

Chapter six of the Book of Joshua describes the well-known story of the capture of the city of Jericho by the invading Israelites. They encircle it seven times and then, at the blast of the trumpets, the walls collapse and Joshua and his army advance to enter and take the city. When this story is set for reading in the Anglican lectionary, the passage ends at verse twenty. However, in the Bible there is one more verse, which reads 'Then they devoted to destruction by the edge of the sword all in the city, both men and women, young and old, oxen, sheep and donkeys.'

We can understand why the compilers of the lectionary did not want this terrible verse to be read in church. But it is there in the Bible nevertheless. It raises the difficult question of what we are to make of the stories of vengeance and genocide that are quite common in the Old Testament. How can we square these acts, represented as if fulfilments of God's will, with the teaching of Jesus which tells us to love our enemies?

The answer is surely that we cannot do so in any simple way. Atheist critics of Christianity, such as Richard Dawkins, make great play with the cruelties recorded in these bible stories, alleging that they show the immoral and corrupt nature of religion. If we are to respond to this criticism we shall have to do so by recognising an important fact about the nature of scripture. The bible was written over a long period (about eight hundred years in the case of the Old Testament). During that time there was a progressive increase in understanding of the nature of God, made known through an unfolding process of historical revelation. The earliest generations of Israelites had got as far as grasping that there was only one

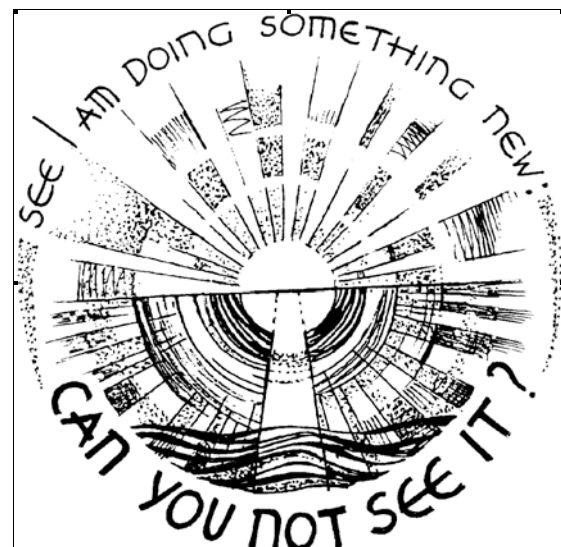
true God whom they should follow, but this true insight initially led them to the mistaken belief that they should wage a relentless holy war against the Canaanite tribes who were following false gods. However, God continued to lead Israel into greater and deeper insight. By the time that chapter 49 of Isaiah was written, the prophet understood that God had not called the Jews to exterminate other peoples, but to be 'a light to the nations that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.' (verse 6)

The Bible is an indispensable source for us of religious truth, but I believe that we shall only be able to read it in the honest fashion it requires if we recognise that there is this pattern of developing understanding of God to be found in its pages.

John Polkinghorne

A Prayer for the reading of scripture

Lord, you have given us the Bible so that we can learn about you and your salvation. As we read scripture, help us to do so with honest minds open to your truth and with responsive hearts open to your love. Guide us as we seek to be obedient to your will and to be faithful witnesses to the truth of the Gospel.



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READINGS FOR JULY

Sundays and holy days

- 5 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
2 Corinthians 12: 2-10
Mark 6: 1-13
- 12 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Ephesians 1: 3-14
Mark 6: 14-29
- 19 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Ephesians 2: 11 - end
Mark 6: 30-34, 53 - end
- 26 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
Ephesians 3: 14 - end
John 6: 1-21

Wednesdays

- 1 2 Corinthians 12: 2-10
Mark 6: 1-13
- 8 Ephesians 1: 3-14
Mark 6: 14-29
- 15 Ephesians 2: 11 - end
Mark 6: 30-34, 53 - end
- 22 Ephesians 3: 14 - end
John 6: 1-21
- 29 2 Corinthians 8: 7 - end
Mark 5: 21 - end



REGULAR SERVICES IN JULY

- Sundays 8am Holy Communion
10am Parish Communion
(first Sunday in the month is an All-Age service)
- 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

Church will be open ONLY for Sunday services between 30 July and 1 September.



