

# Church of The Good Shepherd Newsletter

December 2008

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Christmas has begun in the vicarage. Already there are half written lists to Santa lying around, Christmas music has begun to creep on to the CD player, the decorations are out of the loft and hard decisions about what to wear for the party season are already being made – and that’s just the Vicar!

This year we have lots of ways to celebrate the Birth of Christ here in Arbury, the details of which you will find in this newsletter. As ever I am looking forward to the carol singing (there’s a lot of it this year) the mince pies and the mulled wine. But sometimes, in our haste to get everything ready we can quite easily miss an important season of the year, Advent. Advent literally means ‘coming’. It is the time when we anticipate the mystery of the coming of Christ as a child, born in poverty, in a stable in Bethlehem.

Advent also encourages us to anticipate the coming of Christ in all his glory, when he comes at the end of all things when heaven and earth will be transformed, we will be his people, “and God himself will be with them and be their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away”. (Rev 21: 4)

Finally, Advent is a time when we anticipate Christ coming into our lives. The colours we use in Advent are purple to represent the penitential nature of the season. Sometimes we use dark blue, to represent the darkest moment of the night just before the dawn. Advent encourages us to look to His coming and prepare our hearts and lives to make room for our Saviour and our Lord.

During Advent our services will reflect the sense of anticipation and the theme of the coming light as we approach Christmas. Together we will reflect on the wonderful mystery of Christmas - that Jesus came and lived among us. Entering our world, being one of us. There will be a time when he comes and brings all things under his feet. In the meantime we can allow the living Christ to enter our lives, to banish darkness with his light, to bring us life.

‘For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.’ (Isaiah 9: 6)

Surely this is a gift worth waiting for this Christmas!

*David Maher*



## No Waiting

There is no Advent in this world  
Whatever the Church lectionary might say.  
The world does not understand Advent  
It cannot wait; it does not want to wait;  
It has lost the art. It wants things now.  
It cannot wait for anything but grabs it  
while it can before it is too late.  
Too late for what?

For without the waiting  
There will be no Coming  
And without the Coming  
There will be no meeting  
And without the meeting  
God and Man will not be one.

*Hazel Whitehead*

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Churchwarden	Henry Disney	359396
PCC Chairman	Rev. David Maher	351844
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PCC Treasurer	Lynn Clift	353558
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Assistant Treasurer	Bill Elsey	357622
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Book of Remembrance	Monica Shipp	353734
Chalice Bearers	Bill Elsey	357622
Chantry Book	Tom Shipp	353734
Child Protection Co-ordinator	Ruth Banger	234409
Children's Society	Ruby Leyshon	352151
Children's Work	John & Alison Phillips	502969
Christian Aid	Simon & Clare Redfern	740513
Church Cleaners	Monica Shipp	353734
Church Hall Bookings	Ruby Leyshon	352151
Church Heating	Horace Giles	359001
Coffee Makers	Irene Langley	367964
Coffee & Rolls	Fiona Blows	329822
Director of Music	Dorothy Holliday	234409
Flower Arrangers	Iris Brown	565956
Flower Arrangers	Jeanne Elsey	357622
Friends of Etterbeek	John & Elizabeth Lamont	565559
Fund Raising Events Co-ordinators	Eva Hutson	574070
Fund Raising Events Co-ordinators	Ruby Leyshon	352151
Fund Raising Events Co-ordinators	Evelyn Walker	364067
Good Shepherd Players	Liz Collinson	01954 251377
Good Shepherd Players	Ruth Banger	234409
Health & Safety Officer	Peter Covill	729573
Historic Churches Cycle Ride	Ros Lund	565303
House Group	Terry Barringer	424584
Intercessors	John Lamont	565559
Jimmy's Night Shelter	Ann Callar	357694
Lesson Readers	Lilas Davison	354300
Monday Club	Eva Hutson	574070
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Pastoral Care Co-ordinator	Linda Dean	328658
Planned Giving Secretary	Lilas Davison	354300
Registrar of Planned Giving Envelopes	Tom Shipp	353734
Rural Development Movement	Henry Disney	359396
Sacristans	Ian & Else Catchpole	474540
Servers	Bill Elsey	357622
Sidesmen & Sideswomen	Iris Brown	565956
Sidesmen & Sideswomen	Henry Disney	359396
Social Events Co-ordinator	Evelyn Walker	364067
Sound System	John Lamont	565559

