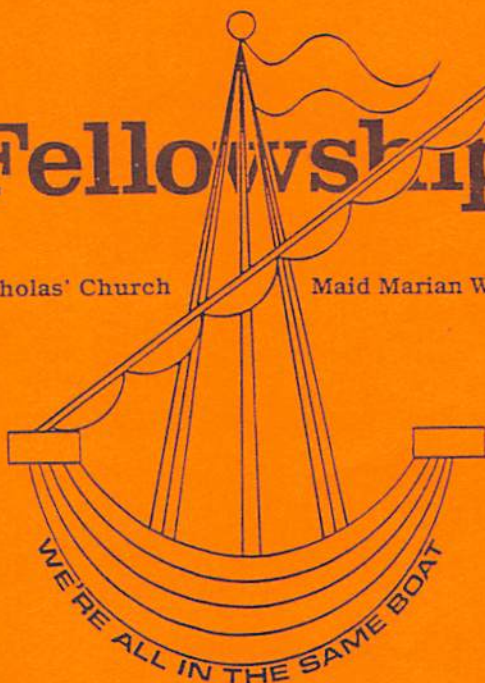


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What's News?

What's News? Quite a lot!

Where is St. Nic's going from here, or rather, where are the people going, because we can't fit many more into our church building. Evangelism Brainstorm and Jeremy's Response kick around a few interesting ideas.

A new link with St. Barnabas', Lenton Abbey has been forged in the shape of a new regular feature, St. Barny's. This now has a regular place on the end page.

There is an update on the situation in Sudan, as told by Bishop Seme, who visited us in July.

The last new feature is all about news - your news. In the new Godsip column you can spread your good news to the rest of the family - perhaps surprise someone!

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Evangelism Brainstorm

- Outreach -

An Individual and Corporate Responsibility

All of us, saved by grace and in fellowship with our Lord, have an individual responsibility to further the Kingdom of God. We accept the commission given to all, as detailed in Matthew 28: 19-20.

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."

The Lord did not stop there, but gave us also this promise,

"...and surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."



What About the Church?

As individuals, I am sure that we all accept this and take it to heart to a greater or lesser extent. But how do we fulfil our responsibility as a church, and what should we be doing about it?

A group of people met at the beginning of September under the Chairmanship of Peter

Bates, to look at this issue. We came up with the recommendations and suggestions which follow on the next page:



❖ A team of people to actively **welcome newcomers** to church and positively seek them out. They would be on duty for both morning and evening services.

❖ The person leading the service to encourage anyone to come forward for counselling who wishes to make a **first time commitment**, who wants to know more about becoming a Christian or who is making a recommitment.

❖ Those on prayer ministry to expect to **lead people to Christ** as part of their service for anyone who comes forward.

❖ **Guest services** to be encouraged, ensuring that:

They are geared to those who would not normally attend church;

The songs are understandable;

The service finishes by 7:45;

A group of people are praying throughout the service;

Additional counsellors are available over and above those on prayer ministry;

Many guests are invited;

Invitations are extended to the Lord Mayor, the Sheriff, the Chief of Police and other dignitaries, thus exposing the Gospel to all levels and structures of society;

A statement of faith should be available in all the seats;

The service is advertised in the media.



❖ **Guest suppers** to be held at least three times a year.

The next one is to be on **Tuesday, February 9th at the Potter's House**, when J. John will be the speaker.

We expect to accommodate 80 people, i.e., 40 Christians and 40 guests. More details will follow.

❖ **Discipleship and nurture groups** to be an ongoing feature of the life of the church.

Nurture groups to run a series for between 3 and 6 months, and discipleship groups for 12 months or more depending on the needs of the group.

❖ St. Nic's to have a constant **voice in the media**, not only commenting upon local and national issues, but also using it as an arena in which to proclaim the Gospel.

❖ There to be regular upfront information, or news-clip extras, urging us to write to our **MPs** on issues with which, as Christians, we are concerned.

E.g., Abortion, Sunday Trading, Unemployment, The NHS.

The information supplied to include a list of our local MPs and addresses, and pertinent information on which to base letters and to pray.

[A great idea, but put them in Fellowship, not in the news-clip - Ed]

❖ **Youth work**, a major area of focus for our city, to be supported hands-on. This could be via Potter's House, or outreach in the city centre on Friday and Saturday nights.



❖ The church to be **called to prayer** on specific issues relating to our city or our church. One creative way to do this is to formally end our evening service at 7:45 occasionally, and then to pray on major issues as a church until 8:30.

