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From The Rector

Team effort to be proud of...

“Church and community working together...”

What a weekend for the Kings Norton Festival! It was hard work – but utterly worth it. The rain held off on Saturday for the Festival itself. It came by the bucket on Sunday, but so did you for our United Service.

There aren't sufficient words to say adequate thanks for the willing hard labour and imagination of so many in church and community – a real team effort for Kings Norton to be proud of. If you missed it, please mark the second weekend of July in your diary for next year – and start thinking of the ways in which you can be part. It really does matter – both for the pleasure enjoyed by so many and for the sign it makes of church and community working together.

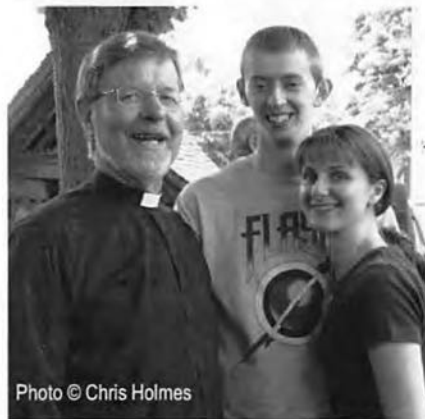


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Despite all the space and table pressures, it was brilliant. There was a real buzz and even more visitors. If this is what we can do with no hall, no running water, no permanent loos, no celebrities – and too little space for parking, storing tables and everything else, what will we be able to do next year? Everyone involved deserves some time off before thinking about

that – but I'd be surprised if minds aren't already at work. Thank you all.

Why does it matter so much that we come together like this and welcome others to all that we have received in tradition, buildings and abilities? Because they are all from God. They don't belong to us – or to any one group. We are given the care of them – but to share and nurture for the sake of others, not ourselves. It's what Jesus did – and what he calls us to do in Kings Norton today and tomorrow.

As we work steadily towards next Easter's completion of the Restoration Project, all this matters more than ever. Church and restored buildings together give us huge new opportunity for gathering, inspiration, shelter, learning and celebration for all in our communities, those who have and those who have not.

Will you pray for those who bear the heaviest burdens of work, thought and determination – and pray for more to join them? Will you pray for God's wisdom and generosity to grow among us all? Will you pray for many more to trust that they too have a lively part in church and community?

My own deep conviction is that Restoration, with all its delights and demands, is a sign and means of God's generosity, inclusion and life here and now in Kings Norton – and that it is a gift to inspire us in much wider and deeper response in all our life and in many places; Druids Heath, Hawkesley Church and School – and every part of our parish's communities. It doesn't stop next Easter. In the biggest sense it will have only just begun. Next year's Festival will be another wonderful opportunity to gather, to celebrate – and to be inspired. Please start looking forward now!

Canon Rob Morris



FESTIVAL 2007 THANKS

BUY THE BOOK

Thanks so much to everyone for supporting BUY THE BOOK stall in aid of OMS (Medan) and CMS (Afghanistan) at the Kings Norton festival on a glorious summer's day - not often we've been able to say that this year!

We had great fun meeting so many folk enjoying themselves, listening to the music and being taunted by so much good food around and other goodies! We made **£227.26**. We'll be sending **£200** to Medan this week for student welfare and some books for the library. The balance will be for a wedding present for Grace Guinness.

Thank you for all your help, support and contributions.

*Thelma and Neville Mitchell
and Anne Morrell*

We would like to say a big thank you to all who helped with the Kings Norton Festival on Saturday, to those who delivered posters and leaflets, decorated the Church with beautiful flower arrangements, transported tables and chairs, set up the Church and grounds, and cleared away afterwards, those who manned fundraising stalls and sideshows, carried water for the caterers, did guided tours of the Church and sent in contributions for stalls and raffle. All this help from the community is very much appreciated as we know we could not put on the Festival without you. Thank you all very much.

*The Friends of Historic Kings Norton
and Restoration Volunteers.*

Festival Day 2007

Carol and Gwen would like to thank all the people who gave toiletries for the stall held on that day.

We raised **£289.35** towards Restoration Fund which is an increase on last year's total.

