

September 2002

Parish News & Views

From St Andrew's Church

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Dear friends,

I hope the arrival of September finds you refreshed and relaxed after the summer. (Although I'm not sure the weather has fulfilled our hopes and expectations!)

September is a month of new beginnings. Most significantly for the life of St Andrew's Church is the introduction of the new pattern of services. Details of the new pattern have been well publicised already, but a further reminder can be found elsewhere in this magazine. As with all such changes, we would value feedback on the merits of the changes. Please do pass comments to me or one of the Churchwardens.

September is also a time of new beginnings for many of our young people. There will be children starting out on the journey through the education system, young people moving from primary to secondary schools and young adults moving on to higher education or employment. For everyone else there will be at least a change of school year, with possibly a new teacher and a new classroom. We offer our prayers for all our young people as they face a new beginning.

This month also sees the start of the ***Emmaus: The Way of Faith*** course. This course for those wanting to explore the Christian faith is ideal for those who may just be enquiring about the faith or those who feel settled in the faith but are looking to 'refresh' their understanding of the faith. It is still not too late to register an interest in the course by contacting me at the Vicarage.

It is now a year since my arrival in the parish as Vicar. It has been a busy year and there is much to reflect upon. We have introduced new PCC Advisory Groups, begun to use the ***Emmaus*** material for faith development, welcomed Mike Murphy as Organist and Choir Director, continued to explore ways to develop our church building and agreed a new pattern of services.

But we don't just want to look back. As I begin my second year as Vicar I wonder what the next 12 months will bring. I hope we will see further development of worship, a developing programme of concerts and community events, significant steps in the development of the building and more opportunity for prayer across the church. It is also important that the church continues to seek out opportunities to further our links with both the local and wider communities and the wider church.

A time of new beginnings. A time to wonder what God has got planned for us in the coming year.

Grace and peace to you.

Robin

Music Teacher

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New Pattern of Services

Don't forget that with effect from Sunday 1st September the pattern of services changes as indicated below. Note particularly the new times for the main Sunday morning service and the Sunday evening service. It is believed that this pattern will best serve the needs of both the present regular worshipping community and the wider community.

Sundays

	8.15am	10.00am	6.00pm
1 st of month	Said Eucharist (Order 2)	All Age / Family Service (non-Eucharistic). Sometimes with baptisms	Said Eucharist with hymns. Sometimes sung to the setting. Sometimes with prayers for healing
2 nd of month	Said Eucharist (Order 1)	Sung Eucharist (Order 1) with crèche and KICKS	Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches United Service
3 rd of month	Said Eucharist (Order 2)	Sung Eucharist (Order 1) with crèche and KICKS. Sometimes with baptisms	Sung .Choral Evensong (Book of Common Prayer)
4 th of month	Said Eucharist (Order 1)	Sung Eucharist (Order 1) with crèche and KICKS	Common Worship Evening Prayer or Taizé Style Service or Iona/ Celtic Style Service.
5 th of month	Said Eucharist (Order 1)	Sung Eucharist (Order 1) with crèche and KICKS	Something else!!! (e.g. Jazz Mass, home grown service on a theme etc.)

Tuesdays 10.00am Pram Service / Meeting Point

Wednesdays 9.15am Said Eucharist (with prayers for healing once a month).

Please see elsewhere in this magazine full details of the services for September. Note that on Sunday 22nd September will be a Taizé Evening Service at 8.00pm at South Craven Baptist Church. On Sunday 29th September the evening service at 6.00pm will be a Service on the theme of *Angels* to mark the Feast Day of St Michael & All Angels. The preacher will be Canon Edward Gee.

Service of Confirmation – Sunday 3rd November

There is to be a service of confirmation in St Andrew’s Church at 10.00am on Sunday 3rd November. The service will be conducted by Bishop David Young (Bishop of Ripon 1977 – 1999, now Honorary Assistant Bishop in this Diocese).

