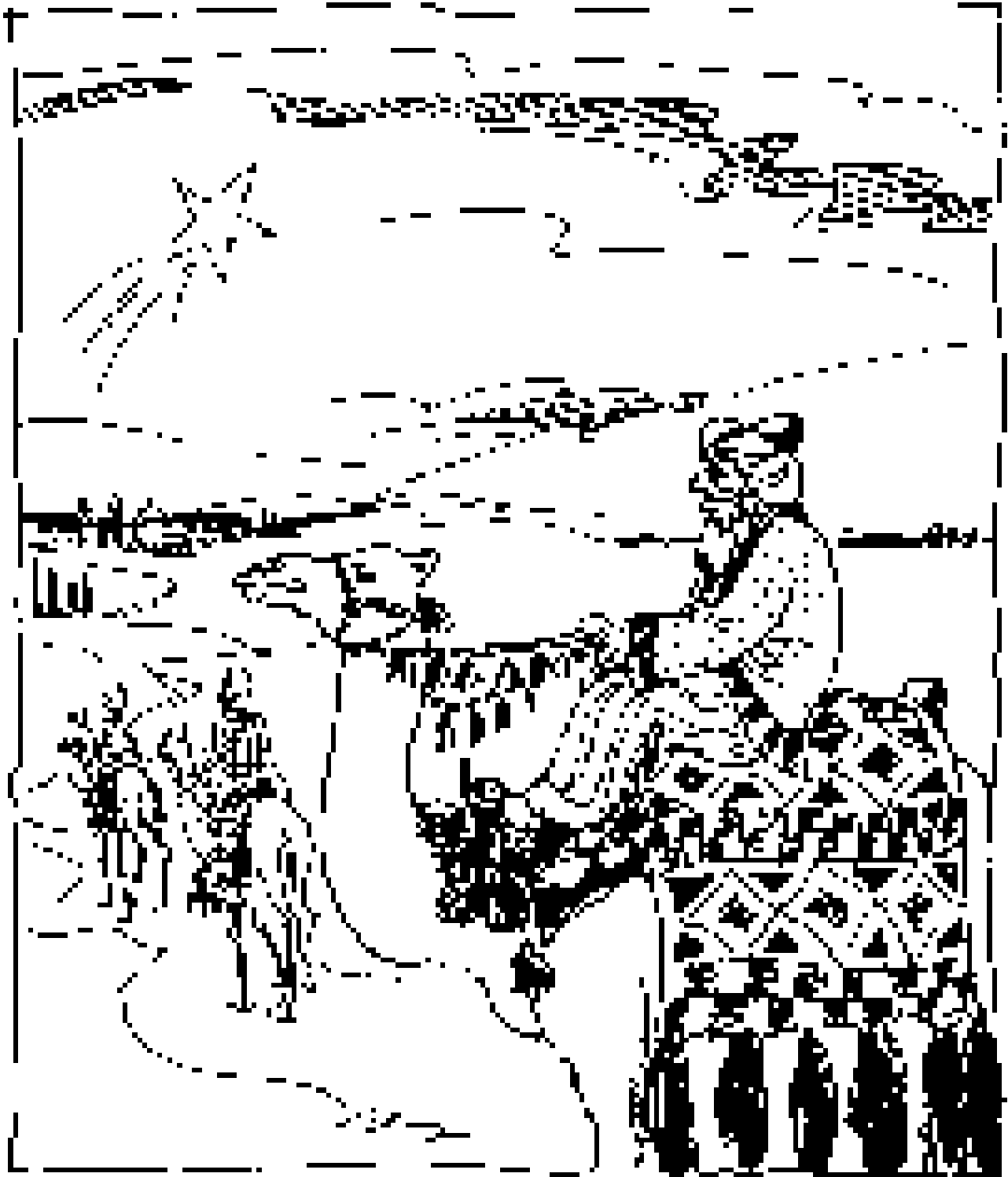


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REGULAR CHURCH GROUPS and ACTIVITIES