EVENTS IN JULY

- Sunday July 5 at 12 noon Sunday Lunch Club meets in the Church Hall.
- Sunday July 5 at 8pm Social Evening in the Carlton Arms
- Saturday July 11 Vicarage Garden Party
- Monday July 13 at 3pm Good Shepherd Players visit St. George's Court (Nursing Home where Margery Bragg now is)
- Sunday July 19 at 3pm Wedding

MEETINGS IN JULY

- Monday July 6 PCC meets at the Vicarage at 7.30pm

An Angel Chooses a Chocolate

Six months ago I related what I had been up to on my course to become an Authorised Lay Minister (ALM). I can't believe that I am now nearing the end of the course and will hopefully be commissioned on 20th September in Ely Cathedral.

My last article mentioned chips and this time I have chosen chocolate as my theme – never let it be said I don't enjoy my food!! “An Angel Chooses a Chocolate” is the title of a painting by Karolina Larusdottir, an Iceland painter, who likes to paint angels appearing in everyday situations. This particular one shows two elderly(ish) ladies sitting on a sofa and offering a box of chocolates to a large angel perched on a stool. The angel appears to be taking some time to consider which one to have. I chose this picture to ponder on for Module 3 of my course, part of which was to explore the Christian tradition through art. Looking at the picture my thoughts were:

- God is with us in our everyday lives
- God takes time to consider our offerings
- God enjoys sharing our pleasures
- God will always accept what we offer him in love
- Is it possible the angel has brought the chocolates?
- One of the ladies has a chocolate in her hand – if we accept gifts from God we return the gift to him in some way
- There are overtones of “You did not choose me, I chose you”
- We are reminded about “entertaining angels unaware”

I had never really looked at pictures in this way before and I was amazed at what came to mind!

What else have I been doing? Well, we spent a very interesting day on the subject of gender and sexuality led by Marie Tolstoy, ethics tutor for Westcott House and Ridley. Another fascinating day dealt with eco-related themes where we discussed how to help our churches think in an environmentally friendly way. We have spent a whole day learning about listening skills – and practising them! Wise advice on listening : “You have two ears and one mouth - use them in that proportion”! We've discussed slavery, including the trafficking which goes on today all over the world. Still to come are: setting up a social responsibility group, liberation theology (might not cover it all in two hours!!) and a day to celebrate what we have learnt about ourselves and about what roles we may be undertaking in our church. Our social awareness group has been led by Rev Fiona Brampton and Rev Edward Greene. They have kept us on our toes and given us lots to think about!

I have enjoyed it all so much – I can't thank David and the PCC enough for sponsoring me! David and I have been in discussion about what I might be doing after I have been commissioned and we will no doubt be sorting it all out in the fullness of time! “Social awareness” covers so much and it is tempting to want to do everything! Please remember me in your prayers as I near the end of the course and it would be lovely if a few people could come to the cathedral on September 20th to support me then. I have always felt so lucky to belong to such a caring congregation.

Liz

On this page you will see the picture about which Liz has been writing and I am most grateful to Tom Ambrose for photographing the painting and providing us with a copy for the Newsletter. If this has got you interested in Karolina Larusdottir's paintings and you would like to see more, have a look at

http://www.cambridgegallery.co.uk/artists/paintings/karolina_larusdottir/

There are several with angels but their collection does not include Liz's one.



Can you help?

When we had the Plant and Book Stall recently Fiona Blows was looking for Large Print books. Specifically she was trying to help Marjorie Bragg who, as you know, is now in a Nursing Home. Homes of all kinds, however good they are, are finding it really hard in the present financial cutbacks to meet their "normal" obligations and things like large print books come pretty far down the list of priorities.

Reading is so good for you, and to help elderly people who can no longer see so well to continue to read and exercise their imaginations is such an excellent thing.

Have you any large print books you no longer need? Fiona regularly goes to the 8 o'clock service but her contact details are on page 2 of the Newsletter. Or you can pass books to Ruth or Liz at the 10 o'clock service as the Good Shepherd Players are visiting Marjorie's Home in July.

Very many thanks

Ruth Banger

P.S. Fiona found two large print books on the Book Stall!

With the European elections having produced two MEPs for the National Front, we, the tax payers, are now paying for their salaries and over generous expenses!