Anyone who feels they would like to think about being confirmed at this service should pass their name to Robin Figg. Young people seeking confirmation will usually be of secondary school age.

Adults seeking confirmation will be invited to join the Emmaus nurture group beginning in September; a separate group will be held for young people. Details of these groups will be available later.

For more information or to discuss any questions please contact Robin Figg at the Vicarage, tel. 633307

Harvest Festival Celebration

Come and join us as we celebrate our Harvest Festival on Sunday 6th October. Services as follows:



- 8.15am Holy Communion (Order 2)
- 10.00am All Age/Family Service
- 6.00pm Holy Communion (Order 1)

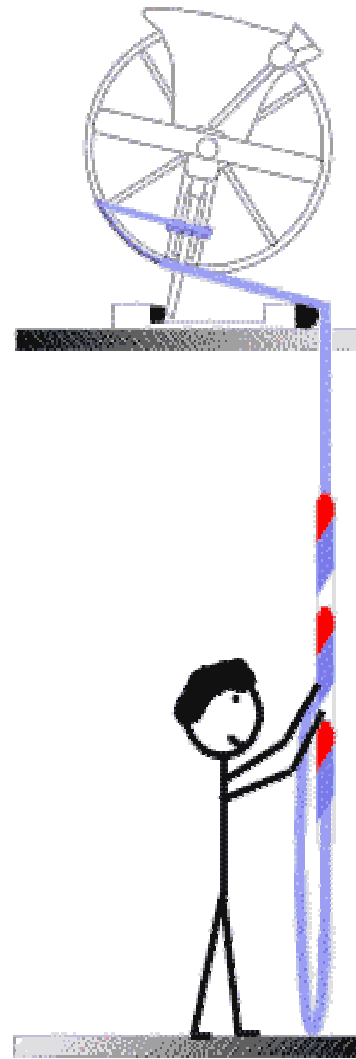


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Have you got some tools or equipment in good condition that you no longer need - or do you know someone else who has some?

Our volunteers can refurbish them as necessary and send them to projects overseas where they can be used to bring people out of poverty and into independent lives.

Please telephone Canon Edward Gee (01535 630060) to find out more about tools needed and how you can help.



In this country we ring full circle i.e. we ring the bells 360 degrees from the bell "mouth-up" position. This method of ringing is unique to about 5500 towers in the United Kingdom. Some English settlers took this method of ringing with them and there are about another 100 sites in Africa, Australia, New Zealand and North America. But in most parts of the world ringing is of a chiming nature - they ring recognisable tunes.

Change ringing, in its simplest form, involves changing the sequence of the bells by the ringing captain calling a bell to ring after another, and this is where the skill comes in as you control the lump of metal swinging above your head to ring at a precise time in the sequence. As you get more proficient at bell handling you move onto more complex sequences where your bell position in the sequence is determined by a "bell ringing method".

Kildwick, St Andrew’s is one of the few towers to retain "Yorkshire Tail Ends" which is the fluffy bit on the end of our ropes. In most local towers these have been replaced by ropes with "Plain Ends" which are easier to adjust for ringing - but we like our Yorkshire Ends!

There is always something new to learn and it is a pastime which can be enjoyed from age 9 - 90.

WE STILL NEED BELLRINGERS

If you are interested in ringing please contact **Peter Ford 01535 655441**

Practice night is Wednesday 8pm - 9pm

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On the 6th August we enjoyed a fascinating account of North Country Folklore by Peter Watson. Having heard Peter before we all knew we would enjoy his stories of how superstitions arose and the part they played in people's lives.

Celia's 90th birthday a few days before was celebrated with wine and Birthday cake. Val presented a basket of flowers.

Reports on recent activities included the Summer Lunch and a visit to Holker Hall and gardens with tea organised by Windermere and Bowness WI. Our Summer Outing was to George Smith's Garden near York, much enjoyed by 38 members and friends. Many WI members had volunteered to help at the Great Yorkshire Show. Some of our members joined Lothersdale WI's Group Walk followed by supper at the Village Hall.