Group/Activity	Location/Times	Contact	Tel. (01491)
Chimes (7 - 11 year olds)	Wednesdays, 6.00 p.m., Parish Room, Holy Trinity Church	Pat Lewis	572600
Church Cleaning	Holy Trinity Church	Peter Jones	572718
Church Flowers	Holy Trinity Church	Mary Burton Ruth Forster	572971 575468
Churchyard Maintenance	Holy Trinity Church	Maurice Litchfield	575953
Contact Programme of Social Events	Usually 8.00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at varying venues	Alistair & Karen Washbourn	576132
Tuesday Home Group	8.00 p.m. Tuesdays at 196 Greys Road	Michael Forsdike	574158
Monday Home Group	8.00 p.m. Mondays at varying venues	Jenny Griffin	579865
Wednesday Home Group	10.30 a.m. Wednesdays at 42 Blandy Road	Mike Hails	572194
Informal Prayer Group	6.00 p.m. Mondays for half an hour in the Parish Room	Michael Forsdike	574158
Music Group	Practices usually 8.00 p.m. Fridays at 118 St. Andrew's Road	Mike & Hilary Reeve	573247
Toddlers Service	12.15 p.m. usually on last Friday in month)	Jenny Griffin Pat Lewis	579865 572600
Knit & Stitch Group	Usually 2.00 p.m. Thursdays at various homes	Mary Burton Jean Smith	572971 573714
Healing Study Group	Various times in the Parish Room	Pat Lewis	572600

THE VICAR'S LETTER

Dear Friends,

2005 has been a challenging year for us all. We have witnessed the devastating natural disasters of the Tsunami, hurricane Katrina and the earthquake in Pakistan. Much closer to home we suffered the London bombings in the summer. We seem no closer to resolving the difficulties in establishing peace and understanding in Iraq and the Middle East. Famine, disease and prejudice persist in the Sudan, Niger and elsewhere in the world. "Where is God?" – "Is there a God?" were questions put to me last New Year's Eve.

At the start of 2006 there comes to mind the words of a well known hymn "God is working His purpose out as year succeeds to year". Here I find an answer, but perhaps not the only answer, for in each and every one of the terrible events of 2005 we saw extraordinary acts of courage, kindness and generosity. God was there "working His purpose out" by His Spirit empowering, enabling and encouraging the rebuilding and renewing of broken lives and communities. It is in our brokenness and weakness that we find God and will learn to trust Him.

In the book of Proverbs (3:5-6) we are encouraged to ***"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding: in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight"***.

It has proved a testing year for us at Holy Trinity. We have had to tackle matters of finance, the re-ordering of interior of the church building and the absence of our vicar Duncan whose poor health continues. Yet we have striven to "Trust in the Lord" and He has been "there". Our finances are better than they were and the books nearly balance. We have received great support from the deanery clergy, Bishop Colin and Archdeacon Julian. We have found great resource from amongst ourselves, especially our Churchwardens – Mike and Hedda – who have risen to the challenge of leadership and encouraged us to take difficult but bold decisions.

I look forward to the challenges of 2006 – I am sure that there will be plenty! – with those words from Proverbs at the front of my mind. I ask you to keep them there too.

We continue to pray for Duncan's return to good health, and in the meantime, Trevor, Pat and myself, as part of the ministry team, wish you all a very Happy New Year.

Your friend,

Michael

Michael Forsdike
Licensed Lay Minister

WHAT WILL YOU DO WITH 2006 ?

How will you spend all those hours, days and weeks that lie ahead of you?

The Bible says 'make the most of the time' (Ephesians 5:16) That doesn't mean speed up your life. It doesn't mean more rush. In fact, rush is a hazard to this process.

It means that as this brand new year of 2006 begins, we are called to take time to plug into God's plan for us – NOW. It means becoming obedient to his revealed will for our personal life, our work, our marriage, our priorities – NOW. It means prayerfully discerning the divine and eternal opportunities before each of us – NOW. Yes, now. 'For Now is the accepted time. Today is the day of Salvation.' (2 Corinthians 6.2) So, today, let us hear his voice, let us harden not our hearts.

In 2006, come near to God, and he will come near to you. James 4.8

One of the greatest truths of the universe is that God is on a persistent redemptive search for each one of us. Could 2006 be the year when he finds you?

