

in the power of the Spirit...



Christ Church Mount Pellon



July/August



2008

Price 50p

*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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Church Address: Church Lane, Mount Pellon, Halifax, HX2 0EF

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

Dear Reader,

It doesn't seem like two minutes since I was sitting down to write this letter for the last magazine. Don't some things seem to come round so quickly – like bills to pay, or jobs to do, or grass to cut! And yet other things seem to be ages in arriving – the holidays, pay day, some treat you're looking forward to. Things never seem to arrive when you want them.

And then there's the experience of sitting in a meeting or a lesson that's dragging on and on and you just can't wait for it to finish, but the clock seems to tick so slowly. Is it only that time?

Or the opposite – you're desperate to get a piece of work finished, to meet a deadline, to pack for the holiday and the clock seems to whizz round without pausing for breath. “Where has the time gone?” we say in exasperation.

And some people seem to use their time in different ways, don't they? Some people seem highly organised, and as soon as they're given a job they get on and sort it out. They're the sort of people who send you an email and if you haven't replied within three minutes are ringing up to see what's wrong.

Mind you, I tend to be at the other end of the spectrum. I was always the one writing assignments the night before they were due in, the one who usually only gets round to writing the magazine article with Graham breathing down my neck (thanks Graham – it wouldn't get done otherwise!).

My argument is that it allows me flexibility to react to things as they come in. I suppose if I'm honest it's more to do with the sort of personality I am. I need the urgency of deadlines to get me going. Unless, of course, it's something I'm really interested in.

It's funny, isn't it, that we always seem to find (or make) time for those things that we find important or personally stimulating. We watch (or record and then watch) that TV programme that we really like. We go to the gym or play that computer game or whatever it is that we enjoy doing. Time can be found for these sort of things. Why is it so hard for other things?

And although I tend to be a 'last minute' sort of person, I also want to be organised. I get frustrated when meetings are notified at the last minute and I can't make it. I wanted to go to that but because I didn't know about it earlier, something else is in the diary and I can't go, and it's annoying.

And on the other hand, I want to buy something, and it's not in stock or can't be delivered when I want. The other week our kettle died, and we needed a new one. What shall I get? The trouble was, the one I wanted wasn't in stock, and I didn't want to wait.

Why is it that it's never quite how I want it to be?

Maybe the clue is in that single letter in the middle: 'I'. It's so easy to slip into the thinking that the world revolves around me and what I want. Things should be done as I wish them, at the time that suits me. But of course the world isn't like that. The universe isn't set up for what I want. And perhaps in particular, God isn't there just so that I can get what I want.

He is, however, there so that he can make me into the person *he* wants me to be. And he's big enough to use the things that happen to me to mould me more into that person.

Every time something happens that doesn't suit me I have a choice. I can get frustrated and demand my rights (whether or not they are reasonable, sensible, or really 'rights' at all) or I can recognise where my frustrations are coming from – from my own desires for *my* way, and instead give these desires and frustrations to God. And if I have the strength of will to do the latter, then I find that actually, it's not quite so frustrating as I first thought, that it wasn't quite so important that I got my own way.

Indeed, if you're anything like me, I pray something like "God, please make me more patient" and then get frustrated when something happens that immediately tests that patience! Or, "God, help me to be more loving", and then I come across someone that tests my love quite quickly!

Or I ask God to show me the way I should go, or what I should do about something in the future, and we get an apparently total blank silence in return. And when I stop to think about that silence, I discover that it's because God doesn't work to our timetables, and because he wants a response from us of faith, not comfort or safety.

When we pray for light to see the way ahead in the darkness, he responds instead by saying that we don't need a light. Rather we need to take hold of his hand and walk alongside him, trusting that he can see through the darkness.

Humanly speaking, of course that's a risky way of doing things. But it's also a lot more exciting, and ultimately a lot safer. The more I turn away from myself and my wants and put myself fully into the hands of God, the more fully I become the person I was always meant to be. Are we willing to step into that future with him, not seeing the way clearly, but trusting that he does?

John Hellewell

Parish Noticeboard for July & August



10.45 a.m.

6.30 p.m.

