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Always there is hope

As I write these words the young adults murdered by one of their fellow-students at Virginia Tech University are barely 48 hours dead. In Iraq, new depths have been reached in the inter-communal carnage. We are once again faced with what the King James Bible calls "the mystery of iniquity". No doubt "VT" will, for a time at least, replace "Columbine" or "Dunblane" as shorthand for the kind of murderous rage which takes vengeance for perceived wrongs on society at large before turning its hatred against itself. In such circumstances how can Christians credibly proclaim the Easter message that the world has changed because Christ is risen? Has not God, assuming he exists, clearly abdicated his responsibility and handed over the world to the forces of darkness?

To follow such a line of reasoning is to forget the events that preceded the discovery of Jesus's empty tomb and all that flowed from that discovery. The Gospel accounts of the events of Holy Week focus on scenes of betrayal, torture and violent death. The risen Jesus still bears the scars of his suffering. As he shows them to his disciples, he shows his solidarity with all human suffering, whether in Baghdad or in Blacksburg. Jesus identifies with the pain of the world. He has borne that pain, and the human sin that causes it, in his body on the cross. He has known the abandonment, the hopelessness, of the innocent victim.

But the resurrection of Jesus demonstrates that the abandonment, the hopelessness, the agony are not all that human beings can expect from a pitiless universe. God has not handed his world over to the torturers and the murderers. We may not find abundant grounds for optimism, or for the philosopher's contention that "everything is for the best in the best of all possible worlds", but we can still hope.

We can still hope because in the death and resurrection of Jesus God has overcome decisively the powers of darkness and death. Those powers may still lash out destructively, like a powerful animal in its death throes, but they cannot reverse the victory of self-giving, suffering love, which lays down its life for its friends, as Liviu Librescu laid down his life to enable

his students to escape the unfolding horror.

There is in today's world little cause for optimism, but because (in Bishop David Jenkins's memorable summary of the Gospel) "God is as he is in Jesus, so there is hope." And hope, as St Paul reminded the Christian communities in Rome 1,950 years ago, does not disappoint us, "because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). That was true for the first Christians living under the totalitarian culture of the Roman Empire. It remains true for us who live with the all-pervasive materialist capitalism of the early 21st century. Always there is hope, because Christ is risen. He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Tony Dickinson

When Violence Kills Itself

I've always heard the old adage, "violence is a weapon of the weak." But after events like the Virginia Tech massacre, it's easy to think that violence has ultimate power. After all, we've learned history through the lens of war. And we read the news through acts of violence rather than the hidden acts of love that keep hope alive.

But there is a common thread in many of the most horrific perpetrators of violence that begs our attention—they kill themselves. Violence kills the image of God in us. It is a cry of desperation, a weak and cowardly cry of a person suffocated of hope. Violence goes against everything that we are created for—to love and be loved—so it inevitably ends in misery and suicide. When people succumb to violence it ultimately infects them like a disease or a poison that leads to their own death. Judas, the disciple who betrayed Jesus with a violent kiss, ends his life by hanging himself with a noose. After his notorious persecutions, the Emperor Nero's story ends as he stabs himself. Hitler passed out suicide pills to all his heads of staff, and ended his life as one of the most pitifully lonely people to walk the earth. We see the same in

the case of Columbine, the 2007 Amish school shootings, the Sept 11 terrorist attacks, and this recent Virginia Tech massacre—each ends in suicide.

Violence is suicidal. Suicide rates of folks in the military and working the chambers of death row execution are astronomical; they kill themselves as they feel the image of God dying in them.

It is in moments like these violent times that grace looks so magnificent. It is in the shadow of such violence, as was the case after the Amish school shooting, that the victims' grace to the murderer's family shines so brightly. Sometimes all the peacemakers need to do is practise revolutionary patience, and steadfast hope—for the universe bends toward justice, and the entire Christian story demonstrates the triumph of love. And it makes it even more scandalous to think of killing someone who kills—for they, more than anyone in the world, need to hear that they are created for something better than that.

