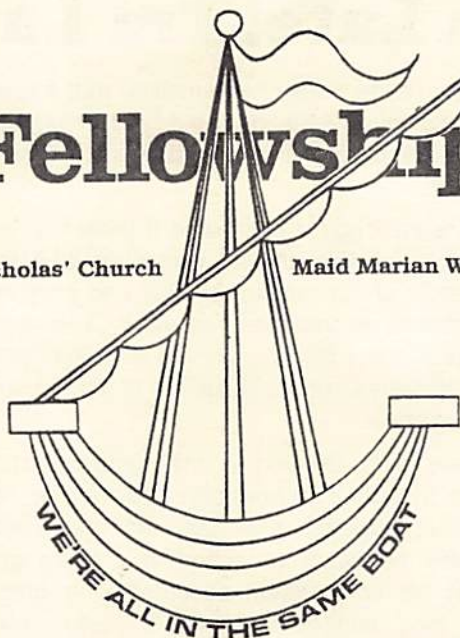


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St. Nicholas' Church

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I'm Late! I'm Late!

The astute among our readers may have noticed that this edition of Fellowship is out later than previously advertised. The newslip has, for many weeks, been announcing the appearance of this unpunctual issue. The Editors feel that an explanation is in order.

A week or two before the original copy date (I think that was back in 1842), a series of short but challenging articles was submitted for publication. They portrayed some aspects of our modern society and progressively disputed our ideas of what constitutes acceptable behaviour. The idea was to run all of them in one issue as a major feature. We did not have much other copy, as is normal just after Christmas, but this series of pieces would have made a reasonable sized magazine.

The St. Nic's staff are given the text for the magazine about five days before publication, and the response is normally, "That's fine, it looks like another great mag." This time, however, they felt that these articles raised issues which would probably be better broached in a more gentle manner. They initially advised that we commission accompanying articles with alternative view points. Later they suggested either a severe re-writing or that we withdraw the article. We are currently holding the items for future publication.

With the guts of our publication gone, we didn't feel we could justify charging you 50p for merely a slightly enlarged newslip, thus the delay in publication until further copy could be obtained.

The Editors apologised for any inconvenience.

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"This is The Word of The Lord"

"This is The Word of The Lord". These were the words used to open a report back on prophetic words given to the church prayer meeting late last year. I was referring to the Bible, which is our authority and our guide as we look to God for direction for St. Nic's. That said, God uses many means to bring his word to us, among them 'words' of prophecy given through members of the congregation.

Words and Pictures

You may remember a regular feature in Fellowship which had words and pictures previously given in church services. This article is a development of that: some words are immediate, some take time for their purpose to unfold, all should be brought together and their cumulative force weighed carefully. We seek to do that as a staff, and as a wider group of church leaders, and writing this

down is a way of allowing all the church to join in the testing process. Please think and pray carefully over what follows: I for one sense a drift and purpose in what has been said to us.

Over the last three years I find five themes in words to the church: Complacency; Disruption; Humility; Fighting the Battle; and New Beginnings.

Complacency

As regards Complacency, this can be summed up in the phrase "you have been eating your own

food, which is given to you for others". Another word given included phrases like:

"I gave you strength, but with that strength you have built walls with which to protect yourselves ... I gave you hands to share with, but with those hands you have used to cover up your wounded heart".

This word went on to



say that these aspects of complacency are actually ways of defending ourselves against God, who loves us but cannot break through if we resist. The group who regularly went to pray in the Market Square on Sunday evenings also gained a great sense of the need for the church to repent of its 'comfortableness', when need outside is so great.

Disruption

Disruption has been a repeated theme. An outsider gave a very powerful word during the time we worshipped at Castle Gate, relating the disruption in our own building to the disruption there would be in our fellowship, where *"everything that can be shaken will be shaken, in order that what is unshakable will remain"*. There is always untidiness and disruption when God is at work. Other words refer to a time of testing, and feeling of separation, which will allow God to look for those who respond in humility and obedience.

