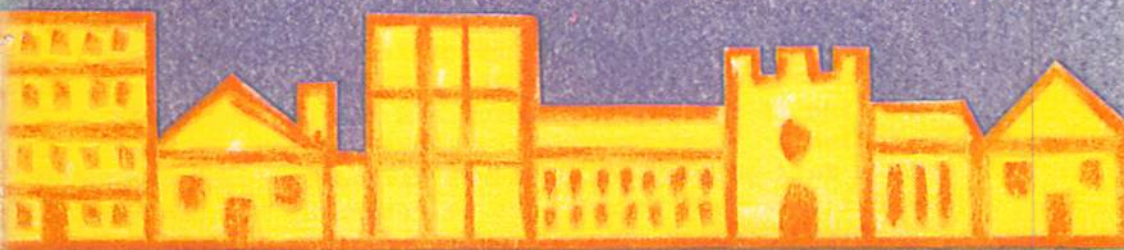


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Our dear Friends,

When we first looked at St. Nicholas' Church over eight years ago, we viewed the gallery, then dusty and disused and said to the wardens, "Wouldn't it be thrilling if one day the Church and the gallery could be filled". Last Sunday, the Guest Service, saw not just a full gallery but a Church packed in every corner. God has been good to us. Are we returning His goodness with faithfulness? There are dangers in a thriving Church. One is complacency. Another is superficiality. A third is pretence. A Church is only as alive as the individuals who worship there. If we lose our first love for God, if we live in rebellion against Him, we may show all the signs of life outwardly, but inwardly decay will spread. May we each, including the leadership, take time to renew our love for God; to allow Him to cleanse and replenish us continuously.

One of the signs that God is at work in our Church is that men and women are leaving us for the mission field with regularity. Saying good-bye to John and Wendy Sayers last month was a bitter-sweet experience. It is a matter for great rejoicing when persons hear God's call and obey that voice at cost to themselves. But it is hard to say goodbye; to let them go. It will be equally hard to 'lose' Robin Genner next week. As we unclench our hands to allow these loved members of our congregation to go, to be our representatives overseas, may we use those hands to hold them in prayer before the God who loves, the God who provides, the God who protects.

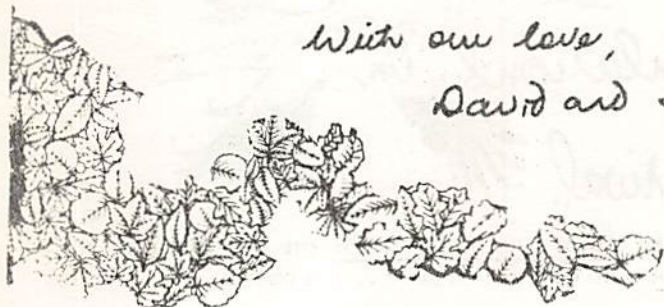
Another sign that God is at work is that there is a continuous re-shuffle of jobs. When people are growing in the Lord, they rarely remain in one office year in, year out. God moves them on to new tasks.

This has certainly been so for Joyce since she recovered from her illness. God seems to be saying that the time has come for her to stop editing this magazine. She must be free to do other writing; more speaking. Martin has been acting as back-stop but this is only a temporary solution. What is God saying to us about St. Nicholas' News? Should it continue? If so, who will edit it? Should it be phased out and replaced with a more economical way of communicating news and views? What do you think? There is no doubt that the magazine has been used by God in the past, but we must keep moving on, always in alignment with His will.

Talking of moving on reminds us of the visit of David Pawson this month. David is one of the nation's most gifted communicators; a man of God with an international ministry. He will be paying a rare visit to Nottingham on November 9th, 10th, the Monday and Tuesday after Swanwick. Go and hear him! You won't be disappointed! We would like to encourage Link groups to go together to hear what God has to say to this man in whom He has invested a teaching, preaching and prophetic ministry. We believe that he, and the Parish Weekend at Swanwick will help point to some answers to the question, 'What is a nice Church like you doing in a place like this?' We need you to be there to hear God's answers.

Pray for us. Life is busy. Life is exciting. Life is rich. But our roots must be embedded in God if we are to be effective. We need and value your support and prayer.

