very interesting visit to a maximum security prison last week to attend a concert put on by the inmates. The inmate population is 90% coloured as in the main they come from New York city. For the first time we caught a glimpse of the enormity of the problem of integration and the extent of discrimination and poverty in minority groups. However, that would need more than a letter to deal with!

As our space runs out, we wish you all a joyful and contented New Year.

Much love from

Martyn, Deirdre and the girls.



Tuesday December 30th.

My very dear friends,

It is now almost a fortnight since I left Uganda, high time I wrote to you all. The last few days have been very muddling and I'm constantly aware of two channels of thought going round in my mind. Part of me is relieved at having reached the end of a difficult two years - it seems like a dream to think that I won't be involved in a struggle for food in the New Year or to have to try very inadequately to keep the school accounts and what a joy to be freed from a constant daily struggle.

The other part of me is heartbroken at the thought of not going back. There is no one to do the school accounts, it will mean more work for Liz. We are short-staffed, which will mean more work all round for every-

one. When I left people were talking hopefully about the future now that they have a president of "their" choice. How I long to be part of rebuilding that nation.

How thankful I am that even though my mind may be torn, my heart belongs wholly to the Lord. How close he has been throughout recent days, how high I seem to have been lifted by your prayers. Thank-you for being so faithful. Please don't stop now, I still need your support as much as ever. I feel there is so much inside which must still come out, so much I still need to take to the Lord with regard to all that has taken place. Even before that I need to relate to the new world I now find myself in. My first few days were not easy - Nairobi is a very modern capital. Tears appeared because of good food, so much traffic, the wide choice of goods in shops, running water and electricity, being able to worship in English, the overwhelming love and concern of friends who have gone out of their way to be of help. At every turn the Lord provided someone who seemed far more able to sort out our difficulties.

Many thanks too for the many letters you sent to Mombassa it was so good to feel so close to you all. We had a lovely Christmas Day - very traditional, minus the cold. It was all highlighted for me by a surprise 'phone-call from my family!'

The Lord showed me something new this Christmas. He used Mary - just an ordinary person who had no great gifts to offer the world, He used her to bear His Son. After her main purpose in life was completed, He didn't forget her. He loved and cared for her to the end. I learnt that the same heavenly Father will not let me go - even when, as now, I feel I have nothing left to offer - He will love and care for me. He made Mary into a person of beauty in His sight, I pray that in the coming year, He may do that for each one of us. I look forward to seeing you all soon. March 1st God willing.

With much love,



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THANK YOU

Nottinghamshire
County Council

24th December, 1980

Dear Mr. Winbolt-Lewis,

Thank you once again for the lovely toys received as a result of the Toy Service at St. Nicholas'. These are very much appreciated particularly as our list of families needing toys is even longer this year, no doubt owing to the recession and unemployment.

The toys will be distributed on Christmas Eve and will help to make Christmas a happier time for the families who receive them.

Yours sincerely,

Miss J.M. Downs,
Area Director, City West.

Our thanks to all who gave so generously. The National Childrens Homes and Nazareth House also benefitted from the gifts of Toys.

M.W-L.

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CLIMBERS



We are very happy to find that the 'baby bulge' which has existed in the Creche for some time now is beginning to have its effect on Sunday School as 'Scramblers' become 'Climbers' and our numbers continue to increase.

Our young children, aged from three to five years begin their hour or so (depending on the length of the sermon!) with an item known as 'Newstime'. The purpose is to encourage the shy and taciturn, as well as the very vocal, to impart information of interest or importance to himself. It works - and we have found it an invaluable aid in getting to know the children and in generating a warm and friendly atmosphere.

Having successfully fostered their desire to talk we then try to maintain reasonable quiet as we relate the morning's story. We are always delighted with the children's response.