July 6th EVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Philippians 3.15 – 4.3; Luke 13.31 – 35	Amos 4.1 – 13
<i>Preacher</i> John Hellewell	Karen Hellewell
<i>Reader</i> Audrey Mitchell	Susan Levis
<i>Prayer</i> Lynn Lumb	Ann Cockerill
<i>Sidespeople</i> Douglas Drake	
<i>Coffee</i> Ann, Steve & Kit	
<i>Bread</i> John Rawson	
<i>Chalice</i> Christine & Rosemary	

July 13th EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Philippians 4.4 – 9	Amos 6.1 – 12; Luke 6.20 – 26
<i>Preacher</i> Sue Heptinstall	Dave Fawcett
<i>Reader</i> Ann Gardner	Paul & Patricia Newman
<i>Prayer</i> Caroline Spencer	David Ramanauskas
<i>Sidespeople</i> Christine Buckley	
<i>Coffee</i> Kathleen & Clare	

July 20th NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Philippians 4.10 – 23; Luke 6.27 – 38	Amos 7.1 – 17
<i>Preacher</i> David Ramanauskas	Iain Lawson
<i>Reader</i> Lynn Lumb	Dave Fawcett
<i>Prayer</i> Iain Lawson	John Hellewell
<i>Sidespeople</i> Angelia Ward	
<i>Coffee</i> Margaret, Eddie & Grace	
<i>Bread</i> Derrick & Kathleen Lee	
<i>Chalice</i> Rosemary & June	

10.45 a.m.

6.30 p.m.

July 27th TENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Acts 12.1-17

1 Peter 4.7-14

Preacher Iain Lawson

John Hellewell

Reader Karen Hellewell

Rosemary Power-O'Mahony

Prayer Janet Abel

John Hellewell

Sidespeople Barrie Kitchen

Coffee Patricia & Paul

August 3rd ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Isaiah 55.1-5; Matthew 14.13-21

Acts 13.1-13

Preacher John Hellewell

Dave Fawcett

Reader Paul Newman

Sue Heptinstall

Prayer Ann Cockerill

Sue Heptinstall

Sidespeople Audrey Mitchell

Coffee Fran & Susan

Bread Trevor & Eileen Hesselden

Chalice June & Graeme

August 10th TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

John 6.35,41-51

2 Peter 3.8-13

Preacher Iain Lawson

Sue Heptinstall

Reader Ann Rollinson

John White

Prayer Karen Hellewell

John White

Sidespeople Davis Ramanauskas

Coffee Rosemary & Jean

August 17th THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Romans 11.1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15.10 - 28

2 Peter 3.14-18; Luke 11.33 – 36

Preacher Sue Heptinstall

John Hellewell

Reader Jane Webster

Susan Levis

Prayer Jane Webster

Ann Cockerill

10.45 a.m.

6.30 p.m.

Sidespeople Valerie Schofield
Coffee Joyce, Margaret & Trevor
Bread Margaret & Eddie Beaton
Chalice Graeme & David

August 24th

FORTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Acts 5.12-16; Luke 22.24-30

Genesis 28.10-17

Preacher John Hellewell
Reader Ann Cockerill
Prayer Lynn Lumb
Sidespeople Trevor Greenwood
Coffee Freda, Tess & Pam

August 31st

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Jeremiah 15.15-21; Matthew 16.21-28

Acts 18.1-16

Preacher John Hellewell
Reader Kath Sharman
Prayer Caroline Spencer
Sidespeople Tracy Jagger
Coffee Susan & Hazel
Bread Barrie Kitchen
Chalice David & Christine

September 7th

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

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Preacher John Hellewell
Reader Lynne Shaw
Prayer Iain Lawson
Sidespeople Michael Cockerill
Coffee Ann, Steve & Kit
Bread June & Brian Lockwood

John Hellewell
Rosemary Power- O'Mahony
David Ramanauskas

11 Benedict (c.480 - c.550) Author of famous Rule

Benedict was an abbot and author of the famous Rule that bears his name. Because of his Rule, Benedict is also the Patriarch of Western Monasticism, and Patron Saint of Europe.

