



... and some fell on good ground.

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"No change
my heart shall fear"



The succeeding two lines of this hymn often cause wry amusement, for it may be read as a modern opinion of the church in England. But it is certainly not true of St. Nic's at present. As many know from the pamphlets that were distributed on the February 14th., spring is in the air, and alterations once again on the way; with two new desks for the clergy (so that David and Martin don't resemble quite so much Messrs' Corbett and Barker !) and also a kitchen (with two toilets ensuite) replacing the space currently occupied by the derelict choir vestry.

All these needs money ! We are having a Gift-day on March 7th., so ask God how much He'd like you to donate.

Change seems to be the watchword at present. Footprints are coming and we need somewhere to house them. Martin and Sue leave at the end of this month and Mike and Rosie in August, and we do not know yet who will replace them.

Amidst all this turmoil, we must look to God for peace and learn to trust Him through the times of uncertainty when our own plans miscarry.

Let us be encouraged by the faithful example of Florrie Freeman, who at 90 is one of our oldest members. She was born seven years after D.H. Lawrence, and the Nottingham she will describe to you is the place that formed the background for many of his novels.

Her father was a printer, and her mother worked from home as a lace clipper and scalloper. Her brother worked as a carpenter but died as a result of being gassed in the first world war. One of her sisters, Nelly was a bookbinder's sticher, sewing pages of books together by hand. Her other sister, Agnus worked for Thomas Adams in the Lace Market as a pattern-maker, and as a result of her joining the choir at St. Nic's, Florrie also became a member, leaving St. Bartolomew's as it became "too high".

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Florrie was a dress maker from the age of 14 when she worked for a shilling a week until recently when her failing sight compelled her to give up her work. She made all her dresses and some of her sisters, including a tennis dress for Agnus who played in the Park with Mrs. Metcalfe, the rector's wife.

Florrie is a lovely lady, and a faithful member of our congregation attending morning service every week and also the women's fellowship. She describes St. Nic's as always having been a "friendly church" and she deals with guitars and handclapping in the services very much as one who has seen horse & carriage, tram and trolley bus and two world wars come and go and she looks forward with delight to her home in heaven.

It was very encouraging to talk with someone who regards shange as the norm and something that must not take us by surprise. For after all,

"The storm may roar without me,
My heart may low be laid.
But God is round about me,
And can I be dismayed"

H.T.





MARTIN on the MOVE

'The time has come', the Walrus said, or was rather quoted out of context, for us to move from St. Nic's. It will be a sad business to leave behind real friends, a place of memories and of growth in the Lord. But He has called, we have no doubt of that, so we must gather our belongings, say goodbyes, take a last look at scenes of many joys and some sorrow and move out to the furthest point east from Nottingham (just about).

Opening doors

It all started when about a year ago we tried to look at the possible future for us. At that time a move in the New Year of 1982 seemed to be a reasonable time. When Sue was expecting a baby last summer, it looked as if we ought to mention to the Bishop in case there was something in the Diocese. Sue's mum's ill health suggested to us that to stay in the area was entirely right. We looked at two places in the Leicester Diocese which were 'possibles'; one at Cosby looked ideal on the surface. It wasn't to be so. God seemed to close the door.

Wait...

Then came a time of uncertainty in the autumn. Sue had lost the baby, due March; her mum had miraculously recovered. We did not know whether to stay put and see St. Nic's as the long term place of ministry or what. Where did we start? What was God saying? We honestly didn't know, so we asked a group to wait on God for us. There came a sense that He had things under control but 'waiting' was to be the keyword. Not being one to live comfortably with uncertainty I read 'wait' as 'stay'. When we asked the group again, the answer came again 'wait', but the future would unfold very soon and it would be 'gift-wrapped'.

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Calling?

Over Christmas an approach came from the Simeon Trustees, whose secretary I had known before, to look at St. Peter, Carlton Colville near Lowestoft. I balked at the more 'trad' services, and Sue balked at the distance from her mum. We both recognised it could be God's calling. We could not discount that. So on 31st December we went over the there and met the Wardens.

Our Daily Light that morning read as follows, "The Lord thy God bare thee, as man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place." That looked interesting! The visit created a positive impression. It was a village which has spread into quite a large area of new housing. It had no centre as such. Plans were afoot to build over several fields and eventually make it a suburb of Lowestoft. The church was long and thin, no pillars. The hall was an old school, but plans had been talked of to build something attached to the church. Somehow there seemed promise there. The Warden who showed us round saw the possibilities in an area with many families moving in. He saw the need for Family Services with creche and Sunday School.

