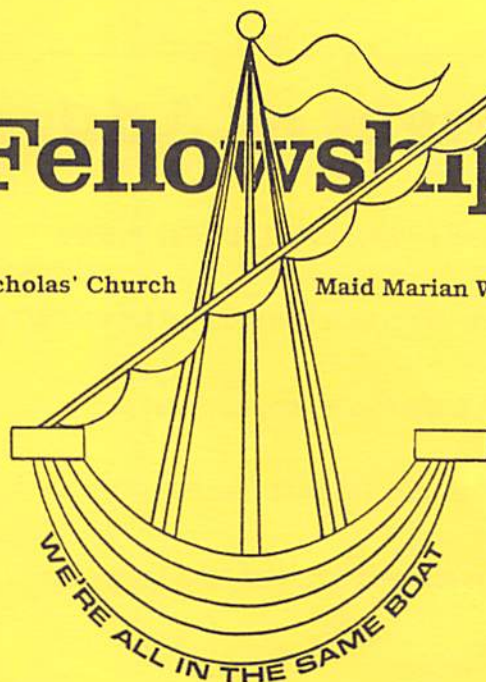


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Trite or True?

This Easter you may have gone out into the countryside for a breath of fresh air. After the long cold winter, Spring beckons, and what a joy it is to throw open the doors and step out into the warmth and new life of the coming Summer.

Christians rejoice that the risen Jesus lifts us out of the gloom and darkness of spiritual emptiness and death into the glorious light and life of his living presence.

The secret of happy Christian living is to open yourself up to the warmth of Christ and to allow his life to flood into you. As we put our life in his hands and walk with him, so we experience the exhilaration of his strong friendship. He whisks us along life's ways with a spring in our step, and we breathe in the intoxicating sweet air of kingdom life, with hardly a care in the world.

Ah, Yuk!

If you're saying, "What flowery prose, how silly", as you read this, then I'm

sorry for you, because you're probably not living in the kingdom. Life with Christ is a love affair - and such a powerful one that it makes you wonderfully happy. Not a sentimental happiness that blinds you to the hard realities of life, but a happiness that comes from knowing that however hard things may be *outside*, nothing can spoil his loving presence *inside*.

Even in the desert places, when all seems dry and barren, God is there, promising that spring is a reality and it will come for us. Paul says, "Nothing can separate me from the love of God I've found in Christ Jesus."

More Than Conquerors

Moreover, the Christian rejoices because he knows that Jesus has



won the victory over every situation in life - however hard or difficult it may seem. He conquered all that's bad in our world, and we are more than conquerors with him.

We often allow ourselves to be cluttered up with the dusty, decaying and defeated accumulations of dispirited living. Suppose you were still living in a shut-up house, curtains drawn, central heating going full blast, muffled up to the eyeballs in layers of clothing, while outside the June sun was blazing down from a blue sky!

Are you living like that spiritually? Many of us go round as 'walking

corpses' - existing but not really living, bound up and swathed in the shroud of doubt and fear and defeat. Jesus said to his dead friend, "Lazarus, come forth!", and as he did, released him from the grave-clothes of death. Jesus says to us 'Come forth', and commands us to be released into the freedom of a vibrant, joyful, overcoming



life with him.

David

Six-Weeks for Lunch

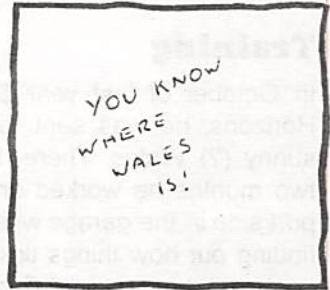
Have you any friends or family who want to learn about the basics of knowing Jesus, yet can't get to any evening meetings? We are excited about starting a six-week course meeting during the day. It will meet in a home in Wollaton, on Tuesdays from 1:15 - 2:45, beginning on May 4th.