I am reminded of a letter I got from someone currently on death row. After reading some of my writing, he wrote to me to share that he was a living testimony against the myth of redemptive violence (the idea that violence can bring redemption of peace). This fellow on death row told me that the family of his victim argued that he should not be killed for what he did, that he was *not* beyond redemption, and so he did not receive the death penalty for his crime. "That gave me a lot of time to think about grace", he said. And he became a Christian in prison. Another story of scandalous love and grace

So in these days after Easter, even as we see the horror of death, may we be reminded that in the end love wins. Mercy triumphs. Life is more powerful than death. And even those who have committed great violence can have the image of God come to life again within them as they hear the whisper of love. May the whisper of love grow louder than the thunder of violence. May we love loudly.

Shane Claiborne

(Taken from the Beliefnet & Sojourners website)

**HELP POOR CUMMUNITIES GROW A FUTURE
THIS CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13-19 MAY 2007**

This is the slogan on one of this year's posters. Beside the poster there is a large illustration of a fruit tree growing out of a Christian Aid envelope (see this month's cover) - such a graphic image of what can be achieved through the money we donate . But, even more, I like the poster supplied for people to put in their windows. It reads:

'It is not the will of God for some to have everything
And for others to have nothing.

This cannot be God.'

Oscar Romero of El Salvador, assassinated in 1980 for speaking out against injustice. These are posters with a clear message that we can feel proud to display.

I hope that more people will be inspired and encouraged to join our team of collectors. We really do need more collectors. Last year we managed to collect £2,035 from the very generous people in Terriers and Totteridge. This is clearly a worthwhile task, and such a good opportunity to call on the people in this parish. So look out for us, with our badges and red collecting bags. We love it when people have their envelopes ready for us. And please fill in the Gift Aid section on the envelope if you are a taxpayer. On donations of £2 and over this gives Christian Aid an extra 28p for every pound.

Val Evans



PRAYING THE PARISH

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

Joyce Bennett, Gaynor Chambers, Sheila Charlton, Linda Courtney, Sylvie DaBriel, Michael Hedgeland, Elizabeth Lampson, Doreen Smith, Lisa Sutton and her family, Jill White, Diane Young.

Among others for whom our prayers have been asked:

Vince Amer, Una Atter Martin, Jean Barber, Stephen Benfell, Harold Blewitt, Jenny Butterfield, Deborah Carey, Roy Coomb, Rachel Crampton, Cath Cronk, George Daniel, Cynthia Dean, Brigid Dowsett, Marilyn Drew, Arlette Drewitt, Frances Edmonds, John Edmonds-Seal, Michael Evans, Phyllis and Margaret Fudge, Nikki Ferguson, Norah Glennon, James Golightly, Lin Hallahan, Betty Hill, Anna & Frank Jervis, Val Layne, Zack Leeper, John Maybury, Gwynedd Merrett, Bettina Michaels and her family, Marie Norton, Mary Pope, Marcia Powell, Claire Roberts, Christine Solomon, Irene Solomon, Rhiannon Streeter John Stubbs, Betty Tetsall, Steven Tomori, Bill Weinbauer, Julie Willis, Margaret Woolner

DEVELOPING SERVANT LEADERSHIP IN OUR PARISH

Keith Gordon is running a course which ties in with issues raised in Tony's 'Vicar's Letter' printed in the April magazine, under the above heading. There will be five sessions in church, beginning at 7.45pm and ending at 10pm, on the following dates:

Wednesday 15 May

Wednesday 30 May

Tuesday 12 June

Wednesday 4 July

Wednesday 25 July

JUNIOR MUSICIANS AWAKE

The St Francis Junior Music Group has been meeting now since the beginning of January this year, and its members are growing in confidence all the time! We meet for about half an hour in church every Friday evening at 6.45, to prepare for the family service at the beginning of each month. This involves learning the hymns, to support the congregational singing, but also rehearsing an instrumental item or two, to accompany the congregation or provide music during the Communion or at the end of a service as the procession leads out. I lead the rehearsals, with support from Tony Dickinson, who is often at hand to sing along!

We have a wide range of musicians at the moment; violin, cello, guitar, recorder and percussion (as well as good voices of course). This enabled me to arrange "Walking in a Garden" and "This is the Day" for the group to play without piano accompaniment on Easter Sunday's morning service, allowing them, hopefully, to be heard more easily. Peter Gee also, very kindly, arranged amplification for us so that the sounds of the instruments would carry better, and I believe this was successful.

