

# Fellowship



St. Nicholas' Church

Maid Marian Way

WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT

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## Fourwords



Rev. Charlie Maiden, a past member of our church, is pictured with the Bishop of Southwell on the occasion of his ordination. Charlie has gone to St. James', Porchester. Photo by permission of the Nottingham Evening Post.

- Clive Hanford, the Archdeacon of our diocese, is to be the next Bishop of Warwick, and will change his 'Ven.' for a 'Rt. Rev.!'

A church group who are pioneering work among the unemployed in Lenton, Radford and Hyson Green are looking for a volunteer treasurer. Contact Rev. Eddie Neale, 585731

A recent unofficial poll of the General Synod gave the following predictions for the next Archbishop of Canterbury:

- The most popular was Rt. Rev. David Shepherd, Bishop of Liverpool. He is apparently favoured as the 'orthodox' candidate and is a former England cricketer.
- The next most votes were won by Rt. Rev. Habgood, Bishop of York.
- Third in line according to the synod, but the bookies' favourite, was Rt. Rev. John Waine, Bishop of Chelmsford.
- Our very own Peweater failed to get any votes at all, not even from Patrick Southwell!

*"People often associate gentleness with weakness. Yet Jesus Himself said He was gentle and you could not accuse Him of weakness . . . it is His desire to see every part of the fruit of the Spirit reproduced in the lives of all who belong to Him."*

Rev. Jim Robinson in St. Luke's magazine, Shireoaks

Diocesan Director of Ordinands, Rev. Ian Bunting, has details of a 'consider your call' weekend on September 21st to 23rd. Anyone interested should contact Ian on 250771.

# A Letter from Bishop Patrick

To my fellow Christians in the Southwell Diocese:

It has been my privilege to serve as your Bishop for two years. During that time I have had the pleasure of meeting many of you. Thank you for your support and prayers. I now want to lay before you a concern that is close to my own heart.

The Decade of Evangelism is upon us. I believe it came from the stirring of the Holy Spirit in Christians throughout the world, and found expression in the last Lambeth Conference. I hope that each Church Council will take the call to evangelism seriously, and make sure that it is a priority on the PCC agenda during the Decade.

But it would be easy for the Decade to be lost in a welter of committees and papers, so I wish to address every member of the Diocese with a personal appeal. In the end,

evangelism begins with you. It is not the job of specialists within the Church, but of its ordinary members, and its focus is not the Diocese but the parishes.

Will you join with me in praying for this Decade? Will you join me in spending a specific period during this week in thinking about your own responsibility for evangelism and what you might do in the coming year? Will you

join me in bearing witness to your Lord, both by the quality of your love and service, and by your readiness to tell your own story of faith to your family, those at work and to your friends?

As a Diocese we shall do all we can to give support and training to this vital task, but evangelism is the work of the whole church, and that includes every member of the congregation, the Clergy and the Bishops.



That is why I give you this charge:

May God's Spirit send you out into the world:

Discover the riches of Christ in the poor, the sick and the stranger.



Share the treasures of Christ with those at work, with your family and among your friends.

Restore the glory of Christ to His earth and join hands with all who work for peace and justice.

Fill this world with the beauty of God's love, that even in suffering and death, we may come together to the living hope we find in Jesus.

*Peter Southwell:*

## Launching the Decade


On Sunday 1st July we were all seated and squashed into every space of Southwell Minster for a service and celebration to start the Decade of Evangelism. The service was a lively mix of choruses, hymns, dance, prayer and gospel singing. The Bishop's address encouraged us to proclaim the Good News in every corner of the diocese, explaining that this was not a plan to stop falling church numbers, but to share the most important thing in our lives as the Bible instructs us.


At the end of the service he handed a charge of action to a representative of each church and we went outside and let off 1000 prayer balloons.



I was very encouraged to see so many people there and from all styles of churches of Anglican worship. I really feel that if we get behind this decade in prayer and action we will really see God move in power in this diocese during the next decade.

*Samantha Brown.*



... . **And the Greatest of**  
**these is . . .** 

... fellowship. 

When a friend of mine asked me, "What is the greatest gift God ever created?", I had to pause for a few moments to think, for the question was posed by someone I much respected. Various suggestions came flooding to my mind, when suddenly to my great relief he proffered his own brief answer, "fellowship". I have never forgotten that incident. In fact fellowship is one of the first things mentioned in the Bible. Adam was made for fellowship with God. He was then given a wife since God deemed it was "not good for a man to be alone". Gen. 2:18. It is also virtually the last thing mentioned in the Bible, "the dwelling place of God is with man". Rev. 21:3.


