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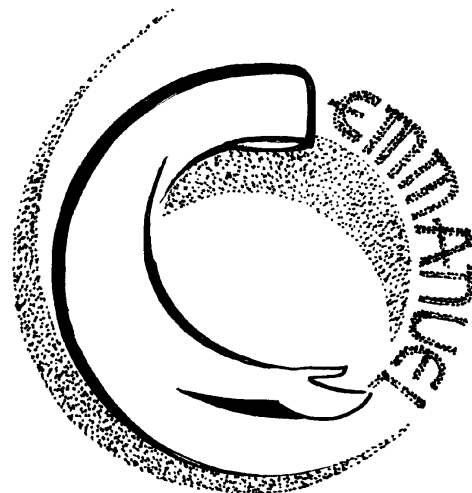
What is life really about? Why are we here? Are we going anywhere? Most of the time we live on the surface of things, coping with the problems of everyday living and trying to make the best of the opportunities that it offers. But I think that all of us from time to time stop to ponder these deeper questions. We have a longing to know that life is truly meaningful. How we look at our lives will depend on whether we think we live them simply on our own, with the help of friends and family, or whether we believe we live also in the presence of a God who actually cares for us and has an eternal purpose for us.

People sometimes say, "If there is a God, why doesn't he make himself known more clearly? Surely he has the power to make sure that we get it right." Well, Christmas is the answer to that question. Right at the heart of our Christian faith is the mysterious, exciting, and I believe true, conviction that God has acted to make himself known in the clearest and most accessible way, by living a human life in Jesus Christ. Is there a God? Jesus lived his life in manifest and total commitment to trust in his Heavenly Father. Does God really care for individuals like you and me? One should ask, did Jesus really care for the needs of the people who crossed his path? The gospel story provides us with clear answers to these questions.

And the wonder of Christmas lies in this fact. God has chosen to make himself known not by the exercise of great power – a thunderous voice from heaven that no one could mistake or disobey – but in the acceptance of weakness and vulnerability. It is in a baby, born in seemingly dubious circumstances to a mother who had to give birth in a stable because there was no room at the inn, that the Son of God

began his earthly life. Our God is certainly a God of great power – the resurrection of Jesus shows us that – but he is also a God of love who shares in human vulnerability in order to redeem us. The shepherds glimpsed something of that when they came to the manger, and somewhat later the wise men knelt in homage to a baby that they were able to recognise was a great King. Every Christmas we too can share in the rediscovery of God's great love and the salvation that is offered to us.

John Polkinghorne



A prayer of love

Love incarnate –
You changed our world for ever.
You dwelt with the poor and raised
The humble high.

Love come in –
Change our hearts this Christmas.
Challenge our consumerism and fill
us with your love.

Love reach out –
Change our world for ever.
Bring life to the poor and freedom to
the oppressed.

In your precious name Jesus. Amen
(Christian Aid)

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READINGS FOR DECEMBER

Sundays and holy days

- 2 ADVENT SUNDAY
Isaiah 2: 1-5
Romans 13: 11-14
Matthew 24: 36-44
- 9 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Isaiah 11: 1-10
Romans 15: 4-13
Matthew 3: 1-12
- 16 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Isaiah 35: 1-10
James 5: 7-10
Matthew 11: 2-11
- 23 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Isaiah 62: 6-12
Titus 3: 4-7
Luke 2: (1-7), 8-20
- 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
Isaiah 9: 2-7
Titus 2: 11-14
Luke 2: 1-20
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
Isaiah 52: 7-10
Hebrews 1: 1-4
John 1: 1-14
- 30 FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
Isaiah 63: 7-9
Hebrews 2: 10-18
Matthew 2: 13-23

Wednesdays

- 5 Romans 15: 4-13
Matthew 3: 1-12
- 12 James 5: 7-10
Matthew 11: 2-11
- 19 Titus 3: 4-7
Luke 2: (1-7), 8-20

REGULAR SERVICES IN DECEMBER

- Sundays 8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Communion
- Mondays 9.30am Morning Prayer
- Tuesdays 9.30am Morning Prayer
- Wednesdays 9.30am Holy Communion
- Thursdays 9.30am Morning Prayer
- Fridays 9.30am Morning Prayer

The Church will be closed between December 26 and 29 (incl.) and on January 1. The Vicar will be available, if needed, during that period.

