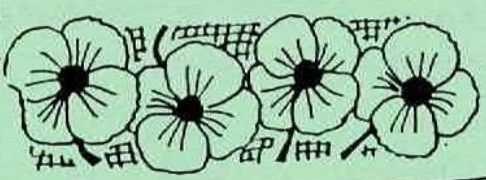


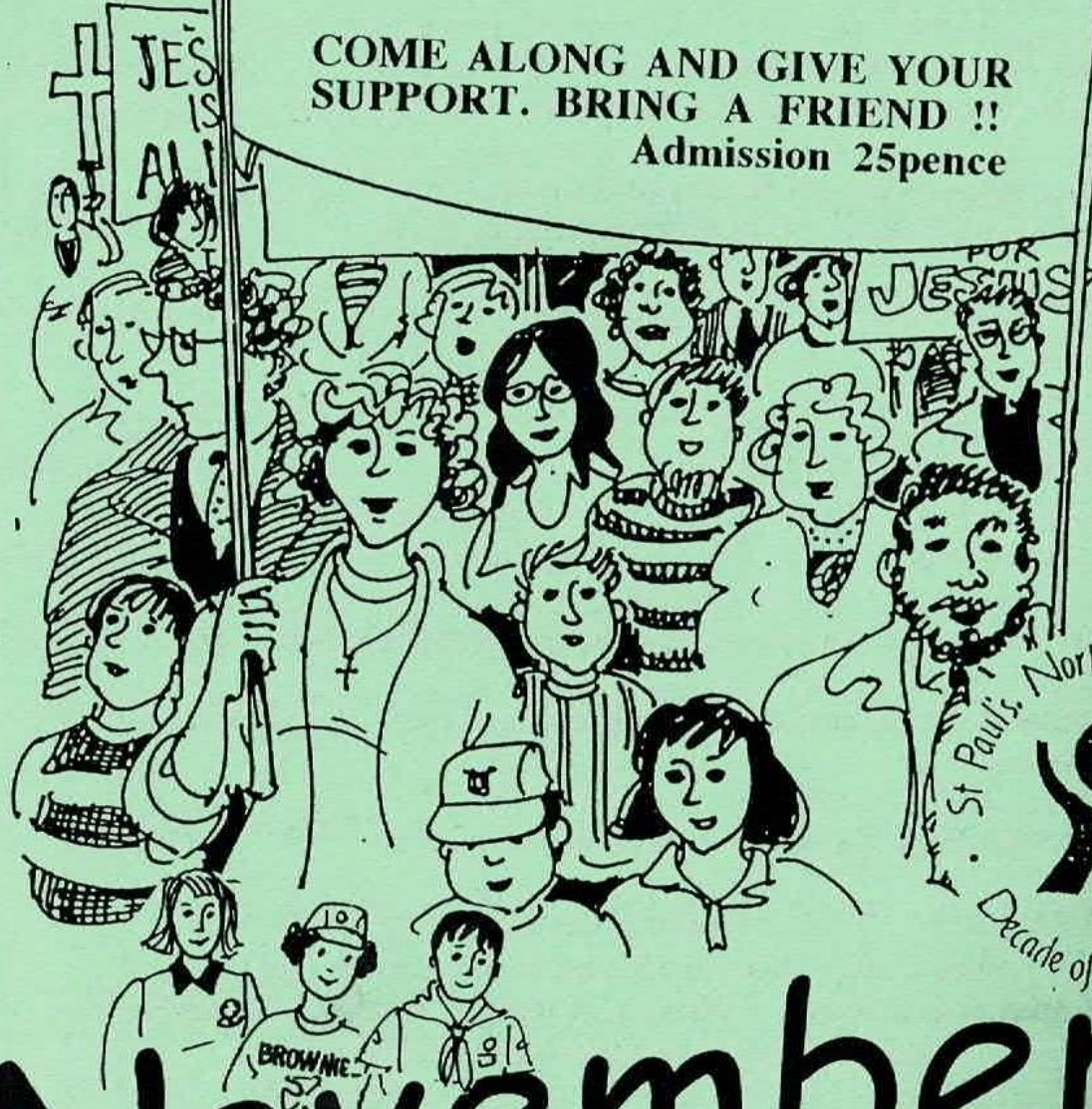
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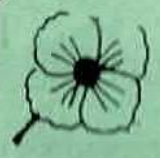
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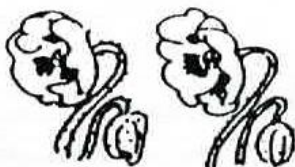
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NOVEMBER DIARY.....