### Jigsaw

We do need each other. We are like pieces of a jigsaw, all equally important, but how do we get a perfect picture in a very imperfect world? One answer is in the body of the church, where 'love' and 'belonging' are key words. None of us wants to be excluded from close fellowship.


A few weeks ago in church I heard a very good quotation which I thought most fitting - "Loneliness is a form of distress more common than the common cold and infinitely more

distressing", yet we do not talk about it. I believe many of us are a bit thick-skinned and don't see the need to offer fellowship as clearly as we should.

### Courage

It takes courage to speak about a personal problem such as loneliness and some find it harder than others to open up, but the relief of sharing with another person is marvelously therapeutic. It could perhaps be a young person fresh from college with no hope of a job and despairing of ever finding a place in the world. It could even be a young husband fed up to the back teeth with his seeming inadequacies and desperate for a bit of male company and the stimulating conversation of someone who can talk about football or golf! 

We should ask the Lord to make us more aware of 'vibes' so that we will recognise unspoken needs and minister to them. We should ask the Lord to lead us away from the situation of smugness in our own lives so that we are able to reach out to those in need. The opportunity is there for us all.

*Chris Barnes.* 

WOT!  
NO INTEREST?



## Fellowship Feedback

The seven of you who returned the questionnaires issued with the last two magazines will want to know the results of the survey. The other 293 who didn't quite get around to it may also be interested.

If you are one of the 293 and you feel guilty, you may relieve your burden by giving your marks to us even at this late stage. We really are interested in your opinions. These are the marks out of ten, averaged for each of our regular features.

- From the Pulpit 7.7
- Take me to your Leader 7.8
- From our own Correspondent 8.2
- Profile of a Group 7.3
- The Other Six Days 8.5
- Family Puzzle Time 4.7
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- Backwords & PewEater 5.6

If your opinions of our regular features differs greatly from the figures above you must tell the Editors immediately, or you may find your favourite Fellowship feature finally finishing!

*Ed.*

## On the Side of the Angels

Lion Paperback, £2.50

By John Smith



In my 'off' moments (and certainly before I became a Christian proper), I used to cast a disbelieving eye at the idea of God changing people's lives.

My limited experience of life's darker corners didn't help but, during my recent convalescence, I read John Smith's book, 'On the Side of the Angels', the angels in question being Hell's Angels.

John Smith's ministry as President of the motorbiking 'God Squad' down under has brought about some exciting changes in men and women, some of whom life has really knocked for six. We all have had bad times and encounter a variety of problems in our lives, and often they can either make us or break us. For some who have had a bad start in life, the Hell's Angels offer an attractive alternative for company and brotherhood.

Smithy and his Christian mates have established a good reputation with the Angels, but it obviously didn't happen overnight. Via a variety of hair-raising experiences, their persistence paid off, and they are rated as being 'fair dinkum' amongst bikers.

It certainly intrigued me how the God Squad's influence has succeeded in thawing out some very hard-bitten characters. 'On the Side of Angels' is very down to earth, but be prepared for a few shocks, and some pleasant surprises.

*Roger Abbott*



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# Welcome

## (or Have a Nice Pray)

**Q.** What has British Airways to do with church?

**A.** BAs 'Customer First' policy has been used to stimulate ideas for making our welcome in churches more effective. (Meals served during extra long sermons? Ideas on a postcard please!)

No, this is not the joke page. The above is an example of the imaginative and refreshing approach used when a group of stewards and wardens recently attended an Administry training session called 'Welcome to our Church'. Malc Offord's recent 'Fellowship' article about the stewards admirably described the 'ideal' steward and begged your indulgence when the reality did not match. The training was one way of trying to narrow the gap between the actual and the ideal steward.

It was a stimulating, active evening, sparking new ideas and rekindling old ones. As we are all part of providing a welcome, not just the stewards, here are some thoughts gleaned from the evening which may help us to be welcoming.

### **Why should we welcome people?**

God welcomes us. "Accept one

another as Christ accepted you." Rom.15:7. Who should we welcome? Everybody - regular sinners as well as visiting ones! Jas. 2:1-4. What about those people we feel embarrassed by or would rather avoid welcoming? Perhaps we need to ask God's help over our attitude to such people. After all we may be welcoming them unaware. (See Matt. 25:34-39)

### **What can be achieved through a warm welcome?**

We can help people to:

- ☞ relax and be free to meet God and others,
- ☞ worship,
- ☞ feel a sense of belonging,
- ☞ create a loving environment,
- ☞ find God possibly for the first time,

The list could go on and on, please feel free to add your own ideas.