The members of the Junior Music Group are aged from 7 upwards, and anyone who would be interested in joining us to sing or play their instrument would be most welcome. Just come and see me or Tony Dickinson for more details. In the meantime, we hope you enjoy listening to our performances, and we welcome any comments or suggestions you may have.

Tessa Shaw



LENT PROJECT—MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP
AFTERNOON TEA WITH HAZEL NOAKES

Various members of the congregation and friends joined Hazel for a delicious tea on an April afternoon. The chat, and tea, flowed, and the eats were delicious. Sitting with a view of Mike and Hazel's lovely garden was a definite bonus. Sadly, having had several warm days, it was not warm enough to sit outside on that afternoon, but it was enjoyable just looking out. Having had a lively tea, an even livelier raffle took place!

It was a successful afternoon and the sum of £76 was collected to be added to the total for the Lent Project, which stood at nearly £1400 on Sunday 22 April.

Thank you for your hospitality, Hazel.

Eileen Chapman

NEW PSYCHOTHERAPY AND COUNSELLING COURSE

Starting in Autumn 2007 at Douai Abbey near Reading, part time, one day a week and two residential weekends per year. This professional course is Integrative Psychotherapy and Counselling, focusing on Body, Mind, Emotion and Spirit. It is offered by the Bridge Pastoral Foundation (formerly known as the Clinical Theology Association), a Christian based charity which has been training in pastoral care since the early 1960s. For more details please see the website www.bridgepastoral.org.uk or telephone our office on 0151 652 0429

Angela Ryan

(Administrator)

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

There is a new event this year helping to make childhood better for all, it is a walking event - *Footsteps for Childhood*. It is a major fundraising event for the Society, and will be taking place in six locations this summer, as listed below.

Canterbury, Saturday 19 May

Bristol, Saturday 26 May

Chichester, Saturday 9 June

Oxford, Saturday 16 June

St Albans, Saturday 7 July

London, Saturday 15 September

Footsteps for Childhood is a fantastic opportunity for local people to get together for a really fun day out, at the same time as raising money for children who need it most - children who have been deprived of a childhood. The walks are all based in beautiful urban settings, with routes carefully planned to help you discover on foot some of the most captivating historical treasures in the country, including bridges, churches, cathedrals and interesting landmarks. Spend a summer's day with friends and family, meet new people and find out about other ways of getting active with your feet, including dancing, live music, arts & crafts and children's competitions.

The charity is counting on the event becoming one of the largest charity walks of its kind in the country. To register visit www.childrenssociety.org.uk/footsteps or call 0845 600 8585, a small donation is requested, £8 per adult and £5 per child to cover the cost of hosting the event, posters are also available from the above telephone number.

Hazel Noakes

Developing Sustainable Giving

Six Steps in Christian Giving

Survival

I give a bit when I'm asked because the Church ought to be there in case I need it.

The need is survival and there's a chance that the church might help. The relationship with the church is that I know it's there if I need it - all being well, I won't!

Supermarket

I'm happy to pay towards the cost of the bits of the church that I want to enjoy.

The need is safety and by treating the church on my terms I feel safe and unchallenged. I see myself as a customer.

Subscription

I see myself as a member and I wish to contribute to my fair share of the costs.

The need is identity - I'm recognized, and I'm playing my part.

Submission

My understanding of being a disciple is that I should put God first in my life.

I see a deeper meaning in life and my giving responds to God and not just the needs of the church.

Sacrifice

God gave His Son Jesus to die for me, so I need to respond to His generosity.

My Christian calling is to be Christ-like and so naturally I give joyfully and sacrificially - following Christ.

*Robin Brunner-Ellis, Christian Giving and Funding Adviser
(November 2005)*

MAY 2007

Dates for your diary

*The diary is also available on the parish website
www.terrierschurch.org.uk
where it is regularly updated with additions and changes.*

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| 1 Tuesday | St Philip and St James
7.00pm Holy Communion
8.00pm Julian Meeting |
| 2 Wednesday | 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
1.30pm Skylarks (Church Hall) |
| 3 Thursday | Local Elections
<i>Church in use as polling station from 6.30am</i>
8.00pm Musicians' Meeting (Vicarage) |
| 6 Sunday | Easter 5
8.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00am Parish Communion |
| 7 Monday | Bank Holiday |
| 8 Tuesday | Julian of Norwich
7.00pm Holy Communion |
| 9 Wednesday | 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
1.30pm Skylarks (Church Hall) |
| 10 Thursday | 7.45pm PCC Meeting |
| 12 Saturday | 9.30am Confirmation Group visit to Oxford |
| 13 Sunday | Easter 6 (Christian Aid Week begins)
8.00am Holy Communion
10.00 Parish Communion
Copy deadline for June Magazine |

