

Fellowship



St. Nicholas' Church

Maid Marian Way

WE'RE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT

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How much for a Bible?

If you were to buy a Bible for yourself today, it would cost about 5% of an average weekly income. Yet in many other countries, the price of a Bible is often far greater. That is if Bibles are available.

UK	2 hours	
Indonesia	10 hours	
Pakistan	22 hours	
Haiti	36 hours	
Ethiopia	58 hours	

Perhaps, as Bibles are so cheap we don't value God's Word as highly as we ought. Its power is illustrated by the testimony of an Indonesian called Teuku, who was a devout Muslim. When Luke's Gospel was translated into his language, he said:

"As a Muslim, I felt compelled to study the Christian teaching, thinking that by knowing it, I would be better equipped to attack it. The more I read it, however, the more I got interested. The words of love from Jesus impressed me. I began to doubt my own religion. I prayed every night that God would show me the true religion. At last the Lord gave an answer, and I decided to follow Him with all my heart."

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Better a Plate of Herbs?

In a humanitarian gesture, the frisbee manufacturer, Wham-O, shipped 7,000 of its celebrated plastic discs to an Angolan orphanage in the charge of one Sister Dominique.

The good sister has just written to say thank you. 'The dishes you sent are wonderful,' she says 'We eat all our meals off them ...'

The Independent.

Christmas Cracker

Doing something quite different this Christmas is the aim of 'Christmas Unwrapped'. The project's message is: 'What's waiting to be discovered when we unwrap Christmas? When the tinsel and glitter are torn off, what's at the heart of the festive season?'

Churches have been registering for some months already. They get masses of ideas for celebrating a really Christian Christmas. To help support the ideas, on offer are posters, invitations and handbills - and help like drafts of news releases for the local paper.

What is 'Carol Aid'? Want new ideas for music or plays? There really are too many ideas to list here: send for an Action Pack, 22 Tower Bridge Road, London. SE1 4TR (tel 071-231-4583).

Fast Forward into the Future

As I write I am very aware of the many encouragements around at the present time. Many of our services have been very special experiences of God's closeness and His rich blessing. Especially the TV service.

Associate Minister

I am delighted that we have agreed on the appointment of Roger's successor and hope shortly to release the name of our Associate Minister. We await the wider agreements including that of our Bishop. At the same time many of the fellowship groups, large and small, which I have visited have been rich times together. I hope that you all are enjoying similar experiences.

Many of you will note with encouragement the way in which our new members of staff are settling into their responsibilities.

'Key Priorities' (our vision document) faces us with important priorities in the fellowship as we move forward. Recently some of these have

become central in our programme. For instance, we look back to the day of Prayer and Fasting - are you and I happy with our involvement in this?

What did we learn?
What did God say to us?

Guest Services


So far this Autumn we have had two guest services and November 18th sees two more and yet another on 16th December. As we are currently reminded in our sermons, every single one of us is called to be a witness among those with

whom we live and work. Effective witness gives us a chance from time to time to share our faith, and it will also be right to bring some of these folk to Guest Services or outreach events organised by our fellowship groups. We certainly need to pray for discernment here, (boldness too?)

Our day of Prayer and Fasting focussed our minds on Outreach but also on Redesign. To make our church more beautiful for God (!), and attractive, welcoming and comfortable for those we invite, is a purpose which is close to the



○ take me to your leader



Steve and Ginny Cooper

Steve and Ginny Cooper were married at St. Nic's in March and took over the leadership of the morning music group in September.

Ginny became a member of St. Nic's as a student in 1982; she has been involved in link and regional groups, and presently compiles the prayer diary. With her first husband, Chris Rundle, she was in a prayer ministry team. Chris died in a car accident in 1988.

Stephen joined our fellowship in January from West Bridgford Baptist Church, where he gained valuable experience as a new Christian and in leading worship. He is the accountant to a firm of architects and is also developing a second career as a professional baritone soloist.

Ginny left teaching juniors in July to pursue other interests. These include contemplative prayer, singing and piano playing, gardening and sewing. Together they enjoy making music, reading and going to concerts and opera.

heart of God, and we are told so in the scriptures. God would, I feel confident, encourage us to give generously (even extravagantly) on November 11th, our redesign Gift Day.

To follow closely has always been costly, but life holds no greater adventure.

David Huggett

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Looking at Social Issues

'Through Christian Eyes' is the umbrella title for a new series of articles starting next month.

There are many people at St. Nic's who are involved in, or have spent time thinking through, some of the trickier aspects of living as a Christian in a secular world. They have much to teach us, although they cannot all preach on Sundays.

If there is a subject that you could write about, or if there is a subject that you think ought to be covered (even if you can't write about it), then please let us know. You do not have to be a Joyce Huggett or a Roy McCloughry to write a piece for this series (or any other). We can tidy up your grammar for you, we can even run your contribution as an interview if putting pen to paper is really that hard to do!

The aim of the series is to inform people of what is going on in our land, and what can be done about it; to stimulate discussion and to provide the impetus for appropriate action.

Issues that we would like to cover include:

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| ☆ Debt, | ☆ Social Care and Social Work, |
| ☆ Racism, | ☆ Family Life, |
| ☆ Fostering, | ☆ Education and Christian Schools, |
| ☆ Christianity in the Arts, | ☆ Marriage Counselling, |
| ☆ Legal Issues, | ☆ Motives and Exploitation in Business, |
| ☆ Homelessness, | ☆ Disabled People in Society. |
| ☆ Singleness, | |

Editors.

Through Christian Eyes

Operation Cleanliness

We need you!

(not the person next to you in the pew)

Job Description:

Teams of people like you clear the mess created by the congregation and keep the dust pests at controllable levels. We need four teams at present we've two. Our 'Special Branch', armed with disinfectant, will attack the kitchen and W.C.s. This work is dark, dangerous and greatly appreciated.

