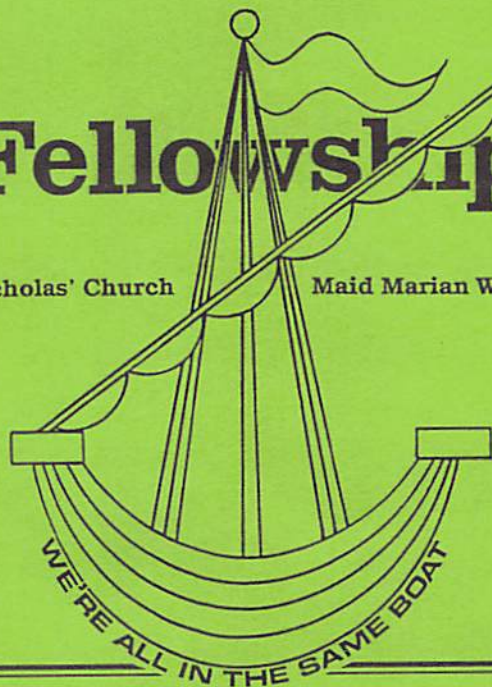


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Contrasts

This edition of Fellowship is full of contrasts. There are some light hearted pieces, not meant to be taken seriously, and there are some thought-provoking articles to set you re-examining your attitudes. There are factual pieces to inform you, and (since this issue covers April 1st), at least one spoof piece to *mis*-inform you.

The article from Family Care on page 3 follows on well from the item on attitudes to disabled children that appeared in the last issue. How do you react when you see a person in a wheelchair?

In response to the 'Cheating or Tithing?' article two issues back, yet another reply appears on page 9, looking at tithing from the other end.

For factual content, we have a Synod report, and two articles telling you about the religious broadcasting that is available on local radio.

Missionaries Shaun and Jan are featured on page 5, and home-missionary James Grainger-Smith is well worth a read on page 23.

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94 dB(A)

A Still, Small Voice?

The other Sunday morning I was leading intercessions. I called for a moment of silence. Now, total silence is always impossible; but this time it was not just coughs and sniffs, but the sound of pneumatic drills from the road outside which rather spoilt our religious serenity.

Pause for Thought

This sort of thing always makes me pause for thought. Of course it is a little embarrassing to ask for silence and to be answered by the insolent uncaring shriek of a road drill. But I realised that even this could be used as a springboard for prayer. There could be several lines of argument.

For example, the reason the roadworks were out on a Sunday morning was that the council did not want to disrupt the busy weekday traffic.

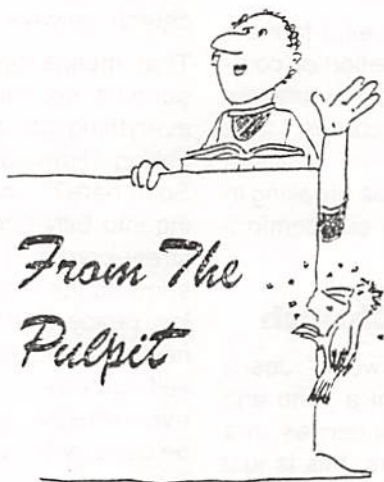
Therefore, the city authorities had judged that our quiet worship mattered a lot less than delaying someone's journey to the shops. It just goes to show how unimportant the church is these days.

Commercial Pressures

Surely, if those bureaucrats only realised that we were worshipping in the presence of the living, almighty God, their creator and

ours, they would not dare to interfere. Here is a spur to our mission: to speak out the word of the Lord with such force that the whole city is turned towards God, to put him before the unceasing commercial pressures of our time.

So that's one approach. Here's another. Why were those workmen drilling away on a Sunday, the day of



rest? Were they motivated by a tempting overtime package? Or so poor that they could not turn down a job? Or maybe they were Christians, forced to work by uncaring management when they would rather have been in church themselves? Here is a call to prayer: for all those people trapped by uncontrollable forces and made to work when every God-given instinct says we should rest.

Fair enough. But for myself, I found it was not primarily indignation or compassion which informed my prayers during this unmelodious chorus. I took it instead as a God-given reminder that the world outside was breaking in upon us and disrupting our comfortable worship club.

Don't Come to Church

"You are the light of the world", Jesus tells us. "Do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl?" Sometimes, in a church with closed doors, this is just what happens. But I now realise that

what makes a 'good' church is not its inspiring music; or fine sermons; or warm fellowship. If it was so, an evening in church would be no different from a night at the theatre. What makes a good church is the way its members, from clergy to kids, make God known in thought, word and deed in the whole richness of everyday life. We don't *come* to church; neither do we leave. We *are* the church - always.

That means opening our eyes and our ears, not only to roadworks, but to everything going on around us; and asking, "How can I cooperate with the Spirit here?" And I don't mean bursting into Billy Graham mode on every street corner; it is more a matter of showing the fruits of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control - in every situation. Maybe even screaming pneumatic drills can be used by the Lord to speak to us.

