



Christ Church Mount Pellon

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February



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Christ Church

Regular events

Sunday Club

Children are welcome at all our services! There is always a crèche available for younger children at every 10.45 service, and age-appropriate groups at all 10.45 services except Parade Sundays and holiday times. Just turn up for a fun morning discovering more about God's love for you. For more details contact Liz Dingsdale (**834439**).

House Groups

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 7.30 p.m. alternate weeks

Get together with others to explore fellowship, faith and prayer to help you in your daily discipleship. For more details and dates contact Karen Hellewell (**365027**)

Uniformed Groups

Mondays 6.00 – 7.00 p.m. Rainbows (for ages 5 - 7)

Contact: Jane Webster **380950**

Mondays 6.30 – 8.00 p.m. Brownies (for ages 7 - 10)

Contact: Tracey Jagger **248365**

Mondays 7.30 – 9.00 p.m. Guides (for ages 10 - 15)

Contact: Ann Cockerill **363892**

Wednesdays 7.30 – 9.00 p.m. Rangers (for ages 14+)

(alternate) Contact: Pam Robinson **345258**

Lunchbox

A monthly chance to worship together, followed by a chance to chat over lunch. Mondays, 11.45 a.m. For dates and more details contact Pam Higgs (**320554**)

Chatterbox

Our parent & toddler group meets every **Monday & Wednesday, 1.00 – 3.00 p.m.** – all are welcome! Just turn up for a chance to have a coffee and a chat while the children play, do craft, sing and have a story and lots of fun! For more details, contact John (**365027**).

From the Vicar

Plenty of manure is what we need!

I've just been at a meeting at Mirfield, and as I was sitting enthralled by the discussion (!) I just happened to 'glance' out of the window and noticed the trees in bud already. And I'd also noticed that the grass at home was beginning to grow at an alarming rate, despite the best efforts of the guinea pigs to keep it under control.

Mind you, the weather has hardly been what you might call seasonal! We seem to have been discussing it for weeks – 'we don't have winters now like we used to...' 'I remember when ...'

But even with the possibilities of climate change affecting our winters so they become progressively milder, we still have the same cycle: things generally die back in Autumn, and appear lifeless during the winter months, only beginning to suddenly 'rise from the dead' in Spring as new life comes out of the old.

And there's little we seem to be able to do about it all. It all just 'happens'.

Well, yes, I can kill it off plants quite quickly if I choose to. I might well do that with the weeds that appear! But the life comes from within - inside the seemingly sterile small seed the whole of its life is contained, and when the right time comes, it bursts forth with a vigour that his hard to squash.

God fills the whole of creation with life, energising and empowering growth all around us and within us. Out of the seeming dead of winter, God brings new life and new hope.

I wonder, then, that we don't recognise that more fully in our own lives. Why is that? If God brings life to the plants, why not to us? Why does it so often seem like a very long winter?

But then I look under some of the bushes, and discover that the leaves and foliage have so shaded the ground, and the roots so sucked the soil dry there, that the new plants have little chance.

In some places, that is fine - where we want the trees to be and provide

shade and colour, etc.

But what about the places where we want other things to grow instead? Where the trees are more of a nuisance? We have to do something about the trees or bushes. They have to be pruned, or chopped down, so that the light can get in.

And we have to dig in some well rotted manure, to provide much needed nutrients, aeration, etc. Then the small plants that we choose to plant there, or seed themselves, can begin to grow and flourish.

Perhaps in my own life, there are some bushes in the wrong places - things that maybe in the past were all right, but now are actually more of an eyesore than something beautiful. Maybe now is the time to look afresh at the garden of my life and do some pruning.

One definition of a weed that I have heard is that a weed is only a plant in the wrong place. It is not that the plant is necessarily 'wrong', or not 'beautiful' in and of itself, but rather it now is not where it should be for the garden as it is now. Maybe there are things in my life like that - a habit that was once fruitful, but now just saps energy, perhaps?

And what about the manure? Something to give the right conditions for the right thing to flourish?

I think the thing that gives such nourishment and energy to life Christians would call 'prayer'. Sometimes it's hard work! Sometimes it feels as though we're getting nowhere, rather like in winter. But in prayer we connect ourselves to the ultimate source of life - God himself.

And if we give it time to work through the soil of our lives, then we find that suddenly little bits of new life are springing up unexpectedly, as God works his life in us and through us.

And that holds true not only in our individual lives, it works in our communal life as well. As we as a church learn to pray, so we find that God's life begins to flow more freely through everything we do.

So what about it? Will we give it a go and dig a bit of manure in and pray? Or leave things to grow stale as we struggle on alone?

