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ALIVE FOR  
EVERMORE**

Revelation 1:8

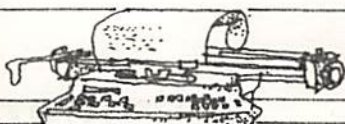
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## THE CLOSING CHAPTERS

This edition marks the demise of St. Nic's News at least in its present form. As Joyce wrote in the previous edition, staff and PCC have decided that it is not economically viable to continue to run the magazine in its present form.

However, we are hoping to produce a St. Nic's Newsheet once every three months, starting in January next year, which will contain news, views, features, etc., and produced by an editorial team. If you have any ideas or suggestions, or would like to help produce this newsheet, please get in touch with Martyn Offord or Ian Grinbaldeston.

We say goodbye to Mike and Rose this month, but they'll still be around (hitch-hiking between here and Bristol) until September! But they are moving soon. So please pray for them particularly Alistair who will be unsettled by the move, and Rose who is expecting Marshall No. 4 in September.

Continue to pray also for David and Joyce, and their health problems which have added to their to their burdens. Pray particularly about future staff, and that the Lord will send someone to David's aid soon.

Lastly, thanks to Milton, Dorothy and Jason for all they've done for St. Nic's in Link Groups and with the magazine as they leave England for Singapore at the end of this month.



## **Parish Hansard**

This month's PCC meeting decided that the Parish magazine should carry a 'hansard' of its proceedings, even though at the moment a sub-committee is to review the fate of that publication. Members of the Women's Fellowship had also expressed concern about their fates, in that the condition of the furniture in the Lower Lounge had deteriorated and was no longer adequately supportive. A temporary suite is to be moved in whilst more permanent measures are considered. Rest easy ladies!

Bob Marlow reported on the Eldership. They contribute in many "unseen ways", he stated, but have recently been very much engaged in praying through such developments as a church administrator, staffing and training, meeting patterns and finance. The meeting felt that with current gaps in the staffing, the Elders should not be drawn into merely mechanical and administrative roles and that with present rates of church growth the role and number of elders need to be reviewed to cater for pastoral - ing needs.

Gerald Cook outlined the proposals for the children which were to be put before the parents and teachers later this week. The idea of a four-week schedule of Holy Communion, 'Special events', Holy Communion and Family Service was debated, especially regarding the practical implementation.

The situation regarding Footprints is still in need of prayer. The Church re-iterates its commitment, but it was felt worth inviting them for a weekend specifically so that both parties could pray and seek God's will together.

Several issues have arisen regarding the condition or the use of Church buildings. With the Chinese vacating the (old) Rectory in July ideas are sought for its use and, indeed, a sub-committee was established to begin to examine the whole idea of using of Church plant, including such schemes as week-day and daytime opening. Along a similar vein it seemed worthwhile taking the opportunity of the re-laying of the churchyard to explore the feasibility of having several parking spaces put down. Estimates are being requested for some urgent work to the windows and plumbing of the Rectory.

The PCC has undertaken to make a financial contribution to Lenton parish as a commitment to building links and sharing resources. The treasurer did point out, however, that the contribution would come out of savings rather than out of collections, because weekly giving is still very disappointing.

Finally the nexting endorsed a letter to be sent to the Bishop urging him to continue considering our need for a curate.



# Goodbye



## MIKE & ROSE

The first memories of Mike and Rosie were at the Lenton Link group two years ago. I was warmly greeted by this bright enthusiastic man, who spent the rest of the evening trying to find a comfortable spot in his chair, and attempting to throw his wedding ring away. Rosie sat quietly in the corner, interrupting Mike every so often, to explain to us what he actually meant.

Since that first apprehensive encounter, Mike and Rosie quickly come to hold a position of special regard, and even Mike's expressive manner has become very dear to me. I am sure this is the experience of many in the church, who have been struck by the openness and love that the couple share, that enables them to be very direct with those around them. This inspires a frank honesty response, and has certainly challenged me to rethink my position on many occasions. Their friendship is something I am sure all hold very dear.

A little over/under a year ago the Marshalls became a trio. Alistair is a delightful child who seems blessed with all of his parents endearing characteristics, and already leaves a positive impression wherever he goes. Mike is delighted with his developing football progress, though I'm sure it will be a few years before we can tackle his father!