The lunch we had with both Wardens and their wives went well. They seemed very open people, just waiting to be encouraged. We felt we could be ourselves with them. We had a little laugh together because they were looking for a 'middle of the road man', having expressed dislike of 'low church charismatics'(!) We were honest about where we stood. In spite of that we were asked to go on the spot! We returned rather bemused, still thinking of the 'harvest fields' yet

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unplanted there, but with the services of the local Council, Wimpey, Barratt, etc., should be soon. Was it a surprise that Daily Light had "There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed" that evening, right at the top of the page?

Tailor-made

The place fitted; ideal for the children. The job seemed tailor-made; there was a small work to be built up, an opportunity to make an impact for Christ in a neighbourhood. There was an emphasis on pastoral work. There was a small believing praying nucleus (a number of folk met weekly), openness to the direction of change, what then was wrong?

Although there was little wrong with the place, although God seemed to have given a promise and vision for it we lacked peace. We prayed, we talked, we took counsel. Only when I had stopped clutching the place and 'let go of it' did I have an overwhelming sense of assurance and peace. Hallelujah! Then it became an ~~easy~~ decision to make. Gift-wrapped? Yes, but on the Father's terms not mine. I made the decision to write to the Trustees and say 'yes' in our ministers' breakfast during the prayers (yes, I get distracted sometimes!). Would you believe the next pray-er?: 'Joshua thirteen verse one, There remaineth yet very much land to be possessed.!' 'Yes,' I thought, 'and I know just where it is - for us!'

Confirmation

When I shared with Sue she had also been given a sense of quiet assurance. When one of the group that prayed for us came round that afternoon she had also been encouraged by the Lord that this was the right place for us. Since then, peace.

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So having met the Bishop, Maurice Wood of Norwich, seen the temporary house, (a new Rectory is being built in the garden of the one they're selling, ready early '83) Hannah's new school (within easy walking, like Ben's playgroup), we are off on March 29th. We shall settle in, go to Lee Abbey, Devon for Easter and start work after being instituted by the Bishop of Norwich on Wednesday, 21st. April.

We shall be sorry to leave you. These are times of change for St. Nic's. We have felt your acceptance and love; we have gained from you. We feel privileged to be your Suffolk missionaries! You are welcome to come and see us. We shall be near the sea and the Broads (one's on the doorstep, the other's in the back garden!) We shall remember with you, that 'He who calls you is faithful, and He also will do it.' Go on and possess the land God has for you in Nottingham, and pray that the saints in Carlton Colville (not forgetting Mutford with Rushmere!) will also possess theirs.

MWL



Martin and Sue's new address: St Peter's Rectory
3, Water's Avenue
Carlton Colville
Lowestoft
Suffolk NR33 8BJ
tel. (0502)65217



MIKE ALSO

"I hear on the Grapevine...", somebody said at a party the other night, "that you are going to Trinity next year". "Well, not so much a Grapevine account", I replied. "It was announced in church two weeks ago!".

However, both Rosie and I felt that quite a few people may have missed that announcement, so we thought it would be good to include a few details in this magazine. I went to an ACCM conference in December, which is a three-day selection procedure for people looking for ordination. They recommended me for training and the Bishop agreed that I could go to Trinity Theological College in Bristol. At last the decisions were made and we are booked to begin a two-year course at the college in October this year. It now remains for us to sort out the details, and what details!. We have to fix up accomodation in Bristol, decide whether or not to keep/let or sell our house here in Nottingham, arrange finance for ourselves through ACCM (who will support me but not Rosie and Alistair!) and various other charities and organisation.

We would be very grateful for your prayers over the next few months as we try and sort these things out with the minimum of fuss and disruption to our work here at St. Nicks. We are not saying good bye yet, by the way. We will leave that until the summer - in the meantime please accept this as a "progress report".