## ***READINGS FOR DECEMBER***

### **Sundays and holy days**

- 7 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
Isaiah 40: 1-11  
Mark 1: 1-8
- 14 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-end  
John 1: 6-8, 19-28
- 21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16  
Luke 1: 26-38
- 24 MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST  
Isaiah 9: 2 - 7  
Titus 2: 11-14  
Luke 2: 1-14
- 25 CHRISTMAS DAY  
Isaiah 52: 7-10  
John 1: 1-14
- 28 FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS  
Jeremiah 31: 15-17  
Matthew 2: 13-18

### **Wednesdays**

- 3 Isaiah 40: 1-11  
Mark 1: 1-8
- 10 Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-end  
John 1: 6-8, 19-28
- 17 2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16  
Luke 1: 26-38
- 24 NO SERVICE
- 31 NO SERVICE

**THE CHURCH WILL BE  
CLOSED BETWEEN MONDAY  
DECEMBER 22 AND SATURDAY  
JANUARY 3 EXCEPT FOR  
SCHEDULED SERVICES.**

## ***REGULAR SERVICES IN DECEMBER***

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

## ***SPECIAL SERVICES IN DECEMBER***

For all the special Christmas services at the Good Shepherd and beyond, see page 4

## ***EVENTS IN DECEMBER***

Sunday December 7 12 noon, Sunday Lunch Club meets for Christmas Dinner in the Church Hall.

Friday December 12 12.30-1.30 Open Out Drop-In session at Arbury Community Centre for those who are victims of hate crime.



### It's time to prune

Do we espouse her latest cause?  
Or do we go to meeting called  
By Ann because we would offend  
If we declined? Perhaps it's just  
The same when we recite the creed  
In church. Its rolling rhythms hide  
The long discarded paradigms  
That underlie its crafted words.  
I much prefer the mini text  
We use at children's service, when  
We just affirm the love of God  
The Father, the hope and truth  
That Christ revealed and grace that's gift  
Of Holy Spirit's silent voice  
Within our hearts. It's same with psalms  
Invoking aid in zapping foes,  
Or hymns that praise the rich display  
Of nature's ways but skip the facts  
Of being red in tooth and claw.  
I'd like to prune a high percent,  
Along with chunks of text from books  
Of Bible long before the light  
Of Jesus seized the golden thread  
Of past and turned our pilgrim feet  
Towards eternal light ahead,  
Beyond horizon where we'll meet.

Henry Disney



### For those of us getting a little hard of hearing!

A man was telling his neighbour, "I bought a new hearing aid. It cost me £2,000 – it's state of the art – it's perfect".

"Really" said his neighbour, "What kind is it?"

"Twelve thirty"

This was supplied by Libby Lamont and is taken from *Lifeline*, the Newsletter of the Cambridge Cancer Centre



### News from the Housegroup

We were discussing the Beatitudes and what it meant to be blessed and then the week after I came across this in my holiday reading:

*"I am blessed, and being blessed is something more than just having something; it is a state of mind in which the good of the world is illuminated, is understood. It is as if one is vouchsafed a vision of some sort, a vision of love, of agape, of the essential value of each and every living thing...She felt different, she felt that the world had suddenly become more precious to her, and that there was more love within her. It was that simple, perhaps; there was just more love in her."*

I asked people to guess where it came from. Mother Theresa was the favourite candidate. In fact it's from Alexander McCall Smith, *The Careful Use of Compliments*, p. 81).