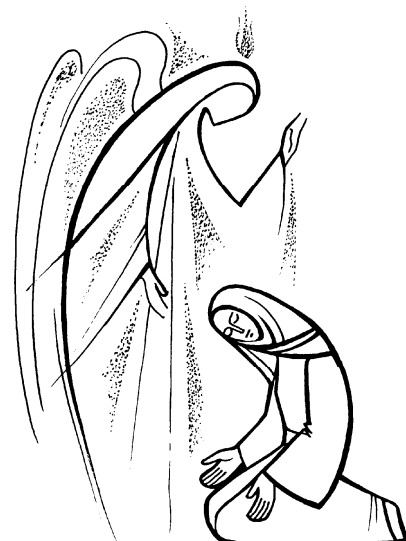
SPECIAL SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Sunday December 2, 6pm, Advent Evening Service.

For Christmas services see full page listing on page 14.

EVENTS IN DECEMBER

Sunday December 2, 12.45pm, Sunday Lunch Club Christmas Dinner in Church Hall preceded by a short carol service at 12.15pm.



THE ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

I would like to say a really warm and sincere thank you to everyone who helped in so many different ways throughout the weekend. I have organised many special occasions during my professional life but I have never run such a happy event as this. Everyone worked together, looked sensibly for what needed to be done and just got on and did it! Thank you all so much.

The really good news is that we have a lovely record of all that went on, in that Stuart Keir quietly took a whole series of excellent photographs throughout the weekend. As a Christmas present from the Newsletter I have selected out six of these photographs and we have, for the first time, a page in colour to do them justice. There are, however, many more photographs, and I know that a lot of us would like copies of our own. The photos will be on display in Church for the first two Sundays in December and copies will cost 20p each. If you would like copies of your own, just fill in your name on the sheet and list the numbers of the individual prints you would like. I will then take them have them printed and they will be available on December 16.

Ruth Banger

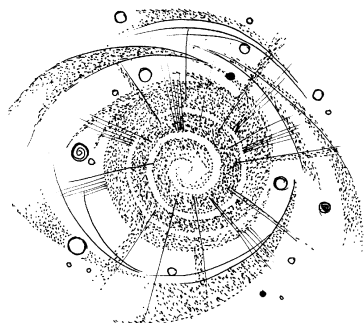
COGS: Personal reflections on the 50th Anniversary Weekend.

I was very glad to be included in the 50th Anniversary Celebrations organised by Dorothy and Ruth in October. Although I haven't made it back in a number of years (too many), the Church of the Good Shepherd will always be important to me, both in terms of its fabric and its people. Having been baptised in the church, I grew up as part of the congregation and was married there in 1994. Memories which came back over the weekend include helping sort and count piles of change on the kitchen table when Frances was treasurer and doing whatever was needed when Chris was churchwarden. Also, trips to Hunstanton and Etterbeek as well as walks closer to home are remembered fondly. Social events, like the Victorian evening at the vicarage, and the annual fish and chip supper on Shrove Tuesday were always fun and I don't think I shall ever forget Bill Cave and Rex Collinson in giant nappies (although I have forgotten the reason for this attire).

For me, the central part of worship has always been music. Singing in the choir from an early age, I had the opportunity to participate in a wide range of repertoire and to sing in a remarkably high-quality choir for a local parish church. This has stood me in good stead in later years and I am grateful to choir masters Jeanette Lee, Christopher Pountain and Dorothy Holliday for the experience and enjoyment they gave me. Therefore, the musical nature of the anniversary celebrations was to my mind the perfect way to mark this milestone. The concert on the Saturday afternoon was a wonderful mix of the serious and the light – again typical of the church I remember, in including all tastes without bias. It was also fun to revisit Noah's Flood, which we performed in the church in my youth, particularly now that I better appreciate the composer Joseph Horowitz and his remarkable abilities. The Sunday morning service was also full of music and also of family fun with younger people constructing objects from Lego during the sermon.

Of course one of the most significant parts of the weekend was seeing friends, either in person or illustrated in the photographs on the walls of the church hall. People who were important when I was young, such as Father Suter and Kitty Platt, as well as the Fletchers, Finsetta Cummings (who delivered me into this world!) and others too numerous to name here. I was also pleased to meet new people, including David Maher, the recently-appointed vicar and his family, and to see that the church is still moving forwards and seeking ways to develop its mission in Arbury and the wider world. Many thanks to all who contributed to organising the fantastic meal on Friday night, the concert on Saturday, and Sunday's celebrations, and I wish the Church of the Good Shepherd every success for the next 50 years and beyond.