Entering into a relationship with God is not so much a matter of trying to find him as of letting him find us. This must not be understood, however, to mean that since God has done everything possible to save us, our individual salvation is now automatic. God has gone to the utmost lengths to save us, but in order to be saved we must turn to him in contrition and repentance and invite him to take up residence within us.

There are many people who think that because they have felt God close to them at certain times in their life (for instance, when they had a miraculous escape from death or something happened that seemed more than a coincidence) they must be favoured by him and have no need to invite him into their hearts. Certainly there are many people who have an awareness of God's presence at times, but they can never experience the rich sense of his presence in their hearts until they invite him to come in. He loves every one of his creations, but he loves them too much to gatecrash the soul. He comes in only as we give our consent.

'No one is constitutionally incapable of finding God,' says Billy Graham. If we do not find him, then the problem is not to do with our constitution but with our consent. When, by an act of the will, you decide to let God in, then believe me, nothing in earth or heaven can keep him out.

So if you realise that what you have at present is religion and not a personal relationship with God, then pray this prayer now:

'Gracious and loving Father, I realise that my eternal destiny is in my own hands. You have done all you need to do, so now I must do what I need to do. Loving Father, I come. Please save me. In Jesus's name I ask it. Amen.

From 'Every Day with Jesus' by Selwyn Hughes

Parish Pump

WERE YOU THERE?

November was a busy month for various churches and groups in the town.

On Wednesday 9th November, the Forum of Churches Together in Henley met at the Dayspring. We decided on plans for publicising the Christmas services, and have this year decided to try and make more of a splash in the Henley Standard and to produce a leaflet which will be to go into hotels, guesthouses, waiting rooms (doctor, dentist, hospital, hairdressers etc). In addition, we sorted out various dates in 2006, including the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and events during Lent and Easter (see below).

On Friday 11th November the young people of the Rock Solid Youth Group put on a Jazz Evening at the Christ Church Centre to raise funds for their group. This was a fantastic evening, showing off the talents of a number of the young people, with the concourse set out like a café. The “waiters” were very attentive and brought drinks and eats to the tables so that we could enjoy the music without having to queue up. Harold Fitch filled in wonderfully on keyboard between the groups of acts, which included piano and percussion, bassoons (!) and keyboard/percussion, and great singing. Look out for the next event being put on by Rock solid.

On Saturday 12th, there were two activities in which to be involved. First, the Christian Aid Group held a Coffee Morning at Pat Needham’s home in Harpsden Road, and raised over £200. I wasn’t lucky in the raffle, but I came home with an excellent loaf of tea bread, and some goodies from the Traidcraft stall run by Pam Thompson.

Then, in the evening, there was a celebratory gathering in Harpsden Village Hall to say Farewell to Dick Chown. Since he ‘retired’ from being Vicar of Kidmore End about 15 years ago. Dick has been Honorary Assistant Priest at Harpsden and has been very involved in many other activities as well. The Hall was packed, and there were many tributes paid to Dick, not only from Harpsden folk, but also from the Deanery Clergy, the Harpsden Branch of the Royal British Legion, and, not least, from the One Solitary Life Players. Revd David Salt was there, and spoke movingly about Dick’s involvement with the Players. Bishop Peter Fox couldn’t be there, Papua New Guinea being some way off, but he also sent a letter of thanks. Our thanks to Paul Barrett and Pat Needham for organising the evening. Dick is now living in Weybridge near his daughter and her family, but a little bird tells me that he was back in Harpsden to take the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve.

Saturday 26th November was a busy day. There was a Healing Day at the Christ Church Centre run by Rev. Mike Endicott and his team from the Order of Jacob’s Well.

That morning also saw the funeral, at the Dayspring Centre, of Ian Lethbridge, who had died quite suddenly. In the evening, Holy Trinity held a Praise Evening, on the lines of Songs of Praise. Trevor Lewis had organised it, and invited members

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NEWS FROM TRINITY SCHOOL

Visit to Katesgrove Washday Museum

Mrs Aldridge's class went to Katesgrove School in Reading where they experienced firsthand what it was like for the Victorians to do their washing. Here is their report:

Greg: We have been learning about life in the past, about 100 years ago. We have been finding out how people kept themselves and their clothes clean.

