



Christ Church Mount Pellon

in the power of the Spirit...



June



2007

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*a loving, nurturing fellowship which,
in the power of the Spirit,
awakens all people to the love of Jesus
and spreads the Gospel through words and actions.*

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Church Address: Church Lane, Mount Pellon, Halifax, HX2 0EF

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 **885878**

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, 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

Dear Reader,

I guess all of us have a favourite passage from the Bible. In some ways, I always struggle to say what my favourite is because at different times, different parts of scripture speak to me in powerful ways, bringing comfort, or a challenge.

My usual answer to the question of favourite passages is Romans 12.1 – 2, where Paul talks about the need to renew our minds. So easily we are sucked into the world's way of looking at things.

Think about it for a minute. Even our language can soon betray our thinking. For example, how often do we hear that something can't be done because it is 'uneconomic', and we usually assume that this settles the matter. So we can't keep that small rural school open because it's 'uneconomic', or that old person's home has to close because it's not 'economic' to run, or we have to close local hospital services and move them to a central location (usually miles away from most of the people who might use the services) because it's more 'economical' to do so.

Don't get me wrong. If these things improve services to the individuals concerned, then maybe they are good things. But surely money shouldn't be the determining factor, should it?

After all, is it 'economic' to have children? Or to fall in love? To look after our parents, or care for our neighbours?

No. We mustn't become slaves to money. Jesus warned us against it. You cannot serve two masters, he said, you cannot serve both God and money. In other words, you need to make a conscious choice. What is going to be your 'god'? Money, or Jesus Christ the one who laid down his life for you? A choice has to be made.

But that choice isn't a merely intellectual one, as though we wake up and say to ourselves, 'pull yourself together, John, start thinking properly.' Of course, that may be part of it. It does take a conscious decision. But for Paul that decision is not *just* an intellectual one. It is also a behavioural one.

'Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice', he writes. In other words, start living out what you are professing. 'God is love', we rightly claim. Very well. How does my life reflect that love? 'Love your neighbour as yourself' Jesus told us.

OK. Am I doing that? Can others see it? If people looked at my life as a disciple of Christ, what would they make of the Jesus I claim to follow?

Many have said (and I have at times in the past) 'don't look at me or the church, look at Jesus'. Of course, I am far from a perfect reflection of the one I follow,

but I am a witness to him.

After all, don't we say week by week that we are the body of Christ? How else will others see what he is like if I don't show him to others?

Let me think about it a slightly different way.

What's one of the first things we discuss when we see a new baby? After checking everything is OK, and asking what weight they were born, etc, don't we start discussing who they look like? Mother? Father? We assume that children will show some characteristics of their parents. Yes, this may change as they grow older, and children may wish they weren't like either of their parents, especially when they become teenagers, but we do expect that there will be some signs.

Well, it's like that in our relationship with our heavenly Father. We should expect to see some family likeness.

Mind you, maybe that also gives us a clue to how we might achieve it. Children do not look like their parents through an act of will but because of genetics – because of what's inside them.

And it's like that with us, too. We can make some efforts in our own strength to begin the process of reflecting our heavenly Father – by our acts of charity, our kindness to others, the way we spend our time, our money, etc. But this will take us only so far. What about when we have to love not our neighbour but our enemy? What about when we have to sacrifice our own desires for the good of others? Then we need something else to help us to live the right way.

And that's where the Spirit of God comes in. It's his presence within us that begins his work of transformation in our lives. Slowly we take on the family characteristics.

Part of this work is spiritual – God's sovereign work within us, and all we can do is receive it. And part of the work is ours – consciously taking steps to provide the ground in which God can work. We do this by prayer, by spending time with other Christians, by spending time in worship. And by living out the gospel in everyday life. Indeed, it is this latter that Paul calls our spiritual worship. They are not separate alternatives, but part of a whole. For we cannot separate off different bits of our lives as though they were distinct. The whole of life belongs to God – Sunday mornings and Monday mornings, our words to God in prayer and our words to one another at work, our actions in worship and our actions driving the car. All reflect our nature – more accurately perhaps than we would like to admit.

Why not ask God to work his way in your life so that you more fully reflect his love to a hurting world?

John Hellewell

Parish Noticeboard for March

10.30 a.m.