1 8 BEFORE CHRISTMAS : ALL SAINTS DAY

- 9.00am Holy Communion (1662)
- 10.30am Family Service. "Blessings and Woes"
Genesis 9:1-17; Luke 6:20-31
- 6.30pm The Lord's Supper. "I Will go before You"
Psalms 126, 127; Isaiah 44:24-45:8



7 LINE DANCE (see page 7)

8 7 BEFORE CHRISTMAS : REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

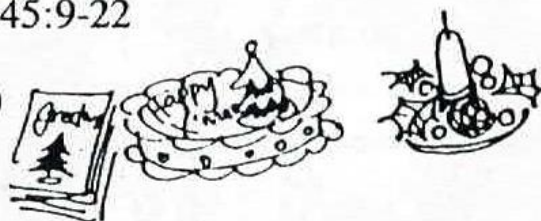
- 9.00am Holy Communion (ASB)
- 10.30am Remembrance Service and Parade.
Psalm 90; Romans 8:31b-39
- 6.30pm Guest Memorial Service.



15 6 BEFORE CHRISTMAS : ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

- 9.00am Holy Communion (1662)
- 10.30am Family Communion. "Pictures of the Kingdom of Heaven"
2 Cor.5:1-10; Matt.13:44-52
- 6.30pm Evening Worship. "The God who Creates"
Psalms 130,131; Isaiah 45:9-22

21 CHRISTMAS FAYRE (see page 7)



22 5 BEFORE CHRISTMAS

- 9.00am Holy Communion (ASB)
- 10.30am Family Service with Baptism. "Christ the King"
Col.1:9-20; John 18:33-37
- 6.30pm Evening Praise. "The God who Teaches and Directs"
Psalm 132; Isaiah 48:12-22

23 PCC MEETING



28 FUND RAISING CONCERT FEATURING "ORACLE" (see page 15)

29 1 IN ADVENT

- 9.00am Holy Communion (1662)
- 10.30am Family Communion. "The Second Coming"
Romans 13:11-14; Matt.24:36-44.
- 4.00pm Christingle Service NB: NO 6.30PM SERVICE



2. *Jonathan writes*



As we enter the season of "mists and mellow fruitfulness" we have a lot to give thanks to God for. For years people have been praying for someone to work with the young people of Northumberland Heath, and Steven Beal is now up and running as Youth Worker to the churches and schools on the Heath, and has made many contacts already in the schools and community.

We have also been trying for a long time to upgrade the curate's house and the Diocese has now bought a lovely town house on the new housing estate off Belmont Road with the proceeds of the sale of the house and garden at 113 Belmont Road. The Diocese has also agreed to let us have a full time curate, starting at the end of September 1999, and Mrs Gwen Smith has been appointed and should be ordained on the last Saturday of September 1999. Her husband Peter has been trained and appointed as an evangelist by the Diocese and should be able to join our staff as an evangelist. The Diocese has also kindly agreed to make a substantial contribution towards the salary of the curate.

In addition, due to some generous giving and a generous legacy and with help from the Inland Revenue (in the form of tax back on Covenants and Gift Aid) we have raised approaching a third of the total cost of £375,000 for our building redevelopment.

I hope that you are encouraged by all this news and that it strengthens your faith in our God, who richly provides for our needs. But it does leave us with two ongoing challenges. The first is to make prayer the basis of our church life. If what we do is not under girded with prayer then we will miss out on many of the blessings which God wants to give us. Do we make a point of praying regularly each week for the life and growth of the church family?

The other challenge is to grow spiritually closer to our Lord, and become more aware of his love for us and his presence with us day by day. It is all too easy to get bogged down in 'busyness' and let our space for God be squeezed out of our daily lives. This is particularly the case in the busy season leading up to Christmas and we mustn't allow additional activities like fund-raising to prevent us having time for God. We can do them with and for God, sensing his

presence at our side. But let us also make sure that when the coming of **3.** Jesus in the four weeks of Advent leading up to Christmas we set at least a little time aside for space for our Lord Jesus as we seek to make his presence more of a reality in our lives.

With best wishes, Jonathan Watson

We're in the NEWSHOPPER!

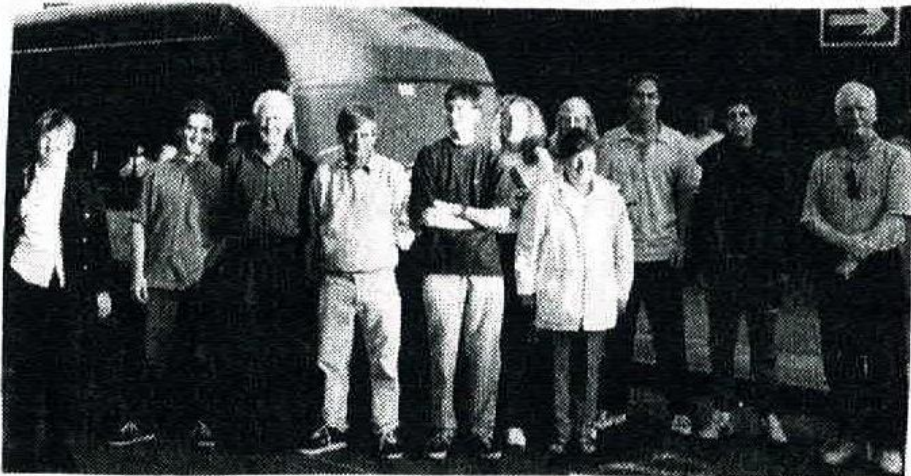
The following items are reproduced from weekly Newshopper.