Thank you again.

Gwen and Carol



COVER PHOTO

In a month of awful wet weather, the **KINGS NORTON FESTIVAL** on Saturday 14h July was truly blessed with glorious sunshine and the crowds turned out to enjoy a fantastic day. With so much going on and so many visitors to the event, we not only show a photo on the cover, but we have to spread photos throughout the entire edition of this months magazine. **As promised, it really was a fun day.**

Festival Photos Chris Holmes

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100th Birthday Twins celebrate double milestone



Identical twins John and Fred Flack
The brothers celebrating a wonderful and unique day

I was sitting watching the local news on the TV recently when I heard, "Twins celebrate double milestone". Thinking 'what a warm and lovely story'... I started to listen more carefully...

Imagine my surprise when, halfway through the interview, the reporter turned to talk to our very own 'ex-Rev', Heather!

Recently retired Heather is the daughter of John Flack, one of identical twins.



Proud Heather

On 11th July, **John and Fred Flack**, two of the oldest twins in the country celebrated their 100th birthdays. It makes them among the world's oldest identical twins - and means they have beaten odds of 700 million to one.

Surrounded by family and friends, John and Fred celebrated their double milestone in

style as they toasted their birthdays with a glass of wine at Rashwood Care Home, Droitwich, Worcestershire.

John and Alfred Flack were born in Loughton, Essex on 11th July 1907. Both have lived in various places in the world and were inseparable until Alfred, who lives in Devon, worked abroad as a missionary and John's work took him to Kidderminster, Worcestershire.



Message from Her Majesty

They received a very special letter from the Queen that said: *"I am so pleased to know that you and your brother are celebrating your one hundredth birthdays. I send my congratulations and best wishes to you on such a unique occasion."*

The brothers said they "never dreamt" of both reaching 100 years old but said the bond between them has grown even tighter as the years progressed.

"We can appreciate the privilege of living for so long," said Alfred. He added, "we put it down to our faith and not to any other miracle".

John's daughter, Heather Flack, said she has got her father and uncle mixed up in the past. "They still look quite alike and they still have a lot of similar mannerisms and the voices occasionally have confused me."

Chris Holmes

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PRODH

PROJECT FOR THE RENEWAL OF DRUIDS HEATH



PRODH (Project for the Renewal of Druids Heath) developed from an initiative by Kings Norton Parish. The area of Druids Heath comes within the boundaries of the Parish and there used to be a Worshipping Community who met on the estate. However, this had to close due to a lack of resources in 2005. Not wishing to abandon the people who make up a large percentage of the Parish population, One of the team Vicars was sent to discover how the needs of residents could best be met.

After a time of research and profiling, Reverend David Gould came to the conclusion that the estate had two major needs: the first requirement was for cohesion, many statutory authorities and voluntary groups provide support to those who live on the estate but few people seemed to know about the range of services that they could access; the second need was for something that could provide a bridge to those service-providers.

Funding was applied for and gained from the Church Urban Fund and 'Together We Can': a division of 'Communities and Local Government' This enabled PRODH to employ a Community Development Officer to make relationships with people on the estate, understand their issues, needs and aspirations and develop a Community Council that truly represents the residents, allows them access to services, gives them a voice to express any concerns or ideas and is consulted by the statutory authorities in all matters of import that concern the area.

Karen Urwin was appointed by PRODH in May 2007. She has had extensive community experience on Druids Heath estate, beginning with helping out at Summer Play Schemes in the late '70s and

moving on to becoming Secretary of the Bells Farm Community Association. She is currently the chairman of the Lane Theatre group, who perform community theatre events from Manningford Hall, and has run a Cub Scout Pack on the estate for over 16 years. Karen is also a present member of the Manningford Hall Management Group and Bells Farm Community Association.



Karen Urwin

Karen has links with Kings Norton Parish also, having always worshipped at St. Nicolas Church and being an active member of the congregation.

She said, "Obviously there is a lot to do but the relationships that

PRODH is building and the way the community is so welcoming is very heartening". She continued, "I find the openness with which the residents discuss issues and the partnerships that are beginning to develop most exciting. I have a true sense that this project has a future in improving the lives of all those who live on Druids".