Surprisingly little is known about his life: born at Nursia, Benedict studied at Rome, which he then left before completing his studies to become a hermit at Subiaco. After a time disciples joined him, whom he organized into twelve deaneries of ten. After an attempt on his life, Benedict moved on to Monte Cassino, near Naples, where he wrote the final version of his Rule.



Benedict's Rule is justly famous and respected: not only did it incorporate much traditional monastic teaching from revered monks like Basil, but Benedict went on to modify this in a way characterised by prudence and moderation within a framework of authority, obedience, stability and community life.

Benedict's great achievement was to produce a monastic way of life which was complete, orderly, and *workable*. The monks' primary occupation was liturgical prayer, which was complemented by sacred reading and manual work of various kinds.

Benedict's own personality shines through this Rule: wise, discreet, flexible, learned in the law of God, but also a spiritual father to his community. Benedict's Rule came to be recognised as the fundamental monastic code of western Europe in the early Middle Ages. Because of his Rule, monasteries became centres of learning, agriculture, hospitality, and medicine. Thus Benedict came to influence the lives of millions of people.

GALA AND FLOWER FESTIVAL

at Highroad Well & Warley United Reformed Church
Centenary Celebrations with Hope 2008

Saturday, 5th July - 2.00 pm

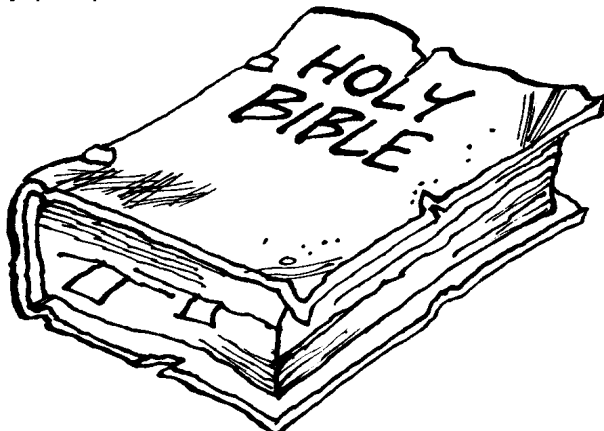


£1 entrance (children free with an adult)

Flowers from the Festival will be
Auctioned at 6.00 pm

*All profits made will be shared between
Macmillan Cancer Support and the Church*

Our Minister says:
"Bibles which are falling apart are
read by people who aren't."



PARISH CALENDAR

JULY

Tuesday July 1st: 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Asquith Court

Sunday July 6th: Seventh Sunday after Trinity

10.45 a.m. Family Communion

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

Friday July 11th 6.30 p.m. Choir Practice

Sunday July 13th: The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.45 a.m. Morning Worship

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

Sunday July 20th: The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.45 a.m. Family Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

Saturday July 26th 8.00 a.m. Men's Breakfast at The Wheatsheaf

Sunday July 27th: The Tenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.45 a.m. Morning Worship

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

Sunday July 27th 2.00 p.m. Ladies Friday Group BBQ

AUGUST

Sunday August 3rd: The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10.45 a.m. Family Communion

6.30 p.m. Celebration

Tuesday, August 5th 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Asquith Court

Sunday August 10th: The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.45 a.m. Morning Worship

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

Sunday August 17th: The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.45 a.m. Family Communion

6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

Sunday August 24th: The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.45 a.m. Morning Worship

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

Hope 08 Weekend (See advert in Magazine)

Sunday August 31st: The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.45 a.m. Family Communion

6.30 p.m. Celebration at Highgate Methodist

SEPTEMBER

Tuesday, Sept 2nd 10.30 a.m. Holy Communion at Asquith Court

Sunday September 7th: The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.45 a.m. Family Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

Hope 08

Have you wondered what we're doing locally for Hope 08? Then read on!

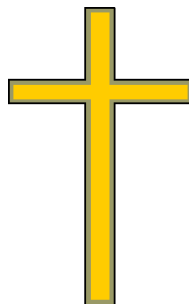
The last weekend in August we are going to be involved in our local community trying to tidy things up. We're doing this as Churches Together in West Halifax, and we're focussing on two areas: the streets around St. Hilda's, and the Rye Lane area of Pellon. On Friday 29th August from 6.30pm

we're going to prayer walk around the streets we will be working on the following day.