- 14 Monday **St Matthias**
8.00pm Holy Communion
- 16 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
1.30pm Skylarks (Church Hall)
- 17 Thursday **Ascension Day**
8.00pm Parish Communion
(Preacher: Joan Arthur)
- 20 Sunday **Easter 7**
8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
(Preacher: Tony Moore)
Noon—Lunch Club (The Terriers)
- 23 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)
1.30pm Skylarks (Church Hall)
- 27 Sunday **Pentecost**
8.00am Holy Communion
10.00am Parish Communion
- 30 Wednesday 10.00am Holy Communion (BCP)

On Wednesdays in May we celebrate:

Athanasius of Alexandria—2nd
Caroline Chisholm—16th
Josephine Butler, Apolo Kivebulaya, Joan of Arc—30th

We welcome into God's Church by Baptism

Ryan Louis Austin—8 April

We congratulate on their marriage

Steve Sheppard and Shelagh Whitlock - 21 April

Readings for May 2007

Sunday 6 May Easter 5

8.00am Holy Communion (BCP-AD)

10.00am Parish Communion (AD)

Acts 11:1-18

John 13:31-35

Sunday 13 May Easter 6

8.00am Holy Communion (AD)

10.00am Parish Communion

Acts 16:9-15

Revelation 21:10-22:5

John 14:23-29

Thursday 17 May Ascension Day

8.00pm Parish Communion (Joan Arthur)

Acts 1:1-11

Ephesians 1:15-end

Luke 24:44-end

Sunday 20 May Easter 7

8.00am Holy Communion (Nicky Tottle)

10.00am Parish Communion (Tony Moore)

Acts 16:16-34

Revelation 22:12-14,16-17,20-end

John 17:20-end

Sunday 27 May Pentecost

8.00am Holy Communion (AD)

10.00am Parish Communion (AD)

Acts 2:1-21

Romans 8:14-17

John 14:8-17

Premier Christian Radio

After twelve years of broadcasting to the nation on medium wave, Sky, Freeview and the web, Premier Christian Radio has been launched on DAB across London. Helen Shepherd, Church Relations Manager, says that it is an answer to prayer and from the Easter holidays the radio station will broadcast all over London, available on digital radios. Helen has recently joined Premier Christian Radio and she can be contacted by phone on 07956 862049, and by email on helen.shepherd@premier.org.uk. Premier will have a London slant with news, weather and travel.

There are four free events, the 'I am...' Series at Emmanuel Christian Centre, London SW1 from 21 April - 19 May at 7-9pm, more details available from Helen Shepherd.

MAY I RECOMMEND...

'TEN' BY J, John

I borrowed this book from my daughter-in-law to read as my 'Lent Book' this year. It was unputdownable, and I had read it long before Ash Wednesday!

It is a most interesting discourse on the Ten Commandments by J John, a local author from Chorley Wood. He tackles them in reverse order, his remit being to place the Ten Commandments firmly in the 21st Century. In our reading notes on 18 March, Tony Horsfall wrote, 'The rejection of objective moral standards, such as the ten commandments, means effectively that people nowadays do whatever they themselves deem to be right. Morality has become a matter of personal opinion, and anything goes'.

This book is very down-to-earth, and relevant to our lives today, a really good read.

Eileen Chapman

('Ten', J John, Kingsway Communications Ltd, 2000)

Jubilee Debt Campaign

In the UK, thanks to campaigner effort, the government has started to put pressure on the World Bank over the strings attached to debt cancellation, Norway has announced unprecedented debt cancellation on grounds of legitimacy. And more and more countries - most recently Cameroon, Malawi and Sierra Leone - are getting their debts cancelled, reaping the rewards of campaigner pressure over the last ten years. Nevertheless, many extremely poor countries are still spending more on debt than on essential services like health and education. The Campaign will ask the UK government to 'lift the lid' on past lending, and cancel all debts found to be unjust. More information is available on www.jubileedebtcampaign.org.uk.