The 2nd Northumberland Heath Brownies hope lots of former members will remember this photo. They celebrated their 50th Birthday this month & invited all former members to a thanksgiving service at 3pm on Oct. 24th followed by a tea party. Were you there?



Romania Aid Trip

Len Hollingsworth and a party of volunteers from Wilmington Grammar School made the trip to Tirgu Oena in N.E. Romania in July. They took items to a local hospital and toys and medicine to an orphanage.



A Fiver for Three Months!

The yellow leaflet available in the church with details of how YOU can help raise money for our Building Fund. **WE WILL LOAN YOU £5 for THREE MONTHS.**

Then in the Biblical sense of the use of talents there are some suggestions as to how your Talent may increase this money maybe ten-fold or even more. The photo is of the Appeal Treasurer Peter Walsh, and Jonathan in charge of the five pounds. Have YOU volunteered to take part in this fund raising idea? Have YOU any further fundraising ideas?



4. NOVEMBER PRAYER DIARY

ALL SAINTS

November 1



- 1 All Saints' Day. Give thanks for all who have gone before us in faith.
- 2 Pray for our emergency services as they go about their work.
- 3 Pray that Christians suffering from persecution may be aware of God's protection.
- 4 Pray for Christians in Journalism - that they may be an effective witness in the community.
- 5 Pray for safety and fun at firework displays.
- 6 Pray that those in local hospices may be reassured with a sense of God's love.
- 7 Pray that all who attend tonight's Line Dancing will have an enjoyable time.



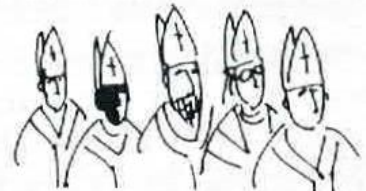
- 8 Remembrance Day. Pray for all who mourn those who gave their lives in wars.

- 9 Playgroup. Pray for God's protection on all who attend.
- 10 Pray for the leaders of the Uniformed Organisations.
- 11 Pray for Focus as they meet today.
- 12 Pray for the Choir, as they practise for Christmas.
- 13 Pray for our teachers and the children in their care.



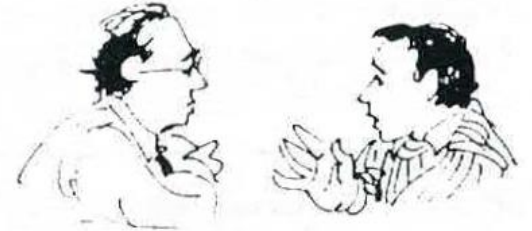
- 14 Pray for our Diocesan Bishops and the clergy under them.

- 15 WOT Next? Pray that those who attend may learn more about the Christian life.
- 16 Pray for the Church's General Synod, meeting this week.
- 17 Pray for our local Councillors in their daily work.
- 18 Pray for the housebound, that they may be aware of God's presence today.
- 19 Pray that those who work in our hospitals may be encouraged in their work.
- 20 Pray for our missionaries overseas. Ask that God may meet their needs.





- 21 Christmas Fair. Pray for an enjoyable and profitable time.
- 22 Pray that today's baptism will be a really special occasion for the whole family.
- 23 Pray for God's guidance in decision-making at tonight's P.C.C.
- 24 Pray for our local churches - that they may enjoy fellowship together.
- 25 Pray for those who are unwell in our parish - that they may be aware of God's presence.
- 26 Pray for those who are unemployed - that they may not give up hope.
- 27 Pray for those in difficult relationships.



- 28 Pray for the Fund-raising concert tonight.

- 29 Advent Sunday - give thanks for the promise of Jesus' eventual return.
- 30 Give thanks for the life and example of St Andrew.



PLEASE BE IN PRAYER FOR: † † † †

Loving Father, we bring all those we know who are unwell, particularly Michael Scrase, Louie Sawyer-Jones, Ingrid and Peter Walsh, Ann Norman's Mother, Frank Watts and many others we know and ask for your healing power to be present in their lives, giving a fresh awareness of your peace and love. Be close to those who find the winter months much more difficult and help us to be more aware of those who are carers. May we reach out with your love and compassion to all you place before us. We bring before you those who are away from home, especially our young people, may they be assured of your presence. Father, as we remember all those who have lost loved ones, we particularly remember Jay Connell, and the families of Bert Alderson and Venessa Shippey - may you all know and be aware of the love and presence of Jesus.