Louie: We went to Katesgrove Washday Museum, Reading, to find out how they did their laundry in the past. I liked the trip.

Lia: So did I.

Matthew and Taylor: We liked using the washboard.

Georgina: They let us draw things.

Robin: We sorted out different flat irons at the museum.

Louis: I liked using the mangle. It was fun. The handle was attached to two big rollers that squeezed the water out of the clothes.

Emily: I liked using the soapy water to make bubbles!

Danny: I liked it on the coach. Back at school we decided to do an assembly about our work at the museum and about other things we had learned to do with keeping clean in the past.

Oscar, Maisie, Beatrice, Demi and Tasia: We liked doing the art for the assembly.

Zara: I liked using a really loud voice in the assembly!

Leoni: Doing the assembly was fun.

Olivia C: It was fun saying the words with Beatrice.



Christian and Charlie (Cooper): We liked showing how they made snowflakes.

Charlie (Coyle): I liked it when I opened the privy door! I never want to go in a privy, especially at this time of year. Spiders might go up your pants!

Olivia W: I liked reading my prayer.

Cam: Thank goodness we don't have to have baths like they did 100 years ago!

School Dinners

One of the strands of the government's 'Every Child Matters' initiative is that every child should be safe and healthy in school. As a result there has been a special focus on healthy school dinners. Sally Maudlin has been catering manager at Trinity School for the last eighteen months. She has succeeded in doubling the number of children who eat a school lunch with a range of new and exciting menus. The meals are cooked on the premises and Sally is able to source very high quality products. Healthy eating is a priority and alongside the main meal, fresh salad, freshly sliced fruit and wholemeal bread are always offered. Recently, as a result of the 'Design a healthy meal' competition, a total of nine children from across the

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THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL

January is a month of the beginning of great things! As well as the naming of the Son of God, we celebrate the conversion of the greatest ever apostle of the Christian faith (25th January). Many books have been written on Paul, and here is the briefest of introductions.

He was a Jew, born as 'Saul' at Tarsus, and brought up by the rabbi Gamaliel as a Pharisee. A devout, fanatical Jew, Saul persecuted the Christians, and watched with satisfaction the first Christian martyrdom, the stoning of Stephen. Then on his way to Damascus Saul had a vision of Christ that stopped him, literally, in his tracks. He realised that this Jesus whom he was persecuting was in fact the Messiah for whom he had longed.

Saul changed overnight. He took a new name, Paul, and became an evangelist for the cause of Christ. He became a leader in the early Church, and his special calling was as an apostle to the Gentiles. He wrote many epistles to the young churches he founded - and thus, inadvertently, wrote a great part of the New Testament.

Life as the greatest apostle was hardly full of perks: he was stoned, beaten, mobbed, homeless, hated, imprisoned, and finally martyred. Tradition has it that he was beheaded in Rome during the persecution of Nero in AD 64, and buried where the basilica of St Paul 'outside the walls' now stands. His mighty faith in Christ has kindled similar belief in many millions of people down the centuries.

Parish Pump



News from Trinity School

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age groups have had their meals cooked for the rest of the school to sample.

Here are some sample menus:

Roast chicken
Cheese and vegetable bake
Yorkshire pudding
Roast potatoes
Root vegetables
Fresh cauliflower

Chocolate and sultana crunch
Baked meatballs in gravy
Salmon fishcakes
Cheese and vegetable pitta
Mashed potatoes or pasta;
Peas; Carrots;
Flapjack;
Fresh fruit

Values Education

The children are focussing on perseverance for the next few weeks.

Jo Gunnell

SERVICES in JANUARY

The Licensed Lay Ministers, Trevor Lewis, Pat Lewis and Michael Forsdike will lead the services.