I hope you're beginning to be excited and see the potential of such a simple thing as a welcome. It's not easy though, as it involves giving of ourselves. Before the next service we could ask God to give the staff and stewards sensitivity and warmth (and anything else they might need) as they welcome people. We could also pray for ourselves, that we too will be ready to welcome someone.

So - have a nice pray!

*Vanessa Owen*

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# Enough is Enough!

(or is it?)



There are few people who can ignore the ever increasing number of media appeals to give more money and time to deserving causes. The church is inevitably involved with many aspects of caring, particularly in the field of the deprived and needy. Of course, it does not end there, most people would like to give more generously than their limited means allow.

one charity (eg. St. Nic's and Tear Fund), as you can have a single covenant instead of many. This scheme may raise several questions in the mind of the reader, so to learn more, the Charities Aid Foundation can be found at 47, Pembury Road, Tonbridge, Kent. Telephone No: (0732)771333.

*Colin Entwistle*

Help may be at hand. With a small adjustment, the value of a gift could increase quite dramatically, without extra cost to the giver. Like all really good ideas, this one is simple. It is called a Master Covenant Account, which is an account which adds recovered tax (at basic rate) to any covenanted amount. This means that a gift £75 becomes £100, courtesy of the tax-man. The account also has a cheque book with which a direct gift to charity can be made at any time. This is surely a bonus for both donor and recipient which can not be overlooked.

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## 'Fellowship' Far Afield

The Missionary Committee will pay for copies of 'Fellowship' for members of St. Nic's serving God away from Nottingham. If you currently send a copy regularly to someone, please look out for their named copy at the back of church. The Editors would like to know who sends 'Fellowship' to each missionary.

One link group decided to start sending a sermon tape to their missionary on a regular basis, and the Missionary Committee agreed that this would be appreciated by all our missionaries. So money will be available to buy one tape per month for each missionary. It will then be the responsibility of link groups to choose and post the tapes.

*David Moore.*

This is the scheme operated by the Charities Aid Foundation, a highly reputable organisation founded some sixty years ago to facilitate and encourage the giving of money to charity. The services of the Foundation are free and are particularly useful if you give money to more than



Items for the next issue should be sent to The Editors, 54 Tranby Gardens, Wollaton (284828) or put in the box at the back of church. The next couple of issues will be published as follows:

Copy 2nd September for 16th September.

Copy 14th October for 28th October.



## Diocesan Prayers

Every day prayers for one Parish or organisation within the diocese are included in the intercessions at the Minster. St. Nicholas' Nottingham is to be remembered on Monday 6th August at Evensong (5.45pm). Any member of St. Nic's able to attend this service will be especially welcome.

## Accommodation Required

At this time of year, requests for accommodation come from students seeking space in a Christian families starting from September. For example, an 18 year old male requires bed, breakfast and evening meal during term-time. Please contact the Church Office if you can help.

Accommodation is also needed for a number of adult students for 6 months, from September 1st. They will be doing a 'Course for World Christians', based at The Cornerstone Church. Contact Nigel Pimlott on 705716 or 706359.

## For Sale

- Two bedroom terraced house in Forest Fields. For further details contact Peter and Margret Bates 604480

## For Sale

- V reg Renault 16TL, good runner £400 O.N.O. contact Dave Edwards on 473842 (or 282162)

## Free to a good home

- One front door, would make excellent pet. Eats anything, loves children. David Moore (284828).

*Thank you everyone who brought Aluminium cans to church for me. This term we raised just over £40 towards a colour monitor. We really appreciate your help. It's amazing what a little rubbish CAN do.*

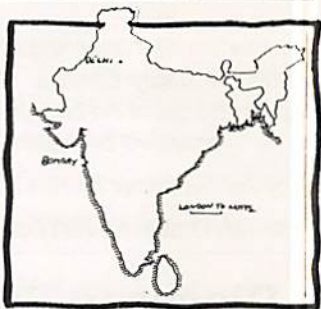
*Thanks again,*

*Samuel Mackwell*

*P.S. Space is the problem for a big CANpaign, any ideas?*



# From Our Own Correspondent



**Q.** What have Christmas Crackers and India got in common?

**A.** The former has been a small solution to some of the latter's problems.

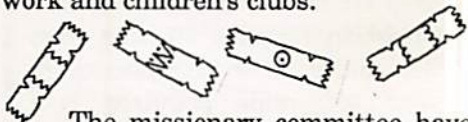
Last December, youth groups across the country worked with enthusiasm running cafes and restaurants in temporarily disused shop premises under the direction and leadership of the 'Christmas Cracker' project. These restaurants were the brain child of Steve Chalke, national director of the Oasis Trust and the £400,000 raised went to various projects run by Christians in India, especially in Bombay.