May we be alert and obedient, allowing the Holy Spirit to guide us as we intercede in accordance with God's will.... Romans 8:26-27. Give thanks to the Lord, call upon His name and seek His face always.... Psalm 105:1-4

Brenda Leith

6. **Congratulations**

To Derek and Elizabeth Beaney, for their nomination and recognition, for the many years both have given to Scouting and charitable causes. Over the past years, they have raised money for the Scouts, Meyer House, and many other local organisations. We hope they had a lovely day at the Queen's Tea Party at Buckingham Palace. Thank you both and good luck in all you do in the future. *From all at the Mowgli Pack.*

Birthday Congratulations

Jackie Robinson celebrated her 40th Birthday on the 17th September.

No doubt you had a grand surprise on the day with all your friends !!

We understand Julia Beaumont and a group of her old school friends

all went to Rome recently to celebrate their 40th year. Love from us all at St Paul's.



More congratulations !

We are delighted to welcome onto the Heath, the Rev. Gill Lee and husband and family, Gill takes over as Minister of Northumberland Heath Baptist Church, following her Ordination and Induction on the 26th Sept. Gill has been married to Graham a Special Needs teacher for 27 yrs.

They have a grown up family, Samantha, Jamie, and Rebecca

& her husband Matthew. We look forward to renewed links with the Baptist Church and ask for God's Blessing on Gill's Ministry on the Heath.



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St Paul's Christmas Fayre



SATURDAY 21st NOVEMBER

11am - 3.30pm



25p



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8.

THE WEST AFRICAN EXPERIENCE (Mauritania/Senegal)



The first thing the intrepid explorer notices in Mauritania is the sand. You find it not only in the usual places, like the beach and the desert, but also in your ears, up your nose, in your socks, in the wind - in a word, everywhere! Sand colour, which we'll call 'camel' for convenience, is equally omnipresent. However, not everything is camel. The white and black Moors, the dominant ethnic group here, have their own particular way of dressing. All the men are clothed in pale blue or white *boubous*, while the women wear brightly coloured dresses covered by an all-enveloping, coloured, transparent veil called a *malafa*.



The visitor to Mauritania cannot avoid seeing the vast differences in lifestyle between the rich and poor - on the one hand the undernourished children in the capital, the nomads in their primitive camps, the patients in the sole general hospital lying on sheetless beds and lacking essential medicines through

no fault of their own, and on the other hand certain wealthy businessmen with their fast cars, their domestic servants (we could equally call them slaves) and their way of looking down their noses at their inferiors.

As far as their spiritual life is concerned, most Mauritians seem to practise basic Islam without the pagan, or just superstitious, additions widespread over most of the continent. Very ordinary young men who spend their time talking about football, their studies, girls and music, suddenly stop without any embarrassment and say their prayers in front of the guests. Islam has a religious monopoly - no other way is known, allowed or even contemplated. For all that, the majority of Mauritians are not fanatics and the Christian foreigner does not feel any hostility in their attitude.

How can we help the handful of expatriate workers in Mauritania? By praying, of course, but also by giving, as the needs are enormous. As Paul said to the Romans:

"If your adversary is hungry, feed him; If he is thirsty, give him something to drink..."

Or if you prefer the words of Jesus himself:



*"If you show love only to those who love you,
what reward do you deserve? Even the
pagans do that. "*

On the other side of the flowing border, known as the Senegal River, we find ourselves in a completely different culture. It even looks different. The endless camel is replaced by a whole spectrum of colours - even green in the fields! In Senegal, faces are definitely black. We pack away our boubous and malafas in favour of cotton suits in every colour under the sun: black and white for the most sober team member, orange, yellow and green for the most adventurous. The local children look bigger and stronger - though Wolofs may well be naturally bigger than Moors.



The population is Muslim, but fetishes and grigris (good luck charms) can be seen more easily than people at prayer. A sect which provides a mixture of nationalism and extremist Islam is gaining a lot of supporters. The Christian minority (which is very small in the north of the country, where we were) is tolerated but not exactly encouraged. Nevertheless, we were able to go to church, to sing hymns in Wolof and to listen to the testimonies of a few local believers. Foreign missionaries can reveal the reason for their presence with no fear of reprisals. The astonishing thing here is the absence of missionaries and evangelists. Christians are free to tell people about Jesus, but very few actually do so. We can quite understand that the north of Senegal is not the prettiest or most agreeable place in the world - but then neither is Manchester, Huddersfield or Thamesmead. You can live there cheaply with very few problems. May the Lord send labourers into his harvest field!