Jenny Nex



Food, music, prayer and a great vision for the future!

What a marvellous time we all had at the anniversary weekend! It was lovely to meet up with people we hadn't seen for a long time and also to chat with people that we hadn't met before.

Many, many thanks to all who spent such a long time organising everything. The Friday supper was excellent - delicious food eaten at beautifully decorated tables, a happy atmosphere and lots of chatting about past Good Shepherd occasions.

Saturday was really good fun. The choir rehearsed all morning and into the afternoon. It was such a fantastic feeling to be singing in, what is for us, a big choir and to be singing with old friends made it even more special. We all enjoyed the varied programme for the first half and 'Captain Noah and his Floating Zoo' was entertaining for the singers and, we hope, for the audience. Many thanks to Dorothy for putting the programme together and for conducting us so expertly. The yummy tea in the interval was also much appreciated.

The climax of the weekend was Sunday and that service will stay in my mind for a long time. There was a wonderful feeling in the church - thankfulness for the past 50 years and a real sense of excitement for what the next 50 years will bring. So now we go forward in faith, ready to follow wherever God wants us to go. Our prayer is that we will continue to be open to God's will and so proclaim the good news of God's love for us all.

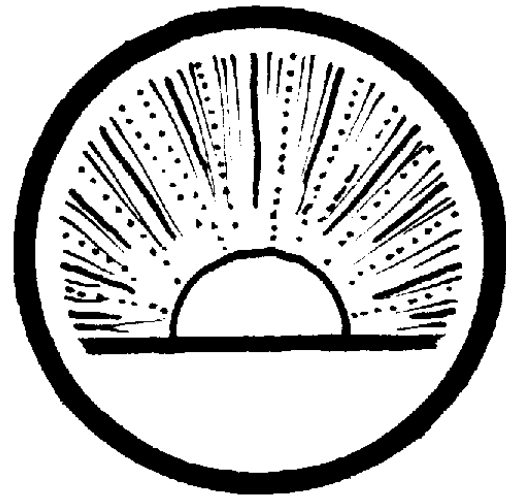
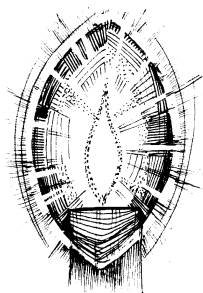
Liz Collinson

Rejoice!

It was so lovely to come back to COGS after nearly ten years to find that in the best sense of the phrase, nothing had changed. Sadly, there were some absent faces, and indeed, some older faces, one of which was mine no doubt! But since we have all aged we all looked the same! The supper was super, and turning the church into a banqueting hall was positively mediaeval, and created an ambience that fitted the conviviality of the occasion. Wine and memories and of course current affairs and hopes for the future all flowed and it really was a delightful occasion, for which many thanks in various directions must be offered!

Saturday was a day of music, and what music we had! It was just like old times for me, playing and singing together with that essentially Good Shepherdian mix of hard work, good humour and fellowship. Captain Noah would have been proud of the flood of goodwill and friendship which engulfed the afternoon. Sadly I couldn't stay for the service on Sunday, but I reckon I can say with confidence that with the joy that must have brought, the weekend was truly a festival, marking a half-century turning point, and I do hope and pray that the next fifty are just as exciting, loving and uplifting. To you be the joy of it and to God the glory!

Gordon Giles (Curate 1995-8)



On a weekend when the majority of people in England will be disappointed that we lost the rugby and the Formula One World Championship, I can look back and remember that wonderful celebration weekend at the Good Shepherd. It was lovely to see so many familiar faces, the music – I think I will still be humming some of the themes from *Captain Noah and his floating zoo* for at least the rest of this week - and a real feeling of community. There was a real buzz feeling for the whole weekend and I thank everyone who was involved in making it such a laugh and for all those who were able to make it back to celebrate. If it's true that smiling makes us live longer than I'm sure we have all extended our lives by a good few hours. It's certainly one of those weekends when you wake up on a Monday morning still feeling tired but for all the right reasons. See you all soon, and good luck for the next 50 years.