It is encouraging to see child-like faith demonstrated as we pray together. The children's obvious knowledge of Jesus as friend and helper is a delight to witness, and a reflection we feel of the Christian homes to which they belong. Although we leave church part way through the morning service we are part of the family of St. Nicholas, so please do support us in prayer. We are very willing to share particular prayer requests.

We are always keen to talk to parents, so please do make sure you have a chat with us from time to time. It is also very helpful and interesting for us to have some feedback from parents.

To the fit and able, children really are great fun (and we win most of the time!) so if you feel able

to contribute in this area and would like to gain invaluable experience, why not come along and join us one Sunday morning. Threes to fives are a particularly winning age and we are sure you would enjoy yourselves tremendously.



David and Carol Bates,
Chris Barrow.

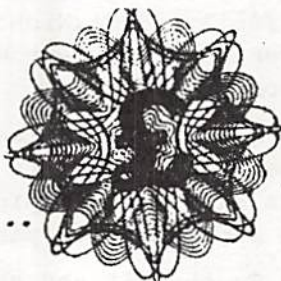


At the end of last year, the P.C.C. approved the allocation of the following monies to some of our missionaries and other related activities.

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C.P.A.S.	200
Mike & Anne Currie	100
Lynn & Elaine Failing	100
Gideons	200
David & Irene Green	200
Barry & Anthea Harrison	500
J. John	50
Charles & Alice Widdowson	100

£1450

WHERE
THE
MONEY
GOES ...



23rd December, 1980

Dear Joyce,

Alice and I want to express to you, and all the Churchwardens and Council of St. Nicholas' Church our very deep thanks for the precious love gift with which you have blessed us.

It has now been five years since Alice and I stepped out of parochial ministry, as an act of obedience to God, and we have been travelling around Australia and South East Asia constantly, ministering the gospel and preaching renewal across the whole body of Christ. This is a very exacting, but very rewarding ministry and we could not continue it without the help and support of God's people. Your love gift will, therefore, help to advance the preaching of the gospel in the out-back areas of this land and in S.E. Asia.

Again, thank you for your love, we so appreciate it. Alice's ties with St. Nicholas go back to 1933, and I preached my first sermon in St. Nicholas Church! We were married in St. Nicholas by Peter Duplock in 1950, and three of our four children were baptised there. We love you very much.

God richly bless you in all you do for Him.

In Jesus' precious Name and service,

Charles & Alice

Rev. Charles Widdowson; P.O. Box 204, Malvern, 3144,
Victoria, Australia.



DOWN WITH SKOOL



- Low moral standards.
- Inadequate RE teaching and assemblies.
- Dubious books for study.
- My child does not 'get on' with a particular teacher.
- I want to complain.
- What happens in school?

DOWN WITH SKOOL!

If you are a parent of a child of school age, or of one nearly there, you may have had such thoughts. Perhaps you would like to discuss your misgivings about schools with Christian teachers. Such an opportunity is open to you at Stapleford House Education Centre, on Saturday, 25th April, from 12 noon to 4.30 pm. Christian Head teachers and teachers will lead talks and discussions on trends in education. There will be plenty of opportunities for you to raise any questions you have about any aspect of your child's schooling.

A central creche can be organised for members of St. Nic's.

Please contact Robin Scott, or Fred Hughes, Stapleford House Christian Education Centre, Wesley Place, Stapleford, Nottingham. NG9 8PD.





WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



Nottingham's central service will be held in
St. Nicholas' Church
on
Friday, 6th March
at 10.30 am.

Ladies of the congregation are warmly invited.

The theme of this year's service is:

"THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S"

(Psalm 24:1)

and it has been prepared by Christian American
Indian Women representing Indian tribes through-
out the United States.

The speaker will be:

The Rev. Beryl Lucas (Methodist)



Part of a Nottingham Women's World Day of Prayer
service will be broadcast on Radio Nottingham's
'All People' programme on Sunday, 8th March at 8.15am.

ST. NICHOLAS PARISH CHURCH NOTTINGHAM

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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.