Sue Bray

I Am Unique.

Within your warmth,

By your grace,

I am me.

Hold me, embrace me.

I am me.

I matter to you Lord,

Let me be whole,

You are with me.

At peace in your love.

SUSAN MARLOW

10.

YOUTH A PART

As you can see, CYFA & Pathfinders have had a busy Summer !

CYFA Houseparty at Ellesmere 4 - 22 - 29 August.

Please look at the big display at the back of the church, showing off great photographs, with funny captions of the CYFA Houseparty to Ellesmere.

Charlotte Davies, Christina Cole and Heather Stean had the time of their lives, a truly marvellous opportunity to attend the above event in August.

Ellesmere Time (ET)

On the Saturday evening we were to enter a time warp. One hour mysteriously disappeared and we set our clocks and watches to read E.T. This allowed for us to make the best of the daylight hours and to avoid early rising for ALTON TOWERS, (which happened on the Wednesday). It also gave us an extra hour on the last morning when we reverted back to BST, British Summer Time, for a thorough cleaning of the site ! What a cool, brill idea! and it worked too !

Here is a timetable of a typical day at Ellesmere 4.

8.15am. Prayer. The chapel was open daily before breakfast.

8.30am Breakfast & Cleaning. Well there has to be a down side to life!

10.30am The Main Meeting which was divided into three groups: -

Acorns: Designed for those who have not yet made a personal commitment to Christ. An opportunity to learn more about Christianity.

Saplings: Aimed at those who have recently started out in their Christian life, or those who have begun to slow down and seeking encouragement.

Oaks: For those who have been a Christian for a while and are looking for a more in depth meeting.

12.00pm Leader's Prayer Meeting. 4.00pm Swimming: Ellesmere did not promise red swimsuits, good looking lifeguards or Californian sunshine. You didn't even have to be the next Pamela Anderson or David Hasselhoff to go along. *Thank You Lord !!*

5.30pm Leader's Meeting: 6.15pm Grub Time

8.15pm THE BIG EVENT: covering events such as :-

Worship (on Monday & Wednesday) Communion (on Friday)

Every other night was social rather than worship, to include:

A night in front of the Telly !! If you could win, lose or draw, can remember lots of objects on a conveyor belt 'Generation Game Style' or know 'Whose line is it anyway?', that was the place to be.


Line Dancing. You must look at the photos, lots of YEEHAAing a-happening. Then there was a Concert on the Thursday night.

What talent ! St Paul's - eat your heart out !

10.15pm Dorm Time. 11.00pm Drink. 11.30pm Bed. Sadly all good things have to come to an end and we had to revert back to BST. Arhh!! Oh yes - cleaning ! WHOOPS! nearly forgot !

We can thoroughly recommend Ellesmere and will definitely go back again next year. Anyone else want to join us ? Meanwhile we have some wonderful memories of our Summer, which will keep us going through winter.






After feeling really apprehensive about going - i.e. getting wet via sailing! I can honestly say that I enjoyed sailing, (probably because I did not get wet) and I even got a chance to drive a powerboat, score a couple of goals at 'Unihoc' have a go at orienteering (in between sunbathing) and washing up ! On the Sunday morning, myself and the Pathfinders did the 'Rebel Sketch' - as performed at one Sunday Evening Praise Service, and Steve Beal did a talk. It was good that we had an unexpected chance to evangelise to the Cubs and Girl's Brigade. Overall, I had a really good time and I can't wait to go back!

Charlotte Davies.

The light ship holiday.



The light ship holiday was the best weekend that I have spent away from home and family. As soon as we pulled up in the car park we could see the light ship and we knew we were going to enjoy the weekend. Once we had settled in our rooms with our room-mates, we went on a walk around the bogs and local area. When we returned from the walk, we listened to what we were going to do over the weekend. Then we went to bed. When we woke up, we went to the eating area where we learned that we had to do the cleaning up, so we didn't eat too much ! In the morning we went orienteering, which is a cross between map reading and cross country. We had to look at a photo and try to find where it was and remember what letter was at a place. After finding as many letters as we could, we had to try to make up a phrase. In the afternoon we spent 3 hours sailing, which was fantastic fun unless like me, you got hit on the head by the boom! In the evening we were taken to a floodlit hockey pitch where we played uni-hoc, which was a big laugh and plenty of fun. We went to bed early as Kennedy (a girl on the ship) was ill after sailing. On Sunday morning, after breakfast, we had a service which Steve Beal led, with assistance from Charlotte, Alison L., Alison M. and myself. After the service we packed, then played board games until lunch. After lunch we were all allowed to drive some powerboats. Finally we got our bags, said farewell to our friends and set off for home. I think it was a great holiday and would recommend it to anyone.

