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From The Rector

We ask so often, “Who is in? Who is out? How do we know?”

I heard a story the other day about an Australian sheep farmer visiting Wales. He was fascinated by the dry stone walls and by the care and skill put into making and repairing them. “But why do you bother?” he asked. “All that happens is that the sheep gather at the wall, trample the ground and turn it into a bog when it’s wet - and bare hard earth when it’s not.” His puzzled hosts asked, “If you don’t have walls, how do you keep your sheep in?” “We don’t,” he replied. “We just dig a borehole, up comes the water and they keep on coming.”

Steve Chalke, a lively Baptist minister, told the story at a church mission conference - in Wales, no less. His point was simple. Churches keep worrying about walls, fences, differences, boundaries - between each other and between those who do not look for God in church life and those who do. We ask so often, “Who is in? Who is out? How do we know?” And so much of that worrying is a complete and often hurtful waste of time.

Jesus kept talking of God’s living water, of himself and his people being a spring of life to refresh and renew and to quench the thirst of spirit and heart. If we’re worried about the future of ourselves and the church, we need to listen to the story. “Just dig a borehole, up comes the water and they keep on coming.”

How might the church be that spring and be less anxious about walls?

“Open the doors and people will come in,” says Maggie Durran, a writer on church development who visited us in January. And it is true. On Wednesday and Saturday mornings and on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, St Nicolas is open - and people come in, as they do when we open at other times. Hawkesley and Immanuel have discovered the same. This too is at the heart of the Restoration Project - and our new work on Druids Heath.

When we asked Graeme Dobson, the new Head of Hawkesley School, how he saw the role of the school and the church in their community, he said, “To be together a safe haven and a beacon of light for everyone.”

As long as we trust more in God’s promises of peace and welcome than in any walls we put up, we will be that haven and light - and so open new springs of God’s living water - sometimes a bit muddy, sometimes rushing in torrents, sometimes slow and steady, but always drawing in more as we drink.

Canon Rob Morris

FESTIVAL FUN ON THE GREEN



**SEE PAGE 8 &
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COVER PHOTO

With the **KINGS NORTON FESTIVAL** in mind, this month's cover photo shows images from last year's Festival Day activities.

This year's event takes place Saturday 14th July between 10am & 2 p.m. in St Nicolas church grounds and inside the building.

It really does promise to be a fun day for Everyone

Photos Chris Holmes



Christine Bowen
Parish Administrator

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Many people help produce this magazine but the editor would like to acknowledge and thank Christine Bowen and Parish Office staff for their 'extra' efforts and support producing this July issue.

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We are very grateful to our envelope deliverers, collectors, treasurer, and everyone who gave their time and money so generously. The collection, by our Team Parish, has raised more money for Christian Aid this year than ever before so thank you all. A final total will be announced next month when a few more donations have been counted.

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

David Richards RIP

It is with sadness that we inform readers of the passing of David Richards.

A very popular parishioner, David was always supportive of church activities and parish events. He and his late wife, Marion, were Marriage Clerks at St Nicolas Church for many years.

David was 90 years old and died at Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham on 28th May 2007.

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KINGS NORTON FESTIVAL



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Saturday 14h July - 10 till 2 p.m.
Saracens Head and St Nicolas Churchyard



Despite less space than usual, as we are unable to use the Old Grammar School, Saracens Head and hard standing in front of the building, the Festival will be bigger and more varied than ever before. At the time of going to press we have 35 stalls in the church grounds and 15 inside the building.

The Restoration Volunteers will be selling programmes and raffle tickets and manning a merchandise stall, and offering opportunities to sponsor a beam in either building or a decade of history from 1492 to the present day. Calendars with photos of the restoration archaeological discoveries will be on sale, along with Christmas cards!

Local community groups will be well represented. The Community Police, Fire Service, The Fields Millennium Green, Rotary Club, St. Nicolas Scouts, 83rd Birmingham Brownies, Friends of Kings Norton Nature Reserve, Local Library, Kings Norton History Society, Immanuel Church, Friends of Historic Kings Norton, Kings Norton Photographic Society, Community Wardens and Bromford Junior Wardens will all be represented on the day in many various capacities.