Tim Anderson

Answers

cooking utensils.
animals, 8 A destroying angel, 9 Eating yeast 10 Gold, silver, clothes and
Barbed, 5 Burnt, 6 On the door posts, 7 Any first-born - even Israelites and
Passover Quiz - 1 First, 2 Either of these, 3 Twilight on the 14th day, 4
Pancakes - A+F, B+D, C+H, E+G.
13 Bethany. Final words - Shrove Tuesday
7 Gethsemane, 8 Judas, 9 Jerusalem, 10 kiss, 11 disown or deny, 12 Pilate,
Lent Quiz - 1 Sanhedrin, 2 thiry, 3 robbers, 4 Golgotha, 5 Passover, 6 Peter,

Children with Special Needs, Need Families

Family Care is the Southwell Diocesan social work agency. Church member Deirdre Offord is their Social Work Team Leader.

Why?

Some children who are born with a physical disability or severe learning difficulty may find themselves without a family of their own. Sometimes this is because their birth parents request their adoption soon after their birth, realising that they do not feel able to care for them themselves. It could be because having tried to care themselves, the birth parents become unable to carry on, due to ill health or other family reasons.

The Outcome

So there is a group of children growing up in hospitals, temporary foster homes or residential homes for whom the future is very uncertain, and may hold little promise of family life. Happily, in recent years, it has gradually been recognised that these children need the security and familiarity of the same family, where they can be loved, held and taken care of. They need to belong to someone.

What We Want to Do About It

At Family Care, we want to find families for children with special needs. The many and varied forms of disability will cause different degrees of handicap. For some children, their ability to move around will be affected; some may never be able to walk. Others will be impaired in their sight, hearing or speech; for yet others, the disability will affect their capacity to learn and this may mean that they communicate in different ways and may not talk. All of these children will need a great deal of care and some may not survive childhood. We believe that it is even more important that children with a shorter life expectancy have the opportunity to live in a loving, caring family.

What all these children have in common is their very distinct personalities and their common need for a family of their own. Read Katy's story overleaf.



Katy's Story

'Katy came to live with us 20 months ago, following a long and anxious time whilst applying to adopt. She is almost five, with blonde hair, a lovely personality and cerebral palsy. She cannot see much, or sit up or walk, and she learns slowly. Life with Katy has not always been easy - the worries and fears when she is ill; the frustrations of obtaining splints, wheelchairs and dealing with numerous professionals and appointments; the attitudes of some people to her appearance and fits; all these cannot be ignored. The enjoyments of being Mum, Dad and brother to Katy, however, outnumber the difficulties, and she had enriched our lives a great deal. Her small achievements are major to us - she has learnt all our names, she plays pat-a-cake and can now roll over. We have often been surprised by the love and kindness shown to Katy by friends and by total strangers. Her obvious pleasure and her giggles at 'Daddy coming home from work', at being picked up for a hug, at going to the park or at a lit-up Christmas tree are all incredible pleasures that would have to be experienced to be understood. Sharing our lives and home with Katy is a great privilege, and we are very fortunate to have her'

Katy's story illustrates both the challenges and the joys for her adoptive family. Could you think about adopting a child like Katy, or a youngster with another kind of disability? Would you like to know more about what's involved?

Then we would like you to get in touch with us at Family Care. We will meet with you initially - if you decide to take it further we will work together to prepare you for the care of your child(ren) and remain in touch in the future.

We realise that this is a very big step and that anyone enquiring will need time carefully to consider all the implications. It is our belief that every

child, no matter how severe their disability, has a right to a family of their own.

We are greatly encouraged to learn from Barnardo's, who have much experience of finding families for children with special needs, that whatever their reason for coming into adoption, no family has ever regretted their decision. All have found that their child has changed their lives for the better!

To find out more, contact Deirdre Offord, the Social Work Team Leader, at church or at Family Care, Warren House, 1, Plantagenet Street, Nottingham NG3 1HL Tel: 501805



From Our Own Correspondent



Shaun and Jan Walsh are two members of our church we sent out two years ago to work with YWAM in Hyderabad, India. Their daughter Sarah was born in India in June '91.

Dear friends,

Last year we had a great holiday in Thailand before going to Delhi for the annual YWAM South Asia staff conference during 1992. From Delhi we travelled up to a small town in Himanchal Pradesh called Manali. Here a small team has been successfully ministering to Tibetan Buddhists exiled there. We were very impressed with their dedication.

Violence and Curfews

On December 6th, militant Hindus destroyed an old mosque in Ayodhya. Violence between Hindus and Muslims resulted in many places, despite immediate curfews. At our base in Hyderabad we saw much less violence than before, but still we were advised not to venture outside our

immediate neighbourhood, so we sat tight and spent a lot of time praying for the country. There is still a possibility of further trouble as we see the politicians responsible for inciting the violence backtracking on their initial apology and stirring up Hindu nationalistic feelings. Please continue to pray for this troubled nation.