*With our love,  
David and Joyce.*







# ST NIC'S FAMILY NEWS

We rejoice with Di and Sinclair Payne in their marriage at St. Nic's on Saturday 10th October, and pray for the Lord's blessing on their married life.



It was good to see Sue Knight again as she was in Nottingham for the wedding.

\* \* \*

Our love and prayers go with Sue Wrighton as she leaves us to start work in Dorchester.



*Congratulations On  
baby's arrival*

to Alan and Anne Sare on the birth of Rebecca Joanne on 13th October, a sister for Janice and Gillian.

Mr & Mrs R.J. Watmough

i.e. Debbie and Richard

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TOYS  
GALORE  
  
AND  
MORE



Last Christmas we had a Toy Collection for children in and around the city who will receive very little at Christmas. The Social Services, National Children's Homes and Nazareth House received a good range of new toys.

This year we would like to repeat this. It is an area in which we can give. So at the December 20th Morning Service perhaps you and/or your children could bring up a new contribution which we shall distribute on the Monday.

Thank you.

# ST. NIC'S HOSPITAL MINISTRY

## Spot the Parish!

In Spring 1980 I was asked to take over leadership of the St. Nicholas Hospital Ministry. The General Hospital is in our parish - right on our doorstep, with several hundred patients and staff often resident for long periods.

## Prayers and Principles

In the autumn the ward services gave way to prayer meetings. A conviction grew that our ministry should be founded upon three principles. Firstly, unity and commitment should bind a team together. Secondly, the team should serve the Chaplaincy, patients and staff, fitting in with hospital routine and going where invited rather than empire building. Thirdly, any work the team does should be of a high standard.

## Partnership in Pushing

The Chaplaincy were asked where they saw needs and it turned out that they had been operating a chapel service at 2 pm each Sunday

which patients could not attend for want of wheel chair pushers. The team stepped in to help. We also began to take turns with teams from other churches which resulted in the loss of close relationships with patients since we saw them less frequently.



## Possibilities for the

Future Where do we go

from here? I must pass over my leadership role to Di and Sinclair Payne. Patients still need escorts to the chapel and Link Groups could offer to help occasionally. But patients also need friends. Can St. Nic's strengthen a team that will befriend patients for Jesus? What is a church like us doing in a place like this?



# CYFASUMMERING

"Why did you go to Felixstowe instead of to France?" I'm frequently asked, the surprise stemming from the misconception that Felixstowe is dominated by its port. It is a port but after three weeks there this year and ten days the year before I still haven't seen it!

So why did I go? For the one and only Felixstowe C.Y.F.A. houseparty (well actually there are two and I braved them both!) Other people making the rash(?) move of spending this holiday in Felixstowe include inmates of Norwich, Cambridge, Wakefield, Mill Hill and even Nottingham (including certain infamous CYFA leaders and members of St. Nic's!)

The site used is that of Felixstowe College which is placed literally next to the sea with many facilities including a swimming pool, tennis courts and badminton as well as the beach. Day trips, particularly the one to Clacton-on-sea, were also popular. Everyone enjoyed themselves even though the beds sagged in a "V" shaped, back-breaking manner and the second camp was infiltrated by an enemy agent which had several people ill in bed for a short while! The former problem, however, was rendered minimal as the time spent attempting to sleep by the average "Felixstowite" was also minimal!

The enjoyment had by all was both complemented by and a compliment to the Christian teaching and fellowship which all could not help but be affected by with many I know making either commitments or re-commitments to Christ. I'd like to thank Jesus for a great holiday!

Liz Turner



# Children's Page

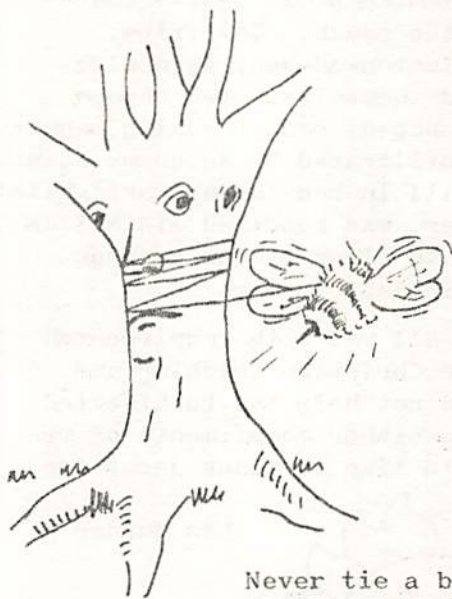
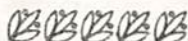


## GUESS WHO?

Autumn winds,  
Winter snows;  
Wonder where  
The weather goes?