Stalls will include the Penny Arcade, Art and Craft Making Materials, Plants, Crystals and Jewellery, Pukka People, an Organic Vegetable

Box Delivery Scheme, Hand Painted Canal Ware, Flowers in "Solid Water," Face Painting, Community Crafts, Painted Stones, Pots and Canvasses, Herbs and Herbal Supplements, several varied Jewellery Stalls, Mixed Crafts, Toiletries, Painted Children's Clocks, Names etc., More Cocoa Drinks, Chocolate and Novelties, Beadwork, Wood Turning, Fun in the Stocks, Fair Trade, Cakes, Videos and Books, Designer Cards, Wooden Toys, Stained Glass, Enamelled Jewellery, Paintings and Knitwear and Caltours Coaches.

There will be a marquee for refreshments which will be provided by Classic Catering. Burgers, Donuts and Ices will also be available.

Entertainments include St. Nicolas Bell Ringers, Extend Fitness Group Display, Maypole Dancing with children from Kings Norton Primary School, the Mini Dynamics and Dynamics Dance Groups, Clog and Morris Dancers, Ingrid's Accordions, and Keyboard Player, Mary Roberts.

Make a note in your diary and come along and have a fun day out supporting your local Festival, organised by the Friends of Historic Kings Norton for the PCC in aid of the Restoration Project.

Barbara Hedgeland

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A LETTER FROM A FRIEND



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I waited again. When you ran around the house getting ready, I knew there would be a few minutes for you to stop and say hello, but you were too busy. At one point you had to wait fifteen minutes with nothing to do except sit in a chair. Then I saw you spring to your feet. I thought you wanted to talk to me but you ran to the phone and called a friend to get the latest gossip. I watched as you went to school or work and I waited patiently all day long. With all your activities I guess you were too busy to say anything to me.

I noticed that before lunch you looked around, maybe you felt embarrassed to talk to me, that is why you didn't bow your head. You glanced three or four tables over and you noticed some of your friends talking to me briefly before they ate, but you didn't. That's okay. There is still more time left, and I have hope that you will talk to me even yet.

You went home and it seems as if you had lots of things to do. After a few of them were done you turned on the TV. (or the computer!!) I

don't know if I like TV or not, just about anything goes there & you spend a lot of time each day in front of it, not thinking about anything just enjoying the show. I waited patiently again as you watched TV and ate your meal, but again you didn't talk to me. You did what you had to do.

At bedtime I guess you felt too tired. After you said goodnight to your family you plopped into bed and fell asleep in no time. That's okay, because you may not realize that I am always there for you. I've got patience more than you will ever know. I even want to teach you how to be patient with others as well.

Because I love you so much, a long time ago I left a wonderful place called Heaven and came to Earth. I gave it up so that I could be ridiculed and made fun of, and I even died so you wouldn't have to take my place. I love you so much that I wait everyday for a nod, prayer, thought or a thankful part of your heart. It is hard to have a one-sided conversation. Well you are getting up again, and once again I will wait with nothing but love for you, hoping that today you will give me some time. Have a nice day!

Your friend, Jesus



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there are so many things and people who need my prayer?

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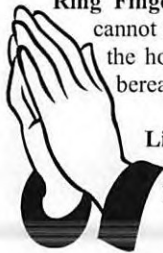


Thumb – the strongest digit on your hand. Give thanks for all the strong things in your life, relationships, people and places that support and sustain you.

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

Middle Finger – this is the tallest finger on your hand. Pray for all 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. It cannot do much by itself. 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



FAVOURITE ANSWER MACHINE MESSAGES

Hi. I am probably home. I'm just avoiding someone I don't like. Leave me a message, and if I don't call back, it's you.



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

General Synod meets at York University

Friday, July 5th to Tuesday, July 10th

Presidential Address by the Archbishop of York.

Major items of concern to the Church's mission and ministry, the Church's wider relations and the Church's engagement with society will be discussed at the General Synod when it meets at York University from Friday, July 5, to Tuesday, July 10. There is also an emphasis on the Church's resources, including items on clergy pensions and on the Church Commissioners. There are several special addresses and presentations, including an address by Sir Albert Aynsley-Green, the Children's Commissioner, and a Presidential Address by the Archbishop of York.

Further info can be found at the Church of England Website:-
<http://www.cofe.anglican.org/news/pr5770.html>



A Taste of Indonesia

“Proceeds this time will go to OMF - we sent the previous proceeds (£100) to Grace Guinness for her work in Afghanistan with CMS.”

