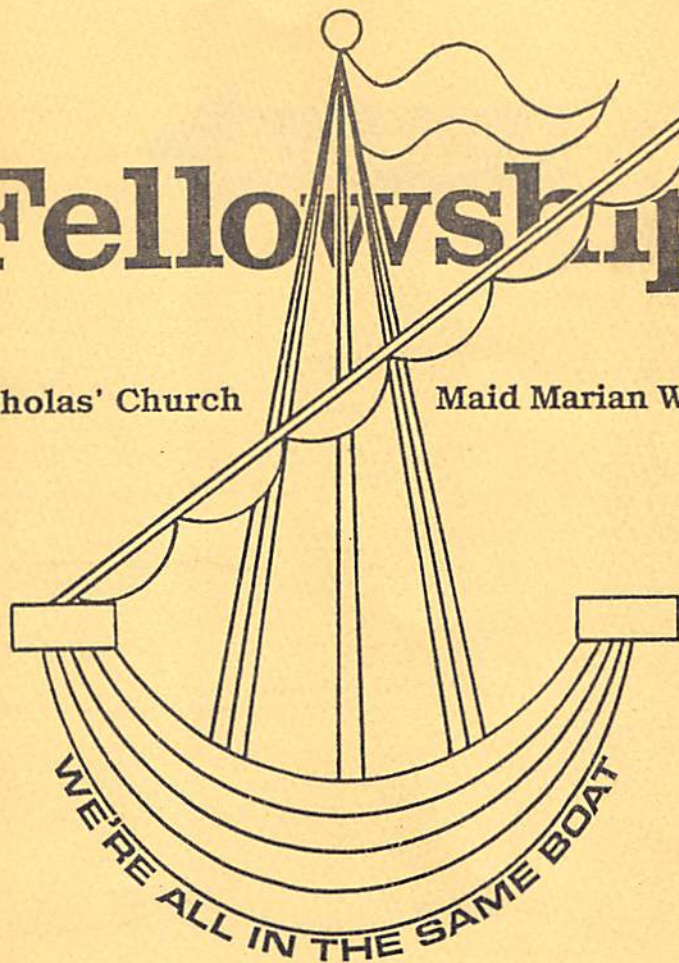


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St. Nicholas' Church

Maid Marian Way



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A certain Charles Maiden is being ordained a Priest by Bishop Patrick at St. Michael's Church, Bramcote on June 30th.

There will be a service to launch the Decade of Evangelism in the diocese on Sunday July 1st at 3:00pm, and it promises to be a corker! Look in the centre pages of See for more details.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN!

COME FLY
YOUR KITE
WITH THE
BISHOP!



DECADE SERVICE
AND PICNIC TEA
Sunday July 1st



BEWARE
— OF THE —
DOG

Eve Keatley, Archbishop Runcie's retiring media officer, has already decided what she will do with her cash gift. She is going to buy a dog and call it 'Runcie'. After years of being at the A. B. of C's beck and call, she will now be able to say, "Runcie, come here!", "Runcie, heel!". Perhaps readers might like to suggest what breed might be appropriate.



The Christian Book Centre, Beeston are arranging many Gospel Concerts in the next few months.



Ishmael is on June 22 & 23 and Bryn Haworth on July 14.



Ian White, Helen Shapiro and Garth Hewitt will appear later in the year. Contact CBC on 256961 for more details.



Rev. Dr. David Moore [no, not one of the editors - Ed] has been appointed vicar at Christ Church, Chilwell. His elder son is presently working on 'Doulos', one of Operation Mobilisation's missionary ships.

Be not merely good: be good for something.

Henry David Thoreau

Vision for the Future

The next twelve months in St. Nic's promise to be some of the most significant of recent years.

Staff changes are very much in the air - as I write, we have just introduced our new lay pastor, Pauline Walker. On the same day we announced Roger's new appointment in London.

'Key Priorities for the Fellowship', our vision circulated following the AGM, will soon be taking effect in providing for us a challenge and calling us to commitment.

Addressing Matters

Final touches are being made to the redesign of the Public Address system. Faculty approval and quotations are currently being received and it is confidently expected that the work will be completed this summer. There will then be a major funding appeal to cover these costs, and provide the capital towards the next phase of redesign in church.

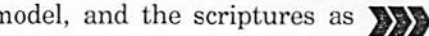
A Promise of Fruit

New staff, new staff initiatives and refurbishment will be visible parts of the renewal of St. Nic's over the coming months. Equally tangible, we trust, will be a ready response from all of us. The *real* promise of the coming months may remain hidden for some time, but will ultimately bear rich and lasting fruit. This fruit, which we long for, is that of Kingdom life and values. These should be expressed within the church and home

life of our fellowship, but should spill out into the streets, neighbourhoods, work and leisure places of our city.

