

Reader Writes

By Bob Neate

It was the object always looked for on those few times over the years I have driven westward across Parbold Hill.



There in the distance, rectangular against the horizon (and a little like the virtual marker pins favoured on some internet maps for identifying the searched for place name) was the gasholder- Southport's most visible landmark. Now it's in the process of demolition, eyes will have to strain for another distinctive feature to indicate journey's end.

I don't suppose many will share a sense of nostalgia at its passing. After all, the grey canister was hardly a thing of beauty or acclaimed architectural merit! For those living close by, it was an overbearing neighbour which, once gone, will open a new vista of sky. May be there will be an opportunity to dance a jig on its foundations, when eventually exposed.

The problem with the High Park gasholder was that it was, seemingly, redundant almost from the day of its topping out. Gas, the energy source, it was intended to hold for the town, was never stored; empty, it served no purpose, apart from being.

But what landmark will assume its vacated place, publishing Southport's spot on the planet to the passing traveller?

Well Blackpool has its tower, standing twice the height of the gasholder, as it was in all its glory, and Boston a Stump (the tower of the town's church might just have fitted within the gasholder), but all we have now is the relatively petit tower at Trinity. So, perhaps, that's the new reference point-easily identifiable from the Lytham shore but, without binoculars, invisible from Parbold?

Holy Trinity's tower is likely to be standing long after the empty gasholder is forgotten and no more than a footnote in the town's history. And it won't be redundant- providing the community gathering in the church beside the tower goes on generating the energy source which it was erected to hold and diffuse into the parish about- Christian love in action.

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From Palm Sunday to Easter Day

Last year on Palm Sunday, Rod's sermon told us that it was not possible to move from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday without some sort of spiritual journey in between. Why this particular part of his sermon stayed in my head I am not sure, but this year I resolved to make the journey by attending all the Holy Week services as a discipline at the end of Lent. The mood of the week was beautifully set by an outstanding performance of Stainer's Crucifixion on Palm Sunday, a work of which I am particularly fond. The services during the week were all different, the first three days slowing us down and preparing us for the hard work later on - Monday was Holy Communion in the Lady Chapel - Tuesday we followed some of the stations of the Cross with prayers and readings at each stop - and on Wednesday we were given a little relaxation in the beautiful service of Compline. For me these three days create more time to reflect on what is to come and in one sense Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are less of a shock. I was better prepared to cope with what is always for me a more tiring few days as I try to take in the meaning of Easter. For many years now I have found the conclusion of the Maundy Thursday service incredibly sad and poignant as the church becomes dark, the altar frontals are removed and Rod reads from the pulpit and I feel that the least I can do in return for the Lord's great sacrifice is to return to church for part of the Vigil and keep watch for a while. To contemplate participating in the full three hours in church on Good Friday is a daunting prospect but I don't want to lose the continuity of the service and once again find great poignancy in the observance of the final days of the life of Christ. This year the theme of 'The Three Hours' was Jesus' final days in Jerusalem and as the segments unfolded the picture was so much clearer with the recognition of familiar steps on the way which we had shared earlier in the week and their full resonance now came out. The joy of attending the Easter Fire Ceremonies on Saturday is a lifting of the atmosphere in a now beautifully decorated church and the opportunity of renewal of our Baptismal Vows. And then Alleluia for Easter Day!

Holy Week for me this year has been a time to be slowed down in the early part to open my heart and mind to the mystery and wonder of what Jesus did for us.

Colin was able to join me on the journey this year and the conversations we have had during the week have given us more time to think. It has been a more spiritual journey than we normally bother to make time for, but very well worth the effort.

Judith Ryan

Holy Week Reflection

On reflection of the 1st Holy Week from Palm Sunday to the Crucifixion the main participants share a four letter word – FEAR.

The chief priests and elders FEAR was that of the multitude of followers and the teachings of Jesus.

King Herod's FEAR was that Jesus was John the Baptist come back from the death to haunt him.

Pontius Pilate's 1st FEAR having seen the number of followers of Jesus that there could be riots and his 2nd FEAR having heard of the miracles was that if Jesus was crucified in the normal way (having his hands and feet tied with wetted thongs) he would escape, so he ordered him to be nailed to the cross.

The disciples fled into hiding for FEAR of being arrested.

Then came the Glorious resurrection and with it came 2 new four letter words for all people HOPE and the everlasting LOVE.

Betty Hartles.