Mike Marshall



COMMITMENT

I am regularly sighing over the non-commitment from some leaders. Take for instance, the Fellowship Group Leaders Weekend Away - a vital part of the corporate pastoring of the church. By the closing date for applications there were still 37 who had not replied. That just is not worthy of the Lord or of serving in the pastorate of the church. We expect a high standard of commitment from leaders and that includes being at the Prayer Gathering. Except when prevented unavoidably from being present I expect every Fellowship Group Leader and all other leaders to be there, as the Prayer Gathering is the heart of the church family where we must meet to pray, laugh, praise, weep and share together. Leaders unwilling to make this a commitment will be asked to resign their leadership. We will also be having a rededication of sides-persons and others involved in service in the church during the year, so that we can all make a fresh commitment to the responsibilities of the tasks we are called to in the church. Overall we aim to strengthen real commitment to Christ and to service for Him in the church here during 1982.

Michael Baughen, the Rector of All Souls, Langham Place, had that to say and had to say that of his church. Commitment, (double 'm', single 't') has become the latest topic for discussion among our members, due to an increasing realisation that all in the body of Christ here at St. Nic's have some part in its service.

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Before anyone commits themselves to anything, however, it is vital to work out what time and energy that service may demand. God, undeniably, is the Person who occupies the central place in our lives, but it is important to distinguish between what He requires of us personally in our daily lives, and what service we are able to offer to the church. The distinction is necessary, because commitment to husband, wife and family lies between the two, and an over-active participation in church affairs may become the cause of resentment in neglected relationships.

Having decided upon the amount of time that is right to make available for church activities, we need to know how best to serve God within the fellowship. Commitments that are glorifying to our Lord must not be seen as rigid, dogmatic or self-righteous duties; nor must they be made out of a sense of guilt. Rather they must spring from a loving desire to serve unselfishly, for without love, as Paul stresses in Corinthians, all we do is worthless.

Let us then be dedicated to service within our church, and whatever God requires us to do (for each of us is called to something) let it be a joyful expression of our love for our Lord, and our brothers and sisters in Christ.

H.T.

Before the service — speak to God.
During the service — let God speak to you.
After the service — speak to one another.

Footprints

THEATRE CO.



Footsteps?....Pawprints?....Footpad?....oh yes,
Footprints Theatre Co....Well, who they anyway?
Answers on a penslip please....

For those of you who would like to know more this is an introduction to the people who are shortly to be part of our family at St. Nic's; Steve and Janet, Phil, Alan, Robin and Rachel. A group yes; but more importantly a group of individuals: It can be demoralising to the thought of only as 'them' or 'the company'....

It was in 1979 that Steve and Janet Stichley, both trained drama teachers, began to realise the potential for Christian drama especially in schools after making in Theatre in Education under the Job Creation Scheme. Out of their germ of an idea arose Footprints, now consisting of six full time performers administered from afar by Colin, their seventh member.

Since 1979 the ministry of the group has grown in several directions, still changing as the Lord leads. School work still occupies a lot of their calender, where they continue to make a mark for God through sketches or short plays in children 's drama lessons, assemblies or R.E. periods, as they are invited in.



It is in this field that Janet's immortal one-liner, 'children don't like sitting on the floor, they think it is beneath them', originated. Street theatre and evening performances for adults fillout the outreach aspect of thier ministry. In addition a lot of time is now spent in what seems to be a growing row of teaching for Christians-both for their spiritual growth and encouragement; and greater exploration of the use of drama in outreach and worship. I am sure those who were present at the recent performances with kinetic at the Victoria Leisure Centre would also wish to chime in 'don't forget the entertainment value'; rightly so, because it is all there as it should be when God-given art form is claimed back for him.

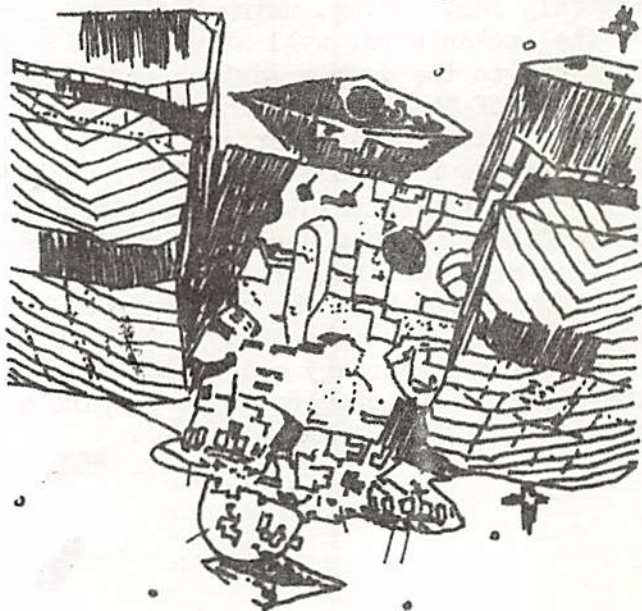
Their style as a company is an effective mixture of the forceful, the funny and the reflective. It is typically fast moving, using music and mime as much as the spoken word, well able to switch from the farcical to the deeply serious almost between speeches. The part of the output which appeals most to the young seems to have found a perfect slot in the new 'Earth Invaders' tour (sponsored by BYFC, Crusaders, CYFa and SU) where Footprints are appearing alongside Clive Calver, Graham Kendrick and Jeffrey Stevenson, and Ismael in a lively roadshow designed to prevent young Christian with the challenge of being true disciples in the world today. This is the company's main work for February and March and could well be the focus of our prayers as we prepare a place for them.