It will be ideal for those who are searching and for those who have recently become Christians. A free creche is running, so bring along any pre-school children. Transport can be arranged.

Please contact Susan Hyde (2863446), Alison Denyer (691970) or Victoria Morrol for details.



From Our Own Correspondent



David Sudlow

This is a photograph of Dave! Who is he? Well Dave Sudlow is one of my 'adoptive grandsons.

I have many surrogate grandsons and granddaughters. Living in Lenton (student-land), Don and I have over the years, collected an ever growing family in the New Lenton Link Group. It gives us so much pleasure to watch them mature, sadly to have to say bye-bye as they move on. But it is so good to keep in touch, to hear sometimes of their weddings (often attend, in various parts of England) and even in due course receiving photos of their beautiful babies. What



a privilege! We thank God for these remembrances.

Called by God

This story is about a very special 'grandson' Dave. We have been lucky in having Dave with us for longer than most students. During his time at the University, he felt God calling him to work in West Africa. He spent two summer vacations helping in the missionary work in Burkina Faso and surrounding areas, coming home with such an eagerness to make that his full time career. He spent two years here in



Nottingham training on the DCI Trust School of World Missions.

Training

In October of last year Dave joined Horizons, he was sent to Llanelli in sunny (?) Wales. There, for the first two months he worked on the transport side in the garage while generally finding out how things ticked, in both contexts! January and February have been 'primarily a time of receiving teaching in such areas as Faith, Worship, Prayer, Spiritual Warfare and Communication'. He also has the language and cultural barriers to deal with before the appropriate time for him to go to Africa. He has recently driven down through France and Spain to North Africa where he experienced the Islamic culture at first hand. In April he hopes to be back in Spain on a teaching course on Language Acquisition. We hope to see Dave for

a few days in May when he will be in Nottingham and hopefully in St. Nic's to tell us more about his experiences

Will you please support Dave in your prayers, that God will help him to contribute positively to team life and to the well-being of the others on the Training Programme. If anyone feels they can support him by writing to encourage him, or financially, I will be pleased to keep you informed.

Prayer Points for Dave

- That he will build a good relationship with the other TP members and Course Leaders.
- That he will be open to all God wants to teach him at this time.
- That he will find time and space simply to be alone with God.
- That the finances needed will come in.

Mary Fleming.

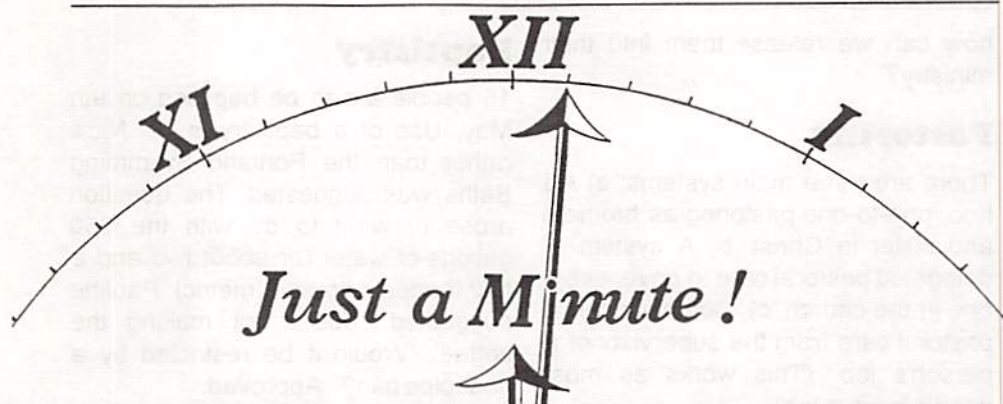
[All St. Nic's missionaries receive free copies of this magazine, but some missionary's copies are not being collected. If you are in regular contact with any missionary working away from home, pick up their named copy from the back of church and send it with your next letter. - Ed]

Kiwi-Bound?

Are You Off to New Zealand?