The impending of the Marshall's to Bristol has been met with a mixture of emotions. Undoubtedly many will feel the loss of their leadership and teaching, and will miss them and their fellowship. However I pray that we call all rejoice in the next stage of their lives and send them off with our love, prayer and any support they need, especially as their family is growing again.

Few people have made such an impression as me and have helped and inspired me as much, in my christian life. I am sure many will re echo that and wish to thank them for "just everything".

Fernet

# THANK YOU



## TERRY & SALLY

Before working for St. Nic's I was employed by the Seven Trent Water Authority (in an Administrative capacity) for 4 years. I, like Sally, grew up in Eastwood which is only 8 miles from Nottingham and we later attended Eastwood Parish Church.

We both started to attend St. Nic's in June 1980, and I moved to Beeston in August of that year, while Sally moved into the City Hospital Nurses' Home in September when she commenced training as a Student Nurse.

Before, literally stumbling upon St. Nic's we had been looking for a city church to attend for several months, as we both wanted to continue worshipping together when Sally commenced training and looking back we can see how the Lord guided us to St. Nic's.

We purchased a house on the Heranridge Estate (part of Rise-Park) a year ago and I now live there.

We are getting married on September 18th this year at St. Nic's, and we are looking forward to serving the Lord as a married couple.

Our plans for the future are hazy at the moment, although I may go forward for theological training/ordination in 3 to 4 years time.





# A STEP FURTHER

Milton and Dorothy

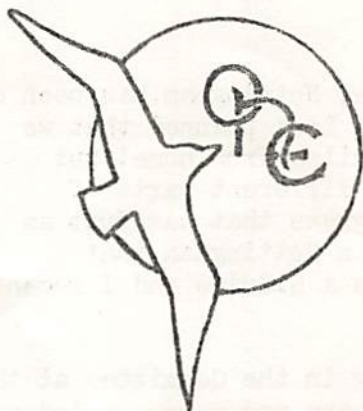
For the last 8 years, Nottingham has been our home from home. The Lord planned that we meet here, 14,000 miles from home! but because we are from different parts of Malaysia anyway, I guess that was just as good! It was here in Nottingham that Dorothy qualified as a Midwife and I recently as an Architect.

We met while serving in the Committee at the Chinese Fellowship here and were married at St. Nic's (of course!) two years ago. We now have a son-tan (got it?!) who was born at Dorothy's work place - City hospital - last year.

It is now time for us to return home and serve our country where much help is required in all quarters, be it the expanding church, the construction boom or improving medical facilities. Our qualifications and experience, -nothing very special in this country,- will be priceless relatively at home and we may have to take on responsible and influential roles in church and at work. I'm sure we shall be desperate for the Lord's help! because the society will be more hostile, demanding, fast, less predictable and often having double standards. Being a Christian in the Far East is tough but very exciting. We are looking forward with eager anticipation of the glorious things the Lord is going to lead us to. Although we say 'Goodbye' now, we hope to be able to play host to some of you who may drop by - after all our home is under a day's journey away!

Thank You for all your fellowship and friendship which has and will strengthen us in the Lord's service.

With love in Him,  
Milton, Dorothy and Jason.



Colin walked into Abe's living room and slumped into an easy chair. He was exhausted from another day of carefree bachelor existence and the strain was beginning to show in his eyes, which were bloodshot.

Abe looked, with sympathy and concern, at his friend. He put down the Bible Commentary which he had been learning by heart to pass the time, and said thoughtfully, "You know, old buddy, what you and I, and countless others like us, really need, is some teaching about how to enjoy the single life to the full."

At first Colin did not react but merely sat with his glazed and bloodshot eyes staring into the distance. Eventually, however, he did rouse himself, and the two of them began to discuss and develop the idea- would it be possible to arrange a weekend houseparty for single people to share social activities, fellowship, discussion and teaching with each other?

As their plans progressed so their enthusiasm grew. They shared their vision with several others and it met with a warm response.

A title and provisional programme for the weekend were devised. Rob was bullied out of his lethargy, grunted and produced a booking form. Pam was bribed with sweeties to produce a logo. The church staff were eager to have a break from the relentless circuit of engaged couples weekends and weddings and David and Joyce agreed to come on the houseparty and lead the seminars.