Terry Barringer



## Wise and Foolish Maidens

We thought about two things this week.

First, as it was Remembrance Day we thought about war and peace and poppies. We kept a one minute silence together.

We also focussed on Jesus' parable from Matthew 25 about the Wise and the Foolish maidens. We share the "Roots. Children and Young People" resource which is published by a partnership of Churches and Christian Organisations and this follows the lectionary as used by the rest of the church.



Here are some of the drawings made by the young people during this session. Art is one of the things we really enjoy doing with our children because they are always seeing things in fresh and original ways and, as they draw, we talk about all kinds of things that they are thinking. It is a form of meditation and the final drawing is just a glimpse of the whole process that went on. Like a photograph of a sculpture or just one frame from a film.

*John and Alison*



## **Summary of Consultations**

### **Church of the Good Shepherd, Autumn 2008**

Firstly to, Ruth, Marcus Purnell, Sarah Gower and of course Hazel, as well as all those who brought excellent puddings – thank you. The evenings and afternoons were a great success. Thanks also to all that came, as you can see from below we left no stone unturned and I was impressed at how much we love the Church of the Good Shepherd but also how we are willing to change and grow for the sake of the community, learn from the past and look to the future of the church. There was enormous honesty, patience, a few tears and plenty of laughter as we gathered and, as we listened, we felt that we could pick up the themes that God wanted us to hear. Below is a summary of all those ‘post its’ and notes made on the evening.

In total 92 adults attended the afternoons and evenings and 12 children came to the ‘big breakfast’ at the vicarage. This was probably the most inspiring and challenging session of the lot, so let’s begin with what the children and young people think.

### **Children and Young People**

#### ***Positives***

Sunday School, Biscuits, All-Age, Playing in the Church Hall, Brownies and Rainbows and Having friends who go to church

#### ***Negatives***

Talking and singing not liked by several. Lack of understanding about the service  
One very angry that nothing is done for them  
They want more involvement and engagement  
Sad/boring

#### ***Suggestions***

Happy songs  
Children’s band or orchestra  
Warmer church  
More flowers  
Doing plays and dressing up  
Adults to smile more  
Arcade  
TV/movies

### **Adults**

Overwhelming consensus that the church was a friendly, welcoming place, and that it was a good place for families and children and that there is a ‘warm, friendly approach to liturgy’, a place where everyone matters.

Music, liturgy, preaching, teaching, flexibility of the building, acceptance of diversity, inclusivity, Sunday Club, the children, students lunch club, and proximity to where people lived were all mentioned as positives by a number of people.

Other comments were: that the church was peaceful (particularly midweek and 8am), concerts were liked, church was able to appeal to people of diverse traditions, and many liked Rosie’s liturgical dance! Some suggested that we are a good church ‘for Christians’. People were also positive about the occasional offices and generally they liked the Healing service.

In response to what could be done better, or needed changing, many people mentioned the building itself and the look and use of the building inside. Whilst most liked the building, (some felt nothing should be changed) the following came up for discussion:

Most popular: the need for comfier chairs and the need for better heating.

The crèche was also mentioned a lot as a space that could do with a re-vamp: making it cosier, more suitable for young children and better integration with the office space.

In terms of 'the look' of the worship space many people felt that more colour was needed, reflected in suggestions for stained glass windows and colourful hanging banners and brightening up the front of the Church. The sunlight was mentioned by quite a few as a problem when it comes through in the morning and obscures the view. There were some mixed feelings about the crucifix and occasional suggestions about changing the altar area and the side chapel, but no significant response in this area from a majority. However, many more did feel that the west end of the church could be 'tidied up' and 'sorted out' to create a more flexible and accessible area of the church.

The coffee after the service and use of the Hall came up for discussion; some of the suggestions were – having real fair trade coffee, using the church for coffee, making a covered link between the church and the Hall and using different size tables. It was largely felt that the Hall was not cosy and it took many a long time to pluck up the nerve to come in for coffee.