Ups and Downs

We were homesick over Christmas and discouraged because the house where we were living had several disadvantages; water shortage, no outside space for Sarah and isolated for Jan during the day. On December 15th, after exactly one year, we moved into a bigger 2 bed apartment in a YWAM building. It is close to the shops and with a bounteous water



House for Sale

John Morgan, former member of St. Nic's and regular magazine contributor is getting married and selling his house in Lenton Abbey. It is only three minutes' walk from St. Barnabas' and might therefore be of interest to anyone who is thinking of being part of the church graft. John says, "Moving to Lenton Abbey is not, in my opinion, the sacrifice that Bishop Patrick alleged in the interview published in issue 19 of 'Fellowship' - although it does, perhaps, depend on where you move from!"

The mid-terrace house comprises: entrance lobby, lounge (13' 8" x 11' 8"), kitchen/diner (16' 8" x 6' 8"), two bedrooms (13' x 9' 1", 11' 2" x 9'), bathroom and gardens to front and rear. It is very close to shops and on easy bus routes to Beeston and the city-centre.

Offers around £38,500. Contact Woolwich Property services on 430230, regarding 23, Olton Avenue, Lenton Abbey, or see the notice board in the tower.



supply! The apartment is right below the office where Shaun works, this has advantages and disadvantages! But we thank God for this place.

Changes

1993 has seen a change of focus for us as we are now leading the School of Frontier Mission here at Hyderabad. We have 11 students and 1 member of staff, Jonathan, whom we know from Heidebeck in Holland. We

are excited about training these people for missions in India. Shaun is enjoying being away from his full-time role in the office but he is still responsible for the base accounts. Please pray for him to be able to balance his responsibilities. Pray with us as we consider what to do in the summer, when our official commitment to Hyderabad finishes.

with lots of love to you all.

Jan, Shaun and Sarah Walsh.

If you would like further information, like to join a regular prayer group or receive further prayer letters please contact Sue and Phil Andrew on 224805.

Shaun and Jan's address is: P.O. Box 2079, Secunderabad, 500 003, AP, India.

Singular Synod

The agenda for the February group of sessions contained a mix of almost every sort of business the Synod does. It included international, national and domestic matters.

International

The international dimension was provided by a very interesting and good debate on the church in sub-Saharan Africa. Speakers spoke from their own personal experience of visiting and working in Southern Africa and of their diocesan links. We were reminded of the vigour of the African Churches amid great suffering and persecution. The Bishop of Coventry urged us all to be world church people, and that there should be no congregation without its world church links.

National

National concerns were represented by four debates: The future of the BBC, Abortion, Sunday trading and Education. The debate on the future of the BBC was to enable the BSR to frame the C of E's response to the government green paper on the subject. It was clear that the Synod was in favour of the BBC and the licence fee. One of the best speeches was

from one of the Southwell members, Colin Slater, who was concerned at the cost of collecting the licence fee.

The issue of the time limit for therapeutic abortion was the subject of a private member's motion. This expressed the view that the limit should be eighteen weeks. Unfortunately, the heavies got to work and an alternative motion from the BSR was substituted. I was very sorry to see a good motion altered so much that the original proposer could no longer vote for it.

The recent promises by the Home Secretary to bring in legislation to reform the 1950 Shops Act, and the second reading of a Private Member's bill in Parliament promoted Synod to reaffirm its position on Sunday trading. There is a real concern that the existing and future rights of employees in retailing who, in conscience, choose not to work on Sundays should be protected by statute.

Education

The Bishop of Guilford introduced an important debate on the government's latest Education Bill. The government had clearly not taken note of the



considerable stake that the C of E has in Education. He was able to report some measure of success in seeking amendments to the Bill. Much concern was expressed about grant-maintained status, with John Sentamu asking, "If grant maintained status is such a good thing, why bribe the schools." This question was prompted by the extra funds that are on offer to schools opting out. We are fortunate to have such an effective champion for church schools as the Bishop of Guilford.

Domestic

The liturgical business consisted of two items. One was to consider a proposed 'Service of the Word'. This is just a framework or list of rubrics that should bring many family type services into some form of legality. The other item contained a number of affirmations of faith that could be used as alternatives to the creed on special occasions. Both are now with a revi-

sion committee.

Also on the legislative front, we had trouble with Canon Law as Bishop Colin Buchanan tried to bring some sense into Canon B8 (of vesture of ministers) but without success. I think some fear the wrath of God should a minister conduct divine worship without the proper gear!

An issue on which there is much strong feeling surfaced during question time. There were a number of questions to the A B of C about the future of Theological Colleges. The chairman had to call a halt to supplementary questions as they looked as though they would go on for ever. Clearly those who pay the bills want a say in the decisions to be made. The bishops are going to have a hard job pleasing everybody on this one.

John Holden

[If you want to know what a BSR is, ask John, not me - Ed]

'Romero'

Showing at the Diamond Cable Cinema, Broad Street on Wednesday, March 24th at 6:00pm and 8:30pm.

Romero is the story of Archbishop Oscar Romero's three years in office as Archbishop of San Salvador, the last three years of his life. On 24th March 1980, he was shot dead by a marksman's bullet because he identified himself with the poor Salvdorian peasants in their struggle for justice and human rights.



Cheating or Tithing? - 4



Our first article on this subject in issue 27 has generated much response. This latest contribution to the discussion sets out yet another viewpoint.