Finally the jungle drums brought the news that a group of intrepid explorers had found a possible site for the houseparty; in the wastes of North Shropshire lay a Christian Conference Centre known to the natives as "Cloverley Hall", a place of great beauty and within easy driving distance of Nottingham. Investigations were made into the facilities offered by the place, and it declared suitable despite a certain doubt about the existence of the fabled snooker table, and warnings that a species of flying animal inhabited the building's belfry.

So, ladies and gentlemen, we present to you "ONE", a weekend for those not married or engaged, to be held at Cloverley Hall, Whitchurch, Shropshire on 24th - 26th September 1982. Further details will be released as available.

Alfred Nonymous.



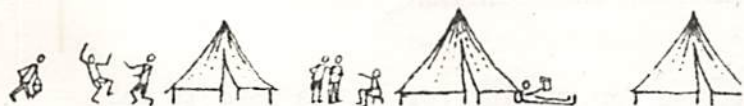
# Pray...

## PEOPLE ON SUMMER CAMPS

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| 1. Tessa Macpherson     | 23 July - 3 August<br>Marsh Court S.U.<br>Houseparty.            |
| 2. Stuart Roberts       | 26 July - 6 August<br>Milnthorpe "A" Mixed<br>Pathfinder Camp.   |
| 3. Pam Hoyle & 2 others | 3 August - 13 August<br>Windermere "A" Mixed<br>Pathfinder Camp. |
| 4. Christina Huggett    | 5 - 13 August<br>Shrivesham "B" Boys<br>Pathfinder Camp !        |
| 5. Bidy Small           | 7 - 18 August<br>Criccieth "B" Mixed<br>Pathfinders Camp         |



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| 6. St. Nic's            | 7 - 14 August<br>Sheringham Holiday                        |
| 7. Angela & Robin Scott | 11 - 18 August<br>CYFA Houseparty at<br>Skipton.           |
| 8. Christine Hewlett    | 12 - 21 August<br>Sandsend "B" Mixed<br>Pathfinder Camp.   |
| 9. Gillian Carr         | 13 - 28 August<br>Salcombe Outdoor<br>Pursuits Camp (ISCF) |

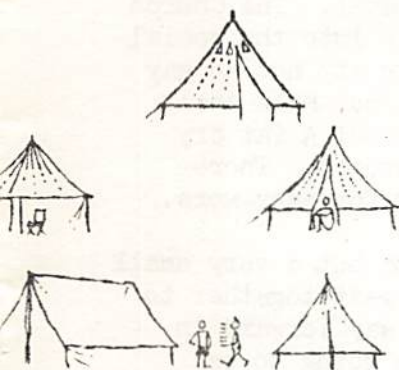


10. Marilyn Johnston

20 - 27 August  
Malton "B" Mixed  
CYFA Camp.

11. Jayne Wigley, Liz  
Turner & Liz Duffy

21 - 28 August  
Porthpean Mixed  
Pathfinder Camp.



12. Colin Frier, Rob  
Chandler, Wendy Marshall

21 - 28 August  
Talybont Camp  
13 - 15 yr olds  
(Midland Camping  
Ventures)

13. Elaine Gibbs

21 - 28 August  
St. Annes "B" Mixed  
Pathfinder Camp

## REPORT FROM THE FRONTIER

Thank you for praying for us, we need it and appreciate it. The change from Nottingham has been quite hard to cope with in some ways. We miss the fellowship and support of St. Nic's, as well as the more contemporary approach to worship and ministry. We have enjoyed the environment here very much, especially being two miles from the sea during this present heatwave.

God's call to us and his promises still figure largely in our minds as we survey what will be a very testing and challenging few years here. Churchianity is strong in this part of the world, and is the chief threat to the Gospel. The Church can so easily blend compromisingly into the social scene. Suffolk people are rather apt not to say what they really think in public, but hold their 'alternative' P.C.C. on the way home! A far cry from the 'eyeball to eyeball' approach. There have been encouragements, we look for many more.

There is great openness in Mutford but a very small congregation. They are going to meet together to study th Word and pray for God's way forward in early July. Rushmere's church is going to be redundant 'officially' but there are no worshippers that I know in that village. I have discovered 2 R.E. teachers though, let them beware! They won't 'merge with Mutford so I've suggested they meet in someone's home. Whether they will I don't know.

