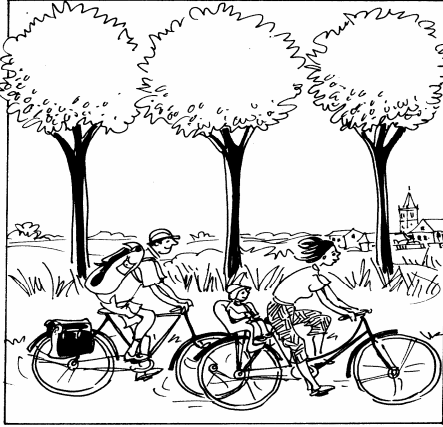


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# Christ Church Mount Pellon



July / August



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*a loving, nurturing fellowship which,  
in the power of the Spirit,  
awakens all people to the love of Jesus  
and spreads the Gospel through words and actions.*



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# Christ Church

## Regular events

### Sunday Club

**Children are welcome at all our services!** There is always a crèche available for younger children at every 10.45 service, and age-appropriate groups at all 10.45 services except Parade Sundays and holiday times. Just turn up for a fun morning discovering more about God's love for you. For more details contact Liz Dingsdale (**834439**).

### House Groups

*Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 7.30 p.m. alternate weeks*

Get together with others to explore fellowship, faith and prayer to help you in your daily discipleship. For more details and dates contact Karen Hellewell (**365027**)

### Uniformed Groups

*Mondays 6.00 – 7.00 p.m. Rainbows* (for ages 5 - 7)

Contact: Jane Webster **885878**

*Mondays 6.30 – 8.00 p.m. Brownies* (for ages 7 - 10)

Contact: Tracey Jagger **248365**

*Mondays 7.30 – 9.00 p.m. Guides* (for ages 10 - 15)

Contact: Ann Cockerill **363892**

*Wednesdays 7.30 – 9.00 p.m. Rangers* (for ages 14+)

*(alternate)* Contact: Pam Robinson **345258**

### Lunchbox

A monthly chance to worship together, followed by a chance to chat over lunch. Mondays, 11.45 a.m. For dates and more details contact Pam Higgs (**320554**)

### Chatterbox

Our parent & toddler group meets every **Monday, 1.00 – 3.00 p.m.** – all are welcome! Just turn up for a chance to have a coffee and a chat while the children play, do craft, sing and have a story and lots of fun! For more details, contact John (**365027**).

# From the Vicar

## Roll on the holidays!

Dear Reader,

If you're fortunate enough to be able to have a holiday this year - you'll probably either be waiting in eager anticipation of going, or you'll just have returned.

I love holidays, but I'm not so keen on the returning part. Not that coming home isn't nice - your own bed again, familiar things around you, seeing friends and so on. It's all things you have to do now that you're back.

I don't mean being back at work, either. I mean the fact that the grass seems to have shot up two foot in the day you were away, and the amount of washing there seems to be to do is twice the amount of clothes you took on holiday.

Then there's all the post that's piled up. OK, so three quarters of it is junk mail that can be thrown away, but you still have to open it, just in case.

But it doesn't end there, does it? Once the washing is done, there's the ironing to do, and once the ironing has aired, you have to put it all away. And by that time, there's plenty more to wash again, and it all starts over again.

I suppose I could just ignore it. Pretend it isn't there. That seems to be what most teenagers do! That's OK if you want to live in a mess, if you don't mind spending ages looking for one particular thing that is buried somewhere under the pile of other garments strewn round the place.

My guess is that most people don't really want to live their lives in that sort of environment. So we knuckle down and get the washing, ironing, sorting out done as quickly as possible and bring some sort of order to the chaos.

But most of us think it's worth the hassle afterwards. We are prepared to pay the price in order to have a good holiday - a change from the normal routine.

But stop and think for a minute. What is a holiday all about? Well, the word derives from Old English meaning 'holy day'. Originally, days when normal work was not done were the holy days, set aside not for ourselves, but to remember God.

And that's not a bad way of looking at holidays. Yes, we need time for ourselves, to do the things we don't normally get chance to do. Yes, we

need a change from the normal pressures of work, of family life, or whatever it is that causes us stress.

But we also need time to remember God. Why?

Because otherwise our 'inner' life gets rather like our 'outer' life after the holiday - full of all the things that are by products of the way we live - the dirty washing, the letters that need opening, and so on.