Several members acted as "extras" in the filming of "The Calendar Girls". A number visited Linton and Threshfield WI for their August meeting. We are taking part in Ilkley Flower Show, in which we achieved First Prize last year. We shall also put in a display to Glusburn and Cross Hills Horticultural Show in September.

The next meeting is at the Cross Hills Rest Centre on 3rd September at 7.30pm., the speaker Peter Foley on "Autumn Colour in the Garden". New members are always welcome.

29 September- Feast Day of St Michael and All Angels

Michael is an archangel, whose name means 'who is like unto God?' He makes various appearances throughout the Bible, from the book of Daniel to the Book of Revelation. In Daniel, he is 'one of the princes' of the heavenly host, and the special guardian of Israel. In Revelation, he is the principal fighter of the heavenly battle against the devil.

From early times, Michael's cult was strong in the British Isles. Churches at Malmesbury (Wilts.), Clive (Glos.) and Stanmer (East Sussex) were dedicated to him. Bede mentions him. St Michael's Mount in Cornwall was believed to commemorate a vision there in the 8th century. By the end of the Middle Ages, Michael had 686 English churches dedicated to him.

In art Michael is often depicted as slaying the dragon, as in the 14th century East Anglican Psalters, or in Epstein's famous sculpture at Coventry cathedral. Or he is found (in medieval art) as weighing souls, as at Chaldon (Surrey), Swalcliffe (Oxon.), Eaton Bishop (Hereford and Worcester), and Martham in Suffolk. Michael's most famous shrine in western Europe is Mont-Saint-Michel, where a Benedictine abbey was founded in the 10th century.

The 'All Angels' bit of this feast-day was added in 1969 when Gabriel and Raphael were included in with Michael.

*The renowned St Petersburg
Vocal Ensemble*

RUSSICUM

Sing at St Andrew's Church
Kildwick

Friday 11th October
7.30pm

They will give a recital of
classical Russian Orthodox
Church music and Russian and
Ukrainian songs

ADMISSION FREE
RETIRING COLLECTION
Refreshments available

RUSSICUM is a part of the St Petersburg Choir Community NEVA Russicum, which was set up in 1992 by Prof. Andrey Ovechkin, Olga Romanovskaya, Robert Shervenikas, Valeri Vinogradov and Boris Kozin (the present director of the choir). The Community now comprises about 40 professional singers with many years of experience as soloists and/or choir conductors. It has no connection whatever with any state authorities or other organisations in Russia.

RUSSICUM ensembles are a capella (voice only) groups of five talented soloists from St Petersburg and Kiev. These groups help each other to promote traditional and contemporary Russian religious songs, as a part of the cultural heritage of Europe, to a broader international public, and their tours in Germany, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Scandinavia, USA and the UK have generated a wide circle of friends and supporters. They also assist each other in the planning, preparation and organization of international cultural exchanges and the tours of the particular ensembles.

In Russia the choir members sing as soloists in various parishes or work as church choir conductors in the service of the Russian Orthodox Church, including the Cathedral of Our Lady of Kazan in the Nevsky Prospekt of St Petersburg. At home the preservation of the original traditions of the Russian vocal school as well as the encouragement of young singers in the field of Christian music are the principal goals of the groups. A special concern is to show the continuity of liturgical music from early times to the present day.

The first tour to the UK took place in autumn 1998. For two months Russian Orthodox Church music was heard in different churches and cathedrals of England, Scotland and Wales. RUSSICUM sang in Bristol Cathedral, Bath Abbey, Winchester Cathedral, Ely Cathedral, St. Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh and numerous local churches. Many new friends were made and the singers went home with memories of much kindness. They received invitations to come back again at nearly every place they performed. The autumn tours have been repeated every year since then.

