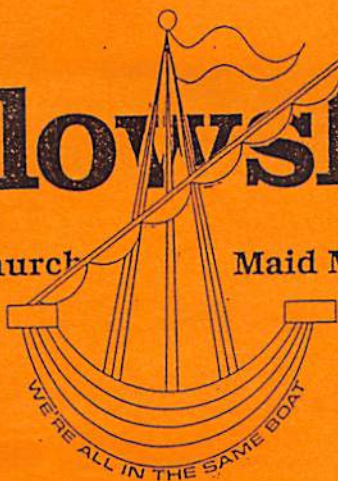


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# Heros or Villains?

**H**ow long does it take for the history books to make good guys out of bad guys?

From our vantage point, the Tolpuddle Martyrs, the Peasants in Revolt and our very own Robin, Prince of Thieves, are champions of freedom and justice.

Not so the Joyriders and the Ramraiders of Newcastle and Oxford who this summer have reminded us forcefully of urban deprivation and the sense of hopelessness faced by many young people on concrete housing estates. With little prospect of work, few local opportunities for excitement, an education system struggling to survive under mountains of paper, is it surprising that young people feel alienated and aggressive, unable to share in the riches of the last decade? (Riches? Well, that's what the Telly says, anyway!)

## Momentary Escape

When life is lousy, we're all on the lookout for ways to transcend our material, social or spiritual conditions. For many, a sniff of glue or propane, the cash from a pilfered car radio, a pair of shoplifted Reeboks or the thrill of the chase in a stolen car beckon with the promise of momentary escape. The question of whether something is right or wrong doesn't figure as a major issue in anticipation



of the pleasure to be won.

Some of the characters that joined us for the Nottingham Urban Churches Holiday in North Wales this summer had previously been in trouble for these same activities. I learned how easy it was to get the sound system out of my car and where I could get a good price for it. I puzzled over the family dynamics of the teenager who'd had three or four fathers and mourned for the adolescent who was grieving for a lost



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sister, killed before birth in a street fight. Among all the new friends I made over the summer I found that the quest for transcendence was compulsive.

My youth leadership team spoke of Jesus, told stories about him and encouraged the young people to act out some of the episodes in the New Testament. Things weren't always very ordered or quiet while we did this, but we certainly discovered new angles and insights on some of the biblical characters; maybe the experiences of the alienated people whom Jesus loved to befriend are best

revealed to us likewise by folks who sense the same alienation.

The choruses we sing in church didn't go down too well after the radio had blared out "I just wanna sex you up" all day! But Silence in dimmed candlelight every night opened people up to taste the Peace that passes all understanding.

One day, perhaps the history books will tell us of the urban rioters who pointed the way towards justice and exposed the false hopes we have placed in Mammon and the Market!

*Dave Beales*

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## Bishop's Brew

A recent city centre clergy meeting was challenged to a new depth of friendship by one of its members.

"I think we should show our trust in one another by confessing our weaknesses," he said.

They agreed, and a Methodist Minister began: "My weakness," he admitted, "is drink. I have to keep a careful watch or I could become an alcoholic."

The Roman Catholic Priest was equally frank. "Pretty girls are my downfall," he said, "but, of course, I dare not risk being seen in my own parish."

An Anglican Curate was

encouraged to unburden himself too. "I'm so hard up," he said, "and my pay is so pathetic that I have taken money from the collection."

By this time, the leader of the Congregational Church was getting very agitated, shuffling his feet and glancing at his watch. "Must go, must go," he said, but the others insisted that before he departed he should also declare his weakness. "Well," he said, "since you insist. My problem is that I am a terrible gossip and, quite honestly, I can't wait to get out and tell all my friends the things I've just heard."

From 'Bishop's Brew' by the Bishop of Birkenhead, published by Churchman in aid of the Church Urban Fund. £4.95

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## Archaeologist's Interim Summary Report

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# 'What's That Big Hole'

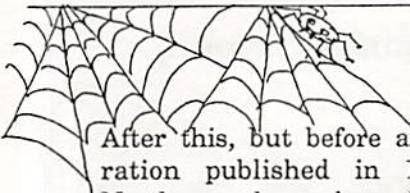
The work consisted of an initial period of archaeological assessment and the recording of features apparent after the removal of the pews. Three weeks controlled excavation involving archaeologists and recording further excavation by the contractor. The object of the exercise was to excavate and record only the levels expected to be destroyed.

The present church stands on the same site as a church demolished in 1643, during the Civil War. The older church dates back to the late 11th century, if not before, as shown by large quantities of stone rubble, fragments of painted wall plaster and stone footings on both sides of the nave. The detail of this church is uncertain, but it was cruciform with a central tower. This agrees with the earliest known drawing of the church on an anonymous map of Sherwood Forest dating to C.1609.


Substantial stone-built foundations post-dating the Civil War were recorded. These represent a cruciform church with a central tower and may have been a deliberate attempt to recreate the building demolished in 1643. It seems likely that this was the church constructed in the 1670's. An exterior wall revealed suggests that this building was of ashlar rather than brick construction. This agrees with a drawing of the church dated 1680, when the top of the tower was in disrepair.