Training:

- ☆ On the job
- ☆ Intense
- ☆ Thorough

Opportunities:

- ☆ Promotion - good
- ☆ Overtime - very good

Wages:

- ☆ Paid by roll call at Heaven's gate

Perks:

- ☆ Personalised duster after ten years
- ☆ Halo after twenty years

How to become one of these elite members:

No application form is necessary, simply contact Gordon Walker (tel. 811596). It may be possible to fit you in for any time you can offer.



Fast Food?

Fasting - Are we really supposed to do it these days?

Has St. Nic's gone mad, or was our day of Prayer and Fasting honestly what God wanted?

The Bible dictionary describes fasting as: "Deliberate and generally prolonged abstention from eating (and sometimes drinking) as a means of humbling before God."

Seeking Direction

The origins of the practice seem to be ancient, perhaps associated with rites of mourning (eg. 1 Sam. 31:13). Fasting was observed as a sign of penitence (1 Sam. 7:6), an accompaniment to prayer (2 Sam. 12:16-17), and a means of seeking direction from God (Dan 9:3 ff).

Throughout the Old Testament, the law expected fasting as part of the observance of the Day of Atonement (Lev. 16:29-31); otherwise fast days were voluntary, except when they were called in times of national emergency (2 Chron. 20:3). The length of a

fast could be one day (2 Sam. 3:35) or night (Dan. 6:18), or three (Esth. 4:16), seven (1 Sam. 31:13), or forty days (1 Ki. 19:8).

Jesus assumed that His followers would fast (Matt. 9:14-15). In the early church, fasting was observed as a preparation for important decisions (Acts 13:2-3, 14:23). Weekly fasts became a regular practice (Wednesdays and Fridays) in the early church, and many great men of God throughout the ages had fasting as part of their regular walk

Success in prayer, enduring with power, spiritual insight; these may come, and how we long for them, but they must not replace God as the focus for our fasting.

with God.

Greater intimacy with God

There are no Biblical laws that demand fasting, but it seems to be alongside praying and giving. Today, fasting has been largely neglected in the Christian Church, but many people have found a greater intimacy with God through practising it. In most cases



it is a private matter between the individual and God, but occasionally a corporate fast is held. The group fast can be a wonderful and powerful thing, when the people are of one mind on it.

The Purpose of Fasting

In fasting, we submit ourselves to the lordship of a Holy God. We humble ourselves before Him and centre ourselves on Him. We should be careful of trying to use it to make God do what *we* want. Success in prayer, enduring with power, spiritual insight; these may come, and how we long for them, but they must not replace God as the focus for our fasting.

During the time of fasting, we take time to spend with God, offering our lives to Him, and bringing before Him whatever is on our hearts. Watch out though - as we turn our eyes more fully towards God, things may be uncovered in ourselves that we need to

submit to Him! It can be a tremendous (though not always easy) time of drawing closer to Him.

It is also part of Spiritual Warfare, and engages all the weapons of Ephesians six. Fasting can bring victories in all the spiritual realm that no other way can.

Practical Aspects

While the human body can survive only a short time without air or water, it can go for up to forty days without food before starvation begins. There are, of course, some people who for physical reasons should not fast - diabetics, expectant mothers and heart patients, for example. But for the rest of us, twenty-four hours is a reasonable time to aim at.

Further reading for those interested: 'Celebration of Discipline' by Richard Foster, chapter four; 'God's Chosen Fast' by Arthur Wallis.

Pauline Walker

Pauline

Answers

Luke 22:60
Judges 14:8. Frog - Exodus 8:5. Cock -
Genesis:8:7. Lion - Daniel 6:20. Bee -
11:6. Donkey - John 12:14. Raven -
Sparrow - Luke 12:6. Leopard - Isaiah
Fish - Jonah 1:17. Deer - Psalm 42:1.

Animals and Verses:

Spar-row, Go-at, Eagle.

Don-key, Do-ve, Cam-el, Li-on, Loc-ust,

Animal Halves:

Noah's Ark

Colour the Dots:

The Extra Mile without the Blisters

If you pay income tax, you probably already know about covenanting to charities. This allows the charity to recover tax on regular giving over at least four years. But what if you wanted to make a one-off gift, say to a particular fund, but do not want to commit yourself to giving regularly? The rules used to be rather complicated (the 'deposited' covenant), but now . . .

Gift Aid was recently introduced to allow charities to recover tax on single gifts, provided the gift is more than £600 (net). This means that if you give £600 to charity, the charity can claim £200 from the taxman, and so get £800 gross. (This is because basic rate tax is 25%, and 25% of £800 is £200). All you have to do is fill in and sign a form R190(SD), and enclose it with your donation to the charity.

Gift Aid

Most charities can supply the form. Bob Marlowe (our covenant secretary) has a supply.

If you are a higher rate taxpayer, then by including the gift in your tax return, you can reclaim the extra 15% tax you have paid which the charity has not recovered. In this case, 15% of £800, which is £120. So a gift worth £800 to the charity could cost you only £480.

David Moore.



Sacred Lucre!



In his book, "The Church in the Market Place", George Carey describes how one of his congregation used a gift day to start a conversation at work.

