

Church of The Good Shepherd Newsletter

October 2007

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From Celebration to Celebration

Here at the Good Shepherd it seems as though party season has started early. We are just recovering from one party – my induction – and are heading towards another for our fifty year celebrations. It's a great time to arrive! Thank you to all those who contributed to the service and celebration on Monday 10th, it was a great evening which made us feel so welcome and at home.

So the next party is on the weekend 19th – 21st October. But what are we celebrating? Is it fifty years ago that they started collecting sixpences on the street and worshipping in a hut on the site? No, this began before then. Is it fifty years since the congregation started worshipping in the building? No, this happened as parts of the church were being built – I'm not sure that today's health and safety people would quite approve of worship areas in the middle of building sites separated by sheets of corrugated iron!

No, we are celebrating a beginning – fifty years of the laying of the foundation stone and the starting of the building work. And not just the beginning of a new building but the beginning of a church – a community of people gathered together to worship God and express his love to the people around them.

Talking with members of the church who were there at that beginning it struck me that the Good Shepherd came into being bit by bit. It didn't happen overnight, it took time, patience and persistence. It took dedication by the congregation and the clergy, knocking on doors and inviting people along.

Fifty years later some things haven't changed. Yes, we have a wonderful building which we are rightly

celebrating, but we still need to go on building the church. We need to reach out to the community, deepen our faith through prayer, worship and housegroups and share with one another, comforting during the bad times and celebrating the good.

This building of the church is something that we all share in but we are not alone. One of my favorite characters in the Old Testament is Nehemiah. He was so distressed over the need to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem that, rather than complaining, he decided to do something about it. He left his responsible position in the Persian government and encouraged people to join in on the task. In Chapter 3 of the book he lists all those who were involved: there were goldsmiths, farmers, rulers, governors, priests, men, women, boys and girls - different people with different gifts coming together for a common purpose. When it was finished Nehemiah wrote: "So the wall was finished on the twenty fifth day of the month Elul, in fifty-two days. And when all our enemies heard of it all the nations around us were afraid ... because they knew that this work had been accomplished with the help of our God." (*Nehemiah 6:15 & 16*)

Today we continue what had already begun fifty years ago. As we look back we give thanks to God for all that he has helped us to achieve and how He has touched our lives and those of so many others over the last fifty years. We also rejoice because we know that we go on building, not by our strength but with Him and through Him whose Kingdom we seek.

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



A TRULY JOYOUS OCCASION

On Monday September 10th at 7pm our Church was filled with people gathered together for the service for which we at The Good Shepherd Church had waited over the months since Andrew McKearney left us to continue his ministry in Oxford. The occasion was the collation and induction of our new Vicar, David Maher, and Good Shepherd Church members were joined by representatives of other denominations and representatives of the local community.

Before the service began the choir sang the introit *With God all things are possible*, a hopeful note with which to begin this new phase in our Church life. The service was led by Bishop John, who explained to us the reasons and requirements of the various declarations to be made by David during his Collation, and the ceremonies constituting his Induction as our Vicar.

After being presented to the Bishop by the Lay Chair, David made a declaration of faith in the beliefs and teachings of the Church of England, and Oaths of Allegiance to the Queen and of canonical obedience to the Bishop of Ely. This Ceremony was completed by the handing of the Deed of Collation to David by the Bishop.

After this David was inducted as our new vicar by the Archdeacon, this being accompanied by some symbolic ceremonies, and our new vicar was presented by the churchwardens with the keys of the church and the vicarage and the Church Inventory.

Some prayers followed and then David and Hazel, his wife, were formally welcomed to the Parish by Iris and Henry, our churchwardens, a representative of the Rural Dean, the Lay Chair, and John Polkinghorne and Linda Dean from our Ministry Team.

Neighbouring parochial ministers, representatives of other denominations and of other organisations in the local community and City also welcomed them. Then we all shared a sign of Peace.

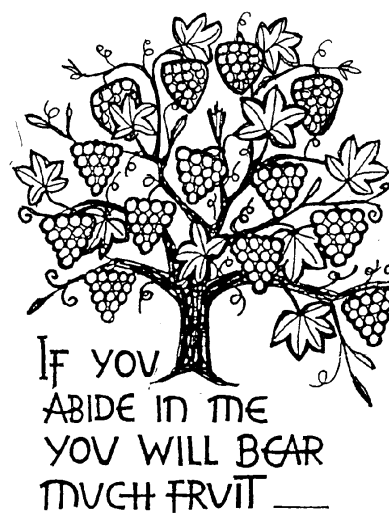
The Bishop's sermon, inspired by Jesus as the True Vine, a Gospel reading chosen by David, had as its main theme *Connecting*, and was a compelling message for all of us.