Tom Beaumont.

DIARY DATES

Wot Next

15 November
17 January '99



S.I.A.T.C

6 November
7 February



A Prayer:

Dear God,

so far today I've done alright!
I haven't gossiped or lost my temper.
I haven't been greedy or grumpy
or nasty or selfish or overindulgent,
and I'm grateful for that O God,
in a few minutes I'm going to get out of bed -
and from then on I'm going to need a lot
more help ! Amen



12.

September, 1998

Heartiest Congratulations to Ada Metcalfe of Swanton Road, who celebrates her **80th Birthday** on 28th November. Ada & her late husband Vic were much involved in our Uniformed Organisations over the years. Love from all at St Paul's.

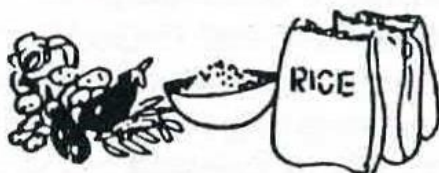
Dear friends,

We are writing to update you on our news and to ask you to pray for Bangladesh as the country has been enduring the most devastating floods in over 100 years. There has been continuous flooding for over two months, and millions of lives are affected. In the last couple of days the waters have begun to slowly recede, but it will be some time before things are back to normal. Rice crops have been destroyed all over the country, so the suffering has only just begun. In many places there will be no harvest this year. Houses, roads, highways and many other vital services have been damaged or destroyed. It will take years for the nation to recover from the floods of 1998. Please pray for the people in their suffering, giving thanks for their amazing patience and resilience, and pray that relief efforts will be well supported, well coordinated and effective.

Many areas of Dhaka have been flooded, but we have not personally been affected. The area where we live has remained dry thanks to a dike which was built to protect the area after the 1988 floods. The area where the children's schools are located has some flooding, but the schools have managed to remain open. The buses have to plough through water, and we have had to cancel all other activities on that side of town because of the almost impassable roads. But our slight inconvenience is nothing compared to what the majority of the population is going through.



It is hard continuing our normal lives when so much devastation is being reported. At least Nathaniel, Hannah and Beth have been able to get involved a little. Last weekend Nathaniel went with a relief team to a district south of Dhaka which is almost totally submerged in water. They spent three days in



a boat giving out food and water to victims of the floods, many of whom were stranded on their rooftops. Hannah worked a couple of

weeks at a nutrition centre for children and helped package some relief goods. Beth's class at school has taken up a project to help at a refuge centre for mothers and children. The rest of us are just watching, praying and supporting other people's activities.

Other than the strain of observing the floods and their effects, we are all well. Beth, Sarah and Andrew started back to school in mid-August and are fully into the school routine. There was some talk of the schools closing because of flooded roads, but the buses have managed to get through, although the journey each way takes longer because of the terrific traffic jams. Beth is gone from 7 in the morning and doesn't get home until nearly 5 in the afternoon - 3 hours of that spent on the bus! Diane is teaching four days a week at Sarah's and Andrew's school, supporting children who have limited English. Hannah left for England last Sunday to start her 4-year degree course in Nursing and Health Visiting at the University of Manchester, and Nathaniel leaves this coming Sunday (in the early morning of his 21st birthday) to continue his studies at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) in London. We are really going to miss them.

Back in March, I started looking at other employment possibilities for myself in Bangladesh. A friend had e-mailed me information about a position with UNICEF as Chief of the Education Section in Bangladesh which had been circulated within the United Nations agencies. I sent a letter of application in mid-March but was not surprised when I heard nothing in reply. I was *very* surprised when I suddenly heard from them in June inviting me to an interview in their Dhaka office. In July I suddenly heard from them again asking for more information and within a few days I was offered the job and will start at UNICEF officially from 1st October.

Besides being overall responsible for two large education projects - one nonformal for working children and one to improve the quality of primary school teaching - I will be involved in developing and implementing policies, working with other donors and with the Government. There are no doubt a lot of challenges ahead and I thank God for this opportunity!

Thank you for your prayers. I hope this will find you well. If you are going through a hard time, just keep trusting and look to God for your strength. Please keep praying for us and for Bangladesh. God keep you.

*Love, James, Diane, Nathaniel, Hannah,
Beth, Sarah and Andrew Jennings*

14. **November Quiz Time!**

Here is this month's Quiz as supplied by Michael Scrase.
See page 17 for the answers he has provided.

1. The design of our church has a special architectural name. What is it ?
2. He was a Curate at St Paul's, and a Bishop of Thetford. Who was he ?
3. In which month do the festivals of All Souls and All Saints occur on consecutive days ?
4. What, for the Christian religion, was special about the year 1611 ?
5. Which Anglican Minister was not allowed to preach in church during the 18th Century ?