Tim Vickers

It's the evening of Friday 19th October and the church hall is crowded, people are chatting with those they haven't seen in years. I don't recognise a lot of the people, so I take a glass of wine and wander around the hall looking at the photos pasted up on the walls. Photos from the past to the present of the different groups associated with the church.

At almost 7.30 precisely we are shepherded into the church where a fantastic sight greets us. Only the lights in the side aisles are alight, making the church very atmospheric. As we look up towards the roof the lighting shows off the wonderful architecture. There is a long row of tables down the centre of the church with tables of six places down either side of this. Each table has a t-light lit on it and some balloons float about giving a real festive air to the church.

After we have settled ourselves down and David has said grace we are served our meal. It was a great meal, very filling.

It's now Saturday afternoon and the church is filled as we look forward to the concert and tea. The first half consisted of individuals and small groups playing instruments or singing. There was lots of variety so there was something for everyone in this. Then a long break for tea where old friends and new acquaintances could chat whilst tucking into a wonderful tea of sandwiches, sausage rolls and cream scones. The second half consisted of all the people past and present who were in the choir singing '*Captain Noah and his floating zoo*'. It was wonderful to see so many talented people.

Now it's Sunday morning and the finale of the entire weekend. The morning service was led by Bishop John, with David, John Polkinghorne and Linda assisting. It was a very moving service. I thought it was clever

of the bishop to get the children to build with the lego whilst he gave his sermon. Following on from the service, which ended in the forecourt as we reached out to the parish, we had drinks and cake with more chatter, in the hall.

It was a truly memorable occasion and I came away with a lightened spirit.

Jean Novak



A JOYOUS WEEKEND CELEBRATION

The weekend commencing Friday 19th October was chosen as the time of the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of our lovely church. We had a dinner on Friday, a Concert and tea on Saturday and a Special Eucharist on Sunday.

The whole programme was so hugely successful that the word *celebration* was hardly adequate to describe it.

Our dinner was taken in the nave of the church itself, reminding us that in earlier times the parish church was a place for everything, social and secular. The meal was delicious and efficiently served by our own wonderful people, though the cooking was by outside caterers. The layout of the tables, with their cutlery and decoration, looked, as we walked in, just right and very inviting.

The tea on the Saturday provided an interval in the Concert. The performers were members of our own

choir and musicians augmented by many of their past colleagues.

The first half consisted of separate items and after the interval we heard a potted musical version of the story of Noah by Michael Flanders (words) and Joseph Horovitz (music). All the pieces before tea were enjoyable, each in a different way: serious (part of a Bach cantata), comedy (Offenbach's *Two Gendarmes* and Donald Swann's *Joyful Noise*), relaxing (tuba solo, piano duet, cello) and some engagingly familiar Shakespeare songs in a new setting. For these we were indebted to old friends the Nex and Pountain families, John and Pat Edwards, Carina Lobley and Gordon Giles who joined our own indefatigable Ruth, Dorothy & Liz. The musical riches constantly revealed by these artistes past and present are a source of much joy and gratitude.

But *Noah* was really out of this world: very tuneful and deceptively simple, it gave our choir (augmented by many past alumni) the chance of their lives to sing and sing – and how they did! Directed inspiringly by Dorothy Holliday and brilliantly accompanied by another old friend, Tom Bayliss, the lighter side of our celebrations certainly ended on, dare one say, a high note. It was a WOW!

On Sunday we were honoured at an impressive Festival Eucharist with the presence of the Bishop of Huntingdon who, just as he has become an old friend, is leaving us to become Bishop of Worcester. They are very lucky!

Our thanks and appreciation for all who so efficiently organised and carried out this whole three-day event, which exceeded all expectations, are quite unbounded and beyond all praise. Our new Vicar, David, certainly has had a memorable beginning to his ministry with us!

T.S.

Oh what a wonderful weekend

What fun it was to augment our current choir with so many of its members from previous years. Performing after one rehearsal was a challenge too but brought back memories. The variety of talent brought together in the first half gave us all great pleasure and reminded us of performers who were unable to be with us and whom we missed. Thank you to the stage setters and my very special thanks to Tom Bayliss and Lance Whitehead whose musical contributions, in their different ways, made such a difference to the weekend and were of enormous help to me.

Dorothy Holliday

INFANT KING

Infant king
What may I bring
To thee?
What love may be
For thy liking
O thou that lovest me?