On Saturday 30th we'll meet for prayer at 10.00am for half an hour, and then from 10.30am we'll be out on the streets, tidying up the area. We'll gather together again at 12.30pm for lunch, and go out again from 1.30pm for a couple of hours, finishing again with prayer and debrief at 3.30pm for an hour. If you can't be out helping with the tidy-up, you can still be involved by praying for those who are, helping serve tea & coffee, etc. The Pellon group will be based at St. Columba's.

Saturday evening we will have a celebratory BBQ from 6.30pm at 11 Ashville Croft - and all are welcome, whether or not you've been able to make the tidy-up, so get the date in your diary now!

On Sunday evening we will have a special evening celebration at Highgate Methodist Church at 6.30pm.





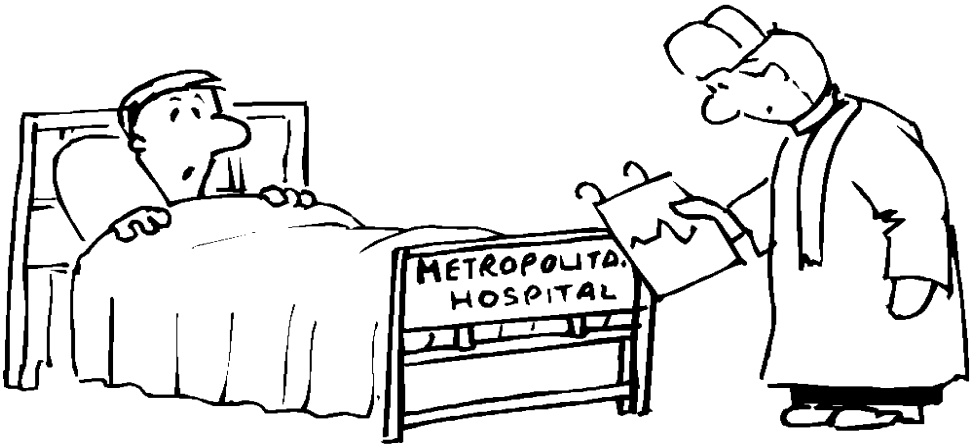
I would like to thank everyone for praying and thinking of me at this time and their concerns for me. I am getting there, but slowly.

Thank you all for the lovely flowers, cards, phone calls and visits. I hope to be in church soon.

Jean Sharman

'Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press towards the mark'

Philippians 3.13



'It's OK I don't need to see you yet'

OLYMPIC DETERMINATION

The Olympics, Mexico, 1968: a ground of die-hard spectators lingered in the Olympic stadium, watching the last finishers of the marathon. An hour before, Mamo Wolde of Ethiopia had won. It was getting cold and dark and the remaining spectators were beginning to leave when suddenly they heard the sound of sirens and police whistles coming into the stadium. As they watched in amazement, one last runner made his way onto the track for the last lap of the 26 mile race. It was John Stephen Akhwari of Tanzania. As he ran the 400-metre circuit, people saw that his leg was bandaged and bleeding. He had fallen and injured it during the race, but he refused to let it stop him completely. Suddenly the people remaining in the stadium rose (some in tears) and applauded him until he crossed the finishing line. As he finally hobbled away, he was asked why he had not quit since he had no chance of winning a medal. He said simply: “My country did not send me to Mexico City to start the race, they sent me here to finish it!” What an attitude! He looked beyond the pain of the moment and kept his eye on the purpose for which he was there. Next month at the Olympics, China will be full of athletes, all determined to finish their race. As Christians, we are also called to finish the race before us. To fulfil God’s particular calling for us.



*'All are but
parts of one
stupendous whole,
Whose body
Nature is,
and God
the soul.'*

Alexander Pope

PELLON LUNCHEON CLUB

Thursdays
at Pellon Baptist Church Hall



Food served at 12.30 pm
Two course lunch - £2.50

For more information
contact Norma on 839861



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***

IT'S STRANGE, ISN'T IT?

Isn't it strange how a £20 note seems like such a large amount when you donate it to church, but such a small amount when you go shopping?

Isn't it strange how 2 hours seem so long when you're in church, and how short they seem when you're watching a good movie?