For whether we like to admit it or not, we cannot completely satisfy ourselves if we ignore the spiritual aspects of life. Many of us try, of course. Many of us like to fill that side of life with other things - keep ourselves busy, and keep our minds off it, so to speak. So we work longer hours doing jobs we don't like so that we can earn more money to buy things that don't quite satisfy, so we work longer hours to earn more money to buy a better and more expensive version of something that doesn't satisfy, so we work.....

It is like living life surrounded by dirty washing. And while doing the washing for most of us is not high on the list of our enjoyable ways of spending time, it does mean that the rest of life is lived in a more comfortable way than if we just left the dirty washing there.

So too, if we ignore our spiritual life, then slowly the failure to address those needs builds up, and sooner or later we find that they overwhelm us - and life becomes suddenly and, often to us, inexplicably much harder and less satisfying.

On the other hand, if we take the time to see to the spiritual side of life, then everything else becomes that much better too. For the spiritual underlies all that we are and that we do, albeit we are not always consciously aware of that fact.

So how can we look after our spiritual life?

First, by having 'holy days' - times when we focus on God, look at our spiritual life honestly, ask the questions about how we live, and why we do the things we do.

Second, by making this not just a once or twice a year thing, but part of our weekly, even part of our daily routine, so that the spiritual energy that gives us life and meaning can energize us, rather than drain us. For Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life - life in all its fullness!".

**John Hellewell**

# Parish Noticeboard for July & August



10.30 a.m.

6.30 p.m.

## July 1st 4TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**1 Corinthians 11.17 – 34**

*Preacher* David Ramanauskas

*Reader* Karen Hellewell

*Prayer* Ann Cockerill

*Sidespeople* Christine Buckley

*Coffee* Kathleen, Katie & Sara

*Bread* Barrie Kitchen

*Chalice* June & Graeme

**1 Peter 2.4 – 10**

John Hellewell

Rosemary Power-O'Mahony

John Hellewell

## July 8th 5TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**Ezekiel 37.1 – 14**

*Preacher* John Hellewell

*Reader* Paul Newman

*Prayer* Karen Hellewell

*Sidespeople* Marion Hunter

*Coffee* Margaret, Eddie & Grace

**1 Peter 2.11 – 25**

Iain Lawson

John White

John White

## July 15th 6TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

**1 Corinthians 9.15 – 27**

*Preacher* Karen Hellewell

*Reader* Ann Rollinson

*Prayer* Lynn Lumb

*Sidespeople* Barrie Kitchen

*Coffee* Fran & Susan

*Bread* June & Brian Lockwood

*Chalice* Graeme & David

**1 Peter 3.8 – 22**

David Ramanauskas

Paul Newman

Ann Cockerill

**10.30 a.m.**

**6.30 p.m.**

**July 22nd                    7TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Luke 7.36 – 50**

**1 Peter 4.1 – 11**

*Preacher*    John Hellewell

John Hellewell

*Reader*        Jane Webster

Dave Fawcett

*Prayer*        Jane Webster

Dave Ramanauskas

*Sidespeople* Audrey Mitchell

*Coffee*        Rosemary & Jean

**July 29th                    8TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Genesis 18.20–32; Luke 11.1–13**

**Colossians 3.1 – 17**

*Preacher*    John Hellewell

Sue Heptinstall

*Reader*        Ann Cockerill

Rosemary Power-O'Mahony

*Prayer*        Caroline Spencer

John Hellewell

*Sidespeople* Clare Hellewell

*Coffee*        Patricia & Paul

*Bread*         Dorothy Faller

*Chalice*      David & Christine

**August 5th                    9TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Ecclesiastes 1.2, 12–14; 2.18–23; Luke 12.13 – 21    1 Corinthians 14.1 – 19**

*Preacher*    John Hellewell

John Hellewell

*Reader*        Katherine Abel

Sue Heptinstall

*Prayer*        Iain Lawson

Sue Heptinstall

*Sidespeople* Karen Hellewell

*Coffee*        Joyce, Margaret & Trevor

*Bread*         Ann & Michael Cockerill

*Chalice*      Christine & Rosemary

**August 12th                10TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**2 Peter 3.8 – 13**

**Isaiah 11.10 – 12.end; Mark 7.24 – 30**

*Preacher*    John Hellewell

John Hellewell

**10.30 a.m.**

**6.30 p.m.**

*Reader* Dave Fawcett  
*Prayer* Janet Abel  
*Sidespeople* Ann Cockerill  
*Coffee* Freda, Tess & Pam

John White  
John White

**August 19th 11TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Isaiah 28.9 – 22; 2 Corinthians 8.1 – 9 2 Peter 3.14 – end**