Hymns And Ashes

Public tastes in music are changing at the crematorium. *The Lord is my Shepherd* and *Abide with me* remain firm favourites for the religious but new choices are establishing themselves amongst the wider community beyond the churches. For the first time popular songs have overtaken hymns when the time to say goodbye arrives. *My Way* by Frank Sinatra tops the list followed closely by *Angels*, courtesy of Robbie Williams. From my own experience *And I will always love you* by Whitney Houston is probably up there too. What should we make of this and is it a cause for concern?

At one level this trend makes sense. A funeral service is not just a farewell but an occasion for thanksgiving. There is no harm in playing a song that brings a loved one to mind or happiness that has been shared. We do a fair bit of this at Trinity, especially in the case of early deaths and it clearly brings comfort. Concerning what lies beyond death, the situation seems more complex. There is a lot of sentimental – *My heart will go on* or *Somewhere over the Rainbow* – but not much that expresses any real or clear conviction concerning God, the love of Christ or the promise of heaven. It's all a bit fuzzy at the centre: in a few cases, songs express little by way of expectation concerning beyond death but the majority seem to put their faith in the permanence of human love and memories. St. Paul says much the same thing with his great affirmation that 'love never ends' but he has a different of reference. His hope is in God's love from which nothing can finally separate us even when everything else withers and die.

What we now listen to at the crematorium tells us something significant about our confused times. Very few seem prepared to face death... something to hold on to. What people put their faith in seems to represent an attitude of 'hoping it might be so' or a rather vague commitment to some form of immortality. The idea of judgement at the end of life really doesn't come into it. We have come such a long way from notions of a final reckoning in a relatively short time. Our Victorian forebears would be truly amazed.

Rod Garner.

Eminent Victorian

Josephine Butler was one of the most remarkable individuals of 19th century England. She was a woman of great beauty, rare determination and deep Christian faith. Her story is one of incredible passion and tenacity and deserves to be better known.

Born in 1828 in Northumberland, her father John Grey was a social reformer and campaigned for the abolition of slavery. From him Josephine inherited a deep concern for the marginalized of society. Together with her husband, George Butler, a distinguished schoolmaster and cleric with whom she shared a remarkable and life-long marriage, she reached out to the poor and destitute, often inviting them to live in their own home. Appalled by the double standards of Victorian society, she campaigned and worked tirelessly to bring about the repeal of the Contagious Diseases Acts which allowed women suspected of prostitution to be arrested and forcibly subjected to painful and humiliating examination. In an age when women were not expected to have opinions she refused to be silent and campaigned for equal education for women. She spoke out in public on subjects that shocked her contemporaries and remained strong and determined against all kinds of injustice, despite her own ill health and suffering.

Last year the Vicar was commissioned to write a short biography of her life. The book sets forth her achievements but also delves in to her personality and reveals the prayer life that sustained her in her work. Each chapter ends with a reflection and questions for group or individual use.

The Vicar will be signing copies of the book (published by Darton Longman and Todd, price £6.99) in Liverpool Cathedral on Thursday 28 May at approximately 6 p.m. following Evensong. The date and setting seem just right: Josephine is remembered in the Church calendar just two days later and Liverpool was the setting for much of her pioneer work with the poor. There is a stained glass window in the cathedral marking her life and witness.

If you would like to attend the book launch and/or order a copy please sign the slip below and return it by 22 May at the latest. We are not organizing a coach this year so if you need a lift please indicate on the form and we'll organize a car seat for you.

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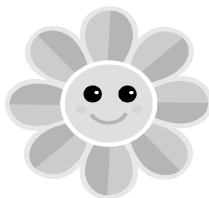
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The Annual Trinity plant sale will be held on the 9th May in the Parish Centre from 10am.



We have lots of plants for hanging baskets, pots or containers as well as the usual begonias, Busy Lizzie, Pansies, French marigolds, asters, Petunias, Geraniums, Lobelia, Surfinias and lots more. Also Tomato plants (indoor and outdoor variety). We also have hanging baskets and pots for sale.

Order lists are now available from Hilda Blomley or Doreen Blagbrough and you can order in advance by ringing 226768 or 228327. Or Orders can be collected from the Parish Centre on Friday the 8th May from 6pm.

Please support this sale, you will save yourself money and help church funds as well.

News From India Project.

Excerpt from a recent letter from Joy and Geoff Levine.

It is now 3 months since we came back from Vellore and we have begun to reflect on the experience. We have been most grateful for the interest you have shown since we were there in 2005/6 and for your continuing prayers.