BE WARNED

A racist bigot spouting bile
Is unaware he's part of crowd
Along with those he blames for all
That's bad. Perhaps he's not allowed
To contemplate the simple facts.
Both he and I possess a pair
Of grandmas, grandpas too. And each
Of them's the same. And if you care
To carry on a dozen times
Or so you'll very quickly find
By 1600 nearly all
Of England's diverse human kind
Are cousins many times removed.
To join the BNP you need
Perverse and sadly addled mind.
It's only then you'll swallow creed
Bereft of sense that love of God
Extends to all, whatever tint
One's skin or hair, whatever faith
One may profess. Besides, the hint
Of Hitler's poison in their tracts
Will surely serve to show the folk
Who wish the world a better place
That BNP is merely cloak
For fools espousing hate. Indeed
They're nothing but a noxious weed.
But hurling thus a verbal brick
We fail to pity souls so sick.

DON'T BE CONNED

And should those feet in modern times
Walk upon England's mountains green
We wonder would the BNP
Let Jesus in our land be seen?

Despite their claim belief in Christ
Is part of England's golden past,
They'd bar this man from Palestine.
They'd surely just deport him fast.

And if you ask the reason why
They give a sickly smile and shout
We've got to keep our race as pure
As snow and keep the aliens out.

They thus ignore our mongrel race
Is so diverse because of waves
Of immigrants enriching mix
So often since we lived in caves.

They seem to wish for mythic times
Before the age of ice and snow.
But they deny that's what they mean
Because at heart they really know -

They're bigots who will never join
In mental fight or raise a hand
To build a New Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land.

Henry Disney





Race For Life 2009

This year I will be taking part in my Fifth Race For Life and I will have strong competition because Mum (Margaret Handley) is going to join me. For anyone who does not know what Race For Life is, their website is <http://www.raceforlife.org/> but in short it is one of Cancer Research UK's biggest fund raising events. If you would like to sponsor us our Just Giving page is <http://www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/MargaretandFiona> and there will also be sponsor forms on the table in Church. We are trying to raise as much as possible so even a pound or two will be very much appreciated, and you may write an encouraging message as well if you would like to. If you would like to come along and support all the participants the race we are taking part in is at 11am on July 19th and is a three mile course starting on Jesus Green.

Fiona Blows



Arbury Carnival

As we go to press I can tell you that we raised £182.70 on our stall and those of us who helped to man the stall had a great day. Dave Wilson took some excellent photos and some of these will be included in colour in our September issue. Watch this space!

House Group Quiz

How many of these quotations can you identify? And how many do you identify with? (when you have had a try, the answers are on page 10)

Last year, the Housegroup considered the Seven Marks of a healthy church and were particularly challenged by the statement, “A Healthy Church engages with Scripture in creative ways that connect with [real] life”. Like most Christians, we felt we should read the Bible more, understand it better and apply it more and, like most Christians, if honest, we found parts of it boring, baffling or worse. We had lots of questions. How did the Bible come together? What authority does it have? How can we take Scripture seriously without falling into fundamentalism? How can we take in the insights of critical scholarship without being confused or overwhelmed? How should the Scripture be used in church, in liturgy, readings and preaching and how used in our private devotions? We will wrestle with these questions through the summer as our meetings will be devoted to “Why and how to read the Bible”. With the help of Hilary Brand’s book *The Sceptic’s Guide to Reading the Bible* (Bible Reading Fellowship, 2000), we will look at the different types of literature to be found in the Bible. (God did not just give us a book, he gave us a library of different types of books, with something for every taste and level.) We will sample and practise different ways of reading. Hilary Brand summarises these as

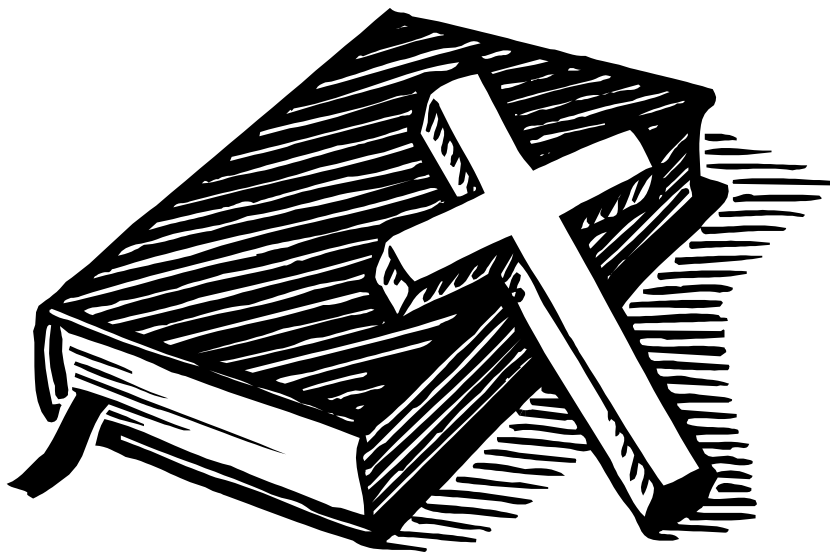
- Imagining: using the right side of the brain
- Trawling: systematically searching
- Meditating: giving it time to breathe
- Character building: walking in someone’s shoes
- Thread gathering: tracing the big ideas
- Exploring: making your own itinerary