John Hellewell

Parish Noticeboard for February



10.30 a.m.

6.30 p.m.

Feb 4th 3RD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT: EDUCATION SUNDAY

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Colossians 1.15 – 23

Reader Children of Christ Church School Rosemary Power-O'Mahony

Prayer Children of Christ Church School Ann Cockerill

Sidespeople Audrey Mitchell

Coffee Freda, Tess & Pam

Feb 11th 2ND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

Ephesians 5.8 – 20

Genesis 18.20 – 32; Luke 11.1 – 8

Reader Ann Gardner

John White

Prayer Janet Abel

John White

Sidespeople Paul Newman

Coffee Susan & Hazel

Feb 18th SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT: BUDGET SUNDAY

Luke 9.28 – 43a

Romans 8.12–17, 26–27

Reader Trevor Greenwood

Paul Newman

Prayer Jane Webster

John Helliwell

Sidespeople Valerie Schofield

Coffee Ann, Steve & Kit

Bread Derrick & Kathleen Lee

Chalice Christine & Rosemary

10.30 a.m.

6.30 p.m.

Feb 25th 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

Luke 4.1 – 13

Reader Rainbows

Prayer Rainbows

Sidespeople Trevor Greenwood

Coffee Kathleen, Katie & Sarah

1 Corinthians 2.6 – 16

Dave Fawcett

David Ramanauskas

Mar 4th 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Acts 7.44 – 50; John 4.19 – 26

Reader Kath Sharman

Prayer Karen Helliwell

Sidespeople Eddie Beaton

Coffee Margaret & Eddie

Bread Trevor & Eileen Hesselden

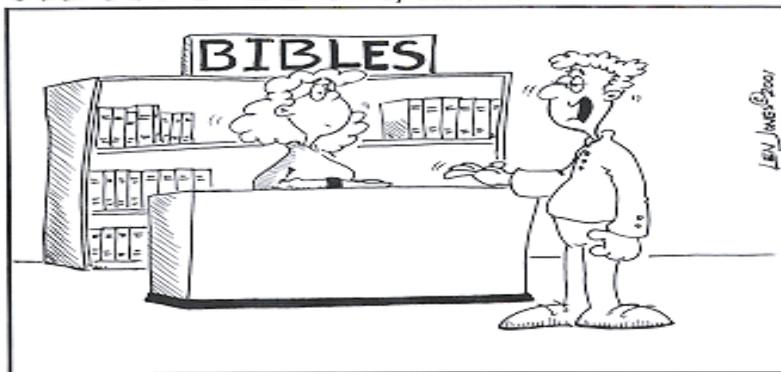
Chalice Rosemary & June

Romans 8.18 – 30

Rosemary Power—O'Mahony

Ann Cockerill

ALTAR EGO by Len Jones



"What I really need is a translation that won't leave me feeling guilty, convicted, or in need of making some kind of decision."

PCC Report January 2007

As always, the meeting opened with worship – PCC is not just a business meeting, but a discernment of God’s will for us as a church.

We welcomed Brian Morris, the Diocesan Stewardship advisor who was with us for the evening, and he spent about an hour outlining his understanding of stewardship as part of our discipleship of Christ. He outlined different stages of our journey as pilgrims, and suggested that our giving (time, talents as well as financial) often reflected our spiritual maturity – NOT in absolute terms, but rather in terms relative to our ability to give.

He suggested several ways of highlighting the need for all of us to assess our own giving and ask the questions of what God would have us do, and recommended that at the next PCC meeting we discuss the possibilities and see how we at Christ Church might take things forward.

Brian then left the meeting as we went on to discuss further business.



The initial quote for the proposed lighting improvement had been over £30,000 and it was suggested we find out who other local churches (notably All Saints and Warley St. John) had used as it had been visits to their church buildings that had shown up the need to improve our own lighting. Barrie presented an initial draft of the financial report for last year, and the budget for 2007 was agreed. This will be formally presented to the church at the Annual Meeting (Sunday 29th April), although it will be available on Budget Sunday, which this year falls on February 18th.

After thanking Barrie for all his hard work as treasurer, the Christmas services were discussed and generally felt to have been ‘successful’ in that we had good numbers, and people had largely felt blessed by them. It was noted that it would be worth while increasing the amount of publicity, and it was suggested that maybe we consider delivering a Christmas Card to houses in the parish with the Christmas service times on.

Discussion on the magazine was postponed until the next meeting because of the time.

