

Church of The Good Shepherd Newsletter

November 2007

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As you read this we will be at the end of the culmination of a lot of hard work and we will all be recovering from the celebrations. I would like to begin this letter by saying a huge thank you to all those who have been involved in the preparation, helping and participating over the weekend. Especially thank you to the little team who have spent months and months organising this, Ruth Banger, Ruth Reid and Shirley Doubleday.

But as I said last week, this is not the end of the hard work. We are celebrating a milestone in the life of the church, not a retirement. This weekend we look back and give thanks for all those people who have taken part in the life of the church, and were part of the original vision of the church. We also look forward. The original vision was to have a church which was part of the estate, to reach out to our neighbours - this has not changed.

Ever since I set eyes on the Good Shepherd I have been fascinated by the Astrolabe Cross which sits above the church. I was recently told that the reason for the design is so that from whatever way you approach the church and from whatever angle you look you always see a cross shape. When I heard that, I remembered Paul's words to the Galatians: "May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." (*Galatians 6 v14*). The challenge of the cross on the church is whichever way we approach the church (through Sunday services, occasional offices, children's groups or simply using the hall) do we see the Good News of the cross?

The ongoing mission for the Church of the Good Shepherd is to boast about this Good News. That through the cross of Christ, we are set free from sin so that we can have life, life in all its fullness. In all our activities and in all we do, share this message. As St Francis told his followers "Preach the Gospel, use words if you must."

As we pause and celebrate fifty years, let's raise a glass to the adventure of the next fifty, encouraged by something else Paul wrote to the Galatians: "So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all, and especially for those of the family of faith." (*Galatians 6 v9*)

David Maher



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Servers	Bill Elsey	357622
Sidesmen & Sideswomen	Iris Brown	565956
Sidesmen & Sideswomen	Henry Disney	359396
Sound System	John Lamont	565559



READINGS FOR NOVEMBER

Sundays and holy days

4 FOURTH SUNDAY BEFORE
ADVENT

Isaiah 1: 10-18

2 Thessalonians 1: 1-12

Luke 19: 1-10

11 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Job 19: 23-27a

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17

Luke 20: 27-38

18 SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE
ADVENT

Malachi 4: 1-2a

2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13

Luke 21: 5-19

25 CHRIST THE KING

Jeremiah 23: 1-6

Colossians 1: 11-20

Luke 23: 33-43

Wednesdays

7 2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17
Luke 20: 27-38

14 2 Thessalonians 3: 6-13
Luke 21: 5-19

21 Colossians 1: 11-20
Luke 23: 33-43

28 Romans 13: 11-14
Matthew 24: 36-44

REGULAR SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

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

SPECIAL SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

Sunday November 4, 6pm, All Souls'
Evening Service.

Sunday November 11, 10am, Remembrance
Service.

Sunday November 18, 10am, Service of
Healing and the Laying on of Hands with
Prayer.

EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

Sunday November 4, 12 noon, Sunday
Lunch Club in Church Hall

Saturday November 24 2-4pm Christmas
Fayre

MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER

Monday December 19 7.45pm, PCC meets
in Church Office.

NEW FACES AT THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Dave and Rachel Britton

Dave and Rachel have joined the Church of Good Shepherd as their attachment church whilst Dave is undertaking ordination training at Ridley Hall. Rachel is working for Cambridgeshire County Council as a Parent Support Adviser.

They arrived in Cambridge over the summer having moved from London (Southwark Diocese). They met three years ago at the Church of Ascension, South London where Dave was working there on a 12 month voluntary placement as a Ministry Assistant - organising the church's Alpha course alongside general helping out behind the scenes on Sundays and during the week. Rachel had just started teaching at the Academy at Peckham having completed the TeachFirst graduate teacher training programme. Rachel taught English for 3 years there until moving to Cambridge. Dave, after completing his year at the church then worked for an educational software publishing company as Marketing Manager before being selected for ordination training.

They're interests include music (Rachel – piano, Dave – guitar), photography, walking and cycling. They live just down the road from the church and are very much looking forward to being part of the Good Shepherd community, having already felt really blessed by the many people they have met who have shown God's love to them through being so friendly and welcoming.

