

St Paul's,  
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# the Big Question



Hello from the new editors of  
the church magazine.

We want to give this time to say thank you to June Clare for her great work that she has done with the magazine all these years, we hope to live up to that and are excited about this opportunity.

The Big Question? This is not the new name: We wanted to give the magazine a new edge and make it exciting for all ages. We weren't sure about whether the magazine needed a new name, so we put this question to you... give us your ideas of what the new name could be. Please can you let us know or put your ideas in the box at the back labelled: The Big Question?

We also want to open this box to suggestions and stories about your experiences that you may think will encourage people in their walk with Jesus Christ. If there is a specific article you would like to write please let us know; any events you have encountered etc, everything is welcomed and will be greatly appreciated. Let us pray that we do a good job as we really believe that the magazine is a great way to reach out to the community to let them know what we are doing.

God Bless,  
Jamie Taylor and Nicky Cleaver



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# SUNDAY & EASTER SERVICES – APRIL

There are other special services in Holy Week – see the Dates for  
**April**

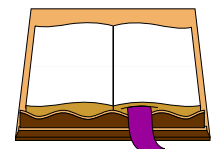
<b>Sunday 1st</b> (Palm Sunday)	8.30am 10.00am	Holy Communion Family Service
<b>Maundy Thursday</b> (April 5 <sup>th</sup> )	7.30pm	Holy Communion & Footwashing
<b>Good Friday</b> (April 6 <sup>th</sup> )	10.00am 2.00pm	All Age Service Last hour at the Cross
<b>Sunday 8th</b> (Easter Day)	10.00am	Family Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 15th</b> (2nd of Easter)	10.00am	Morning Praise
<b>Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup></b> (3rd of Easter)	8.30am 10.00am	Holy Communion Morning Praise & Spring Harvest
<b>Sunday 29th</b> (4th of Easter)	10.00am	Holy Communion

# SUNDAY SERVICES – MAY

<b>Sunday 6th</b> (5th of Easter)	8.30am 10.00am	Holy Communion Morning Praise
<b>Sunday 13th</b> (6th of Easter)	8.30am 10.00am	Holy Communion Family Service
<b>Sunday 20th</b> (7th of Easter)	8.30am 10.00am	Holy Communion Morning Praise
<b>Sunday 27th</b> (Pentecost)	10.00am	Holy Communion



There is also a service of Holy Communion or Morning Prayer each WEDNESDAY AT 9.30am followed by coffee shop until 11am



There is a prayer meeting at 9.30am until 9.40am each Sunday. Everyone is welcome to join us as we pray for the main service

# THE WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

<b>Sunday</b>	8.30 am 10.00am	Holy Communion (not 4th Sunday) Morning Service (every week) including: Climbers for Jesus (0-6's) Rock Solid (7-10's) in term time Highlanders (11-18's) in term time
<b>Monday</b>	1.30pm 8.00pm	Homegroup – 7 Stoke Avenue (alternate weeks) Joan Lingwood ☎8500 5178 Homegroup – (alternate weeks) – phone for details Jill James ☎8501 1162
<b>Tuesday</b>	9.15am	Prayers for the Church in the Side Chapel
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.30am 10.15am 12.30pm 7.30pm	Holy Communion Coffee Shop in the Hall Wheels and Squeals (Carer and Toddler Group) Highlanders Group meet in the Church Hall (alternate weeks)
<b>Thursday</b>	8.00pm	Homegroup – (alternate weeks) – phone for details Jill James ☎ 8501 1162 & Helen Duke ☎ 8500 6678



## PRAYER CHAIN

The Prayer Chain is organised so that prayer can be offered quickly for an individual or a particular situation. Ring the first person on either or both the lists. If they are not in, then ring the second and so on. Make your request clear and straightforward. The members of the chain will then pass on your request to the others and commit themselves to pray.