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life, relationships, people and places that support
and sustain you.

Index Finger – the pointing finger on your hand. Pray for:
those people and things in your life who guide and help you
navigate, teachers, medical staff, emergency services, shop staff,
etc.

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the important people who have power in the world, like world
leaders and their governments, members of parliament and local
councillors, the Royal Family, financial leaders, leaders of
international companies and agencies, etc.

Ring Finger – this is the weakest finger on your hand.
I cannot do much by myself. Remember the poor, the weak,
the homeless, the hungry, the lonely, the sick and the
bereaved.

Little Finger – This is the smallest finger on your
hand, but is essential to proper hand function.
Pray for yourself.



Sylvia Fox

The Hand Prayer



*"I wanted to
share it..."*

A lot of people have asked me if I invented the hand-prayer, (which was in the last issue of this magazine.) No, I didn't; I was given it by a friend and I just thought that it was so good, I wanted to share it.

Sylvia Fox

Christian Aid
Week 2007



House to House
Collection

FINAL TOTAL

King's Norton Team Parish is pleased to announce that the final-total from the house to house and church collections during Christian Aid Week is £4250.35, with an additional £495 estimated as the Gift Aid tax relief. THANK YOU EVERYBODY!



Any money raised through our other Christian Aid fund raising activity called 'Pledge It' is in addition to the above figures and will be advised separately.

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Claire Greenhill and
Joan Urwin

The Bishop's Conference 2007

A Personal View

It's not every week that all of the diocesan clergy go off together for a week so a trip to Swanwick loomed with mixed thoughts! Would it be little huddles of people, would I know people having moved from another diocese where I felt I knew many? Would it be full of stodgy seminars about all the problems the church was facing?

The Bishop's Conference 2007 lived up to its advance publicity for me. It was about life and hope and awareness of all that God has blessed us with in creation, in our humanity, in one another. It had some excellent bible exposition from Canon Dr Paula Gooder that really made us think but enabled us to go into some complicated stuff and get excited about it! A beautiful setting was created for worship in the chapel with an amazing infusion of plants and water to touch the

senses. Ann Morisy, author and community theologian, spoke memorably and powerfully into the conference, even offering an extra lecture!

Throughout the conference small groups met to enable some friendships to be built and I valued the sharing that went on in that. Meals proved a good opportunity to meet new people and get a sense of the wider diocesan perspective.



The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick

Finally the Bishop. I was trying to keep going on my bike and we had got to about twelve miles short of Swanwick where the road starts an uphill climb for all of those miles. Suddenly there was this voice shouting encouragement! Bishop David joined us for those last miles on his bike. Throughout the conference he was positive, encouraging and demonstrating that rare quality among leaders of really wanting to be among those he is called to serve, modelled I suspect on somebody called Jesus, and much appreciated by many.

I was glad to be there, encouraged that so many have a hope and vision for the future and that so many from different traditions and backgrounds can come together in a common calling, a common purpose and with a common hope!

Revd David Gould

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George Burfitt
Community Advocate

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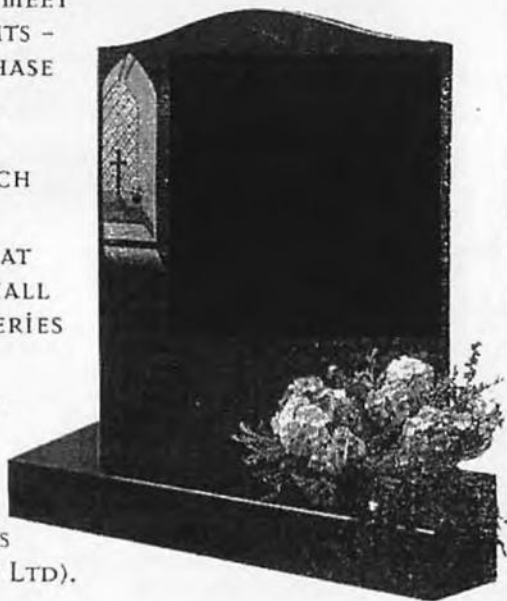


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SOAK A WARDEN

Seemed like great fun to 'soak a warden' at last month's Summer Festival.