Kingdom life

Such Kingdom life, based on Jesus-like attitudes to God, self and others, is seeded in our own personal prayer life and is nurtured chiefly there. Soon it must find expression in family and fellowship life, but it is intended to burst the bands which shut it in. Let us take Jesus as our model, and the scriptures as



our guide. Then Kingdom life, which unites God's people, is intended to be the Gospel in action, expressed in and to the world. Such caring involvement is a God-honoured ministry to the world. It raises the questions which are best and most appropriately answered by a personal sharing of the Good News of Jesus.

David Huggett

Pottering round Tear Fund

'Oohs' and 'Aahs' of appreciation were heard echoing round Potter's House on Wednesday 16th May during the Tear Fund evening. For those who had not experienced Potter's new premises, the occasion provided an ideal opportunity to combine supporting Tear Fund with nosing round the ex-music hall.

The start to the evening was very promising - food! Having resigned ourselves to a typical frugal meal imagine our delight when confronted by chicken lasagna and trifle - we managed to do justice to it. The only drawback to the meal was that our table was next to the editors of Fellowship - hence this article! You have been warned. [That's not fair - Ed]

Pleasantly full, we then heard about the work of Potter's from 'mein host' (alias Rod Beadles). He was obviously delighted that their first evening event was in aid of Tear Fund. We then retired downstairs to see slides and a video entitled 'The work of our hands'. This showed ways in which Tear Fund projects are helping people to develop their own potential through craft projects which enable people to be self-sufficient.

At the end of the evening there was a chance to browse round the Tearcraft stall carrying a range of attractive items made by the projects we had just seen.

The entire evening was thoroughly enjoyable, combining missionary focus, good food and good company. Thankyou, Missionary Committee and Potter's for a super evening. Here's to more of the same.

The evening then ended with a prayer written by Tear Fund.

Vanessa Owen and Jackie Young



On the White Lines

Simon, Gillian and Edmund White move in June to Chester Diocese. Here they write about what has been going on during the last few years and what they know of the future.

The Whites? You may well ask. In spite of staying put in Carrington for the three years of Simon's training at St. John's College, we have seen relatively little of St. Nic's. We have had to find a new style of life to cope with college demands. The biggest change came during the past year, which brought a placement at our parish church, and a two minute walk instead of a ten minute drive on Sundays!


St. Nic's was where we first heard and tested a call to ordained ministry in the Church of England. We have continued to receive invaluable support in terms of friendship, prayer and giving from St. Nic's folk throughout training. We want to say a big thank you for that.

The period of training has brought a mixed bag of feelings and experiences. It has been good to have remained local, maintaining friends from Link Group days. There has, however, been a feeling of dislocation as we have struggled to 'belong' to college too. The training has been of a high standard, giving a marvellous

opportunity to read the Bible in a fresh light. It has also provided the space and encouragement to relate previous experiences (e.g. of teaching drama) to the practicalities of parish ministry. Gillian has been pursuing study on her own behalf in the form of



the Certificate in Christian Studies (St. John's Extension Studies Dept.) and we are delighted to be receiving our awards in the same commissioning service at the end of term.

Now it's nearly over, and we face our first big move as a family. The place is Romiley, still referred to as 'the village' by many inhabitants. It is a fairly self-contained parish of some 9,000 people, a few miles 

from Stockport on the eastern fringe of the Manchester sprawl. Behind a bustling main street lie various housing estates, some council, some private, interspersed with some of the old cottages of Chadkirk - the traditional name of the parish.

St. Chad's congregation is mainly of local people, around 200-250 including a sizable Sunday School. To a certain extent it is still the church of the community, its premises hosting at various times the local Country Dancers, flower arrangers and dog trainers!

We'll be working with Tim and Eleanor Barlow, who have been there only since last September. Tim says,

"There is nothing spectacular about St. Chad's, but it is a church 'on the move' and it has great potential!" Simon's new job will probably include some youth work and helping to develop a new weekly all-age service. Gillian is testing the waters locally for some part-time work, and Edmund will start school in the New Year.

It really is rather difficult to imagine what it is going to be like. We need to get on with it now and step into whatever God has waiting for us. Please pray for us as we discover this.

Our new address will be: 29 Urwick Road, Romiley, Stockport, Cheshire. SK6 3JS.

