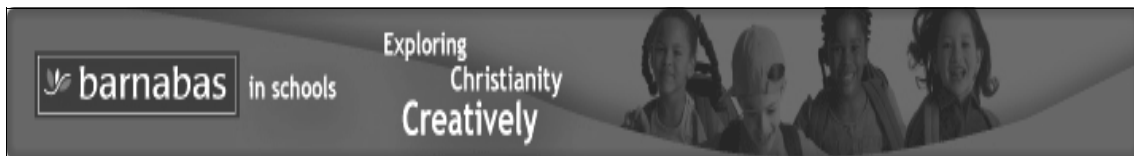


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God of Surprises

This not-so-new year has already produced a number of surprises. Not all of them have been pleasant, but even those which weren't have turned out to have a positive side. Who would have thought that worshipping in the church hall while the church heating system was out of action could be so much fun – even if it did add to the grey hairs of the Vicar and Churchwardens (not to mention the members of the serving teams)? Who would have expected the heavy snow-fall of the first week of February? Actually, the answer to that question seems to be “Just about everyone except the schools and the local authorities”. But for the children (and the young at heart) who took advantage of the opportunity to go sledging and build snow-people and throw a few snowballs, the heaviest snow for nearly twenty years was a source of joy as well as frustration.

During the coming weeks our thoughts will increasingly focus on what are, at first sight, the most surprising parts of the New Testament. The Gospel accounts of the ministry of Jesus build up, for anyone who doesn't know how the story ends, a growing awareness of his power and authority, not only over illness and infirmity but also all the forces of chaos. His insistence, therefore, on going to Jerusalem and confronting the hostile authorities there comes as a worrying surprise – as does his apparent surrender to the powers of darkness when one of his closest companions hands him over.

And, of course, the surprises don't end there, as we shall be reminded when, next month, we follow Jesus along the way of the cross. What happens to Jesus reminds us that our “God of surprises” (in Fr Gerard Hughes' famous phrase) is at work even in the most disastrous situations to bring life and hope out of darkness and despair. Even the horror of the Australian bush fires is not finally beyond his power to transform and heal, although for now we can only stand mute before such destruction and loss of life and wonder, appalled, at the human malice and folly which, at least in some instances, gave rise to it.

So, perhaps this Lent will be a time of surprises for us, whether we put our energy into exploring Timothy Radcliffe's

response to the question "Why go to Church?" as we join in "The Big Lent Read", or find out through one of the house-groups what it means to be "Lentwise", or hear God speaking to us through the poems of George Herbert which will form the basis of a time of meditation each Friday night. And maybe the choice of the Bible Reading Fellowship for the Lent Project will provide a few surprises of its own. Certainly the range of events and fund-raising ideas that have already been suggested bode well for the outcome of this year's project. Whichever way you take through these forty days of discipline and self examination, may you be conscious of God's presence and his power to surprise and enlarge our small imaginations.

Tony Dickinson

Lent Project 2009



BRF: resourcing your spiritual journey

'What can we do to resource the spiritual growth of our congregation?' This essentially was the question back in 1922 that led to the start of what became known as 'The Bible Reading Fellowship' or 'BRF'. What began as an attempt to meet the needs of St Matthew's, Brixton, led very quickly to a ministry that was to extend throughout the UK and beyond.

The context in which we operate and the range of activities we're engaged in have changed and evolved over the decades. Yet the values and aims that lie at the heart of BRF today continue to be true to the original vision back in 1922 – summed up by our Statement of Purpose 'resourcing your spiritual journey'.

Through all that we do – producing resources, providing training, working face-to-face with adults and children, and via the web – we work to resource individuals and church

communities in their Christian discipleship through the Bible, prayer and worship.

BRF's ministry today includes publishing Bible reading notes (*New Daylight*, *Guidelines* and *Day by Day with God*) and 40 new books each year; we run a range of specialist websites, including *Foundations21* (our web-based multi-media discipleship resource); and we offer an annual Quiet Day and Teaching Day programme.