Life for so many people in Indonesia is life on the edge, and perhaps nowhere more so than Medan in northern Sumatera. I used to go backwards and forwards to the college in a Betchak - a cycle rickshaw. It was a terrifying journey - rather like riding in a baby buggy down the fast lane of the motorway! The dual carriageway was stretched to 6 or 8 lanes as traffic competed with each other to be first in the inevitable queue ahead, huge lorries thundering towards us, powerful motorbikes swerving between them as my driver took his chance to cross all the traffic to the lane down to the house.

I found out the first year that he is a Christian, an elder of his mainly Nias Island congregation church. He was pleasant, polite, reliable, protective and picked up some English very quickly - far faster than I picked up any Indonesian! I was particularly glad to see his smile at the end of a long day, especially when we had one of the many daily ferocious tropical storms. When I returned the second year we found out that much of his route had now been taken over by the local minibus service and his trade had been halved. My contract with him meant that his children could continue at school and he was able to pay his rent for another year - a humbling thought.

Meanwhile, at the college, STT. Abdi Sabda (Servant of the Word) the new Principal is pursuing Christian contacts in North America for assistance to upgrade the campus and the library in particular. Gone were the wandering hens and chicks - bird flu is now rife in Jakarta - and the grounds are tended, flower beds of colourful tropical flowers and plants interspersing the palm trees. Now there are covered seated areas where students can meet up and even occasionally study! The biggest challenge has been the library. It was tiny, hot and generally ill-equipped. It has been extended, with large windows and a reading room - trouble is, they now need many more books! They are also trying to fund some scholarships for the most needy students. One of the senior lecturers has a great love and burden for blind

students. He wants to see better facilities and the employment of staff with impaired sight too, to show the love of God to all. One blind student got top marks in his viva voce exams.

I met some of my first year students on my return. They greeted me so warmly and with such affection - and with a rendition of 'Old McDonald has a Farm!' Of all the things I did with them this seems to have stuck in their minds the most! Well, it was great fun as the afternoon heat and humidity wore out us of all, the sun blazing down on the corrugated roofs, as we competed with the amplified call to prayer at the many local mosques and just before the next lot of storms and powerouts.

So many things to pray for - 'my' betchak man and his family, students as they prepare for their summer church placements, new students about to embark on the intensive English course and then 6 or 7 years of study - and the graduating students about to be ordained into Christian ministry.

I'll tell you some more soon. If you have any queries or enquiries about Serve Asia short and long term programmes go to www.omf.org.uk or speak to me.

Meanwhile, please support the BUY THE BOOK sale. We'll be part of the Kings Norton Green festival the morning of 14th July in the churchyard. Proceeds this time will go to OMF - we sent the previous proceeds (£100) to Grace Guinness for her work in Afghanistan with CMS.

Please join us on this day and support the work of two missions. Thanks!

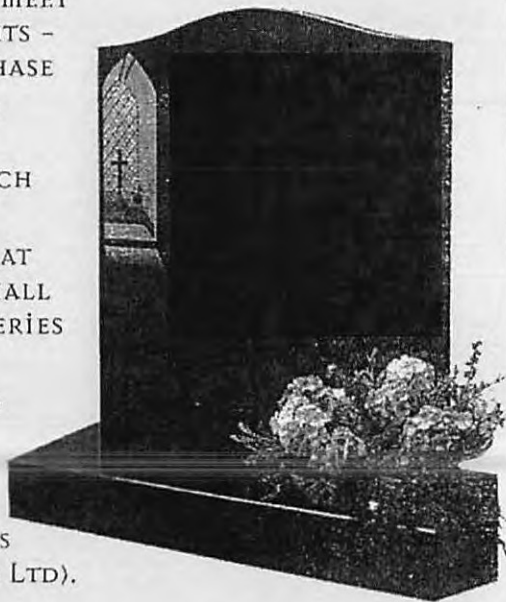
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Please contact the church office or Richard Harper (0121 458 1549).

Don't bother going to the gym, come and have a workout in the churchyard - it's free and so is the fresh air!



King's Norton History Society

The Society is planning an exhibition about the Green in the 19th Century for the Kings Norton Festival on Saturday 14th July. If you have any anecdotes about the Green at that time, or relatives who lived on the Green, or old photos, or anything you think might be of interest please contact:

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Mena Day

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Tuesday 17th July is a very special day for Mena Day for she will be celebrating her 90th birthday.