Paul and Tina Cody

Dear Good Shepherd parishioners,
Greetings and peace be with you all.

Your new vicar, Dave, has invited me to write to introduce myself.

I'm an ordinand, or trainee vicar (as they call us), at Westcott House college, Jesus Lane, who has been given the privilege of doing work experience by serving in your parish for a few weeks.

My wife, Tina, and I have been living in nearby Blackthorn Close which is just behind the The Milton Arms pub on Milton Road. We moved there a year ago when I started my studies and we love the friendliness of the place.

Tina is from Milton Keynes and works as accounts administrator for Cambridge Vending machines in Milton. I was born and raised in Dublin's suburbs and before entering the studious life, I've been a travelling salesman, a nurse and a stable boy. We're in our mid thirties and have been married three years. We've no kids (yet), but are seen around with a friend's retired guide dog, she's called Lois.

Tina and I will be at the parish's 50th anniversary dinner on Friday the 19th and look forward to meeting you there or soon after.

Yours with prayers,

Paul Cody

GREAT NORTH RUN

I was very pleased to take part in the Great North Run for Cancer Research UK, but it was much harder than I thought it would be. I will treasure the medal I got for getting to the end, and I will always look back on it as an achievement. I raised over £1,300 which is all due to the generosity of family, friends, colleagues and neighbours. It took me several days to stop hurting but it was worth every ache and pain.



TREKKING IN NEPAL IN AID OF THE LEPROSY MISSION

Hello from Nepal,

We are safely back in Kathmandu, having had a splendid time trekking up to Mount Everest and back. The last time I wrote to you, we were in Namche Bazaar (3,300 Metres) on Monday 24 September. We enjoyed Namche's weather - rain! On our acclimatisation day we travelled around Kunde and Kumjung and ended up in a lodge in Sanasa. Wednesday we walked up to Pangboche, and Thursday on to Dingboche (4,200 Metres). Friday was an acclimatisation day in Dingboche when we looked at a Buddhist Gumpa(Monastery). Saturday we travelled to Lobuche and Sunday to Gorak Shep (5,100 Metres) and Monday 1 October we climbed Kala Patthar (5,500 Metres) at 5.30am to see the sunrise over Everest, Nuptse, and the Himalayan Range in that area. That day was our first really clear day and we had the privilege of seeing all the peaks in their full glory. It was terrific! We took lots of photos and we will send them to you by email once we have developed them. On Monday we also travelled down as far as Dingboche. Tuesday we explored Chukkung from Dingboche. Wednesday we travelled to Tengboche from Dingboche, and we were able to visit the Buddhist Monastery and see the ceremonies. Thursday we got to Namche Bazaar again. Friday we explored Thame from Namche, returning on Saturday to Monjo, and finishing up at Lukla (2,800 Metres) on Sunday ready for our flight on Monday morning from Lukla to Kathmandu. So our total ascent was 2,700 Metres. So everything went according to plan and we didn't get altitude sickness, and we had a great time! We are now staying at the Hotel Vayra, which is the name of one of the Hindu Gods - Thunderbolt. But we haven't experienced any thunderbolts yet, so he must have been appeased! The hotel is very nice and relaxing after our long trek and we are enjoying a few creature comforts! Today we travelled to Bhaktapur and Patan to do some sightseeing with our local guide Prashant whom we recommend. These are two beautiful and diverse cities. Tomorrow we are travelling with the Leprosy Mission in Nepal to visit one of their communities outside Anandaban Hospital. We will then just be doing odd things like souvenir shopping before Thursday evening. Thank you for thinking about us and praying for us while we've been away.