*Preacher* tbc tbc  
*Reader* Trevor Greenwood Susan Levis  
*Prayer* Ann Cockerill John Hellewell  
*Sidespeople* Paul Newman  
*Coffee* Susan & Hazel  
*Bread* Derrick & Kathleen Lee  
*Chalice* Rosemary & June

**August 26th 12TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**Hebrews 12.18 – end 2 Corinthians 9**

*Preacher* tbc tbc  
*Reader* Ann Gardner Paul Newman  
*Prayer* Jane Webster Sue Heptinstall  
*Sidespeople* Valerie Schofield  
*Coffee* Ann, Steve & Kit

**September 2nd 13TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**

**tbc Colossians 3.18 – 4.1**

*Preacher* Bishop Tony John Hellewell  
*Reader* Audrey Mitchell Dave Fawcett  
*Prayer* Karen Hellewell Ann Cockerill  
*Sidespeople* Trevor Greenwood  
*Coffee* Kathleen, Katie & Sara  
*Bread* Trevor & Eileen Hesselden  
*Chalice* June & Graeme

# PARISH CALENDAR

## JULY 2007

### **Sunday July 1<sup>st</sup>: The Fourth Sunday after Trinity**

10.45 a.m. Family Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

Tuesday July 3<sup>rd</sup>

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
at Asquith Court

Thursday July 5<sup>th</sup>

8.00 p.m. Missions Group

### **Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup>: The Fifth Sunday after Trinity**

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion

10.45 a.m. Morning Worship

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

Sunday July 8<sup>th</sup>

1.00 p.m. PCC Away Afternoon

### **Sunday July 15<sup>th</sup>: The Sixth Sunday after Trinity**

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion

10.45 a.m. Family Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

### **Sunday July 22<sup>nd</sup>: The Seventh Sunday after Trinity**

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.45 a.m. Morning Worship

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

### **Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup>: The Eighth Sunday after Trinity**

10.45 a.m. Family Communion

6.30 p.m. Celebration

## **AUGUST 2007**

### **Sunday August 5<sup>th</sup>: The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

10.45 a.m. Family Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

Tuesday August 7<sup>th</sup>

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion  
at Asquith Court

### **Sunday August 12<sup>th</sup>: The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion

10.45 a.m. Morning Worship

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

### **Sunday August 19<sup>th</sup>: The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion

10.45 a.m. Family Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

### **Sunday August 26<sup>th</sup>: The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.45 a.m. Morning Worship

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

### **Sunday September 2<sup>nd</sup>: The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**

10.45 a.m. Confirmation Service

6.30 p.m. Celebration

Wednesday September 5<sup>th</sup>

7.30 p.m. PCC Meeting

# The Scarlet Cross

By Canon Noel Proctor of Manchester

The chapel in Dartmoor Prison has a large stained glass window behind the Holy Communion Table, in the shape of a Cross. The window is scarlet, and on a day when the sun shines through it, the shadow of the scarlet Cross beams right down inside the chapel.

There was a prisoner who had been involved with witchcraft, black magic and Satan worship, so he and I had many, some heated, discussions about the power of God, and the power of Satan.

After a number of these discussions he asked me to take him to see the chapel, as other prisoners had told him their lives had been changed as a result of going there. At first I refused, arguing that I did not want the chapel contaminated with his evil beliefs. However, he convinced me of his sincerity in making this request.

On the morning I took him to the chapel, the sun was shining brightly. I opened the chapel door and John followed me in. The sun shining through the bright red Cross filled the chapel. Standing behind me John began screaming as his hands clutched his face. "My eyes, my eyes," he cried. Clearly he was in great pain. I dragged him into the vestry, still whimpering in pain. After sitting down for a while it gradually subsided.

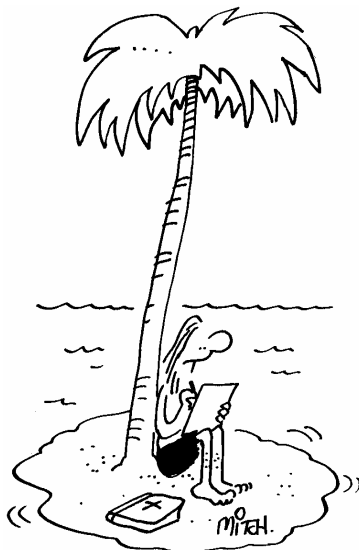
Was it the brightness of the sunlight? Was it the evil in John being challenged by the Cross? Whatever it was that hit John that day, the Holy Spirit used it to shock and sober him. Before I took him back to the wing, he had committed his life to Christ, having confessed his sin and accepted the sacrifice He had made to give him forgiveness. The power of the Cross had penetrated through the evil in this man's life and made him a new creature, and it can do the same for you.