❖ **Link groups** to be directly encouraged to pray on specific issues, with regular feedback to the church on how God has answered prayers.

The above is a summary of that which was discussed at the meeting. Since we are all part of St. Nicholas' Church, it is an invitation for us all to get involved, see God working and rejoice that we are involved in the work of extending the Kingdom here on earth!

Peter Wright

A Response to the Evangelism Brainstorm

Let me (Jeremy) tell you why I think that putting these recommendations into practice will mean more than being satisfied that we are doing evangelism well.

In a conversation with J. John, I heard myself saying that even to increase our outreach budget by say £500 would mean that we would have to add two extra congregations and change the structure of the whole church.

Comfortably Full

At present we are comfortably full, and I write before the bulk of students have returned. I have just spent the best part of a day on plans for the next guest service. These revolve around stopping people coming, because we know the church will be over full, and a lack of space means newcomers feel threatened. There is simply no room for a big influx of new Christians. Why then get a group to think about evangelism?



I sought the *brainstorm* precisely because St. Nic's has been a little lax in its evangelism in the last year or two, and needs to do more.

People Drift Away

The two things don't compute. We are called to preach the gospel, and to give of the riches we have gained. I believe our work

should be of high quality, and that is why we should at least double our evangelism budget.

However, if we do this, and major on evangelism in other ways too, we have to recognise that there will be an intolerable pressure on space, and when that happens people will start to drift away. We have already reached our capacity, but we have

done this through low key work, much transfer growth (i.e. people coming from other churches), and being a popular church for occasional visitors. To evangelise well will mean more people come, and that means something has to give.

Gaining Back the Numbers

I don't know what that will mean. Church planting is not there simply to deal with our numbers problem. It is a part of our mission, as Ian Bunting reminded us on the Church Planting day. Other churches which have planted report gaining back the numbers lost in double quick time.

Different Structures

If we are really to evangelise we must plan for different structures at St. Nic's. This could mean extra services, or regional congregations. It could mean 'doing a Willow Creek' (this year's good idea from the States) and having 'seeker targeted' stuff on a Sunday, with worship services midweek. What-

ever we do, we will not be able to remain as we are.

"We must do more evangelism". I agree. But as a church we must realise that to do it properly will also mean planning for growth, and that that will be painful as the familiar is changed.

Doing it Better

I welcome the proposals from the brainstorm. We must begin by doing what we should be doing now, better. That means that we are looking at our welcome procedures, we will be encouraging people to make a commitment within ordinary services, we will be holding regular guest services, and we will be praying for people to

come to faith. The rest of the proposals need to be seen alongside proposals to restructure the church, and these can only be made when a new Rector is in place.

Holding Off and Pressing Ahead

I think God knows where we are as a



They're Back - and so is the Student Slot!

The University Term started on Tuesday 6th October, when new first years were welcomed to 'Week One' - a week of chaos, confusion and queuing!

During 'Week One' we attempted to:

make contact with as many newly arrived Christians as possible, many of whom will have only recently made commitments,

take opportunities to build friendships in general,

organise a buffet for overseas stu-

dents in the flats.

People are very open to talk in the first few weeks of term - an opportunity not to be missed. The first two main C.U. meetings were evangelistic:

Friday 9th October "Does God care what I do?"

Friday 16th October "Am I good enough for God?"

Please pray for the Hall Reps and others in leadership, who will be very busy during this time!

Paul Hambley



church. He understands our need to hold off on certain things whilst pressing ahead with others. We should not feel guilty about not doing something, if to do it in isolation would be to make an even bigger mess. But can I encourage St. Nic's to get the idea gossiped around that to fulfil the great com-

mission will mean that from now on our structures have to be seen as reaching their sell by date, and to dream with me about what our new structures will be.

As I said in the staff meeting where we were discussing how to make seats available in the church "What an excellent problem to have!"

Jeremy

Dear Poni,

A Personal Letter to Pauline from Bishop Seme

Bishop Seme Solomona visited St. Nic's in July and many of us heard his amazing stories of the church in war-torn Sudan. The story continues.

Dear Poni.

(Pauline's Sudanese name!)

First of all I would like to express my joy to worship with you and share in the service of Holy Communion. If there is any renewal in the Church of England, then St. Nicholas Church is one of its pioneers. Please keep that Spirit, and England will blossom again with the Word of God.