The meeting ended at 9.40pm

PARISH CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2007

SUNDAY 4TH FEBRUARY: THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

10.45 a.m. Morning Worship
6.30 p.m. Celebration

Tuesday 6th February 10.30 a.m. Asquith Court Communion
Friday 9th February 7.30 p.m. Friday Group

SUNDAY 11TH FEBRUARY: THE SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE LENT

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion
10.45 a.m. Morning Worship
6.30 p.m. Holy Communion

SUNDAY 18TH FEBRUARY: THE SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT (BUDGET SUNDAY)

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion
10.45 a.m. Family Communion
6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

Wednesday 21st February 7.30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service
- St Hilda's

SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY: FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

9.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.45 a.m. Parade Service

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

Wednesday 28th February 7.30 p.m. PCC Meeting – The Barn

MARCH 2007

SUNDAY 4TH MARCH: SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

10.45 a.m. Family Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship



It all began when someone suggested we might introduce the 'Kiss of Peace' at the main service!

MOTHERS' UNION NEWS

On Tuesday, 21st November we held our final Annual General Meeting, which was swiftly followed by a splendid 'Bring and Share' afternoon tea. The majority of our members were able to attend and several guests were made very welcome.



We looked back on our memories and celebrated the success of all our Branch had achieved. We held a splendid toast with a bottle of champagne left over from Muriel's 80th Birthday.

A big thank you to all who attended and for providing our 'Bring and Share'. It was very well presented.

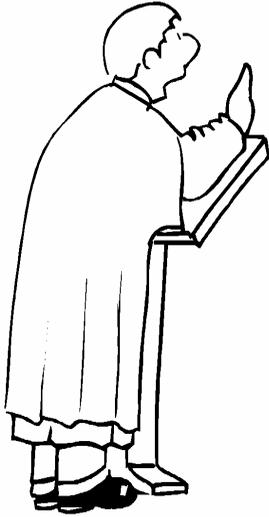
We are hoping to have a tribute to our Mothers' Union incorporated into the 9.00 a.m. service on 25th February.

Valerie Schofield

I say, I say, I say...



The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot's wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt, when little Jason interrupted, "My mummy looked back once, while she was driving," he announced triumphantly, "and she turned into a telephone pole!"



To those complaining about the lack of heating. Can I quote that well known Bible verse...
"Many are cold but few are frozen"

Thoughts ...

There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example I am sitting here thinking how nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.

For every minute you are angry with someone, you lose 60 seconds of happiness that you can never get back.

They say it takes a minute to find a special person, an hour to appreciate them, a day to love them, but then an entire life to forget them.



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or contact Kit directly on 01274 876141***



TALKING TO YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER

When you pray at home, what do you say to God? Here are three ancient prayers that might inspire you...

Peace
Peace between neighbours,
Peace between kindred,
Peace between lovers,
In the love of the King of life.
Peace between person and person,
Peace between wife and husband,
Peace between woman and children,
The peace of Christ above all peace.

From Carmina Gadelica

As you did it to the least of these
Remember the poor when you look out on fields you own,
on your plump cows grazing.
Remember the poor when you look into your barn
at the abundance of your harvest.
Remember the poor when the wind howls and the rain falls,
as you sit warm in your dry house....
The poor have no food except what you feed them
no shelter except your house when you welcome them,
no warmth except your glowing fire.

From Celtic Fire

May the Light of lights come
To my dark heart from they place:
May the Spirit's wisdom come
To my heart's tablet from my Saviour.
Celtic, traditional

All I need to know I learned from Noah's Ark

One. Don't miss the boat.

Two. Remember that we are all in the same boat.

Three. Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

Four. Stay fit. When you're 600 years old someone may ask you to do something big.

Five. Don't listen to critics, just get on with the job that needs to be done.

Six. Build your future on high ground.

Seven. For safety's sake travel in pairs.

Eight. Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

Nine. When you're stressed, float awhile.

Ten. Remember the Ark was built by amateurs, the Titanic by professionals.



A parking prayer...



Peter was driving down the street in considerable agitation because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place. Looking up toward heaven, he said: "Lord, take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to church

every Sunday for the rest of my life and give up the booze."

Miraculously, just then a parking place appeared. Peter looked up again and said "Never mind, Lord. I found one."



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*...I wonder if I could have a quick word with the
flower arrangers at the end of this service...?*

MAGAZINE DEADLINE

The Parish Magazine is distributed on the last Sunday
of each month. The copy deadline for the March
magazine is **Sunday, 11th February 2007**

IN LOVING MEMORY ...

Dear Friends,

It is with the saddest heart I pass on the following: please join me in remembering a great icon - the veteran Pillsbury spokesman. The Pillsbury Doughboy died yesterday of a yeast infection and complications from repeated pokes in the belly. He was 71.