Under the strapline 'exploring Christianity creatively' our Barnabas children's ministry aims to equip adults working with children under the age of 11 to be more effective in their teaching, and to help to bring the Bible and Christian faith alive for the children themselves. In primary schools we offer a programme of creative arts-based *Barnabas* RE Days, along with a range of specialist In-Service Training (INSET) sessions for teachers. In churches we're concerned with supporting children's leaders, helping churches to engage with their wider community (for example *Messy Church*, which is pioneered by one of our team, Lucy Moore), helping them make connections with their local schools, and exploring the wider question of how we nurture children in church.

As a charity we generate some of our funding from the sale of publications and from the events and training that we run, but we are dependent on grants and donations to be able to continue and develop our ministry. Thank you for supporting us as your Lent Project this year – it is greatly appreciated!

For further information about all aspects of BRF's ministry visit www.brf.org.uk

Richard Fisher

Chief Executive, BRF

Pause for thought for the month from 'Verse and Voice'

"Watch how you live.

Your lives may be the only gospel your sisters and brothers will ever read."

- Dom Helder Camara,
former Archbishop of Olinda and Recife, Brazil.

Lent Project cont...

KEEP-FIT

FOR THE NOT-SO-FIT

Come and join an exercise and
movement class during lent,
held every Tuesday afternoon in March

At: 3.15 - 4.15 p.m.

St Francis' Church Hall

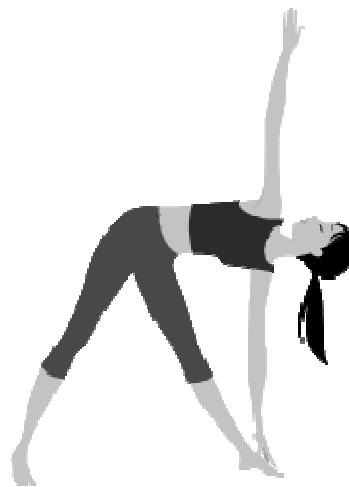
On: 3 / 10 / 17 / 24 / 31 March

Taken by: Irena Lowe

Fee: £3 per session

And relax with a cup of tea/coffee afterwards

This is part of our lent project and all
proceeds will go to BRF



Even more for the Lent Project!

The following events will be held at the home of Hazel and Mike Noakes:

Arden House, 72 Hamilton Road [near the RGS]

Telephone: 01494 530273

Belgian Chocoholics Party

Wednesday 4 March at 7.30pm

Come and order your Mother's Day and Easter chocolates and gifts. We will benefit from sales commission, brochures can be taken in advance or if you are unable to attend and orders taken. See Hazel.

Morning Coffee

Monday 16 March, 10.30am-12noon

Come and enjoy a 'cuppa', toasted teacakes and Hazel's cheese puffs—and a really good chat! Raffle prizes too.

Afternoon Teas

Monday 30 March, 2-4pm

Delicious cakes, scones and lots of naughty but nice confections—such a shame if you have given up chocolate, BUT there will be something for you. Raffle to be held.

Join us and enjoy the buzz of conversation between mouthfuls!



Our Musicians

I think it's time we printed a big thank-you to Tessa and our young musicians for enhancing the monthly all age service. Their lead last month in the candlelight procession sing was quite lovely, so to Amy, Beatrice, Laura and Rozeanne—thank you and well done. Thank-you too Tessa for the work you are doing with the girls, you can be proud of the good results you are achieving.

Joy Smith



The Childrens' Society—Collections 2008

The Childrens' Society raised a total of £782 from 16 box holders [2 new holders in 2008], one shop counter box, plus Skylarks and an enjoyable Beetle Drive. Many thanks to all. If anyone else would like a box for 2009, please let me know.

Terry Dean

Local Secretary



Congratulations to **Chris [valued choir member]** and **Paul Bradbury** on becoming grandparents. William Paul Chalwin was born to Claire and Paul on 4 February, weighing in at 8lbs [note the three Pauls]. A delightful photo of Claire and Paul with their new baby is being circulated around the choir and congregation.