Many people mentioned the need for amplification, suggesting they can't hear the services (better projection of voices needed) and there were a few discussions about the use of screens with the words projected on.

There is also a need to extend our disabled access and to provide transport for the infirm, there would be more on Sunday if they could get there.

Some felt the healing service was not appropriate for the morning service.

Drainage was needed for in front of the Church.

One person suggested rack for umbrellas, coats and sticks.

A few suggested having a bell tower.

Many people felt that we are 'good once you're in' but we are not so great at bringing people in. People were also concerned that we should reach people 'who are not like us' even though this may be costly to us and to the way in which we have become accustomed to doing things.

Suggestions about improving our engagement with the wider community ranged from comments about worship to suggestions about youth clubs and cafes.

It was felt that more modern worship songs, family friendly services, 'alternative' and non-Eucharistic services on a Sunday morning and shorter very informal services at different time on Sundays could all help with attracting new members. A pram service and open air services were also suggested. Some wondered whether all the different sheets and books were actually a hindrance to new people.

There was a general and pervasive sense that the Church wanted to attract more young people, families, and young adults. Suggestions included having a youth choir, youth club, football training, pantos, X-factor, last choir standing, and inviting schools into the church at festival times. People also wanted to share resources with our ecumenical partners in the area.

#### *Other suggestions*

Having a social for newcomers with regular members of the congregation at certain intervals.

Drop-in/Café

Deliver parish newsletter to all in the parish

Go out to the local community by getting involved in local projects

Flower Festival

Dinner/bring and share suppers

Engage local students for an art project to update the Church

Welcome evenings for newcomers

It was generally felt that the Church did not advertise enough in the local community and that there could be much better use of notice-boards, more publicity, advertising services, concerts, events, fliers. We should also have more social events that the church could invite people too and that we could follow up our occasional offices better.

### **Where do we go from here?**

The next stage is for the summary of the consultations to go in front of the PCC. From this we will develop our Mission Action Plan (MAP). This is what the diocese has asked us to produce for the 900 year anniversary next year. The Mission Action Plan is to last five years and should give us clear aims and objectives. It will then be presented to the whole church at the APCM in April for a last chance to contribute and comment and then will be sent to the Bishop. The MAP will be used as our guide over the coming years as we seek to follow God's will for us in this parish. Then, get your diaries out, in September 2012 all back to my place for a review – how did we do – and to ask what is God calling us to do next!

*Dave*

**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.  
Amen.**

### **HOLY BAPTISM**

October 12      Leon Mark Leeson

### **HOLY MATRIMONY**

October 18      Philip David Selby and Sarah Elizabeth Hindle

### **FUNERAL**

October 16      Clarice Pearl Faith Patmore at the Church of The Good Shepherd

October 27      Edith Elizabeth Todd-Jones at the Church of The Good Shepherd

November 5      William Edwin Charles Gardner at the Church of The Good Shepherd



## North Cambridge Council of Churches

I represent the Church of the Good Shepherd on the North Cambridge Council of Churches, and a group of us were able to be at its last meeting in October. This is a summary of what was discussed.

**Etterbeck** This is a project that the Church of the Good Shepherd and St Laurence's Catholic Church have been involved in. At present there is a move to make the project more ecumenical. Etterbeck is a Catholic parish in Belgium which has a keen interest in developing its relationship with us in Cambridge. Both the people of this parish and the people of Etterbeck have visited each other in the past. The North Cambridge Council of Churches are asking all their member churches if there is anyone interested in being involved in this link. It does not have to be a whole church commitment, but rather individuals who would like to get to know Belgian Christians and share with them their stories and experiences of holding up Jesus to the world. Please contact me, John or Elizabeth Lamont if you would like to be involved.