Doughboy was buried in a lightly greased coffin. Dozens of celebrities turned out to pay their respects, including Mrs Butterworth, Hungry Jack, the California Raisins, Betty Crocker, the Hostess Twinkies and Captain Crunch. The gravesite was piled high with flours. As long-time friend, Aunt Jemima delivered the eulogy, describing Doughboy has having risen quickly in show business, but his later life was filled with turnovers. He was not considered a very “smart” cookie, wasting much of his dough on half-baked schemes despite being a little flaky at times. He, even still as a crusty old man, was considered a roll model for millions.



Toward the end it was thought he would rise again, but alas, he was no tart. Doughboy is survived by his wife, Play Dough, two children, John Dough and Jane Dough, plus they had one in the oven. He is also survived by his elderly father Pop Tart. The funeral was held at 3:50 for about 20 minutes.

Dedicating the 'wild waves' of 2007 to God - a Pilgrim's Plea

Shall I abandon, O King of mysteries, the soft comforts of home? Shall I turn my back on my native land, and my face towards the sea?

Shall I put myself wholly at your mercy, without silver, without a horse, without fame and honour? Shall I throw myself wholly on you, without sword and shield, without food and drink, without a bed to lie on?

Shall I say farewell to my beautiful land, placing myself under your yoke? Shall I pour out my heart to you, confessing my manifold sins and begging forgiveness, tears streaming down my cheeks?

Shall I leave the prints of my knees on the sandy beach, a record of my final prayer in my native land? Shall I then suffer every kind of wound that the sea can inflict?



Shall I take my tiny coracle across the wide sparkling ocean? O King of the glorious heaven, shall I go of my own choice upon the sea? O Christ, will you help me on the wild waves?

Attributed to Brendan, an early Celtic saint

Remember...

Your worst days are never so bad that you are beyond the reach of God's grace. And your best days are never so good that you're beyond the need of God's grace.

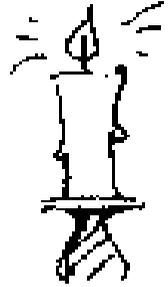


From the Registers...

BAPTISMS

26th November

Ebony Ann Shaw
Jack Ellis Burd
Harvey Russell Burd
Lydia-Mai Cecilia Burd
Gracie Leigh Rodd
Natalie Kemp



our congratulations to their families and friends



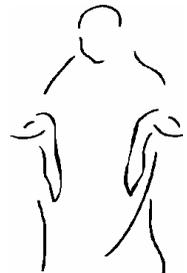
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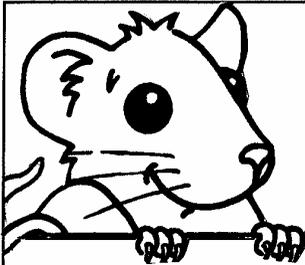
None this month

FUNERALS

Scott Lee Kirby

*our love, sympathy and prayers to
Scott's family and friends*





MOUSE HOLE



FIND THE MISSING HUSBANDS

MARY / BOAZ
 SARAH / JACOB
 RUTH / ZECHARIAH
 REBEKAH / JOSEPH
 RACHEL / ABRAHAM
 ELIZABETH / ISAAC



Use the clues to find the names. The last letter of one name is the first of the next name.

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- Wrote 13 New Testament letters
- He wrote the third Gospel

- Mother of John *Luke 1: 13*
- Sarai's servant *Genesis 16:1*

- Joseph's mother *Genesis 30:24*
- Wife turned to salt *Genesis 19:26*

- Paul's friend *2 Corinthians 8: 27*
- A brother of Jesus *Matthew 13: 55*

- Ruth's mother-in-law *Ruth 3: 1*



IT'S A PUZZLE!

God sent 9 plagues on Egypt.

What were they? Change each letter to the one after it in the alphabet to find out.