Holy child
Thy face so mild
I see
And I would be
By thee beguiled
Love only thee.

But stubborn sin
Still presses in
On me
And I am left
Of light bereft
Who fain would see.

Child divine
Let thine eyes shine
On me
And may my heart
Take up thy part
Know only thee.

Rex Collinson

The power of prayer

I am writing to thank you all for all your prayers for my Mum over the last few weeks. She had a totally unexpected fall a couple of months ago and lost all confidence in moving around on her own. Previously she had enjoyed just pottering down the road to her local shops, seeing people and chatting to them, but now she felt she was unable to go out alone and became isolated. Initially she wanted to stay in her own home and her local Social Services organised carers to come in four times each day. This really did not work – she wanted and needed company and they were doing a job and wanted to be in and out quickly. Also the personnel were constantly changing.

Mum's GP felt she should no longer live alone and Mum very much wanted to stay in Ealing where her friends are, so we investigated the Nursing Home her GP suggested (and where she is a consultant). It is between the house where Mum had lived for the last 65 years and the home where she grew up, so well within her comfort zone. It was an amazing answer to prayer that Mum (and I) liked the place very much and that they had a vacant single room a few weeks later. Mum moved there just after our Anniversary weekend and is really settling in well. It's a huge change for her at 94 and she is being extremely brave, but I can see how relieved she is not to struggle on on her own any longer.

We both feel she has been guided there and are so grateful for all your prayers. Do continue to pray for her and for all who are elderly and alone and finding it difficult to cope – we have so many around us – and give thanks to our God who has shown my Mum such love when she so desperately needed it.

Thank you all

Ruth Banger

Michael and Zuzana's Trip to Nepal

Trekking is a major industry in Nepal. Many Nepalese people have set up their own trekking companies offering travel itineraries and guides to tourists visiting the Himalayas. It is quite usual for tourists to hire their own guides, called sherpas, and porters to carry their bags. They also stay in lodges, and more and more Nepalese families are turning their homes into lodges. Tourism is a major benefit to Nepalese people as a source of income to support their families.

Nepal has adapted well to tourism and keenly encourages tourists to protect the natural environment of the Himalayas by being responsible with litter and by protecting the wildlife. They also use alternative forms of energy such as yak dung, kerosene and water, and all the lodges have energy saving light bulbs!

We decided not to use sherpas and porters for our trek because we felt uncomfortable asking someone else to carry our own bags. We were also concerned about the cost of the venture and felt that on a route as famous as Mount Everest Base Camp the paths would be very well marked. So in September, having landed in a 20-seater plane at Lukla, we set out up the Dudh Kosi valley for Everest.

We had taken a copy of *The Lonely Planet* as our guide but we soon realised that this five-year old edition was very out of date. The book warned us that Nepalese people had very simple English, but we found that, even if their spoken English was not very good, their understanding was excellent. Not surprising when you think they meet Japanese, Russian, American, Irish, Spanish, Italian and many more variations and accents of English. And we have difficulty here when we meet Scottish and Irish

English speakers! No, their welcome and hospitality put us to shame. We were overwhelmed by their kindness.

Our guidebook also warned us of their very simple diet – lentils and potatoes if you're lucky. Again, we found that the lodges offered a wide variety of food, both Nepalese and western, from rice dishes and potato dishes to noodle and egg dishes, together with curries, vegetables, lentils, meat, egg, and cheese. Their vegetables were all home-grown and many places boasted organic produce. The only thing we really missed was fruit.

Along our route we met lots of Nepalese porters carrying basic commodities like rice and not so basic commodities like Coca-Cola. These porters carried huge weights which were supported around their shoulders on their backs like rucksacks, but with an extra strap across their foreheads. We felt sure this couldn't be good for their necks! There are no roads in the mountains, so everything is carried by porter, yak, or buffalo.

We were delighted by the wonderful scenery around us as we walked. There were many rivers in torrent which we had to cross on wire suspension bridges with breath-taking views up every valley to the Himalayan peaks. We saw many symbols of the Buddhist religion – prayer flags, prayer wheels, mani stones (all of which are different ways the Buddhists pray) and Buddhist monasteries, or Gompas. We also saw wonderful Stupas with the all-seeing eyes of Buddha watching over the mountain people offering them his protection and encouraging them to live a peaceful and harmonious life with nature.