SUNDAY 1st JANUARY **Second Sunday of Christmas**

8.00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

Sidesman Frances Foale

10.00 A.M. MORNING WORSHIP

Sidesmen Neil & Jo Gunnell

Readings Mike Hails

Intercessions Jo Gunnell

Coffee Wendy Allum &
Sally Jones

SUNDAY 8th JANUARY **First Sunday of Epiphany**

8.00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

Sidesman Maurice Litchfield

10.00 A.M. PARISH COMMUNION
with children's activities

Verger Margaret Stevens

Sidesmen Jean Smith &
Maureen George

Readings Maurice Litchfield

Intercessions Alistair & Karen
Washbourn

Offertory John & Margaret
Stevens

Coffee Jenny Flemming &
Jane Herrington

SUNDAY 15th JANUARY **Second Sunday of Epiphany**

8.00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

Sidesman Peggie Wilcock

10.00 A.M. FAMILY WORSHIP
with baptism

Sidesmen Peter &
Barbara Williams

Readings Jean Jones

Intercessions Trevor & Pat
Lewis

Coffee Maureen George &
Sally Jones



SATURDAY 22nd JANUARY
Third Sunday of Epiphany

8.00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

Sidesman Maurice Litchfield

10.00 A.M. PARISH COMMUNION
with children's activities

Verger Maureen George

Sidesmen Keith Stirland &
Peter Hanford

Readings Joy Williams

Intercessions Mike Hails

Offertory Ian & Ruth Forster

Coffee Ian & Ruth Forster

SUNDAY 29th JANUARY
Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

8.00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION

Sidesman Peggie Wilcock

10.00 A.M. FAMILY WORSHIP

Sidesmen Mike Hails

Readings Valerie Morgan

Intersessions Michael Forsdike

Coffee Peter & Sally Jones

FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERALS

14th December Bob May

30th December Colin Capps

CREMATION

20th December Phyllis Irene Evans

22nd December Stanley Windsor



MINISTRY TEAM

The Licensed Lay Ministers, Trevor Lewis, Pat Lewis and Michael Forsdike are always glad to see anyone needing help or advice.

Talking through problems and praying with people are their top priorities.

Do not feel worried about sharing your problems, whatever the concern, large or small.

Tel: (01491) 572600

ST JAMES-THE-LEAST

The elderly Anglo-Catholic vicar, Eustace, continues his correspondence to Darren, his nephew, a low-church curate recently ordained, on:-

The perils of the crib service

My dear Nephew Darren,

I was pleased to hear that you enjoyed your first Christmas in your parish, although a little disappointed that you replaced the 'boring' Crib Service with a 'more exciting' alternative. I have yet to understand the theology - or even point - of your 'Bananarama' celebration. I'm sure your bishop would be interested to hear of its biblical authority.

Having said that, our own Crib Service proved to be a little unorthodox and far from boring. Choosing the cast from the Sunday school is always a delicate process. One of the youngsters who wanted to be Joseph was only given the part of the innkeeper. He seemed to accept the disappointment with good grace, but had clearly made his plans.

On the evening of the performance, Joseph knocked on the innkeeper's door and asked if there was any room. This was our innkeeper's great opportunity. He threw open the door and told Joseph and Mary that there was plenty of room and they were both welcome. The cast and audience froze, while the teacher responsible contemplated early retirement.

But Joseph hadn't got the star part for nothing. He pretended to look round

inside and then turned to Mary and said, "Nah, it's too crowded in there; we'll use the stable round the back." And so the nativity was rescued by one nine year-old. There's Episcopal material in that boy.

Christmas would not be the same without carol singing round the village. There is the annual dilemma of deciding just the right moment to go and sing in the pub. Too early, and the customers aren't sufficiently maudlin to give generously; too late and they drown out the choir with their own variations of 'Silent Night'. We are offered mulled wine at most of the houses we visit. Mr Prentice's solo as Balthazar became ever more operatic with his "sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying," as the evening progressed. Perhaps by the time of our last call he was even getting a little too operatic.

And so to the climax of it all, with the midnight Service. We had a full church lit only by candles, which ruin many a good coat every year. However, Mr Onion's behaviour in putting up his umbrella as he stood under the great nave candelabra on his way to receive Communion was regarded as being a little *de trop* by most of us.

But a new year is now upon us; after the joys of Christmas, Lent comes hard on its heels. Precisely my philosophy: every silver lining contains a cloud.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace.