## 'Cryptic Developments'

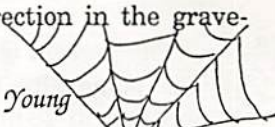
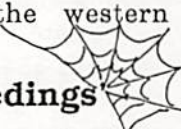
Some time after 1680 the church was demolished and substantially rebuilt in brick on the earlier stone foundations. This was a towerless cruciform church with North and West doors. This happened around 1699, on the basis of a dated stone recorded in the chancel.




After this, but before an illustration published in 1751, a North porch and a Western tower were added. Only parts of this building are incorporated in the present church. A South aisle was added in 1756 and a North aisle in 1783. These are the chancel, the present organ room, the Eastern sides of both transepts and the western tower.



Twenty-six brick-built burial vaults were also uncovered, probably dating back to the 18th and 19th centuries. These were of two types, large-sized family vaults and single-sized walled graves. The latter, in which coffins were stacked one above another in coffin-sized compartments, may also have contained families. These were not disturbed, the vaults being filled with sand to allow construction of the new floor. A selection of inscribed grave-stones, used for paving in the church, were removed intact for eventual erection in the graveyard.

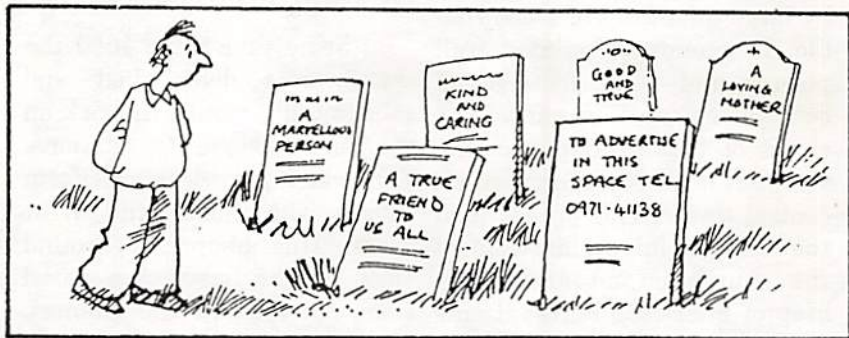


### Grave Proceedings



Internally, we found a series of white plaster floors, beginning with the first rebuild after the Civil War. A number of burials were found but not excavated. These must be earlier than around 1837, when the practice was discontinued.

C.S.B. Young  
Field Archaeologist

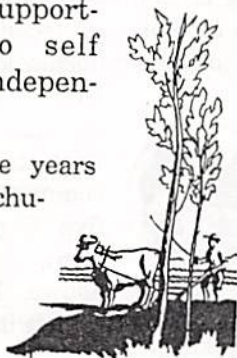




# Small is Beautiful

“Give a man a fish and you are helping him a little bit for a very short while; teach him the art of fishing, and he can help himself all his life... but teach him to make his own fishing tackle and you have helped him to become not only self supporting but also self reliant and independent.”

Twenty five years ago Dr Fritz Schumacher started a revolution with these words. He challenged the accepted wisdom that large scale, high technology can cure third world poverty. He was an economist and the author of “Small is Beautiful” - a title which has become a firmly lodged catch phrase in our daily language. He talked of economics “as if people mattered” and his answer was a fresh approach to development, based on small scale projects, using appropriate technologies which could be made using local resources and be maintained by local people.



## Serving the Poor

In 1966 he formed a charity to promote this approach and called it Intermediate Technology. ‘Intermediate’ or ‘appropriate’ technology simply means the application of practical and technical skills, methods and knowledge in a way best suited to the needs of local people. i.e a technology which falls somewhere between a sickle and a combine harvester.

Intermediate Technology helps to introduce small-scale, low cost tools, equipment and manufacturing processes, which can be made, repaired and developed locally to better serve the needs of the poor. It also offers training courses to institutions and rural artisans keen to develop their skills and builds on the communities capability to help themselves.



Teams of economists, engineers and social scientists work with communities to supplement traditional methods of production with modern techniques in the fields of renewable energy, food production and processing, shelter, textiles,



appropriate transport, fisheries and animal care.

## No Longer Dependent

In Africa for example, this meant developing a technology which would enable people to recycle an abundance of old car tyres to use on hand carts and other non-motorised vehicles -



forms of transport which are widely used as a most efficient way to transport goods locally. In many third world countries there is a shortage of wheels. So a hand operated rim-bending device was developed. This was able to bend a variety of steel sections into rims which suit a number of tyre types. A key feature of this 'wheel bender' is that it is simple to construct and can be made in local workshops. For the first time local people are no longer dependent on expensive new wheels made by big industry.