6.30 p.m.



June 3rd TRINITY SUNDAY

Romans 5.1 – 5; John 16.12 – 15

Preacher John Hellewell

Reader Paul Newman

Prayer Iain Lawson

Sidespeople Margaret Beaton

Coffee Patricia & Paul

Bread John Rawson

Chalice Christine & Rosemary

John 3.1 – 17

John Hellewell

John White

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June 10th 1ST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Philippians 3.1 – 11

Preacher Karen Hellewell

Reader Audrey Mitchell

Prayer Janet Abel

Sidespeople Ian Buckley

Coffee Freda, Tess & Pam

Colossians 2.16 – 23

John Hellewell

Paul Newman

John Hellewell

June 17th 2ND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Genesis 13; Mark 4.21 – end

Preacher David Ramanauskas

Reader Lynne Lumb

Prayer Jane Webster

Sidespeople Michael Cockerill

Coffee Susan & Hazel

Bread Margaret & Eddie Beaton

Chalice Rosemary & June

1 Peter 1.1 – 12

Dave Fawcett

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David Ramanauskas

10.30 a.m.

6.30 p.m.

June 24th 3RD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Luke 7.11 – 17

1 Peter 1.13 – 2.3

Preacher John Hellewell

Karen Hellewell

Reader Brownies

Sue Heptinstall

Prayer Brownies

Sue Heptinstall

Sidespeople Douglas Drake

Coffee Anne, Steve & Kit

July 1st 4TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

1 Corinthians 11.17 – 34

1 Peter 2.4 – 10

Preacher David Ramanauskas

John Hellewell

Reader Karen Hellewell

Rosemary Power-O'Mahony

Prayer Ann Cockerill

John Hellewell

Sidespeople Christine Buckley

Coffee Kathleen, Katie & Sarah

Bread Barrie Kitchen

Chalice June & Graeme

A Canticle for Brother Sun

Praised be You, My Lord, in all Your creatures,
Especially Sir Brother Sun,
Who makes the day and enlightens us through You.
He is lovely and radiant and grand;
And he heralds You, his Most High Lord.

St Francis of Assisi



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*...what do you mean you don't like our latest church banner!?
From the first of July you're legally obliged to display it!!*

Childhood accidents – they just aren't what they used to be!

Remember the days when summer holidays meant that most children climbed trees – and some fell out of them? And when most children rode bicycles – and some fell off them? Well, all that is changing. A recent study of hospital admissions shows that the number of tree-related incidents has fallen by 36 per cent from 1999 to 2006. And there has been a 22 per cent fall in the number of children injured in bike accidents.

On the other hand, RSI injuries brought on by playing “PlayStation Generation” are up 35 per cent. And last year more under-14s were injured falling out of bed, or even falling off their chair, then falling out of a tree.



PARISH CALENDAR

JUNE 2007

SUNDAY JUNE 3RD: TRINITY SUNDAY

10.45 a.m. Family Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

Tuesday June 5th

10.30 a.m. Holy Communion
at Asquith Court

Friday, June 8th

7.30 p.m. Friday Group

SUNDAY JUNE 10TH: FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion

10.45 a.m. Morning Worship

6.30 p.m. Celebration

SUNDAY JUNE 17TH: SECOND SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion

10.45 a.m. Family Communion

6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday June 18th

11.45 a.m. LunchBox

SUNDAY JUNE 24TH: THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 9.00 a.m. Holy Communion
10.45 a.m. Parade Service
6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

SUNDAY JULY 1ST: FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

- 10.45 a.m. Family Communion
6.30 p.m. Evening Worship

JULY 2007

Tuesday July 3rd

- 10.30 a.m. Communion Service
at Asquith Court



I have to say - I think he's taking this hosepipe ban a bit too seriously!

June 9 - Columba of Iona (c. 521 -97)

Columba was born in Donegal of the royal Ui Neill clan, and trained as a monk. He founded the monasteries of Derry (546), Durrow (c.556) and probably Kells. But in 565 Columba left Ireland with twelve companions for Iona, an island off southwest Scotland. Iona had been given to him for a monastery by the ruler of the Irish Dalriada. Why would a monk in his mid 40s go into such voluntary exile? Various explanations include: voluntary exile for Christ, an attempt to help overseas compatriots in their struggle for survival, or even as some sort of punishment for his part in a row over a psalter in Ireland. Whatever the reason, Columba went to Iona and spent the rest of his life in Scotland, returning to Ireland only for occasional visits.