This summer was the first time in five years that we haven't hosted sick children from Belarus. We had decided last year instead to try and visit them in their homes in Minsk. It wasn't easy to arrange and in the end we went through the organisation who found us accommodation in a "centre" for the disabled.

We stayed just one week in Minsk and met five of the children we've had over the years. At Nastya's house we were made very welcome and it was lovely to see her again. We first had Nastya three years ago this Christmas aged eight, then again last summer when she was coming to look after her ill brother. Sadly Dima died in March last year so was never able to use the passport his mother still kept on the top shelf.

On the Sunday we met Max. He came last year after being picked up off the street by Children In Trouble, who CCP work with. His mother and stepfather spent a lot of time away from home, looking after his younger brother Paul in hospital with leukemia. Max himself was well but informed us his brother had just been sent home from hospital as there was nothing else they could do for him.

Valentina, Tanya and Lyosha's were happier stories. They had all been three years ago, though Valentina, an amputee for many years, (at only nineteen) came last year also. She arrived at the centre on Monday morning after a three hour drive from Vitebsk. We thought we would only see her for the day, but she waved us off from the centre on Friday morning. Robin didn't mind at all giving up her bed for the sofa, she's done that many times at home. We spent Monday afternoon and evening at Tanya's home, then met up with her again on Wednesday afternoon to celebrate her exam results with her, she'd just passed for university. Lyosha joined us in the evening from Mogilov.

It was three years since they had last been together in England, so we took them out for a meal to celebrate the reunion and Tanya's result. That was the highlight of the holiday for us, it was a very special evening shared with three very special young adults, who only three years earlier had come to us in England for a recuperative holiday as three relatively poorly teenagers.

That night Tanya stayed with us also, and the following night Lyosha too stayed, (and Robin swapped the comfy sofa for our bedroom floor). Dave said, smiling, "I thought we weren't hosting children this year". Robin said, "It's just like being at home". We all felt very pleased and privileged that they chose to stay with us.

The people of Kildwick Church have helped tremendously over the years, supporting the children we've had stay in this area with gifts of cereal, fruit, vegetables, clothes and donations of money. I can honestly say all the gifts you've made have been extremely worthwhile and on behalf of the children we met again I would like to say a very heartfelt "Thank you".

I wasn't going to do a sponsored event this year as I feel we've continually asked people for money over the last five years. But after seeing how much the money helps in bringing over sick children from Belarus, and how they benefit from our clean air and water, I have decided to do a 150 mile sponsored bike ride, either one Sunday late August or early September. I have cycled 100 miles in a day on three occasions before, but never 150, so it will be a challenge for me. Anyone wishing to sponsor me should ring 01535 635595, or see Betty Hawkins at church. A very warm thank you again to you all.

Linda Akrigg

I can honestly say all the gifts you've made have been extremely worthwhile and on behalf of the children we met again I would like to say a very heartfelt "Thank you".



Enjoy English plums in this moist and moreish cake / pudding and a tasty savoury dish to use some of the autumn glut of tomatoes.

Autumn Plum Cake

200g (8ozs) plums
125g (5ozs) butter or marg.
125g (5ozs) sugar
125g (5ozs) self-raising flour
2 eggs
grated rind of one orange or lemon

Topping

1 ½ tablesp. lemon or orange juice
3 tablesp. sugar

1. Prepare ingredients, grease and line the base of a 1.2 lt. (2pt) loaf tin or similar tin and heat oven 180c/350f Gas 4.
2. Halve and stone the plums, then roughly chop half and cut the rest into wedges.
3. Soften the butter or marg. in a mixing bowl then add sugar, flour, eggs, lemon rind and chopped plums. Mix well then place in loaf tin and scatter wedges on top. Bake for approx. 50 mins. until firm to touch.
4. Mix the lemon juice with 3 tablesp. sugar and spread this over the baked cake. Allow to cool in tin.

Note. Can be prepared by the creaming method if preferred.