Let us take our commitment to these people seriously as they come to us, their first ever permanent home-base. They are a non-profit making organisation and charge no fixed fee for their work, so as to be within everyone's means. So, may we think about our love and our giving in a realistic light? Pray too, for Janet and Steve-the baby is due in April-and for the way the whole company will need to adjust to changes of personnel to cover this as they are settling in. Pray God's peace into the heart of their often hectic schedule.

Simon White

MARKET INVADERS

God's people in today's world



Well, we'd heard a lot about the 'Footprints Theatre Co.' and so Lesley and I were looking forward to seeing them in action for the first time.

The Victoria Leisure Centre was a good informal and neutral venue, and there are quite a few non-Christians present among the 600 or so who filled the hall.

Footprints seemed to be quite at home and at ease in the surroundings. They performed for about an hour and succeeded well in wooing the audience. The hour consisted of short sketches which were fast moving and effective with impact. Their main appeal was to non-Christians with ideas like good works are inadequate on their own (rat-race sketch); we will all be judged; Jesus substituting death (western sketch) etc. But it was also thought-provoking for Christians!

The acting was of a high standard; costumes and props were imaginative; as Footprints shared their faith with clarity and sensitivity throughout the performance. They appeared to see their acting as worship and a ministry, rather than just another production, and this was very encouraging.

Lets pray for them, especially concerning their need for accomodation in Nottingham.

Peter Francis & Lesley Dolling.



Local "EARTH INVADERS"

Sheffield (Memorial Hall)
Derby (Trinity Baptist)

March
4th & 18th
5th & 19th

UNIVERSITY C.U.



Many of you know that St. Nic's Evangelist, J. John, was recently speaking at the University. The meetings were organised by the Christian Union and John spoke for three evenings (on God, Death, & Sin) under the umbrella title "The Encounter".

As Christians, we learnt a lot. J. John spoke to us last term and at the start of this term, expanding our vision of what God can do. "Just imagine what would happen if you each prayed for three people every day between now and the talks ... !"

And people did pray! Gone was the horrid mission pitfall, where all the "keen" Christians pour energy into admin. while others stand around bemused! We were all involved, working together and ready to reap the harvest He had prepared....

What of the meetings themselves? Well, people came! It was thrilling to see so many un-familiar faces. And J. John preached as only J. John can- "Nazaref - I can tell ya - Nazaref was a dump!!" His entertaining style brought many who would 'come with a friend' on the Thursday and Friday back for more. And they heard the Gospel presented in a way that left no middle ground. "Jesus Christ is Lord - so you'd better shape up!". Seventeen people committed their lives to Christ during the meetings, and more have done so subsequently. There were many more whose hearts were touched, but for whom time and Satan's lies are already dulling the memory. Please pray for these, and those who became Christians - pray that God will make them strong disciples and effective witnesses. Pray also for the new Executive Committee; for unity and clear direction as to how God wants them to continue in their work, and reach out to the six thousand students on and around campus who desperately need to hear the Good News.

Andy Sewell.

John

DIARY

- 26Feb- 7Mar Clubhouse Mission.(see page 18)
- 10Mar West Bridgeford Comp. School:
C.U. Lunch.
- 23Mar-26Mar Mount St. Bernard Abbey.
- 27Mar Cheadle Youth Fellowship.
- 28Mar AM. Crosssacres Pentecostal Church.
3:30PM. Covenanters Boy's and Girl's
Birthday Service.
6:30PM. Special Youth Service at
Cheadle Parish Church for
Covenanters.
8:00PM. After-Church Rally for
young people.
- 2Apr Southwell Church over 18's group.
- 3Apr Youth For Christ meeting.
- 4Apr AM. Top Valley Church.
PM. Ranby Prison with St. Nic's team.