## Strengthening Traditional Systems

In north west Kenya, I T was invited to work with the Turkana farmers to explore ways of strengthening traditional food production systems in order to increase food security. Levelling the land and building water-retaining earth walls known as 'bunds', proved to be the answer. This simple technology works by providing

catchments for rainfall; as a result yields of sorghum (a kind of grain) have increased by 25%. The work is



now controlled by a local management board based on traditional decision making structures.

These are just a couple of examples from hundreds of projects I T is involved with, all of which are developed in consultation with local people. Much effort and planning goes into the long-term production and marketing of the technologies locally and into passing on the information worldwide so



that it can be adapted for use in other countries too. I T reaches communities through its five Country offices in Peru, Sri Lanka, Zimbabwe, Bangladesh and Sudan, and through its work in south India, Kenya and Nepal.

In 1991 Intermediate Technology celebrates its 25th anniversary. In the years ahead IT will continue to need our support and our prayers. Further information and ways to help can be obtained from: Winifred Dalby, Intermediate Technology, Myson House, Railway Terrace, Rugby. CV21 3HT Tel: 0788 560631



*Tim Lee*



# More Machinations - Synod strikes Back!

**T**his was a good meeting with a lot of theology, and some controversy. An important innovation was the introduction of Bible Study groups which met twice for 45 minutes. The general feeling was that they were valuable, and worth repeating.

## Baptismal Policy

There was no desire to apply too exclusive a policy, but to welcome those who seek baptism for their children.

## Communion before Confirmation

Here many felt that the bishops

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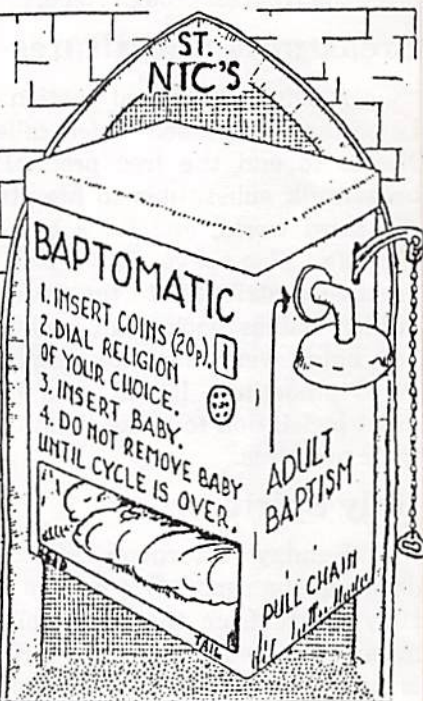
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were out of touch as the motion had a clause requiring all experiments of admission to communion before confirmation be discontinued. The clause was defeated, and the motion which was passed sought to affirm the traditional sequence of Baptism, Confirmation, Communion. It was also suggested that confirmation at a younger age may be appropriate. A following motion asking the bishops to prepare legislation to admit children to communion was defeated by the house of bishops; both clergy and laity were in favour. So unfortunately we are back where we started nearly 6 years ago after the Knaresborough Report.

### **Breastmilk Substitutes**

A Diocesan Synod motion from Leicester was passed which called on Nestle to end the free promotion of breastmilk substitutes to hospitals in the third world, and for a boycott of Nescafe. [See page 23 - Ed] This practice contributes to the death of 1 million babies each year, and Nestle are being very slow to respond to WHO guidelines. It will need government legislation to make them change their practices.

### **Holy Spirit**

Sunday afternoon was spent debating the report 'We believe in the Holy Spirit' from the Doctrinal Commission. A good debate, but the report is heavy reading, so the promised study guide will be essential.

### **World Council of Churches**

Here the sparks began to fly as our delegates were very critical of the last Assembly in Canberra. In particular, the presentation at the assembly by a Korean theologian caused grave disquiet. She was trying to combine her own culture and the Christian Faith. The WCC was felt to be anti-white and anti-western. The C of E is not leaving the WCC.

### **Church Commissioners and Financial Business**

The C of E has enjoyed 10 fat years when the Church Commissioners have been able to contribute increasing amounts to clergy stipends. Now the recession has changed all that, and we are going to have to find more in our dioceses in the future.

### **Feminist Theology**

This debate was continued from the last Synod. The bishops were asked to undertake a study of it - good luck to them!

### **Good News in Our Times**

This is the title of a very readable and useful report from the Board of Mission. It tackles the subject of the Gospel and contemporary cultures. I think this is an important document, and I hope it will be widely studied.

*John Holden*





## From Our Own Correspondent



Hola! [Bolivian for 'hello' - Ed] Time for another letter from Bolivia. My last couple of months have gone quicker than ever, as I have had a few friends to visit and as my time at the children's home draw to a close.

The last month at the home has proved quite stressful in many ways. One of the two sisters who saw their mum beaten to death was found outside with a knife she had stolen from the kitchen wanting to kill herself. It is not surprising that grief is finally beginning to surface, but to do so in such a way is disturbing.