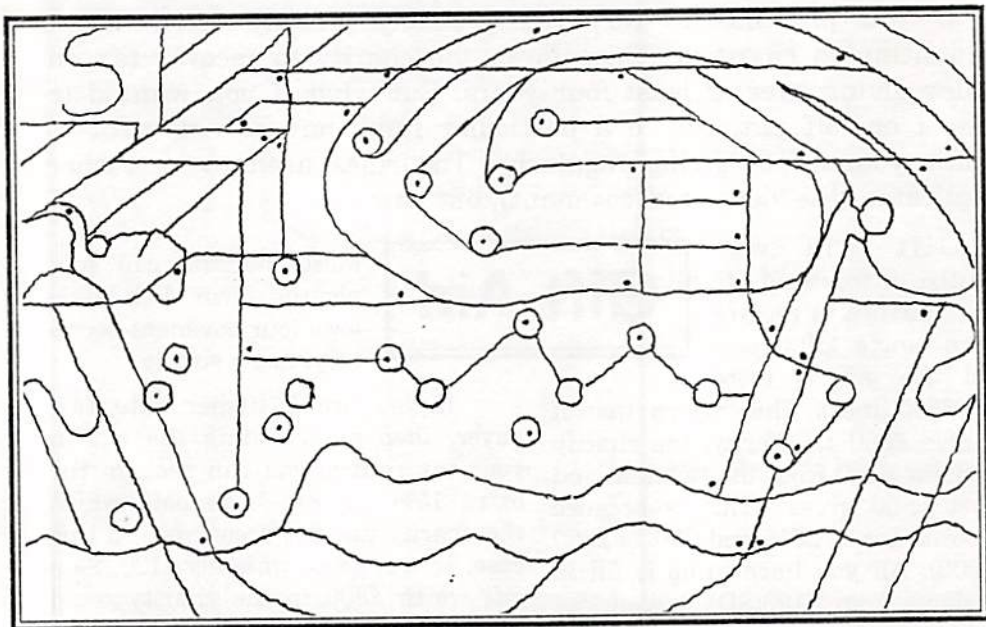
The man made the comment: "We had £27,000 in the collection last Sunday". He was able to go on and explain about how God had given them a vision for a church reordering project.

We will all have a similar opportunity in a few week's time. Use it!

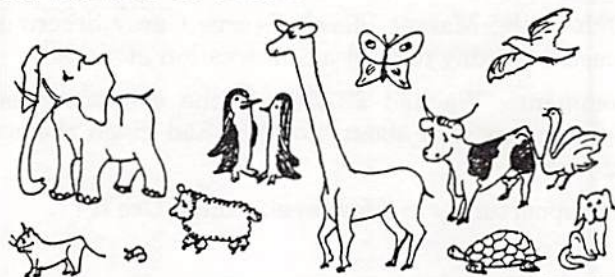
Pewearer.

The theme of this issue's Bible Brain Benders is 'Animals'.

Colour all the shapes which have a dot in them, and find something which has a lot of animals in it.



Here are some animals from the Bible, the problem is, they've got all mixed up. Can you match the front halves with the back halves to make the animal names?



- ☆ Donel
- ☆ Dorow
- ☆ Camat
- ☆ Live
- ☆ Locle
- ☆ Sparust
- ☆ Gokey
- ☆ Eagon

Here are some more
Biblical animals hidden in
the word grid, see how
many of them you can
find.

Ass	Lamb
Bee	Man
Bear	Mule
Calf	Owl
Camel	Ox
Dove	Pig
Eagle	Raven
Goat	Sheep
Horse	Sparrow

F	P	I	G	E	S	R	O	H
L	E	S	P	A	R	R	O	W
A	E	B	A	G	O	A	T	X
C	H	M	U	L	E	V	O	D
S	S	A	A	E	B	E	A	R
O	W	L	B	C	A	N	A	M



Match the Animals with the Bible verses in which they occur.

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| ☆ Fish | ☆ Luke 22:60 |
| ☆ Deer | ☆ Isaiah 11:6 |
| ☆ Sparrow | ☆ Psalm 42:1 |
| ☆ Leopard | ☆ Genesis 8:7 |
| ☆ Donkey | ☆ Exodus 8:5 |
| ☆ Raven | ☆ Jonah 1:17 |
| ☆ Lion | ☆ Judges 14:8 |
| ☆ Bee | ☆ Luke 12:6 |
| ☆ Frog | ☆ John 12:14 |
| ☆ Cock | ☆ Daniel 6:20 |



Evangelism, Yes, but *How?*

J. John has such infectious enthusiasm for his subject that those listening cannot help being inspired. Most of the hundred or so who attended the three evangelism training evenings organised by the Philo Trust left with a renewed zeal and commitment to evangelism.



In the first session, we looked at the reasons why we must be committed to evangelism and at guiding our friends to Christ. In the second session, we concentrated on our personal testimonies, which John clearly sees as one of the essential keys to evangelism. We were encouraged to put to one side our 'thirty minute sob stories', (Which few have the time or interest to listen to), and to come up with something quick and to the point, spending the most time on what our faith means to us now, and the least on our lives before we became Chris-

tians. We were given an opportunity to share our testimonies with someone in the room who we didn't know, and encouraged to memorise them.

Prayer and Preparation

In the final session, we looked at enquirer's groups by means of an amusing but pointed rôle play. This featured such well known characters as 'Aggie Agnostic', 'Sid Spanner' and 'Tommy Tangent', and finished with a look at follow-up.

What I came away with was an appreciation of the importance of prayer and preparation: to pray for our friends and for opportunities to share our faith, and to be prepared for the openings which will then arise. If we were all to do that, then the Great Commission, (Matt. 28:19-20), might at last be fulfilled in this Decade of Evangelism.

Tapes of each session are available from the Philo Trust.

Nick Blane

Why Bother with the Old testament?

'Why Bother with the Old Testament' is the title of a series of seminars being given by Scripture Union. They are being held in a variety of places, including the S. U. Training Centre behind the bookshop in Heathcote Street. There, they will be held on 6 consecutive Wednesday evenings from 31st October to 5th December starting at 7.30pm. The cost is £7.50 for the whole series.

All you ever wanted to know about Redesign, but were afraid to ask!