If you are going off to New Zealand in the next 2/3 months, please could you contact me as soon as possible.

Helen Smith Tel: 621080 or 502646



It was suggested at the AGM that the goings-on of the PCC be recorded in Fellowship. For those readers who hadn't realised that this is the purpose of the 'Just a Minute' feature, we can confirm that you have been saddled with PCC reports for the last 16 issues! This time you are treated to double helping, with the AGM report too!

PCC - March

Student Worker

Much of the student worker's first months are spent getting to know people, and what goes on. It was suggested that a longer tenure might ease this problem. We need to have a student worker, perhaps more mature person, and two years for continuity. Adverts have been placed in several periodicals for applications by April. We could possibly make an appointment to start before the summer. We discussed the possibility of greater cooperation amongst the churches.

An application for the post has al-

ready been received from a St. John's student. JJF said 'go for it', since if we can get him ordained, he would be an invaluable addition to the clergy cricket team.

Tim Anderson resigns his part-time work here at the end of May to take up a curacy at St. Mary's, Reigate.

Structures:

Where does the real authority lie, as the PLG looks at important issues in an advisory role only? What are the lines of supervision?

New approach. Not 'Who can we get to lead ...?', but 'Who is gifted, and

how can we release them into their ministry?'

Pastoring

There are three main systems: a) Ad hoc, one-to-one pastoring as brothers and sister in Christ. b) A system of delegated pastoral care to cover everyone in the church. c) Some incidental pastoral care from the supervisor of a person's job. (This works as most people have a job).

Baptistry

15 people are to be baptised on 9th May. Use of a baptistry in St. Nic's rather than the Portland Swimming Baths was suggested. The question arose of what to do with the 350 gallons of water (or about two and a half tonnes if you are metric). Pauline suggested, 'Use it for making the coffee'. 'Would it be restricted by a hosepipe ban?'. Approved.

David Moore

Oops!

In the last edition we erroneously reported that Barbara Holbrook's cat was called Oscar. This erudite creature in truth bears the name of Elliot (as in 'T.S.'), while Oscar is born by a distinctly debonair dachshund. The Editors regret any offence that may have been caused by this unfortunate mis-pront and request that the libel case now be dropped.

Disc-covery

The Editors are always pleased to receive items for publication. We are even more pleased if these items can be on 5 1/4" or 3 1/2" floppy discs - sorry, no Amstrad discs! Low and high density discs are acceptable and a small supply is available in the Editors' pigeon-hole, ATBOC.

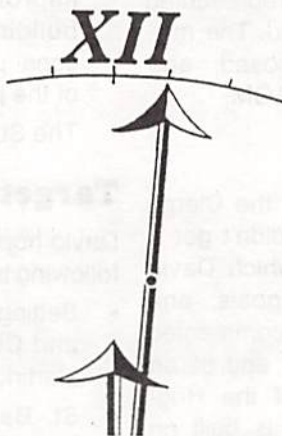
Any photos or discs that you send in will either be returned personally or be left in the Editors' pigeon-hole for collection. We are, of course, delighted to receive items in hand writing, provided it is legible! May we also remind computer-users that (with the exception of Windows Write), files should be in the ASCII file format *please!* If you don't know, asky.

Another Good Meeting

This year saw a very simple [we weren't allowed to say dull - Ed] set of elections for wardens, deputy wardens and deanery synod reps, as there were just enough nominations for the posts. Thus Richard Hawthorne and Barbara Holbrook are our Wardens, (as Malc Offord has resigned after a decade and a half); Bill Phipps and David Selley are Deputy Wardens, and Julian Doncaster, Nick Wilson, Barry Williams, and Barbara Holbrook are our Deanery Synod Reps.