Mena was organiser of the popular Seniors Club for many, many years and is still an active and valued

member. She is a regular at St Nicolas and is involved in many parish events and activities still.

Happy Birthday Mena.

We wish you a wonderful day.



LOCAL LIBRARY TO CELEBRATE LOCAL PEOPLE AT VILLAGE FESTIVAL

“Our displays are going to be about the people who used to live and work around The Green...”



King's Norton Library and King's Norton History Society are looking forward to The Village Festival on Saturday 12th July. Due to the restoration of The Old Grammar School our popular stands will be inside St

Nicolas Church this year. Our displays are going to be about the people who used to live and work around The Green and how to find out more about both their and your own family history. If you have any old photographs or memories and would like to share them with us we would love to hear from you either on the day at one of our stands or any-time at the library.

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Kings Norton Welcomes Revd Rebecca

"I have a deep sense that it's the place where God wants me to be and I am looking forward to meeting everyone and being part of such a vibrant and interesting community."

We welcome Rebecca Pullin to our parish in July. Rebecca will be made a deacon on July 1st. After that she will be the Revd Rebecca.

Originally from London, Rebecca grew up in Matlock in Derbyshire. She spent twenty years in Norfolk as a member of an Anglican Religious Community before moving to Birmingham in 1999.

Rebecca said, "I am very excited about coming to Kings Norton and can barely stop myself jumping up and down every time I think about it! I have a deep sense that it's the place where God wants me to be and I am looking forward to meeting everyone and being part of such a vibrant and interesting community."

Canon Rob Morris said, "Do pray for her at this turning point in her life - and pray also that we may be as supportive, welcoming and encouraging as we know how."

He continued, "Tickets for the ordination service are limited - but we shall have two more occasions to welcome Rebecca and surround her with our love and prayers. At 6pm on Sunday 1st July: Welcome Service - with we hope friends from St Barnabas Kingshurst, the parish where she now worships. Do come and join us." "And at 10.30am on Sunday the 8th July, Rebecca will share in leading worship here for the first time - and there will be a simple but tasty lunch after - details to follow. She will be at Hawkesley and Immanuel in the weeks to follow."

WELCOME REVD REBECCA

"Laugh with the Lord"

The following are actual
announcements taken
from Church Bulletins



This afternoon there will be a meeting in the south and north ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Tuesday evening there will be an ice cream social. All ladies giving milk, please come early.

Wednesday, the ladies liturgy society will meet. Mrs Johnson will sing: "Put Me in My Little Bed" accompanied by the pastor.

Thursday at 5.00pm there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers Club. All those wishing to become Little Mothers please meet the minister in his study.

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

The services will close with "Little Drops of Water". One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will join in.

On Sunday, a special collection will be taken to defray the expenses of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the carpet, come forward and get a piece of paper.

The ladies of the church have cast off clothing of every kind and they may be seen in the church basement on Friday afternoon

A bean supper will be held Saturday evening in the church basement. Music will follow

The rosebud on the altar this morning is to announce the birth of David Alan Belsler, the son of Reverend and Mrs Julius Belsler.

THE PARISH OF KINGS NORTON

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May 2007 Baptisms

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

6th May 2007	Joshua Edward Brookes
6th May 2007	Alexander John Staunton
20th May 2007	Lewis Mark Tonks
20th May 2007	Kian Joseph May
20th May 2007	Joshua David Hubbard
27th May 2007	Ruby Constance Betteridge

May 2007 Weddings

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

6th May 2007	Joel Johnson and Abigail Clements
12th May 2007	Dean Taylor and Linda Nettle
18th May 2007	John Taylor and Clare Sutton
19th May 2007	Peter Lord and Samantha Ward
26th May 2007	Robert Casserley and Alison Baxter
26th May 2007	Richard Phillips and Jordanna Pike