With us here the big problem is getting people out of Juba. You might have heard that Kator and Alta-Basa malakias were burnt down by government forces, and many of the people were put in the football stadium. (Malakias are highly populated areas of the town - probably thought to be hiding places for rebel soldiers, by the Government). For three weeks now no planes have been able to land at Juba Airport, and the shelling continues on Juba.

When I returned from the U.K. I found that the camp we set up in May has gone up to 13,000 and more people are expected to come from other parts of Southern Sudan. In my letter taken by Canon Tim Biles of Salisbury, [See page 9 - Ed], I have asked for some donations and given bank accounts.

Please do pray for us. On 6th September we are going to ordain 2 deacons and 6 priests, and on 13th September we shall ordain another deacon and 7 priests, the work needs more men and women in the field.

It was really nice to be with you and to share worship with your congregation. The prayer book I bought will make me remember my visit to Nottingham for a long time. Esther and I and all the family members send our regards to you and your congregation.

Seme Solomona

Sudan - Press Release

Overseas nationals ordered out of Juba as situation in Southern Sudan worsens.

The expulsion of non-Sudanese nationals from Juba is causing grave concern as fears rise for the safety of 300,000 Sudanese civilians. It is thought that the departure of foreign nationals may allow persecution and indiscriminate murder of Sudanese in the area in the government's battle to overcome the Sudan People's Liberation Army.

Cholera Epidemic

The battle for Juba, which has been expected for some time, is now in progress. More than half the city has been destroyed. The sanitation system is in ruins giving rise to fears of a cholera epidemic. Food is in desperately short supply.

Much of the city's population who have lost their homes in the battle, has been herded into the football stadium. The area surrounding Juba has been mined to prevent their escape and it likely that many of those inside will not survive for more than another two or three weeks without humanitarian aid.

Elsewhere in southern Sudan many others are being captured or killed

as they flee from those areas recently taken by government forces.

Genocide

In camps at Aswa and Atebi, many are dying daily through lack of food, clothing, shelter and proper medical attention. Operations are having to be carried out without anesthetics or pain killing drugs.

The Rt. Rev Nathaniel Garang, Bishop of Bor, who has recently returned to Sudan following a visit to the UK during which he met with Foreign Office officials to ask them to intercede on behalf of his people with the UN, has now written direct to the United Nations Secretary General, to ask for his immediate intervention to stop the genocide of the Dinka people.

Sudanese refugees continue to flood into Zaire, Uganda and Kenya. There are also reports of southern Sudanese men in northern Sudan being crucified, and also of aid being deliberately withheld by the Khartoum Government and thus prevented from reaching those in need.

CMS

A Letter from Bishop Seme Solomona

Episcopal Church of the Sudan

Diocese of Yei

c/o Madi, West Nile Diocese,

P.O. Box 370,

Arua, Uganda.

Greetings from the Diocese of Yei

Christian greetings from me, my family, and the entire Christians of Yei Diocese in Sudan. My visit to you at this very particular time will be remembered by the people of this Diocese, and many others. One of my Christians prayed this prayer: "When you made our Bishop to go to England, he took us with him, and when you brought him back to us, he brought the hearts of the people of England with him. We now know that we have friends who are sharing our suffering." To me this confirms your assurance that we are not abandoned in our suffering. I am sure that this will bring much of God's blessings on us and encouragement to the Church Life.

What remains with us now is the problem of the displaced people from Juba. There are 5000 people in Kajokeji now, and many more are expected. In Yondu camp, when I left for Britain, there were 100 people; when I came and visited the camp on 18th July it had gone up to 8200 people; again on 21st July when I went with Tim Biles and Andrew from Salisbury, we found that it had gone up to 9200. Today as I am writing this letter, Tim Biles and Andrew have gone again to the same camp, they will come with another figure. People are arriving daily at the camp. This is only about Yondu in Yei, but there are other places like Kajokeji, Mundri, Meridi who are also receiving people.

The battle for Juba is still going on. Last week one Government plane was brought down over Juba, and two were



brought down over Torit. Torit still remains a shared town. Government forces are in the main barracks, and the SPLA still controls a large part of the town, including the airport.

Our Greatest Need

Our greatest need now is to feed these displaced people. When we last went to the camp, we found 100 bags of corn and 25 bags of beans being distributed to the people and that was the last food they have in store. We thank Canon Tim Biles who has donated £500. This will be used to purchase some food from the farmers. This is a good time in some areas where it has enough rainfall; new maize, corn, ground nuts and other crops are available. This money can buy 80 bags of maize to assist the feeding in this camp.

