

PARISH NEWS

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**FUN DAYS at St Paul's
COME and JOIN US !
Monday 1st & 31st
AUGUST**



August



1994

ST PAUL'S CHURCH
NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH

SUNDAY SERVICES

9.00am	Holy Communion	(1662) 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays
9.00am	Holy Communion	(ASB) 2nd & 4th Sundays
10.30am	Family Service	(3rd Sunday: Family Communion)
6.30pm	Evening Service	(1st Sunday: Lord's Supper)

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INFORMATION re the different church organisations and activities will appear from time to time in the magazine.

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AUGUST DIARY



1 **FUN DAY** for 5 - 11 year olds 10am - 3.15pm

7 **PENTECOST 11**

9.00am Holy Communion (1662)

10.30am Family Service : (Acts 9:19-31)

6.30pm Lord's Supper and Teaching: Paul's prayer for the Philippians (Phil 1:1-11; Matt 20:1-16)



14 **PENTECOST 12**

9.00am Holy Communion (ASB)

10.30am Family Worship : Paul's travels (Acts 13:2-3,14-16,23-33a,38)

6.30pm Evening Worship and Teaching : "To Live is Christ" - a joyful imprisonment (Phil 1:12-30)



21 **PENTECOST 13**

9.00am Holy Communion (1662)

10.30am Family Communion : Paul under fire (Acts 27:1-2,13-32,39-42; Matt 10:16-20)

6.30pm Evening Worship and Teaching : The path of humility (Phil 2:1-11)

28 **PENTECOST 14**

9.00am Holy Communion (ASB)

10.30am Family Worship : Paul uses disaster as an opportunity to witness (Acts 18:1-10)

6.30pm Evening Worship and Teaching : Servants of Christ (Phil 2:12-30)



31 **FUN DAY** for 5 - 11 year olds. 10am - 3.15pm



ADVANCE NOTICE:

4th September : 6.30pm : Lord's Supper and Healing Service

2.

REPORT OF PCC MEETING



Despite the unwillingness of a number of us, photographs were taken once again of all PCC members at the beginning of our meeting on 20th June. We had an adjourned agenda, which meant we continued going through the agenda of the previous meeting.

One of our main items for discussion was St Paul's Baptism Policy, which was outline for us by Steven Thompson. Our policy remains the same as it has been for a number of years: we continue to expect parents to take the baptism service very seriously and give careful thought to the promises they make at the service. We also discussed our Thanksgiving Services, mainly conducted on Sunday afternoons and seen as an attractive alternative to the baptism service. Jonathan has modified both services and made improvements to them. These were welcomed and approved by members of the PCC.

Jonathan informed us that Marion Farr and Ingrid Walsh would soon be appointed as pastoral assistants at a service to be arranged. As official pastoral assistants, they will be available for visiting in the parish and both have designated areas of ministry they wish to concentrate on. The PCC warmly endorsed their appointment as pastoral assistants. Jonathan explained that Michael Scrase would not be going forward as a pastoral assistant, but it was hoped an alternative ministry would be developed for him. Michael was thanked by the PCC for his pastoral work and his care for the church buildings. We also expressed the hope that his health would improve and that results of various tests he had had recently would be satisfactory.

Jonathan also informed us that it was hoped teaching courses would commence in the autumn. Eight sessions were being planned, four to be staff-led. He and Renée would welcome ideas on topics to be covered.

A meeting of the Standing Committee had taken place the week before the PCC which approved its Terms of Reference.

Members were once again delighted that the meeting ended at a reasonable time - before we were too exhausted!

Grace Allan, PCC Secretary

JONATHAN WRITES



3.

In recent weeks it has been lovely to see a number of families coming forward and asking for a service of baptism or thanksgiving for their child. They want to give thanks to God for the birth of such a special addition to their family, a marvel of creation; and they want to ask God to bless the child as he/she grows up. And in baptism the parents and godparents are promising they will help their child to grow; not just by giving them the right sort of food and drink so that they grow strong and healthy physically; but by helping them to learn to pray, to know more about God and fellowship with the church family as they worship God, so that their child grows strong and healthy spiritually.