Joke Time from Peter Walsh

Here is a story told to me just before a 10.30 service by a former beauty contest winner.



A man was approaching the gates of heaven and was stopped by the saint standing just inside.

"Welcome," said the saint, "Do you enter here with a clear conscience?"

"Well, not really," said the man, "You see, during my lifetime I was an international rugby union referee. I was refereeing a match between England and Wales and just before the end I gave a difficult decision in favour of Wales and they scored a penalty and won the game. I have worried ever since about whether my decision was right."

"Ah!" said the saint, "I watched that game and I can assure you that that decision was 100% right, so you need not worry anymore". "Thank you, Saint Peter," said the man, "You've taken a great load off my mind".

"Don't mention it," said the saint.

"By the way, I'm not St Peter, I'm St David!"

More Light ship News! Yo Ho Ho and a Bottle of Sun Tan Lotion!

Twelve intrepid adventurers from St Paul's went to Essex to learn the ways of the (not so) high seas. Not for a lily-livered landlubber like me, this of thing and I went along with some trepidation. Our accommodation was on "Trinity", a lightship rescued from the salvagers by Fellowship Afloat, a Christian Organisation who now run the ship as a centre for education, recreation and relational evangelism in the middle of 120 acres of mud flats teeming with nature. With a mixture of fresh air, quizzes, games, sailing and power boats, it was certainly a funpacked weekend. Two highlights for me were a drama in the service by our young people and a two hour game of 12 a side Unihoc late at night (I couldn't walk for a week after that !). The food was good, the staff were great, the weather was almost balmy at times and the surroundings were very relaxing and it was certainly a weekend to remember. Thanks to Brian and Co. for all their hard work in setting it all up.

Steve Beal.



Oracle Music

15.

for Christ Ministries

Known as the Gospel Duo, 'Oracle', Del and Carol, have worked extensively in the music world, with BBC Radio & TV appearances to their credit. Del, has worked in cabaret and theatre with Bobby Davro, Brian Conley, Faith Brown and Harry H. Corbett. Carol is a graduate of the Royal College of Music and still continues her career as a pianist. They became Christians in 1987 at an Evangelical Outreach and since then have developed an International Music

ministry. Inspired by their new relationship with Christ, Del has written many Gospel Songs from Rock to Ballad Style, many based on powerful Bible stories and truths. They've touched many lives, travelling across Eastern Europe and India with their ministry as well as touring England. The November Concert at St Paul's will bring their musical worlds together with a mixture of Pop Songs, that appeal to all ages plus Del's own self penned soulful Gospel songs from their new album due for release early next year.

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CHURCH SHARING SCHEME

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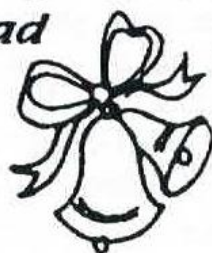


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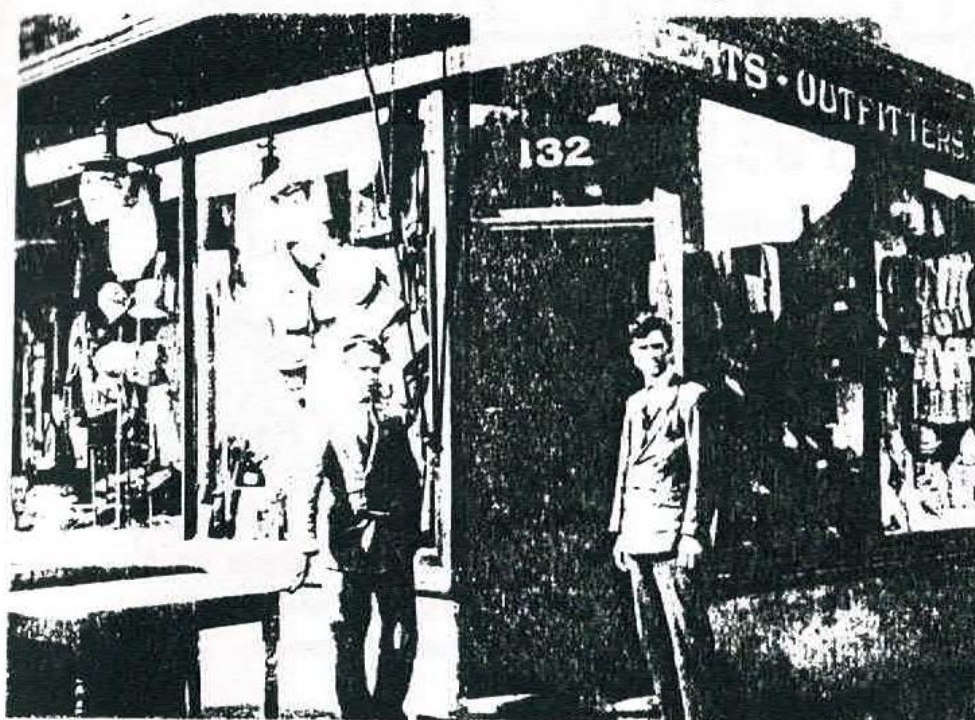