Community Warden, Paul Kennedy, smiles as he thinks that Bethan can't throw the sponge... but she cleverly prepares to 'wipe the smile' from his face by running in close and squeezing it over his head while he is helplessly locked in the stocks.

But everyone ended up smiling and money was raised for a good cause.



Restoration Update

"Progress on site continues We are now busy with planning for the re-opening of the Old Grammar School in late autumn and the main building next spring..."

Progress on site continues - despite the rain. The new roof is almost complete on the North and East ranges of the main Tudor building and looks very impressive. We are just finishing the repair of the chimneys. The basement walls have been formed and work is underway on interior block work. Next will come the steelwork for the new wing. Do keep looking.



SITE VISIT FROM LtoR

Fay Fearon (reader), Rev Jayne Crooks, Rev Donald Sampson, Rev Rebecca Pullin, Ruth Snashall (reader)

At the Old Grammar School work continues on stone repairs and on replacing the rotten timber frame on the first floor above the doorway, now almost complete. Investigation all but confirms the theory that the older upper floor was brought from elsewhere and placed on the newer ground floor.



Investigation work on the fireplaces in the parlour and the Queen's Room has also revealed two medieval fireplaces including one complete with medieval painted beams.

We have also hosted visits to the site by the West Midlands Heritage Architects, Councillor Lines - Cabinet member for Housing for Birmingham City Council, by Ecclesiastical Insurance and the Head of Corporate Affairs from M&B Breweries. All were very encouraged and inspired by our buildings and the progress of the Project.

We are now busy with planning for the re-opening of the Old Grammar School in late autumn and the main building next spring. Watch this space!

Canon Rob Morris

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Guides and Brownies	At St Nicolas Hall:- Rainbows: Mondays 5.30 p.m. -6.30 p.m. Brownies: Thursdays 6.30 p.m. -8.00 p.m. Guides (247th Birmingham): Mondays 7.15 p.m. -9.00 p.m. Brownies (188th Birmingham): Tuesday 6.00 p.m.-7.30 p.m.	
Guides and Brownies	At Hawkesley Church Centre:- Rainbows (1st Kings Norton): Monday 5.30 p.m. Brownies (259th Birmingham): Wednesday 6.30 p.m. Guides (141st Birmingham): Thursday 7.00 p.m.	
Kings Norton Society	Fourth Friday at 8.00 p.m. mainly at St Nicolas Hall Contact: RICK AND CLAIRE SIMPSON	459 5750
Kings Norton History Society	Last Monday (or last but one if Bank Holiday) from September to May (exc. December) in St Nicolas Church at 7.30 p.m. Secretary: Mrs CLAIRE SIMPSON	459 5750
St. Nicolas Pre-school Playgroup	Monday to Friday 9.30-11.45 a.m. in St. Nicolas Hall	
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Telephone prefix in all cases 0121

*Could all included in this section please inform
Parish Office if and when contact details change*



During the restoration construction period, from July 2006 to January 2008, venues and times may vary from time to time. The Parish Office has temporarily moved to

30 Westhill Road, Kings Norton, Birmingham, B38 8TN.

The telephone number remains the same.

CONTACT PARISH OFFICE 0121 458 3289

If you or your group are still unsure where you will be able to carry on
YOUR meetings and activities, please contact the Parish Office

June 2007 Baptisms

"In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."

3rd June 2007	Chelsea Louise Bagley
3rd June 2007	C'Jay Kevin Alan Thacker
3rd June 2007	Chloe Joan Kiely
3rd June 2007	Lucy May Calnan
3rd June 2007	Henry Paul Compton
3rd June 2007	Ollie Michael Griffiths
17th June 2007	Mia Victoria Taylor-Brant
17th June 2007	Alfie Alan Hales

June 2007 Weddings

"Those whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder."