Do we, as members of the church family, make sure that we take in the right food so that we can go on growing spiritually? Can we honestly say that we know God better now than we did a year ago? Is our spiritual life a growing walk with God that reaches to the very centre of our lives? Or is it just one segment of a busy life, rather like a slice of pie, part of our time devoted to God with the rest of our life (the rest of the pie) unaffected by it?

This Autumn, under the overall heading of **"Growing in Faith"** we will be providing a variety of opportunities in St Paul's for Christian education, for sharing in fellowship, and for spiritual growth. There will be a Christian Basics course led by Jonathan, a course designed to develop our understanding of the basic foundations of our Christian faith. This informal group would suit those who were confirmed time ago and would like a refresher course, those considering Confirmation, and those who do not yet believe, or who are uncertain of their beliefs.

There will also be a course entitled "A private house of prayer" aimed at helping us to deepen our prayer life and our awareness of God. It is currently planned that there will be 4 sessions in the form of joint meetings which Jonathan, Renée and Steve will lead and provide input for. Alternating with these sessions we shall divide up into housegroups and discuss material prepared by the staff and put into practice some of the things that we have learnt.

Lauraine is also hoping to lead a course on "Women of the Bible" and the lessons we can learn from them. In addition there will be Focus meetings midweek, the Fellowship prayer meetings, the Tuesday Club, other groups for parents and toddlers and so on. There should be something to suit everyone's needs.

So, I do hope that you will take a copy of the **"Growing in Faith"** booklet when it comes out later this month and prayerfully consider which group you might join to help you to grow spiritually. Don't stagnate and remain a stunted Christian; do feed yourself spiritually and remain a growing Christian.

With love in Christ Jesus,

Jonathan



1. Fun Day - for helpers and children attending. For enjoyment and learning through it.
2. All who care for relations and housebound. Those who devote their energy, time and love to caring for others, Give them the help and encouragement needed.
3. Those going on holiday - safety, refreshment and enjoyment. For those unable to take holidays for whatever reason.
4. Troubled areas of the world, especially Rwanda.
5. Uniformed organisations, especially those going on outings and summer camps. Pray for Christian witness and input into teaching and fun times.
6. Those people considering further Christian teaching in the autumn, e.g. Faith and Ministry, Pastoral Assistants etc. Pray for guidance in decisions.
7. For the summer Sunday School and crèche. Pray for children and volunteer helpers.
8. Pray for families during summer, especially where there are relational problems.
9. The Church Building Development Committee appointed to look at the on-going use of the buildings.
10. Those in authority in politics, industry, media, commerce and public services.

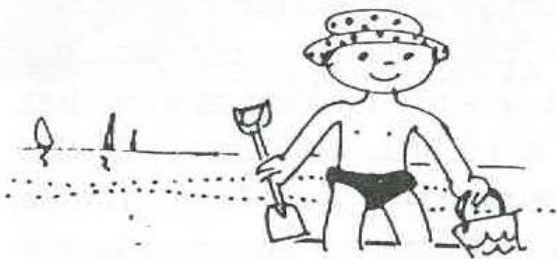


11. Thursday morning communion. Pray for people to desire to come and the fellowship shared there.
12. United prayer and praise evenings.
13. Christians, especially those known to us, who are serving Christ in difficult situations with little obvious support and fellowship. Ask for encouragement.



14. Tim Luff and the team of sidespersons.
15. Elderly and housebound, especially if they are unable to accompany friends and family on holiday.