Springtime's blooms  
Summer's gold;  
Wonder Why  
The Winter's cold?

April Showers,  
March winds blow,  
Wonder who  
Makes it so?



Never tie a bee  
To a tree;  
For a bee is good at flying  
So there's not much point in tying  
A humble Bumble bee  
To a tree!

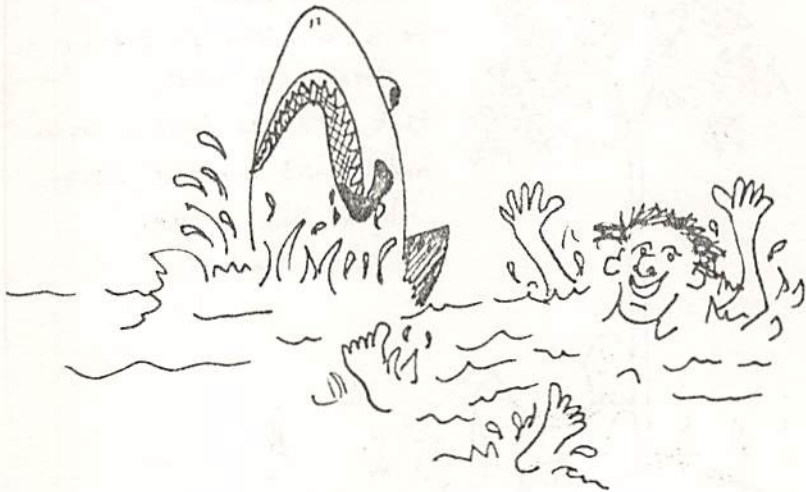




Never try to stare  
At a polar bear;  
Though he's cuddly and white,  
He may hug you very tight -  
And it's widely known that polars  
Have a handy set of molars!



Never swim for a lark  
With a shark;  
For his bite is as good as his bark;  
And far from funny,  
The depths of his tummy  
Are terribly, terribly dark!



"May they be one so that the world will believe"

Do we want to be part of the answer to Jesus' prayer referred to above (as recorded in John 17 v 21)? One way is to be involved in the new Nottingham Council of Churches project involving the laity (us!) Lesley and I went to the first project meeting - held on 25th September. There were many other Christians there from various denominations and traditions - yes, there is life outside St. Nick's! Basically, the project needs six people from each of the city centre churches - surely we can manage this amount from amongst our hundreds. The next project meeting is on Friday November 27th at 7.30 p.m. in the Albert Hall Institute. Do, please, pray about whether God wants YOU to be involved and if HE does and you intend to go to the meeting - please contact David Huggett or Martin Winbolt-Lewis for more information. In addition please feel free to approach Lesley or myself for info.

Thank-you, Peter Francis and  
Lesley Dolling.

(Lesley's phone No. Nottm.701990)



Blessed is the man whose delight  
is in the Lord!  
He is like a tree planted by  
streams of water,  
that yields its fruit in season  
and its leaf does not wither.  
In all that he does,  
he prospers.



# GEORGE HAMMOND

It was in September that George departed this life for a much better one with the Lord, whom he loved. He was forty seven years old, but in those forty seven years he probably put in as many working hours as any other man would do in a normal working life up to the age of sixty five.

Although George had been worshipping at St. Nics for nearly twenty years, it was not every member in the congregation, who could claim to have known him, but those who did will truly value his friendship. For a number of years in the sixties he was verger at St. Nics, and today the church contains tangible reminders of his industry and craftsmanship, as well as his love for the church itself.

As he sought to spend his whole life serving his Lord, it was no surprise to those who knew him, when he set up in business as 'The Christian Duplicating Service'; his aim being to provide a very necessary service for the churches in and around Nottingham. Through this business many of the clergy and Christian lay-folk of all demominations came to appreciate and value not only the duplicating service which he offered them, but George himself as a person.