The redesign project at St. Nic's has been underway since 1986 and will continue into the 1990's. This work, which is vital and exciting to be part of, normally has a low profile, with the redesign committee, architects and builders going about their business. This is because the church fabric is a means to the end of glorifying God, and not an end in itself.

After a period of consultation and prayer, the decision to begin a program of alteration and restoration was taken by the PCC in early 1987 and subsequently agreed by the diocese.

Flexible Design

The current seating and heating had come to the end of their useful lives, and this presented an opportunity for us to make an investment in the building for future generations. This means solid restoration work and flexible design. The diagram over the page shows the work that has been and will be undertaken, concentrating on the current phase.

Phase I was the new heating installation, which has been wonderful. Phase III will create a new entrance

under the tower, providing an undercover welcome area, extra balcony space and, outside, a link with Maid Marian Way. We have just begun Phase II.

Plans and Problems

Phase II is restoration and renewal. At present there is bare earth underneath our crumbling pews and so the stone floor in the aisles and the pews will be removed and the floor levelled. A concrete floor and damp-proof course are to be laid with a

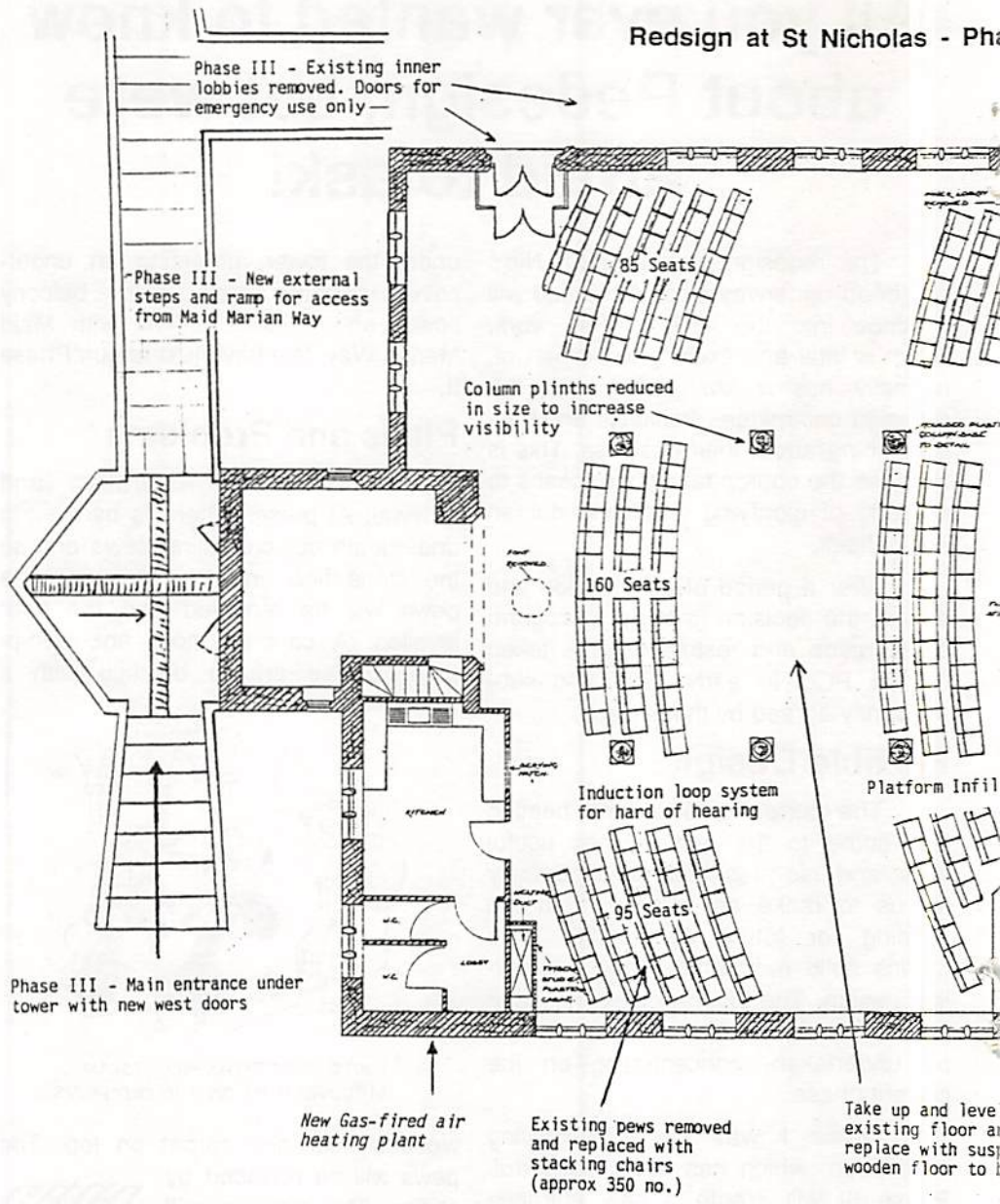


"YOU'VE GOT TO ADMIT IT'S AN IMPROVEMENT ON THE OLD PEWS..."

wooden floor and carpet on top. The pews will be replaced by chairs. The platform will