The ceremonies ended with promises from David and the congregation to encourage the growth of our faith and to be faithful in celebrating Holy Communion.

Throughout the service the hymns, which we sang heartily, expressed our thankfulness and our resolve to carry on the work of the Church of The Good Shepherd here in Arbury, and in our prayers we asked for God's guidance in this.

As always on these special occasions a wonderful and delicious spread of refreshments had been produced, to which we were all invited as we continued to enjoy and share in this happy occasion – an I do hope our new vicar got his share of the lemon cake!

Margaret Handley



READINGS FOR OCTOBER

Sundays and holy days

- 7 TRINITY 18
Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2: 1-4
2 Timothy 1: 1-14
Luke 17: 5-10
- 14 TRINITY 19
2 Kings 5: 1-3, 7-15
2 Timothy 2: 8-15
Luke 17: 11-19
- 21 TRINITY 20
Genesis 32: 22-31
2 Timothy 3: 14 – 4: 5
Luke 18: 1-8
- 28 TRINITY LAST
Jeremiah 14: 7-10, 19 - end
2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18
Luke 18: 9-14

Wednesdays

- 3 1 Timothy 6: 6-11
Luke 16: 19 - end
- 10 Lamentations 1: 1-6
John 9: 1-11
- 17 ST. LUKE
Acts 16: 6-14
Luke 10: 1-9
- 24 Romans 6: 12-18
Luke 12: 39-48
- 31 SAINT SIMON AND SAINT JUDE
Ephesians 2: 19 - end
John 15: 17 - end

REGULAR SERVICES IN OCTOBER

- 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 OCTOBER

Sunday October 14, 6pm, Service of Healing and the Laying on of Hands with Prayer.

Sunday October 21, 10am, Festival Eucharist, the Bishop of Huntingdon presiding.

Sunday October 28, 10am, Holy Communion and the Baptism of Martha Keir.

EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Sunday October 7, 12 noon, Sunday Lunch Club in Church Hall

Friday October 19 7.30pm 50th Anniversary Dinner in the Church

Saturday October 20 3.30pm, 50th Anniversary Concert and Tea

MEETINGS IN OCTOBER

Monday October 22 7.45pm, Standing Committee meets at 56 Harding Way.

The Glory of the Garden – A Review of Christopher Lloyd’s *Gardening Year*

This is a book about gardening – but it’s much more than that. In fact, it’s an absolute delight. Christopher Lloyd, who died in his eighties some eighteen months ago, lived the whole of his life at Great Dixter, a fifteenth-century manor house extended in the early twentieth century by Sir Edwin Lutyens, situated in the high weald of Sussex some ten miles inland from Hastings and Rye. Almost the whole of his adult life was devoted to developing the garden which is stunning in its groupings of plants and combinations of colours. (Some of you may have visited it.) This book, one of many that he wrote, is a kind of diary of a year in his garden.

Yes, he knew his plants, and you can learn a great deal about gardening from him. But you also learn just as much about the garden and about the man himself. The book is full of vivid descriptions of the garden and of Christopher Lloyd’s involvement with it, and he engages you with warmth and humour. Writing about a particular hyacinth, for example, he describes it as ‘an intriguing late-flowerer, deep blue but with green tips to its petals. It lurches about rather, but is endearing, like some friends who have a weakness for the bottle, but always remain charming under the influence.’

This is typical. In April he extols the delights of sipping champagne ‘on the big Lutyens seat by the topiary lawn’ and quotes Sir David Scott who apparently said that ‘the best time to drink champagne is at 11 o’clock on a Sunday morning when everyone else is in church.’ (Perhaps not a sentiment to be commended to the Good Shepherd congregation!) And then follows one of so many passages that bring the garden and his own joy in it to life. ‘If there’s sunshine but an edge to the wind, this is the place to sit and bask with the dogs stretched out on the lawn. Just in

front of me, in a gap between lawn and paving, is a ribbon of white violets. I love that.’