May 2007 Funerals

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

1st May 2007	Rachel (ka Rae) Carroll, aged 75	Cremation at Redditch
2nd May 2007	David Ward, aged 46	Cremation at Redditch
2nd May 2007	Annie Elizabeth Hibbert, aged 95	Service in St Nicolas; Burial at Kings Norton Cemetery
4th May 2007	Edith (k/a Edie) Lilian Clarke, aged 89	Cremation at Lodge Hill
8th May 2007	Charles Edward Eaton, aged 82	Service in St Nicolas; Burial at Brandwood End Cemetery
8th May 2007	Pearl Jelfs, aged 86	Cremation at Lodge Hill
9th May 2007	Albert William Cox, aged 86	Cremation at Robin Hood
9th May 2007	Beryl Freda Craythorne, aged 69	Cremation at Lodge Hill
10th May 2007	Dilys Jean Simms, aged 81	Cremation at Yardley
10th May 2007	Betty Higgins, aged 75	Service St Nicolas; Burial in Churchyard
10th May 2007	Ronald Richards, aged 81	Interment of Ashes in Churchyard
17th May 2007	James Thomas Casey, aged 51	Service in St Nicolas; Burial at Kings Norton Cemetery
17th May 2007	Kenneth Revill, aged 81	Cremation at Robin Hood
17th May 2007	Arthur Edward Perry, aged 83	Interment of Ashes in Churchyard
24th May 2007	Gwyneth Elizabeth Hawkins, aged 69	Cremation at Lodge Hill

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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Farewell to Roger Wooldridge

Hawkesley Church Primary School Head to Retire

At the end of this term Roger Wooldridge will be saying a final farewell to the communities at Hawkesley Church Primary School. He has served the school faithfully and professionally for eight years as Head Teacher and he will now embark on a well earned retirement.



Photo © Chris Holmes

ROGER WOOLDRIDGE

Birmingham to Bellfield School in Northfield as Head Teacher. However, from there he heard the call to Hawkesley and returned in 1999.

He returned to lead the amalgamation of the Junior and Infant schools and this he did with commitment and sensitivity and now the primary school continues in the great tradition of witnessing the pastoral commitment of the parish church of Kings Norton to the community of the Three Estates.

Roger has worked ceaselessly to lead and manage the staff of the school to ensure that each pupil in the school feels valued and is given every chance to achieve the highest possible standards. The school

Roger is a 'second time rounder' at Hawkesley, he served the school as a classroom teacher in the Juniors during the 1980s under the watchful eye of Dudley Shipton. From there his career took him to be deputy head teacher in Bath and then he returned to

has established the reputation as a caring community within which children are able to flourish and develop the life skills which offer them the chance to participate as responsible and active members of a caring yet innovative society. Life at Hawkesley school is always demanding and Roger has worked tirelessly through good times and some times of sadness to ensure that the school is well placed to face the challenges and further development to serve the children and their families in the coming years

Perhaps one of the best parting gifts Roger will leave is the recent triumph of the girls' football team!! He goes with our grateful thanks for all he has given and our very best wishes for the future. (May Claret and Blue continue to reign successfully!!)

Anne Dent

Retirement

MY friends said, "You're retiring!
Whatever will you do?
You'll be so bored and so alone!"
How little they all knew!
The months have passed so rapidly
As I've gone here and there,
And sometimes, like the poet said,
"No time to stand and stare!"
So many people I must see,
And places still to go,
So many lessons still to learn
And many things to know.
The days slip by, so much to do,
(Let others laze or shirk)
But, looking back, I wonder how
I found the time to work!

Iris Hesselden.

New Hawkesley School Head

The new Head of Hawkesley School will be Mr Graeme Dobson. He joins from Cotteridge School where he has been Deputy Head since January 05.



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So how does this affect churches?

From 1 July 2007 virtually all enclosed public places and workplaces in England will become smokefree.

So how does this affect churches?

The new smokefree law will apply to virtually all 'enclosed' and 'substantially enclosed' public places and workplaces. This includes both permanent structures and temporary ones such as tents and marquees, and includes churches, places of worship and church/parish halls. The new law also requires certain types of vehicles used for work (including voluntary work) to be smokefree, but not vehicles that are primarily for private use.

From 1 July, those people who control or manage smokefree premises and smokefree vehicles will have legal responsibilities to prevent people from smoking. The new law will require no smoking signs to be displayed in all smokefree premises and vehicles.

What sort of signs do we need?

No-smoking signs that are required to be displayed must meet the following minimum requirements:

- be a minimum of A5 in area (210mm x 148mm)
- display the international no-smoking symbol at least 70mm in diameter*
- carry the following words in characters that can be easily read: No smoking. It is against the law to smoke in these premises

Where should the signs be displayed?