Simon, Gillian and Edmund

Blessed are the hungry, for they shall be invited.

Have you been coming to St. Nic's for quite some time but have never been invited to a newcomers' lunch? Then our 'Oldcomers' lunch on 15th July 1990 is for you! It will follow a similar pattern to the Newcomers' Lunches and will begin at 12 noon in the Lower Lounge. There will be no charge but contributions to help cover costs will be appreciated. Families welcome and weather permitting, the lunch will be followed by an outdoor activity for all. Catering facilities are limited and prior booking is essential (if over-subscribed, we will arrange a repeat event). Please send your Booking Form to the Church Office as soon as possible.

Name _____

Tel.No _____

Address _____

I will be accompanied by _____

(please give ages of children) _____

Please indicate if any of your party has dietary restrictions:



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 Magazine and
 Save our poor old
 Reverends voice !
 L.J. Elliman

Note - You can use the magazine to broadcast your 'important pieces of news', too. We'd be happy to publish exam congrats, announcements and anything else of interest, besides address changes. Just drop a note in the Editors' mailbox - Ed

Nottingham Overseas Student Hospitality, NOSH for short, is a program set up to provide friendship for overseas students in Nottingham. There are students in Nottingham from many countries. From which country would you like to meet a student?

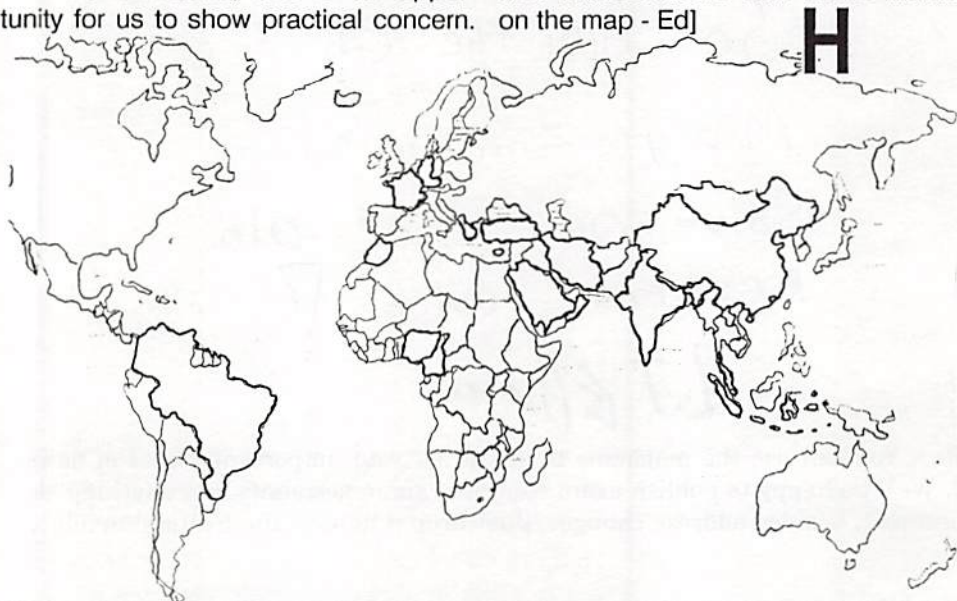
They come from mainland China, Hong Kong, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Singapore, Nigeria, Morocco, Cameroon, Turkey, Iran, India, Saudi Arabia, Brazil, Greece, Cyprus, France, West Germany, Oman, Indonesia and others. Many of us have visited or would like to visit another country. Why not meet a student from that country in your own home, and discover more about life there?

As Christians, this is an opportunity for us to show practical concern.

A number of Christian students have been greatly encouraged by the warmth of the friendship and support that has been shared with them. Muslim students have also enjoyed visiting our homes. Through this practical care and concern, we can share our faith with people from different religious and cultural backgrounds.

There are over 1000 overseas students in Nottingham, studying at the University and Polytechnic. If NOSH is a scheme in which you want to become involved, write to me, Andrew Jackson at 12 Portland Rd., Radford, Nottingham. NG7 4GN or phone 704089 and I will link you with one of these students.

[Readers may like to test their geography by trying to match the countries named above with those marked on the map - Ed]



An Encounter with a Loving

God

Mary Leake has recently been admitted to hospital. From there she wrote this moving testimony of how God became a rainbow to her when all around seemed in the darkness of a storm.

"Yes", I gasped, and she held me in her arms, uttered a rather formal prayer for healing and fluttered away through the curtains. No-one saw her again. No-one admitted sending for her.

Why?