Humility

Other words concentrate on our need to come to God in Humility,

and to have the humility to allow God to come to us. One such word said this:

"Open yourselves. I will seize hold of you and draw you irresistibly. You will find yourselves running like the wind, straining every muscle to draw near to me, to know me, and love for my kingdom will burn within you like a bushfire swallowing up everything in its path and spreading far and wide. Open yourselves to my Spirit. Let me baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."



Fighting the

Battle

Another area is the call to Fight the Battle. This has come in a number of ways: repeatedly we have been told that there will be a great move of God, but that before that happens things will appear to get worse. *"We are to pray that the Lord will restrain the forces of evil"*. Two paragraphs from separate words illustrate the point:

"I weep for you my people, for your eyes are blind and you do not see the forces of the enemy that are before. Nor do you see my forces, ready to fight for you, if you would

only ask me. Come to me, that I may open your eyes, for if you do not you will be overwhelmed".

"Though the gates of this city are strong the Lord is gathering his redeemed, his chosen ones to his side. His banner is raised and he is gathering his people to himself. Though the gates of the city are strong - yet they shall not prevail against the Lord our God - for he would have this city for his own - the city which is lost shall be found".

New Beginnings

The final area is that of New Beginnings. Much impetus to our prophecy has come from listening to God in the Market Square. Out of that came this word, which I write in full, as I believe it opens up a way ahead in many of the above areas. You will see that certain parts of our church life are already responding to this.

"A Picture of a large illuminated cross in the middle of an otherwise dark and deserted Market Square. A large number of people standing around and worshipping.

The word: Raise high the Cross. Focus on Jesus and his saving power. Beware of your own agenda and expectations. Move out in my power, you will reach them by words

of wisdom and knowledge. You will go out and bind up their wounds on the street. My Spirit will move as if by fire - many will come in. You must be prepared and ready to accept them. Many will be needed to lay down lives and homes to support them.

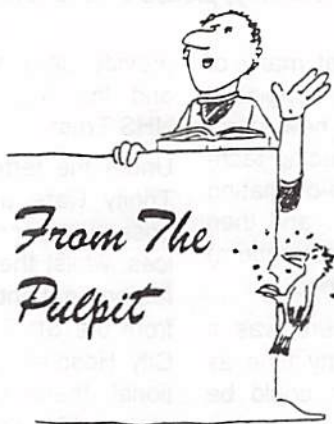
They will be my army. You will be needed to prepare and equip them.

They will go out over the whole world. Many will come to know me through them.

Pray, pray, pray that this will come to pass. Prepare yourselves and wait. Submit yourselves to me and my will. Humble yourselves, and wait for my timing. Be persistent in prayer and build up your faith".

May God give us grace and wisdom to discern his purpose for St. Nic's, and power to carry it out. I will be delighted, along with the staff, to discuss anything arising from the words given for the church.

Jeremy



The Egress of the Entwistles

Colin wrote this farewell in January, please amend tenses as necessary-Ed

In looking back, I see that many of the tasks for which I was originally appointed (involvement in new structures and systems, introducing technology to the office, co-ordinating redesign of the Church ... and then assisting during the Interregnum) have now been accomplished.

During recent months, there was a growing awareness that my time as Administrator at St. Nic's could be drawing to a close. In the event, things developed very quickly and, as many of you will know, I am leaving St. Nic's at the end of the month in order to take up the post of Administrator of St. Andrew's Lodge, a new complex which is nearing completion on the site of the former Basford Hospital on Hucknall Road, Nottingham.

St. Andrew's Lodge is a unique development, a hybrid somewhere between a nursing home and a hospital annex. It is the result of an imaginative partnership between Trinity Care Ltd. (a company founded by committed Christians, specialising in the development and management of nursing homes to

provide care for the whole person) and the Nottingham City Hospital NHS Trust.