16. Pray for growing trust between local authorities and churches so that by working together community concerns and problems can be tackled effectively.
17. People who form the prayer chain. Pray for correct transferal of information and a real sense of link between individuals during prayer.
18. Veronica Ralph and other people who maintain the church garden.
19. Our own leaders within the church : Jonathan, Renée, Steven and Lorraine.
20. Newcomers to St Paul's. Pray for adequate and appropriate provision for nurture and on-going support.
21. Marion Farr and Derrick Blacker as they organise the fellowship teas. Pray for friendship and sense of belonging for those coming.
22. "Pointing the Way" Committee, set up for parishes to review present policies and activities.
23. Local government and council recently re-formed after elections in May.
24. Those people we visit: ill, elderly and those in need within the church.
25. Pray for the hungry and refugees, the oppressed and those in peril from war and natural disaster. Pray for relief agencies and people.
26. Brenda Reid and the work of B.E.C.H.A.
27. The outing to Broadstairs today. Safety for travel and friendship and sense of belonging to God's family.
28. The Sunday Services. The leaders and those attending.
29. Michael Scrase and the work he does as Verger.
30. The European M.Ps and our links with the continent.
31. The 2nd Fun Day for the children.



THANK YOU - from Jeanette & Frank

Just to say we praise and thank our Lord for the restoration of sight to Frank's left eye and for all the prayer, help and support we have been given by the people of St Paul's Church during a difficult time for us both - we now look forward in faith to a successful outcome of an operation on Frank's right eye which we hope may not be too long in coming. Thank you all.

6. GAVIN ADLINGTON : TRAVELS AFAR!



In recent months I have travelled to Denmark, Hong Kong, Australia, Russia and Lithuania. I have been asked to write a little piece about my impressions - so here it is:

My travelling was work related and so I can only give general impressions rather than specific insight into the church and its situation.

Denmark has very few hills and a mainly agricultural economy. Despite being famous for its bacon, I saw no pigs at all! This is because they are all kept in sheds and their biggest pollution problem is disposal of pig dung. There is only so much you can fertilise the fields with and the remainder must go somewhere. Latest investigations involve using it to fuel power stations. I visited Copenhagen and Aalborg and was impressed by the cleanliness of the cities. They have few traffic problems as they have a subsidised bus service and cycle lanes everywhere. Cyclists have right of way in most situations and there are plenty of them. Thus, they keep both healthy and pollution free. I also visited the north tip of Jutland. It was cold and windy with ice on the beaches, even in March. I thought of the sea battles in the World Wars and could imagine what it must have been like.

Hong Kong is a hive of activity. High rise buildings, people everywhere and space at a premium. The flight path skims the tops of tall buildings that have sheds, gardens and even tennis courts and swimming pools on their roofs. No time, no space and so busy making money that the 1997 hand over of the colony to China is of little concern: only the British press and Christopher Patten seem worried by it. Melbourne in Victoria State, Australia was very restful in comparison. The people are very friendly and strike up a conversation on the tram without inhibitions. Wide streets and very spread out, it was very welcome after the bustle of Hong Kong.

In Russia I visited Moscow and then Sochi on the Black Sea. The country is in turmoil. Four years ago there were £4 to the Rouble, now there are 1400 Roubles to the £. The parks are overgrown and uncared for, roads full of potholes and buildings in need of repair. The saddest sight was to see women standing outside the underground station at the Red Square selling old bottles of drink or home made loaves of bread for

a few pence. Meanwhile the politicians and civil servants seem to be involved in a constant power struggle. No doubt it will sort itself out in time. Lithuania, on the other hand, having, as they put it, "freed itself from the Russian occupation", are busy building and setting up businesses at a fast rate. Lithuania is covered in forest and lakes and is very pretty. The City of Vilnius has both ancient and modern buildings and is gradually getting repaired after 50 years of neglect, but has still much to do.

At the time you read this I will probably be back in Russia. I'll be thinking of you.

Gavin Adlington

The New Bishop of Rochester

(extracted from Church Times, C of E Newspaper and Independent.)