Prayer played a great part in his life, and in the last few months of his life in Hayward House he found more and more the value of being able to pray to his heavenly father. As people visited him in Hayward House invariably it was they themselves who came away greatly uplifted and encouraged by George's deep faith in the Lord. What a wonderful witness this was - to the staff and other patients as well.

Our love and prayers go out to all his family in their great loss.

G.S.W.



# prayer topics

- Week 1. Parish weekend and what follows.  
Remembrance Service with Cub Scouts attending.  
Robin Genner as she leaves for the Sudan.  
J. John at the N. Staffs Poly Mission.  
Pathfinders and their leaders.



- Week 2. David Pawson's visit to Nottingham. 9th & 10th.  
Exploration, visit of Luis Palau to Nottingham.  
For the Elders, the Wardens and P.C.C. members.  
For David and Joyce, Kevin and Christina.  
For the 'Basics for belief' group; its  
leadership and its fruit.

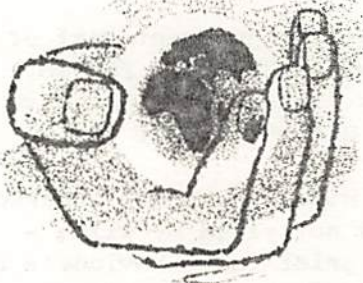






Week 3 Healing Service; for those who minister,  
those who work for healing and the Whole  
Body in prayer support.

For those who do hospital Ministry; for  
our doctors, nurses and medical students.  
For Mike and Rose and Alistair,  
For our missionaries abroad.



Week 4 Guest Service with Val Grieve on 29th.  
For older people as the winter encroaches.  
For Martin and Sue, Hannah and Ben.  
For those engaged in social work; for all  
the care structures of the church, Link-  
groups etc.  
CYFA and their leaders.

# review



Where do I go from here, God? by Zac Pooner  
published by Tyndale.

Have you ever asked yourself this question? I know I have. Does the answer come easily to you? To some yes, but for many, no.

Zac Pooner in this book explains how to seek God's will in your life. Through the use of Biblical references he shows how to grow closer to our Lord and summarises each chapter with useful guidelines and challenging thoughts.

May I share with you this poem taken from the book which speaks strongly to me;

When I stand at the judgment seat of Christ,  
And He shows me His plan for me,  
The plan of my life as it might have been  
Had He had His way, and I see

How I blocked Him here, and I checked Him there,  
And I would not yield my will; -  
Will there be grief in my Saviour's eyes.  
Grief though He loves me still?

He would have me rich, and I stand there poor,  
Stripped of all but His grace,  
While memory runs like a hunted thing  
Down the paths I cannot retrace.

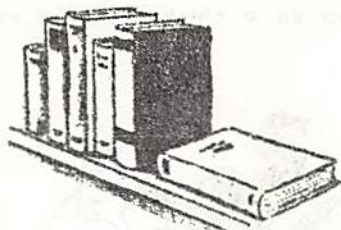
Then my desolate heart will well-nigh break  
With the tears I cannot shed;  
I shall cover my face with my empty hands,  
I shall bow my uncrowned head.



Lord of the years that are left to me,  
I give them to Thy hand;  
Take me, and break me, and mould me  
To the pattern Thou hast planned.

- Martha Snell Nicholson.

I pray that God's will controls all of our lives.



Nigel Webb.

Amazing Grace - John Newton's Story by John Pollock  
(Hodder £1.95)

John Pollock is a prolific author of biographies. This is his first that I've read. Personally, I find his style flat and businesslike, but his content electric with well researched facts. I was very glad to read such a book because the man John Newton has always fascinated me. You know that the facts in the book are true and now and again you catch John Pollock's imagination as he traces God's merciful law in the life of this profligate turned preacher.

No reader will escape the Providence of God exercised in the life of John Newton. From early escapes from death whilst on horseback, Newton loses his mother and goes to sea. From early spiritual awakenings at the feet of Isaac Watts, the young Newton wades deeper and deeper into rebellion and sin. All the while you get the message that only the hand of God keeps him from destruction.

From surly midshipman to Slave Trader, Newton eventually falls foul of a trader's mistress and becomes the servant of slaves. The zealot become blasphemer has hit the depths. He hits them frequently until "Through many dangers, toils and snares" he comes

slowly to the throne of grace. The call of his sweet-heart back on England, the realization that his many escapes from death weren't accidental and the amazing grace that is offered him bring him to his senses.