Lying in hospital, hooked up to the machinery which extends life, there was time enough to think, to ask why? As an emergency admission, the drama had alerted family and friends, and so the first answer to my question seemed to be, "To show you I love you."

I cannot claim that I was faithful in prayer throughout the fifteen hours it took to stabilise my condition, but I *did* know others were praying. I *did* know that, whatever happened, God was in charge, and that was immensely reassuring. He was in the pilot's seat! As co-pilot, I had to be obedient.

Prayer for Healing



He showed me that He was indeed beside me, almost at once. A sturdy, bustling little nun appeared at my bedside and asked rather unnecessarily, "Are you the lady who cannot breath?"

*My spark is in you.
Make yourself available
to me, and I will fan the
spark into a flame.*

Later I asked again, "Lord, why? What is your purpose in allowing me to be here?"

His answer amazed me. "My spark is in you. Make yourself available and I will fan the spark into a flame". It was then I realise that He has a sense of humour! I was weak, unable to move without help and was wired up to drips, monitors and just about everything but satellite T.V.!

It isn't me, but the Lord



Come on God! This has to be a joke. I had previously endured two years of depressive illness, so all-in-all I now felt physically and mentally incapable of being useful.

Thankfully, the Lord we love knew best, and honoured me, in answer to prayer, with the care of another. How lovely of Him to trust me, and what a privilege. He gave me strength then to comfort a lady whose husband was critically ill in the next bed to mine. Through the lonely night we held hands, shared, cried, >>>

laughed and prayed together. Every one was amazed that I had the strength, no-one more so than 'yours truly', and I was able to say, "It isn't me but the Lord."

Deepening Faith



Later, when I was well enough to be transferred to an open ward, there was much time to pray, to listen, just to 'be' in His presence. It became a blessed time, a privilege. A time of positive thinking, deepening faith and growing awareness that God is everywhere. I was unafraid and began to realise that the very fact of my being in hospital was an answer to prayer. The depression was lifting.

Faced with the possibility of my death, family relationships were being reappraised and values weighed. I was given several opportunities to share my beliefs, both among staff and patients.

I must thank Christian friends, male and female, who unashamedly greeted me with hugs, held hands and prayed at the bedside. This was a witness which did not go unnoticed and which opened doors to discussion when visiting time was over.

Possessed of a lovliness



I was growing. Deep in the night I watched an old lady die. Her face lost its pain and a beauty came upon her, peace beyond words. There was nothing to fear, and no need for overt grief. Again, I humbly thanked God.

He gave me courage. In my pre-Christian days I could never have approached strangers and shared their pain as now I was able to. People who experience serious illness, who even face death, are possessed of a lovliness. They are so needy and yet ask for nothing save a kind word and a hand to hold across the darkness. I am no theologian, no scholar, and God knows that. He placed me where I could both give and receive his most

precious gift - love.



I believe God ordained this experience in my life. I thank Him and praise Him. The texts on this page stand out for me now. I share this testimony to his greater glory.

Mary Leake

If God has been touching your life recently, the Editors would love to hear about it.

Psalm 46:10
Be still and know that I am God.

2 Cor 12:9
My strength is made perfect in your weakness.

Helpful Hints on Handling Heavenly Humans

Pete Bates has compiled five sets of hints on various aspects of leading meetings. The titles are:

- Hints on chairing regional groups.
- Talks are boring.
- Preaching assessment.
- Hints on leading worship in regional groups.
- Hints on using music in regional groups.

Some tasters are given below. If you would like a copy of any sheet, contact Pete on 604480.

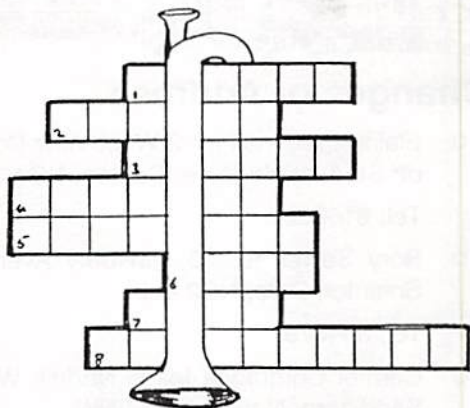
- A few days before the meeting, check with the major contributors that they are still available. People *have* been known to forget and go to the cinema instead! - Who is making the coffee? . . . - Your major tool is a watch . . . - (Chairing)
- Icebreakers - If you are aiming for participation, then warm the group up with one or two casual exercises. Eg., all stand in a circle, then take four steps into the middle, grab the person nearest you and tell them what you were doing at 11 am this morning . . . - Self disclosure must always be optional . . . (Talks)
- If the room is too large, the unused space will destroy the atmosphere . . . - think about posture, kneeling is a forgotten option . . . - An essential component of good worship is variety . . . (Leading worship)
- Give a strong lead when you start the singing, (practice hitting the right note if necessary) . . . - Watch the congregation, do they believe what they are singing? . . . - Each song has a theme, a key and a mood. Don't make too many changes. Slow, slow, quick, quick, slow isn't such a good idea . . . (Using music)