The Church of England has announced the appointment of its first ever non-white diocesan Bishop, the Rt Rev Dr Michael Nazir-Ali, 44, who is currently general secretary of CMS. His appointment has been welcomed as a sign that the days of racial prejudice are over, and it is hoped that minority ethnic groups will feel more welcome in Anglican Churches as a result. Dr Nazir-Ali, is an expert on Christian-Muslim relations and writes poetry in English and Persian. He took a degree in economics and sociology in Karachi before coming to Britain in 1972 to study Theology at Cambridge and Oxford. He

was ordained in 1974 and in 1984 was consecrated Bishop of Raiwind in Northern India, the youngest Bishop in the Anglican Communion. He is part of the Anglican delegation in standing talks about visible unity with Rome, a director of Christian Aid and a trustee of Traidcraft.

There is already one black Anglican bishop in the country; the Rt Rev Wilfred Wood, who has been Suffragen bishop of Croydon since 1985, but Dr Nazir-Ali will be the first to have full control of a Diocese. He has a wife, Valerie, and two teenage sons. His interests include cricket, hockey and table tennis, Scrabble, music and television. He has said that he hopes his appointment will be a marker for the globalisation of Christianity in this country. Three of Dr Nazir-Ali's books have been concerned with the difficulties posed for Christianity by the rise of Islam. We look forward to an opportunity to meet our new Bishop in the near future and we congratulate him on his appointment.



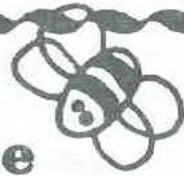
St Bartholomew's Day ~ 24th August

St Bartholomew was one of Jesus' 12 disciples and we know hardly anything about him, except that he spread the gospel in Lycaonia, India and Armenia and spent his life telling people about Jesus.

St Bartholomew is the patron saint of bee-keepers and honey-makers. I wonder why? It used to be the custom to take honey from the beehives on this day but that can't be the reason. There is something else about bees - apiculturists (the posh name for beekeepers) will tell you that the bees will fly away if you don't tell them when something special happens. Bartholomew spent his life telling everyone that he could the most special news that anyone could hear - that God sent His Son to die for us.

TO BEE

or not to bee



You don't have to wait till the 24th to try this puzzle where all the answers start with the letters BEE...

- 1 What BEE is an insect?
- 2 What BEE is a red vegetable?
- 3 What BEE works at the Tower of London?
- 4 What BEE makes you drunk?
- 5 What BEE is a tree?
- 6 What BEE can you eat?
- 7 What BEE is a toot on a horn?
- 8 What BEE is used to polish furniture?



Why do bees have sticky hair?

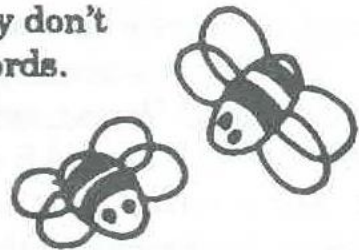
Because they have honey combs.

What do you get if you cross a bee and chopped meat?

A humdinger.

Why do bees hum?

Because they don't know the words.



ANSWERS: 1 beetle 2 beetroot
3 befeater 4 beer 5 beech
6 beef 7 beep 8 beeswax



LAURINE IS LICENSED



9.

About thirty members of St Paul's travelled to Snodland parish church on Saturday, 11th June to support Lauraine Wells as she was Admitted and Licensed as Reader to Jonathan and the parish here.

The admitting took place within Evensong (although that makes the service sound much more formal than, in fact, it was) and was conducted by the Bishop of Tonbridge, Brian Smith. Lauraine had been asked to read one of the lessons and then she and one other woman were admitted to the office of a Reader along with three men who were licensed.

Jonathan stepped forward and placed the purple scarf around her neck and gave her a hug. No clapping, however, was heard at this point, which only goes to show how enlightened has been the role of women in Reader ministry for a number of years and not such a "novelty" as women to the priesthood.

It was also good to see that two Readers and two pastoral assistants were commissioned for their Harare link visit and the continuing support that Rochester diocese shows for that part of the church in Zimbabwe.