We need your prayers still. We do not know where we are heading to from now. Make your donations to enable us to feed the displaced. When you feel to help, please send your assistance to the following bank:

The Royal Bank of Scotland plc,
67, Lombard Street, London EC3P 3DL

Acct. No. 17592044

or send to CMS, 157, Waterloo Road, London SE1 8UU.

I hope we shall keep ourselves informed as situation keeps on changing.

Seme Solomona. Bishop of Yei

Name Dropping

or

Why hasn't my article been printed?

Several articles haven't been printed in this issue. Some are being held over to next issue because of duplication or because we can't read the writing. Others have been left out because we don't know who wrote them. If you write something for Fellowship, you must make sure that your name is on it. No name, no fame!

AFM

The Taize Experience

A Pilgrimage to Prayer

When I came to St. Nic's in January 1992, I was not sure what the future might have in store. I knew I wanted to get closer to God through living the life I pray for and to make prayer the central focus. I wanted to develop the gifts God gave me from birth and use them in a ministry which would bring His name glory here on earth. On arrival at St. Nic's, although a Christian, I had no spiritual foundation, was without a room or a bed and did not have a job, just my childlike faith and God's grace to pull me through.

Still Missing Out

Since that first day, God has answered all those prayers but still I was missing out. Prayer was the link I was searching for. I prayed about this and joined the prayer ministry team. I felt the Lord saying to me "I will bless you". About April of 1992 I was at Spring Harvest and a friend suggested prayer partners. When I got back I grabbed two very special people who I knew God wanted me to be with

and asked if they would like a challenge of being prayer partners. They agreed and we spend every other Wednesday evening together in prayer - (I was still missing out - I wanted more)

The Invitation I could not Miss

Totally by surprise I received an invitation to join the Archbishop of Canterbury and a thousand young Christians on a pilgrimage to Taize in France.

Once settled in we were called by the bells to our first of three daily prayers which were part of the Taize community. We were obliged to take part in the prayers considering we were part of the community. As we entered the church we were stunned by the silence; all around me were people praying from every nation together as one in the dimly lit church, brightened only by candles flickering in the silence.

As we sat, others lay flat on their faces, the brothers came up the central





Festival 93

Festival 93, 'A Christian Celebration for Easter', is now just over 6 months away. The events planned include:

Palm Saturday, 3 April. A procession from the Castle to the Market Place, followed by a

Jamboree.

Good Friday, 9 April. A three-hour vigil in the Market Square, with choirs and music groups from city churches.

Easter Saturday, 10 April. A 4 hour Easter Celebration of art, drama, music and dance.

Easter Sunday, 11 April. Easter Day will start with a sunrise service by the Trent and end, after the St. Nic's evening service, with an open-air communion in the Market Square.

There may well be something major on **Maundy Thursday** evening, as well as other, smaller, events.

Nick Wilson



aisle and broke the silence with Latin chants praising God "Laudate Dominum". It was so beautiful, different nations sharing love and peace instead of war - a real united nations.

Be Reconciled

I still recall brother Roger's words "In the silence of your hearts be reconciled with God". We spent the whole week meditating on these and many other inspirations. Its difficult to explain the reality of Taize except to say "Get there and experience!"

Taize as a community has made me realise that we can live as one on a global scale. My calling has been refreshed and in the silence of my heart I can express my prayers to God, regardless of external situations. As you meditate on the goodness of God allow yourself to attain the very nature and likeness of Christ our Lord.

Andrew Bradley



From Our Own Correspondent



Andrew and Lynn are still in contact with Kagando Hospital where Andrew worked as a doctor.

Kagando Hospital, Western Uganda

On behalf of the staff and patients of Kagando Hospital, we have been asked to thank the congregation and missionary committee of St. Nicholas' for their recent kind gift of £530.

Kagando Hospital is a 135 bed rural fee-paying hospital in Western Uganda. The fees are kept low so as to be affordable and are generally sufficient to cover running costs. However, they are insufficient to cover any capital expenditure. When you charge £3 for a Caesarean Section, you can't save much towards buying expensive imported medical equipment.

The hospital has owned just one oxygen concentrator for a few years.

This effectively, safely and cheaply manufactures a flow of oxygen from fresh air and requires an electricity supply only. It is extremely valuable and literally life-saving. There is little that is so valuable as oxygen to the collapsed patient. An oxygen concentrator usually costs around £1600 exclusive of transport. De Vilbiss Health Care generously agreed to give us a concentrator - fully reconditioned with new parts - for £530 inclusive of transport costs to Kagando. It has now arrived safely in the hospital and is shared between maternity and theatre.