*'Therefore, if anyone be in Christ, he is a new Creature, old things are passed away. Behold, all things are become new.'*  
(2 Corinthians 5:17)



## Holiday church

*A family on holiday went to visit a strange church. Afterwards, father criticized the sermon, mother thought the organist had played atrociously, and the daughter disliked the choir's choice of anthems. Then the small boy of the family ventured: "But it was a good show for a pound, don't you think, Dad?"*



*"DEAR MUM .... BEING A MISSIONARY ISN'T QUITE WHAT I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE ...."*



**UNWANTED MOBILE PHONES AND USED PRINTER INK CARTRIDGES**

**Kit Merrill collects these items on behalf of Christian Aid. When sent for recycling each phone adds £3.50 and each cartridge about £1.33 to Christian Aid funds. Please Help. Kit would also be pleased to receive any used large padded envelopes as he recycles these to send the phones and cartridges to Christian Aid**

***Please bring your items to church,  
or contact Kit directly on 01274 876141***

**THANK  
YOU!**

*Just a brief note to say thank you to everyone at your church who helped my Grandparents (Mr and Mrs Beaton) with my fundraising efforts for the London Marathon. So far I have raised nearly £1900 for the Starlight Children's Foundation.*

**Emma Herod**



## **FUNDRAISING**

Val Schofield is looking to form a group of like minded people to plan some fund raising events.

The first event will hopefully take place in August.

If you are interested please contact Val on **01422 350814**.

# New web tools bring theology into everyday life

**A**n on-line tool to inspire weekend chat is one of two new web resources available from the Evangelical Alliance. Friday Night Theology is a new section of the Alliance website that will explore anything from a news item from the week to the latest storyline in Coronation Street.

A second new section of the site, Conversations in Public Theology, will give examples of how to practically apply the recommendations set out in the Alliance's Faith and Nation report, which cover areas such as religious liberty, the environment, and constitutional matters.

The Evangelical Alliance's Head of Theology, Dr Justin Thacker, said of Friday Night Theology: "Many of us spend our weekends talking about the events of the week with friends and family who aren't Christians. These pages will provide a means by which Jesus can join in the discussion.

"We aim not so much to feed as to equip: to give you an insight into something that has happened that you can share with those you spend time with. At times the 'event' will have captured the headlines; at other times it will have hardly been noticed. Either way, you will have a tool that you can use to bring Jesus into the conversation."

The Evangelical Alliance also hopes Friday Night Theology will prove to be a useful resource for preachers as they speak into their congregations' lives, this weekend.



# CHURCH YARD TIDY UP

As the weather improves, the grass and weeds grow at an alarming rate. This is your chance to help make the outside of our church look a bit more cared for! We'll be there on Saturday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 9am - 1pm, and there'll be something for everyone to do, young and old. If you've got tools, please bring them with you. We'll also be tidying the inside and giving it a 'spring clean', so come along and help there if that's more your thing!



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*...er, 'sorry about this - but I think I completely misunderstood you on the telephone when you called to ask for permission to hold a festival in church...*

## Sermon

A boy was watching his father, a pastor, write a sermon. "How do you know what to say?" he asked.

"Why, God tells me," replied his father, hoping to teach the boy about listening faith.

"Oh. Then why do you keep crossing things out?"

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## Practise makes perfect

*A little girl was sitting on her grandfather's lap as he read her a bed-time story. From time to time, she reached up to touch his wrinkled cheek. Then she would stroke her own cheek. Finally she interrupted: "Grand-dad, did God make you?"*

*"Yes, dear," he answered, "God made me a long time ago."*

*"Oh," she paused, "Grand-dad, did God make me too?"*

*"Yes, indeed, dear," he said, "God made you just a little while ago."*

*Feeling their respective faces again, she observed, "God's getting better at it, isn't he?"*

## THE RIVER

Three men were hiking through a forest when they came upon a large, raging violent river.

Needing to get on the other side, the first man prayed, "God, please give me the strength to cross the river." Poof! God gave him big arms and strong legs and he was able to swim across in about two hours, having almost drowned twice.

After witnessing that, the second man prayed, "God, please give me strength - and some tools to cross the river." Poof! God gave him a rowboat and strong arms and strong legs and he was able to row across in about an hour after almost capsizing once.