Watch this space for reflections on what we learn or come and join us.

Terry Barringer

1. All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.
2. It is a book of lies and contradictions, and a history of bad times and bad men. There are but a few good characters in the whole book.
3. Most people are bothered by those passages of Scripture they do not understand, but the passages that bother me are those I do understand.
4. The dual authorship of Scripture is an important truth to be carefully guarded. On the one hand, God spoke, revealing the truth and preserving the human authors from error, yet without violating their personality. On the other hand, men spoke, using their own faculties, yet without distorting the divine message. Their words were truly their own words. But they were (and still are) also God’s words so that what Scripture says, God says.

5. Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation: so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed as an article of the Faith or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation.
6. The devil can cite Scripture for his purpose.
7. The whole counsel of God concerning all things necessary for his own glory, man's salvation, faith, and life is either expressly set down in Scripture or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit, or traditions of men.
8. The Scripture is the library of the Holy Ghost; it is an exact model and platform of religion. The Scripture contains in it the credenda "things which we are to believe" and the agenda "the things which are to be done."
9. The Bible is the cradle wherein Christ is laid.
10. If you only have the Word, you will dry up. If you only have the Spirit, you will blow up. But if you have the Word and the Spirit, you will go up and grow up.
11. Much of the Bible is not systematically evil but just plain weird, as you would expect of a chaotically cobbled-together anthology of disjointed documents, composed, revised, translated, distorted and 'improved' by hundreds of anonymous authors, editors and copyists, unknown to us and mostly unknown to each other, spanning nine centuries. This may explain some of the sheer strangeness of the Bible.
12. Scripture is like a river again, broad and deep, shallow enough here for the lamb to go wading, but deep enough there for the elephant to swim.



Thank You

This is to express my tremendous gratitude to everyone at The Good Shepherd for the many cards, loving messages, telephone calls and visits received following my recent stroke. Most particularly thank you for your prayers which have contributed so greatly to my recovery.

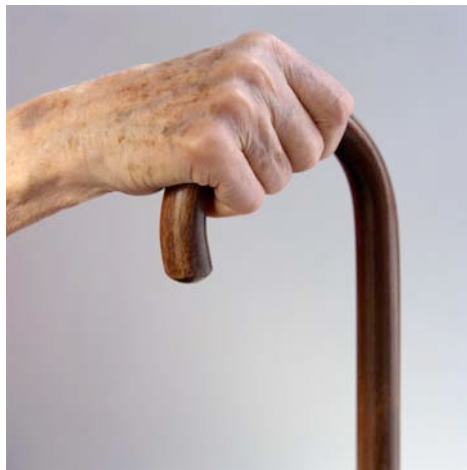
On Ruth Polkinghorne's memorial table there is a pamphlet containing advice to stroke victims and to anyone who suspects a person may be showing symptoms of the onset of a stroke. Fortunately I had read this leaflet and my first reaction, before I became completely disabled, was to take two aspirin tablets which was the correct procedure for reducing a blood clot and thinning the blood.

I have been very fortunate indeed that within a few days from being paralysed I was able to walk with the aid of a zimmer frame and, by the end of a fortnight, I had progressed to using a walking stick. I am deeply indebted to the physiotherapists and occupational therapists at Addenbrooke's Hospital for their patience and encouragement (and for refusing to allow me home until I had mastered the art of stair climbing!) Also, for the continuing care I am receiving from the Community Stroke Team.

I hope soon to return to worshipping at The Good Shepherd and to thanking everyone personally for all their kindness and good wishes.

I am so very, very grateful.