Thank You.

Andrew and Lynn Lennard-Jones

Bible Brain Benders

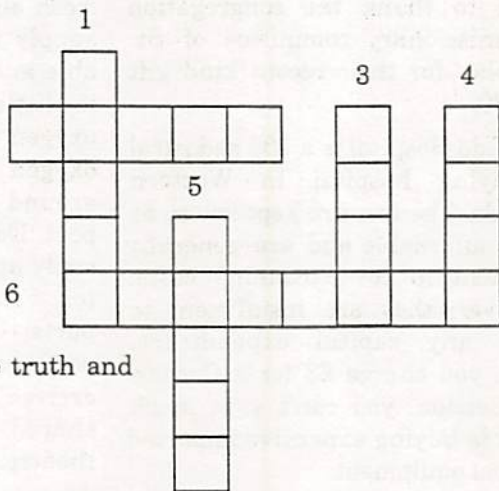
Can you match the Hebrew names for God with their meanings?

Jehovah Jireh
 Jehovah Rophe
 Jehovah Nissi
 Jehovah Rohi
 Jehovah Shalom
 Jehovah Tsidkenu
 Jehovah Shammah

healer
 banner
 peace
 provider
 shepherd
 my righteousness
 who is there



There are many names that we call God. Fill in some of them in this easy crossword



1. King of _ _ _ _
2. I am the way, the truth and the _ _ _ _
3. God is _ _ _ _
4. Jesus is _ _ _ _
5. Prince of _ _ _ _
6. Good _ _ _ _ _ _ _ _

Got some good news? Gossip it!

New Job?

Baby?

New Christian?

godsip

Anniversary?

Exam results?

Driving Test?

Gilly Myers has been accepted to train for the non stipendiary ministry in the Church of England

Gill Wyles is to marry Herb Reagan (no relation)

Liz Leonard is to be the new Religious affairs producer for Radio Trent and Gem AM

Michele Taylor, on hearing that CPAS headquarters had its own helipad, was heard to wish she'd brought her own helicopter

The "after" meeting in the Royal Children pub on a Sunday night is fuelled with much welcomed roast potatoes. The pre soup run prayer meeting also takes place there

Samantha Brown and Andy Giddins are going on the same ministry selection conference in November

Andrew Bradley and Samantha were both on the Archbishop of Canterbury's pilgrimage to Taize. They went by coach, he flew



The St. Nic's office now has four computers

St. Nic's has a new placement student from St. John's College. Erzsebet Komlosi is from Hungary

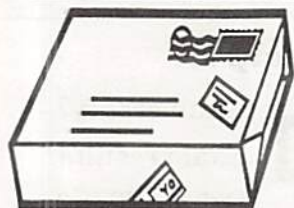
David and Gail Morris have had their third child. Felicity Claire made a reluctant appearance

Michael Green is alive and well, living in Nottingham, one of the Archbishop's Advisors in Evangelism. He was welcomed to Nottingham with a dessert and coffee evening at J. John's

Richard Ives (former student worker) is now working 200 yards away from the church office, (at Nelson's solicitors) and has been seen in the company of another former St. Nic's centre worker

David Beales is now a charity

Pauline Walker didn't go to the Diocesan Conference at Swanwick simply to drink red wine with the Diocesan Director of Training. She said she also had a conversation with him.



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Footies...

It was really touch and go with the weather. It could easily have rained - not an advantage in an open-air theatre production with stage lighting and all. Then there was the wind - blowing the backdrop over and needing some enterprising Heath-Robinson attention (garden

ductions for these civic types, business people and such. A transitory existence, creating transitory impressions for an audience which is only there for the night.

Then there is everything to go wrong. Like Michelle forgetting her lines and making up other ones as she went along - words which made total nonsense of the whole scene!

...Taking Chances...

benches and Grow Bags) to keep it upright. But when you really want the atmosphere of outside theatre on the lawn of the Bishop's Manor in Southwell, with flood-lit stone ruins in the background, then I suppose you take the chance. Well, they certainly did.

A Chancy Business

It's all a chancy business, this theatre stuff, it seems to me. Not a lot of job security. Here for this production, gone for the next. They had to get all kinds of old 'Footprints' back again just to do this medley of excerpts from past pro-

...with the Whether

But then they did rhyme (how can she do that? It takes me ages to think up rhymes) - and I reckon it got people thinking (was the point of that scene just too profound for me, or dare I risk commenting that the scene didn't make any sense? You can never tell with these artistic types and this modern drama...)