### **Awful Experiences**

As a result of this we are beginning group psychology sessions to try

to get the kids to express their feelings and not just bottle them up inside. We don't want to encourage a 'poor me' attitude, but so many of them have been through awful experiences and these have to be faced up to. In addition to this, the Home hit rock bottom financially and whilst we now have enough to get to the end of September, it has shown us that we need to find more regular and stable funding for the home.

### **Cholera**

As for me, I have already mentioned that my time at the Children's Home is now drawing to a close. For the next couple of months I shall be working for 'Food for the Hungry', a Christian development organisation, that in the past has worked



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closely with YWAM. They work in health, agriculture and social projects.

Exactly what I'll be doing is yet to be seen, I know I'll be based at one of their demonstration centres out in the campo. Good timing, as the first outbreaks of cholera have been found! Please pray that the situation will be controlled and that the necessary precautions will be taken.

Someone described the spread of cholera through Peru as a litmus test,

highlighting the areas of poverty and deprivation. Cholera is avoidable.

At the end of my two months I will return to Santa Cruz for a couple of weeks before making my way back home.

Please remember those in charge at the Home and pray for wisdom in all the decisions they make.

Thank you

*Diane*

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## Praise at St. Nic's



Why are we singing that chorus for the third time? Why do we have to stand up for so long when praising God in Church?

These may be some of the things you think about worship in St. Nic's, or you may feel that time doesn't allow us to draw close to God and hear Him during our services. Well, on Thursday 24th October at 7:45pm for 8:00pm there is a great opportunity for us all to enjoy an evening of praise and worship together in the church hall. If you play an instrument and never get a chance to use it to praise God, then bring it along and join us.

But this is not just an evening for instrumentalists. Everyone who wants to spend a longer period of time worshipping God is welcome to come along. The Bible tells us that God inhabits His people's praise. He is in

the midst of us when we praise and worship Him. God's command to us to glorify Him is really an invitation to us to enjoy Him.

The evening will be led by the morning and evening music groups. We will use a lot of familiar music and learn some new songs. If you have the combined Songs and Hymns of Fellowship, or other chorus books please bring them along. As we learn together to be more spontaneous in worship and enter into a greater degree of freedom, I pray that God will be uplifted and will reveal Himself to us. Worship is a very exciting aspect of our Christian lives, God designed us for worship and I hope that many of you will come on October 24th. We look forward to seeing you there.

*John Buckley*

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# Get into Training

One of the things I'm supposed to be at St Nic's is Director of Training. This is a fairly major task, given that it covers everything from basics groups to specialist things and high powered courses for mega theologians. In reality it's exciting to discover the possibilities there are around us, and to match them to the needs of people as they arise.

We are more than blessed by our location. Scripture Union has its National Training Headquarters here. Equipping '91, an organisation dedicated to helping worshippers and speakers, is holding lots of its day long seminars here. Nottingham is often the venue for Midlands events, and we're close to them if they are held elsewhere. Anglican Renewal Ministries is based in Derby: we hardly need to travel at all to get to training events I'd have bitten arms off for in Hartlepool.

## Loads Happening

All I've done so far is to compile a list of the events happening in our

area between now and Christmas. Leaders of areas of our church life will have received details separately, and there's a Newslip Extra on the subject. It's really up to us to make use of these events. Unfortunately the Training Budget doesn't stretch to subsidising them for you, but none are hugely expensive.

Just as an example, on one Saturday (October 12) these things are happening:

- ☆ A day on All age activities run by S.U (Nottingham)
- ☆ A seminar on "Worship Vocals" run by Equipping 91 (Nottingham)
- ☆ A day with Mary Pytches on Healing (Dronfield)
- ☆ A Day of Renewal organised by ARM (Derby)

Where do you find out more? Look in the Newslip, and at the Newslip Extra. All details are kept in the Resources Room in the Church Office. The what? The Resources Room. More news of that in the next issue.....

*Jeremy*

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# Benders

- ☆ The Bible's name for Harvest is the Feast of Tabernacles. Jesus taught at this feast and on the last day, when everybody had been eating and drinking for a whole week, He said something strange. Can you work out what it was? John 7:37 will help you if you get stuck.



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- ☆ The Feast of Tabernacles is mentioned several times in the Bible. Can you put these references in the right order?



Zechariah 14:16  
Deuteronomy  
16:13  
Ezra 3:4  
John 7:2  
Exodus 23:16  
2 Chronicles 8:13  
Leviticus 23:34