From the Registers

We welcome into God's Church by Baptism

On 14th December
Jack Dylan Cruise-Hobbs

We commend into the Father's keeping

On 30th January
Elsie Goodwin
On 27th February
Evelyn Ross

HAVE BROOM, WILL CLEAN!!

Church cleaning has been carried out by a small dedicated voluntary band of people, but over the years, due to ill health and increasing age, the number of people able to clean has dwindled and the various teams are now down to cleaning once a month, whereas in the past this was once every two months.

I am appealing to you to consider whether you would be willing to join our merry band of cleaners - the more there are the less frequently we have to clean. The teams are two to three people and cleaning takes from one and a half to two hours. Cleaning can be done at a time convenient to you, most of us clean on a Friday afternoon or Saturday morning.

Please, if you are willing and able to help we would be so glad to welcome you to help keep our beautiful church clean.

If you would like to know more, please speak to me or any of the other cleaners.

Val Jones

Final Reminder!

Magazine Subscriptions

If you have not already done so, I would appreciate receiving your subscription for the Magazine for 2009. If you have questions please do not hesitate to contact me, either in church or by phone: 01494 524491. Many thanks.

June Findlow

Signs seen outside churches

The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.

You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

Don't give up, Moses was once a basket case.

Come early for a good seat at the back.

THE SACRING BELL

(Also known as the Sanctus Bell)

I was recently taken to see the bell in the Church tower (thank you to Tim Edmonds and Peter Gee). After climbing numerous steps, puffing and panting, I saw the bell and was amazed how small it was sitting in the middle of a huge tower. (This lends itself to a real peal of bells – wishful thinking!!). Tim took a very nice photograph of the bell (*thanks Tim*).



Bells have been rung to mark the time of day, times of prayer, events in the Church calendar, even on Pancake Day. They are also used to call people to worship, to celebrate weddings and festivals, to ring out the old year and ring in the new year and muffled bells are sometimes rung at funerals.

We are legally obliged, by law, to ring the Sacring bell letting the neighbourhood know a service is about to begin. By tradition, we ring the bell 33 times ten minutes before the service, once for each year of our Lord's life. It is then rung 3 x 3 times and 1 x 9 times five minutes before the service commences – this is sometimes known as the Angelus and prayers are said. This procedure has been carried out in churches since the 13th century. The Sacring bell is also rung at the elevation of the elements, which dates back to the 12th century.

We are hoping to gather together a small team of people who are interested in ringing the bell before a service. Anyone who would like to join the team should contact either Tony Dickinson or Anne Payne via the Vicarage.

Anne Payne

(A member of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bellringers)

Dates for the diary-

The Salvation Army, High Wycombe, is presenting **The King's Singers and Hendon Salvation Army Band** 'in concert' at the Swan Theatre, High Wycombe, on Sunday March 22 at 7pm. Tickets at £16 are available directly from The Swan box office.

This promises to be a musical evening 'par excellence' and it is also 'Mothering Sunday' - what better way of celebrating a very special day with a very special concert?



5 March—Elgiva Theatre, Chesham. Fair Trade Fashion Show and film 'China Blue', 7.30pm, cost £9/£7.50

18-20 March—at High Leigh. Partnership for Development, speakers include Rt Hon John Battle MP, Geoff Bockett of Traidcraft, Cathy Ross of CMS Benedict Southworth of WDM. For more details and brochure contact Maranda St John Nicolle email: maranda@ccow.org.uk

19 March—Coventry. A 'Day of Action' hosted by Christian as part of its climate change campaign. The day will begin with a joint service with CAFOD in Coventry Cathedral. The programme includes a keynote speech from the world renowned NASA scientist James Hansen, and will include drama and dance. The service is free, but otherwise tickets are required, email: campaigns@christian-aid.org or call 0207 523 2264 to book tickets.

28 March—London. 'Put People First' a march for Jobs, Justice and Climate. Service beforehand at Methodist Central Hall at 10.30am, march leaves from Victoria Embankment by Temple tube station, rally in Hyde Park 2.00pm-4.00pm.