Redsign at St Nicholas - Phase III



Phase III - Existing inner lobbies removed. Doors for emergency use only

Phase III - New external steps and ramp for access from Maid Marian Way

85 Seats

Column plinths reduced in size to increase visibility

160 Seats

Induction loop system for hard of hearing

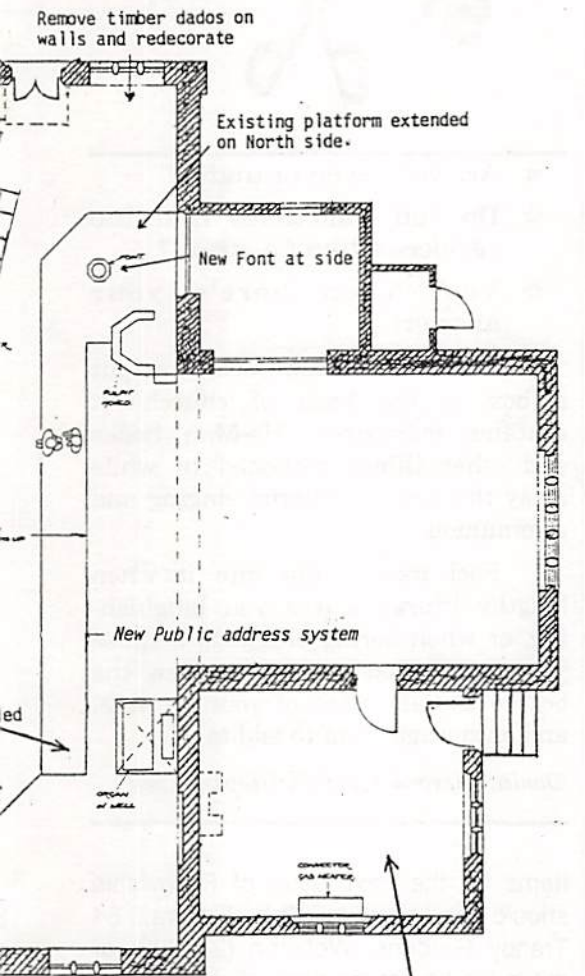
95 Seats

Phase III - Main entrance under tower with new west doors

New Gas-fired air heating plant

Existing pews removed and replaced with stacking chairs (approx 350 no.)

Take up and level existing floor and replace with suspended wooden floor to level



Existing room refurbished
new heating and floor to
create an independent room

ed
ended
e carpeted.



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be modified to balance the two sides, providing more room for administering communion and raising the music group area so that they can be seen more clearly. The excellent sound system which has already been installed, comes into this phase. An induction loop will be added to the PA system during this phase.

The plan for an adult baptistry could not be included because of problems likely to be faced by excavating to a suitable depth and the likelihood of it developing into a full archaeological dig!

The cost of phase II is estimated at £87,000. It is anticipated that this will be met by us, the church members, through additional giving. There will be a gift day on November 11th, a time to set up regular, for example, monthly giving, and to receive single donations. (Few people are still giving following the phase I gift day.) You should have received a letter by now with information about the background and history of redesign, and a letter with details of how to give. We can be proud to leave a beautiful, sound and practical church, a place to assemble and give glory to Him.

Pete and Sally Livesy



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- ☆ Are you seven or under?
 - ☆ Do you sometimes find the services a bit of a strain?
 - ☆ Yes? Then here's your answer!

Our Mum, (Anne Cook), has put a box at the back of church. It contains magazines, He-Man books and other things reckoned to while away the hours of chorus singing and communion.

Feel free to dip into it when lengthy liturgy leaves you languishing, or when boring blessings bemuse your brain. You could also draw the box to the attention of your parents, and encourage them to add to it!

Daniel, Alexander and Christopher Cook

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. The next issues will be published as follows:

25th November for 9th December.

6th January for 20th January.

Knock, Knock. Who's There?

Dring, Dring . . . another person at the door: Someone wanting food? (Giro late this week, six children, no food . . .), or someone delivering something for the Church, or wanting a key, or someone to talk to.

Tensions and Desires

Life at the vicarage, right next to the Church, is certainly different from living in an unmarked semi in West Bridgford. However, the congregation are very friendly and we are gradually getting to know the eighty or so adults who come on a Sunday morning. The usual tensions common to most churches are already emerging; too few people doing too many of the jobs, people needing to take responsibility, differences of opinion on style of worship, leaking church hall roof, etc. But there is an increasing desire among the congregation to get things together and to get ourselves right before God.

Ruth and Anna are settling into Parliament Hill School and making friends in spite of the additional burden of a one hour journey each way, and having to leave home at 7:40am.

Ginny is gradually finding her way round the locality in the car, but driving in London is something different altogether!



Oasis

The vicarage garden is nice. We hope to develop it as a little oasis in a very built up area. It is shared with local church play group twice a day.

Some things to give thanks for: Gradually getting settled in; A good experienced colleague at St. Mark's; Friendly congregation.

Some particular prayer requests: How to train people in the congregation; Music in worship; Wisdom in ministries (only a small prayer ministry team here); How to escape on a day off! A new vicar for one of the team churches.

Thank you for your prayers. Do visit us. We are 10 minutes walk from Finsbury Park tube station.

Roger and Ginny Campbell

Where did the Medley's go?

The long hot Summer of 1990 has now turned to Autumn, holidays are a fast fading memory. Children have returned to school and, after 13 years in Nottingham, the Medley family have packed all their possessions into a large blue van to set up a new home in Aylesbury.

It has been a wrench to leave all our friends at St. Nic's. Nevertheless, the Lord has made it clear that this period of our life was coming to an end and that He had a new place for us.

My job has gradually changed, and this meant I had either to move nearer to the head office, which is located in Aylesbury, or start looking for another job. I moved.



Aylesbury is a small market town in Buckinghamshire, close to the Chilterns and in commuter country. Oxford is less than 20 miles away and London is under an hour on the train. The house we have bought is an old Victorian semi within walking distance of the town centre. We had expected to go to the local parish church, however, we think the Lord may have different plans.

At 'New Wine 1990' we met some

people from the Broughton Community Church. This is a recently planted daughter church of the local Anglican team ministry. We have been made extremely welcome and already have



been asked to help lead an occasional Junior Church service.