Under the terms of this partnership, Trinity Care are providing the purpose-built accommodation and services, whilst the NHS Trust are transferring patients and nursing staff from the St. Francis Hospital on the City Hospital site. Once fully operational, there will be a total staff of around 120 providing full facilities for 80 elderly mentally ill patients. There will be an ongoing quality care audit scheme of management and staff by a group consisting of representatives from Trinity Care, the NHS Trust and the local Area Health Authority.

Jean & I would like to thank you for your fellowship, love and support over the past 6½ years. Although we will no longer be worshipping at St. Nic's on a regular basis (partly out of consideration for the new Administrator and partly out of self-preservation from those of you who might forget that I am no longer in full-time employ at St. Nic's!), we shall be remaining in Nottingham so may very well see you from time-to-time.



From Our Own Correspondent

David Sudlow - Je Suis un Missionnaire

After the summer expedition to Mali, and as I began to settle into Ouagadougou, I realised I needed to sort out my priorities for the next few months. Learning the language and adapting to the culture are two important goals for me to achieve before I can really start being useful. Hence I decided to enrol at the local university for the first year of a French degree course.

Un Bon Adventure?

This will enable me to speak with fluent French speakers, which is the best thing I can do to help me learn the language. In fact, I have structured my week deliberately to allow for French conversation, and have found a volunteer, Bonaventure, with whom to practise! Attempts at meal-time conversations in the university restaurant have, unfortunately, not been too successful, and I've yet to find the place where the students hang out. I think I just need to make more of an effort on this front.

This course also provides me with a chance to meet with the University

Christian Union - The GBU, and hence help me to develop a ministry among students. This is a key group if we are to see a missionary movement from within Burkina - a group from which leaders may come. One of my short-term goals is to promote mission within the GBU, such as starting a 'prayer for the nations' group.

Life in Ouagadougou

I'm now living with an African family near the university, on the opposite side of town to the Horizons base. I sleep in an outhouse (i.e. a shed) in the courtyard of a compound. This courtyard has a tap in one corner and a hole-in-the-ground toilet and bathroom in the other, with the family home in the middle. This accommodation is a bit basic, even by local standards, but it is sufficient as a base for the moment during my university course, and the home does have electricity although that is of little use to me. As I write, Brigitte, the landlady has just gone out to get



the baby to sleep - by putting Layla on her back and going for a moped ride!

Sleeping for me is not easy at the moment. The temperature so high most evenings that I normally have to sleep outside my sheet sleeping bag for the first half of the night while the temperature drops from the heat of the day. (Daytime temperature in the shade is about 32° - 38° C, 90° - 100° F.) Later I wake feeling quite chilly in the early hours as the temperature drops to a cool 24° C (75° F).

Illness

Many people get ill at this time of year, especially with respiratory and eye problems because of the Harmattan, a hot wind from the desert carrying suspended dust. This, mingled with all the fumes from the two-stroke motorbikes, creates a nauseous atmosphere in the city centre, Ouagadougou being the moped capital of West Africa! Ouagadougou's tap water is usually good, unless the supply gets cut off for some reason, then the water becomes very murky. This water is probably the cause of my recent illness, in which I felt very run down, had a high temperature and diarrhoea. Added to this, my recent busyness has not helped as I travel the length of the city, from the university to the Horizons base, on my newly acquired moped.

Horizons

My university course takes up a large amount of my time at the moment, and so I have only limited contact with the Horizons base. This is quite useful in preventing me from spending too much time with English speakers, and instead forces me to adapt to African life. In October and early November I was able to meet up with Alan and Judy (and baby Anna), but they have since had to go back to the UK for a while, leaving Alice and myself as the only permanent Horizons workers in Ouagadougou. I visit the base about twice a week, when I join the Horizons personnel and some local people for prayer and Bible study. I also do the team's accounts once a month. I was able to visit Niamey, a town in Niger for a few days. That was encouraging for me because I visited the town four years ago and since then a lively, growing church has been planted.