And there’s so much more in a similar vein. On a July morning he describes how ‘the garden is wonderfully refreshed’ and how ‘the smoke bushes are beginning to smoke and are laden with dew.’ He distils the essence of the current month – October – in a couple of evocative sentences: ‘The sharp smell of October is most attractive and is largely created, I imagine, by drifts of fallen leaves. I never tire of scuffling through them.’

To read this book is to journey with its author through his year, to tend his garden with him and to share his joy. If your lawn looks like a tousled mop or your window box is wilting – or if life simply seems dreary and dull awhile, then never mind! Let Christopher Lloyd transport you to the excitement and refreshment of Great Dixter. As an added bonus the book is lavishly illustrated with atmospheric colour photographs of the house and garden through the changing seasons. This makes it even more of a treasure to dip into and to brighten up even the dullest of days.

Rex Collinson

Christopher Lloyd’s Gardening Year is published by Frances Lincoln Limited and costs £18.99 in paperback. (A dearer hardback version is also available.) It is quite expensive, but is a book that you could dip into and enjoy over and over again.



AUTHORISED LAY MINISTRY

55 Authorised Lay Ministers (ALMs) have been commissioned by the Bishop of Huntingdon, Dr John Inge, at Ely Cathedral (16 September) to begin a variety of ministries in many different parishes across Cambridgeshire and West Norfolk.

The Lay Ministers have just completed a year's training programme designed to help them build the skills needed for specialised service in the Christian ministry. Now they will join local ministry teams to undertake a range of tasks – such as leading worship or music, church administration, ministering to children or young people, and other forms of pastoral work in their local community.

This is the second commissioning following a new training initiative inaugurated in 2005. Last autumn 81 new ministers were commissioned to begin work and enrich the Church life in their parishes.

"The past two years have seen a wonderful response to this diocesan initiative.," said the Revd Christine Worsley, Ministerial and Adult Learning Officer. "It is a pleasure to see so many ALMs thriving across the diocese."

Owen Spencer-Thomas, Diocesan Director of Communications

That was the official communication issued after the Cathedral Service on September 16, but, although its facts are all completely correct, it gives no idea at all of the inspirational time we had that day. The Cathedral was packed for the authorisation service with candidates and those who were supporting them from their local churches. We had some amazing music which ranged over almost the whole spectrum of what we would recognise as church music – and beyond! Who would have expected Bob the Builder to be present at that service? I know I speak for all four of us (both the Ruths, Dorothy and Lilas) when I say how much we have valued your support both throughout the year, your prayers, and (those who could manage it) your presence at the actual service. Thank you especially to Linda.

John Bell linked all the parts of the service together and he must have been responsible for the selection of two of the hymns, one by a child of three (hence Bob the Builder) and the other by a lady in her eighties about her husband with Alzheimer's. Here is the latter. Try singing it to the tune of "The King of Love my Shepherd is".

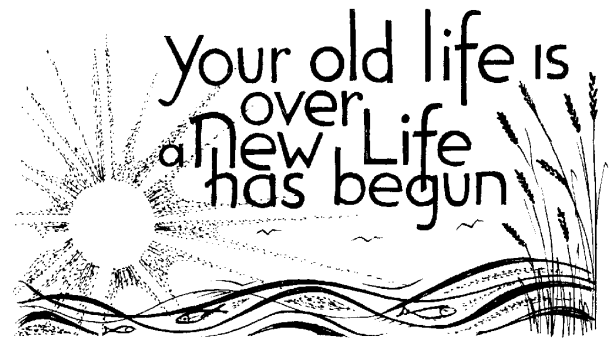
How can we know how long you wait
to see the setting sun,
or how you learn to hear God speak
the loving words, "Well done"?

Your body cannot win the race
your eager mind would run;
yet God has seen your faithful course
and counts the victory won.

Can we who walk with steady feet
embrace you and extend
the grace you need until you hear
"Come home now, faithful friend"?

All praise to God whose love abides
in bodies weak and strong
and gives to us the strength to sing
our own triumphant song!

Edith Sinclair Downing



"GUIDED BY KNOWLEDGE, INSPIRED BY LOVE"

(Bertrand Russell's definition of the good life. He was expert on the basis of knowledge but seemingly blind to the true meaning of 'inspired', whose original meaning implied - being under the influence of the Holy Spirit)

Exchange of views on tele screen
Was pointless farce. They chose extremes

To titillate alone. Despite their claim
Debate was meant to find a way
To reach consent 'twas just a clash
Of rival views avoiding need
To heed the naked facts that smash
Their party lines proclaimed as truth:
Despite research has shown they're out
Of date, they've missed their sell by dates.