On September 1st, I will be one of a small group of young people going out to Bombay to get involved with some of the projects for three months. 'Cracker Breaks' has been set up to give an opportunity to have our eyes opened to a radically different culture and to the work that God is enabling His people to do in the strength of the Holy Spirit.

## Arms and Legs

We will be staying with Indian families and after an intensive two week orientation period, and two weeks' travel to Delhi and its environs, we will then spend eight weeks being the 'arms and legs' of one of the Bombay churches.

I will probably not know until I reach India exactly what I'll be doing, but some of the projects which 'Cracker Breaks' have already contacted involve: youth Bible studies, slum work and children's clubs.



The missionary committee have kindly contributed to some of my expenses. It would be great if you could also pray for my health (Delhi Belly isn't restricted to that city!), and that God would guide me onto a project where I can be of some real use. I would like this three months to be more than a learning experience for me.

*Tanya Attwell*

*Jeremy 'Jez' Barnard, a member of our evening music group, is travelling to Romania in early August.*

Since the revolution during Christmas 1989, Romania has received much aid from Europe. It has been estimated that in a country of twenty-three million, there are four hundred thousand orphaned babies and children.

My home church in Warwickshire has been establishing links between Coventry and Bacau (a city in North-East Romania). It is now my aim to develop these links in Nottingham. We will be leaving on 6th August and returning on 19th August, after



crossing by ferry to Dunkerque, and then travelling through Belgium, Germany, Austria and Hungary to Romania. The main town that we will be visiting is Piatra Neamt, in the North-East near the Soviet border.

The complete contents of the van has not yet been finalised, but will hopefully include the following: sewing machines, 700m of material for babies' nappies, £200 worth of babies' clothes,

wheelchairs, St. John's gospels in Romanian and medicines.

## Medicines

A charity organisation in London will supply a purpose-made package of specialised medicines which are not easily available in Romania but which are in great demand. This package includes syringes and surgical gloves and costs £300. This is very good value for money and an excellent opportunity.

On my previous visits to Romania (pre-revolution) I have always been amazed by the love shown to us just for making the journey. As a Christian, it is a privilege to be welcomed as a part of a world-wide family of believers. The Christians have been persecuted throughout Ceausescu's reign of terror, and it means so much to them that their brothers and sisters in the West remember and pray for them.

*Jez Barnard*

St. Nic's is supporting this venture. If anyone wants to make a personal donation, they should give a cheque, payable to 'St. Nicholas' Church (Romania Relief Project)', to the church office as soon as possible.

### Stop Press

The Rt. Rev. Dr. George Carey has been appointed as the new Archbishop of Canterbury. He was ordained in 1962, was vicar at St. Nic's, Durham and a lecturer at St. John's Nottingham. He is an evangelical and "will bring wise, vigorous and spiritual leadership to the C of E" says Bishop Patrick Harris.

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# Keeping on the Straight and

## Narrow

*John Buckley is a solicitor employed as the Principle Magistrates' Clerk at Nottingham Magistrates Court. In the latest of this series, he tells us of some of the difficulties and joys of being a full-time Christian.*

On a Monday morning, when you are facing thirty-five cases to be completed before one o'clock, a row of belligerent solicitors and a line of eager magistrates to contend with, it

is easy to forget that only some twelve hours before you were singing the praises of God in church. The joys of being a magistrates' clerk can seem a long way from the spiritual realm, but yet I wonder.

My job is to keep the magistrates, or JPs as they are sometimes known, on the straight and narrow. They are the ordinary members of the public who deal with ninety-eight percent of criminal cases. Magistrates are not legally qualified and so need a trained lawyer on hand to advise

them. That is my job, to curb their judicial zeal when they want to send a man down for three months because he's dropped litter in Wollaton Park!