Isn't it strange that you can't find a word to say when you're praying, but you have no trouble thinking what to talk about with a friend?

Isn't it strange how difficult and boring it is to read one chapter of the Bible, but how easy it is to read 100 pages of a popular novel?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants front-row tickets to concerts or games, but they do what ever is possible to sit in the last row in Church?

Isn't it strange how we need to know about an event for Church 2-3 weeks before the day so we can include it in our agenda, but we can adjust it for other events at the last minute?



Isn't it strange how difficult it is to learn a fact about God to share it with others, but how easy it is to learn, understand, extend and repeat gossip?

Isn't it strange how we believe everything that magazines and newspapers say, but we question the words in the Bible?

Isn't it strange how everyone wants a place in heaven, but they don't want to believe, do, or say anything to get there?

Isn't it strange how we send jokes in e-mails and they are forwarded straight away, but when we are going to send messages about God, we think about it twice before we share it with others?



*...I don't care what your Sat-Nav's telling you - I'm telling you you are definitely **not** on the M6, nine miles south of Derby!!*

Another miracle!

A priest was speeding down a motorway when he was stopped by the police. The officer smelled alcohol on his breath, and then saw the empty wine bottle on the floor of the car.

“Sir,” he demanded, “Have you been drinking?”

“Just water,” says the priest.

“Then why,” said the officer, “do I smell wine?”

The priest thought rapidly. “Good Lord!” he cried. “He’s done it again!”

Book Reviews

Seven Ways to Change the World - Reviving Faith and Politics

By Jim Wallis, LionHudson, £8.99



Jim Wallis argues that politics has failed to solve the biggest issues of our time. There is still extreme and needless poverty, global warming and environmental degradation, terrorism and the endless cycle of violence, racism, human trafficking, health and education, respect for human life and the crisis in families and parenting. Whatever happened to the 'common good'? Writing out of a US context but applicable to the wider world, Wallis urges the need for charting a new course and building the kind of movements that change politics.

Saint Francis of Assisi

By Joyce Denham, LionHudson , £5.99

The life of St Francis is copiously recorded in several near-contemporary biographies. From these is drawn an account of his astonishingly influential life as a devoted follower of Jesus. This book can be enjoyed as a whole or tackled in shorter episodes. The result is inspiring and heartwarming.

A Long Retreat

By Andrew Krivak, Darton, Longman and Todd, £12.95

This beautifully written memoir tells the story of one man's search for his religious calling—a search that led him to the Dominican Republic and Central Europe, to Moscow and the South Bronx, and finally into married life with a woman whose search for God coincided with his own.

In 1990 Andrew Krivak - poet, yacht rigger, ocean lifeguard, student of the classics - entered the Society of Jesus. The heart of Jesuit training is the Long Retreat, thirty days of silence and prayer in which the Jesuit novice reflects on the gospels and tests his desire for the priesthood.

For Krivak, eight years of Jesuit formation turned out to be a long retreat in its own right, as he tested all his desires - for poetry, for

travel, for independence, for love - against the pledge to do all “for the greater glory of God.”

And in this deeply affecting book the long retreat becomes a pattern for our own spiritual lives, enabling us to embrace our desire for solitude and perspective in our own circumstances, the way Krivak has in his new life as a husband, father, and writer.

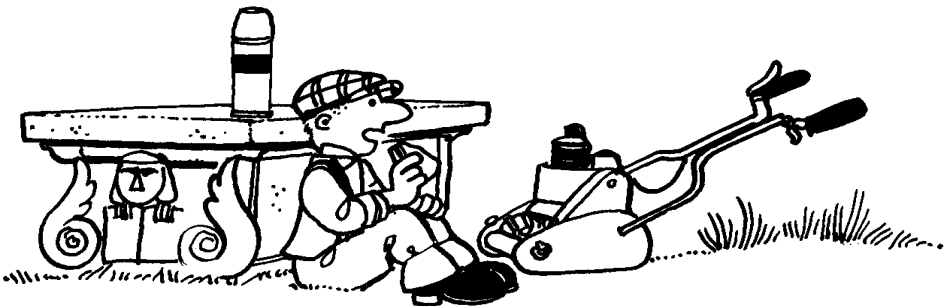
The search for God is finally the search for oneself, St. Augustine wrote. Krivak’s story pushes past the awful stories of scandal in the Catholic Church to reveal why a modern, forward-looking man would yearn to be a priest. Unlike those stories, it has a happy ending - one in which we can recognise ourselves.