2nd June 2007	David Vidgen and Sarah Hall
2nd June 2007	Paul Griffiths and Eleanor Potter
2nd June 2007	Jonathan Crossley and Gemma Venables
16th June 2007	Graham Copson and Susan Rawle
16th June 2007	Richard Morgan and Dawn Kinsella
16th June 2007	Luke Arnold and Emma Harrison
23rd June 2007	Darren Good and Laura Howell
23rd June 2007	Alexander Potts and Terri Harris
30th June 2007	Steve Wall and Anwen Murfin
30th June 2007	Paul Kinnett and Amanda Wait

June 2007 Funerals

"I am the Resurrection and the life, saith the Lord."

1st June 2007	Colleen Catherine Worrall, aged 51	Service in St Nicolas; Burial at Kings Norton Cemetery
4th June 2007	Elsie Irene Wren, aged 75	Cremation at Lodge Hill
5th June 2007	Anita Elva Bladford, aged 51	Service in St Nicolas; Burial in Churchyard
6th June 07	David Samuel Richards, aged 90	Service in St Nicolas; Cremation at Lodge Hill
8th June 2007	Tina Worrall, aged 49	Cremation at Robin Hood; Interment in Churchyard
8th June 2007	Christine Hilda Brown, aged 64	Service at St Nicolas; Cremation at Lodge Hill
11th June 2007	John Henry Hearne, aged 64	Cremation at Robin Hood
11th June 2007	Karl Steven Stree, aged 19	Service in St Nicolas; Burial at Kings Norton Cemetery
11th June 2007	Janet Kathleen Shuter, aged 63	Service in St Nicolas; Burial in Churchyard
12th June 2007	Michael Henry Cox, aged 72	Cremation at Lodge Hill
12th June 2007	John Henry Ryan, aged 67	Cremation at Lodge Hill
14th June 2007	Sheena Judge, aged 58	Cremation at Lodge Hill
16th June 2007	Dennis Evans, aged 80	Interment in Churchyard
19th June 2007	Winifred May Witton, aged 88	Cremation at Robin Hood
19th June 2007	Marjorie Ermine Nash, aged 97	Cremation at Lodge Hill
22nd June 2007	Margaret Elizabeth Pennic, aged 68	Cremation at Lodge Hill
26th June 2007	Anthony Philip Price, aged 56	Interment in Churchyard
28th June 2007	Geoffrey William Bryant, aged 63	Interment in Churchyard

SERVICES

St. Nicolas

EVERY SUNDAY

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
6.00 p.m. Evening Worship (various)

EVERY MON/ WED/THURSDAY

9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer
5.30 p.m. Evening Prayer

EVERY 1st, 3rd and 4th SUNDAY

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
(sung Communion with Oasis 5/7's)

EVERY THURSDAY

9.30 a.m. Tiny Tots
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion

2nd SUNDAY

10.30 a.m. Parade Service
11.45 a.m. Matins (BCP)

4th SUNDAY

10.30 a.m. Family Service

'Oasis'

for children aged 3 to 11, EVERY SUNDAY (except for Parade Service) at 10.30 a.m.
The children join the congregation in church towards the end of the service.

Tiny Tots

for 0-5's and parents/carers - each term-time Thursday 9.30 - 10.30 a.m. - in Church -
for play, coffee and chat.

Candle-lit Church

meets EVERY WEDNESDAY 6.30 to 8.00 p.m. Creating a Candle Lit Church
where anyone can come and enjoy a peaceful creative space in this busy city. Tea
and coffee will be available and all are invited to feel free to come and go as you
please throughout this time.

Hawkesley Anglican/Methodist Church

- meeting at the Hawkesley Pastoral Centre, Shannon Road/Old Portway
EVERY SUNDAY 10.30 a.m. Family Service and Sunday School.
EVERY TUESDAY 9.00 a.m. Morning Prayer

Immanuel Church

- meeting at Fairway Day Centre, corner of The Fairway and Wychall Lane.
EVERY SUNDAY 10.30 a.m. Morning Service/Communion.
Oasis - Every Sunday 10.30 a.m. (except for All-Age Worship service)

Druids Heath

Services here are currently suspended pending an exploration
of future possibilities.

Café T

meets each week at the home of Gill and David Gould and welcomes people from all
congregations (or none) to explore faith issues in a home based context. Call the
Parish Office for details.