While understanding the need to speak out against any way in which tithing becomes a burden or strait-jacket, I have felt a little uncomfortable with some things in the previous articles printed in Fellowship on the subject of tithing.

I wholeheartedly agree that if tithing is just a burden, then yes, there is something wrong. But I would hesitate to discourage another person from entering into a commitment to give a regular amount of their income away.

Society

Myself, I find it easy to forget that all I have is from God, and though not impoverished by tithing, the discipline often reminds me that what seemed essential is sometimes a product of what society tells me I need! In 2 Corinthians 9, Paul had to exhort the church to give what they had *already* promised to give. I can understand just how easily the Corinthians drifted from their previous commitment and

Paul had to remind them that they would be the ones to miss out.

When we had services on 'Giving', I agree that it can sometimes feel like *another* appeal. However, I find God is continually appealing to me to take another step in service for him, or to spend that bit more time with him in prayer or to give him the money, that is his anyway, to help someone else. Because I know he does this to help me, I am able to be free to give generously even though it may be a struggle to let go at times.

All Given Away

When I was growing up, and my parents were in full-time Christian work, we were often on the receiving end of tithing. I remember one occasion when money had not come in (many Christian organisations lived very much by faith then,) and the food supplies were low in the house, a postal order arrived anonymously. As



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Creative Worship

The Creative Worship Group aim to explore different ways of expressing worship. We meet in members' homes and amongst other things, have tried using poetry, psalms, dance, movement, music and sign language. We have even written some of our own songs! This does not involve great musical skill, as anyone who has played the colour-coded 'glock' will tell you!

We try to make all musical activities 'low threat', since only some of us play instruments well, but we all have fun experimenting. We also organise occasional Taizé evenings.

The next meeting is at Kath Walker's house at 8:00 on Thursday, 18th March. Contact Kath (250111) or Fay Moore (664938) for more details.



my father went to cash it, grateful for answered prayer, God brought to his mind someone else in desperate need for whom he had been praying. I can imagine my mother sighing when he returned to say that the much needed money was *all* given away again. But they both had learned that

God's way is always best. Later that day an envelope dropped through the door with more money in it than the original postal order.

To this day, this story reminds me that giving generously and cheerfully can sometimes involve sacrifice and pain.

Name Supplied

30 Years Ago

Clips from the February and March editions of 'St. Nicholas' News', the church magazine of 30 years ago.

The Women's Fellowship was going strong in 1963, and placed the following item in the magazine:

'The Women's Fellowship would gladly welcome new members, young or old, married or single, to their meetings which are held at 7:45 pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month. On February 26th we shall be joining with the Ladies' Home Mission Union when the speaker will be Miss Iris Sefton. On March 26th, the speaker will be Mr Frank Ward - we all enjoyed his last visit in 1961, and look forward to hearing him again.'

It seems that St. Nic's was very missionary-orientated in 1963. There were no fewer than 5 missions items in a total of 16 pages in the February and March editions. One item mentions Evelyn Ferns and her plans for overseas missions work - please note that the mode of travel was not a holiday on the way there, just the normal way to travel at that time:

'We have recently received a letter from Evelyn Ferns telling us more of her future plans. She is expecting to sail, with her fiancé, to Singapore on

April 1st, and arrive there three weeks later.'

Change is not the exclusive property of St. Nic's in the '90s; there was no umpteen-year tenure of the rectory as we had with David and Joyce, and there were changes afoot in the service too, a new psalter:

'The Parish Psalter, which replaces the Old Cathedral Psalter, aims to produce speech-rhythm in the singing of psalms and canticles. There are, in the front of each psalter, notes on the general principles and rules governing the pointing. A careful reading of these will enable members of the congregation to take part in the singing of psalms and canticles.'

It seems that our musical abilities as a congregation have diminished over the years.

Some things don't change, though, there are many names mentioned that are still familiar to us. One of these is Maisy Ingram's husband George, who in 1963, was a Churchwarden and treasurer to the Parochial Church Council. Then, as now, they lived at 160, Vernon Avenue.

An Open Letter from Hextable

Dear All,

This is a letter of thanks and encouragement from our congregation to yours. First of all, thank you very much from all those to whom you extended your welcome and hospitality for the Institution. We appreciated the care that you had taken to fit us in and to ensure that all our needs were cared for. Thank you also, to the whole congregation of St. Nic's for making us feel so welcome when we were there and for the provision of that lovely meal at the end.

Accepted

Although it was sad to see David and Irene instituted, and to know that they have left our fellowship, it was also a great joy to see them so welcomed and accepted within the congregation at St. Nic's. We appreciated being with you and sharing with you in that occasion. Those of us who travelled home straight after the service had a good journey back, and the coaches arrived in Hextable at just about 10'clock on Saturday morning. It is probably fair to say that the atmosphere was one of tiredness but satisfaction.

Next Steps

There is probably a great air of expectancy at St. Nic's as you wonder what the next steps are going to be, and what David is going to do in a fresh way. It was good to hear the message from the Bishop on that Friday, of the chief objective being to know God. He is the one in whom we should have all our expectancies.