In the morning I can be hearing a case of stolen fish fingers and in the afternoon be dealing with a man who is alleged to have murdered his wife. Not many jobs are so varied and unpredictable. In a job that seems so secular, it is

easy to ask where is God in it all. Having been in the courts now for about eight years, I often ask myself what I have achieved as a Christian during this time. Being a Christian in the law presents a lot of personal struggles for me. Money and status mean a great deal to many of the people I work with. To stand up and try to be counted for a lifestyle which is different and not dominated by ambition and materialism, but is based on Biblical standards, is not always easy.



## No need to make apologies

As far as witnessing for Him is concerned, over the years I have learned that there is no need to make apologies for my faith. God is His own justifier. My part is only to make use of the opportunities He gives me amongst the people I work with. Sadly I recognise that too frequently I ignore these, perhaps because I'm so busy or more often because I'm fearful of what the reaction might be.

In court there are conflicts too. I need constantly to ask the Lord to deliver me from cynicism and hardness of heart towards the people who appear in front of me. I've heard the same stories so many times before. It is also difficult on other occasions to divorce personal feelings from the advice I am giving. A lump still comes into my throat whenever a person is sent to prison, no matter how many times I've seen it. If the day ever comes when I no longer feel any compassion for the people who appear in court, then I'll know it's time to leave. But as my understanding has

grown of what the Bible teaches about justice and mercy, these conflicts have been easier to reduce. Punishment is an expression of both God's character and man's dignity, as created in His image, but mercy cannot be left out of the equation either. It's a fine balance to draw.

### Privilege

I have to confess that I find the job very stressful and I'm surprised that sometimes that I haven't got more grey hairs than I already

have. To take a Christian perspective on justice into the court room with me each day is a privilege. It is a responsibility I do not underestimate and one which I need the Lord's help to fulfil. I try to pause sometime each working day to remember that He is actually there with me in my job. Sometimes it is only for a few minutes during the morning or afternoon, sometimes for longer at lunchtime, but without that I know how easy it would be to become a weekend and evening only Christian.

*John Buckley*



# Bible Brain Benders

## FolloWords

In the grid is a series of words or phrases, the last letter of each word or phrase being the first letter of the next one. The words all feature in well known Bible verses. The references are given to help you.

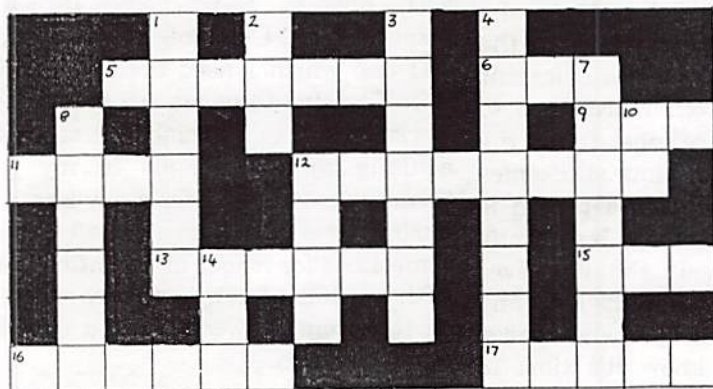
R E T D R O W R U    □ Heb. 4:12  
 N V E O T D S E T    □ Rev. 3:20  
 A O L O W E G I P    □ 1 Pet. 2:9  
 L I A R O E D R C    □ 1 John 4:7  
 I V Y O A W K N S    □ Rom. 8:28  
 N G O D R E A E S    □ Heb.4:12

□ Unscramble the Bible verse.

STRUT in the DROL with all your THEAR, and NEAL TON on your NOW STUNED-AND-GRIN. In all your SWAY COW-AND-KEGLE Him, and He will make your SHPAT THIS-GRAT.

□ John 3:16  
 □ Jas. 4:8  
 □ 2 Cor. 12:9  
 □ 2 Tim.3:16

- Here is a cross-word with a difference. All of the words are books of the Bible. The clues are references to the better known verses in these books. A clue of 6:23 could refer to Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death", so the answers is Romans or Rom. Simple really!



Across	Down
5 3:10	1 2:9
6 5:22	2 2:20
9 2:8-9	3 3:16
11 2:1	4 29:11
12 3:5-6	7 11:1
13 55:11	8 3:23
15 12:12	10 23:1-6
16 32:1	12 2:5-11
17 6:6	14 16:7



# Open Foot Surgery



The Footprints' Open Day on June 30th provided a view of the group over the last two years and a glimpse into the future. Expertly compered by Liz Leonard, the day hurtled through a mixture of presentations, performances and chaos in true 'Footies' style. What has Footprints been up to? Almost everything possible and improbable, it would seem! From touring 'Borstal Boy', a play about life in prisons and borstals, *in* prisons and borstals, to 'Wodgersay Reports', an NSPCC project. From Spring Harvest, via Scripture Union material to Schools workshops . . . The list went on, and my head span with all the activity. I thought that I had a hectic life. Ah well, the show must go on.