This time we stayed at the leprosy hospital in Karigiri. It felt as though we were caught up in family again, especially with our friends Augustine (the hospital administrator) and Valsa his wife, the clinical psychologist Joy had worked with previously and, indeed with all the wider family. We knew many of the staff, including those who worked in the grounds and a sense of joy remained with us throughout.. Our accommodation was in the pleasant guest house bungalow which had four bedrooms and a small kitchen and we were well looked after by familiar staff, local village people who had worked for the hospital for years.

The purpose of our visit was to follow up the diabetes work Geoff had initiated. He had helped set up a model clinic in CMC's community hospital (CHAD) on the southern edge of Vellore. It was amazing to see how this had moved forward. The clinic has grown from 200 to 1000 patients and is much better planned with good protocols being followed and note keeping. The database is computerised and is being used for research. Geoff led another series of teaching sessions with the doctors and nurses and Alex, the consultant in charge, is likely to come to spend an attachment with Geoff in Cambridge.

Karigiri Hospital is about 15 miles from CHAD, deliberately built outside the city because of its work with leprosy. We stayed over one night at CHAD in readiness for the next morning's early session at 7.30am. The accommodation was a salutary reminder; a large, dark, very damp room with newspaper on the walls and in the cupboards wet and peeling, a dirty toilet that we vowed we would not use and dead cockroaches on the floor. A notice advised that dead cockroaches should be put in the green bin. We kept the light on all night!

Geoff taught the nurses and intern doctors at Karigiri too. This was particularly well received by the nursing tutors and there is a request to continue next year.

Joy renewed her links with Devadoss, the chaplain at Karigiri, spending time on the wards, with patients with leprosy, diabetes and TB. She led services and visited the local tribal villages, sharing in the hospital's outreach projects on women's issues, marriage, dowry system, education for girl children, kitchen deaths, female infanticide and other health issues including HIV/AIDS. She was involved in a two day course helping to improve the communication skills of hospital staff from the various departments.

Another place Geoff worked last time was Ida Scudder Ward, the medical centre in the slums. Good work has developed here with an excellent diabetes education programme of 15 weekly sessions with great patient participation. This course runs continuously. There are 4 doctors in this unit seeing up to 300 out patients a day as well as looking after patients on the wards and running community education programmes. They have perhaps 1000 people with diabetes and it is likely we will return in 2010 for Geoff to train some nurse practitioners in diabetes management.

In 2006 we had begun a microcredit project amongst a small group of Sri Lankans we had got to know while building our flats. We had learned that some were being laid off and would be destitute. Some of you have sent money which we have put into this fund. In all we have given about £400. On arrival, we received a message from Sam, the person in charge of the Sri Lankan builders. He is a mature Christian, who has managed the fund with great integrity for the past three years. Sam informed us that two of the group wanted to meet with us outside the old fort church where they knew we would be worshipping. They wanted to tell us how the money had been spent.

They have replaced all the palm branch roofs on their homes with concrete. Now they will keep dry when the monsoons come. They have paid for a student to go through teacher training and also for medical treatment for a very sick child at CMC. There are currently Rs 12,000 in the fund on deposit (about £170). The money has substantially improved their lives.

They were offering to repay it to be used elsewhere. What honesty! We felt they had used it so wisely they should keep it for further self help projects. The fund has enabled them to redeem their jewellery which had been pawned to loan sharks and mortgage it with the State Bank of India at a very low interest rate (1%).

You may remember us speaking of our experience with the projects for rag pickers and gypsies run by Jean Jepaganaman, a retired teacher and member of a local church in Vellore. Last time we found a 22 year old woman dying. We got her into Ida Scudder Ward poor ward but unfortunately she died later that night. We have passed on money given to us to the gypsy project in the past. That too is doing well. Jean found the gypsy group originally as part of project she was given on an Alpha Discipleship Course. They were living in a wood outside Vellore, naked and illiterate. They still eat berries gathered by the women and any animals (dogs, foxes etc) and birds the men shoot. But Jean persuaded the Collector (a local official possibly like a mayor) to provide land and 36 concrete houses have been built.

There is now a schoolroom and chapel and the youngest children are starting to go to school. Last year they opened a roadside café by the new highway to Bangalore. It is a rough palm leaf building but brings in their first real trade.