# PULSE

## What are our people doing? - Moving!

☆ Sue Barnes

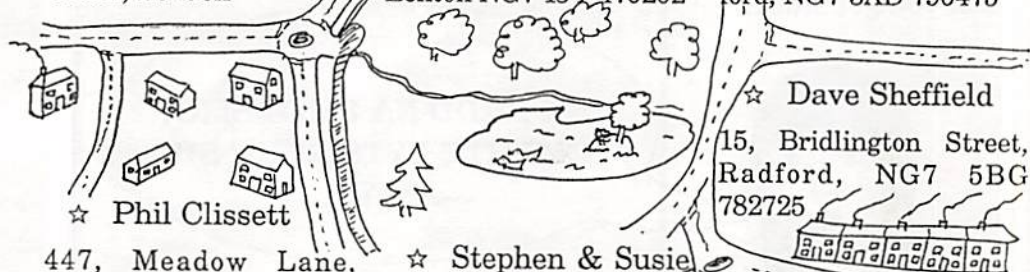
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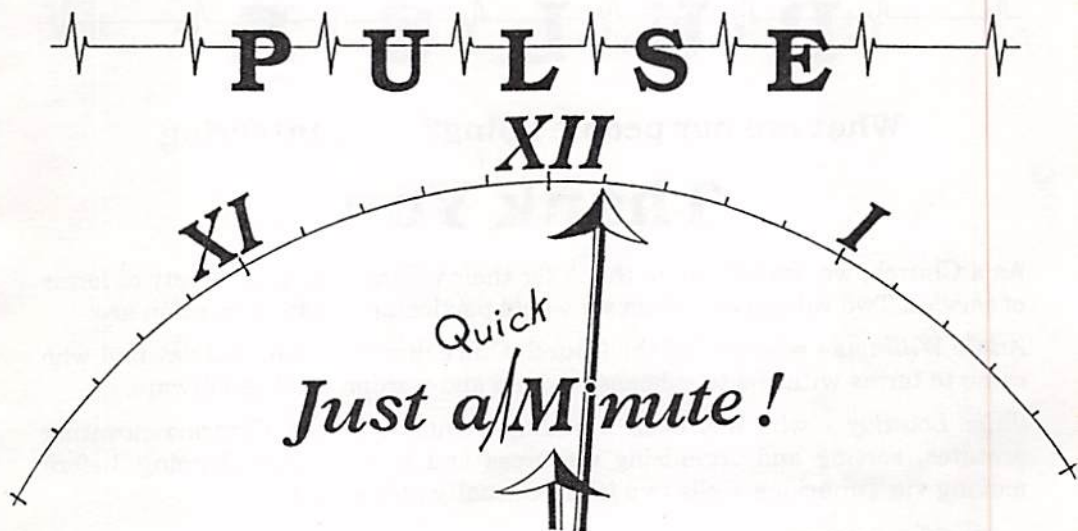
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I've only time to jot a few ideas down as I get home from the PCC meeting on Monday evening as we go to press. Colin opened by telling us a bit about redesign. Some 27 holes have been filled with some 200 tons (or is it tonnes) of sand. The new floor of church will be a reinforced concrete slab.

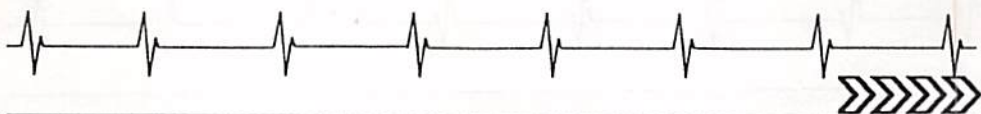
### **Firmer Foundation**

After giving thanks that no-one fell down a deep hole during a moment of exuberant praise in a family service, Colin commented, 'We will be on a much firmer foundation!' With that, the faculty giving us permission to do all this was magically resurrected by the Diocese authorities.

We decided that the staff and wardens should arbitrate on what our new church building should be used for, after suitable guidelines are drawn up.

### **Church Parking**

We then discussed the possibility of creating 9 parking slots between the back of the church yard and a ten foot drop, with access along the pathway that leads to the church door. [Incidentally, one of your Editors suggested putting a big skip at the bottom of the wall, and just waving the cars in. You'd get a lot more than nine cars in that way! However this is not what your PCC had in mind]. After a controversial debate, the vote was 6



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# PULSE

What are our people doing? - Volunteering

## Thank You

As a Church, we have many to thank for their willing help in a variety of forms of service. Two volunteers whom we would particularly wish to mention are:-

*Annie Williams* - who staffed the Church Office during Helen's holiday and who came to terms with the telephones, visitors and wordprocessing software.

*Julie Loveday* - who has been spending a month in the Centre renovating acetates, sorting and organising resources and helping with cleaning, before moving via Tunbridge Wells to a job in Casualty at Watford.

*Colin Entwistle.*

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for, 3 against and 4 abstaining on the proposal that Colin look into the scheme.

### Don't Quote Me!

Colin mentioned that redesign is running about seven weeks late, but declined to be quoted on this fact!

David summarised some of the activities the church had been involved in over the summer, such as the YWAM visit, outreach events, the March for Jesus, and urged us to support the J. John training sessions on Evangelism, starting this Tuesday.

A comment came from the Missionary Committee that it is helpful for people considering joining the diocese volunteer scheme to contact the committee at an early stage in their plans. This allows the committee to give help and advice in addition to possible financial support.

The Practical Ministries Committee [the PMC to give it its TLA (Three Letter Acronym)!] reports that the church roof is nearly done. At least, it's weatherproof.