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EQNFR

FMZSR

EKHDR

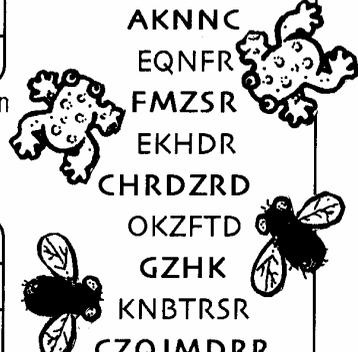
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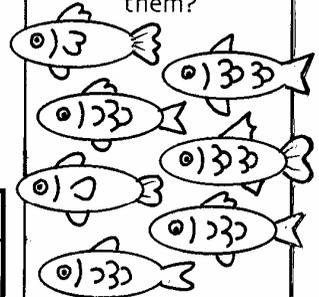
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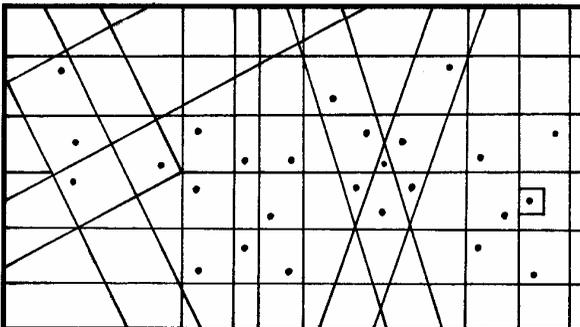


The Disciples have been fishing and caught 2 fish the same, can you find them?



WHAT'S IN THE PICTURE?

Colour in all the shapes with a dot in to find out what Jesus wants us to do to each other.





Message from Kathleen Lee: I would like to thank everybody for the lovely flowers and vase given to mark my retirement from the magazine.

**God Bless
Kathleen**

Thank you Kathleen for at the time you have given to distributing the Church Magazine. Your time and efforts have been much appreciated - enjoy your 'retirement'!



This now means that there is a vacancy that you may be able to fulfil. Just a couple of hours, once a month, sorting out the magazines for those who deliver in

their local area and posting one or two out to those who are not able to attend Christ Church. You even get holidays, too! Well, not really. Just a break in August and January as there will be no magazine these months since the July and December copies are double issues.

If you think you can spare a couple of hours once a month then please let me know and we can discuss the matter further.

**Kath Sharman
Administrator**

CHURCH FLOWERS



7th January

In loving memory of Leslie Hey, a dear father and grandfather, from Kathleen B, Derick, Anita and Nicholas.

COMMUNICANTS AND COLLECTIONS

	Communicants	Loose	Stewardship	Total
Dec 3	84	76.30	402.00	478.30
Dec 10	15	73.50	332.27	405.77
Dec 17	132	51.60	297.20	348.80
Dec 24	110	193.51	272.55	466.06
Dec 31	81	44.45	293.62	338.07

Fishy tale ...

A man adrift on a raft is rescued by a boat captain who says his name is Noah.

He shows the survivor around his ship and every deck they climb down is full of fish.

“What kind of boat is this?” the man asks.

Noah says: “It’s a multi-storey carp ark.”

Etiquette for inexperienced cats

1. If you are going to be sick, get onto a chair quickly. If you cannot manage this in time, get to an Oriental rug.
2. Determine quickly which of your family's guests hates cats. Sit on that lap during the evening. He/she won't dare push you off and will even call you "nice kitty." If you can arrange to have cat food on your breath, so much the better.
3. For sitting on laps or rubbing against trouser legs, select colors that contrast your own.
4. Always accompany guests to the bathroom. It is not necessary to do anything. Just sit and stare.
5. For guests that say "I love kitties," and mean it, be ready with aloof disdain, claws applied to stockings, or a quick nip on the ankles.
6. Do not allow closed doors in any room. To get one open, stand on hind legs and hammer doorknob with forepaws. Once the door is opened for you, it is not necessary to use it. You can change your mind. When you have ordered an outside door opened, stand half in and half out and think about several things. This is important during very cold or rainy weather or midge season.
7. If one person is busy and the other is idle, sit with the busy one. For book readers, get in close under the chin, unless you can lie across the book itself.
8. For ladies knitting, curl quietly into lap and pretend to doze. Then reach out and slap knitting needles sharply. This is what she calls a dropped stitch. She will try to distract you. Ignore it.
9. For people doing homework, sit on the paper being worked on. After being removed the second time, push anything movable off the table (pens, pencils, stamps) one at a time.
10. Get enough sleep during the day.



John R Earnshaw

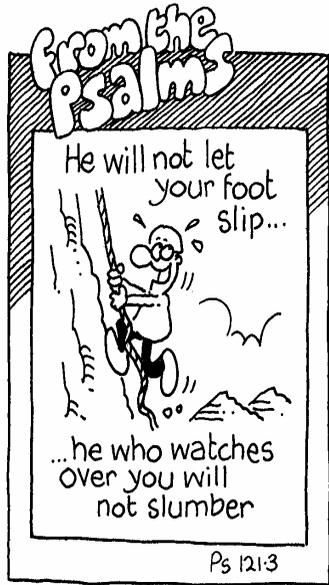
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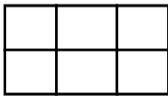
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