Hot Tomato and Courgette Bake

2 large onions peeled and sliced
3 tablesp. oil
1 garlic clove crushed
2 – 3 large courgettes cut into 6 mm (1/4") slices
5 – 6 tomatoes cut into 6 mm (1/4") slices
butter
salt and pepper
3 heaped tablesp. grated cheese

1. Prepare ingredients, butter a shallow ovenproof dish and heat oven 200c/400f Gas 6
2. Fry onions in 1 tablesp. of oil for 5-6 mins. until golden brown and softened. Season with salt and pepper and place in the dish.
3. Heat another tablesp. of oil and sear half of the courgette slices quickly on one side only to brown slightly but do not cook. Repeat with the remaining courgette slices.
4. Arrange the tomato and courgette slices in overlapping alternate lines on top of the onions, season with salt and pepper. Bake for 20 mins. then sprinkle with the cheese and return to oven for a further 10 mins. A tossed salad and crusty bread go well with this dish, or serve as a vegetable accompaniment.

July and August are traditional times for holidays when hopefully we can get some nice weather.

In Mark's gospel we are told that Jesus said to his disciples "Let us get off by ourselves to some place where we will be alone and you can rest for awhile." Unfortunately as further events showed they were unable to escape the crowds and could not find their rest. If they had found a quiet place we can only wonder what type of 'rest' they would have enjoyed.



Each one of us will have their own ideas about the perfect holiday. Many will have enjoyed the excitement of foreign travel, seeing new countries sampling different food and experiencing life in other parts of the world.

There are now of course many holidays with lots of activities thrown in for good measure, from the really strenuous to the more sedate. I have spent a few days walking on the North Yorkshire moors, returning back to my hotel each night, exhilarated but tired, where there was a party who had actually spent all day indoors having gone on holiday for the sole purpose of playing bridge.

Relaxation can mean doing absolutely nothing and that can be very useful. To renew ourselves mentally and physically may mean that we need a complete rest from our ordinary daily activities. Relaxing can also mean becoming slack, limp and weakened and that would not do anyone much good at all.

When Jesus invited his disciples to go away with him for a break I like to think that he would intend it to be not a time of slackness and weakness but for a time of renewal - a time when they could think and pray, knowing that at the end of it they would be ready once again to take up the work Jesus was asking them to do.

Rest need not mean blankness and worthlessness. We can use it to our advantage and then maybe we will truly understand what Psalm 46 says:

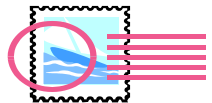
"Be still and know that I am God."

*Morning Prayer will be said at 7.30am Tuesday to Friday
Evening Prayer will be said at 4.45pm Tuesday to Friday
Pram Service for pre-school children in church Tuesdays at 10am
Holy Communion Wednesdays at 9.15am*

<p>Sunday 1st 8.15a.m. 10a.m. 6p.m.</p>	<p>14th Sunday after Trinity Said Eucharist (Order 2) All Age / Family Service (non-Eucharistic). Eucharist with hymns.</p>
<p>Sunday 8th 8.15a.m. 10a.m. 6p.m.</p>	<p>15th Sunday after Trinity Said Eucharist (Order 1) Sung Eucharist (Order 1) with crèche and KICKs Cross Hills & District Fellowship of Churches United Service at St Andrew's</p>
<p>Sunday 15th 8.15a.m. 10a.m. 6p.m.</p>	<p>16th Sunday after Trinity Said Eucharist (Order 2) Sung Eucharist (Order 1) with crèche and KICKs. Sung .Choral Evensong (Book of Common Prayer)</p>
<p>Sunday 22nd 8.15a.m. 10 a.m. 8 p.m.</p>	<p>17th Sunday after Trinity Said Eucharist (Order 1) Sung Eucharist (Order 1) with crèche and KICKs Taizé service at South Craven Baptist Church (no Evening service at Kildwick)</p>
<p>Sunday 29th 8.15a.m. 10 a.m. 6 p.m.</p>	<p>St Michael and All Angels Said Eucharist (Order 1) Sung Eucharist (Order 1) with crèche and KICKs Service on the theme of Angels Preacher - Canon Edward Gee</p>

Postcards and Stamps

Postcards and Stamps and holidays go together. Sudanese Christians and Bible Lands projects benefit from the donation and collection of both stamps and postcards. Foreign and British pictorial/commemorative stamps are particularly salable (not ordinary 1st and 2nd class ones).