Long-term Goals

You may be wondering why I am spending so much of my time studying at a university and not doing many of the more tangible things a missionary could do. The reason is that I need to have a sufficient knowledge of French that I might be able to teach in it. This level of proficiency can only be acquired by immersion in the language, there





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Two Little Words




♥ To Emma SW

- x I think you're great
- ? Tease. Tease.



♥ To Trog

- x Be my Valentine
- ? Kelso



♥ JDL

- x A huge hug
- ? Your Fairy Godmother



♥ Pook

- x you're a honey
- ? Tigger




♥ Pwoni

- x Thanks for being my 'Other Woman'. I had a great time!
- ? David



♥ Wrecker

- x You're doing a good job keeping the ship together. Thanks
- ? T. J. D. F.




♥ Karen P.

- x How about a date at the flicks on Tuesday?
- ? Mr. Doubtfire



♥ To Jelly Bean

- x Happy Valentine's Day
- ? from Match Box




♥ Fungus Features

- x Am I Kuter than Kitty?
- ? Squiffy




♥ Dudley

- x We think you're cuddly!
- ? ? & ?



♥ To Mummy,
Daddy & Baby
Brother

- x I hope Daddy and Baby Brother are better soon and I love you
- ? XX



♥ Josh

- x Be my Valentine
- ? Skimbleshanks

The Trustees of Creative Communications request the pleasure of your company at St. Nicholas' Church, Maid Marion Way, Nottingham on Monday, 28th February at 7:45 pm.

Update, music, meet the people involved, prayer, refreshments.

We would like you to hear further information about our aims and activities and to participate with us as we pray about future directions and listen out for the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Phone if you'd like to come, on 814536.

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Alex Bordas is getting married to Steve at St. Nic's at 11:00 on Saturday, March 12th. All friends from St.

Nic's are invited to join them for the church service to help celebrate this joyful occasion.

Quotable Quotations

"I think that preaching to chickens is the essential qualification for being the Archbishop of Cantabury."

David Harley, Missionary

Church Office Secretary Swaps with Rector!

No, not the job, the area - Kent. You may remember that David and Irene came from Kent; David (my husband) and I will be moving to Kent on 23rd February. By the time you read this I will have left the staff of St. Nic's, my last Sunday as a worshipping member being Sunday 20th.

David is taking early retirement from teaching and has accepted a job in Tonbridge, (no, not Tunbridge Wells, *Tonbridge*), which is about five miles north of Tunbridge Wells. He will be the new Missioner at St. Eanswythe's Mission and we will be living in the Missioner's house, which comes with the job. It's all quite exciting really, now I've got used to the idea - although things have moved very quickly indeed since we first thought about this in September 1993.

St. Who?

St. Eanswythe's Mission was set up in 1890 by Mary Gorham as a means of presenting the gospel to the poorer people of Tonbridge, mainly in the form of 'magic lantern'

picture slides. David, as a Reader, will take the services on Sunday evenings and any funerals. He will try to build up the youth work and be in charge of fund-raising.

What will I be Doing?

Well, I don't know, really. I suppose that once the house is decorated and all sorted out I will need to look for a job. Being the Missioner's wife will, I suppose, almost be like being a vicar's wife and I'm sure I will be expected to 'be around' quite a bit. However, there will be the need to earn some money - I might even re-ignite my cake making business. I'm sure the Lord will find something for me to do, as he seems to have led us to this position so far.

Thanks

I would like to thank Colin for putting up with me for six years, (yes, I bet you didn't realise I'd been at St. Nic's that long), for the gentle way he introduced me to new skills. I nearly ran a mile when he first mentioned *Computer!* Thanks also for all the love and care



I've received over the years from some lovely people, especially recently while I was in hospital and later, recovering from my operation. I thank the Lord for bringing me to St. Nicholas' and for the things he has taught me while I've been here.