Columba's biographer, Adomnan, portrays him as a tall, striking figure of powerful build and impressive presence, who combined the skills of scholar, poet and ruler with a fearless commitment to God's cause. Able, ardent, and sometimes harsh, Columba seems to have mellowed with age.

As well as building his monastery on Iona, Columba also converted Brude, king of the Picts. Columba had great skill as a scribe, and an example of this can be seen in the Cathach of Columba, a late 6th century psalter in the Irish Academy, which is the oldest surviving example of Irish majuscule writing. In his later years Columba spent much time transcribing books. Columba's death was apparently foreseen by his community, and even, it seems, sensed by his favourite horse. He died in the church just before Matins, and it is a tribute to this man that his traditions were upheld by his followers for about a century, not least in the Synod of Whitby and in Irish monasteries on the continent of Europe.

Here is a prayer of St Columba:

Christ With Us
My dearest Lord,
Be Thou a bright flame before me,
Be Thou a guiding star above me,
Be Thou a smooth path beneath me,
Be Thou a kindly shepherd behind me,
Today and evermore.

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Thank you, to all who sponsored our Granddaughter Emma Herod, when Emma ran the London Marathon and raised £1,700 for the Starlight Children's Foundation.

Margaret and Eddie Beaton



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Book Reviews

In the Palm of God's Hand - A diary of living against the odds (updated edition)

By Wendy Bray, BRF, £7.99



A moving personal testimony with flashes of wry humour, 'In the Palm of God's Hand' tells the story of Wendy Bray's journey through gruelling treatment for Hodgkin's lymphoma. This new edition brings her story right up to date, with the story of her diagnosis and treatment for breast cancer, unrelated to her first illness.

With heartfelt warmth, this prayer diary shares her own physical, emotional and spiritual journey through the treatment and also reflects on the effects on her family and friends. Wendy Bray gives insight into relating to God at the hardest of times, as well as practical ideas for supporting those living with cancer and their families.

Wendy Bray is a freelance writer and newspaper columnist, who has written several books including *The Art of Waiting* (BRF, 2004), and was previously staff writer at *Care for the Family*. A popular speaker at Spring Harvest, she is currently developing her work in the area of positive cancer survivorship through *The One Life Company*.

How many lightbulbs does it take to change a Christian?

by Claire Foster and David Shreeve, Church House Publishing, £4.99

This new guide gives invaluable green tips for individuals, their communities and their churches. Endorsed by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, it encourages Christians to play their part in helping to stop climate change.

The book's aim is to counter the idea that stark warnings on the state of the environment are too colossal for individuals to make any real difference. Instead, it argues that Christians not only can have an impact by adapting their lifestyle, but actually have a moral duty to do so.

The Archbishop said: "I commend it to all Christians looking for ideas

and inspiration on what they can do to make a positive difference for the environment." This full-colour 64 page pocket-sized guide suggests a huge range of practical actions to help churches and their members 'go green', including:

- * Organise a car-sharing scheme for travelling to and from Sunday worship
- * Book some holiday time from work - but cut transport emissions by staying locally and rediscover the interesting features of the neighbourhood
- * Use the toaster rather than the grill when making toast to conserve energy
- * Help a churchyard become a 'green lung' for the community by setting aside a 'wild area'
- * Review any floodlighting the church has and whether the bulbs are energy-efficient and directed at the building rather than the sky
- * Sign up to stop receiving wasteful junk mail

The new booklet is part of the Church's Shrinking the Footprint campaign, a response to the General Synod's charge to the Church to engage with climate change and work on reducing its carbon emissions by 2008. At the launch of the Shrinking the Footprint in 2005, the Archbishop of Canterbury argued: "For the Church of the 21st Century, good ecology is not an optional extra but a matter of justice. It is therefore central to what it means to be a Christian."

I say, I say, I say....



Two women are chatting. One says: 'You know I told you I'd found Mr Right? Well, I wish I'd realised before I married him that his first name was Always.'