Exiting and Uncertain

David and Irene come to you with great giftings and much experience, and a real desire to do what God wants. As you discover God's way forward for St. Nic's together, there will be some exiting times, and some challenging and uncertain times. Our prayer for you all is that the Holy Spirit will really anoint you with wisdom and discernment and a continuing desire to fulfil all that God wants for his people in Nottingham.

Yours in Christ,

Jim Hadley-Rowe and Ron Warren

Churchwardens, St. Paul, Swanley
Village with St. Peter, Hextable

Back to the Future

**A summary of a sermon given by J. John on
January 2nd**

Luke 5:36-8

'New wine must be poured into new wineskins' (v38) In the ancient world, animal skins were sewn together to hold liquid, but in time they hardened and cracked, spilling the liquid. This problem would be worse if new wine was put in an old skin. As the wine continued to ferment, it produced gas that burst the skin.

Jesus used this parable to illustrate that new situations require new structures. Our wineskins are old ways of thinkings, talking and doing which worked last year. In 1993 we can expect to have: **New Problems; New Pressures; New Possibilities.**

In order to succeed, we need to develop character that will overcome these circumstances.

New Problems Will Require Creativity

Bad News: We will have more problems in 1993.

Good News: They will be new ones, so we won't get bored!

We can spend time and energy trying

to get round problems rather than solving them. Proverbs 18:15 says *'The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, the ears of the wise seek it out.'* The biggest block to solving problems is our attitude, but God made us creative, so our attitude should be constantly changing.

'...to be made new in the attitude of your minds and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.' (Eph. 4:23-4)

We should not be like the caterpillar who looked up at a butterfly and said, "You'll never get me up in one of those contraptions!"

New Pressures Will Require Conviction

Conviction means standing up for what you believe in.

'Don't let the world squeeze you into its mould, but let God remake you so your whole attitude of mind is changed' (Rom. 12:2)

There will be pressures on our lives, but if we don't stand for some-



thing, it will be easy to fall for anything. Have you decided what values you will base your life this year? We get our strength from God's presence; God allows pressure in our lives so that we can learn to rely on him. (2 Cor. 1:8-9)

New Possibilities Will Require Courage

God has wonderful plans for us and sometimes we will need to step out in faith. *'Plough new ground for yourselves, plant righteousness and reap the blessing your devotion to me will produce. It's time for you to turn to me, your Lord, and I will come and pour out blessing on you.'* (Hos. 10:12) If we want to be fruitful, we must cultivate new habits, relationships and activities. What are you

planning to harvest and how do you want to be different a year from now? Whatever we sow, we will reap.

We could be held back by our past, but Isaiah 43:18-9 says *'Don't cling to the events of the past or dwell on what happened long ago. Watch for the new thing I am going to do.'* God gives us the creativity, conviction and courage we need. However, the Christian life requires a daily renewal, and deepening of our commitment. When did you last update your commitment to Christ?

We know we need renewal if our joy has gone and we are governed by regulations. We cannot mix the Christian life with an old lifestyle, or put new wine into old wineskins.

Transcribed and summarised by Ginny Cooper

Scalextric Strikes Again!

I think that all who attended last year's Scalextric afternoon had a good time, and there were some who were disappointed not to have made it, so we're going to do it again, only this time it'll be bigger and better! We hope to use the church hall (or if we speak to Colin nicely, the church so that we have a carpet to sit on!) We will also be putting two or three sets together to make a 'mega-circuit', so if you're interested, give me a ring and we'll set up a suitable date. Don't forget to bring your own car if you have one!

Martin Regnard (470374)

Telling the Next Generation

Parents and older children may be interested in the work of CENS.

Christian Education in Nottingham Schools (CENS) does much to inform and resource those concerned with religious education in our schools. They are staging an important event on November 6th with Ann Holt, director of Christians in Education as the main speaker. This major event aims to bring together parents, teachers, governors and all who believe that Christian heritage and teaching should be a significant part of education in Nottingham.

New RE Syllabus

Their latest newsletter features the new RE syllabus for Notts schools. This includes ten subject areas which will have to be covered in RE teaching throughout the 5 to 16 age range.

The ten areas are:

Religious beliefs and practices -

Worship and Meditation; Celebration; Lifestyle; Authority; Belief and Identity.

Awareness of life experiences and the questions they raise -

Natural World; Relationships; Ultimate Questions; Expressing Meaning.

Exploring religious and life experiences.

Education Rep

CENS also need a St. Nic's Education Rep to:

Receive and distribute a once-termly newsletter and possible other mailings to interested persons.

Pass occasional news items or details of training events &c to the magazine editors.

Promote the November 6th event within the church.

If you are interested, contact Rachel Tole on 877610 or Chris Chesterton on 606228.