Dedicated

Maybe that's part of the mystique of theatre. We can't help enjoying it -



it 'hooks' something inside us, sometimes bits we don't let out very easily. Mostly that's a nice experience, because we are only the audience and we can hide behind that. But it all goes so fast, and there always seems to be more to it than we got out of it ourselves. Or did we read something into it?

How nice to meet the cast afterwards, and they seem so dedicated to what they are doing, so absorbed by it - I suppose they have to be. I wonder, if I say what I really felt about the scenes tonight, will

I end up revealing more about myself than I really want to? It's all so ambiguous. Maybe it's just better to say it was very good, and did you feel cold out there tonight? I did a bit.

The Church?

You know, I wish people reacted to the church in that kind of way. Well, sort of liked it, and felt that there was something sort of tantalising about it. Somehow I get the feeling that people see right through the church. We all seem to be such nice-but-slightly-boring people. Not a lot of mystery really. No mystique.

Maybe the church could run more like a theatre company! People really dedicated to coming up with creative expressions of Christian faith that tantalisingly touch those parts of us that our materialistic society doesn't reach. Start living more riskily, closer to the edge, in an attempt to have the cutting

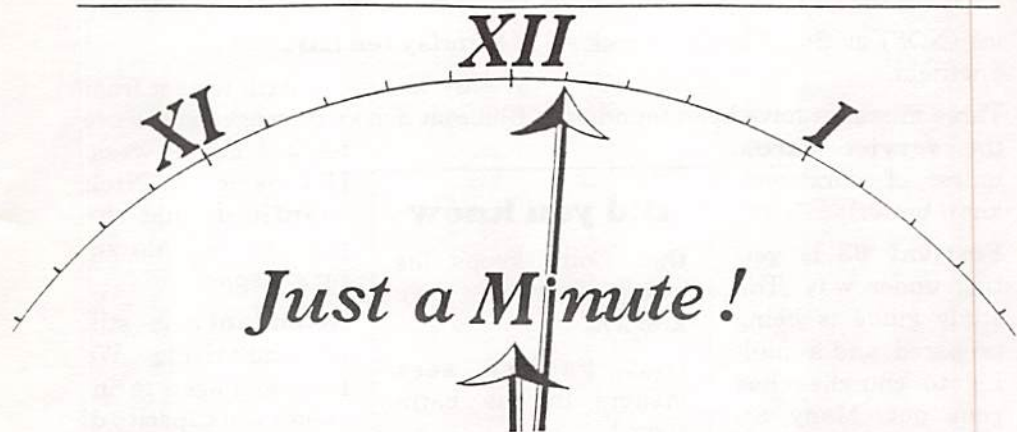
edge, to *be* people who embody the mystique as well as act it out.

Really?

Well, no. I don't really fancy that kind of life either. Just look at this lot - it's nearly 11:00pm and they're going to start dismantling the stage. What me, drive the mother-in-law home now to relieve the baby sitter? Yes sure, anything to help. I ought to be getting off soon anyway - work in the morning. I'm sure if I'm really nice to my non-Christian friends they'll think Christianity is worth a look. I've been getting quite good at that recently. That's probably why they asked me to be the drinks assistant. I chatted with some important people tonight, you know.

David Muir





The PCC meeting in September started badly. the rooms left empty by Christian

Jeremy was late. Colin was even later, but only managed 5 minutes before he felt the need to leave again!

Since no **Student Worker** has been appointed, Tim Anderson and a team of about 8

volunteers will take on the work. Tim's other work areas are to decline proportionately.

There are 188 **St. Nic's children** on Colin's computer, (and it's a very tight squeeze!), and 140 under 14's in Junior Church. There is also a very large creche, so it's still growing! We wondered whether some of

New Rector

Richard Hawthorne and Malc Oxford have been meeting more prospective Rectors. Two people came to church on 27th September, and, by the time this magazine is published, Richard and Malc will have visited them both at their home churches. They could not give much detail, but said that both were excellent men.

Impact could be made child-oriented.

Jeremy noted that St. Nic's has presently three full-time **staff** instead of its usual five! **Pauline** is to be re-named as our Assistant Pastor, rather than Lay Pastor, and is to

be co-opted on to the PCC. (Hands up everyone who thought she was already on.)

Jeremy went to Greenbelt and heard a lot about '**alternative worship**'. This is worship that uses the pop culture, such as the Nine O'clock Serv-



ice (NOS) at St. Thomas Crook's, a **Sunday tea bar.**
Sheffield.