They have been very caring and the children are quickly making new friends. At school too, the children are settling in well and learning new skills, like tying a school tie. Sarah and Stephen have found a trampolining club. Helen has a piano teacher and I am improving my juggling (those who have seen me will know it could do with improvement!), at the local arts centre. Philip too, is making friends.

It is still early days but we are quickly feeling at home. If you are passing, please come and see us. There is plenty of room to stay and we love to see old friends. I am sure that we will be back to see you one day soon. Until then we send you our love, prayers and thanks for all that St. Nic's has meant to us over the years.

Chris, Helen, Sarah, Philip and Stephen Medley,

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From Our Own Correspondent



Andrew and Lynn Lennard-Jones

What does a missionary actually do? To answer that, let us fill you in a little on the routine things that go on from day to day.

Rural life here, for the majority of people, revolves around their piece of land. The day starts early with maize porridge, then everyone who is old enough and able to hold a hoe goes out to dig. By midday it is too hot to dig, so they return to the homestead to prepare a meal. During the heat of the afternoon sun they rest, returning again to the fields for more digging late in the afternoon. The evening is spent cooking once more and the meal is usually taken late. The Ugandan says he has to sleep on a full stomach!

For us, each day begins at dawn, just before 7:00am. Andrew has to be at the hospital, just two minutes walk down the hill, for 8:00am prayers. After this everyone goes to work. The doctors start by each doing a ward round. Then three days a week they go

to Out-Patients for the rest of the day whilst on Tuesdays and Thursdays they go to theatre. Also on Thursday there is a community AIDS visiting which takes one doctor, and on Fridays there is the hospital AIDS clinic.

Meanwhile, after Andrew has left for work, three days a week Lynn sets off for school. Her journey is a two and a half mile cycle ride along dirt tracks and roads, which in the rainy season turn into river beds.

Sparse Facilities

The facilities at the school are very sparse, consisting of one building with an iron sheet roof and no ceiling. This is divided into four classrooms, one for each year leading up to O-level.

The size of each class fluctuates between thirty and sixty. At the beginning of term the classes are small while parents try to raise money for school fees. The middle of the term is the busiest, then the final weeks are quiet again when students are sent home for



the remainder of their fees. This year, Lynn is teaching the two top classes for English Language and some Literature for the O-level group. She also runs a netball club.

At Kagando there's always plenty to do. Apart from marking books and helping Andrew with hospital administrative work, most of Lynn's job is domestic, which takes a lot of time here. We do have a house girl, Joyce, who comes four mornings a week and is not only invaluable for the work she does, but also for her company and the Lukonjo lessons! (House girls are also very much the norm for Ugandan families if the wife is working.)

Worship and Teaching

There is a big market on Fridays every week in Kisinga and this is where we get most of the shopping. Market day is the big social occasion of the week and Joyce will wear her smartest clothes.

Our weekends vary, special events or Andrew's on call tending to dominate planning. On Sundays, Lynn and a Ugandan girl, Jerolina, hold a Sunday School for 60 - 100 Ugandan children. On Sunday evenings there is a fellowship meeting which is open for anybody. We lead this meeting and it is an opportunity for worship and prayer as well as some teaching.

We very much enjoy our lifestyle here. We realise we are very fortunate



to have drinking water on tap (from our own springs), and electricity (from our hydro-electric plant), virtually 24 hours a day. We also feel very much supported by your prayers for which we thank you enormously.

Give thanks for:

- ☆ Dr. Timothy and the Community AIDS team who are now visiting four centres.
- ☆ Improved security in the area.
- ☆ Relationships with Ugandan colleagues and friends.
- ☆ Joyce's encouragement and help.

Please pray for:

- ☆ Protection for our health.
- ☆ O-level students' examinations in November.
- ☆ The Ugandan government and economy.

Thank you for all your support. This comes with our love and prayers,

Lynn and Andrew

'Eye of the Needle' & 'Taking Action'

by Roy McCloughry.

Where are we going, personally and as a society? What motivates us? Are we puppets of a culture which uses advertising and 'experts' to turn us into narcissistic consumers? If so, then how as Christians, aware of the dangers of being duped by our culture, can we get off the merry-go-round and see from God's perspective and not our own?

I found this book important. It put into words the uncomfortable suspicion I've often felt that I am being 'had', a victim of the 'please yourself' philosophy, with the occasional concession to the Christian ethic of looking to the interests of others first.

A Change of Heart

Western culture encourages us to be islands approached in rowing boats by people of our choice and type. This is unlike Christ, who was available to anyone in need, unmindful of class, culture or educational background. The new idolatry of self and system must be broken down, not by a change of policy, but by a change of heart.

Roy challenges us to extend the influence of Christ from the personal to the secular, not only in evangelical

terms, but social, economic, and political. Anyone reading this book will be provoked and will ask the question 'Am I an effective Christian?' As Roy says, "the Christian who does not act cannot be obedient".



Influence the Decisions

Which naturally brings us to his other book 'Taking Action' which frankly put me off when I first picked it up. I read 'Eye of the Needle' first in preference. It was the stimulus I needed to galvanise me into 'action' mode. 'Taking Action' is a book for people like me - not a natural 'doer' - a back row type with an inclination to introspection, yet who acknowledges that someone - possibly me - should go out there and 'do'.

Roy asserts that passion and conviction often only come as a result of action, and he comprehensively outlines many possibilities for influencing the decisions that are taken around us, to bring a Christian perspective to bear on our society. Altogether a hopeful book. There must be something I can do - this book shows there *is* a job out there made for me, to which God is calling me, the round peg in the round hole.

Jane Gibson

P.S. Can I keep the books?

Eye of a Needle, IVP, 189 pp, £4.95

Taking Action, Frameworks, 95 pp £2.95.