*David Moore*





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# PULSE

**What are our people doing? - Proclaiming!**

## **The Emerald Isles**

*Simon Fairnington recently spent some time on missions work in Northern Ireland. Here, he reports back on his eventful time.*

My thanks to all who prayed for me whilst I was in Ireland. We certainly needed it. I was working with the full-time Irish team of the Horizons mission organisation. We toured over much of the Northern half of the island, giving time to appreciate its beauty, swim in a Loch or the sea etc. in between times for prayer, evangelism and reviewing relationships with local churches.

### **Highlight**

The highlight for me was the open-air work we did at a folk festival at Sligo on the west coast. It was the toughest and at times the most potentially dangerous, but the most rewarding evangelism I've ever done: drama, worshipping, preaching and talking to people in the streets, often at times past midnight. A few reactions were hostile with free-flowing and colourful abuse, but I know God did major work

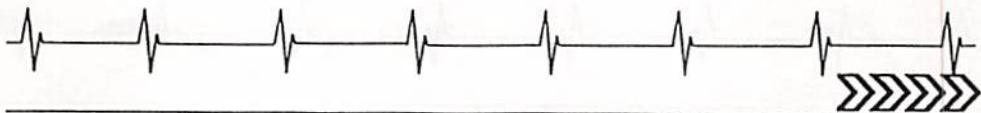
in me overcoming fear and giving me a love even for those who seemed to take a pride in being unlovely. Over the weekend we had one convert and many more whose hearts were genuinely touched.

### **Religious Hypocrisy**

Spiritually Ireland is a desperately needy place. Young people, especially have become disillusioned with the mainline churches and can see all too clearly the religious hypocrisy on both sides of the border.

I became more conscious of the terrible injustices that the Irish have suffered over the centuries. They are very aware of how England's direct involvement in their past has shaped, in part, the problems that exist today. The 'troubles' in Northern Ireland are as much our legacy as theirs.

I believe that repentance by Brit-



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# PULSE

What are our people doing? - Singing

## Getting in on Creation

On 5th October 1991 at 7:30pm there will be a unique musical event: Over 109 simultaneous performances of Haydn's Creation are to take place in Cathedrals, Churches and Halls throughout the UK. It is anticipated that around 50,000 singers will be participating in aid of charity.

A countdown to 'baton drop' will be broadcast on BBC radio 2 and the nation will burst into song. BBC2 have taken sole rights to broadcast the work live from 3 different venues.

Details of the Nottingham performance are as follows:

- ☆ Venue: Royal Concert Hall
- ☆ Choirs: Drawn from the Bach Society, Harmonic Society, New England Chorus, Bingham and

District Choral Society, Southwell Choral Society.

- ☆ Junior Choir: Nottingham High School for Boys

Three junior choir are performing Richard Stilgoe's 'Big Bang' especially composed for the occasion at 7:00pm prior to the main performance at 7:30.

Tickets are available from the Royal Concert Hall booking office and all normal agencies. Price £8, £10, £14. A limited number of 'gold' seats are available inclusive of a reception at £20.

*Malc Offord*

on behalf of: Mrs J.B. Dalton (Nottingham Hospice Administrator)

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ish Christians is an essential part of the healing of Ireland, and indeed that revival cannot take place in this country until it happens. I would welcome

contact with anybody who feels similarly burdened, or who would like to know more.

*Simon Fairington*



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# PULSE

What are our people doing? - Making Music



## All Good Gifts

The church's artistic talents were on prominent display on September 13th when several of us were involved independently in an Arts Showcase organised by *Terry-Anne Preston* in her capacity as Leicestershire's Arts Development Officer.

*Janie Beales* and *Laura Parr*, otherwise known as the 'Touch Wood Music Duo', were in sparkling form on all manner of recorders and other instruments. They also doubled up as accompanist and page turner when I (*Steve Cooper*) took the stage with my soprano partner, *Caroline Palmer*.

*Steve Sticklely* was as entertaining as ever, performing an excerpt from Footprints' latest commission, 'Leicestershire as I remember it', and

the Footprints display was manned (womanned?) by *Liz Leonard*, expertly fielding questions from all comers.

The event was designed to heighten awareness of Leicestershire's arts programmes amongst local promoters and agents, and to encourage the exchange of ideas between them. The presence of so many from St. Nic's is an indication of the depth of talent we have at the church.

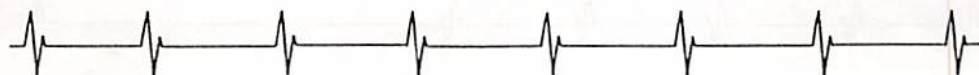
All of us are keen to develop our gifts to the full, but it is easy to become discouraged when trying to promote oneself in the cynical world of entertainment. We would all value your prayers.

*Stephen Cooper*

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### Answers

- ☆ If a man is thirsty, let him come to Me and drink.
- ☆ Exodus, Leviticus, Deuteronomy, 2 Chronicles, Ezra, Zechariah, John.
- ☆ Pauline Mouse got to the food.



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# PULSE

What are our people doing? - Everything!