The new law says that signs 'need to be displayed in a prominent position at every entrance to smokefree premises'. It does not stipulate the precise location (such as on the door), in order to afford maximum flexibility for signs to be displayed in the most appropriate place in the premises. In churches, doors which are not in use could arguably not be entrances for use by persons. It will be up to each church body (e.g., select vestry/parochial church council) to choose the most appropriate place in the building for the sign, as long as the sign is prominently displayed. It is not necessary for it to be permanently fixed to the fabric of the building. It may be that the sign could be displayed within a porch at the front of the church or on a notice board which is

near the main entrance. If you have any questions about the new law (for example, you are unsure about where a sign should be positioned), we recommend you consult your environmental health officer at your local council (who will be responsible for compliance) for further information.

The international no-smoking symbol consists of a graphic representation of a single burning cigarette enclosed in a red circle of at least 70mm in diameter with a red bar across it.

In addition, smaller signs consisting of the international no smoking symbol only (at least 70mm in diameter) must be displayed at external entrances to smokefree premises that are only used by members of staff (e.g., vestry) – providing the premises displays at least one A5 area sign.

Do we have to pay for these signs?

No. Free no-smoking signs can be downloaded and printed or, for a limited time, ordered from smokefreeengland.co.uk/resources or calling 0800 169 1697. Churches can also display personalised signs by changing the words 'these premises' to refer to the name or type of premises – such as 'this church', 'this hall' etc, as long as the sign meets the minimum requirements set out in the new law.

Why is this necessary?

The signs will make it clear which premises and vehicles are smokefree and will demonstrate that the church authorities are taking the necessary steps to meet the requirements of the new law. They also provide some degree of legal protection for the church authorities in the unlikely event of someone being caught smoking on church premises.

Where can I find further information on Smokefree legislation?

Log onto smokefreeengland.co.uk or phone the Smokefree England Information Line on 0800 169 1697 for the full guidance and to order or download free signs.

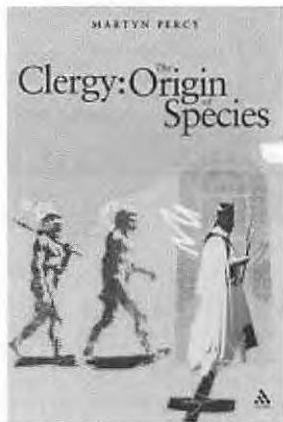


BOOK REVIEW

Clergy: The Origin of the Species

Author **Martyn Percy**

Published by: T&T Clark - ISBN: 8264 8280 5



In 205 fascinating pages Martyn explains why clergy are as they are, where they came from, what shapes them and where things may be going. He seems to attack his subject with all the delight of

somebody pulling legs of a spider! Here is a book for all those who have ever wanted to ask why in puzzlement about how what and who shapes or has shaped clergy into what who and why we may be!

Martyn is without doubt a fast rising star in the firmament of the Church of England. He is Principal of Ripon College, Cuddesdon, Oxford and I can honestly say that from the moment he appeared in the environment that was Cranmer Hall Durham where I trained for ordination he stood out as one with enormous potential. His production of books is prodigious, his energy clearly huge and his writing, yes, is readable!

Here in this book Martyn attempts to take seriously the role of environment and the contextual in the shaping of ecclesial and theological development, what he calls theological realism. What are the clergy for, what defines them? How do different denominations respond to this challenge? In the light of the marginalisation of what was formerly given what does the future hold?

In the concluding section on ministry important questions are asked about the assumptions that underlay and inform ministerial identity such as basing that on biblical characters, what Martyn calls biblical functionalism. Do we instead turn to some sort of mystical piety that only ends up being difficult to address with any kind of concrete analysis, perhaps that is the reason. Finally, do we turn to the huge management of business and its models and theories.

If God makes Christ real in time and culture, in the evolving understanding of revelation and humanity then perhaps ministry is bound up in the temporal and the eternal and ministers, we, should pause before thinking that one of the above particular models can be grasped as an easy answer.

Perhaps finally we should reflect on the story of the worlds only freshwater seals in Lake Baikal, south east Siberia. Seals that were once salt water seals but became separated from the sea and adapted to their new environment. Have clergy become detached from their cultural context? Have they become lost is some cut off gene pool?

A must for clergy and those considering ordination. Perhaps for others it would prove a fascinating book that would inform some critical reflection on the role of clergy today in Kings Norton from which we would all benefit!