Seeing what happened to the first two men, the third man prayed: "God, please give me the strength, the tools and the *intelligence* to cross this river." Poof! He was turned into a woman. She checked the map, hiked one hundred yards up stream and walked across the bridge.

# PAUL'S AFRICAN ADVENTURES

## *AFRICA HERE I COME*

Mother Teresa once said, "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one", and I guess she makes a lot of sense. I mean after all it does only take one to make a difference, right? Well at least it's a start and with any journey you have to begin somewhere and that's where I come in. They say you never really appreciate what you have until you lose it and that's what I want to do, lose it, because the people I am going to be meeting over the next few months never even had it to begin with.

Hello and allow me to introduce myself. I am Paul and I have just turned twenty one. My parents are Brian and Diane Robinson who are members of Christ Church. To be perfectly honest I still consider myself a boy but I hope over the next three months I will have done something worthwhile in my life, and hopefully when August comes around I will return home more of a man.

On the 15<sup>th</sup> May 2007, I embarked on a journey to Kenya in Africa as a volunteer worker for a Christian organisation called IcFEM (Inter-Christian Fellowships' Evangelical Mission). IcFEM is an indigenous Kenyan organisation based in Kimilili, Western Kenya with a mission of smooth integration of community development, evangelism and innovative provision of holistic care. IcFEM aims at building people, especially in rural areas, both spiritually and practically to become self-supporting.

I currently work as an ICT Technician at Brighthouse High School in Calderdale and I have taken my skills, knowledge and faith over to Kenya to try and make a small difference and help build a better life for the people in the community. I have never done anything like this before so this will be a whole new experience for me and I really don't know what to expect. The way I am going to be able to help over in Kenya is by setting up a network of computers within a local school to help improve communication and to educate the children giving them new useful skills. I am working within school classrooms, where I will be helping teach ICT and the English Language. As I currently work within an ICT environment in a school, this is something I feel really passionately about. I am also really looking forward to working outside of the schools, deep within the local community helping build housing for families, shelters for livestock and doing whatever is necessary to allow them to continue to live.

Overall, my main role as a volunteer is to help launch the Action Africa campaign which will be a new project for IcFEM that will help make

more people aware of the attention needed in Kenya. I am creating a website which will help establish IcFEM as a valuable charity, and it will also illustrate the great work that it has done and wants to continue to doing for the community in Kimilili. It will hopefully help encourage people like me who feel this is a brilliant way to help make a difference to one of the many needy parts of this world. When I return home from Africa in August I will continue working for the mission and will visit schools and churches to give people my story and express to them the things I have seen and learnt which I will carry with me for the rest of my life.

Like I said previously, I have never done anything like this before. To be honest the furthest I have ever been on my own is Leeds! I travelled alone to London by train, caught a flight from Heathrow to Nairobi and then another to Kisumu, where I was greeted by a friend and other members of the mission who are already out there continuing this work. I would appreciate your prayers and spiritual support for myself and also the other volunteers and the IcFEM charity as a whole.

*God Bless, Paul Robinson.*

### **ARRIVAL IN KENYA**

I have now arrived in Kimilili in Kenya to start my 3 month gap experience working for IcFEM Mission, safe and well. I felt a little homesick on my first night but now I have settled in really well.

I am trying all kinds of new foods (you can ask my mum & dad if I am a fussy eater) and enjoying most of them apart from avocado and onions in vinegar ugh! We are using the local transport such as Buda-Buda taxies, which are a bicycle taxi, a Matatu which is a van taxi that can hold about 14 or 15 people including the driver, and good old shank's pony to get to our destinations. So far I have visited a number of local schools and have had the chance to sit in the classrooms. One of the most humbling experiences I have had was when I visited Dreamland Hospital. The people I have met so far have been very friendly and I am sure I am going to make lasting friendships.

I am writing my experiences down in a "blog" (which is something like a diary) and if you wish to read it the site is:

[www.paulrobinson002.blogspot.com](http://www.paulrobinson002.blogspot.com)

Please remember me and the mission in your prayers.

*God Bless, Paul Robinson.*

## Call for Government to end the destitution of failed asylum seekers

The Church of England is joining calls for the Government to end the destitution of people refused asylum in Britain. The Still Human Still Here campaign highlights the plight of tens of thousands of refused asylum seekers in the UK. The Archbishops' Council has announced that it is joining this coalition of church, refugee and asylum organisations.