Let me



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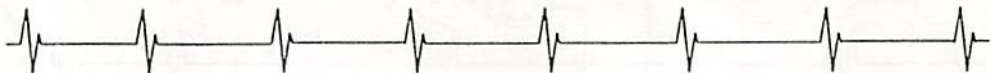
**Barbara Holbrook**



I've been worshipping at St. Nic's for five years now. My initial resolve was just to turn up on Sundays, and then go home - I wouldn't get involved. It just goes to show that a leopard can't change its spots.

What do I do when I'm not at church? Well, to pay the mortgage, I've been working as a Systems Analyst at CCN since January. I'm studying part time for a degree in Business Studies - I left university after two years of theology without a degree. I'm just starting my third year (of five).

Home is a 'turn of the century cottage' in Keyworth, which is not as quaint as it sounds. I share it with a large ginger tom cat called Elliot. There I spend what is left of my free time reading, knitting, sewing, cooking and so on. And that just leaves time for church, creche, PCC, Deanery and Diocesan Synod . . .





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# PULSE

What are our people doing? - Thinking

## Thoughts on Submission

As a congregation, we have been focussing recently on the passages of Paul in Ephesians 5 : 22 - 33, on the call to 'submit' - an emotive term!

This message can come particularly hard on the ears of those who carry burdens of abuse, broken relationships and violence. Those who carry these scars limp through life courtesy of Christ's compassion. Submission to Him should not put women, children or even men (!) at the mercy of unhealthy or unsafe situations in which Christ is not permitted to bring His light and love.

Let us pray that in these situations, Christ would empower them to adopt new ways of relating, that partners might begin to 'grow'. This surely reflects a deeper love, a seeking after someone's *highest* good, not a negative pandering.

May I offer the following thoughts:

Submission should be an act of love, not duty.

Submission should be giving, not giving in.

Submission is not about inferiority.

Submission does not wear shackles.

Submission is not fashioned out of pain.

It is not the opposite of dominance, or of conquest, nor is it the face of weakness or of placating.

Submission cannot exist without trust, and does not feed dictators.

Submission holds hands with respect.

Submission should be gently cradled - the ripe fruit of humility.

*Mary Leake*

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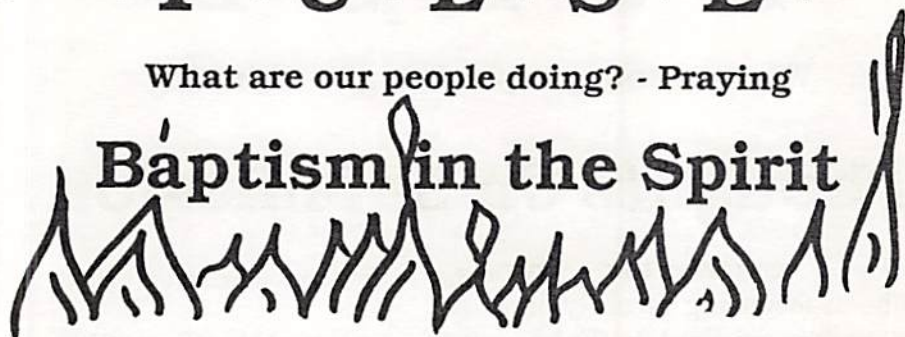


# PULSE



What are our people doing? - Praying

## Baptism in the Spirit



Many of us believe that speaking in tongues is an early evidence of the fullness of the Holy Spirit. So it was with great expectancy that J John, the current co-leader of the Wollaton Priory Link Group had invited Michael Mitton to be our guest speaker. We had quite a few other guests along as well, who came filled with an awareness that the Holy Spirit was going to meet them that night, and so He did, at Michael's invitation.

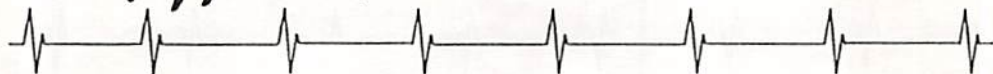
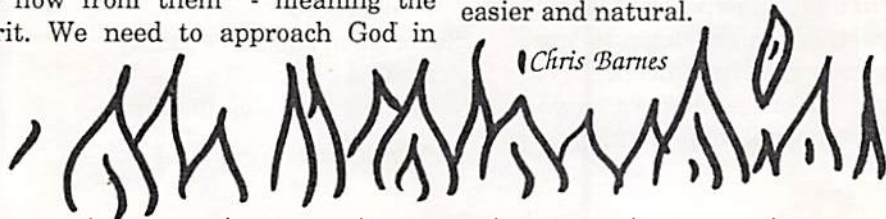
### Confessing our Emptiness

It was Jesus who said in John 7 : 37 - 38 that "streams of living water will flow from them" - meaning the Spirit. We need to approach God in

prayer confessing our emptiness, and putting pride to one side. In faith we should expect to be filled, so that we are always full of life in the spirit.