And then it was out into the churchyard with much hugging and handshaking from family and friends and the taking of numerous photographs.

We wish Lauraine well as she starts her formal ministry at St Paul's - please pray for her as she discerns with Jonathan the right and proper way for that to develop. It is good to have her join the team and I am particularly thrilled to have her as my fellow Reader.

Please support and encourage her in her ministry - and I am sure that you will not be disappointed.



Steven Thompson

Advance Notice.

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Extra performance Friday 23rd September at 10.15 pm

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A FOND FAREWELL TE

Cartoons by *John Blessett*. Writ

It was fourteen years ago when a young mum playgroup team. The Church Council has equipment from an existing Nursery School outreach and a service to the community in Alma Stockdale became part of the team. I that it is now time she "hung up her painting playgroup to pastures new.

Alma has contributed much to the running of a leader who has a good line in storytelling, M great favourites. Alma has been Minute Se Committee, and what are we going to do abc which she has always organised?

On a recent Friday evening at our termly attended by some of the past members of pla of honour and after dinner speaker. She tol was to her and how she felt privileged to be children in a gentle way. She has vivid memor and Playlets for Special Services in Church Farm. She went on to remind us all of the m had happened over the years that brought ba us all. Just so Alma will not forget some of th her a Photo Album: a kind of "this is your li and again and remember not only the hard v 40 children at a time, but the many joys also. Alma will have left playgroup at the end of th her a 1st Edition plate of Mr Noah (what els that remains to do is to say thank you Alma fr work and loyal support you gave to playgroup that the future has in store for you.



A TRIBUTE TO ALMA

Written by Joan Handy

ng mum with four children joined the
ouncil had bought the goodwill and
School and set up a playgroup as an
unity in 1976 and it was in 1980 that
team. However, Alma has decided
painting apron" and moved on from

unning of this group, she is a deputy
telling, Mr Noah and Goldilocks are
minute Secretary of the Management
o do about our end of term meal out

r termly Mums' Supper, which was
ers of playgroup, Alma was our guest
She told us how important her faith
ged to be able to share this with the
d memories of narrating Nativity Play
Church, and visits to Stone Lodge
of the many amusing little things that
ought back very happy memories for
me of these happy times, Carol gave
s your life" that she can look at now
e hard work involved with caring for
oys also.

nd of this term, and we will be giving
(what else) as a leaving present. All
Alma from the team for all the hard
laygroup over the years and enjoy all



GOOD NEWS GOOD NEWS

HAPPY 50th BIRTHDAY on the 6th August to Veronica Ralph who clocks up her Half Century ! Love from us all ! We offer our belated congratulations to one of our readers Mrs Gladys Thornton of Becton Place who was 90 Years old on the 19th July. Many Happy Returns, we hope you celebrated in style !

We are delighted to hear Edmund Wilbourne is recovering from his recent operation. We very much hope that by the time you read this magazine, dear Fred Topp will be safely home again and making progress after his operation. Our love and prayers have been very much for him and Joyce.

ST PAUL'S FELLOWSHIP TEA PARTY

A cordial invitation to all those involved in this group. The next afternoon tea meeting will take place on Sunday 21st August at 4pm in the Church Hall. All concerned are welcome. Details from Marion Farr and Derrick Blacker.

PLEASE NOTE.

Greenwich and Bexley Cottage Hospice are holding a Family Fun Day on Sunday 31st July at Bostall Heath Playing Fields. 1 to 5 pm. More details on page 16

There will also be two Fun Days Here at St Paul's for 5 to 11 year olds on Monday 1st August and Monday 31st August from 10 am to 3.15 pm. Details later.

ADVANCE NOTICE The Praise and Worship Evening Friday September 9th, will have as it's speaker Dennis Roberts from Queen Street Baptist Church. Make a note NOW !

The NEW Church Photocopier is now in use at the Vicarage. Copying will normally be done on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings and may be left the previous evening for collection the next afternoon / evening.