And go on it did. The performance of 'Borstal Boy' was a mixture of broad humour and touching pathos. It used mime and drew in references to the Keystone Kops, a barn dance and West Side Story! To say that the piece is difficult to describe is rather like saying that the universe is biggish. However, the play has a structure and coherence which a simple description cannot capture. After a performance, the cast would answer questions from the prisoners, with Roy staying in character as the 'Borstal Boy'.

'Wodgersay Reports', sponsored

by the NSPCC, toured schools with the theme 'listening to children'. It is the story of three angels being trained to observe humans. This is used, with hilarious effect, to make the audience think about how they relate to the other members of the family, and how other people have differing views of the same situation. Again, mime was used to great effect. This is Footprints' strength, and the actors so obviously enjoy the performance. The play is to tour again later in the year.

Steve Stickley has been busy with work for S.U. and schools, as well as arts festivals. He starts a sabbatical soon which will allow him to perform and train in America. Emma Govan is also leaving the company; she has been the volunteer for a year (as in "I'm volunteering you to do . . ."), acting as stage manager etc.. Sue Ramsey replaces her. Mike Shouler is leaving the board of trustees to enable him to fulfil other commitments.

The day was fun, interesting and informative, and it was good to see former 'Footies' and long-standing supporters there. If you would like news of Footprints' activities or would like to support their work, Kate Cowell can be contacted at the Footprints' office.

*Clive Wright*

## Pensions - Widows and Spinsters

If you are a widow or spinster, living on a low income, aged 50 or more, 'of good character' and living in the City of Nottingham or thereabouts, then you may be eligible for a small pension from St. Nicholas' Annuity Fund (Sarah Pettifer's Charity). It is quite a small pension - at present £70.00 per annum - but every little helps if you are on a low income.

The fund is administered by the Trustees who are the Rector and Church wardens of Saint Nicholas Parish. The fund now has two vacancies for pensioners.

The Charity was established in 1907 by the will of Miss Sarah Pettifer who left the sum of £5,000 to be invested in Government Securities, the income from which was to provide pensions for needy widows and spinsters, meeting the above qualifications.

Application forms to apply for a pension may be obtained from the Clerk to the Trustees, W.H. (Bill) Swift, 35, Tattershall Drive, The Park, Nottingham NG7 1AD, (Tel. 475127). The closing date for applications will be advised in the pew slips and on the notice board in Church. The Trustees will then consider the applications at their next meeting.

*Bill Swift*

## The Church's Overheads

In the early part of this year, considerable damage was done by storms to part of the main slated roof of the church. There is a limit to how long one can go on replacing displaced slates, and we were advised by the builder that we ought to replace the slates on all the sloping roofs before the coming winter.

The P.C.C. have approved that this work be done as soon as possible. The quotation of £5000 from Peter Horslen, a member of our congregation, has been accepted. The work will involve stripping the existing roofs, putting in new wooden battens, and where possible re-using sound slates, making up with new Spanish slates. We now await an Archdeacon's Certificate to carry out the work.

The cost is over and above what had been budgeted for at the beginning of the year, and will have to be found from increased giving.

*Gordon Walker.*





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Dear Friends,

*You may be aware that Emmanuel House has recently been closed for three weeks for dry rot repairs to be carried out in the chapel and for redecoration of the whole centre. At that stage we had a clear out and threw out all the old chairs and other items which were no longer fit for use.*

*As a result, we are desperately in need of chairs for our visitors to use in the main hall downstairs. These need to be comfortable but washable. If any individuals or groups are refurbishing, we would appreciate any chairs they would be willing to donate to us.*

*We also need a pair of very large curtains for the chapel. These are essential as the chapel is now used as a walk-in clinic one morning per week, and also houses our library. If any group is considering holding a fund raising effort, this would be a worthwhile project.*