Prayer and Practical Needs

We need someone to rent our house in Sherwood, (3 bdrms, GCH, gd gdn, quiet area, easy access to Nttm, des. res., etc.). We need a bit more furniture; a 2-seater settee and probably 2 or 3 armchairs, and we have a cabin bed for sale. If you can help, do please get in touch on 621080.

For Joanna, who is at the University of Central Lancashire in Preston - she'll be farther away than ever and

will miss her Nottingham friends greatly. For Rebecca, planning where to go and what to do when she finishes her BA at Loughborough in the summer. She's enjoyed singing in the evening music group here during the holidays.


At Tonbridge we will have a *spare room*, and so would look forward to visitors when we have settled in - don't be shy about asking if you can come, although not *too* many all at once!

Our new address will be:

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TONBRIDGE,
Kent.
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Helen

[Page 6]  was only a limited amount I could learn in the UK. Also, until I become more familiar

with West African culture, there is little I can do in the local churches. Learning the language helps me to understand how people here think, and in turn, this helps me understand how to communicate. An ability to communicate is vital to my long-term goal of training African Christians to become missionaries, and in getting them to train further missionaries.

After learning French sufficiently, I could then start to learn Tamasheq, a language more useful in the towns in which I eventually hope to live.

And Finally

The overall goal:

'I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death.'

(Philippians 3:10)

Dave Sudlow

Prophetic Posters

- *Have you ever wondered who does the brilliant posters that adorn the Maid Marion Way side of our church?*
- *Have you ever wondered who thinks them up?*
- *Have you ever wondered what they mean?*
- *Then read on and wonder no more...*

Summer '93 - I heard that there was an urgent need for a poster for the Maid Marion Way side of church and offered to attempt to fill the gap. Having had previous contact with the kind of business that usually produces our posters, I was able to get hold of the necessary materials.

'Med Club Paradise Found' was the result. To those of you who had difficulty in working it out, I apologise. Med Club rearranges the holiday experts Club Med and refers to our Christian Mediterranean roots. Paradise found suggests that we have found it when others are still searching. ('Though we might agree that we still haven't found what we were looking for.)

The next poster, 'People's Church (of God, one in Jesus)' was an encouragement for us to be accessible, open. It may yet inspire some work among the many students from across the road who gather to play

football etc. by the church hall at lunchtimes. (Bazza, Bazza) [*What does that mean? - Ed*]

From the start the intention has been to tap into those among us with creative skills to start doing posters, perhaps abstract, more visual than word-orientated, more artisan than business person.

We can thank Robert (Bob, Bertie) Stubbley for the Christmas 'God With Us' idea. We tried to obtain an original Benetton advertisement, but that might have been too difficult for some to stomach, so we knocked one up! Not having a new-born babe to model for us explains the proportions in size. The idea was to state clearly that Jesus came in the awkward beauty of flesh.

Well, you artistic moles, how about putting your names forward and having a bash, (we'll help get materials), and beautifying MMW for Jesus?

Jonathan Hughes

This edition of Fellowship magazine comes out just before St. Valentine's Day, on which we celebrate love. Here are four puzzles on the theme of love.

Bible Brain

Can you match the pairs of people who loved one another?



Adam



Mary



Martha



Eve



Jonathan



Ruth



David



Naomi

Rearrange the words to make 1 John 4:7-8, a famous passage about love. I've used an old-fashioned version of the Bible for the words, because they're the same as a song you might know.

Beloved, let us

is love.

that loveth is

not God for God

another, for

born of God and

not knoweth

knoweth God.

love is of God,

and everyone

He that loveth

love one

Benders

All of these Bible quotations are about love, but can you identify where each comes from?