Answers

Musical message: Enter his courts with praise.
1.Psalms 2.Angels 3.Praise 4.Cymbals 5.Trumpets 6.Harp 7.Sing 8.Tambourine
(SERAPHIM)
A0 Be Cm Dk Mh Fg Fb Gn HJ Id Ja Ki Lf Nc OI

Solve the clues and read down the trumpet to find a heavenly worship leader!

1. Songs written by David.
2. They sang when Jesus was born.
3. _____ Him on the Trumpet.
4. Praise him on the loud _____.
5. They were blown to knock down the walls of Jericho.
6. Instrument played by David.
7. I will _____ unto the Lord as long as I live.
8. Instrument played by Miriam after crossing the Red sea. (Ex 15)



Match the Choruses with the verses.

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| A. Ah Lord God Thou hast made the heavens & the earth by Thy great power (e) | a. Ex 15:2 |
| B. A new commandment I give unto you (c) | b. Ps 84:1-2, 10-11 |
| C. As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you (m) | c. Rom 8:35 |
| D. At Your feet we fall, mighty risen Lord. (k) | d. Deut 15:17 |
| E. Draw near to God and He'll draw near to you. (g) | e. Jn 13:34-35 |
| F. How lovely is Thy dwelling place. (b) | f. Lam 3:22-23 |
| G. I will rejoice in you and be glad. (n) | g. Jam 4:8 |
| H. Tell out my soul the greatness of the Lord. (j) | h. 1 Pet 2:9 |
| I. Pierce my ear oh Lord my God (d) | i. Is 51:11 |
| J. The Lord is my strength and my song. (a) | j. Lk 1:46-49 |
| K. Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return. (i) | k. Rev 1:14-18 |
| L. The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases. (f) | l. Heb 6:19 |
| M. We are a chosen people. (h) | m. Ps 42:1-2 |
| N. Who shall separate us from the love of God. (o) | n. Song of Sol.1:4 |
| O. Within the veil I now would come. (l) | o. Jer 32:17-19 |



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Sneinton Dale, NG2 4LL
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Sandiacre, Notts. NG10 5NW
Tel: 391111



Items for the next issue of Fellowship should be sent to The Editors, 54 Tranby Gardens, Wollaton (284828) or put in the box at the back of church. Copy date is Sunday 15th July.

March For Jesus

On Saturday 15th September we at St. Nic's have the opportunity to join Christians across the Nation in a 'March For Jesus'. Please put this date in your diary as this is an important ecumenical event, declaring that Jesus is Lord in Nottingham.

Nigel Hyde

Outreach Committee

- Mans/boys 3 speed bike, frame size 19", needs cleaning, free to a good home.
- Black & Decker electric rotary mower, £30
- Tel: 287690

Scripture Union TRAINING UNIT

Scripture Union's Training Centre is looking for someone to help out by doing some part time office work on a regular basis for the next year. We would like someone to work for 10 hours a week alongside a small office team at the centre in Heathcote Street. If you are interested, contact Kim Burland on 418144.

An Ordinary Person + God

I t was with some reservation that I accepted the invitation to write this article! I was approached in church with this request "Kath, how would you like to write a piece for the magazine? We really want you to do it". (My self-esteem rises 300%.)

"To get a good balance we need someone ordinary, normal. Someone without letters after their name! Someone who hasn't got a proper job!" "Proper job?", I reply. "You know, a professional one", they say. - Well in order to redress the balance from all you professional, letter-bearing people out there, an article from an ordinary, normal, unprofessional person coming up!!

My family - my job


Who am I? I'm Kath Walker, I have been married to Tony for fifteen years and we have one child, Andy, who is ten years old. I did have a 'proper job' once, in a bank, for eight years.



What do I do now? Firstly a proportion of my week is taken up with caring for my family, which I do with varying degrees of efficiency and success, (but you'll have to ask Tony about that!) This however, does not consume all my time and so I find myself involved in other things too.