God has graciously met our needs in four areas of prayer at Carlton. First we now have provision for the children on a rota basis, though they return to their families for the Communion. Mature Christians are beginning to join us including a headmaster and a head of R.E. ! A miracle at the P.C.C. insured the purchase and use of Sounds of Living Waters & Fresh Sounds. One of Satan's seats has been exposed in the form of a medium on the P.C.C. but I don't yet have the wisdom to know how to deal with that one, but at least I know of her. A healthy development is what we call 'Open House' which now meets at the Rectory for worship, study/discussion and prayer.

The main adjustments here have been in the sorting out of marriage preparation, baptisms and funerals. We also have two churchyards with all the business of

interments and permission for monuments. Lots of paperwork and interruptions. Still, one Warden bought a C.P.A.S. soundstrip called 'Stairway' for baptismal preparation, and I only baptise in the Family Service, so we have a little procedure for couples to go through. One mother I believe has found the reality of Jesus. There are also the community involvements, Lowestoft Christian 'do's' and ex-officio obligations to take on board. What fun! When I think what I am expected to do with no 'help' I go a little apoplectic thinking of the wealth of maturity and gifts at St. Nic's. There has been no help for a potential eighteen Sunday services per month, except a server and people to read! It will change. Do pray.

I have personally got very guilty, thinking that people had their field glasses on me when I'm not working. I guess that is an occupational hazard of first time vicars. A village is a village and people talk, but I suppose I ought to let people get on and think what they like. Do pray for that.

Sue like me loves the area. The children are much happier and well bronzed from the lovely weather. They have playmated three doors away. We shall hit the fruit picking season soon and the summer fetes then they will truly be in their element. I don't know which was most trying for Sue, half term of her mumps! She is grajually making friends of neighbours, many are open to the Lord. She leads some of the livelier music, her bump permitting. Hanni is reading now and Ben is suffering a cut back from his Nottingham days at playgroup three days a week. We hope to get him to one of the very rare nursery schools in September as a hardship case! What we shall do when number 3 arrives we don't know! The maternity hospital is in Gt. Yarmouth and roads impassable for holidaymakers in August. How we shall cope with the three, God knows; He does anyway !

More anon about here through the grapevine, as I gather St. Nicholas News is on the hit list. We have been blessed with a cottage to re-invest 294 Derby Road in beyond our wildest dreams. It's in Heveningham, half an hour away, 17th. Century, modernised with all we would need to get holidays without the hassle of travel. It's only 8 miles from the sea, 1 mile from a lovely country house (with a Christian administrator) and in beautiful scenery. Do make an approach if you would like to holiday there. We're bagging it late August to early September, but the rest is up for grabs. We aim to well undercut the usual holiday-home market ! Ideal for teachers, it's called School Cottage. Visiting preachers always welcome.

Bye for now, we think of you all, come and visit the frontier sometime !

Martin and Sue, Hannah and Ben.







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## testimony

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The time has come for us to return East. As I reflect on the 11 years I spent in England, I just can't help praising God for all that He had done in my life. Many of them were great lessons. He is indeed a faithful God.

I came to England in Oct. 1971. The Lord confirmed my trip here by speaking to me in Isaiah 6:8 and I had no doubts He had even prepared a place in the school of nursing at Mansfield for me. God's peace gave me much assurance. The 2 years training at Ransom Hosp. had indeed taught me a great deal not only in looking after patients but also to better myself in my service for the Lord as a christian. It was tough working in a non-christian environment but it was a joy to share Christ with the patients especially those dying and to see them accepting Jesus into their lives. I have never seen so many men and women cried when they turned to God. I thank God for the great fellowship He gave me in Mansfield and I had made some trustworthy christians there.

When I had to leave to go somewhere else for my General Nursing (SRN), the Lord definitely prepared a place for me in Nottingham even though I desired to go to Kent. But that peace of God was not there until I decided to turn back to God and let Him lead. The Lord had something else up His sleeves for me in Nottingham. I found out later that He wanted me to lead the Chinese Fellowship. I had never handled such a big task before and I kept on giving all kinds of excuses until the Lord showed me the example of Moses and how He eventually had to trust God totally in what He wanted him to do.