The same applies to doctrines taught
In times before advancing tides
Of knowledge changed the scene.
Today
We're freed from superstition's blight
Concealing Gospel's golden light.
Transforming grace reveals the work
Of Holy Spirit's gifts without
The need for dodgy creeds. It's lives
Reshaped, aflame with love that won't
Be brushed aside by sceptic caught
In trap of bleak demand we must
Restrain all truths with logic's chains.
Let reason rule our minds. Let love
Inspire the way we deal with all
With whom we interact each day.

Henry Disney



Enjoy this "flowery" quiz.

(Many thanks to Sheila Munns)

Answers on page 8

The last colour of the rainbow

Always on the go, is this Queen

Tinned milk

Spreadable drinking vessels

Sugary petis pois

Matrimonial precious metal

Always on the sideline at dances

Part of the eye

Break a fire breathing creature



Just in case you can't imagine how Bob the Builder could be mentioned in a Cathedral service, how's this for a carol?

Father God, I love you and your little
Jesus
I would like to kiss him and give him a
cuddle,
I would like to share my toys and play
lots of games with him.
Bob the Builder we could play; we
would be the best of mates.

Isaac Hutchings

NQOTHC

We started our club [Not Quite Over The Hill Club] with just seven people meeting for tea, biscuits and a chat. As more people came, a club was formed. We now have a little over ninety members with a waiting list of those wishing to join. Our meetings are held at Arbury Community centre on Wednesday mornings between 10.00 and 12.00. Tea, coffee and biscuits are served and most weeks we have around seventy members. We play bingo, have quizzes and various speakers and presentations. Books are sold at 20p each – this table is always

popular; also home-made jams and marmalades. Twice a year we have a table top sale with money raised going to charity. We like to support Anglia Air Ambulance and we collect postage stamps, foreign coins and old mobile phones. We would be very glad to receive any of these items you may have and no longer need. On August 1st we had a poetry morning and members read their favourites. This one was written by a member who is to be found most weeks in the kitchen making tea.

We are The Not Quite Over The Hill Club,
A mixed and motley crew,
So let me take a little time to introduce a few.
At the back sits “our Den” accompanied by his harem,
Beside him sits dear Peg, she’s willing and glad to share him.
Then comes little Annie, who’s such a treasure when she’s about,
It’s always a pleasure.
Next Gentleman George, he washes up, never once has broken a plate or a cup.
Meet Ellen and Jean, both devoted to duty,
Our Henry at front surrounded by beauty,
Then there’s wee Jock, a very proud man (a little bird told me he still likes his wee dram).
We then have Maid Marion, our party shopper,
And Roy and his jam (no, I don’t mean Roy Cropper).
Let’s not forget our Daisy, she’s dancing mad,
But one of the best mates I’ve ever had.
We have quizzes and bingo, lots of days out, but then that’s what our club’s all about.
We have parties and laughter with a song or two.
Who creates this comradeship? Why, it’s all of you.
In this life we need a friend, I think that’s really clear.
I have lots of them you know
And you’re all sitting here.

Bett Burchell

QUIZ ANSWERS

Violet
Busy Lizzy
Carnation
Buttercup
Sweet Pea

Marigold
Wallflower
Iris
Snapdragon

Prayers

From where we are
to where you need us,
Jesus, now lead on.

From the security of what we know
to the adventure of what you will reveal,
Jesus, now lead on.

To refashion the fabric of this world
until it resembles the shape of your kingdom,
Jesus, now lead on.

Because good things have been prepared
for those who love God,
Jesus, now lead on.