Newton finally lives to see Abolition of the Slave Trade, after some fruitful years of ministry in the Anglican Church. Read the poignant story of the prodigal sailor, and let it make you reflect on the grace that has 'brought me safe thus far' in wonder and thankfulness.



#### THE CHURCH PROJECTOR

(No, not an individual employed by the Diocese to plant churches but an illuminator of slides and film strips!)

Many of you will know that some time ago the P.C.C. purchased a new filmstrip and slide projector on behalf of the church. Unfortunately it was recently discovered that extensive damage had been caused to the equipment. At present we do not know how the damage was caused as it was never reported. I would be pleased to know of any information about this.

Meanwhile I am pleased to report that the damage has been repaired. It seems sensible, however, to keep a tighter check in the use of our projector. To this end the P.C.C. have asked me to keep it in my care.

If you want to use the projector please let me know in advance and I will arrange it to be available for you (unless someone else has beaten you to it!)  
Gerald Cook. (Tel: 283835)



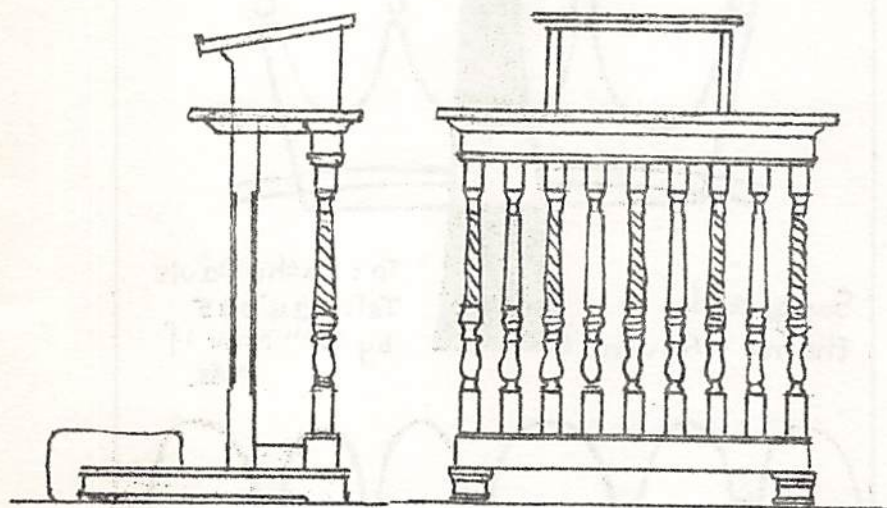
# NEW CLERGY READING DESKS

At its meeting on October 26th the P.C.C. enthusiastically accepted a design for two reading desks. Since the re-design of the chancel some two and a half years ago we have been seeking the right furniture for use by the clergy.

The difficulty has been to find furniture that will fit properly into our lovely Jacobean Chancel. Our thanks are due to Mr. Vernon Royle, the Diocesan Architect, who has designed the new desks using part of the fine Jacobean alter rail that now stands against the East wall. The longer side piece is just the right length to make the fronts of two reading desks, each containing nine of the rails. The good feature of the design is that it matches the credence table and fits well with the large sanctuary chairs.

We hope you like the design as well and will be patient with us as it may well take some months before the desks actually are completed.

J.T.H.