**The North Cambridge Youth Worker Project** The youth worker project is now 10 years old this year, having started in September 1998. Our worker, Ellie Howes, has been involved for 6 years. She comes regularly to the meetings of the North Cambridge Council of Churches to tell us how the project is progressing, and it is heart-warming to hear the enthusiasm she has for her work and her love and support for the young people she works with. **She needs our prayers so that God's Will will be done through the work of the project.**

It has been encouraging for her to see how young people in North Cambridge have grown in confidence thanks to the work of the project. During the summer, 30 young people from the project who are moving up from primary to secondary school went for a 3-day trip to Norfolk. This was a great experience for them as they learnt to depend upon each other and contribute to the trip. She is pleased with the smooth transition of the youngsters into secondary education. **3 young lads even said they would like to know Jesus more, thanks to the work of the project, and Ellie asked that we all would pray for these 3 boys that their knowledge of Jesus as their friend and Saviour might grow. Please pray for the other children at the project – for stability in their lives at school, and for a growing confidence.**

Neil Perry reported that there are changes to the way the council is funding youth work in the city with a change from grants being awarded to contracts being won through competitive tender. Neil said this will lead to financial challenges but he is looking for God to provide. **Please pray that the County Council will award their contract to the project so that the project may have these much needed funds.**

There is not enough current funding to run the transition project and extra support will be needed for Ellie's time and residential events. Ellie would like specific funding help in developing the work with vulnerable young girls who are discovering themselves as teenagers. Neil also reported that progressing the Christian faith side of the work will need partnership with churches as the county and city councils cannot be seen to work in some areas.

*As you can see there is still a lot of work to be done and plenty of reasons for us to be involved as members of the North Cambridge Council of Churches. Please please please pray for the project and for Ellie and Neil. Please pray that we will all open our eyes to see the incredible need all around us here in Arbury and Kings Hedges.*

**At the Church of the Good Shepherd, we will be very lucky to host a service of prayers and thanksgiving for the work of the project on Sunday 18 January at 4pm. This service will be a service of Songs of Praise as part of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. PLEASE MARK THIS DATE IN YOUR DIARIES.**

### **Eight O'Clock Service**

The first and most important date for you to **mark in your diaries** is the Orchard Park (previously Arbury Park) Carol Service which is being organised by the North Cambridge Council of Churches in conjunction with the Church of The Good Shepherd. This will take place in the **Orchard Park Community Primary School** on the new Arbury Camps estate on **Sunday 7 December at 6pm.**

There is a feeling that the 8 o'clock Service is not fulfilling a purpose as it currently appears. The last 8 o'clock was poorly attended, and generally it is not attracting seekers to the Christian Faith, which is its purpose. There are a number of reasons why this might be the case and these are being discussed within the North Cambridge Council of Churches and at the planning meetings for the 8 o'clock. **Please pray for the future of the 8 o'clock service – which direction it should go in either as a seeker service or as an ecumenical service. Please pray for ways in which each of us can play a part in bringing seekers to the 8 o'clock where they can explore what it means to be a Christian and to know the love of Christ.**

### **YB4God**

This is an initiative of Arbury Road Baptist Church for young people. This is an ecumenical event exploring what it means to be a Christian and it has looked at such themes as "God in the every day". The next YB4God service is on Sunday 14 December at 7.15pm and will be a contribution to Hope 2008. **Please pray for the young people who are being touched by Jesus in their lives through YB4God that their faith may grow.**

### **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18-25 January 2009**

The theme of this year's Week is "Reconcile your people" and as part of this we are being asked to make Sunday 18 January a special day of reconciliation by visiting different churches in North Cambridge and having lunch with them. This is not meant to be seen as a frightening activity about how other people worship, but rather a way of getting to know our Christian brothers and sisters, recognising their lives of faith, and inviting and welcoming them to our own church to see our own life of faith, as well as enjoying a meal together. **Please pray that we may be reconciled to each other this Week.** Finally, we shall meet again at the Church of the Good Shepherd for our *Service of Thanksgiving for the North Cambridge Youth Worker Project and Songs of Praise at 4pm.*

Also during the Week of Prayer, there will be a service of prayer for Christian unity at Arbury Road Baptist Church on Tuesday 20 January at 7pm preceding the meeting of the North Cambridge Council of Churches at 7.30pm.