With my love, *Monica Shipp*



Answers to House Group Quiz

1. 2 Tim 3:16-17
2. Thomas Paine (1737-1809), radical intellectual and pamphleteer
3. Mark Twain
4. John Stott
5. The 39 Articles of the Church of England, Article VI
6. Shakespeare, *The Merchant of Venice*
7. Westminster Confession 1646
8. Thomas Watson (1620-1686)
9. Martin Luther
10. Anon
11. Richard Dawkins
12. Gregory the Great

Definitions

Washington Post has an annual contest in which readers are asked to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition:

1. Cashtration (n.): The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period of time.
2. Intaxication: Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.
3. Bozone (n.): The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
4. Giraffiti: Vandalism spray-painted very, very high
5. Sarchasm: The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
6. Inoculatte: To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.
7. Osteopornosis: A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)
8. Glibido: All talk and no action.
9. Beelzebug (n.): Satan in the form of a mosquito, that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.
10. Caterpallor (n.): The color you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating.



Supporting Jimmy's

In a recent *Jottings from Jimmy's* these amazing facts were produced of what they use in an average week. They certainly made me think.

105 litres of milk, 56 loaves of bread, 20 boxes of cereal, 12 litres of squash, 50kg of potatoes, 2,000 tea bags, 120 eggs, 20kg fresh veggies, 10kg soap powder, 4 jars of peanut butter, 25kg sugar, 150 sausages and 25kg onions.

We see publicity about the grants Jimmy's are receiving – that's great news because in the world in which we live you improve or die as an institution, and these improvements will help to ensure Jimmy's survival. But those grants don't help with the day to day provision for the guests who come to them for help, none of that money goes for food.

I know we all sometimes feel bombarded on every side by charities wanting support, but looking at that list of staples Jimmy's use every week has made me think of odd items I could add to my shopping list, how about you?

Editor

FOR YOUR SUMMER AMUSEMENT/THOUGHT

Taken from one of my Mum's magazines

An elderly couple celebrating their 50th anniversary had no secrets, except for a shoe box the wife had always kept hidden under the bed. She agreed to let her husband look inside. When he did he found two crocheted dolls and £25,000 in cash. "Years ago" she explained, "My mother told me a secret to a happy marriage was never to argue. Instead, when I got angry I should keep quiet and crochet a doll." Her husband was delighted; she'd only been angry with him twice in 50 years! "Honey," he said, "that explains the dolls, but what about the £25,000?" "Oh," she replied smiling, "that's from selling the dolls!"

Supplied by Tom Shipp

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs. Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar

Know the Word of God

A woman had just returned to her home from an evening church service when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of valuables and yelled, "Stop! Acts 2: 38!"

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture at you." "Scripture?" replied the burglar. "She said she had an axe and two 38s!"

P.S. Acts 2: 38 Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins can be forgiven

The Sale

It was advertised that the devil was going to put his tools up for sale. On the date of the sale, the tools were placed for public inspection, each tool being marked with its sale price. They were a treacherous lot of implements – "Hatred, Envy, Jealousy, Deceit, Lying, Pride", and so on. Laid apart from the rest was a harmless looking tool, well worn and priced very high.

"What is the name of this tool?" asked one of the purchasers, pointing to it. "That is discouragement," replied the devil. "Why have you priced it so high?" "Because it is more useful to me than the others, I can pry open and get inside a man's heart with that when I cannot get near him with my other tools. Once I get inside, I can make him do what I choose. It is badly worn because I use it on almost everyone, since very few people know it belongs to me."

Which do you feed?

A native American boy was talking with his Grandfather. "What do you think about the world situation?" he asked. The grandfather replied, "I feel two wolves are fighting in my heart. One is full of anger and hatred; the other is full of love, forgiveness and peace." "Which one will win?" asked the boy. To which the grandfather replied, "The one I feed."

Christian Aid 2009

Very many thanks to Clare and Simon for all their organization for Christian Aid. We had excellent posters in church, a posse of people out delivering and collecting envelopes, a fantastic car wash by our young people (sorry – no pictures but we'll do better next year!), a quiz and a concert.

All in all we raised **£1459.00**

Quizaid

How could you simultaneously

- Have fun and a good drink
- Participate in the church's engagement with the local community and the wider world
- Raise money for Christian Aid
- Show off your arcane and useless knowledge of subjects ranging from history and geography to food, drink and television programmes ancient and modern?

By coming to *Quizaid* at the Carlton Arms on Sunday 10th May, of course.