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|--|-----------|
| ... your only son Isaac, whom you love ... | Pr 9:8 |
| ... Because your love is better than life ... | 1Co 13:4 |
| ... rebuke a wise man and he will love you. | SS 2:4 |
| ... a time to love and a time to hate. | Jn 21:17 |
| ... and his banner over me is love. . | Gal 5:22 |
| ... Go, show your love to your wife again ... | Matt 5:44 |
| ... to act justly and to love mercy ... | Ps 63:3 |
| ... love your enemies and pray ... | Gen 22:2 |
| ... Simon, son of John, do you love me? ... | Ecc 3:8 |
| ... God demonstrates his own love for us in this ... | Rom 5:8 |
| ... Love is patient, love is kind ... | Hos 3:1 |
| ... But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy ... | Mic 6:8 |

How should we love God? Fill in the missing letters from Deuteronomy 6:5 to find out.

**L_v_th_L_rdy_r G_d
w_th_ll_y_r h_rt_nd
w_th_ll_y_rs_l_nd
w_th_ll_y_r str_ngth.
oeoouoiaoueaiaououaiaoue**

What is God Doing?

Quite recently I was made redundant and took early retirement. For me this was a tremendous change in my way of life after about forty years on the treadmill of factory work in the print trade.

I began to wonder what God's purpose is for me now. After prayer I know that his purpose is for me to stay calm, faithful and unconfused through this time of change and trials.

The hardest part for me is that my spiritual condition is now quite low. In situations like this it is easy to blame God for failing us.

I believe that this time *now* is a time of training. When life is uncertain, God's purpose is for me to see that he can walk on the storms of my life. So may I have a closer relationship with him and so become more obedient to him. Then every moment becomes precious.

Chris Barnes

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Just Visiting

We were surprised at being asked to visit, being more accustomed to welcoming than to being welcomed. Driving a couple of miles, we reached our destination.

As the door was opened, the cat ran out - why leave a cosy room with a roaring fire?

We *explained* (sic) the drill: to describe the house without hitting the nail on the head. Approaching the 3rd bedroom, the man looked nervous - a skeleton in the cupboard, or perhaps a hidden vice? He saw we meant business!

Visitors

Steve and Ginny Cooper
Richard and Diane Ives
Valerie and Alec King
Victoria and Kyra Morrell
Mark and Melanie Oakden
Richard and Jackie Turner

If you think you know who is visiting whom, ring 664938 for a chance to win some calories! In the last edition, Jeremy guessed that Louise Beaumont visited Chris and Susan Nurdan. Louise is an accountant for her

We inspected the home-made windows and noted the numerous and arty artifacts. Talented people live here, me thought. Another block of wood was tossed on the fire - the chocolate biscuits melted.

We sank into the armchairs, lethargy only being interrupted as sparks jumped from the fire onto the rug covering polished floorboards.

The cat returned and thought it necessary to demonstrate the sharpness of its claws. After a while we left, toasted, blooded and full of chocolate biscuits.

Visitees

Pete and Claire Goode
Pete and Sally Livsey
Pete and Liz Harrison
Peter and Margaret Gell
Peter and Juliet Wright
Peter and Susie Artis

family's firm and does the soup run and OHP. Chris is an accountant in Derby, church treasurer and does catering with Susan who is trained as a nurse and works in the village pharmacy.

TOP SECRET FILE

... STAFF ...

Name:..... Dudley Meese

Also Known As:..... Dud

Age:..... 30

Whereabouts:..... Netherfield

Spouse:..... Not yet

Children:..... Hundreds every
week!

Occupation:..... Teacher

Hobbies:..... Barn dance
calling, badminton, eating pudding.

Undercover Activities: Youth worker, Music

Favorite Chippy: Mo's



Answers

Quotations: Gen 22:2; Ps 63:3; Pr 9:8; Ecc 3:8; SS 2:4; Hos 3:1; Mic 6:8; Matt 5:44; Jn 21:17; Rom 5:8; 1Co 13:4; Gal 5:22.

People: Jonathan & David; Adam & Eve; Ruth & Naomi; Martha & Mary.

Letters: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

Words: Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God, and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. He that loveth not knoweth not God for God is love.

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