Christians are not evenly spread in India. There are states with no Christians. In Tamil Nadu about 12% are Christian. Though the state government is secular it has promised to support and protect them, recognising the massive contributions being made by Christian organisations in health, education and community development. Though the equivalent of 5% GDP in India is spent on health care , less than 1% of health spending is by the government. Some of the rest is by people who pay privately but of course there is a huge contribution from mission hospitals.

Despite the rapidly growing Indian economy, India remains a dreadfully poor country, 144th in the world development league table. There are two Indias. The first India (20%) population is middle class and we hear about it in the media. ('Shining India') But do not be misled.

There are 800 million people in the second India. This amounts to 1 in 8 of the total world's population. 200 million of them are hungry, more hungry people than in any other country. 26% of babies are low birth weight. A baby dies in India every second. People are poor or 'below poor'. Some live in minimal dwellings with palm branch roofs and perhaps walls. Some are homeless living on pavements. There is no sanitation and little access to clean water which is bought by the bucket. Most of the water is unsafe from bore holes. Food is unsafe, health care is minimal. Millions of people live in crowded, dirty, extremely hot conditions. The density of the population is something one has to get one's mind around. The roads are chaotic, with overloaded trucks, worn out buses, bullock carts, cows and the occasional elephant and wedding party. There are frequent accidents with more than 50% of hospital beds occupied by road casualties.

Open sewers run down the streets. In the slums the big event is the weekly 2 hour slot when the water is turned on and people shout with joy, 'the water has come'. Piped water is available in homes only in the 'best' areas in Vellore, and just twice a week.

Yet once again we come away with a wondrous sense of the welcome we have received and the generosity of the poor. There are so many stories to tell. Suffice to say that we have returned to the UK with a sense of wonder at the way God has blessed this work, opened unimaginable doors and enabled love and trust to shape our relationships. Without the commitment and perseverance of our many Indian friends, and sometimes to their great personal cost, this work would never have been possible.

Within three days of arrival, we had both independently reached the conclusion that we would return next year. Perhaps that sums it up. God works in surprising ways. Vellore is no longer, for us, simply a distant city or its people strangers. We are now caught up in one another, families and homes are known to us, communication transcends language and we are in relationship with one another. Love makes the world a much smaller place. We find it quite awesome.

With love,

Joy and Geoff

44th TRINITY ARTS FESTIVAL

June 6th -21st

Once again the annual Arts Festival is drawing nigh. The programme will, we hope, appeal to a wide range of tastes. Coloured Festival brochures are placed at the back of church. These give a pen picture of each event. It also includes a booking slip for your convenience. Tickets are available each Sunday morning in the Parish Centre, at the Southport Tourist Information Office, Lord Street and on line from the Festival Website www.trinityartsfestival.org.uk

Please take extra brochures to give to friends, neighbours and colleagues. The wider publicity we can get the better!

Each of our three flagship events bring something new to the Festival. The Festival opens on 6th June when The West Lancs Big Band present a night of nostalgia – music of World War 11 and the years after. They will perform on the 65th anniversary of D-Day and to mark the occasion we have invited the local veterans associations to attend together with representatives from the two service charities we hope to support. We are delighted to have the Mayor and Mayoress of Sefton attending this concert. To make the evening even more special we are encouraging people to attend in WW11 and fifties clothes!

On the 13th June the American Virtuoso organist, Carlo Curley, will be playing from his extensive repertoire. Sometimes described as the Pavarotti of the organ, Carlo brings panache and style in abundance. To enhance the concert a large High Definition TV screen will show Carlo in action. For an organ recital with a difference, this is a must for you.

The Southport Bach Choir present Haydn's masterpiece of choral work 'The Creation' on Saturday 20th June. We are pleased to have the 18th Century Sinfonia to provide the accompaniment.

Alongside of these major events are the

- Annual Art Exhibition, Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th June. This is open to all local artists. Forms available from Christine Garner

- a Sugarcraft Workshop, Tuesday 16th June at 7.30 pm.
- a series of Lunchtime Recitals Monday 8th June to Friday 12th June all at 1.00 till 1.45pm
- Festival Eucharist on Sunday 7th June at 10.15am. This year the setting is Haydn's *Kleine Orgelmesse* together with Stanford's *Te Deum* and John Harper's *Hymn to the Trinity*.
- Festal Evensong on Sunday 21st June at 6.00pm. The Festival concludes with Strawberries and Cream after this service.