### Chain 1

1. Maggie Sansom 8500 2341
2. Charmaine Andrews 8500 0164
3. Joan Lingwood 8500 5178
4. Joanna Cant 8500 3366

### Chain 2

1. Beryl Gough 8550 0957
2. Sandra Lee-Down 8262 4494
3. Kathy Habberley 8501 1386
4. Will Davies 8551 3620

Deadline for the May edition of the St Paul's magazine: Sunday, 15th April (please put material in the tray at the back of the church)

# *The Vicar's Letter*

## A New Magazine

It has been very exciting to launch our new look magazine. After 8 years of tireless effort June has decided to pass on the editing and production of the St Paul's Magazine to others. I do want to thank her for doing it so well.

I am so glad that Nicky Cleaver and Jamie Taylor have taken it on and I am looking forward to seeing how it develops. Several people have promised to help by contributing articles but we always need more. We also need to know what you enjoy reading and how you like the changes Nicky and Jamie are making.

On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March a new film comes out: 'Amazing Grace'. It is about the struggle to make the slave trade illegal and the Act of Parliament which was finally passed on 25<sup>th</sup> March 1807. It focuses on the heroic efforts of William Wilberforce but what fascinates me is the excuses many well-meaning people made to keep the status quo.

Recently I saw a pamphlet from 200 years ago which tried to show how slavery was good for Africans! It was written by a clergyman who quoted bible verses to support his case that life on sugar plantations was better than life in the jungle. People were terrified of the upheaval emancipation of the slaves would cause. They were worried about their investments and the price of sugar going through the roof. Thankfully those with the faith and courage to face change won the day. They took risks for the sake of their brothers and sisters.

Today as I write this article a debate is going on in Parliament about the future of Britain's nuclear deterrent - Trident. Even though all the moral arguments are on the side of scrapping it those who want to keep Trident won the vote by resorting to fear. Fear of being in the world without Britain as a nuclear power.

What is clear is that there are far more serious things already happening in the world than a hypothetical threat of nuclear attack. There is human trafficking, poverty, appalling hygiene in vast city slums, preventable diseases, climate change etc etc. Much better to use the billions of pounds and the lives of thousands of skilled men to make a difference for good than to let them build and maintain four submarines which will never be used.

It is always better to make decision according to what is right than out of fear of what might go wrong. As the prophet Micah says: 'What does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.' Micah 6:8

May we all appreciate more deeply than ever before what it meant for Jesus to die on the cross for us and to rise again in glory this Easter.

**Christopher**

# April 2007

Sunday	1		Palm Sunday
Tuesday	3	9.00am	Morning Prayer
Wednesday	4	9.30am	Holy Communion
Thursday	5	7.30pm	Maundy Thurs. Holy Communion
Friday	6	10am	Good Friday - all age service
		2pm	Last Hour at the Cross
Sunday	8		Easter Day
Tuesday	10		Leave for Spring Harvest
Sunday	15		Return from Spring Harvest
Monday	16	1.30pm	Homegroup at 7 Stoke Avenue
Tuesday	17	4.30pm	Magazine Team Meeting
		7pm	Singing Practice
Saturday	21	9am-4ish	Unlock London Walk
Monday	23	8pm	Homegroup at 18 Ascot Close
Wednesday	25	7.30pm	Highlanders
Thursday	26	7.30pm	Prayer Ministry Team Meeting
		8pm	Homegroup at 18 Ascot Close
Saturday	28	10-4pm	PCC Away Day - St Peters, A'Hatch
		7.30pm	SatNav



## Give & Take

28<sup>th</sup> April 2007

11am - 4pm

St Paul's Hall, Arrowsmith Road



Have you got anything at home that you don't need anymore but feel someone else might like?

Forest Recycle Project are running a Give and Take day in our hall. You can bring anything you see and might be able to use yourself. They even take furniture and electrical things. (Electrical things are checked and available at the next event)

For more information look out for fliers which will be up in the church shortly. It is such a good idea so that things are not wasted or thrown into a landfill.

## ☺ Welcoming Sue Hartley ☺

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March, we welcomed Sue Hartley to our church. We are all excited about her arrival and wish for great things:

Dear all,

I've been here at St Paul's for just over a week now and already I feel very much at home. Thank you for giving me such a warm welcome, for sharing so much of yourselves with me and for introducing me to the various ministries of the church. I am excited by your trust in a God who answers prayer and who speaks to his listening people; and for your love for one another.