Revd David Gould



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A.N. Orak



I've found a new church!

I have to say that I have had more enjoyment researching this month's article than any of the previous ones. After reading about St Pixels – Church of the Internet, I decided I had to go and see for myself. You can just visit www.stpixels.com and have a look around or you can register and participate fully.

The church has evolved from the 'church of fools', part of the 'ship of fools' website www.shipoffools.com which I have mentioned before. The site is made up of a variety of discussion boards where you can interact with other users on a whole variety of topics from deep theological issues to current events. There is also an excellent blog area which is very supportive and encouraging. So, if you have ever thought of starting a blog (like an online diary which others can read), this is a good place to try it out. It is also really interesting reading other people's blogs too.

When you register, you create an identity for yourself with a user name and a thing called an avatar. Basically this is just a face but I had some fun finding out whether people try to recreate how they look in real life or not. Once you have your online identity you can go into LIVE which combines a chatroom environment with a church where there are real services that

you can take part in, and other rooms (including a bar) that you can meet up in afterwards. Go



**Welcome to
St Pixels**

to <http://www.shipoffools.com/Mystery/2007/1416.html> for a 'Mystery Worshipper' review.

St Pixels attracts people from all over the world. Some seem to have made it 'their' church and many others talk about their real life (RL) churches too. For me it fits the description of a fresh expression of church and it is well worth a visit to experience the real sense of community that present at this 'virtual' church.

Don't forget our own website www.kingsnorton.org.uk where you can find out what's happening in RL church.

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We mean well... But DO we understand?

The poem below is not for people who have been bereaved; it won't bring comfort, except perhaps in the knowledge that they are not alone with these feelings. It was written for people who haven't (been bereaved), to help them understand what it's like in the early days and months of grief after the death of a partner.

Rachel Bannister

The Journey from We to Me

We has company, we is great
We takes for granted our soul mate
We has plans, dreams and hope
We has a future filled with scope
Then like a thief along comes grief
Just leaves a pain with no relief
Me is left alone and scared
Me was certainly not prepared
Me stumbles through those early days
In a disbelieving kind of haze
Me is empty yet heavy as well
Me sees each day as a living hell
Me feels overwhelmed by fears
Me is just awash with tears
Me can no longer turn and say
"Hello my love how was your day?"
Me sometimes sets an extra place
Then remembers me won't see that face
It's almost more than me can bear
To see smiling couples everywhere
Love in every film and song
A world to which me doesn't belong
Me has to suffer the lonely grief
Since joy was stolen by that thief
Me shall have to re-adjust
It's not a want, more a must
To make a meal for only one
Make an effort to have some fun
Me will have to live in hope
That one day me will learn to cope.

Author unknown

The Project for the Renewal of Druids Heath (PRODH)

*'a bridge between the
statutory services and the
residents of Druids Heath'*

I wonder how many of you have heard about PRODH, I suspect only a few so I am using this opportunity to tell you more. This is a group started by Reverend David Gould to develop a strategy to create a bridge between the statutory services and the residents of Druids Heath

I have recently been appointed the post of Civic Renewal and Community Regeneration Worker for PRODH. It is a full-time paid post and my first two tasks are to collect one thousand signatures (following one thousand conversations from people who live on Druids Heath estate) to say, without obligation, that they are committed to the regeneration of Druids Heath, and to create a Community Council, which will be populated and eventually run by residents, have very strong links with the statutory bodies (e.g. Police, Housing Department) and will give a voice to members of the community, so that any problems that are reported to the Council can be sorted out within a reasonable time-frame.

I have already had very positive responses from many, both residents and service providers and am looking forward to meeting many more in the next few weeks.

I am based at Dell Meadow Family and Community Learning Centre (tel 430 6005) so please pop along and see me sometime and find out how far I have got!

Karen Urwin



CHILDREN'S PAGE... with Karen

Dear friends,

Here we are in the gloriously sunny weather again and we can start looking forward to our Summer holidays. I hope you enjoy my little activity on the next page (page 35). It is all based on the Lord's Prayer. You have to decide which picture goes with which part of the Prayer. I have broken it into four parts. Read the prayer and draw a line to the picture you think fits that part of the prayer best. I always say this prayer before I go sleep. Perhaps, if you don't know it already, you could learn it too. If you can copy the page you could cut them out and colour the pictures. Have fun, Karen



Who Are The Tiny Tots

A group of parents and toddlers, who meet together in St Nicolas Church for a drink and a chat where children are encouraged to learn through playing, singing, stories and prayer.