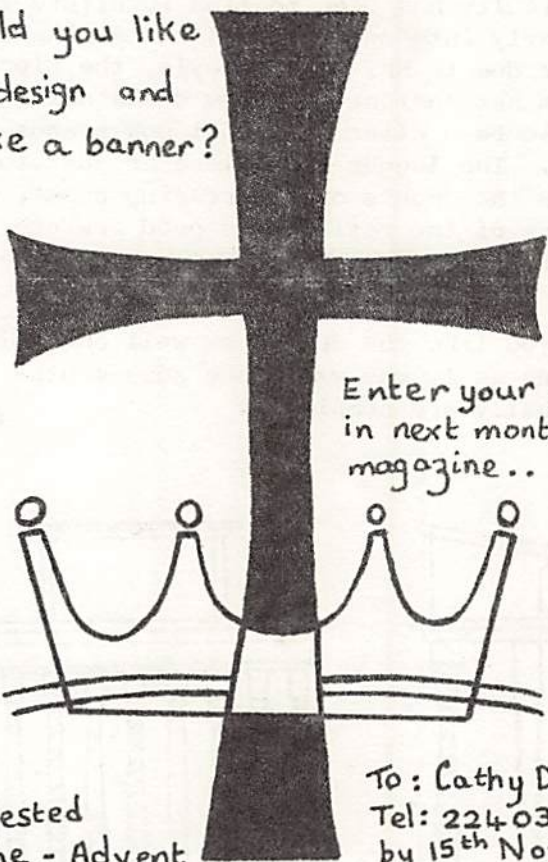
SIDE VIEW OF  
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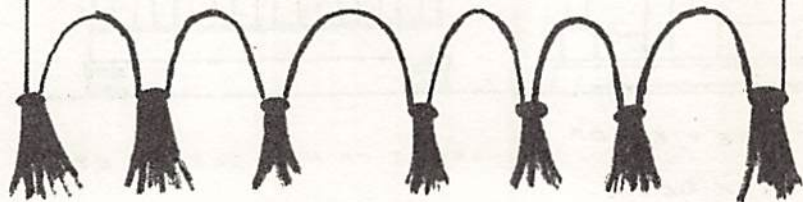
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## 39 QUESTIONS

(Tick or Cross every question)

- DO YOU regularly read a Mission Magazine?  
" " encourage others to read one?  
" " pray regularly for our missionaries?  
" " attend prayer meetings for them?  
" " lead a prayer meeting for them?  
" " write Missionary Articles for the Parish magazine?  
" " talk to members of the congregation about missionary work?  
" " talk to members of the youth fellowship about missionary work?  
" " talk to members of the Sunday School about missionary work?  
" " talk to members of the Women's Fellowship about missionary work?  
" " ever watch missionaries' slides or films?  
" " listen to their 'tapes'?  
" " arrange meetings to support them?  
" " know any missionaries personally?   
" " write to any missionaries?  
Do your friends know what missionaries need?  
Do they know the problems of missionaries?  
Do missionaries receive regular mail and gifts from you and your friends?  
Do you and your 'group' collect things to send to them?  
Has a missionary ever stayed at your home?  
Have you ever arranged for a missionary friend to share a meal at your home?  
" " pray for our missionaries every week in Church?  
" " display information on a board in Church?  
" " read information displayed on a board in Church?  
" " know what country Anne & Mike Curry work in?  
" " receive prayer letters from individual missionaries?  
" " try to attend Missionary Conferences?

- DO YOU encourage others to attend them?  
 " " know if Robin Genner will live alone?  
 " " encourage your children to take an interest in missionaries?  
 " " know if the Sayers will have water and electricity?  
 " " buy things from missionary stalls?  
 " " make things for missionary stalls?  
 " " know the name of our Leprosy Mission link missionary?  
 " " buy things to go into parcels sent to missionaries?  
 " " send parcels?  
 " " know how many children the Harrisons have?  
 " " know who Alex Wellby is?

DO YOU THINK YOU'VE TOLD SOMEONE TODAY HOW THE LORD HAS BLESSED YOU?

\* \* \* \* \*

How did you score?

- 0 - 10 ticks: Do you now feel very inadequate and therefore inspired to find out more about how to support those who represent you in the Lord's work?
- 10 - 20 ticks: a bit lukewarm, aren't you, in your missionary support?
- 20 - 20 ticks: average - but is average good enough for Jesus?
- over 30 ticks: well done thou good and faithful servant. Have you considered going on the mission field yourself?







Ruth and Nigel Jukes  
write:-

Christ Church Rectory,  
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South Africa

Well ... we've been living in our house for almost a year now and are well established. The garden is coming on slowly, though the wind makes life very discouraging as it kills so many plants. It is so good to be right at the heart of the parish - it makes ministry so different - my major contact with parishioners during the week is on the bus into town every day!! It's good too to be able to walk round the parish and bump into people - often on the beach as we walk the dog!

As a church we are growing in love for each other - we had a tremendous houseparty in August with a record attendance. The main focus was on "Gifts" and how we, as sinews and joints of the body, are to each minister with the gifts God has given us. Several peoples lives, including mine, have been drastically altered as a result of that weekend as we have each sought to identify and use the gifts we have been given. We are to have a Parish Leadership Day on 17th Oct. to seek further the direction we as a church should be taking. One major possibility is the setting up of a weekly coffee bar as a place to evangelise the many teenagers in the area.