A Wander Through the Week

Sunday: A family day and usually a time of 'taking in' in order to enter the week sufficiently 'in tune' with God that I may do what I have to do, to the best of my ability. I probably take in and offer more in the evening services because I'm often distracted in the morning by thoughts of Sunday lunch preparation and other such trivia, (am I the only one?)

Monday: This is traditionally my 'at home' day, the day I set aside for domestic type activities. I can often be found wandering in Wollaton Park with a pensive look and a Bible. No! not preaching to the deer, but 

taking an opportunity to talk to the clients, which I had not previously Lord about people and situations on encountered myself.

my mind and trying to listen to what He might be saying to me as well.

Fortnightly, the co-ordinator of the Bramcote Hills Care Group comes for a cup of tea and a chat, and we do some administration work together.

Tuesday, Wednesday and sometimes Thursday mornings: you will find me at the Beeston Volunteer Bureau. Two years ago I went along to find out more about work in the voluntary sector. I reached the Bureau office and stayed. I have particularly appreciated the opportunity to be involved in the local community at a 'grass roots' level. I have recently been challenged to think through issues which affect some of the Bureau's



Friday: A long walk? A trip to Nottingham? Lunch with a friend or neighbour? See my mum?

Saturday: Family time - (except when Nottingham Forest are playing at home!)

It is a privilege to have the freedom and flexibility in the week that voluntary work allows. However, there are dangers in either

being too busy or not busy enough. I find I often have to stop, take stock with God, in prayer, and decide whether I am still doing what I should be, or if He wants to move me into something else. There is so much in which one could be involved!

Kath Walker



The Campbells are going !

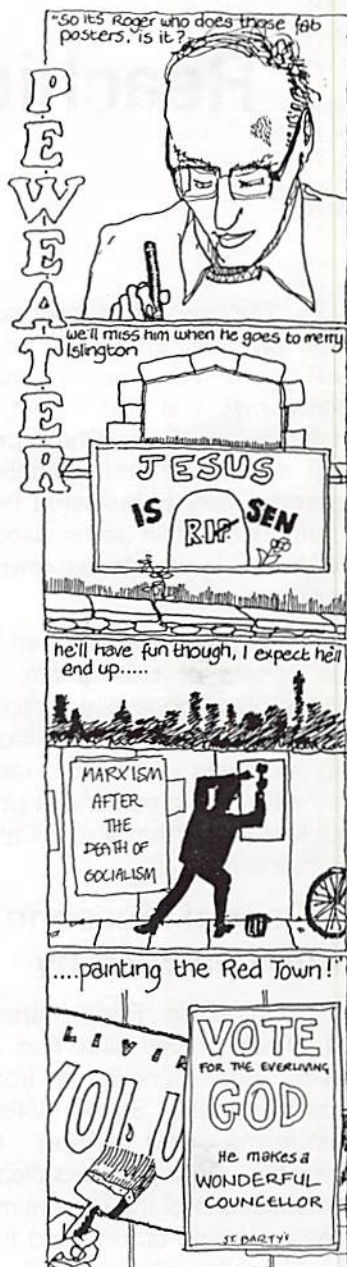
. . . to St. Mark's, Tollington Park, a parish towards the northern end of the London borough of Islington (recently poll tax capped!) The church and vicarage are about 10 minutes walk from Finsbury Park tube station.

The congregation reflects the surrounding area, which contains a wide variety of people of different racial, cultural and social backgrounds. Within the parish are two large, fairly modern council estates, mainly flats, with quite a large proportion of elderly people also living close by. The congregation has been influenced in its worship and ministry by the revival movement. The vicarage is a modest (!) Victorian house with 4 bedrooms right next to the church hall and church.

The parish of Emmanuel (former vicar Pat Deanley) was joined with St. Mark's about five years ago. More recently, the parish of St. Saviour's has been drawn in too, and the three churches will become the Tollington team within the next few months. At present there is a curate at St. Mark's, who will soon be leaving, a priest-in-charge at Emmanuel, and no minister at all at St. Saviours. So new staff will be high on the list of priorities, as will be schools for Ruth and Anna, where they can feel at home, and continue their chosen studies.

We are looking forward to moving in August and starting work in September (provisional date of institution is Sept 5th). We recognise that it will be quite a challenge and a lot of hard work, but we all sensed clearly that God was calling us to this new ministry. We would value your prayers for the future.

Roger Campbell



Reaching the Lost for Jesus

'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem. . .' (Acts 1:8). The last recorded biblical statement of Jesus Christ provides us with a promise and a challenge. The reason I have abbreviated the verse is to emphasise that Jesus wants us to be witnesses in our home town, Nottingham.