Threshold of Light - Daily Readings from the Celtic Tradition

Edited by A M Allchin and Esther de Waal, Darton Longman & Todd, £3.50

‘He is the God of heaven and earth, of sea and rivers, of sun and moon and stars, of the lofty mountains and the lowly valley, the God above heaven and under heaven.’

This delightful book draws on one of our richest native spiritual traditions, the Celtic heritage, and presents extracts from Irish, Welsh and Scottish sources in a form suitable for daily meditation. The Celts had an extraordinarily clear spiritual vision, born of close association with nature. They thought in vivid images: making a fire, the wind in the wood, the song of the birds, the white waves of the sea. Yet the sense of light and the sense of incarnation which runs through so much Celtic writing is only possible because of its recognition of the dark of sin and evil, and also its acknowledgement of the power of the cross of the resurrection.



How to fight those rising prices

Petrol prices soaring, food prices up, and education costs spiralling out of sight... while incomes are growing at the slowest rate for a quarter of a century. No wonder we are all feeling the pinch. So here are ten ways to save some money:



- ◆ Switch to supermarket own brands... it could reduce your bills by a third over four months.
- ◆ Buy your fruit and veg at your local market... where prices are about 30 per cent cheaper than a supermarket. Switch off your TV set at night, and lights when you leave a room. You could cut your electricity bill by 19 per cent.
- ◆ Go shopping for food after 7pm, when you will find that perishable goods are cut by as much as 70 per cent. Buy them - and freeze them until needed.
- ◆ Beware expensive branded medication. For example, own brand paracetamol costs 39p, as opposed to the cheapest branded alternative - at £1.59.
- ◆ Change all your light bulbs to energy-efficient ones. Each one reduces your electricity by £7 over a year. So ten bulbs could save you £20 in four months.
- ◆ Only EVER boil as much water in the kettle as you will need. Kettles use a large amount of electricity.
- ◆ Never buy your favourite magazine off the shelf. Take out a subscription - and save up to 80%!
- ◆ Cancel your credit card's payment protection plan, and take out cheaper protection, which you can find on paymentcentre.co.uk
- ◆ Keep your tyres properly inflated. Lower tyre pressure means higher petrol consumption.



Café HOPE

HIGHGATE METHODIST CHURCH

Pellon Churches together invite you to their

Community Café **Tuesdays - 10.00 to 11.30 am**

Meet new friends, or bring your own along for a coffee and a chat, or just somewhere to chill out.

If you need a lift contact John Hellewell on 365027 or Kathleen Griffiths on 323676

Slow

A curate consistently arrived late for work until his long-suffering vicar asked him what was wrong. "My problem," explained the curate, "is that I sleep very slowly."

“Dear Vicar...”

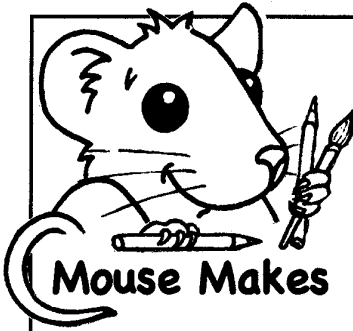
- I know God loves everybody but then he never met my sister. Yours sincerely, Arnold. Age 8.
- Please say in your sermon that Peter Peterson has been a good boy all week. I am Peter Peterson. Sincerely, Pete. Age 9.
- My father should be a minister. Every day he gives us a sermon about something. Robert. Age 11.
- I'm sorry I can't leave more money in the plate, but my father didn't give me a raise in my allowance. Could you have a sermon about a raise in my allowance? Love, Patty. Age 10.
- My mother is very religious. She goes to play bingo at church every week even if she has a cold. Yours truly, Annette. Age 9.
- I would like to go to heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there. Stephen. Age 8.
- I think a lot more people would come to your church if you moved it to Disneyland. Loreen. Age 9.
- I liked your sermon where you said that good health is more important than money but I still want a raise in my allowance. Sincerely, Eleanor. Age 12.
- Please pray for all the airline pilots on Sunday. I am flying to California on Monday. Laurie. Age 10.
- I hope to go to heaven some day but later than sooner. Love, Ellen, age 9. Athens
- Please say a prayer for our school football team. We need God's help or a new goalkeeper. Thank you. Alexander. Age 10.
- My father says I should learn the Ten Commandments. But I don't think I want to because we have enough rules already in my house. Joshua. Age 10.
- Are there any devils on earth? I think there may be one in

my class. Carla. Age 10.