BAPTISM AND MARRIAGES

Forms & particulars obtained from St Nicolas Church on Thursday Evenings between 6.30 & 8.00 p.m.
or if you have other queries contact the Parish Office, 30 Westhill Road, Kings Norton, B38 8TN.

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Has just begun to leak.
There's black spot on the roses
And greenfly on the beans,
The fence that you erected
Way off to starboard leans!
Dandelions in the lawn,
Ground elder in the bed,
Wet rot in the decking
And dry rot in the shed,
You forgot your anniversary,
No present and no flowers,
And as a consequence of this
Your wife has sulked for hours.
Do not despair, do not give in,
Help is close at hand,
That British panacea
That's used throughout the land,
No matter what your status,
Be it high or low degree — Just nip into the kitchen
And make a cup of tea!

Brian H. Gent.

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IS RACHEL LATE FOR WORK?

Is Parish administrator, Rachel Bannister, late for work or is she simply taking drastic action to avoid the restoration work as she makes her way to the Parish Office?



"Get the kettle on... I'm on the way..."

Nahhh... Rachel is enjoying the adventure activities when members from Immanuel Church went on a weekend away 30th June/1st July (see page 41) to the Pioneer Centre at Cleobury Mortimer. She is seen here on one of the excitements called a Zip-Wire.

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BOOK REVIEW

Mandate to Difference: An Invitation to the Contemporary Church

Author **Walter Brueggemann**

Published by WJK £12.99 ISBN: 0 664 231121 7

The author, Walter Brueggemann, is now Professor Emeritus of Old Testament in the William Marcellus McPheeters Chair at Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Georgia. If you did not know better I suspect many of us would stop at that point, put down the book and certainly not take this review any further! BUT! Stop, what if here was a highly regarded writer writing in a way that was exciting, accessible, interesting, like the beach novel you have just read (or 10 if like me on holiday!), a book that you wanted to keep reading, not put down.

May I dare to suggest that this is one of those books? No, it's not a comic or Hello magazine, but it is readable. I put it off for three months having bought it thinking here was a book I should read!

In this book the church is called to stand out clearly and courageously to defy political polarisation, consumerism and militarism, not to give in to the temptation to live in a cocoon of safety but to live and be in such a way that fear and anxiety is despatched and adversaries become friends. That's just the back cover!

I am now half way through the fourth chapter and having dipped into the rest can commend this book with confidence. Chapter One: The Good News of Regime Change is a call to see all under the management of God and that the call is to align ones life, ones vocation for all life, more fully with God and not allow ourselves to think that Christianity is just a set of rules and pseudo moral certainty. Chapter Two develops

WALTER BRUEGGEMANN



MANDATE TO
AN INVITATION TO THE CONTEMPORARY CHURCH
DIFFERENCE

a theology of city in all its Weeping and Hoping and the call not to lose heart. Chapter Three is a call to hear the Sabbath Voice of God in Jesus and enables us to speak and live and be against death and denial and despair. It speaks of how those who sought to destroy Jesus did so because the practice of Sabbath of rest and of hope in more than the material, subverts the entire world of acquisitiveness and therefore threatened their whole world because that was needed to keep the wheels of commerce going! By the time you read this I will have finished the book and I am looking forward to the rest of it! For all those who believe that as faith communities we have a positive message of hope to offer in the model of offering that Jesus modelled for us then do buy a copy of this book and rejoice for the clarity and wisdom of authors such as this!

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When you have sinned ---- call Psalm 51
When you worry ---- call Matthew 5:19-34.
When you are in danger ---- call Psalm 91.
When God seems far away ---- call Psalm 139.
When your faith needs stirring ---- call Hebrews 11.
When you are lonely and fearful ---- call Psalm 23.
When you grow bitter and critical ---- call 1 Cor. 13.
For Paul's secret to happiness ---- call Col. 3:12-17.
For idea of Christianity ---- call 1 Cor. 5:15-19.
When you feel down and out ---- call Romans 8:31-39.
When you want peace and rest ---- call Matt. 11:25-30.
When the world seems bigger than God ---- call Psalm 90.
When you want Christian assurance ---- call Romans 8:1-30.
When you leave home for labour or travel ---- call Psalm 121.
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish ---- call Psalm 67.
When you want courage for a task ---- call Joshua 1.
How to get along with fellowmen ---- call Romans 12.
If you are depressed ---- call Psalm 27.
If your pocketbook is empty ---- call Psalm 37.
If your loosing confidence in people ---- call 1 Cor. 13.
If people seem unkind ---- call John 15.
If discouraged about your work ---- call Psalm 126.
If you find the world growing small, and yourself great ---- call Psalm 19.