The licensing service was a wonderful and affirming experience for me, and everyone who came, both church members and visitors, really enjoyed it. The Bishop spoke on "The True Vine" (John 15). It's been good to listen to the tape in order to hear his sermon again (thanks to those

who were involved in that). I was particularly struck by these words: Jesus has chosen to remain in us, to live through us, and to allow the fruit of the Spirit to flow from our lives; fruit that will endure for generations to come. It's my prayer that, in the midst of our busy lives, we all will increasingly know and experience what it means to remain in Christ, and that we will live in the light of the amazing truth that Jesus has chosen each one of us to bear fruit that will last.

I'm beginning to get a sense of the specific areas of ministry where I think I'm being called to:

- Involvement in the Sunday services
- Sharing in a Bible study group with some of the older folks
- Helping to build a Prayer Ministry Team
- Visiting people in their homes

Thanks again for inviting me to be part of your family here. I'm looking forward to worshipping and working and with you. God bless.

With my love and prayers,

Sue



Sue talking at the Mothering Day service, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2007

# What Happened at the PCC February 26<sup>th</sup> 2007?

We are very thankful to Adrian Ajibade for giving the church a computer to use with our new projector. That means we are all set to start using the SongPro software for the songs and put the OHP away. (It will still be available in case the new projector goes wrong.)

The PCC decided to remove the old screen and use black plastic conduit to hide the cabling from view. If ever we need the OHP again we can use the new screen even though the picture will be distorted. We talked about arrangements for training a group of people to use it.

The Vicar was very pleased with the response from the Gift contribution Forms. Currently, 66 have been returned and we allocated a PCC member to each of the remaining few who had yet to fill a form in. A new magazine team is taking over from June - Nicky Cleaver, Jamie Taylor and Charlotte Hunt. Several others will be helping.

One change has been made to the age at which children move up from Climbers to RockSolid. It will now be at the end of school year 2, this gives a better balance in each group.

**Finance** We want to support the youth work in the church and decided to give £300 to Highlanders to support the boat weekend 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> May. We are also paying for the leaders training day in February. Family Purse payments have been paid for January and February.

**Practical Matters** A quote has been obtained from Bob Duke for moving the basin in the church office to the toilets to replace the broken one. In its place we will put a stainless steel sink with a kitchen unit underneath. Then it can be used for washing up etc. Ellen is hoping to provide a hot water heater to finish it off.

There is the possibility that the chairs at the Manor Hall will be available for purchase at £1 each when the building is sold. We desperately need chairs for the hall and could even use the chairs to replace the pews in the church. This is something that will be brought up at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup> and if agreed we will proceed with the application for a faculty.

This was the last PCC of the current year and we thanked those who are standing down for all that they have done in service to St Paul's: Wendy Thorpe and Mike and June Clare. We especially thanked Mike and June who have hosted the meetings for the past three years.

Christopher

# Alpha: Holy Spirit Away Day

Since January of this year we've been running a youth alpha course, which is basically a low key friendly environment where we can get to know new people, and get to know people we already know - much better. It acts as either an introduction of the Christian faith but also, a refresher type course for people that already have God as part of their lives, filling you in with the kind of stuff that's assumed that people know when they become a regular attendee of church – but sometimes gets over looked.



Okay so it came to that time on the alpha programme where it says you should start talking about the Holy Spirit, it also says you should have this crazy thing called a Holy Spirit away day. Being the dutiful alpha programme leaders, that's what we did. Holy Trinity Barkingside's church hall proved to be the perfect place; conveniently located by the park and not so far from Subway... which kind of determined how and where we spent our lunch time really. We spent a lot of time in our small group, which is always good fun, we discussed all the stuff which we'd had talks on during the day; who or what is the Holy Spirit, what does he do all that kind of stuff and then lastly we looked at how we could be filled with the Holy spirit.

It's so often that you talk about the Holy Ghost – in a lot of the old hymn, but a lot of people and a lot of churches today don't seem to consider the Holy Spirit as an equal part of the trinity for some reason, we talk about **Jesus** who is the son of God, the guy that came to show us how you can live, the guy that literally saved us from our sins – took all our blame and shame away.