Double Election

However, the PCC election was the most competitive that I can remember, with 7 people standing for 4 places. Congratulations to all the ladies who stood (Ann Churchill, Killy John, and Susan Lea-Wilson) who were clearly elected. This makes a total of eight ladies elected to the PCC. There was a tie for the fourth place, so a second election was run



between the four men. Mark Enstone won, with commiserations to David Moore, Tim Lee and David Carter.

All the usual reports were presented, and thence to AOB. Michele Taylor asked (by proxy) whether a forum could be set up to consider the position of children in receiving Communion, and Gilly Myers asked if we could consult the

Bishop on this question. We agreed to have a brain-storming session shortly (watch this space), referring to the Bishop if it was felt necessary afterwards.

What are you letting yourself in for?

It was asked that job descriptions for the various elected church posts be published before each AGM so that people knew what they were letting themselves in for. Another asked for lists of leaders and members of the various PCC committees to be pub-

lished regularly. See back cover.

We offered a vote of thanks to the various Music Groups for leading our worship.

We proposed to increase the number of elected lay members to the PCC from 12 to 15. This would allow more areas of church life to be represented by people actually involved. The motion was carried unopposed, and takes effect from the next AGM.

Goals

The meeting finished with the Clergy Report (although Jeremy didn't get a word in edgeways!), in which David spelt out eight general goals, and seven specific targets. He commented that we have passed the end of an era with the departure of the Huggetts, although the future is built on many years' rich legacy, including the last 17 years. We do have a lot to be thankful for, as there are many rich blessings in the fellowship.

In the coming era, we need to release leadership gifting, to allow our leaders to grow and develop. David sees the following as our goals for the next two or three years:

- Refining and honing the **leadership structures**,
- Systematic provision of **pastoral care**,
- Developing a **training program** that involves everyone,

- Giving more authority to an **out-reach & evangelism ministry**,
- Setting up a **prayer and prophecy ministry**, which involves the whole church praying together,
- **Resourcing the wider church**, through celebrations & training.
- **Improving the facilities in our buildings**, by purchase of additional premises or re-development of the present centre site.
- The St. Barnabas' Church Graft

Targets

David hopes that we can achieve the following targets in 1993:

- Setting up monthly **Workshops and Celebrations** (These are just starting),
- **St. Barnabas Graft** to be set in place (Sept '93 or Jan '94).
- Starting an **additional morning congregation** (Sept '93 or Jan '94).
- Creating a new **Pastoral Care system** (This year).
- Starting an **Evangelism Group** (This summer).
- Starting a **Prophecy and Prayer Group** (This autumn).
- Planning/Feasibility Study for improved **Church buildings and facilities**. Contract work to start in January 1995. (This needs to get underway soon)

All-Age Rage

Take: Seventy people of many ages, a single person who is Families Adviser to Scripture Union, Playdough, the church carpet, a parachute, tubes out of toilet rolls, glue, football and Duplo.

What have you got?

One of the most enjoyable days I've had for *[all]* ages.

Prefer One Another

Joan King from Scripture Union led us in a day where we learnt how we could learn all together. Perhaps we need to have separate activities in the church, but often this is an excuse for not taking time to 'prefer' each other, as the Bible says. On this day we had to. There was one golden moment when most people were doing a word-search. Those who couldn't read were making something out of Duplo, and those who didn't want to do that were playing football with each other. As someone said, it was so peaceful!

People looked after each other in

ways that were excellent to see, and I learnt much from people who you can often think you only teach. I think it worked, but then I helped organise it!



If nothing else, it was worth seeing Liz Leonard in bliss bouncing up and down on a parachute.

Want a go? Look out for the next day!

Jeremy

Bible Brain

T O N G U E S O F F I R E	Amazed	Jews
S J W I N D R U N K L G J	Arabia	Judaism
O U A J A M E D I A A E E	Asia	Languages
C D R E S A V E L P N N R	Believers	Libya
E A A W I C E L I O G T U	Drunk	Media
T I B S A T I A B N U I S	Elam	Pentecost
N S I G O D L M Y T A L A	God	Peter
E M A M A Z E D A U G E L	Gentiles	Pontus
P E T E R S B T W S E S E	Holy Spirit	Tongues of Fire
H O L Y S P I R I T S O M	Jerusalem	Wind

Find all of the 'Pentecost' words in the word search. The unused letters will spell the name of the book and chapter in the Bible that tell the story of Pentecost.