I brought along a posse of friends from other churches. "What struck you most about the evening?" I asked them afterwards, hoping they would say "What a nice bunch of people at the Good Shepherd", "Great to see the church out in the community" etc...

Instead they commented on the vicar's "appalling pronunciation" of pasta types (sorry, David) and the knowledge of varieties of gin displayed by certain leading ladies (names withheld). But they'll come again.

Terry Barringer

P.S. "Terry's Allsorts" won by a narrow margin.

I had a hippopotamus

This was a curious and intriguing title for a concert and so, to find out more, we made our way to the Church of The Good Shepherd on Saturday May 16. There we were treated to a most delightful hour of entertainment, a mixture of serious and not so serious items, many involving hippopotami.

First of all choir and audience joined in singing that magnificent hymn "Let all the world in every corner sing" – a most appropriate beginning as the collection at the end was to go to Christian Aid which aims to help throughout the world.

Ruth then recited a poem, *I had a hippopotamus*, by Patrick Carrington, the inspiration for the title of the concert. This had been supplied by Terry Barrington who had found it in the archives of Dr. Joe Church, a leading European figure in the East African revival of the 1930s. Geoff entertained us with the cavortings of hippopotami when they throw off their inhibitions underwater and Rhodri led us in the Flanders and Swann song where we all sang the chorus with gusto.

Liz then regaled us with a poem about a strange creature called the Ogo Pogo whose mother was an earwig and whose father was a whale. I wonder what on earth he looked like – a challenge indeed to the imagination!

The next poem was by T.S. Eliot and read by Gill. This was a thought provoking poem, difficult to understand, somehow comparing the life of the hippopotamus unfavourably with the established church. We had further thought provoking readings and Tom made us all laugh with his amusing rendition of the Flanders and Swann song, *The Gnu*, about the somewhat pretentious protestations of that strange animal.

We shared in some African music (*Kwmbayah*, *Jesu tawa pano* and *Over my head*) and indulged in nostalgia when the Redfern family entertained us with *Moon River* and Rhodri sang *As time goes by*. We all laughed heartily at *The Budget Song*, a

Our Charitable Giving

At the last PCC meeting members voted to split our giving four ways and I have been assembling information about the various charities selected.

The first was a special project being run by Ellie at Romsey Mill – special in that it was not part of their regular work but was being run in the holidays for girls who were considered to be at risk. As you will see from the interim report below this is very much “of the moment” and I look forward to sharing more news of this project later. If you were at the last Songs of Praise at The Good Shepherd I am sure you were as impressed and moved as I was with watching Ellie lovingly encouraging two giggling nervous girls to talk to us. I don’t think I’ll ever forget it.

The other charities selected were Smile Train, Mission Aviation Fellowship and work in Zimbabwe. All are featured on the following pages. The PCC members were delighted with the response to their request for suggestions for charities to support.

Ellie’s Summer Holiday Project

We are very grateful for your continued support and I know Ellie and the young people involved in the Transitions work really appreciate it. I’m not sure if you were aware but Ellie took a group of young women away during the half term break to Norfolk for 3 days. They had a fantastic time so your financial support for that will be much appreciated. She will also be running two residential on consecutive weekends in July with young people in Year 6 who are moving from primary to secondary school. Ellie is in the process of writing a report on her time away with the young women which I have asked her to email to you on completion which you will then be able to edit for the purposes of your newsletter. Thank you once again for your very kind support.

*Message from James Bennett
Children's and Youth Work Programme Manager at Romsey Mill*

Smile Train



Unlike many charities that do many different things, The Smile Train is focused on solving a single problem: cleft lip and palate.

Clefts are a major problem in developing countries where there are millions of children who are suffering with unrepaired clefts. Most cannot eat or speak properly. Aren’t allowed to attend school or hold a job. And face very difficult lives filled with shame and isolation, pain and heartache.

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This is our mission:

- To provide free cleft surgery for millions of poor children in developing countries.
- To provide free cleft-related training for doctors and medical professionals.

Until there are no more children who need help and we have completely eradicated the problem of clefts.

What Makes The Smile Train Different:

Focused on a single problem: cleft lip and palate.

'Teach a man to fish': we empower local doctors in developing countries.