On a lighter note...

- The Lord's Prayer can be a challenge for toddlers. As it was for three year-old Thomas, who attempted it with mixed success: "Our Father, who does art in heaven, Harold is your name. Amen."
- *A little boy was overheard praying: "Lord, if you can't make me a better boy, don't worry about it. I'm having a real good time like I am."*
- After the baptism of his baby brother in church, Jason sobbed all the way home in the back seat of the car. His father asked him three times what was wrong. Finally, the boy replied, "That minister said he wanted us brought up in a Christian home, but I want to stay with you guys."
- *A Sunday school teacher asked her children why it was necessary to be quiet in church. One bright little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."*



Churchyard tidy-up

We are having a morning on Saturday, 16th June to tidy up as much of the churchyard

as we can. The more help we get, the more we can do! We need to strim the grass, tidy the borders, prune some of the trees and clear paths so that graves



are accessible. There is more than enough work for everyone who can come along, so why not turn up, help make the churchyard look better, and have fun with others all at the same time! We shall be there between 9.00am and 1.00pm.

MAGAZINE DEADLINE

The Parish Magazine is distributed on the last Sunday of each month. The copy deadline for the July magazine is **Sunday, 10th June 2007**

June is the month of weddings. With that in mind....

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service, his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?"

"Sixteen," the boy responded at once.

His cousin was amazed that he had an answer so quickly.

"Why do you say that?"

"Easy," the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the minister said, 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."



Marriage in heaven

On their way to get married, a young Catholic couple were involved in a fatal car crash. They found themselves outside the Pearly Gates waiting for St.

Peter to process them into Heaven. While waiting, they begin to wonder: Could they possibly get married in Heaven?

When St. Peter showed up, they asked him. St. Peter said: "I don't know. This is the first time anyone has asked. Let me go find out," and he left.

The couple sat and waited. Two months passed, and the couple were still waiting. As they waited, they discussed that IF they were allowed to get married in Heaven, SHOULD they? "What if it doesn't work?" they wondered.

"Are we stuck together FOREVER?"

Finally St. Peter returned, looking somewhat ragged.

"Yes," he informs the couple, "you CAN get married in Heaven."

"Great!" said the couple, "But we were just wondering, what if things don't work out? Could we also get a divorce in Heaven?"

St. Peter, red-faced with anger, slammed his clipboard onto the ground. "OH, COME ON!" he shouted. "It took me three months to find a priest up here! Do you have ANY idea how long it'll take me to find a solicitor?"

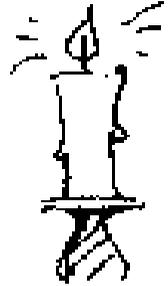


From the Registers...

BAPTISMS

22nd April

Bruno Jimmy Keenan
Rowan Kerwin Cruft
Ryan Jason Cockroft
Thomas James Fennelly
Ashleigh Nicola Fennelly



our congratulations to their families and friends



WEDDINGS

None this month

FUNERALS

3rd May

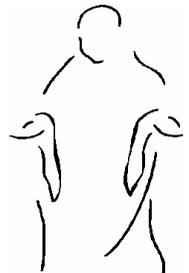
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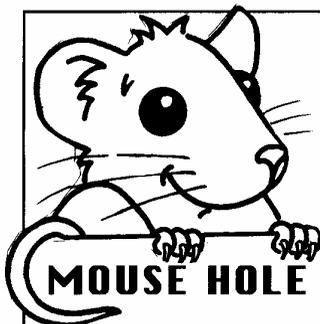
11th May

18th May

21st May

*our love, sympathy and prayers
to their families and friends*

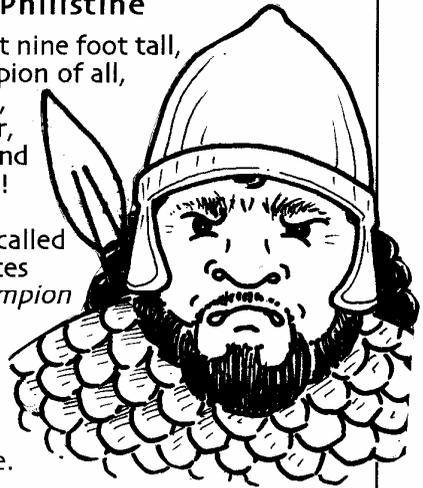




Goliath the Philistine

Goliath's a giant nine foot tall,
He is the champion of all,
He has a sword,
he has a spear,
When he's around
all run in fear!