LENT COURSE

LENTWISE - A JOURNEY WITH PAULA GOODER

If our lives with God are a journey what are the travel essentials we should not be without?

This interesting and imaginative five week course will take place in three different homes [unless there is a demand for more] and will begin on w/c 2nd March.

There is a list on the church notice board on which to sign. Please sign up quickly so that the books can be ordered in time [they cost a modest £4.99] and the groups planned. If you are not sure, or want to know more you could ring Val Evans [531023] Eileen Chapman [713530] and James and Lynn Carey [533500]. Times and venues are:

Wednesday 4th March 8pm 72 Totteridge Drive

Thursday 5th March 11am 1 Watchet Lane, Holmer Green

Thursday 5th March 8pm Kingston Road

The 'regulars' who have been attending these groups for some years look forward to attending these courses which stimulate a lot of friendly discussion. More people join in each year. Why not join in!?

Val Evans

Lord, who hast form'd me out of mud,
And hast redeem'd me through thy blood,
And sanctifi'd me to do good;
Purge all my sinnes done heretofore:
For I confesse my heavie score,
And I will strive to sinne no more.
Enrich my heart, mouth, hands in me,
With faith, with hope, with charitie;
That I may runne, rise, rest with thee.
George Herbert [1593-1633]
[From St Annes, acknowledged with thanks]



PRAYING THE PARISH

Among members of our congregation in particular need we pray for:

Mollie Braisher, Gaynor Chambers, Sheila Charlton, Linda Courtney and her family [especially her daughter Karis], Ida Davies, Sylvia Dean, Val Evans, Jean Finlan, Norah Franklin, Hilda Graham, Zoe Hart, Val Jones, Elizabeth Lampson, Gwen Liverpool, Karen Marks, Dennis Mayger, Margaret Philpott, Jill White, Adam Whitlock, Diane Young

Among others for whom our prayers have been asked:

Vince Amer, Dawn and Bob Amor, Phyllis Atwood, Pat Baldock, Helga & Carl Baunack, Jenny Butterfield, Philip and Denise Chapman, John Edmonds-Seal, Stuart Evans, Jessica Faul, Nikki Ferguson, Julie Free, Michael Fudge, Adam Gill, Olive Harvey and her family, Gail Hobson, Anna Jervis, Katherine Keep, Peter Kerwood, Brian l'Anson, Simon Maynard and his family, Justus Michels and his sons, Rhiannon Nicholls, Angela Norton, Ritchie O'Brien, Mick Payne, Richard Payne, Sarah Payne, Robert Phillis, Marcia Powell, Ken Richmond, Mollie Robinson, Billy Rolls, Andrew Smith, Barbara Smith, Anne Watson, Paula and Phil Webb and their family, Tom Wickens and his family, Jaden

CALENDAR FOR MARCH 2009

Dates for your Diary

The diary is also available on the parish website

www.terrierschurch.org.uk

where it's regularly updated with additions and changes

Sunday, 1st March – Lent 1

8.00 a.m. - Holy Communion (BCP)

10.00 a.m. - Parish Communion (all-age service)

Preacher: Richard Fisher (CEO of The Bible Reading Fellowship)

Monday, 2nd March

8.00 p.m. - Club Francis leaders meet
(Vicarage)

Tuesday, 3rd March

8.00 p.m. - Julian Meeting

Wednesday, 4th March

10.00 a.m. - Holy Communion (BCP)

1.30 p.m. - Skylarks

**7.30 p.m. Chocaholics Evening
(72 Hamilton Road)**

Friday, 6th March

8.30 p.m. - Meditation & Night Prayer

(This evening's meditation will focus on George Herbert's poem "Sin's Round",)

Sunday, 8th March – Lent 2

8.00 a.m. - Holy Communion

10.00 a.m. - Parish Communion with Prayer
for Healing

Tuesday, 10th March

8.00 p.m. - "Question Time" (The Terriers)

Wednesday, 11th March

10.00 a.m. - Holy Communion (BCP)