On the day of Pentecost there was a strong wind and some fire. A strong wind will blow out a candle, but will make a bonfire burn brighter. Blow out the candles above and find who came like wind and fire.

Benders

O	I	M	Y	S	E	O
E	N	T	Y	P	O	S
S	J	I	L	T	I	G
P	R	W	T	W	E	V
N	L	H	T	U	W	O
T	E	I	E	N	T	E
C	W	O	A	R	U	R

These boxes of letters have got mixed up. Put them back into the grid so that the quotation and references appear:

Afterwards, I will pour out my Spirit on everyone. Joel two, twenty-eight. Acts two, seventeen.

In Acts 2:17-21, Peter quotes from Joel. This quiz is based on that text. Each question has three suggested answers, of which one, two or three are correct.

1 Who will prophesy?

a-your sons, b-your daughters, c-my servants.

2 What will the old men do?

a-dance, b-dream, c-call on the Lord.

3 Of what will the signs and wonders comprise?

a-blood, b-fire, c-billows of smoke.

4 What will happen in the sky?

a-the sun will be darkened, b-the moon will turn to blood, c-the stars will be swept from the sky.

5 Who will be saved?

a-those who have not bowed the knee, b-those on whom the Spirit rests, c-those who call on the Lord.

- G O S I P -

Joabe Andrade, missionary to the UK, now has a permanent UK visa.

Good news regarding a clergy-person for the church graft at **St. Barnabas'**. St Mary's, Wollaton Park have had a favourable response from the Diocese, who see the appointment as a vacancy to be filled, rather than as a new appointment.

David and Joyce Huggett have been accepted as mission partners with Interserve, to be based in Cyprus starting in July.

Some 'Quotable Quotes' from the All-Age day:

"I've found God." (*Joel Stickley*)

"We'll put compassion on the flares and humility on the tights." (*Joel Stickley*)

"I'm bored. Can I go to church now please?" (*Katrin Hepworth*)

Provoking Prospective Puzzlers

Many thanks to Karen Padley and Chris Barnes who provide some of the puzzles for these pages.

If you would like to send in a maze, word search, coded message, crossword, join-the-dots, quiz, spot-the-difference, jig-word, follow-the-string or any other type of puzzle, the Editors would be most please to hear from you.

Puzzles should be at least *loosely* Bible-based and should fit onto about half a magazine page (negotiable!). You may like to base your puzzle on part of the church year, a book of the Bible or some other theme. We aim to have puzzles for four approximate age ranges: under 5s, 5-10s, 10-15s and adults, so almost nothing is too hard or too easy! Please include your name and the answers!

Getting Away With It All

- Ideas for time out -

Canal Boat Trip

Members of St. Nic's and their families are invited to have a free boat trip in a small canal cruiser. Accommodation for up to 5 people (e.g. 2 adults and 3 children). Various Sunday afternoons throughout the summer. For more information, please contact Peter Brookes on 250477.

Singles Holiday

Unfortunately, we are unable to publish the details of a Christian singles holiday because the item was provided anonymously and the Editors have been unable to contact the organisers. The moral - please supply name on all items submitted!

Answers

Quiz - 1-a,b,c. 2-b. 3-a,b,c. 4-a,b. 5-c.

4,9,13,11,1

17,16,2,3,20

5,14,7,19,10

8, 18, 6, 15, 12

Grid - The boxes should be arranged in this order:

Candles and Bonfires - Holy Spirit

Word Search - Acts Two

Sat, May 22nd

Focus on the World Church

Sun, May 23rd

Children's Activities

Meet Barry and Anthea Harrison,
our missionaries from Belfast,
now working in Peru

Eat South American Food!