Then we've got **God the Father**. We've got that one covered haven't we, "Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name... your kingdom come..." yeah we've got that he was the guy that made us in the first place, choose us to be made the way he wanted us to be made, choose to put us together just right, and is the one that loves us unconditionally even if nobody else does!

Then we come to the **Holy Spirit** part, and seem to have an awful lot less to say. So on our away day we spent some time to actually invite the Holy Spirit into us – which is to say, 'God do with me what you will, fill me up with your Holy Spirit...' and then just wait on God, see what he has to say, because as we found sometimes he wants to tell you something that you've never actually been still long enough for him to tell you, sometimes he wants to show you something giving you some kind of visual picture, he might give you a new language to pray in – which is the gift of tongues... really there's no end to what he could do.

We saw God do a lot of things, and I think it opened our eyes, it left us questioning, why don't we do this more often? That's the crazy thing I think. We try and do things on our own... because we are independent people and don't want to ask God's help; either we don't want to burden him, or we just don't want to accept his help because we are just too proud. That's a lie we are living, if that's what we believe. It might not feel like it all the time but God loves to hear our voices, he loves to hear my voice, and he loves to hear your voice... I can't really say it enough. We are his children, so he loves to listen to us and never wants to see us struggle on our own, he is our Father in Heaven and he wants to help us, and he will, but he does not and will not force himself on us. So he waits for us to ask.

I think this day was an important for all the people on it, as we let God reveal himself to us. That one day has made a massive change to my life, in not quite the way I'd hoped by any means. It brought up a lot of stuff I have to put straight with God, I'm not quite sure yet how it'll work out, but I know that I have God's power open to me – completely free of charge so it can't go wrong, so long as I stick with him.

If you want to know more about what the Holy Spirit did that day, or who he is, may I suggest you either, enquire to someone about doing the Alpha course cause it's great fun, or how about this... pray the prayer, ask the Holy Spirit to fill you and see what stuff God can do. Ask someone to pray with you, whatever you feel happiest about.

**Lisselle Clarke-Moisley**

## The Jack Petchey Award Ceremony

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 3 of our 4 Award Winners plus Myself and our 'Guests' set off for the Mermaid Conference Centre to receive our Awards. We decided to drive there which was an experience in itself and, as we drove slowly through the rush hour traffic we got to make lots of new friends (well the degree of friendliness varied) as the passengers 'interacted' with the pedestrians.

We arrived (just in time) to be greeted by jugglers and people on stilts. We had very good seats and an excellent view of the stage. We were entertained by a variety of Award Winning musical groups. We also got a chance to hear how and why the scheme was started from the man himself, Jack Petchey and listened to a very encouraging talk from the guest of honour, Kelly Holmes. The Award winners went onto the stage to be presented with their awards and got to shake hands with 'Jack' and 'Kelly'.

As the awards were given out a brief explanation was given about why some of the winners deserved their awards. We were lucky enough to have two of our Award winners spoken about, Sam and myself. It was a great night and the only flaw was that we could not be with Sue on her big night at St. Paul's. We did however visit the other St. Paul's for a photo shoot before finishing the night in the traditional Highlander way with an extra value meal at McDonalds.

Well Done to all our Award Winners:-



Back: Sam Wilkes, Becky Rodwell,	Paul Wragg
Front: Kelly Holmes, Jack Petchey,	Paris Parnell



Wendy Thorpe

# Debate: Male vs. Female

This is a new monthly article where we will discuss two different aspects of a Christian lifestyle, and how it affects your outlook of Christianity. We will be discussing things like age, going to a faith or non-faith school etc. This month we are discussing what it is like for Christians of different genders.

The creation of man and woman is first discussed in Genesis, 2v22 “*And the rib, which the LORD God had taken from the man, made him a woman, and brought her unto the man.*” Here it is said that God created man first and then formed woman from the man’s rib. You can take this two ways; God created man first so he is more important?! As Christians we believe that God sees all of us equally not depending on what sex we are. God took the rib of the man to create woman, not a bone from his head for the woman to be above him, nor from his foot so that she would be trampled on. But taken from his side to be equal, and close to his heart to be loved.

“FACE IT, EVE—WE WERE MADE FOR EACH OTHER!”