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If you are going abroad for your holiday you can check out **www.worldweather.org** the website of the World Meteorological Organization. This site has information on over 150 countries and forecasts for most popular holiday destinations.

The BBC website is another mine of information. At **www.bbc.co.uk/weather** you can not only get UK and World forecasts, but also information on climate change, what you can do about it and generally understanding the causes of the different types of weather. There is also a photo gallery which is well worth a look and it even tells you how to build your own weather station so you can do some forecasting of your own.

Happy Surfing

DID GOD CREATE EVIL?

At a certain university, there was a professor with a reputation for being tough on Christians. At the first class every start of term, he asked if anyone was a Christian and proceeded to degrade them and to mock their statement of faith.

One term, he asked the question and a young man raised his hand when asked if anyone was a Christian. The professor asked, "Did God make everything, young man?" He replied, "Yes sir He did!" The professor responded, "If God made everything, then He made evil." The student didn't have a response and the professor was happy to have once again proved the Christian faith to be a myth.

Then another man raised his hand and asked, "May I ask you something, sir?" "Yes, you may," responded the professor. The young man stood up and said "Sir, is there such thing as cold?" "Of course there is, what kind of question is that? Haven't you ever been cold?" The young man replied, "Actually, sir, cold doesn't exist. What we consider to be cold is really an absence of heat. Absolute zero is when there is absolutely no heat, but cold does not really exist. We have only created that term to describe how we feel when heat is not there."

The young man continued, "Sir, is there such a thing as dark?" Once again, the professor responded, "Of course there is." And once again, the student replied, "Actually, sir, darkness does not exist. Darkness is really only the absence of light. Darkness is only a term man developed to describe what happens when there is no light present."

Finally, the young man asked, "Sir, is there such thing as evil?" The professor responded, "Of course. We have rapes, murders, and violence everywhere in the world, those things are evil." The student replied, "Actually, sir, evil does not exist. Evil is simply the absence of God. Evil is a term man developed to describe the absence of God. God did not create evil. It isn't like truth, or love, which exist as virtues like heat or light. Evil is simply the state where God is not present, like cold without heat or darkness without light."

The professor had nothing to say.....

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CHILDREN'S PAGE...

with Karen Dear Friends,



It's Summer Holiday time again. Well holidays can be great fun but they can be difficult too, especially if you have a hard time getting along with your family. My story today was sent to me by my very dear friend Dorothy. It reminds us that nobody

is perfect but that does not really matter, what matters is that we love one another for who and what we are.

Enjoy, Karen

Sudoku

	5			4	
		2	4		
2				1	6
4		5	3		1
	1			3	
		6			

Sudoku Rules

The numbers only go up to 6. There needs to be all the numbers 1-6 in every box and every line.

Tiny Tots

Please note there is no tiny tots at St Nicolas over the summer holiday.

We meet again on 6th September



LAST MONTHS
SUDOKU
SOLUTION



1	6	3	2	4	5
5	3	1	4	2	6
2	4	5	6	1	3
6	1	2	3	5	4
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4	2	6	5	3	1

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The Cracked Pot



An elderly Chinese lady had two large pots, each hung on the ends of a pole which she carried across her neck.

One of the pots had a crack in it while the other pot was perfect. At the end of the long walks that the lady took each day to collect her water, the perfect pot always came back full but the water leaked out of the cracked pot so it was always half empty.

For two years this happened every day, with the lady only bringing home one and a half pots of water.

The perfect pot was very proud of itself but the cracked pot was ashamed that it leaked and miserable that it couldn't do what it was supposed to.