Three mistakes have been found on the **service cards**, unless, of course, you know better!

Festival '93 is getting under way. The study guide is being prepared, and a mailing to churches has gone out. Many St. Nic's people are heavily involved.

Jeremy told us about a proposed new **newcomer** procedure. The idea is to have a pseudo-link group to which newcomers will be invited while they find out about St. Nic's and find either their local Link Group or the Basics group, or some other group that fits their needs.

A new mechanism for giving those who turn up at the office wanting food has been arranged via **Emmanuel House**. One of our Diocesan Volunteers, James Grainger-Smith works at Emma House, as does Rory Sewell, a member of the congregation. It is possible that a team of volunteers will be formed to staff

We are to have a sixth-former from Bluecoat School on work experience for one day a week. His name is **Nick Stanfield** and he goes to St. Margaret's, Aspley.

Attendance is still up and rising. We have managed to increase the capacity of the church by squeezing the chairs

closer together. This has annoyed the cleaning teams because you now can't get the Hoover between the rows!

Chris Nurden, our treasurer noted that three-quarters of the way through the year, we are **£2,500** short of being three-quarters of the way through the annual budget.

Colin suggested that to ease the problem of more people wanting **notice board** space than we have walls to accommodate, we

have rotating display boards! (Perhaps moved by some turbine mechanism powered by the hot air above the pulpit?)

Did you know

that Colin keeps his computer in the kitchen?

that Pauline sees visitors in the bathroom?

What is it?

The office one has been up-graded, Pauline's stolen one has been replaced and Jeremy now has one of his own.

AFM

By the DVs Will of God

This new, semi-regular column has subtle latin pun in its title. DV is an abbreviation for Deo Volente, God willing, as well as Diocesan Volunteer. We have a whole fresh crop of DVs from St. Nic's starting work around now, DV. They are appointed by the Diocese and are supported partially by St. Nic's (missionary budget) and partially by other means. They work for local churches or other community projects. Read about them all in the next few issues of Fellowship

Hello! My name is Sam (antha) Brown, you may have seen me in church over the past four years doing the OHP. I have had my name mentioned in this magazine a few times, so maybe I'm famous!

I am now, having finished being a student, a St. Nic's Diocesan Volunteer, and I'm spending the next year doing two jobs. Firstly, as a pastoral assistant at All Soul's Church,

Oops, I seem to have lost the photo, sorry - Ed

Sam Brown

Radford, working in the church and community centre. This means doing anything and everything. In any time I have left over (!), I am working as a counsellor at Nottingham Women's Centre. Please pray for me that I get involved in the right projects. I will still be coming to St. Nic's in the evening, so please stop me and ask me what I'm doing. I really want you to know.

Answers

1, Kings. 2, Light. 3, Love. 4, Lord. 5, Peace. 6, Shepherd.
= peace, Tsidkenu = my righteousness, Shammah = who is there.
Jireh = provider, Rophe = healer, Nissi = banner, Rohi = shepherd, Shalom

Christmas Eve Souper Run!

Merry Christmas - or is it?

Just recently I have thought about the Christmas other people might be having this year. As with every Christmas there will be people on the streets **alone**. Although there are events planned for Christmas day, it is the eve of Christmas which concerns me.

So Important

Around the Christmas period the suicide rate increases. Its the eve of Christmas where the need for company is so important.

For the past month or so God has put a desire on my heart to do something practical for the lost souls on the streets. As this vision develops we will keep you informed and would greatly appreciate any practical help you may be able to offer, such as food, offerings and prayer.

Many thanks,

Andrew Bradley

Natty Hats!

If you want to get ahead, get a hat!

That's what they used to say in the good old days when men were gentlemen and ladies wore handsome headgear.

You ladies can get ahead in Bill Phipps' good books if you wear a hat to church on Sunday. To prove just how good Bill thinks capaciously capped ladies look, he will present a small bouquet of flowers to the one of our number judged to be most becomingly be-hatted.

In order to qualify, you must be female, wearing a hat in church, and draw yourself to Bill's attention. He will be sole arbiter of 'niceness', so please don't complain to the Editors if you disagree!

In order to start the ball rolling (and to be in with a good chance for the flowers), one of your editors will be cranially crowned on publication day!

ATM

➤➤ st. BARNY'S ◀◀

In this new, semi-regular slot, you can learn more about the folk and the goings-on at St. Barny's, with whom we are working towards a transplanting of some of our members

Greetings from St. Barnabas'

Greetings to the Christians of St. Nicholas', Nottingham from the Christians of St. Barnabas', Lenton Abbey, and many thanks for your Church Planting Day on October 4th. During that day we were able to learn a little about each other's churches and what emerged was the idea of a joint venture rather than a 'plant'.