HARRISON'S



The Harrison's Prayer Diary for March is as follows:

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| March 5-6th | Hailsham Christian Fellowship. |
| March 13-14th | St. Nick's, Nottingham. |
| March 20th | E.U.S.A. Annual meeting, London. |
| March 21st | Eltham Park Baptist Church. |
| March 27-28th | Barton Baptist, Torquay. |
| April 3-4th | Victoria Baptist, Eastbourne. |

Please pray for them as they come to the end of their furlough in England.



CATALYST

Catalyst are a Christian Rock Band connected with St. Nic's. For those of you who know about us, we are alive and well and performing at Langley Mill Youth for Christ on March 20th. For those of you who do not know us, we are still performing at Langley Mill, and if you want to find out more, contact Chris Medley, Simon Cotton or Brian Pepper. We will try to keep you informed of our activities - Watch this space!



CLUBHOUSE MISSION London

Feb.27-Mar.6

A team of people from St.Nic's are going on this Mission to support the local Christians on their outreach to this area.

The Clubhouse has been set up in the parish as a centre for Christian social work among local people. The parish contains some expensive office blocks, a lot of crowded private housing, and a large block of council flats called Holcroft Court. Most of the work amongst families will take place in this court. A copy of St. John's gospel is being distributed to each home before the mission, and those known to be interested in Christianity will be visited. J.John (who is leading the mission) will be talking each evening in pubs, a restaurant, a hotel and at a concert.

During the day a team of four people will be taking lessons at assemblies in the C of E school belonging to All Souls. Do pray for the 7-11 year olds contacted through this. Also please pray for the remaining organisation, and for us!

J.John, Geoff Foster,
Malcom & Christine Brown,
Vicky Gauld, Terry Hanley,
Steve Holton, Carol Marman,
Steve Matthews, Mary Lott &
Chris Newham.

JESUS
LIVES!



c/o A.C.R.O.S.S.
P.O. Box 44838
Nairobi
Kenya

Dear David, Martin and all at St. Nic's,

Thank you all so much for the letters and cards I have received. I will try to get them all answered, but it may take a while, so this is a general thank you to start with !

Today was a day-off, so I've spent it reading all the mail that came on the plane. You've had some terribly cold weather and you all have my sympathy. Especially those who have no central heating ! Here one's washing dries in $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, and my hair in 10 mins.!!

Just before lunch a lady turned up with twins in a basket on her head. They were 1 month old and just under 3 ilb. each- at home they will still be in a special-care nursery! They were quite healthy though and appeared to be thriving, and they were clean - most unusual !

Our pastor is still having marriage problems. The bride's price is paid in cows; 30 being the minimum! Love in the west is cheap! Please pray for the deal of 30 cows to go through, and that Anna's family won't demand more because at present Ezekiel is unable to put his full energies into the church which really needs it.

I have spent none of the money from my valedictory yet, but I will let you know what happens to it!

Love to you all,

Robin xxx

PERU

Buses, trains, cars - we take them all for granted here. But there are vast areas of the world which do not even have the railway tracks or roads to drive them on. So one of the main difficulties for those working in remote regions is travel and communication.

This problem is one that a Christian-led team of servicemen will help to alleviate. In 1978/79 a Joint Services Expedition to Nepal tested and proved the River Rover light hovercraft, designed to travel where no roads exist. You may have seen the BBC "World About Us" film of the expedition, entitled "Journey to the Fourth World". The hovercraft is at present being used by the Regions Beyond Missionary Union (R.B.M.U.) to reach remote jungle tribes in Indonesia.

I took part in that expedition, and since then the project has developed further. In May 1982 I will be spending 3 months in Peru as deputy to the team leader of the Joint Services Expedition to Peru, Sqn. Ldr. Mike Cole. At the request of the Peruvians we shall be linking village health posts using 2 hovercrafts on the headwaters of the Amazon. By training Peruvians to maintain and operate the crafts, we will ensure that the "hovering doctor" service remains effective in the long term. When this task is complete we will take a third craft 600 miles along the river system to Pucallpa and hand it over to a consortium of churches under the aegis of the R.B.M.U.