We always felt safe on our trek because the Nepalese people are a very gentle people because of their Buddhist religion. Our trip to Nepal was very

memorable and richly rewarding for us, not least because we were able to support the work of the Leprosy Mission in Nepal thanks to your generosity. I will write more about Anandaban Hospital in the next edition. Please sponsor us if you haven't already done so. The people of Nepal do need our help.

Michael and Zuzana Lovell



Living Love with the Botswana, Bishops and a lady of traditional build

Alexander McCall Smith is a publishing phenomenon. In addition to an impressive list arising out of his career as a Professor of Medical Law, he is producing four series of popular fiction. One features Professor Doktor Moritz-Maria van Igelfield of the Institute of Romance Philology at Regensburg and is a gentle satire on academic life (the account of the bemused German's encounter with the eccentricities of a Cambridge college is a real gem). Two, the *Scotland Street* and *Sunday Philosophy Club*, feature life in Edinburgh. Fourth and best known, is the *No 1 Ladies Detective Agency* series starring the "traditionally-built" Precious Ramotswe, pioneer private investigator, of Gaborone, Botswana.

These stories are comfort reading, wholesome and seemingly undemanding, with, unlike most modern detective stories, very little

sex, sleaze and violence. McCall Smith's critics, and he has a few, complain about the lack of action and a rose-tinted view of life in Botswana. But he has the rare gift for a novelist of portraying goodness and good people, who not weak, wishy-washy or unreal but thoroughly attractive human beings. There are hidden depths in his books and now our own Bishop John Inge has produced a guide that teases out the Christian underpinnings of the stories and stimulates reflection. *Living Love: in conversation with the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* (Inspire, 2007). His hope, he tells us, is that "this present volume may, through encouraging theological reflection, enable Christians to dig deep into both the novels and their faith in order to encounter Living Love and be empowered in living love." It appears in a new *Conversations* series and I shall certainly look out for volumes engaging with other popular novels or films. But as an established Mma Ramotswe fan and admirer of Bishop John, I was immediately drawn to this one.

McCall Smith's good friend, the real life Bishop of Botswana, Trevor Mwamba, who plays a significant part in the life of the fictional Mma Ramotswe (she reflects on his sermons and he conducts her wedding) provides a foreword. Bishop Inge acknowledges his "love for the Christian gospel and for Africa, where I have been privileged to see it brought alive as nowhere else." He then takes incidents and quotations from McCall Smith's stories as the starting point for a series of reflections on goodness, suffering and evil, forgiveness and reconciliation, friendship, empathy, ethics, service and the Christian hope. I particularly enjoyed the chapter on friendship, an area misunderstood and underrated by modern western society but where as McCall Smith

demonstrates from Mma Ramotswe and Bishop Inge from a survey of the Christian tradition, our faith "has something very precious to offer for the renewal of society."

His range of reference is extraordinarily wide: from the Scriptures through ancient and modern theologians to classical and popular novelists, Richard Dawkins and John Polkinghorne. He refers to his own experiences in visiting Africa. He can distil much scholarship and wisdom into a few pages as for example when he moves effortlessly from Mma Ramotswe to a survey of the theology of the Atonement. Bishop Inge characteristically combines profundity of thought with an accessible and unthreatening style which turns comfort reading into truly "comfortable words" in the Prayer Book sense; where comfort doesn't just make you feel good temporarily but builds you up and makes you strong in the faith.

Terry Barringer

- who will be happy to lend out her copies of Alexander McCall Smith's books to new readers.



Farewell to Jimmy's Founders

On Sunday October 28 I was privileged to attend Zion Baptist Church for a service of celebration for Joan and Richard Howlett's 40 years of marriage and of their retirement after 12 years at Jimmy's.

In the presence of the Mayoress and a large congregation Councillor Joye Rosenstiel recalled attending the first meeting with the Howletts and the Minister when he agreed that the basement of the church could be adapted to accommodate Cambridge's rough sleepers overnight.

A moving testimonial written by a Jimmy's guest followed. He described arriving at the night shelter destitute and with advance cirrhosis of the liver. Joan took him to Addenbrooke's and later accompanied him to regular outpatient appointments. On one occasion his resolve faltered and she said, "Right, I'll drop you off at the Off Licence instead of the Clinic". This threat had the desired effect and with improving health he moved on to sheltered accommodation, again supported by Jimmy's staff. He now has a key to his own flat which has been furnished and equipped with donated goods.