Extract from morning liturgy B, The Wee Worship book by John Bell

OUR NEXT (ANNIVERSARY) NEWSLETTER

The prayer quoted above was supplied by David, our Vicar, and it says absolutely what I have been thinking about for our Anniversary Newsletter. Last Anniversary we looked back at the start of the church and all that was done by our early pioneers to promote fellowship one with another, stimulate interest in our neighbours, and, inevitably, raise money so that the church could actually be built. This Anniversary I want us to look forward. Where do we want our church to be going? What are our dreams and hopes for the future? To get you started – and I really do want as many contributions as possible, however short, – I have included on the next page the prayers I wrote when we were searching for a new Vicar. Hopefully, they may give you some ideas. Contributions will have to be in early as I plan the next Newsletter to be out for the Anniversary weekend (as we did last year)

Editor

FROM THE PARISH REGISTERS

HOLY BAPTISM

August 26th

Faith Laura Megan Cousins, 10 Crispin Close
Keira Grace Alden, 23 Woburn Close
Charlie Alan Ralph Thompson, 8 Walker Court

GIFTS FOR JIMMY'S

Jimmy's supplies are low at the moment and, while Jimmy's are VERY grateful for any contributions, the following would be particularly appreciated:
Any tinned foods, but particularly Baked Beans and tinned Spaghetti in tomato sauce. Also drinking chocolate, Horlicks, Bovril, Marmite, cheese, sugar, marmalade, Branston Pickle, instant coffee. There will be a list of special Christmas requests from Jimmy's in the December Newsletter.

Ann Callear

LORD, GIVE US A DREAM

Lord, we pray for the community that makes up this church – all of us with all our differences, all our frailties. We pray for a church in which all people know for themselves your great love, and where each is certain that in the divine heart we are all known by name. A church in which Jesus is the very Word and our window into the Father's heart, where we can see signs of God's hope and his plans for all of us.

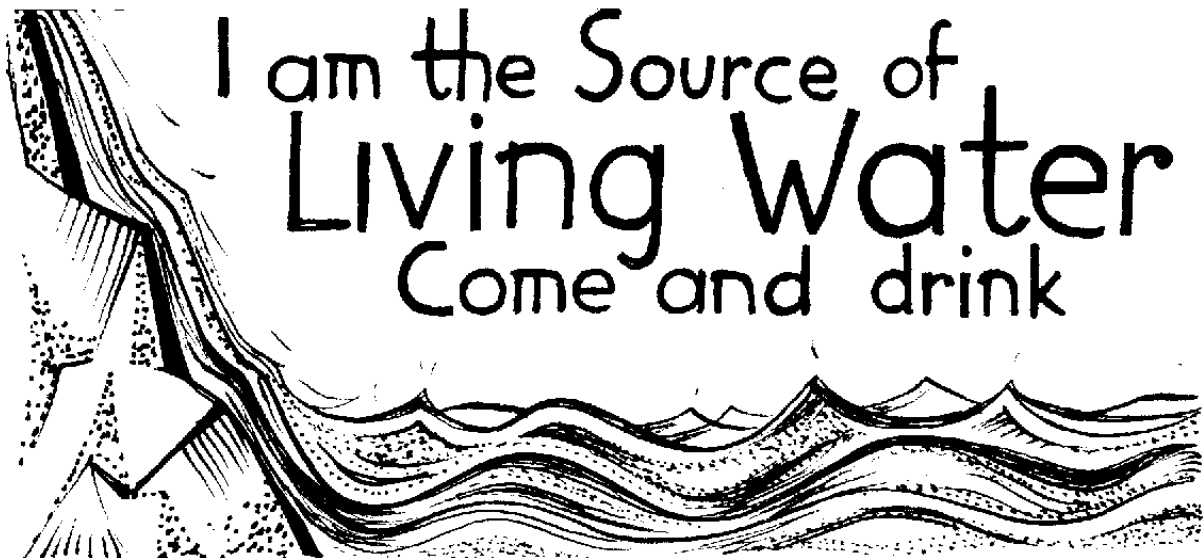
We pray for our church and its parish, we want our church to be a church which would really be missed if it were no longer around. We pray for a church so alive in its worship and in its caring for others, that its eagerness to reach out to those in need cannot be contained.

Lord, help us to work for a church which affirms constantly its belief in life over death, not just life after death. Make us unafraid of change, help us to face change with courage, enable us to recognise God's hand in times of uncertainty.

We pray for a church that does not have all the answers but asks the right questions and for a faith so strong that, deeply rooted like a tree, it can move with the wind and continually surprise us.

We pray for a church of peacemakers and healers, we pray that we should be as concerned with the healing of society as with individual healing. We pray for a real community here where all may find acceptance, affirmation and love.

Lord, give us as your church a vision and a dream. Help us to take our call to serve you seriously but not to take ourselves seriously. Help us to live for you in the world, denying the separation between secular and sacred, between the world and the church, remembering that it is this world you came to and this world you died for.



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

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