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Although 3 months in the jungle does not make me a missionary, this project has been constantly under the Lord's hand and He has brought me into it. One of my greatest needs is for prayer support: for safety, for wisdom in decision-making, for sensitivity in dealing with a team of very mixed personalities and beliefs, and especially for Ingrid and the children back home.

Finally, although the Services release us for the expedition, they do not pay for it; the budget must be found by the leader and the team. So if you think you or your firm can help with finance or equipment, I would love to hear from you. One relatively painless way that individuals can help is by buying the colour edition of "Journey to the Fourth World" from me or the St. Nick's bookstall: the whole of the £7.95 price will go toward the expedition budget.

Peter Dixon.

STOP & LISTEN

I can't blame anyone
for opting out of the real world
into one that is coloured
by the experience of taking drugs.

Life can be tough
if you meet it head on
without pretence
or any visible means of support.

Perhaps this gives
those of us
who have discovered Jesus
a greater responsibility
to show that he makes a difference
to the way we live.

- Ann Siddall

For Prayer & Praise



The concept of God as a God of miracles is one which we are all familiar with from our New Testaments, and we know that God still can and does perform miracles today, but it always seems to be somewhere else or happening to someone else.

During January my mother became ill with what appeared to be mild stroke. As she deteriorated over the space of a week she was taken firstly to the local hospital, and then moved to the neurological unit of a hospital in Liverpool. She had become so ill that she was paralysed down her right side and extremely weak, and in intense pain, mainly in her head.

The hospital operated to remove matter from her brain for histological tests. Afterwards the surgeon said that only a miracle would save her, and that they did not expect her to recover from the surgery.

It was a time of sadness and anxiety for all the family as well as for many close friends. My father, Martin and I, and other Christian friends prayed for Mum's life. The Lord's peace and His comfort were very real to us and we knew that Mum was safe in God's hands whatever the outcome.

Over the next three days Mum continued in a coma but did not deteriorate. Then the surgeon saw Dad and told him that the results of the tests showed a malignant brain tumour which they thought was proliferating rapidly and that it was only a matter of time.

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We all continued to pray for Mum, and the following day she came out of the coma. She was able to recognise Dad and to respond with a hint of a smile. Day by day she improved very slightly, so much so that another exploratory operation was performed eight days after the first, followed by a scan ten days after that.

Meanwhile Mum continued to improve slowly, having the saline drip, then the dextrose drip, and finally the stomach tube removed after she began to be able to take liquids and then semi-solid food by mouth.

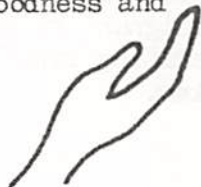
So three weeks after the first operation she was taking solid food, sitting in a chair for a good part of the day, and was fully aware of what was happening around her. The results of the second operation and the scan showed that the growths in her brain were shrinking considerably and the surgeon said that there was no reason why she should not in time recover fully. He would not go back on his initial diagnosis and had to admit that prayer does change things!

God is so good. Nothing is beyond His control. Each answer to prayer is so encouraging and with Mum, so amazing! Praise the Lord!

There is still a long way to go before Mum is fully recovered (if full recovery is God's will). She is having physiotherapy and also speech therapy, as she can hardly speak at all at present, and progress is very slow. Her eyesight is poor and she is still paralysed on her right side.

We are still praying for her that in God's time she will recover fully in speech, eyesight and physical capability. We are looking forward to when she herself can tell others of the Lord's goodness and great powers. Please pray with us.

Dorothy Grace



CHILDREN

Leaders: Chris & Sonya Barrow; David Hart; Ingrid Dixon; David & Carol Bates.

We are very pleased to welcome David Hart and Ingrid Dixon who joined us in September as new leaders of the group. We now have six teachers who work in pairs, each pair teaching a programme which can last up to five weeks.

However, as we span a large age and ability range from 3 to 6 years and now have 18 children in the group, we hope that we may be able to form a new group of 5 to 7 year olds. This will reduce the size of the group and thereby enable us to give more individual attention to each child and facilitate the undertaking and supervision of messy activities.

If you are interested in becoming a 'Searchers' (?) leader, we would be very glad to discuss this with you.

We have been encouraging parents, or anybody else interested to visit us on Sunday mornings to foster a greater degree of involvement and to lend a helping hand wherever necessary. As yet we have had little response, so do let us know if you can spare one Sunday morning to join us.