I continue to work for S.U. and as a result of that houseparty, are becoming more involved there to the extent of taking over as Bookshop manageress in January and working full time. (The present manageress has resigned also as a result, of that weekend to become a nurse!) An incidental result is that there is a real possibility of us being in England in 1983!!

Nigel rushes around as madly as ever and is looking forward to an eight-day directed retreat in October - when he won't even be allowed to speak to me!

Please give our love to all at St. Nic's.

# CARTS of FLAMES



(Sequel to Chariots of Fire).

The Nottingham Canal is not the Scottish Highlands. Come to that, my short hairy legs are not like Eric Liddell's alabaster columns. With the memorable theme music vibrating in my head I warmed up outside the Council House, waiting for the tenth stroke of 'Little John'. Meanwhile, little John Bestwick lubricated his legs with margarine. (He'll be the end of the Medical Profession). Down came the Lord Mayor's Union Jack and 3,200 runners of all sexes, shapes and sizes set out on the Robin Hood Half Marathon. You remember, it was the Sunday when several members of the congregation didn't arrive at the morning service.

The hoards of spectators lining the route mirrored those at the Roman circus. The competitors oozed up Friar Lane, glided by the Castle and then gushed down towards the river. 'Take it easy, don't let the excitement force the pace'. John and I had decided to run the first few miles together in order to encourage each other to follow this advice. At Trent Bridge we saw a mesmerized Jo Chandler sitting in her car, marooned in the sea of runners. The tide swept along The Embankment, the crossing of the suspension footbridge feeling like a pogo stick ride.

'Come on Jimmy'.  
Who's this that every-  
one keeps cheering?  
Not Saville, but  
Sirrel the manager of  
Notts. County. After  
exchanging greetings  
we congratulated him  
on the result of the  
day before, (a flukey  
2-1 home win against



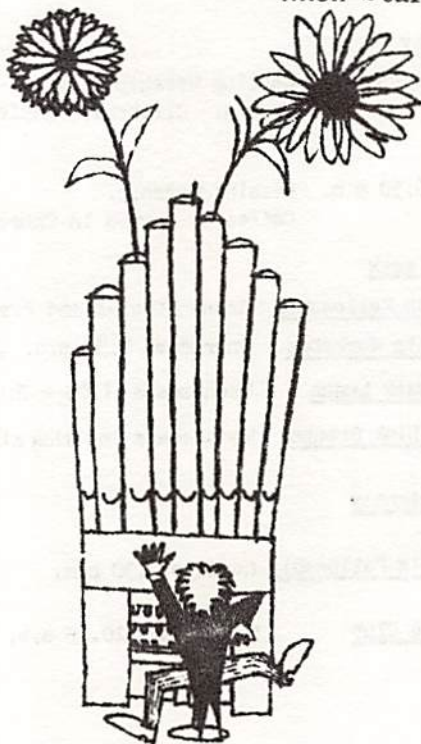


Arsenal), and then ran on. Clifton Boulevard (4 miles), John the faster runner, cruised away. Did I face 'The Loneliness of the Long Distance Runner?' No. It was more like St. Nic's at the end of a service, being hemmed in on every side.

I noticed that many people wore vests advertising institutions ranging from local construction firms to National Foster Care week. Perhaps a suitable Christian vest would read, 'they will run and not grow weary'

What was the end result? John made it home in 1 hr. 30 min., I clocked 1hr. 39min., and Gus Baker now away from the fellowship at Liverpool University bettered us both with 1hr.28 min. The winner did it in 1hr. 6min.! £80,000 will go to a local hospital. We enjoyed our recreation, making it to church in the evening. A break away from the 'wet Christian' stereotype? Join us at the London Marathon in March.

"Anon Starter".





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## **SUNDAY SERVICES AND WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES**

### Sunday

10.45 a.m. Morning Worship.  
Creche. Climbers. Explorers. Pathfinders.

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  
Area Link Groups Wednesdays and Thursdays 8.00 p.m.

### Fortnightly

Women's Fellowship Mondays 2.30 p.m.

Coffee Club Wednesdays 10.15 a.m.