- I liked your sermon on Sunday. Especially when it was finished. Ralph. Age 11
- How does God know the good people from the bad people? Do you tell Him or does He read about it in the newspapers? Sincerely, Marie. Age 9.
- Who does God pray to? Is there a God for God? Sincerely, Christopher. Age 9.



I think it refers to the Olympic Motto – not, unfortunately, to his actual sermon



Jesus had many friends and followers, but he also had 12 special friends known as the 12 disciples. Jesus spent three years with them travelling around the country teaching them all about God and his kingdom.

Read
Luke
6:12-49

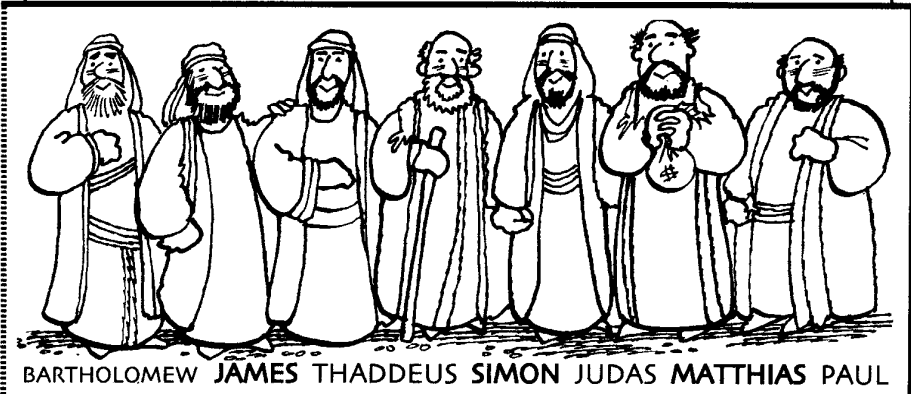
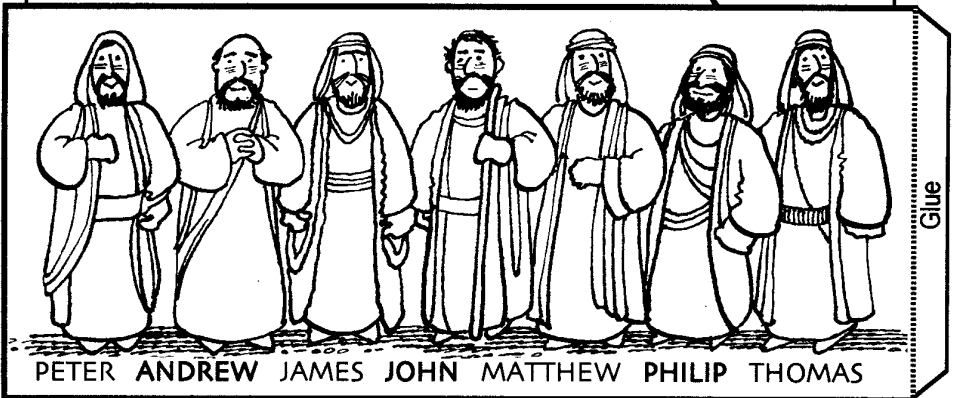
DID YOU KNOW?
Disciple means 'follower'
and Apostle means
'messenger'

After Jesus' death the 12 became known as the APOSTLES.

Read
Acts
1:12-26

Judas, who betrayed Jesus, was replaced by Matthias and Saul (also called Paul) became the apostle to the Gentiles

Read
Acts
9:1-22



Cut out the two strips, colour and stick together to make a wall frieze

River and Sky

Move our hearts with the calm, smooth flow of your grace.