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Two Committees have recently been formed. They are:

13.

CHURCH BUILDINGS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

This PCC appointed committee is to look at the Church and Hall buildings and their ongoing use as we draw near to the turn of the century and St Paul's Centenary. The purpose of the discussion is to take a visionary look at the likely future needs of the church as it serves the local community; to take account of the needs suggested by the "Pointing the Way" Committee; and to make sure that any tidying up or building development is done in a planned, phased and consultative manner and not haphazardly.

Those on the Committee are:

Jonathan Watson	Renée Durndell
Julia Beaumont	Philip Hall
Elizabeth Hunt	Brian Thatcher
Steven Thompson	Peter Walsh

"POINTING THE WAY" COMMITTEE

The Bishop of Rochester has asked all parishes in the Diocese to review their present policies and activities with respect to:

- a) **Worshipping God and knowing Him through prayer**
- b) **Seeking to understand the God we worship**
- c) **Living in fellowship with one another**
- d) **Serving one another**
- e) **Speaking to others about the love of God.**

A committee has been set up consisting of:

Jonathan Watson	Derrick Blacker
Renée Durndell	Jane Stafford
Gavin Adlington	Mike Stean
Moyra Thompson	

We will be meeting 5 times between now and October to consider these aspects of church life and report back to the PCC.

PLEASE PRAY for these Committees as they meet.

IF YOU HAVE ANY CONTRIBUTIONS YOU WISH TO MAKE to the ongoing discussions, please do so through any member of the Committees.

14. “ COCK OF THE NORTH !! ”

As the whisky advert says - ‘ Born in 1916 and still going strong !’ So the George Christie story begins in Glasgow a short distance from the Hampden Stadium of International Football fame. George has always had a great love of sport and first played golf at the age of 5. He learned to play on the West Coast just outside Troon, where his sister Helen still lives today. As a young lad he was a keen member of Boy’s Brigade at Battlefield Church. After his education at Mount Florida and then Queen’s Park Secondary, he went on a 5 year apprenticeship to become a golf professional and became an Assistant on a course outside Glasgow. As the club could not afford to keep him on during the winter months, George’s father - an engineer got him a job with Beardmores making armaments. The family by now had moved to Troon and George stayed at the YMCA in Glasgow to continue his work as a fitter. He clearly remembers Sunday 3rd September 1939 when he and a friend volunteered to “join up”. Both his father and grandfather had been soldiers and George wanted to follow the tradition. He was sent to Clay Cross for training in the Army Service Corps attached to the Artillery. From there he was sent to Belfast and vividly recalls having to clear up after the Blitz. He was further posted around the country and eventually joined a convoy to Africa for four years. He remembers arriving back in Liverpool on the 3rd January 1946 in full tropical kit to find 9 inches of snow on the ground! He was demobbed and went home to recover from Malaria.



Next Murcar Golf Club in Aberdeen offered him a position as professional until 1949 when he travelled to Iceland for a year to coach. Before the war he had entered Golf Tournaments, but was now much more interested in teaching golf and so he spent the next 8 years in beautiful Sweden. It was a country of few Golf courses and definitely a rich man’s game, but George was a forerunner introducing the game to the country on a wider scale. When he returned to England he was offered ‘pro’ at Barnehurst Golf Club and you’ve probably guessed that one of his pupils was the lovely Nina who he quickly whisked off her feet at a club dance and they married in 1960, at St Paul’s. Nina hastens to add she has not played golf since! When Moyra was born, George decided to give up being a pro as the hours were not conducive to family life. He saw an advert in the Times for a post with Swaine, Adeney and Brigg who are famed for expensive quality umbrellas (By Royal Appointment) and the Royal family are kitted out for most of their equestrian equipment.

George had a very happy time working there but decided to retire at 70 ! Another happy occasion at St Paul's was the wedding of Moyra to Steve Thompson our Reader, and they have further added to George and Nina's happiness with the arrival of Charlotte, Lucy and James. It is also a tremendous joy to George to have three generations in the Church Choir on Sundays.