Peter Bates

Bible Brain

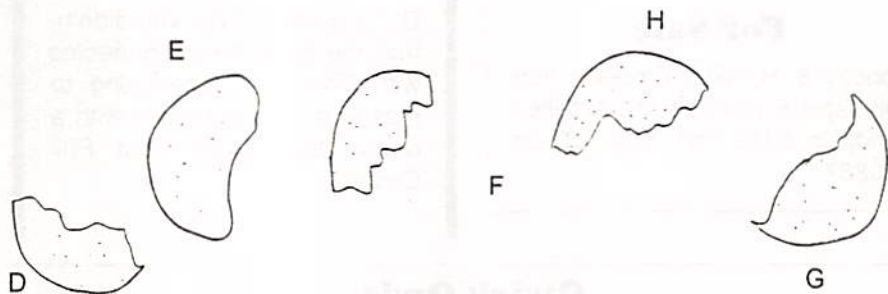
These pancakes on these two pages have been tossed and have broken. Can you match the broken pieces?



For you Bible scholars out there, here is a tricky lent quiz about the Passover feast. See how much you can do with out looking up Exodus 12.

- In which Jewish month was passover celebrated?**
First - seventh - tenth
 - What animal was to be killed?**
Young sheep - young goat - either of these
 - When was it to be killed?**
Dawn on the 10th day - twilight on the 14th day - midday on the 17th day
 - How was the meat to be cooked?**
Boiled whole - barbequed - stewed
 - What was to be done with the left-overs?**
Given to the poor - given to the Levites - burnt
 - Where was the blood to be put?**
On the door - on the door posts - on the threshold
 - Whose first-born could be killed if not under the blood?**
Only Egyptian people - any first-born, even Israelites and animals - only animals
 - Who killed the first born?**
A destroying angel - the Lord - the Egyptians
 - What was not to be done for seven days?**
Work - eating yeast - eating before sundown
 - What did the Israelites take with them?**
Nothing - just a few possessions - gold, silver, clothes and cooking utensils
-

Benders



Solve the clues, then take one letter from each answer to make the day before the start of Lent.

- 1 Jesus was presented before this Jewish supreme council. (Mark 14)
- 2 Judas accepted this amount of silver to betray Jesus. (Matthew 26)
- 3 Jesus said that the money changers had turned his temple into 'a den of _____'. (Matthew 21)
- 4 Jesus was taken here and crucified. (Matthew 27)
- 5 Jesus celebrated this meal with his disciples just before his death. (Luke 22)
- 6 One of Jesus' disciples; his name means 'rock'. (John 13)
- 7 The disciples fell asleep here while Jesus prayed. (Mark 14)
- 8 The disciple who betrayed Jesus. (Luke 22)
- 9 The city over which Jesus wept. (Luke 19)
- 10 The act with which Jesus was betrayed in the garden. (Mark 14)
- 11 What Peter did three times before the cock crowed. (Luke 22)
- 12 Jesus was brought before this Roman Governor. (Luke 23)
- 13 Jesus was anointed with perfume in this village while eating with of Simon the Leper. (Matthew 26)

GODSIP

For Sale

Boosey & Hawkes Emperor flute (with split E mechanism) excellent condition, £185 ono. Ring Julie on 500887

Did you know (I bet you didn't), that the hired hand connected with Footies is attempting to master the art of battery with a drum stick? Watch out Phil Collins!

Qwick Qwiz

Q. What is a 'Woofles'?

- a) A new pasta-shapes-in-tomato-sauce
- b) A brand of dog biscuits
- c) A Labrador flavoured crisp
- d) None of the above

Answer - d) Overheard while on a walk, and leaked to the press by Julian Doncaster; Woofles is the Rector's pet name for his spaniel, Josh. Isn't he a sweetie? [Josh or the Rector? - Ed]

Communion Cure!

Have you ever wondered why we are never give the crust at communion? Sources close to the staff reveal the intriguing answer.

You know how crusts are supposed to make one's hair grow curly? Well, it seems that both the Rector and the Associate Minister are trying it as a cure for baldness ... watch that space!

Warning - Spoof Attack!

Don't take everything that you read in this edition as gospel!

GodsIP

New Men's Group

Following the success of Roy McCloughry's book 'Men and Masculinity', some of our more mature men at St. Nic's have decided that the Women's Fellowship has had it too good for too long. A new group is being set up for the over 60s; it is for both Christians and non-Christians, but strictly men only. The first meeting will be at the home of founder-member David Betts on the first Thursday in April. It is most important that you ring either the church office, David or the distinctly youthful Irene, before attending.

Anyone who wasn't at the morning Communion Service on March 7th missed the sight of Jeremy trying to be reverent in a fit of the giggles as he said, "In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks and broke it ... no he didn't"

Lizzy Elliman (aged 10) has won a place in the UK under-16 finals of Yamaha's organ competition. She will be playing the Thunderbirds theme in an ensemble on April 4th in Solihull. The world finals are in Mexico!

Baby-Sitter

Helen Woods, 3rd year teacher training, available April, July, August & September for baby-sitting or child minding
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promote data centres.

The loss-leader accusation is, naturally, denied by all concerned. Given the economic pressure on suppliers, the denials ring true. David Betts, senior manager of commercial and public-sector business at Unisys, says: 'Catalogue contracts are worth bidding for because a user is selecting a supplier for a fixed period and that means a guar-

drawn up separate IT strategies and huge call-off contracting, not just hard packaged software, vices and maintenance. The grandmother



Eagle-eyed Colin Frier spotted this clip in a February edition of the 'Computing' broadsheet. It seems that our Rector is moonlighting!