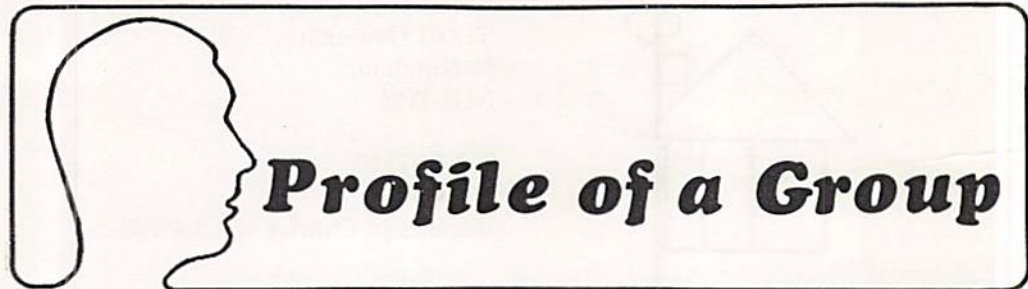
*Another constant need is mugs. These are in use daily and forever get broken or disappear! We are spending £300.00 per annum solely on mugs, so any donations of mugs would be most appreciated.*

*Thanking you for your continued support and prayers for the work of Emmanuel House.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Mrs Ruth Shelton (Director)*

*P.S. It would be appreciated if any offers of furniture could be delivered direct to Emmanuel House (rather than brought to Church)! Colin Entwistle.*



## **Hospital Service Team (General Hospital)**

The Hospital Service Team consists of a core group of about half a dozen with additional help from Link Groups. The number of patients escorted to each Chapel Service by St. Nic's wheelchair pushers averages from 10 to 20.

Going into hospital can be a traumatic experience, and the hospital chaplaincy are concerned with the spiritual welfare of every patient, thus the escorts' task is a very important one. It gives some of the patients their only opportunity of attending church

while in hospital. The majority are geriatric and it is amazing the amount of humour and lessons in life they contribute, making this a very worthwhile service. They enjoy music and would especially appreciate guitar players and singers when your Link Group is on duty. So Bring Along and Sing Along with us.

Remember the first Sunday of each month is 'Hospital Sunday' at the General Hospital at 1:45pm. If you are interested in helping, contact Sue Rewslip or Don Fleming (Tel 787615)

*Don Fleming*

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Many of you will have been to Launde Abbey for retreats and conferences. Here is a chance to help improve their facilities. Launde Abbey, near Melton Mowbray, is holding a series of Family Fun Days over the August Bank Holiday weekend. The money thus raised will go towards installing disabled facilities at the Abbey. There will be many special events over the Saturday, Sunday and Monday. See the poster in the tower for more details.

*Fay Moore.*

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# Pizzas and Prayers



The Editors politely asked me to write an article for this issue of Fellowship, my apologies that it isn't going to be what they requested. As a family we have found the last two or three weeks very stressful, the court case itself was very draining. We are just beginning to emerge from a sea of chaos, cryptic phone calls and not least a mountain of ironing. The children need a lot of love and reassurance. You will appreciate that time does not amount to much when shared between five lively youngsters.

However, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people who have helped and continued to support us: the phantom ironer, the pizza maker, the baby sitter-on, child sitter-on, pray-ers, those concerned enough to phone, those concerned enough not to phone, those concerned enough just to smile support.

Thank-you. May the Lord bless you all.

*Peter and Lesley Mackwell*

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## J John Down Under

If you were wondering where J John and David Edwards were during the month of May, they were in Australia. They didn't see much soap opera over there, but they did do a lot of talking and singing. In fact, someone worked out that John gave more than 50 talks and that David sang for about 20 hours!



We visited some places, like Darwin in the North, to explore the possibilities of future evangelistic work. The majority of our time however, was spent at clergy conferences, church services, informal dinners, teaching seminars and school assemblies. We spent a week in each of the cities of Perth, Melbourne and Sydney and also had two or three days in Adelaide and Geraldton.



The fact that approximately 10,000 people heard John speak and that 454 people responded publicly to a call to commitment made it a very valuable time. Please pray for J John, Dave and the Australian trustees of the Philo Trust as they plan future visits, that many would come to know Christ. Glory to God!

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## Singled Out

Now meets on the 4th Thursday  
of each month in the Lower Lounge at  
8pm for fellowship and discussion.  
Next meetings: 23rd August, 27th  
September and 25th October. See back  
of church for details and other social  
activities.



## Coming Soon

Spring Conference 15-17th of  
March 1991 at Ilam Hall, Derbyshire.  
Any offers of help organising this  
event gratefully received. Contact Ro  
White on 585731 or 810867



# September for Jesus



Two years ago the first National March for Jesus was held in London. In 1990, the march widens to include many more venues as the organisers encourage us to proclaim Jesus in the place where we live.