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Lenton Region



TRADCRAFT & **TEARCRAFT**
TEAR FUND'S
CHRISTIAN CONCERN IN A WORLD OF NEED

Question:

What do a Salvadorean cross, Tibetan wool rugs, a Wamunyu shoe horn, a Burmese money belt, a Damask Rose, Pipal leaf cards and shell earrings have in common?

Answer:

They can all be obtained from Lenton Region's 'Tear & Traidcraft'! . . .

just catch the next order deadline on October 28th!

Both Tearcraft and Traidcraft are Christian organisations, or more correctly, businesses, which operate to support, and provide an outlet for, goods from developing countries. Their aims, essentially, are to:

enable poor communities in developing countries to improve their quality of life and retain a fairer share of the wealth they help to create.

stimulate responsible use of the world's resources and environment.

encourage people in this country

to use their power as consumers to help create a fairer, more caring world.

They sell through mail order and via a network of 'voluntary representatives', this is what Lenton Regional Group has become.

In response to last term's focus on 'Mission', Lenton Region decided to provide a mail order service to St. Nic's. Involvement in Tearcraft and Traidcraft providing an insight into mission and the developing world.

Although hurriedly organised by a few people in time for Christmas (who dared mention that word? So soon!!), the venture will soon involve everyone from Lenton Region. Future development is exciting, however, our main priority now is to wait on God in prayer, something we've been guilty of not doing.

Watch This Space!

Carl Towner

P.S. A 'Tearcraft Pen' goes to the first person to tell the Editors which of the items in the list at the beginning of this article is the odd one out!

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On the Election Trail

We started in Ranskill on the 6th of September, on the 11th we were in Radcliffe-on-Trent, on the 17th it was a dash from Bilborough to Sneinton, the 18th saw us in Ruddington and the 19th in Mansfield. The following week it was Southwell and Norwell on the same evening and finally Gedling on the next. This was the election trail for lay candidates for the General Synod.

Stamina and Commitment

The elections come round every five years, conveniently on years ending in 0 and 5. The members are elected by all the church representatives on the Deanery Synods and candidates may be any church member over the age of 18 years. In our Diocese there was no election for the House of Clergy, since only four candidates stood. The four nominations for the four places were: Canon Peter Boulton (the Diocesan Director of Education), Canon Walter Beasley (the vicar of Bulwell), Rev. Andrew Burnham (the vicar of St. John's, Carrington, well known for his musical talent and high church practices) and Rev. Eddie Neale (Diocesan Urban Officer

whose smile is well known to St. Nic's folk).

For the House of Laity it was a very different matter, there were 12

Therefore love, faith and hope abide, but the greatest of these is winning the next election.'

from CEN

candidates seeking 4 places. Stamina and commitment were required to visit all of the Deanery Synods to convince them how

they should vote. At each Synod, candidates, in turn, gave some personal details, spoke about what he or she thought on some major issues and answered any questions. This was OK the first time round but after a few meetings we all knew what every other candidate was going to say so it got very boring. Also we never had the time or opportunity to debate among ourselves. It is difficult not being able to challenge statements you think are wrong.

'Over my Dead Body'

The major issue was that of the ordination of women to the priesthood. Views ranged from 'over my dead body', through 'we need more debate', 'I don't think Paul would approve', 'I don't know what ordination means' to 'it should



have happened years ago'. On my counting, 8 candidates were definitely in favour, 2 were doubtful and 2 firmly against. However, I do believe the whole exercise was worthwhile. For the electors it was very helpful to be able to put a face to the names on a list and identify them with ordinary people. I am glad we did it.

The elections are conducted by STV which stands for Single Transferable Vote. This is used in many church elections and ensures that minorities are properly represented, unlike our Parliamentary system.

The last chapter of this whole saga occurred on Monday morning 8th October, The Count. This took two hours and the following were successful: Christina Baxter (St. John's College), Barbara Lacey (Mapperley), Colin Slater (Chilwell) and myself. I am, of course, very pleased to have been re-elected as having served for five years I feel I know how the Synod works so that, hopefully, I will be able to serve our Diocese more effectively during the next five.

John Holden

Writer's Note

Whilst the Editors realise that, for various reasons, people may wish to publish things anonymously, the Editors need to know the authors. In future, no item that does not say who it is written by will be published, although the Editors do not mind attributing a piece to 'Pewearer' or 'name supplied' if requested by the author.

God of Technology

After the televised Harvest Service, many people wrote in to St. Nic's. Here are excerpts from some of the letters that we received.

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"Please express my gratitude to all who took part, including the congregation. The singing was a tonic, and was worth all the effort and prayer that behind it."

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"At the moment, I seem to be in a spiritual backwater, so it was really lovely to have a fresh vision of Zion, even if only for a short time."

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"To me, the sincerity and the 'God-centreing' of each part of the service and of those who participated was both a joy and a blessing."

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"The lady who gave the address on 'meals' was really very good."

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"I am a pensioner, and have listened to quite a few boring sermons in my lifetime, but this morning's talk by Joyce Huggett was very refreshing, and gave me much to think about as I cooked the lunch."

The trouble with St. Nic's is, it always has to

Peweater Bites Back!

he was 'Nottin', which was strange, when

be different! Harvest Festival used to be the time for gathering the family and having a real blowout! All we get here are plastic egg cartons and aging copies of the King James' Bible! *This* year by the time I squeezed through my hole in the floor of the chancel, all I could see was a mountainous flower bed and a man peeping through it with a huge glass eye! I went back then to fetch m'sun-glasses, it was so flippin' hot! Bright sun everywhere. Or was it Son?

he *was* in. He's often in actually, and I like that because he drops me fresh bread crumbs off a table, (probably he can't manage it all himself). I think he has parties actually, because there's red juice to dip my bread in. Everybody comes! There's so many feet, it's like an earthquake!

Must go, they're watering the flowers, so it must be my bath night! See you.