On Wednesday, several people who had asked to be baptised in the Spirit, at first hesitantly, and then with more sureness, spoke in a tongue they had never spoken before. This gift of tongues releases us in the ability to praise our Heavenly Father with the spirit that has been given us, and edifies our worship and prayer life. It is sad that some Christians have discontinued to use this gift, for it is a selfless form of strengthening, making worshipping God so much easier and natural.

*Chris Barnes*





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# PULSE

What are our people doing? - Writing

## How to Get Your Name in Big Letters

(Editorial Policy)

Your Editors are very pleased to see the enthusiasm of contributors for their subjects. However, in order to keep our production costs down and interest levels up, we have to limit the size of your magazine and of articles. So while we eagerly desire your writings, we remind you that we reserve the right to omit, alter or append, especially when word counts are exceeded!

The two week production schedule does not give us time to distribute altered copy to authors, but we hope that the results are in sympathy with the original. If you have any questions, please talk to us.

*the Editors.*

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## The Nestle Debate

General Synod passed a motion and additional information to help individuals to reach their own decision on this issue. in July relating to the marketing policy of Nestle in the third world and calling for a boycott of Nescafe.

The Southwell Diocesan Board of Social Responsibility has produced a Fact Sheet giving background history available from our new resources room at the Church Centre. [See page 11 - Ed]

*Colin*



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# Quotable Quotes

"A discussion with the diocesan secretary, reveals that there are precedents for the use of burial grounds for the purpose of parking." [Cars or bodies? - Ed]

Colin's report to PCC, 20th Sept

"I'm sure we're all grateful when David goes on holiday."

Pauline, on the Huggetts' time in Cyprus, 25th Aug

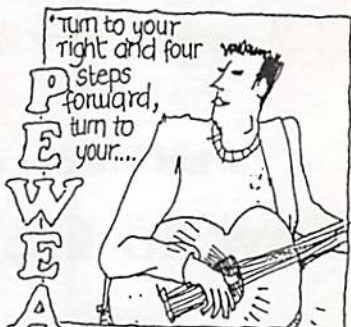
"I wish I wasn't at St. Nic's, I'd rather be in Cyprus."

David, on the Huggetts' time in Cyprus, 22nd Sept

## Copy Dates

Items for the next issue of Fellowship should be sent to The Editors, 2, Kings-down Mount, Wollaton (287690) or given to Dave or Fay Moore or Tim or Joy Lee at church. The next issues are planned as follows:

- ☆ Copy date 20th October for 3rd November
- ☆ Copy date 24th November for 8th December







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## October

- Sat 5th 10:00 'Dialogue in an age of Conflict' St. John's College  
 Sat 5th Equipping '91 - Teamwork and Musical Skills. See p 11  
 Sat 5th Parish Walk No.7 to Lathkill Dale. Contact Bill Phipps (tel: 874963)  
 Tue 8th 7:30 J.John 'Evangelism', St. John's College Bramcote  
 Fri 11th 9:00 'Danger: Men at prayer!' Victoria Leisure Centre  
 Sat 12th Equipping '91 - Worship Vocals  
 Sat 12th Midlands Day of Renewal at St. Alkmund's, Kedleston Road, Derby  
 Sat 12th Don Francisco at the Royal Concert Hall - Tickets available from the Christian Book Centre, Beeston.  
 Tue 15th 7:30 J.John 'Evangelism', St. John's College.  
 Wed 16th 12:45 Philip Seddon on the New Age, St. Peter's  
 Thu 17th 7:45 'Focus on the Church in Gambia' St. James' Porchester.  
 Thu 24th 10:00 SU Training Event - Parent and Toddler Groups  
 Fri-Sun 25-27th Equipping '91 - PA and Sound  
 Sat 26th 10:00 SU Training Event - Designing Training Events  
 Sat 26th Equipping '91 - Keyboards in Worship  
 Sat 26th Martyn Joseph Concert, at St. Peter's Chesterfield Rd, Belper. Tickets: Alison Bell (Tel: 0773 827964)  
 Tue 29th 7:30 J.John 'Evangelism', St. John's College.

## November

- Fri 1st 'Saints in Praise' with Eric Delve at Southwell Minster  
 Fri 1st 7:30 'Beating Burnout' Seminar organised by CARE [See Fourwords] at the Albert Hall  
 Sat 2nd 10:00 SU Training Event - Using Role Play  
 Sat 2nd 10:00 Christmas Unwrapped, St. James' Porchester  
 Sun 3rd Hospitality Sunday  
 Wed 6th 10:00 SU Training Event - Chairing a meeting  
 Thu 7th Speaker's Corner - Eddie Neale, Short Talks  
 Fri 8th 8:00 8 'til Late Prayer Meeting, 96 Burlington Road, Sherwood.  
 Sat 9th Equipping '91 - Worship Guitar



DINNER AT PAVILION  
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## Where and When

- ☆ St. Nic's is meeting at Castlegate Congregational Centre while our own building is being refurbished. We meet at these times:
  - ☆ 10:10 for 10:15 in the morning, and 6:30 in the evening.
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