With love, Michael and Zuzana [Lovell]



Prompted by our Archbishop's recent sermon at St George's

CLEANSING OUR TEMPLES

The din impacts like crowds of fans
At football match. The bleating sheep
And goats can scarce be heard
Above a vendor's chant "So cheap,
I give away these doves I've bred
To meet your needs". A dearth of
peace
Pervades the scene despite it's meant
For worship, silent thoughts, release
From daily grind preventing mind
Perceiving gifts of grace beyond
The outward fights to stay alive.
The jostling queues do not respond
To shouts to get in ordered lines.
As man and wife re-count their change
They fear the Lord will scorn their
small
And scraggy pigeon in exchange
For blessings sought. Perhaps His
wrath,
As priest has taught, will curse their
mean
Attempt to please, placate, to win
His favour now. Will God demean
Himself to heed their pleas? Their lack
Of sense that God is love derives
From dreads and appetites that swamp
Their minds. When angered Jesus
drives
The beasts away, and overturns
The tables weighed with money
squeezed
From poor, He knows He's on a course
That means He'll soon be seized
And brought to fabricated trial;
By those supposed to teach the ways
Of God that banish fears and greed
Preventing sense of peace and praise.

Henry Disney

JIMMY'S

Thank you to everyone for the extremely generous Harvest gifts to Jimmy's. They will be well supplied with Beans, Marmite and Branston Pickle for some time! The staff were overwhelmed with the generous donation our Harvest festival enabled us to make.

There will be a list of special Christmas requests from Jimmy's in the December Newsletter.

Ann Callear

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Our Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday November 24 between 2pm and 4pm.

Donations for the following would be greatly appreciated:

Cakes, Raffle, Tombola, Jewellery, Gifts and Refreshments.

Please could you bring donations (other than cakes and refreshments) to the Church Office by Friday morning November 23rd. Please bring cakes and refreshments on the morning of Saturday 24th.

Volunteers please meet at 10am to set up. **Very urgently needed able bodied men to help set up tables.**



What would you say are your hopes for your church in the next few years?

(Taken from the Parish Profile the PCC constructed to give prospective new Vicars some idea of what we were like)

To maintain the good worshipping life and much valued healing ministry.

To build on the present foundations and expand the work with children, youth and their families.

To further develop and encourage lay involvement in all areas of church life. The opportunities offered by the Diocesan Authorised Lay Ministry Course are being enthusiastically taken up in the areas of Pastoral Care, Music and Administration. We would also welcome the possibility of greater lay involvement in the leading of worship and in other areas.

To initiate more by way of outreach our impact upon the non-church community. This might involve events such as occasional 'popular' services (e.g. a homemade Songs of Praise) and greater contact with work and services in the parish.

Henry Disney



I think it would be nice to have closer links with the schools, without expecting anything in return. Maybe in small ways like advertising events such as summer fetes and winter fayres on the notice sheets.

Fiona Blows



With an ageing congregation and a few young families attending worship regularly, we have thought and prayed, and thought again as to how we, as a Church, might try to adjust this adverse situation.

Could we not therefore explore the possibility of inviting all the Baptismal families to a yearly celebration Service, and perhaps provide tea and biscuits afterwards?

Bill and Jeanne Elsey

The Good Shepherd - A vision for the future:

A praying church - seeking God's vision for our witness

A listening church - hearing and responding to the needs of those around us

A loving church - demonstrating God's love to our neighbours

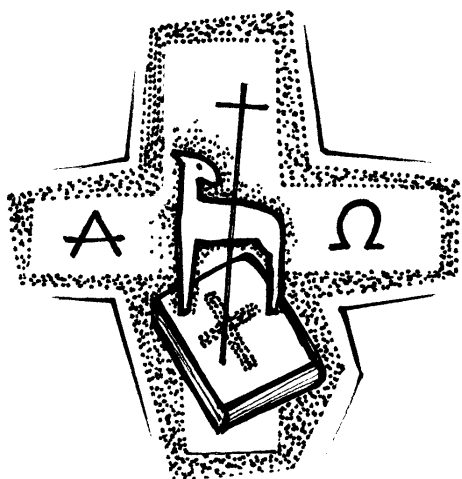
A supporting church - encouraging one another's gifts

A connecting church - finding new ways of engaging with and learning from those around us

An alert church - ready to be surprised by new ways in which God is leading us

A 'reaching out' church - God's presence at the centre of our community

Rex and Liz Collinson



On into the future

We are celebrating the first fifty years in the life of the Church of The Good Shepherd, and now we look forward to the start of a new chapter in our church life. What do we hope for in the future? Appropriately, at the start of this new phase, we have a new vicar to lead us onwards.