Please place your contributions in the special box at the back of the church. Thank you very much.

What's On in September?

To advertise your local event for FREE on this diary page,
phone 01535 633887.
Please note that items for next month's magazine need to be
with us by 22nd September



- Sunday 1st New pattern of services commences
- Tuesday 10th 7.30p.m. P.C.C Meeting (Parish Rooms)
- Friday 13th 7.30p.m. Hannah Jowett and Philip Parsons talk
about their trip to South West Virginia (Parish Rooms)
- Saturday 14th PCC Away Day at Ben Rhydding
- Monday 16th Young People's Work Advisory Group
- Tuesday 17th 10a.m. Banner Grouo (Parish Rooms)
- Tuesday 17th 7.30p.m. Nurture Advisory Group Meeting
- Friday 27th 7.30p.m. An Evening with the Bronte's (Parish Rooms)

An Evening with the Bronte's

Friday 27th September

7.30p.m.

Kildwick Parish Rooms

Victorian Supper

Proceeds to support work of Church Army
Contact Isobel Stirk for further details
(Tel 01535 653997)



Other Regular Events

Sunday	10.am 7.30-8.30 pm	KICKs in Parish Rooms YAK (Youth at Kildwick for 11s-18s at the Vicarage)
Tuesday to Friday	7.30am 4.45pm	Morning Prayer Evening Prayer
Tuesday	10.00 am	Pram Service (a short service for all pre-school children)
Wednesday	6.30-7.30 pm 8.00 pm	Bubble Jets and Lazer Jets (for 4-11+ in the Parish Rooms) Bellingring Practice
Thursday	2.00 pm	Open House (Refreshments and items for sale in the Parish Rooms)
	7.30-8.30 pm 7.30 pm	Choir Practice (in church) Harvesters Bible Study Group (Parish Rooms)

Out and About In September

Leave, leave your well-loved nest,
Late Swallow, and fly away
Here is no rest
For hollowing heart and wearing wing,
Your comrades all have flown
To seek their southern paradise.

Edwin Muir



Our gardens have taken something of a battering this summer from wind and rain, but given some, warm sunshine fuchsias, begonias and geraniums will give a colourful display and dahlias are at their best in late summer and will go on blooming well into -autumn.

Tender perennials such as canna lilies should be brought in before first frosts. Gladioli corms should be lifted, when the leaves have died down dried and stored for next season

Lift and compost spent bedding plants and prepare ground for spring flowering bulbs, wallflowers, polyanthus, forget-me-nots, etc.

Remove dead leaves from plants in and around the pond and cover with a net to prevent falling leaves dropping in, but leave access for frogs.

Look out for food 'from the wild'" elderberries for wine and adding to apple pies, crab apples and' blackberries for jelly, also Rowan berries for relish, and mushrooms for breakfast.

Cross Hills Naturalists' Society September

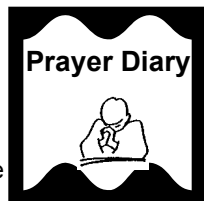
Sunday 8th Circular Walk around Bradley (4/5 miles). Meet Co-op Car Park Cross Hills at 1345 hours with cars or 1400hours at Bradley Amenities area. Mr W. Dodds.