Though obviously frail, he was immaculately dressed and managed to say a few words. One month before he had been given only two weeks to live,

but Joan said, "That won't do, we need you at our special service, and such is her strength of will, as you see, I'm here!"

We were assured that Jimmy's remains in good hands and there will be more on future plans in another article.

- Since opening its doors in 1995 Jimmy's has offered 135,284 bed spaces to anyone forced to sleep rough on the streets of Cambridge
- Offered 13,092 dog spaces
- Provided 109,100 hot meals
- Supported up to 35 ex-guests at any one time in their own tenancies across the city.

If you find these figures impressive, perhaps you might consider offering one or two of the items on Jimmy's wish list:

Shower gel
Spray deodorant
Disposable razors
Shaving comb
Nail clippers
Flannels
Combs
Ear plugs
AA batteries
Gloves
Scarves
Underpants

Ann Callear

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

Holy Baptism

October 28 Martha Lucy Keir, 27 Narrow Lane, Histon

Funeral

October 26 Josephine Mary Young at The Good Shepherd

David, Hazel, Jude, Zoë and Rosey Anne are very excited to spending our first Christmas here in the parish of the Good Shepherd and we would look forward to seeing you at the church services as we celebrate the birth of Christ together. We do hope you have a very Happy Christmas and a joyful and Blessed New Year.

Thank you so much for all your kind words and prayers for our daughter, Hazel.

Merry Christmas from Jenny and Hazel Thomas

A peaceful Christmas and a good New Year to everyone at The Good Shepherd

Jean Novak

Merry Christmas to all at The Good Shepherd from Jane and Colin Forbes. Jane is out of hospital and is now at home.

We are most grateful for the support we have received during our time as your Churchwardens, especially during the interregnum.

WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND ALL THE VERY BEST FOR THE NEW YEAR.

Iris and Henry

I would like to wish all my friends at The Good Shepherd a very happy and peaceful Christmas. Best wishes also to those to whom I deliver the monthly Newsletter

Jeanette Lee

Very best wishes for Christmas and 2008 to all friends at The Good Shepherd and to Jimmy's supporters.

Ann Callear

We would like to thank everyone at The Good Shepherd for their kindness and love, especially during the past year. We have been very conscious of your support and would like to wish you all a blessed Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.

Dorothy and Ruth

A merry Christmas and a happy new year to all at The Good Shepherd

Sheila Munns

IN THE CHURCH HALL

THE MONDAY CLUB Monday 2.30 - 4pm	Maureen Carter	369996
THE GOOD SHEPHERD CUBS Monday 6.30 - 8pm	Charles Brown	07720 441123
LINE DANCING Tuesday 10.15 - 11.45am	Mrs B Wright	426517
KEEP FIT 50+ GROUP Tuesday 2.30 - 4pm	Mrs V Ford	870711
THE GOOD SHEPHERD RAINBOWS Tuesday 6.15 – 7.15pm	Miss Rachel Marsh	574520
CARERS & SUFFERERS OF DEMENTIA Wednesday 10 – 12 noon	Jo Hughes	0776 6058767
THE 18th & 25th GOOD SHEPHERD BROWNIES Wednesday 6 - 7.15pm	Mrs Pat Marsh	574520
THE CAMERA CLUB Wednesday 7.30 – 9.30pm	C.N. Hall	350516
GUILDHALL RETIRED MEMBERS CLUB 2 nd Wednesday of the month 2 - 4pm	Yvonne Wisbey	523549
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION 3 rd Wednesday of the month 2.30 - 4.30pm March to November	Mary Glasscock	155 Minerva Way CB4 2TZ
T G W U 4 th Wednesday of the month 2 – 4pm	John Drake	244030
CAMBRIDGE INSTRUMENTS PENSION FELLOWSHIP 3 rd Thursday of the month 10am - noon	Mr Richard Luff	424027
THE GOOD SHEPHERD BEAVERS Thursday 6.15 - 7.15pm	Alan Leader	563233
CHURCH TODDLERS' CLUB Friday 9.15 – 11.30am	Linda Dean	328658
TAI CHI Friday 2 – 3pm	Mike Tabrett	503390
THE SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB 1 st Sunday of the month noon – 1.30pm	John & Elizabeth Lamont	565559

TO BOOK THE CHURCH HALL

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