PARISH JOTTINGS

Christmas Fair

Our informal Christmas Fair on Sunday 4th December, which took place after the morning service, raised £291.12 for charity giving in just one hour. There were numerous stalls laden with a wide variety of goods on offer. All participants seemed to have an enjoyable time and it turned out to be an enriching social occasion. The outcome was so encouraging that Barbara Williams, who organised the event, hopes that the church can hold a full-scale Christmas Fair next year to be advertised throughout the parish. We give our thanks to all those who helped to make the fair such a successful fund raising event.

Re-ordering

The PCC at their meeting on 1st December reluctantly voted to postpone the re-ordering project for the time being. Although any delay is disappointing, it seems to make sense not to engage in the undertaking during the uncertainty of the current financial trend. However in the meantime our design and specification for the proposed new additions can be put on hold. The Re-ordering Fund will continue to accumulate in the bank.

James Dennis

Congratulations to Tony and Rosemary Woodroffe on the birth of their first grandchild. James Anthony was born on 30th November in Cardiff hospital to their daughter Julie and son-in-law Chris who live in Cowbridge, South Wales. James was born seven weeks prematurely and

weighed 4lbs 13 ozs at birth. Both mother and baby are now back at home and progressing well.

At the same time we give our congratulations to Barbara Clarke who, on the birth of James, becomes a great grandmother, her first great-grandchild.

Joslyn O'Neill

Michael Forsdike now has a second grandchild, Helen Joslyn, who was born at home on 15th December and weighing 8lbs 5ozs. Joslyn is the second daughter of Michael's daughter Anna and her husband Arron who live in Buckingham.

A
"HAPPY NEW YEAR"
2006
TO ALL OUR READERS

AS FOR THE FUTURE

O my Father, my God, I am in your hands;
and may I rejoice above all things in being so.
Do with me what seems good in your sight;
only let me love you with all mind, soul and strength.

John Wesley

EXPLANATION OF GOD

"One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk He can just leave that to mothers and fathers."

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.

"God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have."

"Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in town. At least there aren't any who come to our church."

"Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K."

"His dad God appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important."

"You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time."

"You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip church or do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong and besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway."

"If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids"

"But you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases. And that's why I believe in God"

(If you believe in God pass this on)

(Written by 8 year old Danny Dutton of Chula Vista, CA, for a homework assignment)

Submitted by Wilma Kirsten

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

18-25 JANUARY, 2006.

The theme for 2006 is "Where two or three are gathered in my name". It has been chosen by the Churches of Ireland, and they wish to share the themes of unity in Christ and reconciliation, which in their experience happen crucially in small groups. The image on the poster and pamphlets is inspired by Irish knot work design and suggests three interlinked persons, who might be the "two or three" of Matthew 18:20 or might they be the Holy Trinity? The pamphlet contains Bible readings and prayers for the 8 days of the Week of Prayer, with an Ecumenical service in the centrefold. We will be having the usual daily services, each at 9.30 a.m., except on Sunday 22nd when we are invited to join together at St Mary's at 6 p.m. for a Taizé-style service.

at 9.30 a.m. unless otherwise stated

Wednesday 18th	St Mary's
Thursday 19th	Friends Meeting House
Friday 20th	Sacred Heart
Saturday 21st	Harpsden
Sunday 22nd	St Mary's. Taizé Evening at 6 p.m.
Monday 23rd	Holy Trinity
Tuesday 24th	Dayspring
Wednesday 25th	Christ Church

WERE YOU THERE?

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of Holy Trinity as well as the Ministers of the other churches to nominate their favourite hymns. By the time the ballot box was opened, 52 people had responded, and a total of 32 hymns were nominated. Ten were chosen, of which Shine, Jesus, Shine! had the most nominations.

Finally, on the evening of Sunday 27th November, there was an excellent

service for Advent, with Carols and Readings, held at St Mary's. St Mary's Choir were in excellent voice as usual, and the service was well attended. The timing of this meant that it was then possible to go on to a concert given by Pam Chilvers at the Christ Church Centre in aid of Reading 3000. Pam is a gifted Christian pianist and singer, and composer, and she sang and played through the compositions which appear on her latest CD.