The Bishop of Ripon and Leeds, the Rt Revd John Packer, says: "Refused asylum seekers are forced into abject poverty without permission to work or access to healthcare and education while they wait either to leave the UK or be granted leave to remain here."

While returning refused asylum seekers to their country of origin has become a politicised question, the Still Human Still Here campaign recognises that immediate repatriation is sometimes not an enforceable or humane option, leaving families in an uncertain situation, without support, through no fault of their own.



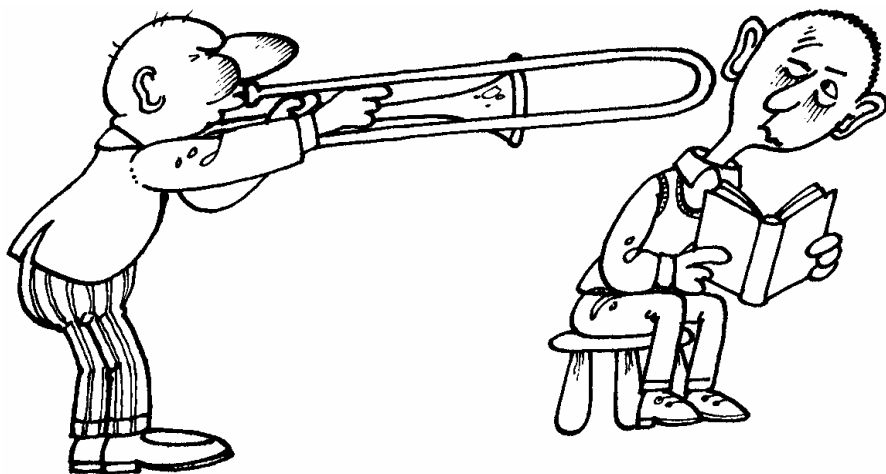
*"Freedom isn't worth having if it doesn't include the freedom to make mistakes." Gandhi*

# CHURCH GARDEN PARTY

A chance to get together,  
enjoy a lovely summer's  
day (hopefully!!), eat,  
drink and listen to some live  
music in a relaxed atmosphere.



Do try and make it if you possibly  
can. It will be held at Lynn Lumb's garden,  
11 Ashville Croft (park on Sandbeds or in the Doctors'  
surgery) on July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2pm onwards. If you want a lift there,  
let John or Karen know - 365027.



Love thy neighbour – even when  
he plays the trombone.

# REVIEWS

A selection of children's books, family books and fiction.



## **A Captive in Rome**

**By Kathy Lee, Scripture Union,  
£4.99**

The first in a fantastic trilogy of adventure stories for children, set at the time of the early church. A disastrous battle tears Bryn's world apart and his adventures are only just beginning.

Bryn and his brother are taken captive following the Boudiccan Revolt. They find themselves in Rome where Bryn is sold as a slave into a rich man's house and his brother is forced into gladiatorial combat. Befriended by no-one except Tiro, a Christian and fellow slave, Bryn tries desperately to free his brother from the deadly battles. A brilliant evocation of the life of the early church. The dynamic story shows how God helps those in need, protects the weak and shows his love through his church.

## **A Heart For Jesus**

**By Juanita Bynum, Nova Publishing, £7.99**

In this whimsical story, four to eight year-olds will discover what it really means to give their heart to Jesus. A little girl observes her mother change day to day, and as her mother's heart changes so does their relationship with each other and God.

## The Highway Code For Parenting

By Michael and Hilary Perrott, CWR publishing, £6.99

Here is a very practical guide to being a better parent. It's about love and esteem, discipline and development of character. May help anyone who is about to become a parent, or who is currently feeling overwhelmed by their children, or who simply wants to enjoy family life more.

## Prayers for the Very Young

By Sophie Piper, Lion Children, £5.99

Bright and jolly illustrations fill every square inch of this book and help make the times of saying prayers feel exuberant as well as reassuring. The prayers are arranged to match key moments in a child's day so that it is easy for grown ups to read a section with a child in any one sitting.



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*...it's a security camera. I got the idea  
from a Salford traffic warden....*

# BECOMING A LAY READER



As I come to the end of my second year in my Lay Reader training, I wonder where the time has gone. When I began my training I thought that three years was a very long time, but the first two years have flown by in a whirlwind of lectures, essays, preaching, teaching and

leading. Reading copious amounts of theological books and commentaries covering Old and New Testament theology, Church history -from the fall of Northern Israel to contemporary issues facing today's Church. And there is still another year to complete! It all sounds very daunting and a lot of hard work - which it is. However, it is also a very rewarding experience, and don't forget that God equips those who He calls. I constantly have to remind myself of this - especially when I stand in front of you all to preach, lead or teach. God has been very gracious to me throughout the period of exploring his call, and has been with me every step of the way.