He jeered and called
to the Israelites
"Send your champion
out to fight!"
Instead,
dismayed
and terrified,
They ran away
in fear to hide.



Giant Steps

Make 'Goliath' stilts:



Measure the distance
between your
hands and feet,
double it and
add another
10cm. Cut 2

pieces of strong string to
this length and tie
each one through
the holes in the
side of a large
upturned plastic



flower pot.
Hold the strings,
stand on the
pots and slowly
walk around.
BE CAREFUL
not to fall off!



But David the shepherd boy had no fear,
Because he knew that God was near.
He took his staff, he took his sling,
And *in the name of the Lord*, ran out to him.



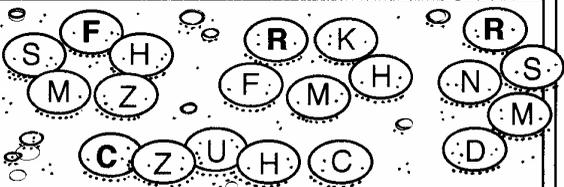
Goliath was a giant
nine foot tall,
No longer the
champion of all,
David struck him
on the head,
With one small stone,
he struck him dead!



Read how David's faith in God saved
the Israelites in 1 Samuel : 17

Do you measure up?

Measure 9ft (270 cm)
up or along a wall
then measure
yourself against it -
*how much smaller
than Goliath are you?*



Change each letter on the stones to the one
after it in the alphabet to find 4 five letter words

The Parable of the Pencil

The Pencil Maker took the pencil aside just before putting him into the box. "There are five things you need to know," he told the pencil, "before I send you out into the world. Always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best pencil you can be.

One: You will be able to do many things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone's hand.

Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you'll need it to become a better pencil.

Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make.

Four: The most important part of you will always be what's inside.

and Five: On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark.

No matter what the condition, you must continue to write."

The pencil understood and promised to remember, and went into the box with purpose in its heart.

Now, replacing the pencil with you; always remember them and never forget, and you will become the best person you can be.

One: You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in God's hand. And allow other human beings to access you for the many gifts you possess.

Two: You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, by going through various problems, but you'll need it to become a stronger person.

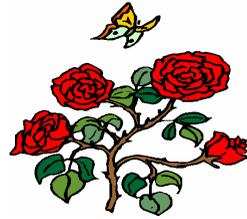
Three: You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make, by repenting and being willing to change.

Four: The most important part of you will always be what's on the inside.

And five: On every surface that you walk through, you must leave your mark. No matter what the situation, you must continue to do your duties.

By understanding and remembering the example given by Jesus, let us proceed with our life on this earth having a meaningful purpose in our heart.

CHURCH FLOWERS



6th June

Birthday memories of Jack Greenwood, a loving husband and dad. From Elsie, David and Family

COMMUNICANTS AND COLLECTIONS

	Communicants	Loose	Stewardship	Total
April 1	154	77.69	441.50	519.19
April 8	103	84.24	422.94	507.18
April 15	18	28.00	307.00	335.00
April 22	30	127.11	380.13	507.24
April 29	75	49.55	477.34	526.89

God in All

He inspires all,
 He gives life to all,
He dominates all,
 He supports all.
He lights the light of the sun.
 He furnishes the light of the night.
He has made springs in dry land.
 He is the God of heaven and earth,
 of sea and rivers,
 of sun, moon and stars,
 of the lofty mountain and the lowly valley,
the God above heaven,
 and in heaven,
 and under heaven.



St Patrick

Resting



*Lord, teach me to rest in you.
Teach me to see the sky
And to think of nothing else
But the joy of it.
Teach me to look
At field and flower
And be soothed
By colours and seasons.
Teach me to close my eyes
And to rest
In the Love that has supported me
All my days.
Teach me, Lord,
To rest in you.*

Frank Topping

John R Earnshaw

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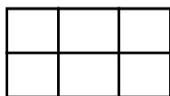
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