*Michael Lovell*

## Re-formation of the 18<sup>th</sup> Cambridge Scouts

We at The Good Shepherd are delighted that the 18<sup>th</sup> Cambridge Scouts have been re-formed, as are the Scout Leaders. Here are some pictures taken by Charlie Brown of the dedication of the Scouts banner at the Parade Service on Sunday November 16.



John Jagger and Matthew Brown



Harry Clift, Ryan Ling, John Jagger

## WORTH RE-READING

[Dorothy and I had this story sent to us by a friend who is struggling with cancer, so she felt it was particularly applicable to her. She is an ex-teacher, as we both are, but we feel it is something for us all as Christians.]

As she stood in front of her 5th grade class on the very first day of school, she told the children an untruth. Like most teachers, she looked at her students and said that she loved them all the same. However, that was impossible, because there in the front row, slumped in his seat, was a little boy named Teddy Stoddard.

Mrs. Thompson had watched Teddy the year before and noticed that he did not play well with the other children, that his clothes were messy and that he constantly needed a bath. In addition, Teddy could be unpleasant. It got to the point where Mrs. Thompson would actually take delight in marking his papers with a broad red pen, making bold X's and then putting a big 'F' at the top of his papers.

At the school where Mrs. Thompson taught, she was required to review each child's past records and she put Teddy's off until last. However, when she reviewed his file, she was in for a surprise.

Teddy's first grade teacher wrote, 'Teddy is a bright child with a ready laugh. He does his work neatly and has good manners ... he is a joy to be around.'

His second grade teacher wrote, 'Teddy is an excellent student, well liked by his classmates, but he is troubled because his mother has a terminal illness and life at home must be a struggle.'

His third grade teacher wrote, 'His mother's death has been hard on him. He tries to do his best, but his father doesn't show much interest, and his home life will soon affect him if some steps aren't taken.'

Teddy's fourth grade teacher wrote, 'Teddy is withdrawn and doesn't show much interest in school. He doesn't have many friends and he sometimes sleeps in class.'

By now, Mrs. Thompson realized the problem and she was ashamed of herself. She felt even worse when her students brought her Christmas presents, wrapped in beautiful ribbons and bright paper, except for Teddy's. His present was clumsily wrapped in the heavy, brown paper that he got from a grocery bag. Mrs. Thompson took pains to open it in the middle of the other presents. Some of the children started to laugh when she found a rhinestone bracelet with some of the stones missing, and a bottle that was one-quarter full of perfume. But she stifled the children's laughter when she exclaimed how pretty the bracelet was, putting it on, and dabbing some of the perfume on her wrist. Teddy Stoddard stayed after school that day just long enough to say, 'Mrs. Thompson, today you smelled just like my Mom used to.'

After the children left, she cried for at least an hour. On that very day, she quit teaching reading, writing and arithmetic. Instead, she began to teach children. Mrs. Thompson paid particular attention to Teddy. As she worked with him, his mind seemed to come alive. The more she encouraged him, the faster he responded. By the end of the year, Teddy had become one of the smartest children in the class and, despite her lie that she would love all the children the same, Teddy became one of her teacher's  
pets.'

A year later, she found a note under her door, from Teddy, telling her that she was the best teacher he ever had in his whole life.

Six years went by before she got another note from Teddy. He then wrote that he had finished high school, third in his class, and she was still the best teacher he ever had in life.

Four years after that, she got another letter, saying that while things had been tough at times, he'd stayed in school, had stuck with it, and would soon graduate from college with the highest of honours. He assured Mrs. Thompson that she was still the best and favourite teacher he had ever had in his whole life.