As I write this little piece for the magazine, I am coming to the end of my placement at St Anne's in the Grove. As part of the Reader training we all have to spend six weeks in a parish different to our own. St Anne's has certainly been that. Coming from a fairly low church background, St Anne's has been a radical experience for me. On the one hand it has been a little uncomfortable as I have experienced a completely different style of worship, on the other I have gained a whole new insight into the richness of the Church of England, the wider church family and made some new friends along the journey.

On my final Sunday at St Anne's (June 17<sup>th</sup>), I will be preaching at the morning service, and leading a short meditation at the 6.30 evening office (that will be fun as I still can't find my way around the evening office).

All in all my placement has been an enjoyable experience. Everyone has been very helpful and friendly, and I am sure this will give me confidence as I face new challenges in the future.

I have missed my church family at Christ Church and I am looking forward to being back with you all towards the end of June.

God Bless and go gently.

*Sue Heptinstall*

# The Difference

*So often  
I can't wear the right clothes,  
Speak the right words,  
Fit the right mould,  
Be the shape people want me to be,  
Expect me to be,  
Demand that I am,  
To conform.*

*But you Lord  
Accept me,  
Release me,  
Make it possible to be me,  
Perfectly free  
In your service,  
Open for you  
To transform.*

Daphne Kitching

## **MAGAZINE DEADLINE**

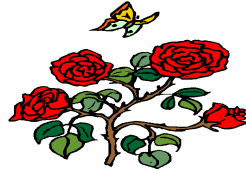
The Parish Magazine is distributed on the last Sunday of each month. Due to holiday arrangements, the copy deadline for the September magazine is **Sunday, 15th July 2007**

## Disturb us, O Lord

Disturb us, O Lord, when  
We are too pleased with ourselves;  
When our dreams have come true,  
Because we have dreamed too little.  
We arrived safely,  
Because we sailed too close to shore.  
Disturb us, O Lord, when  
With the abundance of things we possess,  
We have lost our thirst  
For the waters of life;  
Having fallen in love with life,  
We have ceased to dream of eternity.  
And in our efforts to build a new earth,  
We have allowed our vision  
Of the new Heaven to dim.  
Disturb us, O Lord, to dare more boldly,  
To venture on wilder seas  
Where storms will show your mastery;  
Where losing sight of land,  
We shall find the stars.  
We ask you to push back  
The horizons of our hopes;  
And to push us into the future  
In strength, courage, hope and love.  
We ask in the name of our Captain,  
Who is Jesus.

*Attributed to Sir Francis Drake, 1577.*

# CHURCH FLOWERS



17<sup>th</sup> June

A Celebration of flowers for the 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the “*Church of England Flower Arrangers Association*”, and June’s Birthday.

If you would like altar arrangements for a birthday, anniversary or in memory of a loved relative or friend please see June at church, or telephone 356740. Or, perhaps, with summer round the corner, you have some flowers in your garden you would like June to arrange. Once again, many thanks to everyone who has donated an arrangement for Christ Church - Your support is appreciated.

## COMMUNICANTS AND COLLECTIONS

	Communicants	Loose	Stewardship	Total
May 6	61	65.51	287.64	353.15
May 13	30	71.59	851.85	923.44
May 20	9	20.00	372.32	392.32
May 27	25	95.83	284.22	380.05

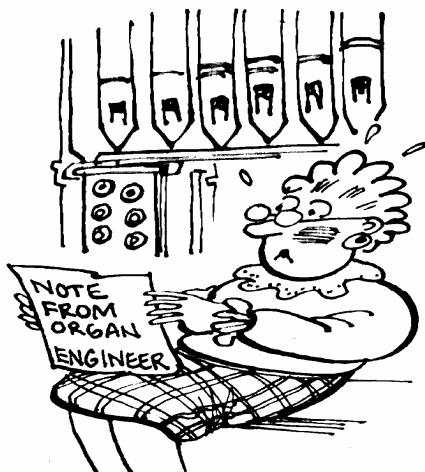
# All you need is love

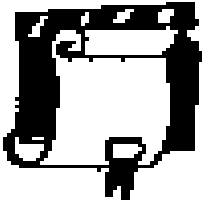
**M**other Teresa once said: “We cannot do great deeds, but we can do small deeds with great love.” That’s something to remember in our daily life. What good are great public efforts if they are fuelled by personal ambition or a desire to rule?