And now to George's faith. He was brought up in a lovely Christian family in the Church of Scotland, and taught to respect the belief. When war broke out and following his safe return, he feels his sentiments were merely if you can come through a war, someone is looking after you. Sundays were often busy days in the golfing fraternity and his faith was dormant. One day however whilst working for Swaine, Adeney and Brigg, he was walking across Trafalgar Square at the traffic lights en route to Charing Cross when without thinking he nearly stepped off the pavement into the oncoming traffic. He felt a hand on his shoulder holding him back, but no one was there. He gave this event much time and thought and then gave thanks to God. It was Steve who encouraged him to attend a Men's Breakfast with Jim Smith, with whom he was most impressed and it has changed his life. He has a real love for St Paul's and it's family and has many friends. He enjoys singing in the choir, being a Sides Person and meeting and greeting everyone. He really loves music and plays the piano. His favourite hymns are all those with a good Bass part, stirring and rousing, such as Onward Christian Soldiers and Cwm Rhondda. He remembers an old hymn from his childhood, 'Will your anchor hold in the storms of life?' and the all time favourite Crimond - The Lord's my Shepherd. He has a tremendous admiration for Alan Hunt and for all his weekly efforts to bring music to our services in such a caring and quiet way. George still enjoys a couple of rounds of golf a week, and tries to keep fit and healthy. 'Lang may yer lum reek!' - dear George, we thank you.

ON THE MOVE Recent News Item in the Church Times reads : - "The Revd Garth Grinham, Vicar of Christ Church, Southport, Liverpool to be Vicar of St Ninian's, Douglas (Sodor & Man) Isle of Man." We were delighted to have Garth present at the Induction and Institution of Jonathan. We now wish him and Vida every happiness and God's blessing as they prepare to move and take over a new Parish on the Isle of Man. We still have fond and happy memories of their ministry at St Paul's.

16. Greenwich & Bexley Cottage Hospice

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SUNDAY JULY 31ST



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THIS AND THAT!

We were sorry to hear **Jeanette Watts** sustained a severe fall a few days before her 70th Birthday. She was determined however not to let it spoil a picnic at Hever Castle to celebrate the day!

Michael Scrase is still spending periods of time both in and out of hospital whilst treatments and tests are being carried out. We continue to support him in prayer and are grateful for the weekly duties he carries out in and around the Church.

Congratulations to **Father Raymund**, the Father Guardian at Our Lady of the Angels, who celebrated the 40th anniversary of his Ordination on 16th July. Renee designed and gave him a beautiful card which was duly signed by as many of St Paul's as were able. There was a special Mass followed by a buffet lunch in his honour.

The **Rev. Gordon Oliver** who is at present Lecturer in Practical Theology at St John's College, Nottingham, has been appointed successor to Garth Norman as Diocesan Director of Training and will be Renee's new boss in the Diocese. We offer him congratulations and wish him well in his new role.

The new Faith and Ministry Courses begin again in September. The Rev. Angela Cooke is coordinating a course at St Paul's on a Wednesday evening. Forms can be obtained from Renee and the closing date for applications is Friday August 12th 1994.

BA (Ed) Congratulations to **Nicola Varney** who has obtained a degree at Canterbury and has secured a teaching post at Shepway near Maidstone. We wish her every success in her career and look forward to her marriage at St Paul's in 1995. Well done!

A sad **AIMS** letter has arrived from **Robin Balch**, stating "It is with deep regret that I have to inform you of a deep rift in the work of AIMS in Sri Lanka. It appears that the two missionaries sent to the U.K. for further training became the leaders of a rebellion against the leadership of John Isaiah who is a personal friend of ours." There is much more information which can be passed on to those who do not receive the newsletter, but Robin does ask that we should rededicate ourselves to pray for God's Kingdom to be extended among Sri Lankans both there and in this country. He reminds us that Saturday 5th November is the date of the Annual meeting which will take place at St James' Church, Alperton, Wembley. Further details will be sent in September.