Breaking the chains: A vision of Jubilee

In a world where a child dies every three seconds because of poverty...we want to see a world where:

poor people and poor nations are set free from poverty

unjust unpayable international debt is cancelled

debt relief is not used as an instrument of power and control

there are fair, democratic and open processes to deal with historic debt and prevent future crisis

loans and debt repayments do not damage people, their communities and their environment

This is a vision of justice. This is a vision of Jubilee.

(Taken from 'Drop It', a debt campaigner's handbook)

FAIRTRADE

WHAT IS FAIRTRADE?

A fair price

The Fairtrade Mark is an independent consumer label which appears on products as an independent guarantee that disadvantaged producers in the developing world are getting a better deal.

For a product to display the Fairtrade Mark it must meet international Fairtrade Standards. These standards are set by the international certification body Fairtrade Labelling Organisations International (FLO).

Producer organizations that supply Fairtrade products are inspected and certified by FLO. They receive a minimum price that covers the cost of sustainable production and an extra premium that is invested in social or economic development projects.

The Fairtrade Foundation

The Fairtrade Foundation licenses the Fairtrade Mark to products in the UK which meet FLO standards. The supplier (brand-owner or main national distributor) must sign the Foundation's Licence Agreement which provides a licence to use the Mark.

History

Development agencies recognized the important rôle that consumers could play to improve the situation for producers. By buying direct from farmers at better prices, helping to strengthen their organizations and marketing their produce directly through their own one world shops and catalogues, the charities offered customers the opportunity to buy products which were bought on the basis of a fair trade.

Fairtrade Labelling was created in the Netherlands in the late 1980s. The Max Havelaar Foundation launched the first Fairtrade consumer guarantee label in 1988 on coffee sourced from Mexico. Today FLO co-ordinates Fairtrade Labelling in 20 countries including the UK.

Website: www.fairtrade.net

FAIRTRADE cont...

Commodities covered by the Fairtrade Mark

Food Products

Bananas, cocoa, coffee, dried fruit, fresh fruit and fresh veg, honey, juices, nuts/oil seeds and purees, rice, spices, sugar, tea, wine.

Non-food products

Cotton, cut flowers, ornamental plants, sports balls.

Examples

Tea

Tea is the most popular drink in this country. We sip a soothing average of 3.5 cups a day. However, that's about half of what we drank forty years ago in the UK, so there's room for another few cups—especially now that there are 20 brands available in the retail sector including supermarket own labels.

Alternatively, why not enjoy a delicious cup of Fairtrade certified tea when you're out and about. Available in AMT and Café Revive (M & S)?

Most tea is produced on large plantations rather than by small farmers. The plantations have factories which process the green leaves into the familiar dry, black or brown tea. Most small farmers sell their tea unprocessed.

Coffee

You're spoilt for choice when it comes to shopping for Fairtrade coffee! There are dozens of different blends from around the world. Plus you can ask for a Fairtrade coffee in Costa Coffee, Pret A Manger or Starbucks. All AMT, Slug & Lettuce and Café Revive (M & S) coffee is certified.

The main varieties of coffee are Arabica and robusta. Arabica has a mild taste and is generally used for ground coffee. Robusta is stronger in taste and is used mainly for instant coffee.

Chocolate

The list of chocolate is too long to list here, but I will list a few

retailers who stock Fairtrade chocolate, or Fairtrade approved chocolate.

Co-op own brand Fairtrade chocolate.

Divine chocolate, stocked by Asda, Iceland, Sainsbury's and Tesco, to mention a few.

Green & Black's, stocked by most supermarkets.

Marks & Spencer, available in their stores.

Starbucks, available in their coffee shops.

Traidcraft, available on line www.traidcraftshop.co.uk.

Waitrose, available in their stores.

See how easy it is to buy Fairtrade goods, instead of, for instance, chocolate produced with the use of slaves. The subject of Fairtrade came up in one of our Lent housegroups, and this gave me the idea of delving further into Fairtrade, with the help of their website.

(I enjoyed doing this research into Fairtrade, and would be grateful for any ideas for future subjects. I can be contacted in church, by phone, see contact directory, and by email: editor@terrierschurch.org.uk.)