St. Barnabas' has a small but committed congregation of thirty to forty people who work hard to serve their community both through the church and as individuals. Through the planting we are seeking reinforcements in a holy war. I rather like Tim's picture of two motorways merging as it illustrates the possible danger as well as the benefits of joining together; we should not be surprised if there are casualties.

It was also pointed out that our two churches work in different ways. Bob Hopkins described St. Nic's as a network church, one that gains

members through a network of relationships. St. Barny's is a community church with all that that implies - a long term building up of relationships, service and reputation.

Thank you for your prayers, your support and your offers of practical help. I feel very aware at the moment that we are involved in

a spiritual battle. Satan has shown himself to be opposed to the 'planting', but that fact alone should make us all the more determined to follow through in obedience. Satan is on the run - give him hell!



**Elaine
Hinchliffe**

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Churchwarden at St. Barny's

Just Visiting!

Can you work out which well-known member of St. Nic's is visiting which other?

If you can, ring the Editors on 664938. A small item of confectionary and great notoriety will be your reward if you are first with the right answer.

General:

The houses on this long road each have their own character, fenestration and aspect. The building is in good condition and is well maintained, with large areas of garden laid to lawn. Aspect to rear includes patio, two garden sheds and a barbecue. There is armoury of varying description around the house, in both real and toy form.

Hall: 16'3" x 7'1" overall

A very busy thoroughfare. Notice board plastered with papers, notices and lists of varying kinds. BT phone point installed. Genial facilities under the stairs.

Lounge: 17'0" x 10'11" (expanding to 12'0")

String of cards under side window. Large collection of 'heavy' spiritual and children's videos. Two toy boats stand on the hi-fi. Child painted butterflies form part of wall covering. Hanging blind in main window for sun and nosey neighbours. Picture of large, extended family hangs proudly above television.

Dining Room: 14'2" x 11'0"

Dining table and piano dominate the room. Patio doors have many hand marks at the 3' - 4' high level. One high chair in evidence.

Kitchen: 8'0" x 13'9"

More children's paintings and lots of postcards. Air of 'would like to double the work top space' here.

Play Room: 12'9" x 9'3"

Very colourful and lots of toys! Toy castle with soldiers of different eras. More hand prints on the patio doors.

Garage: 21'5" x 9'7" (I think!)

Could only see washing machine and a pile/mountain of clothes - must cost the earth in ironing board covers!

Smallest Bedroom: 7'4" x 8'6"

High bed with drawers under. 'Mallory Towers' definitely recommended.

Not quite the smallest bedroom: 9'2" x 8'3"

Enid Blighton a major player.

Nearly the largest bedroom: 12'6" x 10'6"

Bunk bed and cot, Postman Pat. Loads of cuddly toys but no black and white cat.

Definitely the largest bedroom: 14'4" x 10'6"

Cosy! Pyjamas should be banned!



SUBVERSIVE GROUPS - MEMBERS' DETAILS

GROUP NAME - PCC

TOP SECRET - FOR YOUR EYES ONLY

Name: Chris Nurden
Also Known As: Chris-to-pher (When in trouble!)
Age: 20 (Christian age, that is)
Whereabouts: East Leake, very nearly in
Leicestershire, but definitely
still Nottinghamshire
Spouse: Sue from the catering team
Children: Prefer Godchildren (5)
Occupation: Chartered Accountant, Derby
Hobbies: Tennis, travel, winemaking, testing Sue's cooking
creations
Subversive Committee: Finance
Favourite Soap: Eastenders
Other Information: Church Treasurer, Link Group Leader, steward,
supervise the catering arrangements, been to
Poland with Clare Hamner (twice)



The Visitor was:

Gerald Cooke?
Sandie Cutts?
Andy Churchill?
Valerie King?
Richard Ives?
Meili Hawthorne?

The Visitees were:

Mike and Fi Shouler?
Peter and Juliet Wright?
David and Terry Muir?
David and Fiona Carter?
Patrick and Elaine Cordon?
Roy and Helen McCloughry?

The visitor in the last issue was Ginny Cooper, who is the leader of the morning music group and is a part-time teacher.

The visitees were John and Ann Churchill. John runs Logos Graphics, a printing and stationers business and Ann lectures at St. John's Theological College and is a counsellor.

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