Mission Aviation Fellowship

MAF is a dynamic worldwide partnership. Our purpose is to speed physical and spiritual care to people in places of deepest human need. Remote places where flying is not a luxury, but a lifeline. For over 50 years, MAF planes have been serving countless thousands of men, women and children, bringing medical care, emergency food, and Christian hope. Serving as the air-arm of the church.

Today worldwide, the MAF partnership operates over 130 aircraft from bases in 30 countries. Every three minutes, an MAF plane is taking off or landing somewhere in the world. Enabling the work of aid and development agencies, missions, national churches and other local groups. Carrying their dedicated teams bringing healing and relief for body, mind and spirit. Flying across deserts, jungles, mountains and swamps. Giving hope to far-flung communities which might take days or weeks to reach by land, where roads may be non-existent, or impassable for half the year.

MAF continues to fly in the Democratic Republic of Congo

More than 250,000 people have been displaced in the east of the country as a result of fighting between the rebel forces and government militia. They join more than one million already displaced, raising fears of another humanitarian disaster. We have not been called upon to assist with any aid directly related to the current fighting. Most of the aid is being brought in by road or by larger aircraft. Our team continues with regular flights around the Goma area for our partner organisations who have been working there for several years with medical aid, trauma management, training, orphans and women's centres. Several flights have carried medical supplies and a medical team to the affected area.

Dave Jacobsson shares, 'It was very sad to see the IDP camps from the air on the edge of Goma and destroyed, looted villages and homes in the area.' The medical team spent 10 days on the ground running trauma management training with over 500 area pastors along with medical work and mosquito net distribution. Flights have also been assisting several relief agencies in delivering food and medical supplies to refugee camps in the northern region in response to the Lord's Resistance Army's (LRA) raids on villages there. Rebels have been killing, burning buildings, looting, and abducting children and women since mid-September.

From Michael Lovell

I came across Mission Aviation Fellowship in 1994 in Papua New Guinea. PNG is a mountainous country with a poor economy, where the people live in isolated villages which are often only accessible by boat or on foot. There are very few roads in the isolated regions. I went to visit Dogura at the eastern end of PNG mainland and had to fly there - the only other means of access was by boat. MAF service this north coast route from the provincial capital Alotau up the north coast through Popondetta to Lae, and then on into the heartland of PNG to Goroka (I flew here from Dogura with MAF) and Mount Hagen. Both for the churches and for the people, MAF provides a lifeline, transporting (church employed) doctors, clergy and families who need to travel to school, or to make emergency visits. In the wet season, the roads are unreliable and vehicles often get stuck in the mud. Definitely a charity I can endorse.

Zimbabwe Relief Fund

This is an emergency fund set up to support the work of the Anglican Church in Zimbabwe as it re-establishes its mission and ministry following changes in leadership in the Harare Diocese and will cover stipends for clergy and other essential ministries in the Diocese. The special problem the church in Zimbabwe is facing (apart from the terrible difficulties of rampant inflation and disease suffered by all) is that the previous discredited Bishop is currently refusing to hand over control of the diocesan accounts. This fund will enable clergy to survive in Zimbabwe and therefore to offer help to those in such desperate need. We have confidence in the Zimbabwe Relief Fund as it is run by USPG as part of its mission to Anglicans worldwide and, as a church, we have regularly supported the work of USPG in our charitable giving.



Visit to Orchard Park School

On the 4th of June four of us - Audrey Disney, Lilas Davison, Colin Forbes and I – went to Orchard Park Junior School to talk to the children about our memories of the Second World War. We were made very welcome by the staff and were very impressed by this beautiful new school. It was interesting to learn that the school has a curved corridor instead of straight as in most schools, as it is built in the shape of an Iron Age Fort which once stood on the site. I was pleased to hear that the school has an allotment and a Garden Club where the children can learn to grow their own vegetables. The children we spoke to were aged 7-11 years.

Audrey introduced us and produced a script for us to follow, interspersed with our own memories. Our brief was memories of the Homefront but Colin was a serving soldier so his memories were quite different.

In the Grocer's Shop we had our ration books and a week's rations for one person. As one little one remarked, 2oz. of cheese wasn't even enough to make a sandwich. Another thought she could have eaten one week's worth of sweets in one day. (perhaps rationing *was* good for us.)

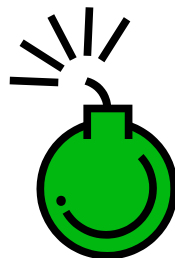
Colin then appeared with a very rare, very small delivery of oranges.