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In 1898 a small corner shop on 132, Bexley Road, Northumberland Park, opened selling ladies clothing and footwear. The road has since been re-numbered and finds itself at 204 / 214 Bexley Road. During wartime, it accepted clothing coupons and sold children's clothes, shoes and material. Over the years, this shop has expanded to intro-

duce a furniture department and more recently (!) in 1955 an electrical department. Throughout all this time the shop has been owned by the generations that followed the original owner Mrs A. Wellington.

Andrew Wellington, current shop proprietor said, "Since the beginning, Wellingtons has been and remains a family owned shop. We have always been dedicated to providing a quality service at the best possible prices."

The photograph shows the grandfather of Keith Wellington and his great uncle. Just look at those cloche hats!

Those that have passed the shop recently will have noticed that Wellingtons have been undertaking a full shop refurbishment. These changes have enabled a significant expansion of the shops electrical products ranges. The shop now includes a much wider range of Big Screen Televisions, including a dedicated 'Home Cinema' Demonstration room. New brands have been introduced including, AEG, Bosch, Neff, Bose and Whirlpool, Admiral, Maytag 'American Style' Appliances.

During October there were daily prize draws and old and new customers were invited to join in the celebrations. We offer our congratulations to the company for all they represent 'on the Heath'.

ANSWERS to NOVEMBER Quiz. Page 14:

1. Cruciform. In the shape of a Cross.
 2. Timothy Dudley-Smith
 3. November 1st & 2nd.
 4. The year the Authorised Version of the Bible was first published.
 5. John Wesley
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18.

AROUND THE GROUPS IN NOVEMBER

Focus

(Every Wednesday in the Hall 1. 45 - 3. 15 pm)
(Meeting finishes at 3.00pm)



- NOVEMBER 4 An afternoon with Jean & John Bennett
- 11 "Reminiscence" with Jenny Clark
- 18 COMMUNION
- 25 Rev'd J. Hogarth



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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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- NOV 4 Temptation
- 18 Faith



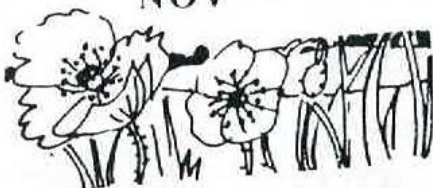
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- NOV 5 Guy Fawkes - Pam Rainsbury



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- NOV 7 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
- 14 Mrs Burchell
- 21 Edith Rose
- 28 Val Rickwood



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THANK YOU to all who helped to decorate for Harvest and made the Church so beautiful. All God's gifts around us.

ON THE REGISTERS



19.

We welcome into the Family of the Church in Baptism:

SEPT 13 Chloe Jean Ford
11, Midfield Avenue, Erith

Francesca Rose Spinks
400, Erith Road, Erith



We extend our Sympathies to the Family of :

SEPT 13 Albert Morton Alderson age 83 years
Belmont Road, Northumberland Heath.



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Our Heavenly Father, we pray for those whose hearts have been saddened by the death of someone close and dear to them, particularly in our prayers and with special care, those in our fellowship, the family of Bert Alderson remembering his wife Cissie. Give to all these families, Father, the strong comfort which no-one else can give, and let them know the comforting power of the resurrection of Jesus. Amen.

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ST PAUL'S FELLOWSHIP TEA PARTY.

The next meeting will take place on **Sunday 15th November** at 4pm. ALL in need of fellowship are most welcome to attend. **Do feel free to come along. Newcomers always welcome.** Marion Farr & Derrick Blacker.

DATES FOR DECEMBER MAGAZINE 1998.

Articles should please be given to Jane Stafford by **Sunday 1st November** We hope to assemble magazine at 3 pm on **Thursday 19th November.** **Extra Help** is always appreciated as are **EARLY ARTICLES !** **THANK YOU! NOTE.** January magazine deadline is 29th November.

A BRIDGE TOO FAR. In these days of increasingly exotic locations for weddings, including bungee jump weddings for some adventure enthusiasts, a couple recently chose to be married at the first ever wedding service at the Chapel on the Bridge in Rotherham. The tiny chapel on a bridge is one of only four such churches in Britain.

NEWSPAPER BLUNDER. "At St Dunstan's tickets, cost £4 including wine and nibbles from the Rector!" From the Kent Messenger

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