We have now ventured twice onto the streets of Nottingham, the Good Friday outreach and a recent Saturday morning. Both events excited me, finding members of St Nic's ready to put themselves in a vulnerable position and publicly testify that Jesus Christ is Lord of their lives.

A Gospel Message to those passing by

On Good Friday, approximately 80 of us prayed and had a time of praise and worship in front of the Council House. Shaun Walsh gave a testimony and Roger Campbell preached. Both provided clear, concise presentations of the Gospel message to those standing around and those passing by. Other churches joined us and

we marched to the Methodist Central Hall for a short service. As a result, at least one person came to the guest service on Easter day, and made a commitment.

People really want to know

St. Nic's members who had never been on the streets to proclaim the gospel before said: "This man came up to me and wanted to know what we were doing". "I thought I would be quite frightened, but people on the street really wanted to know about God".

My own limited experience of street work has found there is a real spiritual hunger among the people on the streets, and a desire to know what life is about.

These are early days. We value your prayers for the work, and your presence even more. I believe that we as a Church need to increase our vision for outreach and want to encourage you to join us in our future outreaches.

Nigel Hyde

(Outreach committee)

How to make an Impact on Society

Christian Impact



What is it?

Remember the Shaftesbury Project? Well, eighteen months ago, it joined the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity (LICC for short), to become Christian Impact. We hang out on the top floor of the St. Nic's Centre, and I joined soon after the merger and Roy McCloughry's departure to go freelance.

Basically, we in Nottingham are the Research and Publications Department, while in London they continue with their courses and teaching as before. We are working hard to co-ordinate the work into a manageable whole, but this isn't easy at such a distance.

Our main work is producing study packs for use 'by Christians in a secular world'. The packs have a strong Biblical base and always try to encourage people to get involved in the social

issues which they tackle. Since I have been here, I have produced the TV study pack, and most recently the New Age pack. These are on sale at the church bookstall.

AIDS, Debt and the Environment

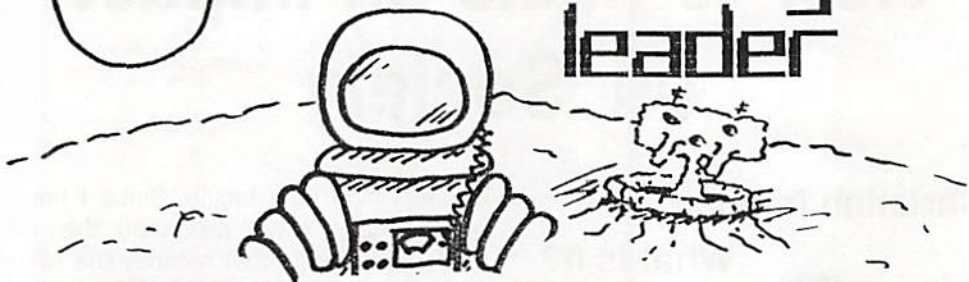
I am currently working with Rod Beadles on a new edition of the AIDS pack, and planning an environment pack for the autumn. We also have a pack on debt and one on disability (produced with Cause for Concern).

I also have plenty of scope to develop special interests of my own, and did a project for Third Way magazine earlier this year. We carry large files on many issues and have an extensive library. May I encourage you to avail yourselves of these if you need material for Link and Regional groups? Call me on 585731 during office hours.

Ro White.



○ take me to your leader



Di and Sinclair Payne

Sinclair and I met and married at St. Nics where we both feel 'part of the woodwork', having been here for fourteen and twenty years respectively. Sinclair was born in Scotland, where his Christian name is quite a common one, and came to Nottingham via Hull, Sheffield, Bradford and London. I was born only slightly North of Watford, came to college in my home town and have stayed put.

We enjoy praying for others and seeing them change (for the better!), watching birds and photography. In the rest of our time, Sinclair tries to run a home, work as advisor at the

citizens Advice Bureau and keep up with his wife's bright ideas, while I work as a probation officer.



Some things have changed a lot since we got married eight years ago, while other things seem to change little. We are never quite sure what will happen next and remain amazed

at how the Lord goes on using us despite our rough edges. If prayer ministry at whatever level interests you, then do have a word with one of us. One of our longings is to share what God can do in our lives with others, both in St. Nics and beyond.

Di and Sinclair

Getting it Together!



We asked a few people who attended Together 90 to write about the event from their own viewpoint, running the crêche, youth sessions and seminars.

Crêche



We went, we saw, we conked out! Yes, the crêche has now run its course. Armed with toys from the National Children's Home Toy Library in Clifton, we got ready for the onslaught.