## What does this mean for St. Nic's?

Over 20 Nottingham churches are affiliated to the 1990 march and we have been asked to provide a lorry, with a band on the back, to be followed by our congregation. The songs sung and prayers offered will be the same as those in all parades across the nation. We will walk about 2 miles and end up in the Old Market Square.

## Who should come?

All of us! I want to encourage you to attend this proclamation of the Gospel to Nottingham. Please mark this in your diary now. It's a family event, so please bring the children. It's a link group event, so please bring the link group leaders. It's a regional event, so bring banners.

## What happens on one of these marches?

Last year Susan and I acted as stewards on the London march. People from many different denominations arrived and met by Victoria Embankment. Many churches brought musical instruments and there was a wide range of church banners, stating church names and pieces of scripture. We walked to Hyde Park, past the Houses of Parliament and at each of seven designated places on the route we prayed and sang. We talked with policemen (who were enjoying a peaceful march) and passers-by. There was a sense of unity and belonging among the walkers.

I believe the march can be summarised as 'Proclamation and Prayer'. If you would like to be involved in this year's worship band please contact John Churchill or myself. Could each regional group please try to bring one banner?

*Nigel Hyde*

Outreach committee.

## Answers

11A, Song, 12A, Proverbs, 13A, Trust in the Lord with all your heart, Two-edged Sword, Door, Royal, Isaiah, 15A, Ecc, 16A, Psalms, 17A, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, Eternal, Living, God, Draw, Hosea, 1D, Haggai, 2D, Gal, 3D, Timothy, 4D, Jeremiah, 7D, Hebrews, 8D, Romans, 10D, Ps, paths straight Prov, 3:5-6  
12D, Phil, 14D, Sam, 5A, Malachi, 6A, Eph, 9A, Eph.

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We have no Peweater in this issue. Instead, we have a portrait of the artist as a young man. Here is the man behind the pen and ink, Jonathan 'Peweater' Hughes, himself.

Eve Keatley, former media secretary to the Archbishop of Canterbury, is feeling very relaxed having taken a break in Barbados. While there she attended a parish church and was amused by the way the vicar announced Banns of Marriage.

He started out as normal, in 1662 language, but there was an unusual twist in the tail: "If anyone can show just cause why these two may not be joined together in holy matrimony . . . keep dee mouth shut!"

"A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver" Prov.25:11

or paraphrased:

"In your speech, don't be vicious, be Gold 'n' Delicious"!  
 Dave Beales 24th June



From C.E.N. - Why does Ranger's football club have more supporters than Celtic? . . . Because it's easier to say "Down with the Pope", than "Down with the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland."

*The Editors are pleased to announce the arrival of a new member of the editorial team. His name is Jonathan David Lee, and he first clapped eyes on God's wonderful world on the morning of Monday 16th July.*

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# DIARY

## August

- Sat 4th 12:00 Wedding in church of Louise Burland and Julian Scott.  
 Sun 5th 12:45 Ginny & Roger's last Sunday - Farewell Picnic - B.Y.O.G.  
 Roger's 50th birthday  
 Week 11th-17th New Wine at Bath and Wells Showground  
 Fri 31st 8:00 8 'til late Prayer Meeting at 96, Burlington Road, Sherwood.

## September

- Sat 15th March for Jesus see page 19



DINNER AT PNU'S  
NEXT THURS

## Who Goes There?

*You don't know how important your thumb is until you hurt it! Then you realise how busy it was, how vital it was, how useful it was, how quietly efficient it was.*

*Roger Campbell isn't merely a thumb, however! To many of us he has been a whole hand.*

*A loving hand, a caring hand, a constant source of strength and support. He is both a humble servant of and powerful proclaimer of Christ's word. A disciple and a warrior.*

*Simplicity and humility are at the heart of the Gospel of our Lord. So too are these quiet companions at the heart of Roger. With Ginny by his side, mirroring these qualities, and not forgetting Ruth and Anna our fellowship has been greatly blessed. We do not lightly let them go!*

*This writer detects many deeply personal sadnesses at the Campbell's departure. 'Thank you', Roger, for your faithfulness in prayer, your generosity in service and the spirituality of your sermons. Seldom have fruits of the Spirit grown on such a lovely tree!*

*May God go with you.*

*Church Mouse.*

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