Trinity Fellowship

Would you like to feel you are walking on air? Well, come along to our meeting on May 12th and you may realize that dream!

Somebody from The Hotter Shoe Company is coming along to talk to us about their products and let us see what's available so you'll have a chance to sample the comfort of their shoes: bring a friend with you too.

Believe it or not, it's the Summer Fair on May 23rd and there'll be the usual Fellowship Bottle Stall. Liz and I will be manning the stall again and we would be grateful for any donations and for your support on the day.

Betty Glasgow.

Trinity Spring Fair.

The annual Spring Fair is on Saturday 23rd May, we have all the usual stalls, cakes, tombola, bric-a-brac, cards, bottle stall, books and DVD's, toiletries and all things bright and Beautiful and many more including an excellent raffle.

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Update From Sue Mawdsley, Headteacher

We had a very busy run up to Easter. We were really pleased by the number of families that attended our church service. We are seeing a rise in the number of new families joining in our church activities which is a delight to see. Many come up to me afterwards and say how much they enjoy collective worship in the church and we are looking to strengthen this even more over the coming year. Remember all the congregation are very welcome to attend our services, which are always advertised here and in school.

Last year I invited members of the church community to activities in our annual Culture Week, which is coming up shortly and we were very pleased that a few people took us up on the offer. I would like to extend that invitation this year as well. This year Culture Week is the week beginning 18th May. For those who are unfamiliar with the make up of Holy Trinity School, we have children from all over the world and seventeen different languages are spoken by our pupils. So Culture Week is a really important time for us when we have activities organised that celebrate different cultures around the world. Due to the nature of our school, our children have a really well developed understanding of how varied our world is and are very aware of the need to respect and celebrate the diversity of humankind. We have a great time during Culture Week, suspending the usual timetable for the afternoons and getting others involved from our local community to run activities. This year our main attraction is on Tuesday 19th May when a group called Mighty Zulu Nation will be with us for the day. This is a band of six Zulu Warriors who will spend the day sharing aspects of the Zulu culture in an exciting and spectacular way! We can't wait! We also have other activities planned such as traditional English willow weaving, Indian Dancing, cooking sessions from around the world, storytelling, Tai Kwon Do and art sessions. If you would like to join in any activities or even have something you think you could offer us in Culture Week please see Rod or Anne Tudor. Alternatively, you could contact me at the school. We would love to see you.

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2 nd	Sat	10.30am	Coffee Morning Servers
5 th	Tue	11.30am	Holy Communion
		12 noon	Lunch Club
6 th	Wed	7.15pm	Choral Evensong
8 th	Fri	6pm on	Plant Orders in Parish Centre
9 th	Sat	10.00am	Plant Sale and Coffee Morning
12 th	Tue	11.30am	Holy Communion
		12 noon	Lunch Club
		8.00pm	Trinity Fellowship
13 th	Wed	7.15pm	Choral Evensong
16 th	Sat	9-5pm	Blood Transfusion Service
18 th	Mon	8.00pm	P.C.C. in Parish Centre
19 th	Tue	11.30am	Holy Communion
		12 noon	Lunch Club
20 th	Wed	7.15pm	Choral Evensong
22 nd	Fri	6pm on	Prep. For Fair.
23 rd	Sat	10.30am	Fair in Parish Centre
26 th	Tue	11.30am	Holy Communion
		12 noon	Lunch Club
27 th	Wed	7.15pm	Choral Evensong
30 th	Sat	10.30am	Coffee Morning Wardens.

May 2009

From The Registers



Funerals

6.4.09	John Sephton (66)	The Promenade Home
9.4.09	Ryan James (5 Months)	Wright Street
15.4.09	Doris White (98)	Roe Lane
24.4.09	David Forster (54)	Church Road
29.4.09	Walter Williams (88)	Bath Street
30.4.09	Ronan McDermott (37 weeks)	Portland Street
6.5.09	Nicolas Pegg (66)	Hall Street



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3 rd	Easter 4	Acts 4 vv 5-12	John 10 vv 11-18	R.N.A. Representative
10 th	Easter 5	Family Service		Youth Organisations
17 th	Easter 6	1 John 5 vv 1-6	John 15 vv 9-17	Anne Tudor
24 th	Easter 7	Acts 1 15-17,21-26.		John 17 6-19
31 st	Pentecost	Acts 2 vv 1-21, John 15,vv26-27,John 16 vv 12-15.		Hilda Blomley
				Mark Lovelady