Radio - 1

'It's Friday, it's five to five and it's....Crackerjack!'

Do *you* remember the broad smile of Leslie Crowther as he looked into the BBC TV camera and said that? I was mildly surprised to discover someone in her twenties recently nodding in recognition as I happened to say those words. It's funny, isn't it, how things stick? There's an adage which is used in radio: 'Repetition builds reputation', which does seem to have some truth in it. So - does this mean that if I say enough times, 'It's Sunday, it's 6.30 and it's ... the Sunday Breakfast Show!' that the entire congregation of St. Nic's will set their alarms, deny themselves a lazy Sunday morning and tune in to Radio Trent? I don't think so...and I'm not being falsely humble here!

Driven to Distraction

However, there may just be some of you who, for whatever reason (young children gleefully deciding to wake up at 5.30am and not go back to sleep; nurses or doctors on an early shift; or, dare I say it, those who've eaten (or drunk) too much the night before) who find themselves either pacing the living room or restlessly tossing and turning in their beds who would welcome any diversion.

If so (not that I'm describing my show as just any diversion!) you may be interested to know that you can tune in to either the contemporary, upbeat sounds of Trent FM on 96.2FM or the more gentle, mellow sounds of GEM on 999 or 945 AM every Sunday morning between 6:00 and 9:30am.

Music, News and Jeremy

Since Trent is fundamentally a music station, the Sunday Breakfast Show is co-presented with two DJs (Adrian Ayre on FM and Steve Voce on AM) with religious 'drop-ins'. On FM there are religious news bulletins at 6:30 and 7:30am with What's Ons at 6:45 and 7:45 and one longer piece at around 7:50am. On GEM there are 4 longer pieces that go out at approximately 6:45, 7:15, 7:45 and 8:15am. And in case you haven't heard enough of Jeremy from the pulpit, he can be heard doing a special 'Diary of a harassed vicar' slot during Lent that goes out at 8.15am on FM and 8.45am on GEM ... so if you don't like me you can always listen to him!

Liz Leonard

[Incidentally, I remember Crackerjack and I'm in my twenties; we're not so rare! - Ed]

Radio - 2

If you think that stings are usually in the tail, carts shouldn't come before horses and cubs should always be prepared, then this brief visit into the world of local religious broadcasting may be just the thing for you.

Do you wake up on Sundays to a mixture of Christian and secular music interspersed with news, sport and religious features from the Nottingham area? Tens of thousands of people, from East Leake to Bawtry and Stapleford to Newark do, as they tune into Chris Gwilliam and his team on BBC Radio Nottingham's 'New Day'.

Buying Air Time

The opportunity to broadcast material that is sympathetic to our faith and often carries an overtly Christian message, to such a large audience is not one to be taken lightly. The funding for religious broadcasting often, as happens locally, comes from the diocese or local church groups. Those who provide the cash for these broadcasts are buying air time from the radio station. The BBC charter makes provision for religious not Christian broadcasting, so in principle there is nothing to stop another religion or extreme Christian sect simply outbidding the organisations that currently

fund the broadcasts. This is exactly what has happened in the USA where funding of local religious broadcasting has been usurped by powerful TV and radio evangelists.

Quality Christianity

Just as the religious output on Radio Nottingham relies on outside funding to secure its future, so too it relies on a team of freelance contributors to provide much of the material. St. Nics' has its fair share of those whose work has been carried across the county on **103.8 and 95.5 MHz FM**: the author of this article; two members of the Fletcher household; and Liz Leonard (before she defected!) to name but a few. While I'm sure that none of us would claim to be Simon Mayos in the making, the work that we provide must be professional in both technical quality and content. The privilege of taking Christianity at whatever level into people's homes is not one that we should jeopardise by producing second rate work. As for stings, carts and cubs you can find out about these or other aspects of BBC local radio by asking the man wearing the cans playing with the pots on the desk!

Jonathan Etheridge

Mendelssohn's 'Elijah'

Nottingham Harmonic Society

Conductor: Sir David Willcocks

The Nottingham Harmonic Society will be performing Mendelssohn's oratorio, 'Elijah', under the excellent direction of Sir David Willcocks, on 20th March at 7:30pm, in the Royal Concert Hall, Nottingham. The leading role of Elijah will be sung by Bryn Terfel (Bass-Baritone) who was awarded the prestigious prize of The Best Newcomer of the Year in the recent international Classical Music Awards.

They are supported by other excellent soloists and the society is looking forward to a memorable performance of this popular choral work.

Tickets for this concert are available from the Royal Centre Box Office (482626) or Victoria Centre Box Office (4199741). Prices range from £8.50 to £11.50, with concessions.

Handel's 'Messiah'

The Sinfonia Chorale and Orchestra

Lynne Holland (Soprano)

Paul Pheonix (Tenor)

Simon Clulow (Counter Tenor)

Richard Howarth (Bass)

Sunday, 28th March 1993, 7:00pm, Albert Hall, Nottingham

Tickets £7.00 and £5.00 from Victoria Centre Box Office, Playhouse Box Office and University Adult Education Centre, Shakespear Street.