We had the usual group of children who screamed, but in general it was very peaceful (except for certain members of the team who spent a morning walking around the site with a child who wouldn't shut up). So here we are in the pub saying, "will we do it again next year?" Watch this space . . .

Barbara Holbrook

Youth Sessions



This year was one of the best. Our group was 'High Flyers', and this was good because we did not had just one set of leaders, we had many guest speakers too. Paul Polton, who sang and talked to us, was the best part of the weekend for me.

There were lots of young people, and we got to know each other with the team games. During the weekend, you could really feel God's presence, especially when we had one guy who was praying for people to be given gifts of the Holy Spirit. I really enjoyed this.

Claire Winrow

Seminars



With topics ranging from 'AIDS' to 'School assemblies' and 'New Age' to 'Sport and the Church', we faced the usual dilemma - which to attend! We settled on a series of three on the subject of prayer (Principles, Intercession, Revival) lead by Hilda Gordon. Thought provoking and challenging!

Colin and Jean Entwistle

Cassette recordings of the seminars and main meetings can be obtained from:-

Reelife Recording,

Laverick Hall,

Halton,

Lancs.

LA2 6PH

Cost £2-75 + 30p P&P



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Quotable Quotes!

Your Editors have been keeping their eagle ears pricked for juicy snippets. If you hear any member of staff say something funny, jot it down and pass it to us. We're sure our 'Poor Old Reverend' won't mind. (see page 5)

- On Sunday June 3rd, **Roger** was heard to say that the Holy Spirit is like German beer! I know that some people at Pentecost were accused of being drunk, but this is stretching a point a bit too far!
- Another dodgy proclamation from the pulpit was given by **Paul Morris** at the end of April. He told us that God's name is Peter, as in 'Thanks, Peter God'. Strange, I always thought it was Harold, as in 'Our Father, who art in heaven, Harold be thy name'.
- **Pauline Walker** on the other hand, was very sound in what she said when being introduced to the church in May. She said, "If people are coming week by week to sit on pews like *this*, God must be doing something here". I couldn't agree more.
- But she was also heard to say that two year's civil war in Sudan was good preparation for the staffing committee!

A most unusual wedding was described in a recent copy of LINK, a magazine for the Wollaton churches. The groom's mother said, 'My husband, just out of hospital, was there, together with all our other *sins* (sic) and their wives and girlfriends'!

- Question: How do we know that an owl is wiser than a chicken?
- Answer: Because you don't get Kentucky Fried Owl!



"REMINDE ME TO HAVE A WORD WITH THAT SIGN-WRITER, WILL YOU?"

JUNE

- Tue 12th 7:45am Central Nottingham Regional - Lower Lounge.
 7:45pm North Nottingham Regional - Devon Drive Methodist Church, Sherwood.
- Sat 16th 10:00am Dance & Movement Workshop in Church.
- Tue 19th 7:45pm West Bridgford Regional - 162, Musters Road.
- Sun 24th Nick & Sue Brotherwood and family visiting St. Nic's.
- Tue 26th 7:45pm Central Nottingham Regional - Lower Lounge.
- Thur 28th 7:30pm Singled Out meets in the Lower Lounge.
- Fri 29th 8:00pm 8 'til late Prayer Meeting at 96, Burlington Road.
- Sat 30th 9-6pm Footprints' Presentation Day in the Church Hall.

JULY

- Sun 1st 3:00pm Launch of Decade of Evangelism - Southwell Minster, see 'Fourwords'
- Tue 3rd 2:00pm The Bishop of Southwell joins the Diocesan Volunteers for their meeting in the Lower Lounge.
- Thur 5th Evangelical Alliance National Day in Birmingham.
- Sat 7th 10:00am Spiritual Gifts Day in Church.
- Tue 10th 7:45pm Central Nottingham Regional - Lower Lounge.
- Sat 14th 3:30pm North Nottingham Regional Group Picnic at Colwick Park.
- Sun 15th "Oldcomers" Lunch - see feature on page 12
- Sat 21st 3:00pm Wedding in Church of Anne-Marie Ballard & Philip Hallam.

Forward Dates

New Wine11th - 17th Aug at Bath & Wells Showground

Can you design a poster?

Every day, hundreds of people pass our posterboard on Maid Marian Way. A small team is needed to take over the design and pasting of these posters very soon. Up to eight posters a year are needed.

We need two people to design them, and one person to put them up - about one hour's work. Full details from Roger Campbell (815665). This is an opportunity not to be missed, or hundreds of people will miss *their* opportunity to hear something of the gospel.

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