Thursday 12th Microscope Workshop. 1845-2100 hours at Senoir Citizens Centre North Street Sutton-in-Craven. Children welcome if accompanied by an adult. Microscopes available for us at meetings. (60p paid per session)

Saturday 21st COFFEE MORNING with Cake and Bring and Buy Stall.
0945-1130 hours at South Craven Baptist Church
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE

Church Family

- 1st. Pray for our Family service today
- 2nd Ask for God's blessing on Robin, Elizabeth and the boys.
- 3rd Pray for the Mums and toddlers attending the Pram service
- 4th Pray for vision and wisdom in all our decision making
- 5th Remember the Harvesters group as they meet tonight.
- 6th Pray for the leaders and children of JETS and KICKS>
- 7th Ask God's blessing on the Emmaus groups as they meet this month.



Community

- 8th Pray for the C.D.F .C. United service this evening
- 9th Pray for our local schools and for the N.I.S.C.U. worker.
- 10th Remember the P .C.C. meeting tonight
- 11th Pray for the leaders and children of the after school club.
- 12th Pray for the elderly and the housebound of our community
- 13th Thank God for the contribution of local voluntary organisations
- 14th Pray for God's blessing on the PCC. away day.
- 15th Remember the work and witness of the Church Army.

World Issues

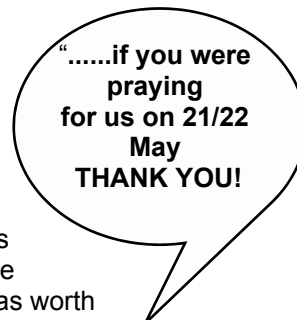
- 16th Pray for wise and just leadership in the Middle East.
- 17th Pray for the people of Iraq and Afghanistan.
- 18th Remember the people of Sudan and pray for peace.
- 19th Pray for the victims of famine, and for all who will go hungry today.
- 20th Pray that fair and just trading may be high on the International agenda.
- 21st Remember and pray for Human Rights organisations.
- 22nd Pray for children world wide who are exploited and abused.

World Mission

- 23rd Give thanks that we are part of a world wide church
- 24th Pray for the work and witness of Tear Fund
- 25th Remember the work of C.M.S. and the children of Mission Partners
- 26th Pray for Stephen and Margaret Tirwomwe in Kabale, Uganda.
- 27th Pray for the Castle family in Kampala, Uganda
- 28th Remember and pray for Elizabeth Newport in the Sudan
- 29th Pray for Christian minorities witnessing in dangerous situations
- 30th Pray for the establishment of God's Kingdom in our hearts and lives.

George Castle writes.....

The house next door was burgled on the Sunday whilst people around were at Church, although we (the housegirl and I) didn't discover it until the evening. They had picked the gate padlock and then cut through the door padlock. As both occupants were away it was difficult to know what was missing but when I made a statement at the police station they decided it was worth finger printing. As the detectives had no transport I seemed to spend a lot of Monday at the police station or ferrying the detectives around! It made me very aware of how vulnerable our own front door was so have had the door modified so that it can be locked with 4 padlocks on the exterior door and a padlock and yale lock on the interior door!



On Tuesday Matt went down with dysentery and was really quite ill. On Wednesday Simon went down with dysentery and Matt started getting better....if you were praying for us on 21/22 May THANK YOU it was pretty grim on my own but the boys responded very quickly to the treatment and neither Adam nor I got it . By Thursday Simon was much better and Matt back at school, and John returned on Friday so quite a week!

All the events of last week just made me realise how fortunate we have been in the last 2 years. We have been very healthy, no malaria, the very occasional tummy bug and for the boys no broken bones !

Also given the appalling driving I'm amazed that we haven't been involved in any or even witnessed a serious road traffic accident.

There was one occasion when someone found the keys to our house, entered it whilst we were out but absolutely nothing was taken. We just marvel at God's provision in all these areas and are very grateful for all those who pray for us and for our protection.