Peweater

[Would the author of this article please contact us - Ed]

I heard the nice man in a white coat say

What did *you* do last month?

I row and cox (steer, for the uninitiated!), for the Nottingham and Union Rowing Club, and I was asked to cox a team in Italy at the World Veteran Rowing Championships. I was delighted, but nervous at the same time. However, we had been training for months, and this was to be the culmination of a successful year for us. My team were classified as 'Veteran E', 50 to 60 years of age.

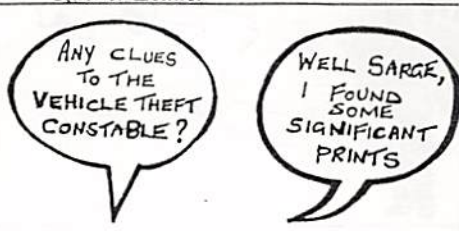
The regatta took place over 2 days, with the second day dawning wet, cold and thundery, just like here! The lake on which the regatta was held looked like the North Sea in a gale! We had a bad start, but pulled back and were leading by halfway

(500m). Much shouting and encouragement from the drowning cox (!) eventually brought us home as gold medalists in the Veteran E coxed fours. We were elated, having beaten five other international crews.

I didn't tell the lads until afterwards, but for part of the race I couldn't see a thing. A wave washed over the boat and I thought I'd lost a contact lens! So I was trying to steer with my eyes closed!

So, that's what I did last month!

Rachel Leader



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Quotable Quotes

Said by David Huggett at the evening service on October 14th: "There's a pewslip extra about the day of prayer and fasting, there's a lot to digest there!"

[Thanks to sharp-eared Ginny Cooper - Ed]

"Jesus' sermon was one sentence. There are many in St. Nic's who would love that kind of preaching. I know because they tell me." Roy McCloughry on Lk. 4:14

Sign of the Times

From a report in the Church Times:

It was reported by BBC South-East that George Carey has a younger brother, Dennis, who runs a fish and chip shop at Maylandsea in Essex. In fact he is an inspector at Ford's: the shop is his wife's. It's called the Chip Inn.

The BBC newscaster could not keep himself from a joke about friars; though he missed the one about the 'Piece of Cod that passeth all understanding'. The customers he supposed, would get their fish wrapped in the Church Times. I can see we shall have to arrange a special supply!

A suggestion for Gift Day

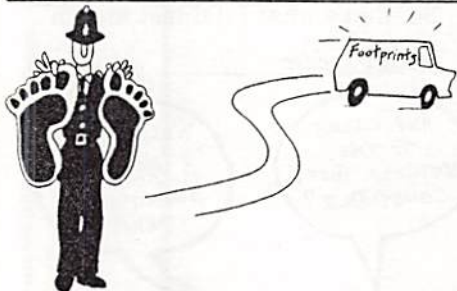
If you drink, put aside the price of a double whisky or a pint of beer each day.

If you smoke, put aside the price of a packet of twenty.

If you swear, put 50p in a swear box each time.

If you don't smoke, drink or swear, you could wrap your halo in a tenner and leave in on the plate at the back of church!

CNS



Q. How do you get into a full lotus?

A. See if the passenger seat is empty!

Roger Abbott(Aged 12)

[Roger Abbott is actually 31, but he thought he'd get more sympathy with the joke if he said he was 12! - Ed]



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DIARY

October

Wed 31st 7:30pm 'Why Bother with the Old Testament?' see page 10.

November

Fri 2nd 7:00pm 'Saints in Praise' at Southwell Minster with Rt. Rev. David Pytches.

Fri-Sat 9th-10th 'Close Encounters' all night event for 14-25's at Southwell Minster.

Sun 11th St. Nic's Redesign Gift Day.

Fri-Sat 16th-17th New Age seminar at S.U. Training Centre. Book through Christian Impact.

Sun 18th Morning & Evening Guest Services. a.m. speaker: Roy McCloughry, p.m. Speaker: Rod Beadles.

Tue 20th 7:30pm Worship and Prayer with Taize music at Southwell Minster. Take your Link Group?

Thur 22nd 7:45pm Preaching Course III in the Church Hall.

Sat 24th Helen Shapiro Gospel Concert at the Royal Concert Hall.

Fri 30th 8:00pm 8 'til late Prayer meeting at 96 Burlington Road, Sherwood.

December

Sat 1st 7:00pm Handel's Messiah at the Royal Concert Hall.

Sat-Tue 8th-18th Retreat at Launde Abbey with David and Joyce Huggett.

Wed 19th New English Orchestra at the Royal Concert Hall.

Christmas is coming the diary's getting fat,

Thinking of the Magazine should go along with that!

Are you involved with any Christmas events this year? Church-related items can have extra publicity in the Magazine diary, but we need to be told by November 25th at the latest! Start thinking about your Christmas events now, and drop a note into the Editors' mail box before you forget.

♦ Christmas comes but once a year, and so does the Christmas magazine deadline!



DINNER AT PAUL'S
NEXT THURS

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The PLG consists of six members:

- ◆ David Huggett 411383
responsible for Regional and Link groups, and worship.
 - ◆ Pauline Walker 606120
responsible for group life for youth and children, including creche.
 - ◆ Peter Bates 604480
responsible for teaching and training.
 - ◆ Di Payne 845238
responsible for Prayer Ministry and counselling.
 - ◆ Gerald Cook 283835
on sabbatical, and has no specific responsibilities.
 - ◆ Peggy Wright 472201
responsible for Women's Fellowship and Coffee club.
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Next Issue

In the next issue of Fellowship, we will be publishing the list of services offered by members of the church. This includes self-employed people, baby-sitters, those working from home and those professionally employed. If you were on the last list and want to change the details, or if you want to be added to the list, please contact the Editors by 25th November.