Offertory for May

3 rd	R.N.A. Representative	24 th	Bill & Carol Bennion
10 th	Youth Organisations	31 st	Christine Garner/Another
17 th	J.Bifield/D.Quigley		

Silver Cleaning for May (Saturdays)

9 th	J. Ryan/ J. Byard	23 rd	Joan/Derek Miller
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Flowers for May

3 rd	A.Barnett/A.Ellis, Liz & Grahame Walker	24 th	Carol/Bill Bennion
10 th	J.Aldred, E. Jones	31 st	Margaret Pegg
17 th			

Cleaning Groups May

Cleaning

Group A	7 th May Thursday at 2.30pm
Group B	21 st May Thursday at 2.30pm

Coffee Rota for May (Parish Centre)

3 rd	J. Lovelady, A. Ellis, D. Roach, B. Watkinson.
10 th	Trinity Fellowship
17 th	Ann Ferguson, Alice Etherington, Nancy Hart.
24 th	M.Caplan, D.Wigmore, J. Roberts, W. Grimley.
31 st	Sue Stacey, Sue Candler

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Brownies (Tawny Owl) Guides	Christeen Genaver Contact Miss Fiona Montgomery or Mrs Carol Bennion	530974 533311 538341
Beavers	Mrs Susan Abbott, 30, Brentwood Court or Mr. Mike Duffy	543483 510900
Rainbows Cub-Scouts	Mrs Carol Bennion, 26 Brocklebank Road Mr Ian Butler 159, Liverpool Road	538341 550529
Group Scout Leader	Mrs. Vicki Butler, 159 Liverpool Road	550529
Website Administrator	Sandra Betts sandrabetts@yahoo.com	

Times of Meetings

Trinity Fellowship	2nd Tuesdays	at 8. p.m.
Rainbows	Tuesdays	5.00p.m. - 6.00p.m.
Beavers	Mondays	5.30p.m. - 6.30p.m..
Cubs	Mondays	6.30 p.m. - 8.00 p.m.
Brownies	Tuesday	6.15 p.m. - 7.30 p.m.
Guides	Tuesday	7.30.p.m. - 9.00 p.m.

CHURCH WATCHING

The Church is open from 10.30 a.m. to Noon and 2pm to 3.30pm on weekdays, when volunteers are available.

CHURCH CLEANING

This is done by voluntary groups each week, on different days and working out at once a month for each group. There is always room for extra helpers. Lasts about an hour.

SILVER CLEANING

Volunteers working in pairs on Friday or Saturday morning at 10.30 a.m.

PLANNED GIVING

To ensure a regular income, we have a stewardship envelope scheme which is administered by the Recorder Mr. John Aldred. Regular gifts can also be made by standing order from a bank account.

GIFT AID

Taxpayers can assist the church greatly by completing a Gift-Aid declaration, which enables us to recover from the Inland Revenue 28% of the value of the gift. It is straightforward and our Gift Aid Secretary, Mr Ray Barton, would be pleased to help you if you are interested.

PASTORAL CARE

We try to respond quickly when problems arise. But it does help enormously if members of the congregation keep us informed when anyone requires a visit.

CHURCH SERVICES

<u>Sundays</u>	8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion.
	10.15 a.m.	Parish Communion. 1st Sundays are usually a Family Communion with children taking part.
	10.15 a.m.	On all except 1st Sundays - Sunday School for 3 year olds upwards - not school holidays.
<u>Weekdays</u>	6.30. p.m.	Evening Prayer.
	11.30. a.m.	On Tuesday s- Holy Communion.
	7.15. p.m.	On Wednesdays - Choral Evensong.
	5.00. p.m.	On Fridays – Devotional Service.
	12.30 p.m.	1 st Friday in Month – Book of Common Prayer Communion.
<u>Other Services</u>		E.g. for Saints Days as announced.

SICK ? HOUSEBOUND ? INFIRM ?

Holy Communion can be taken on a regular basis to those at home or in Rest/Nursing Homes who can no longer get to church, and request this service.

BAPTISMS

These are held at 12.30 p.m. on Sunday or by arrangement.

CONFIRMATION COURSES

These are normally held annually.

MARRIAGES

And the calling of Banns can be arranged in the first instance by calling the Vicar. (Tel: 538560)

If you have any articles you would like to be considered for inclusion or you feel minded to put pen to paper in comment on any of the articles in this issue, please let the Vicar or Editor have them as soon as possible. Thank you.

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