Mike Hails

REFLECTIONS

John Burton looks through past issues of Holy Trinity Church magazines

60 YEARS AGO - 1946

The New Year Ahead

A happy and blessed New Year to you all. There may be new difficulties, new adjustments to be made, new careers for some, new home lives for many who for the last six years or so have seen strange and strenuous service in all parts of the world. It will not be easy to guide our feet into the way of peace, which in fact can only be made possible though living faith in Christ and co-operation with the will of God. Thus our churchmanship should be maintained at a high level: plain straightforward honest Christianity: no humbug, no straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel, no demands which are an insult to our intelligence and an outrage to man's most divine gift, the gift of freewill and the power of choice. And this, I feel, is what the Church of England offers her sons and daughters.

Trinity Hall

Trinity Hall was officially handed back to us by the Army on December 17th. Much remains to be done before it is in full use, but with a few "running repairs" limited activities may, it is hoped, begin at once.

50 YEARS AGO - 1956

Leap year

May this Leap Year be a year of leaping ahead; we in Trinity Parish must make and take our opportunities; we have a fine body of regular worshippers who set a fine example and illustrate the meaning of practical Christianity. We of the Christian

persuasion make no profession to be better than others, but we do claim to be aiming higher; despite our faults, most of which we know only too well and better than other people do, we are trying to be as Christian-like as we can. We know that God judges us not by whether we won or lost, but by how we played the game. We are trying to be congenial and to welcome those who come to worship with us, some of us are a bit shy, but we do welcome you if you are not already with us; we do know that as long as Christ's work is proceeding it does not matter who gets the praise nor if there is none: all that matters is "Thy Will be done".

25 YEARS AGO - 1981

New Year's Resolution

Perhaps a good New Year's resolution would be to listen to those with whom you disagree, so that you really hear them. Then think about it before you reply. Husbands listen to your wives. Children listen to your mothers. Traditionalists listen to radicals and vice versa. Often we do not understand because we do not really listen; we hear, but as we hear we distort the words, we read in innuendoes that are not there, we listen with a quarter of our mind, and devote three-quarters to preparing our counter attack. Is that true of you? Perhaps most important of all, listen to God. Create space in your life for quiet, so that you can do this. Listening is part of loving, and loving is part of true Christianity. If we listen more and speak less, we shall be helping to create a better world.

JOKES AND QUOTES

Always remember you're unique. Just like everyone else.

Never test the depth of the water with both feet.

If you think nobody cares whether you're alive or dead, try missing a couple of mortgage payments.

If you tell the truth, you don't have to remember anything.

Good judgement comes from bad experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgement.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

He is a self-made man and worships his creator. - *John Bright*

Everyone seems normal until you get to know them.

The school will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Every man's life lies within the present; for the past is spent and done with, and the future is uncertain. - *Marcus Aurelius Antoninus*

Life is too short for us to do everything we want to do; but it is long enough for us to do everything God wants us to do.

Nothing is particularly hard if you divide it into small jobs. - *Henry Ford*

Chance favours only the prepared mind. - *Louis Pasteur*

God can do wonders with a broken heart if you give him all the pieces. - *Victor Alfsen*

The shortest distance between a problem and a solution is the distance between your knees and the floor.

The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything.

One thing I know: the only ones among you who will be really happy are those who will have sought and found how to serve. *Albert Schweitzer*

Blessed is the person who sees the need, recognises the responsibility, and actively becomes the answer. - *William Arthur Ward*

Money can build a house, but it takes love to make it a home.

Giving a tenth is nothing to brag about. - *Samuel Chadwick*

A budget is a method of worrying before you spend, instead of afterward.

A depression is a period when people do without the things their parents never had.

There are no foolish questions and no man becomes a fool until he has stopped asking questions. - *Charles Steinmetz*

The wise man doesn't give us the right answers, he poses the right questions. - *Claude Levi-Strauss*

Judge a man by his questions rather than by his answers. - *Voltaire*

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CLOSING DATE: SUNDAY 15th JANUARY