When I was looking for a church to attend on moving to Arbury a friend said, "You must go to The Good Shepherd Church, they are lovely people there." On following this

advice I found this to be true from the warm welcome on entering and a feeling of being at home.

I would wish all newcomers would feel this same warm welcome.

We already reach out to the people of the parish in many ways and hope they feel they can come to us to share their joys and their troubles.

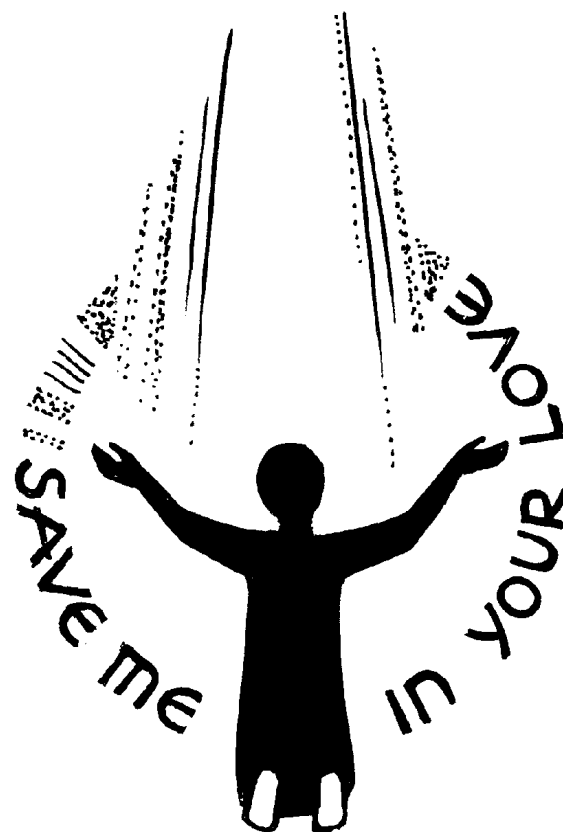
I hope we can continue strong links with those of other denominations, since we are all followers of our Lord Jesus Christ.

A few words from an old school hymn strike me as a good motto:

"Teach me to live with kindly words for all,

Bearing no cold repellent brow of gloom".

Margaret Handley



FORWARD?

As I read all the contributions members of the Church sent me, saying where they hoped and prayed out Church would be heading in the next 50 years, I knew why Dorothy and I came to the Good Shepherd and why we have so many good friends here. Central to all the contributions is a longing to be where God wants us to be. I have been struck during the time we have been without a vicar by the genuine love members of the church have shown to one another and I am sure that love is our starting point, for

God is love. If we put our relationship with God at the centre of our lives, God will take us on the journey he wants us to take, wherever that may lead us.

As C.S. Lewis wrote, "If you read history you will find that the Christians who did most for the present world were precisely those who thought most of the next. It is since Christians have largely ceased to think of the other world that they have become so ineffective in this".

Ruth Banger

HOLY BAPTISM

October 7 Bailey Phillip Max Johnson-Hale, 10 Neptune Close

HOLY MATRIMONY

September 22 Ian Frank Petherick and Theresa Marie Shirley

FUNERAL

October 2 Mary Kathleen Andrews at the Church of The Good Shepherd

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

O send out your light and your truth;
let them lead me;
Let them bring me to your holy hill
and to your dwelling.
Then I will go to the altar of God,
To God my exceeding joy;
And I will praise you with the harp,
O God, my God

Psalm 43: 3-4

Let us do with all our heart and attention the duty of each day, leaving to God the result as well as the care of the future.

St. Alphonsus Liguori

GOOD SHEPHERD PLAYERS

Who are we? The Good Shepherd Players were formed some years ago as an offshoot from the Pantomimes Peter Cameron wrote.

What do we do? We take programmes of words and music out to local organisations and homes.

Who can belong? Absolutely anyone. We have recently been invited to go to Havenfield (date not yet fixed), so if you don't mind making a bit of a fool of yourself, why not have a word with Ruth Banger or Liz Collinson. We'd love to have more members.

Liz Collinson & Ruth Banger

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	Mrs Pat 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	
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

Please ring 352151
(evenings)