1.30 p.m. - Skylarks

Friday, 13th March

8.30 p.m. - Meditation & Night Prayer

(This evening's meditation will focus on George Herbert's poem "The Collar")

Saturday, 14th March

2.00 p.m. - Book Sale (Church Hall)

Sunday, 15th March – Lent 3

8.00 a.m. - Holy Communion

10.00 a.m. - Parish Communion

Preacher: Graham Burrows

12.00 noon - Lunch Club (The Terriers)

4.00 p.m. - Tea-time Concert

Monday, 16th March

8.00 p.m. – Baptism Preparation

Wednesday, 18th March

10.00 a.m. – Holy Communion (BCP)
1.30 p.m. – Skylarks

Thursday, 19th March – St Joseph of Nazareth

7.00 p.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
**10.30am—Coffee Morning
(72 Hamilton Road)**

Friday, 20th March

8.30 p.m. – Meditation & Night Prayer
(This evening's meditation will focus on George Herbert's poem "Sighs and Groans")

Sunday, 22nd March – Mothering Sunday (Lent 4)

8.00 a.m. – Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. – Parish Communion (all-age service)

The service will include the presentation of posies

Monday, 23rd March

8.00 p.m. – Baptism Preparation

Wednesday, 25th March – The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary

10.00 a.m. – Holy Communion (BCP)
1.30 p.m. – Skylarks
8.00 p.m. – Parish Communion

Friday, 27th March

8.30 p.m. – Meditation & Night Prayer
(This evening's meditation will focus on George Herbert's poem "Redemption")

Saturday, 28th March

7.30 p.m. – Chiltern Camerata Concert

Sunday, 29th March – Lent 5

8.00 a.m. – Holy Communion
10.00 a.m. – Parish Communion

Monday, 30th March

**2.00 p.m. – Cream Teas
(72 Hamilton Road)**

8.00 p.m. – Baptism Preparation

*Events marked **.....** are part of our Lent Project, supporting the work of the Bible Reading Fellowship*

DEADLINE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO APRIL MAGAZINE

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Readings for March 2009

Sunday, 1st March Lent 1

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.00 a.m. Parish Communion (Richard Fisher)

Genesis 9:8-17 **OR** 1 Peter 3:18-end

Mark 1:9-15

Sunday, 8th March Lent 2

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.00 a.m. Parish Communion

Genesis 17:1-7, 15, 16

Romans 4:13-end

Mark 8:31-end

Sunday, 15th March Lent 3

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.00 a.m. Parish Communion (Graham Burrows)

Exodus 20:1-17

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

John 2:13-22

Sunday, 22nd March Mothering Sunday

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.00 a.m. Parish Communion

Exodus 2:1-10

John 19:25-27

Wednesday, 25th March Annunciation

8.00 p.m. Parish Communion

Isaiah 7:10-14

Hebrews 10:4-10

Luke 1:26-38

Sunday, 29th March Lent 5 (Passion Sunday)

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.00 a.m. Parish Communion

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Hebrews 5:5-10

John 12:30-33



Health & safety - Serious message

Message from the Ambulance Service

We all carry our mobile phones with names & numbers stored in its memory. If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill, the people attending us would have our mobile phone but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the contact person in case of an emergency? Hence this 'ICE' (In Case of Emergency) Campaign.

The concept of 'ICE' is catching on quickly. It is a method of contact during emergency situations. As mobile phones are carried by the majority of the population, all you need to do is store the number of a contact person or persons who should be contacted during emergency under the name 'ICE' (In Case Of Emergency).

The idea was thought up by a paramedic who found that when he went to the scenes of accidents there were always mobile phones with patients but they didn't know which number to call. He therefore thought that it would be a good idea if there was a nationally recognised name for this purpose.

In an emergency situation, Emergency Service personnel and hospital staff would be able to quickly contact the right person by simply dialling the number you have stored as 'ICE'. It really could save your life, or put a loved one's mind at rest.