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

LAST MONTHS
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SOLUTION



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

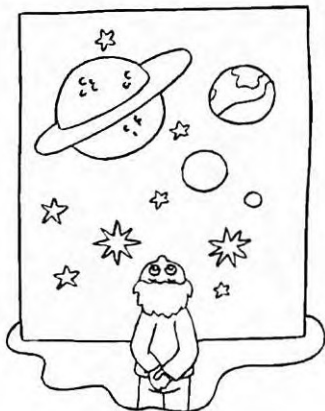
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done, on Earth as in heaven



Give us today our daily bread,



Forgive us our sins, as we forgive
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Bacon Sandwiches and Salvation The A-Z of Christian Life

Author: Adrian Plass

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Adrian Plass seems to be able to capture church life in such a way that you just can't help laughing. In this book he has put together a dictionary of definitions, short stories and rewritten hymns and choruses which in a kind but pointed way provide humorous food for thought, including....

'Astrology: the study of the movement and relative positions of celestial bodies interpreted as an influence on human affairs. In other words, the one that's not all right. And of course as Christians we just thank our lucky stars that there's no need for us to get involved with such things.'

'Astronomy: the one that is all right. Patrick Moore may be somewhat eccentric, but he is not the High Priest of the occult movement.'

'Doubt: more or less frequent visitor who should be allowed in when he knocks at the door and sat firmly down in a corner. As long as he is neither fed nor entertained he will usually get bored after a while and go away.'

'Ineffable: (1) cannot be expressed in words (2) cannot be sworn at.'

'Go in peace: (1) injunction to the congregation at the end of communion (2) something that is only possible for those blessed with an en-suite bathroom and toilet.'

'Pillar of the church: big thick thing that holds everything up and restricts vision.'



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GREETINGS FROM IMMANUEL CHURCH!

We are looking forward to the Immanuel weekend away in Cleobury Mortimer at the start of July.

On 17th June we had a very special service celebrating Father's Day. I was surprised to hear that Father's Day has been marked for 100 years! (I thought it was a product of modern commercialism, such as the awful "Happy Divorce Day" cards

naturally into considering the Father Heart of God and his unconditional love for each of us. There was hardly a dry eye in the house!

We are looking forward to the Immanuel weekend away in Cleobury Mortimer at the start of July. It will be a Worship Weekend as well as allowing plenty of time for fun and fellowship together.

We also continue to reach out to our friends, family members and community. We are promoting church socials and Parish events as opportunities to take people along and have fun with us; we are planning another evening where we share a meal and low-key conversation about our faith; we continue our work in the two local primary schools and Moundsley Hall nursing home; and, of course, extend a warm welcome to anyone who comes to Immanuel on Sunday mornings.

Women's Evening Fellowship

Annual General Meeting July 5th 2007 at 7.30 pm

Our July meeting is our AGM, and will take place at 7.30 pm on Thursday July 5th 2007 in St Nicolas Church Hall, Westhill Road.

The AGM will be followed by an American Supper. Please bring some food with you for the meal (but only enough for one person each!)



Many thanks
Gwen Fox - Chairman

Immanuel is running the cake stall at Kings Norton Festival on Saturday 14th July and would appreciate any donations of home made cakes. Thank you.

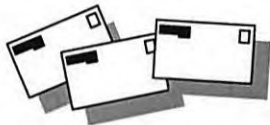
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Dear Margaret,

I understand we have another new Church Warden, we seem to be getting through them at a rate of knots just recently. Will the new one be staying a bit longer?

Concerned.

Dear Concerned,

As you may know, Karen Urwin has been appointed as the Civic Renewal and Community Regeneration Officer for PRODH. This is great news on the one hand, but on the other it meant that sadly she had to stand down from the post of Church Warden. I'm sure you would join me in wishing her well in this new post.

Elected in her place is Stephen Plant who I'm sure has every intention of serving his full term. Stephen has been a Warden before in a previous parish and so brings with him a wealth of experience. I look forward to working with him and have already given him my email address in case he has any problems he would like answering.

P.S. Please pray for Stephen as he is not well at the time of writing, thank you.



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