Come on a Church Walk

Play a Development game

Come and take part in a weekend of activities
that will make us more aware of what is going on in the
church in other parts of the world.

Provisional Programme

Sat May 22nd

1:30 - 5:30 ish A gentle walk for everyone. A chance to meet Barry and Anthea Harrison, as well as others in St. Nic's!

6:00 - 7:30 South American meal - Church Hall

7:30 - 9:00 Barry and Anthea tell us about their work.

Sun May 23rd

10:15 - 11:15 All-age service

11:45 All-age activity in church (creche provided)

12:45 South American lunch

2:00 - 4:30 Learn about world mission with Barry and Anthea, then work in small groups on different topics, then have tea. There will be separate children's activities throughout.

6:30 Barry and Anthea speaking at St. Nic's evening service.

Book this date in your diary now!

Just Visiting

I was introduced to a quiet suburban house with a small, interesting front garden, main feature - a large maple tree.

The back garden - I could have been down a country lane, Robins, Blackbirds and even a long tailed tit! No fairies at the bottom of this garden but at the right time of year, possibly tadpoles! No brass bedsteads but a dead Christmas tree and a barely used climbing frame.

The house. At the bottom of the stairs a new Reebok bag, all packed and ready for the off! Also someone's bow and arrow. Football kit festooned the dining room radiator - a rogues' gal-

lery in one corner plus a Scout certificate of merit. I was disappointed to find the bookshelves full of dictionaries, not one cake decorating book in sight! - far too studious for me.

An unusual Chinese looking lampshade interested me in the sitting room - up the stairs, a pot-pourri teacher made of hessian. This families' hobbies include - singing, radio and crosswords amongst others, also collecting stickers, Dennis the Menace among others. Did I catch sight of a Pathfinder programme?

A quick cuppa and one of the many biscuits from the well-stocked pantry and I was off.

The Visitor was:

Pauline Walker
Ginny Cooper
Helen Smith
Helen Blackmore

The Visitees were:

Margaret & Peter Bate
David & Ann Hart
Dave & Pat Elliman
Gerald & Ann Cook

In the last issue, Malc and Irene Offord visited Martin and Deirdre Offord. Malc omitted to include the three-line potted history of his and his brother's family, so this space is being filled with blurb.

The prize of a holiday for two in the Bahamas was won jointly by both Miss. S. Thurman and Miss. L. Elliman. (Matchmakers and a chocolate orange, actually)

TOP SECRET FILE

. . . PLG . . .

Name: Gerald Cook

Also Known As: GC

Age: Life begins
at

Whereabouts: Near the big
house with deer
in the back
yard

Spouse: Like the
Princess Royal

Children: a) Daniel, taller
than me

b) Alex, a better footballer

c) Christopher, more dramatic

Occupation: Standing in front of children and
(occasionally) teaching them.

Hobbies: Suffering Man. United, most sports,
crosswrords, puzzles, computing,
piano.

Undercover Activities: Pastoral Leadership Group

Favorite Club: Wollaton Hall FC (under 10s)

Other Information: . . . West Nottingham overseer, I was here
before DJH!



Your New PCC

Following the election at the AGM, the PCC now comprises:

Margaret Bates

David Betts

David Beales

Ann Churchill

Sarah Churchill

Julian Doncaster

Mark Enstone

Colin Entwistle

Jeremy Fletcher

Richard Hawthorne

John Hepworth

Barbara Hollbrook

Hilary Holden

John Holden

Killy John

Susan Lea-Wilson

Fay Moore

Chris Nurden

Martyn Offord

Pauline Walker

Barry Williams

Nick Wilson

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- ❖ sent to The Editors, Station House, Station Road, Lowdham, NG14 7DU (664938),
- ❖ or given to Dave or Fay Moore or Tim or Joy Lee at church.

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