For more than one contact name simply enter ICE1, ICE2 and ICE3 etc

PLEASE PASS THIS AROUND TO AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE AS THIS CAN HELP IN AN EMERGENCY

[Don't delay, even this 'silver surfer' has managed it! Editor]

Words of wisdom for these credit crunch times:

ARE YOU IN DANGER OF LOSING YOUR HOME BECAUSE OF DEBT?

OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE ELSE WHO MAY DO SO?

A 'Care for the Family' A4 leaflet - short pieces of advice

FIRST, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY

ASK FOR ADVICE IMMEDIATELY from, e.g., the Citizens Advice Bureaux

For your nearest CAB branch - look in the phone book or see www.adviceguide.org.uk/

(it gives branches and endless sound advice). *Citizens Advice* is an operating name of their National Association..

NB Unfortunately not all 'debt advice sites' are as innocent as they sound....

Don't ignore a bank or building society's letter or phone call - the problem won't go away

If you do ignore them - it's never too late to contact them. Do you have an endowment policy? Take advice before you cash it in.

Do you have a repayment mortgage? Ask about repaying the interest only, even if temporarily.

Are you in arrears? Ask about including them in your outstanding, mortgage, paying it all off over extra years.

Ask about making a reduced payment for a time. it's cheaper and easier for the lender than repossession

Try to sell your home and move to a smaller one. A better option for you than from repossession proceedings.

A 'mortgage rescue scheme'. Does your local authority have one? You might qualify.

Have court proceedings started? Always attend the hearings. The court will want to keep you in your home.

Pay what you can afford - it is up to the court to decide the amount

Don't put your head in the sand! Most banks and building societies don't want people to lose their heads.

Taken from a leaflet produced by 'Care for the Family' (Reg. Ch. No. 1066905), Garth House, Leon Road, Cardiff CF15 7RG (029-2081-1733; www.careforthefamily.org.uk)

(Thank you to Tony for this, we pray that it is not needed)



We are a small local charity and would really appreciate your help this year! We are not asking for money—we are asking for just 10-15 minutes of your time.

We work at Aylesbury Young Offenders Institution, where we match volunteer mentors with young men aged 18-21—with the aim for them to work together to reduce the risk of reoffending after the young person is released back into the community.

It is so easy to judge these young people on what we read in the newspapers and see on the television. Of course, they have committed crimes, but if we are prepared to, and committed to, giving them another chance, the vast majority are eager and keen to take that chance!

We are currently short of mentors and have a waiting list of young offenders from all cultural and social backgrounds, and all religions, who have asked for a mentor to support and guide them ultimately to help them 'go straight' after their release from prison.

We have limited resources and rely on help from the local community and people such as yourselves to recruit new volunteers. Our volunteers receive ongoing training and support, and we reimburse their travel expenses—from as far away as 50 miles from Aylesbury.

If you would like further information or a Trail-Blazers representative to talk to a meeting, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please also look at our website:

www.trail-blazers.org.uk

With kind regards and grateful thanks.

Mieke Vrijhof (Ms)

Chief Executive



If God had one of those annoying recorded voice things installed for prayers...

"Thank you for calling Heaven.

"For English, press 1.

"For other languages, press 2.

"For Welsh, the language of heaven, please hold.

"Please select one of the following options:

"Press zero for a chat.

"Press 1 to apologise.

"Press 2 for requests.

"Press 3 for immaculate conceptions.

"Press 4 for complaints.

"I am sorry. All of our angels and saints are busy helping other sinners right now. However, your prayer is important to us, and we will answer it as soon as one of the heavenly host is free. Please stay on the line.

"If you would like to hear King David sing a Psalm while you are holding,
please press 1.

"If you would like to hear Ernest Luft singing 'O for the wings of a dove',
please press 2.

"If you would like to sing your favourite hymn, please go ahead.

"If you are a Christian, please enter J-O-H-N, followed by the numbers 3-1-6.

"If you are a Satanist, please hang up and dial 6-6-6.

"If you are a hippy, press any combination of numbers until it feels good. Wow. The cosmos. Everything, man!

"If you are an atheist, why are you calling?