If you are not personally kind, what good does it do you? The Bible says: “...If I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, and have not love, I gain nothing.” (1 Corinthians 13:2,3, NIV) Who can you show some love to, today?

After an organ overhaul, the organ builder left a note for the lady organist as follows:  
*"You will now be able to change your combinations without taking your feet off the pedals."*





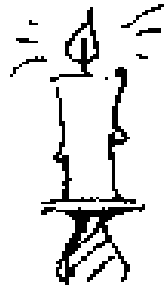
## From the Registers...

### BAPTISMS

22<sup>nd</sup> May

Olivia Joyce Riley  
Olivia Milnes

*our congratulations to their families and friends*



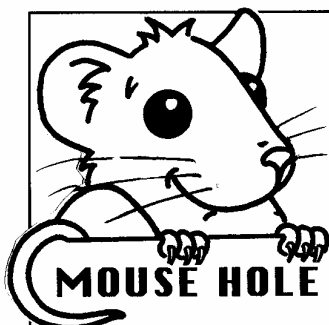
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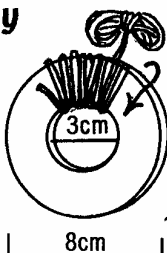
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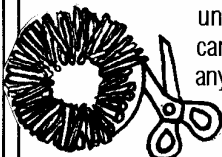


### Woolly Sheep

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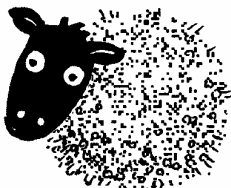
until you can't wind any more.



2. Cut between the rings then tie in the centre with a length of wool.

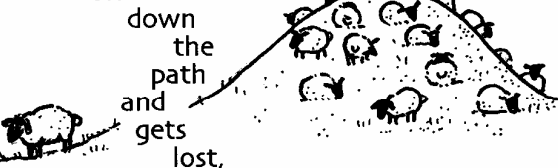


3. Pull the cardboard off and fluff up into a pompom, then glue on a black card face.



### The Lost Sheep

There's **one hundred** sheep  
on the top of the hill,  
**One hundred** sheep on the hill,  
**One**  
wanders  
off



So there's **ninety nine** sheep on the hill.

There's **ninety nine** sheep  
on the top of the hill,  
**Ninety nine** sheep on the hill,  
The shepherd goes looking  
for his one lost sheep,  
Leaving **ninety nine** sheep on the hill.



Up **high** and down **low**  
the shepherd looks,  
Calling the sheep by name,  
Desperate to find  
his one lost sheep  
And bring it home again....

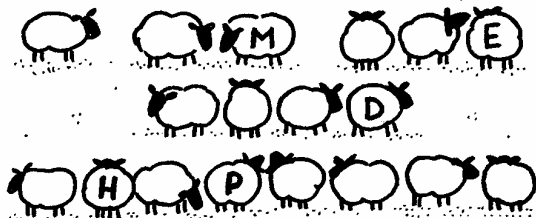


There's **one hundred** sheep  
on the top of the hill,  
**One hundred** sheep on the hill,  
The shepherd has found his one lost sheep,  
So there's **one hundred** sheep on the hill!



Read the parable of the lost sheep  
in Luke 15:4 - 10

Find out who Jesus is... look up  
John 10:14 and fill in the blank sheep.



# What are you supposed to be doing?

What does this coming autumn hold for you? Is there something God is asking of you?

Gladys Aylward was just a simple woman who did what she believed God called her to do. A movie, 'The Inn of Sixth Happiness' was produced many years ago telling her life story. In 1920 she sailed to China, where she opened a home for orphaned children, who'd been left to starve or wander the streets. She'd read the words in Isaiah: "...if you spend yourselves on behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday. The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs..." (Isaiah 58:10 - 11 NIV)



When the Japanese invaded China, Gladys was forced to flee. She ended up on the island of Formosa with more than 100 children to care for. Despite hardship and danger, she devoted herself to looking after them.

Years later, when she was honoured for her work, she said: "I did not choose this. I was led into it by God. I'm not really more interested in children than I am in other people. But God gave me to understand that this is what He wanted me to do - so I did it!" Have you discovered yet what God has called YOU to do? Are you making plans towards it - this autumn?

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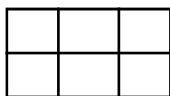
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