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

O Lord, you have searched me and you know me.
You know when I sit and when I rise;
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
You discern my going out and my lying down;
you are familiar with all my ways.
Before a word is on my tongue
you know it completely, O Lord.

*(from Psalm 139(NIV)—my favourite psalm, please share your favourite quotations from the Bible, Eileen Chapman).
editor@terrierschurch.org*

THE GRAPEVINE
SHELAGH AND STEVE SHEPPARD'S WEDDING

21 April 2007

It was a lovely service, well attended by family, friends and members of the congregation from St Francis. There was also a good number of cub scouts, who formed a guard of honour for the bride and groom, and all the guests. The cubs were well turned out and very well-behaved, a real credit to their organisation.

The reception was much enjoyed, culminating in a Barn Dance, which got (nearly) everyone on the dance floor.

We all wish Shelagh and Steve every blessing in their married life together.

Val Evans

(See back inside cover for photo)

STOP PRESS
ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING
22 April 2007

Peter Gee will continue as Churchwarden, but no-one came forward to serve in place of Val Jones who has now stepped down, having served her term as Churchwarden. Three new members were added to the PCC, Val Evans, Jim Carey and Janet Banks. John Norton was co-opted on to the PCC to continue as Secretary.

Jim and Lynn Carey have taken over the organisation of the Christmas Fair.

The meeting was followed by a convivial lunch attended, and enjoyed, by thirty one parishioners.

Julian Meetings

On the first Tuesday of each month a small group of church members of St Francis meet at 8 pm for an hour in the church for the monthly Julian meeting.

The meetings are named after Julian of Norwich, a medieval mystic woman and a religious writer who lived from 1342 to 1416. Her major work was 'Sixteen Revelations of Divine Love', which is believed to be the first book written by a woman in the English language and which still speaks to us today. Her great saying is: 'Sin is behovely, but all shall be well, and all shall be well, and all manner of things shall be well'.

There are now over 400 Julian groups in the UK and a growing number worldwide. We are meeting regularly in order to grow in the practise of contemplative prayer and to give us a chance to be quiet and find peace with God and oneself.

We invite you to join us for any of our future meetings, which are:

**1 May 5 June 3 July 7 August 4 September
2 October 6 November 4 December**

There is also a leaflet on the table at the back of the church which gives details.

I look forward to seeing you.

Irena Lowe

FURTHER PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

(Hebrews 13:8 NIV)

A good Lent for our Home-Groups

Two groups, fifteen people in all, met during Lent; a morning group at the home of Dennis and Jean Mayger (which included Norah's marvellous cakes, baked to support MAF's our Lent Project), on Thursday mornings, ably led by Eileen Chapman, and a Thursday evening group which began at my home, progressed to James and Lynn Carey's home, with yet another evening at Jean Finlan's home. This sharing of hospitality, due to unforeseen circumstances, added much to our getting to know each other better.

The course, on the issue of slavery, then and now, tied in with the 200th anniversary of the abolition of the slave trade in this country. Any doubts we might have had about this being a single issue of past history were soon dispelled. It was entitled, 'Can we build a better world?', and we learned uncomfortable truths about modern forms of slavery; what can be achieved through friendship and prayer; the struggle involved in any form of change; the important role of the Bible; and what the theological terms 'redemption' and 'restitution' have entailed down the ages and at the present time. We were assisted in our discussions by the opinions on CD of Archbishop John Sentamu, Wendy Craig, Leslie Griffiths and five of the Poor Clares from BBC's *The Convent* series. All very concerned with what we can do in the 'here and now' and ensuring a better future for God's world [Trade Justice, Fairtrade, Christian Aid, etc. etc.]

The five sessions brought us to Holy Week, and a home Communion was held for each group as a fitting culmination. Thanks to Tony for these simple and sensitive Communions, to all our hosts and all who participated. It seems a shame that we share this experience of learning and sharing fellowship only during Lent. We are thinking about running further courses which might run fortnightly ... anyone interested?

Val Evans



MR AND MRS STEVE SHEPPARD
'Cutting the cake 21 April 2007'
(Photo by John White)

AND FINALLY...

Don't walk in front of me, I may not follow.
Don't walk behind me, I may not lead.
Walk beside me and just be my friend.

Albert Camus

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