Many thanks to Fi Shouler for a much appreciated Teachers' Training Day in December and also to Gerald Cook for all his work on our behalf.

We believe the children's work to be an important and enriching part of church life and a way of fulfilling the promises we made to the children at their baptism.

Carol Bates.



HOLIDAY

Travel firms have been exhorting us to "book now" for sunny Spain or Jersey—but what about a week (and often sunny) Norfolk?

The St. Nicholas Parish Holiday can offer excellent meals and accommodation in Sheringham at a reasonable cost. There are many interesting places to visit, but above all there is the advantage of being there with friends. In the evenings there will be times of Christian fellowship with the Rev. Reg Hoye from St. Saviour's church, Nottingham.

See the Sheringham leaflet at the back of the church for details. Places are limited and bookings have already been accepted, so don't delay!

Further information from
Gordon or Jean Walker (811596)

POLAND

HERE ARE the voluntary organisations to which you can send money or gifts in kind to help the Polish people in their time of need:

MEDICAL AID FOR POLAND

238-246 King Street, London W6 0RF (tel: 01-741 1940).

Collects: Mainly money and medical supplies.

Needs most: Aid as much for moral as physical well-being.

Distribution: Most recent shipments addressed to church organisations following uncertainty about fate of Solidarity Medical Bank.

Given so far: Approximately £12,000, plus medical supplies.

Run by: Federation of Poles in Great Britain.

CAFOD (POLAND)

21a Soho Square, London W1V 6NR (tel: 01-734 4158)

Collects: Only money.

Needs most: More money.

Distribution: Through Catholic charity, Caritas.

Given so far: £10,000 from Cafod funds.

Run by: Catholic Fund for Overseas Development.

SUE RYDER FOUNDATION (POLAND)

16 Sue Ryder Homes, and 106 shops, or direct to Foundation at Cavendish, Suffolk, SO10 8AY (tel: 0787 280252)

Collects: Money and necessities such as food, soap, medical equipment.

Needs most: Money.

Distribution: 28 Sue Ryder Homes for sick and disabled; church agencies.

Given so far: Impossible to estimate.

Run by: Lady Ryder of Warsaw, wife of Cheshire, VC.

CHRISTIAN AID (POLAND)

PO Box 1, London, SW9 8BH
(tel: 01-733 5500).

Collects: Money.

Needs most: More to buy protein—full cream milk powder rather than meat.

Distribution: Through the Polish Ecumenical Council, a Protestant body which co-operates with Catholic relief effort. Given so far: £40,000 from Britain (£1 million worldwide).

Run by: British Council of Churches.

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND (POLAND)

Local branches of Save the Children or 157 Clapham Road, London SW9 0PT (tel: 01-582 1414).

Collects: Money and new goods—baby clothes for under twos, blankets, milk powder.

Needs most: More of the same.

Distribution: Through Polish Bishops' Charity Commission which concentrates aid in Gdansk area via local priests. Given so far: £115,000.

Run by: Save the Children Fund Committee.

FOOD FOR POLAND

Parish collections; Scottish-Polish Friendship Fund; or 1 Courtfield Gardens, London W13 0HD (tel.: 01-977 8822).

Collects: Money and food.

Needs most: Food, especially milk for babies.

Distribution: Via Polish Bishops' Charity Commission.

Given so far: £235,000, plus £38,000 from USA.

Run by: Polish Catholic Centre.

BRITISH RED CROSS (POLAND)

County Red Cross branches, Post Office Giro account number 5026016 or 9 Grosvenor Gardens, London SW1X 7EJ.

Collects: Money to buy medical supplies and milk.

Needs most: More.

Distribution: Polish Red Cross. Given so far: £2,500.

Run by: The Red Cross.

OCKENDON VENTURE (POLAND)

Warehouses in Stafford and New Malden; Oxfam and Rotary collection points, or Guildford Road, Woking GU22 7UU (tel: 04862 72012)

Collects: Money, tinned food, clothing.

Needs most: Money for bulk buying of food and medicine.

Distribution: Polish episcopate's convents and children's homes.

Given so far: 100 tons of goods; £30,000 plus.

Run by: Voluntary foundation.

OXFAM

582 Oxfam shops.

Collects: Tinned food, soap and toilet paper.

Needs most: More.

Distribution: Via Ockendon Venture.

Given so far: Impossible to estimate.

Run by: Oxfam.

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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.

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