Let the river of your love run through our souls.

May my soul be carried by the current of your love,
towards the wide, infinite ocean of heaven.

Stretch out my heart with your strength,
as you stretch out the sky above the earth.

Smooth out any wrinkles of hatred or resentment.

Enlarge my soul that it may know more fully your truth.

*A prayer of Gilbert of Hoyland,
(died c.1170, Abbot of the Cistercian
monastery of Swineshead in Lincolnshire)*

MAGAZINE DEADLINE

The Parish Magazine is distributed on the last
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for the September magazine is

Sunday, 10th August 2008

Time to pamper Christian women

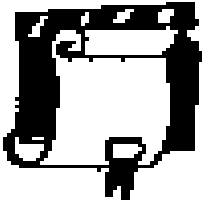
The UK's only monthly magazine for Christian women has helped launch a new conference for women. Woman Alive, which began life as Christian Woman and is currently celebrating its silver anniversary, is partnering with Kingsway Trust and BRF (Bible Reading Fellowship) to launch Radiant 08 at Eastbourne's Devonshire Park complex from 19-21 September. The event will include four celebrations, 32 workshops, a pamper room, a fair trade fashion show, late night chick flick and much, much more. Speakers include Fiona Castle and Jennifer Rees Larcombe. Among a wide range of topics to be covered are women in the Bible, motherhood, singleness, prayer, self-image, sex, childlessness, and healing past hurts. Weekend tickets from £75 and day tickets from £15 from www.womanalive.co.uk.

All stressed out?

If you are stressed out, it may be well worth your while to do something drastic about it. Research has found that those who suffer stress for at least half their working lives are 25 per cent more likely to suffer a fatal heart attack, and have a 50 percent greater chance of dying from a stroke.

Jesus said worry won't add an hour to your life, but could well take some hours off your life.

Seek medical and pastoral help - soon.

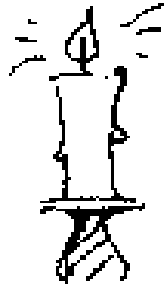


From the Registers...

BAPTISMS

25th May Luke Alwyne James Walker
Katie Jade Stanger

*our warmest congratulations to
their families and friends*



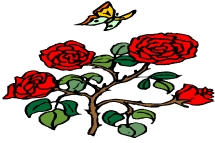
WEDDINGS

None this month

FUNERALS

None this month





CHURCH FLOWERS

15th June An arrangement to celebrate the anniversary of “The Church of England Flower Arrangers Association”

There are six branches of “The Church of England Flower Arrangers Association” in England, at Portsmouth, St Albans, Derby, Liverpool, Southwell & Nottingham and London. A number of churches and cathedrals within these areas belong to the CEFAA if their church flower arrangers are members. Graeme and I are members and receive News Leaflets which keeps us in touch with everyone else. We call this anniversary “Chain of Flowers” when we all think of our colleagues throughout the country and we all place a flower arrangement in our churches, asking that the association prayer be said at one of the services that day.

Finally, a big thank you to Mr Baker for his donation for flowers, in memory of his wife. It is much appreciated.

June Lockwood.

COMMUNICANTS AND COLLECTIONS

	Communicants	Loose	Stewardship	Total
4 th May	64	40.00	329.50	369.50
11 th May	13	154.41	254.50	408.91
18 th May	87	116.75	627.30	744.05
25 th May	15	93.14	164.68	257.82

HOPE 08 - Weekend Timetable 29th - 31st August 2008:

29th Aug	6.30 p.m.	Prayer walk of area
30th Aug	8.00 a.m.	Men's breakfast at the Wheatsheaf
30th Aug	10.00 a.m.	Prayer for morning
	10.30 a.m.	Litter picking and tidy-up in Pellon
	12.30 p.m.	Lunch
	1.30 a.m.	Litter picking and tidy-up In Pellon
	3.30 p.m.	Prayer after work
	6.30 p.m.	Churches Together BBQ
31st Aug	10.45 a.m.	Family Communion
	6.30 p.m.	Hope 08 Service at Highgate Methodist Church (outside—weather permitting) with Celebration band

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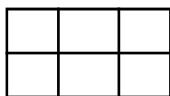
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