After two years of feeling a failure the cracked pot spoke to the lady one day by the stream. "I am

ashamed of myself, because this crack in my side causes the water to leak out all the way back to your house." The old lady smiled, "Did you notice that there are flowers on your side of the path, but not on the other pot's side? That is because I have always known about your flaw, so I planted flower seeds on your side of the path, and every day while we walk back you water them. For two years I have been able to pick these beautiful flowers for the table." "Without you being just the way you are, there would not be this beauty to decorate the house"



Each of us is different and we all have our own cracks and flaws, but it is these that make our lives together so interesting and rewarding.

What we need to do is to take each person for what they are and look for the good in them.

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The question is often asked, especially at Annual Meetings of the PCC, where does the money paid into the Diocesan Common Fund go? The answer is often around clergy pay, pension and housing. It will often in the mind of some go to paying for the diocesan staff, the Bishop and so on.

It also goes to pay for clergy training. Since I was in receipt of this I wanted to write and say thank you and also make us aware of what was involved. Over three stays at Offa House near Leamington Spa, the Coventry Diocesan Retreat House, I have been part of what is called the Developing Leadership course. This is run jointly by the dioceses of Worcester, Hereford, Birmingham, Lichfield and Coventry and is intended to enable a group of about twenty five clergy think hard about what it means to lead, different leadership styles and to develop awareness of the skills we bring from previous occupations as well as the opportunities for honing new skills.

I met some fascinating people. My tutor lives in Northern Ireland; she is a Methodist, a trainer, and career consultant to senior clergy in twenty two dioceses! No pushover and a superb tutor! I met a priest from Hereford diocese who has eight parishes with a total population counted in hundreds... and all are listed buildings to contend with.

I met a fascinating priest who during the course decided to resign his post after some very brave and pioneering work left him asking himself if he should work in another way so he is trying that! I was delighted to work with and meet many others.

We were all encouraged by the course, left richer for it in spirit and education. We learnt more about ourselves but most importantly we were reminded that we are called to lead and serve by God who equips and nurtures if we will let that happen.

I think a fine course which I trust will show fruit in the ministry I am called to over years to come.

Revd David Gould





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GREETINGS FROM IMMANUEL CHURCH!

Last month a group from Immanuel spent the weekend at Cleobury Mortimer, near Kidderminster. We had a good time in fellowship – and some even went down the zip wire! The theme was Worship. We shared several sessions of prayer and praise together and teaching sessions around creating a sacred space (including taking off our shoes to enter the room!), reminding ourselves of what we are doing when worshipping; and the Great God who deserves our worship. This culminated in a special time of prayer with one another.

Several at Immanuel are under pressure at the moment, through changing circumstances, ill health or facing stressful situations. We have reminded ourselves and each other that in such times we are to “run with perseverance the race marked out for us... (to) fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith...so that (we) will not grow weary and lose heart.” (Hebrews 12:1-3) No doubt the Worship Weekend helped in this.

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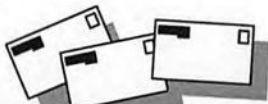
Dear Margaret,

At a recent trip to the cinema, we saw a trailer for a film called Evan Almighty which is all about a modern day Noah. With all the rain we've been having recently do you think he is on to something? I think we should ask the PCC to form a committee to oversee the building of an Ark, what do you think?

Shem, Ham and Japheth

Dear Shem, Ham and Japheth,

I'm afraid all the committees for this year have already been formed and I don't think we are looking for any more building projects – not until Restoration is finished at least. Thanks for your concern, but I think you'll find that God has promised not to repeat the flood mentioned in the Bible.



Dear Margaret,

What we need in this parish are more social events where we can let our hair down and generally have fun together. It needn't cost much, but they are a good way of getting to know each other better. Please will someone organise one soon.

'Dosey' Doe

Dear Dosey,

You will be pleased to know that there is a Barn Dance on the 10th of this month. It's at St Nicolas Hall and you can get your ticket from the Parish Office (only £5). What's more it is raising funds for Restoration so you can have fun and do some good at the same time.



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