We then sat and talked about our own memories. Lilas told of her experiences of Air Raids in the Docklands Town of Sunderland, and of hearing the boom of "Big Bertha" which shook the town. Also her amazement on emerging from the shelter in the garden to find the house still standing. I told them about collecting stinging nettles with the Girl Guides, which were then dried and sent away to be used in medicines, and a bit about life in a village situated close to busy airfields. As we talked we were suddenly told by the ARP Warden (Colin) to "put that light out". Unfortunately, while we were reminiscing and answering the children's questions, we strayed from the script, and Colin never did get to read the Nine O'Clock News!

Audrey had made some marvellous models of Anderson and Morrison shelters. Also some visual aids giving a brief history of signalling leading up to Radar and the dreaded Air Raid warning. Colin produced from his pocket the outer casing of an incendiary bomb. It was one that fell on Mill Road and, as it didn't explode, it was found later during building work. But the definite hit with the children was a portion of the metal upright post of a Morrison shelter which Colin brought along. They all wanted to try to lift it – it was VERY heavy. Audrey told how the house fell down on their shelter, and of waiting to be dug out. I made some Carrot Cookies from a Wartime recipe which most of the children (and Lilas) liked – I think. One little boy wanted some for his Mum and Dad.

We enjoyed our visit to the school (we could probably have gone on talking all day). I think the children are well aware that, while there may have been lighted moments, War is horrible. Summed up by one little boy who asked if anyone we knew was killed. A question that had to be answered truthfully – "Yes".

Jeanette Lee



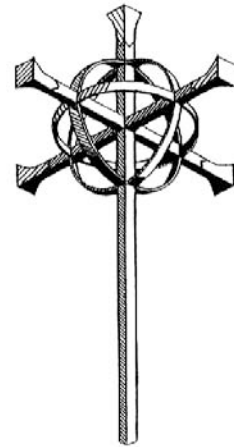
IN THE CHURCH HALL

THE MONDAY CLUB Monday 2.30 - 4pm	Eva Hutson	574070
THE GOOD SHEPHERD CUBS Monday 6.30 - 8pm	Charles Brown	07720 441123
LINE DANCING Tuesday 10.15 - 11.45am	Mrs B Wright	426517
KEEP FIT 50+ GROUP Tuesday 2.30 - 4pm	Mrs V Ford	870711
THE GOOD SHEPHERD RAINBOWS Tuesday 6.15 – 7.15pm	Miss Rachel Marsh	574520
CARERS & SUFFERERS OF DEMENTIA Wednesday 10 – 12 noon	Jo Hughes	0776 6058767
THE 18th & 25th GOOD SHEPHERD BROWNIES Wednesday 6 - 7.15pm	Mrs Pat Marsh	574520
THE CAMERA CLUB Wednesday 7.30 – 9.30pm	C.N. Hall	350516
GUILDHALL RETIRED MEMBERS CLUB 2 nd Wednesday of the month 2 - 4pm	Yvonne Wisbey	523549
ROYAL BRITISH LEGION 3 rd Wednesday of the month 2.30 - 4.30pm March to November	Mary Glasscock	155 Minerva Way CB4 2TZ
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CAMBRIDGE INSTRUMENTS PENSION FELLOWSHIP 3 rd Thursday of the month 10am - noon	Mr Richard Luff	424027
THE GOOD SHEPHERD BEAVERS Thursday 6.15 - 7.30pm	Emma Roberts	426043
THE GOOD SHEPHERD SCOUTS Thursday 7.30 – 9.00pm	Alan Leader	563233
CHURCH TODDLERS' CLUB Friday 9.15 – 11.30am	Claire Duell	0787 4850867
TAI CHI Friday 2 – 3pm	Mike Tabrett	503390
THE SUNDAY LUNCH CLUB 1 st Sunday of the month noon – 1.30pm	John & Elizabeth Lamont	565559

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CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Here at the Good Shepherd we like to help you to celebrate and commemorate many of the milestones on the journey through life; these include weddings, anniversaries, funerals, and baptism services.

If you wish to find out more about these, the first step is to contact the Vicar, the Reverend David Maher. He will be able to tell you what is involved and arrange for a meeting with you if you then wish to take things further.

He can be contacted on 01223 351844

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There will be a Newsletter in August but it will contain essential information only, NOT articles. Contributions for the September issue can be given to the Editor at any time.