"For answers to nagging questions about suffering, people of other faiths, homosexuality, dinosaurs, life on other planets, and where Noah's Ark is, please wait until you arrive.

"If you are a theologian and understand transubstantiation, the ontological proof of the existence of God, the difference between

pre- and post-millennialism, creationism and evolution...please report to the Archangel Gabriel on arrival in heaven. We haven't a clue what you're on about, and we'd like you to explain it to us.

"Our computers show that you have already prayed today. Please hang up and try again tomorrow. The office is now closed for the weekend to observe a religious holiday. Please pray again on Monday after 9:30 am.

"If you wish to renew your subscription, please visit your local church on Sunday.

"If you are calling after hours and need emergency assistance, please contact your local pastor.

"Thank you for calling and have a divine day!"

(Thanks to Tony for this, it came via his niece)



Help Wanted Urgently

Volunteers needed to help research and compile a weekly email prayer newsletter. See www.prayer-alert.net, now in its fifth year **Prayer Alert** is a respected tool to help and encourage individuals and churches to pray more for this nation and beyond.

The work of **Prayer Alert** is growing and we now need to expand our team to move it on to the next stage including a new **International Prayer Alert**. We are looking for someone to help, ideally on a Wednesday or Thursday, at our small office at Wycliffe Bible Translators, Horsley's Green.

Could you please pray about this vision and feel free to give me a ring to discuss possibilities. Or if you know of someone else who may be interested please encourage them to give me a call.

Tony Taylor on 01494 711221 or 07932 020011



Wycombe Winter Night Shelter

Prayer points:

Please pray for

Appropriate accommodation for all our guests.

That the guests with dependencies have a real desire to get help and that the hold that these addictions has on them is broken.

For a harmony amongst the guests and between the volunteers who all come from very different backgrounds.

For the 9 people on our waiting list, that they can find somewhere safe, warm and dry to sleep whilst waiting for a place at the shelter.

Please thank God for

All of our volunteers and church co-ordinators.

The financial support we have had from churches and individuals.

God's presence so far, especially in the more challenging moments.

A reminder that there is a prayer group that meets fortnightly on Fridays at 2pm to pray specifically for the Night Shelter. Everyone is welcome. Future dates:

March 13 and 27

If you would like more information, please call:

Wendy Packer on 01494 713076

Email: contact@wwns.org.uk

Website address: www.wwns.org.uk

Pause for thought for hard [banking] times...

A message on a notice board reads:

**Come and talk to the listening God
You can bank on him.**

and finally...

There's [probably] no God...

My belief: human beings, prompted by our very nature, have always sought to raise our sights in the conviction that a good life is secured only through good deeds and good thoughts. I sought to know the God and Father who has given us this great gift of life. Some religions teach that there are a variety of male gods and female gods, tracing an entire lineage. Other religions teach that there are powerful and less powerful deities. Yet others claim there is no God at all, worshipping nature instead, saying it came into being by chance vibrations and collisions. Most people, however, admit that God exists, but that he is ignorant or indifferent to the lot of humanity. I chanced upon this: God the creator bears witness to himself in these words: 'I am who I am' (I was amazed by the perfection of this insight which puts into intelligent language the incomprehensible knowledge of God); and on this: 'From the greatness and beauty of created things comes a corresponding perception of their creator'; and on truths taught by the apostle in the fourth Gospel (learning more about God than I had expected): I understood that my creator was God born of God. I learned that the Word was God and was with God from the beginning.

On the Trinity, Hilary of Poitiers (4th cent)

[Taken from 'Between the Lines']

Accessibility at Terriers Church

Sidesmen are on duty at the main church services to welcome you.

Please ask for assistance if you need it.



There is a car park at the church. Although no designated disabled parking spaces are available, those with accessibility difficulties are welcome to park in the area adjacent to the church doors.



Access is down steps. A lift is available at the left-hand entrance.



There is a hearing loop in church.



A large-print version of the service book is available.



The toilet in church is reached only via steep stairs. A disabled toilet is normally available in the church hall



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