I moved on to Midwifery and stayed in the Chinese Fellowship for 5 years during which God gave me the most valuable gift, my husband, Milton, who has given me love, a lot of support and understanding especially during my "trial" periods. Both Milton and I were in the committee then and it was most wonderful how the Lord brought us both together in 5 confirmations. The Lord never makes us feel in doubt. We just got to wait patiently upon Him. We both left the fellowship mainly because we wanted to be involved with St. Nic.'s and we needed to broaden our experience before we leave this country.

In my last year in the Chinese Fellowship, God laid a very deep and heavy conviction on my heart concerning some christian couples and their relationships. It was an awesome burden and caused great pain within me. I couldn't understand it for months until I turned to prayer for a long period and when I was some months later that it was right to approach these couples I shared with them what the Lord had laid upon my heart. The pain was worse after the sharing, but I knew I had to do it in obedience to God. I made many enemies, of course. Jesus too had many enemies whenever he taught and counselled. This pain and suffering remained in me. There were nights when I sat up to cry for them. Many thought I was over sensitive, over-reacting, silly, and why couldn't I mind my own business. All along, I knew the Lord was with me. Sometimes the pain was so severe I ask Him to take me to my Heavenly Home. I did ask God for the reason why I had to go through such a trial. Milton had been a great comfort too. We both prayed through the pain when it was really bad. I shared with Joyce too

and she very gently told me that God wants me to have this 'gift' of suffering. At that time I could'nt fully understand that. Suffering is very strainous-physically, mentally and spiritually. During this period I lost 2 stones in weight! When all these scars were still within me, my Dad passed away. I felt defeated and I could'nt take it anymore. I was at the verge of total collapse, when I let go of God's strength. I asked many questions and for weeks I just wanted to be on my own but in my mind I could'nt forget my Heavenly Father. Only in the last 2 weeks, the Lord brought 3 groups of christians into my life at different times. They came to tell the same reasons why I had to suffer so much. Suffering is a gift and the Lord wants me to have it and suffer for Him. The Lord, Himself had been through great suffering for mankind. What I went through was just a fraction of His suffering. It must be really painful and unbearable on Jesus as He took our sins upon Him on the Cross.



On His ressurection the scars on His pierced hands and feet and from the crown of thorns remained with Him and He rose up in triumph on winning the battle over Satan.

I shall leave this country without feeling low but rejoicing as I march out in triumph while still bearing the scars that are within me. I praise Him for reviewing to me after nearly 5 years of the painful trial and it's so timely knowing we are leaving this country soon. As I accept this gift from God, I pray that He will continue to teach me to purify this suffering so that it is totally for the Lord. The Lord has further review to me something very confidential which confirms His plans for me all along and He does mean serious business in His work!

I praise Him for all the great lessons He taught me and indeed have brought me closer to Him.

2Cor.1:3-5

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ's we share abundantly in comfort too.

Thanks to all who stood by me during this difficult period, especially David and Joyce and the Link Group.

Love in Christ,  
Dorothy Tan





### THIRD WAY

Third way is a provocative and unorthodox magazine which aims to find and apply biblical principles for Christian action in the secular worlds. Almost any subject is fair game to be tackled, with current news being examined and attention being brought to other contemporary affairs which are not news. Over the last year the knotty issue of peace, defence and disarmament has, not surprisingly, figured largely. Other articles have considered the police, pornography, employment and the lack of it, the changing nature of property law and the problems of South Africa. There has also been a series of interviews with the leaders of the major political parties, comparing their ideologies with Christian faith.

In every edition there are reviews of new films and books, particularly those not widely publicised in the Christian community, along with readers' letters.

The problems tackled are complex with no obviously correct answers, and you will agree with some of the conclusions drawn and disagree with others. Indeed, it is the policy of the magazine, from time to time, to present conflicting views on a subject. What you are guaranteed are lively, intelligent and fair articles which are stimulating and provide a springboard for further thought.

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If you wish to see any back copies first I have several available.

Ray Fawcett.



"Two days earlier and I could have got it in the magazine!"

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6.30pm Evening Worship, Coffee after service  
8.00pm. CYFA

Mid Week Area Link Groups :Tues. & Weds. 8.00pm  
Basics for Belief:Weds. 7.30pm Lower Lounge  
Music Group:Thurs 7.45pm Church Vestry

Fortnightly Women's fellowship. Monday 2.30pm Lower Lounge  
Coffee Club: Weds. 9.45pm Lower Lounge