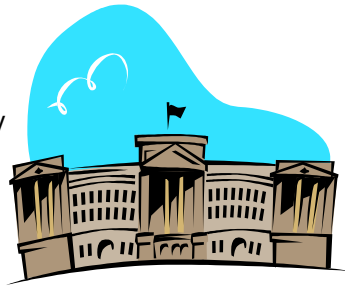
Please continue to pray for us in these last 10 months: our future is now more certain in that we will return (as hoped) in September 2003. But before that we are excitedly looking forward to our 6 months back in UK catching up with all our links!

With our thanks for your continued interest and support

John and George Castle, Simon Matt and Adam

MICHAEL BAXTER VISITS BUCKINGHAM PALACE

After the disappointment of not being able to attend the Queen's Garden Party owing to Michael's illness, we arrived by taxi on the 16th July, to join the queue outside Buckingham Palace.



There were four queues of people from all walks of life looking forward to this event. The sun was shining for once, so all the ladies' hats were shown off to their best advantage.

We walked through the courtyard, up the steps into the Palace and were led out into the garden. We had plenty of time to walk round and enjoy the garden before the Royal Family arrived.

The National Anthem played at 4pm. so we knew the Queen had arrived, we joined the lines to see her. Prince Andrew, Prince Edward, Sophie and the Princess Royal just wandered about chatting to people. We also saw the Duke of Kent and Princess Alexandra. The Prime Minister was also chatting to people.

The Yeomen of the Guard were stood to protect the Queen as she made her way onto the lawn to the Royal Tea Tent.

We decided it was our tea time, so we made our way to the main tea tent, found a table and chairs, so we could enjoy our tea. It was lovely to sit and chat to people, they were all so friendly.

At 6.00pm. the National Anthem played again. This meant the Royal Family had left and the party was over.

We sat and enjoyed the garden. Then we made our way out, back through the Palace and courtyard into the front of the Palace. I must say it was a funny feeling being on the inside of the railings. We walked back through the gates and joined one of the queues for a taxi back to the hotel.

We were very tired after all the standing about and it was very warm. But it was worth it.

The Party was a wonderful experience and the atmosphere was something we shall never forget.

Michael will remember this day for ever and would like to thank the people who made this day possible for him.

Marian Baxter

Baptisms

21st July Lily Maude and Joshua Smith
18th August Issac Falshaw and Steven Hipwell



"We welcome you into the family of the Church"

Weddings

June 29th Nicholas Rigby and Elizabeth Botha
July 13th Steve Fenton and Helen Smith
July 20th Matthew Dawson and Caroline Horsfield
August 2nd James Morton and Sarah Lampkin

"May they live together in love"

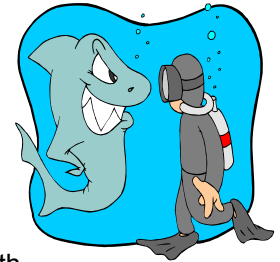
Funerals

29th June Jessie Bracken
4th July Ralph Cooper
6th August Pauline Pettit
8th August Phyllis Shuttleworth (Burial)

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases"

Hest Bank Church Army Walk

On July 6th it was with some trepidation that Emily Charlotte and I waved goodbye to Robin, Kath and Paul at Hest Bank saying we would see them four hours later across Morecambe Bay at Grange. It may have been the sign which clearly stated 'Quick Sands' I had seen on the edge of the beach or the fact that the guide was warning them and the other 200 people walking not to deviate from the path he would lead them on that gave me a slight feeling of unease.



We drove leisurely round the coastline and looking out to sea three hours later all we could see was a long black line making its way across the bay. As it got nearer and nearer we could see it was the walking party all accounted for and making good time.

Robin and Kath and Paul were in the leading ten and so my fears had been groundless. They had had an excellent guide and completed the walk without any mishaps, apart from a few blisters! In all, over £2,000 was raised for the work of the Church Army and on behalf of Derek Hartley our diocesan representative I thank most sincerely all of you who supported our walkers.