In aid of the 'Sing Hallelujah!' appeal for the Thomas Coran Foundation for Children and the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children.

DVs

By the Will of God

James Grainger-Smith

Sometimes, unless my theology is completely devoid of Biblical basis, you can be loving God, walking in his ways and doing his will, yet find it desperately hard going. The apostle Paul writes, 'In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life will be persecuted.' (2 Tim. 3:12) Now, unless I am again profoundly wrong, I'd say that this verse is not overly popular amongst the preachers and teachers of our beloved church.

"Why", you may well ask, "is this naive young man ignoring the subject about which he should be writing, (being a DV), to pen this pretentious critique?" The answer to this pertinent question is found in Emmanuel House, a day centre for the homeless who, contrary to my middle-class image, have not proved to be toothless, vulnerable or desperately grateful for my 'help'.

On starting work there, I found that my life was no longer as easy or comfortable as in those hazy student days and, if I'm honest, this was such a shock that this costly giving was all I

could focus on at first. It often still dominates my thinking.

More Than I Can Afford

I find it easy to blame the centre's management or the church I attend for my having to give an amount that I sometimes feel I cannot afford. Yet, if I can manage to be still and fix my eyes on Jesus, I find that he is there, that he hasn't forgotten me and that he is working (his ways are not mine)! But please, *pray for me*. I beg you that, as you finish this article, you would ignore the sparkling attractions of the magazine's puzzles for a moment and pray for a fellow struggler to be given grace, love, patience and strength. I need God's perspective and your support - please help me on your knees.

James

'For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.' (Eph. 6:12)

Just Visiting

Travelling in a westerly direction out of Nottingham to where butterflies spread their wings on white-washed walls and sheep motionlessly graze on lush grass, we arrive at my tryst. A home of culture: **Written culture:** walls lined with books on America, Ireland, and who was that playwright of some renown whose sister has just had a record in the top ten?; **Musical culture:** stringed instruments of various shapes, sizes

and nationalities adorn the rooms; **Historical culture:** sepia prints of beautiful people of long ago hang on walls. **A home of luxury:** champagne bubbles with delicately tinted Jack Oozy upstairs, Indian food prepared by Mine Host himself. **A family home:** with members as colourful as upholstery. **A church member's home:** with PCC minutes ticking away in the study.

But enough of this *fraternising* - I must away!

The Visitors were:

Colin and Jean Entwistle
Steve and Ginny Cooper
Malc and Irene Offord
Tim and Joy Lee
Martyn and Deirdre Offord

The Visitees were:

David and Fiona Carter
Martyn and Deirdre Offord
Barrie and Annie Williams
Malc and Irene Offord
Chris and Sue Nurden

In the last issue, Meili Hawthorne visited Barbara Holbrook. Meili is a leader of the Women's Fellowship, responsible for the Sunday morning intercessions rota, and a member of the flower-arranging team. Her husband, Richard, is a director of a colour printing company and one of the Church Wardens.

Barbara Holbrook is a deputy Church Warden. She is also a member of the deanery and Diocesan Synods and our PCC. She is a systems analyst and is currently studying for a degree in Business Studies. Her cat is called Oscar.

Wendy Prebble was first with right answer, and has already eaten her prize!

. . . TOP SECRET . . .

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Name: Richard Earnest
Hawthorne

Also Known As: 'Write it down!'

Age: 'Semi-retired' but
not quite a Senior
Citizen

Whereabouts: Near the old Chil-
dren's Hospital

Spouse: Sounds like Chinese
for Mary

Children: None - keeping an
avuncular eye on 17 nephews and neices the
next best thing

Occupation: Director of Printing Company started by my
grandfather 97 years ago

Hobbies: Listening to classical music, armchair TV
sports enthusiast, photographing
interesting buildings when travelling,
removing weeds, growing shrubs

Subversive Cttee: . Chairman Staffing Committee

Favorite Club: Notts County (Football and Cricket)

Other Information: Churchwarden, Rotarian, Nottingham
Racial Equality Council, Enjoys keeping
his wife busy as 'Home Secretary' and
landlady.



It's AGM Time!

The AGM is coming round again, on Tuesday 20th April at 7:45, in church. Amongst other business, we will need to replace members of the PCC whose three year term of office ends. These people may or may not wish to stand for re-election. We also need to find four deanery synod representatives, so start thinking about nominations now!

Sue Ashford *	Pete Harrison *	Chris Nurden
Margaret Bates	Richard Hawthorne #	Malc Offord #
David Betts #	John Hepworth	Martyn Offord
David Beales #	Barbara Holbrook #	Pauline Walker #
David Carter *	Hilary Holden	Barry Williams #
Sarah Churchill	John Holden #	Nick Wilson #
Colin Entwistle	David Moore *	Peter Wright #
Jeremy Fletcher #	Fay Moore	

* Finishing a three year term of office

Ex Officio member. Not elected, member by virtue of an office held.

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