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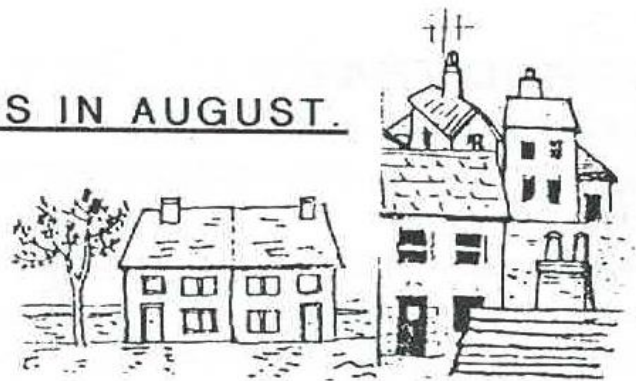
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Focus Prayer: *Be with us Lord, at each Focus Meeting. Help us to share your life and your love with each other. In all we say and do, may we support and care for each other in our journey of faith. Amen.*

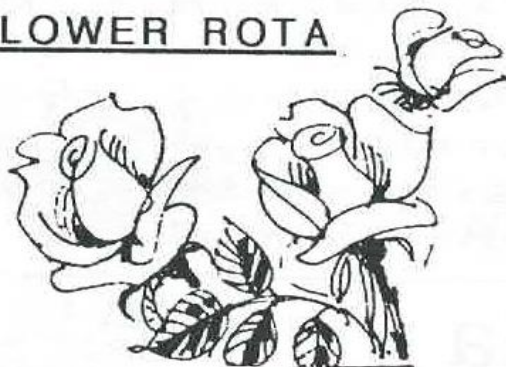
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In memory of Mum and Dad. Dot Beaney, Edie Nicholls.

DATES FOR SEPTEMBER MAGAZINE 1994. Articles for inclusion in the September magazine should please be given to Jane Stafford by SUNDAY 24th July. We hope to assemble the magazine on Thursday 21st July. **PLEASE NOTE SEPTEMBER DEADLINE IS EARLIER THAN USUAL.** EARLY CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED
THANK YOU. We hope to assemble on Thursday 25th August.

ON THE REGISTERS

19.



We welcome into the Family of the Church in Baptism:

JUNE 5 Lauren Nicole Maurel 18 Downbank Avenue
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JULY 10 Jamie Sharpington 156 Bedonwell Road

We Congratulate on their Marriage:



JUNE 18 Lee Wright and Natalie Sharon Connor

18 Thomas Thomsett and Debbie Lee Barnes

25 Ian James Akerman and Deborah Joyce O'Brien

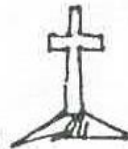
JULY 16 Paul Anthony Maidment and Natalie Jane Walsh

We Extend our Sympathies to the Families of :



JUNE 15 Edna Victoria Norton 84 years
(in home in Essex, but local family connections)

Memorial Service held for :



JUNE 28 Robert Alan Waters 19 years
Collindale Avenue died 30. 7. 93

We are very sad to record the death of a former member of St Paul's, Pat Stevens, who died last April in Deal. The news has only just been received. We offer our sincere sympathies and love to all the family.

Help us, Lord, to have a greater understanding of the grief of others when the ones they love have departed from them. Make us sensitive to their sense of loss and help us to bring your healing into their lives. Through Jesus, your Son, who gave comfort to those he loved even as he was dying on the cross. Amen.

Margaret Corstorphine writes to say she is on the move and her new address from 28th July will be : 12 Oak Meadow Close, Emsworth, Hampshire, PO10 7RL. Tel. 0243 376867. We do hope you will be very happy in your new home.

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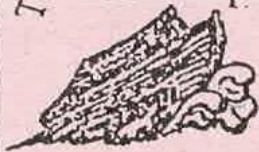
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