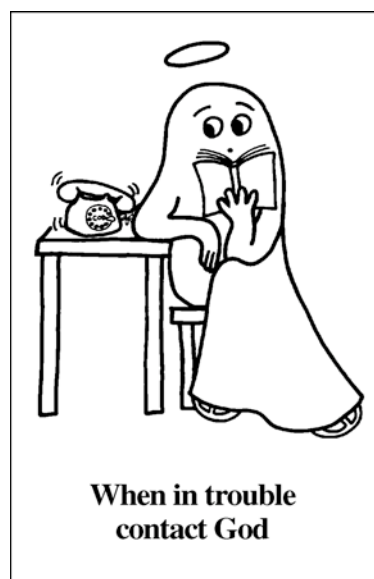
Then four more years passed and yet another letter came. This time he explained that after he got his bachelor's degree, he decided to go a little further. The letter explained that she was still the best and favourite teacher he ever had. But now his name was a little longer. The letter was signed, Theodore F. Stoddard, MD.

The story does not end there. You see, there was yet another letter that spring. Teddy said he had met this girl and was going to be married. He explained that his father had died a couple of years ago and he was wondering if Mrs. Thompson might agree to sit at the wedding in the place that was usually reserved for the mother of the groom. Of course, Mrs. Thompson did. And guess what? She wore that bracelet, the one with several rhinestones missing. Moreover, she made sure she was wearing the perfume that Teddy remembered his mother wearing on their last Christmas together.

They hugged each other, and Dr. Stoddard whispered in Mrs. Thompson's ear, 'Thank you, Mrs. Thompson, for believing in me. Thank you so much for making me feel important and showing me that I could make a difference.'

Mrs. Thompson, with tears in her eyes, whispered back. She said, 'Teddy, you have it all wrong. You were the one who taught me that I could make a difference. I didn't know how to teach until I met you.'

(For you that don't know, Teddy Stoddard is the doctor at Iowa Methodist in Des Moines that has the Stoddard Cancer Wing.)



## IN THE CHURCH HALL

<b>THE MONDAY CLUB</b> Monday 2.30 - 4pm	Eva Hutson	574070
<b>THE GOOD SHEPHERD CUBS</b> Monday 6.30 - 8pm	Charles Brown	07720 441123
<b>LINE DANCING</b> Tuesday 10.15 - 11.45am	Mrs B Wright	426517
<b>KEEP FIT 50+ GROUP</b> Tuesday 2.30 - 4pm	Mrs V Ford	870711
<b>THE GOOD SHEPHERD RAINBOWS</b> Tuesday 6.15 – 7.15pm	Miss Rachel Marsh	574520
<b>CARERS &amp; SUFFERERS OF DEMENTIA</b> Wednesday 10 – 12 noon	Jo Hughes	0776 6058767
<b>THE 18<sup>th</sup> &amp; 25<sup>th</sup> GOOD SHEPHERD BROWNIES</b> Wednesday 6 - 7.15pm	Mrs Pat Marsh	574520
<b>THE CAMERA CLUB</b> Wednesday 7.30 – 9.30pm	C.N. Hall	350516
<b>GUILDHALL RETIRED MEMBERS CLUB</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month 2 - 4pm	Yvonne Wisbey	523549
<b>ROYAL BRITISH LEGION</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month 2.30 - 4.30pm March to November	Mary Glasscock	155 Minerva Way CB4 2TZ
<b>T G W U</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month 2 – 4pm	John Drake	244030
<b>CAMBRIDGE INSTRUMENTS PENSION FELLOWSHIP</b> 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month 10am - noon	Mr Richard Luff	424027
<b>THE GOOD SHEPHERD BEAVERS</b> Thursday 6.15 - 7.15pm	Alan Leader	563233
<b>CHURCH TODDLERS' CLUB</b> Friday 9.15 – 11.30am	Linda Dean	328658
<b>TAI CHI</b> Friday 2 – 3pm	Mike Tabrett	503390
<b>THE SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month noon – 1.30pm	John & Elizabeth Lamont	565559

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