*Nevertheless neither is the man without the woman, neither the woman without the man, in the Lord. - 1 Corinthians 11:11*

So we are a unit, yes? Some people find it debatable and think of woman as a suitable helper. Christian woman wearing headscarves in church is still a big debate,

St Paul wanted to see Christian women with their head being covered, (1Corinthians 11:4,5). Nowadays we rarely see headscarves on Christian women in the UK. Is this because of the day and age we are in now? Maybe... but it clearly states here that man should have authority over woman, but they are still equal. What does this say about women leaders at a church? If at the top of a church there is a woman, should she take the authority over the church or does the man need to do that? I don't know, I don't have all the answers, but what is important here is that God does not value people for their authority but for their service. Women are just as important or valued as men. They are honoured and rewarded for their work as highly as men are for their work.

Nicky Cleaver

What do you think? It would be great to hear your ideas about this, just speak to one of the editors or put what you feel in the tray at the back of church.



## Male vs. Female

I interviewed two young people at St. Paul's of different gender. This is how they answered:



### **Why do you come to church?**

**Dan:** To learn more about God and to spend time in fellowship with my Christian friends.

**Kerrie:** To extend my knowledge of the bible

### **What church service has affected your relationship with God most?**

**Dan:** I really enjoyed the Holy Spirit day the other week; it really gave me focus on what God wants me to do in life.

**Kerrie:** There was a service at CYFA about the grace of God. It helped me understand we don't deserve the grace of God but he gives it freely.

### **How do you think being a Christian has affected the way you behave?**

**Kerrie:** I think more about what I do before I do it.

**Dan:** I am more considerate to other people and I think I forgive people more.

### **Due to being male/female and being a Christian what do you struggle with most that goes against those values?**

**Kerrie:** Flirting with boys when I don't even realise.

**Dan:** I am always comparing myself to other boys in my school. I find it hard not to follow the crowd and do what God wants me to do. I also struggle with looking at girls in a sexual way.

### **What do you think about woman leaders in church?**

**Dan:** They are awful, no I am joking. I think that male and female leaders will both have different qualities.

**Kerrie:** I think that woman leaders are good for younger female youth in church because they can relate to them more.

Dan and Kerrie both agreed that there should be both male and female leaders in the church to keep a balance.

## CYFA Reunion

I am writing about the CYFA Reunion that some of us highlanders attend on 9<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> of March this year. As usual it was an extremely good weekend and was enjoyed by all of us. We were kept busy with many activities. Such as a karaoke night on the Saturday. We were put into groups and



given a song so that we could rehearse it and then entertain everyone with our bad performances and then get the 'experienced' judges to give us their opinions. We also went for a walk in an extremely large forest/park to be at one with nature ... by playing ultimate Frisbee and eating ice cream! That was a just a taster of what we got up to and how we were able to have some fellowship time with old and new friends.

The teaching was awesome; we had talks with separate topics that tied into each other. The first was 'Faith'; this talk was very inspiring and really got our brains thinking about our faith in Jesus and how we need to expand it every day. We looked at a bible verse that the talk was based around: Matthew 17:24 until end of chapter. This is about the tax collector who asks Peter for his temple tax money. Peter shows his faith in Jesus in an active way by obeying his request of going to the lake, catching a fish, opening its mouth, then taking out money that was to pay the tax.

To sum this talk up, the question was: "what stops us believing and stepping out for Jesus?"

The conclusion was that if you don't know *God's Word*, how can you know what to hang on to and actively do for Jesus? We have to spend time with God in different environments and situations constantly talking to Him so we can understand His character.



The second talk called 'Hope'. Ephesians 1v13, "When you heard the true teaching - the Good News about your Salvation - you believed on Christ. And in

Christ, God put his special mark of ownership on you by giving you the Holy Spirit that he had promised." This shows us that God has good things in store for us. If we speak to Him, spend time with Him and ask him questions, He is sure to answer and point you in the direction that was intended for you and where you will be happy. Just ask God to breathe into you, to give you life like He did with the dry bones in Ezekiel Ch. 37. God is waiting to fill u up with His hope so you can do His work.

The third and final talk was on 'Love'. This was subdivided into 5 points.

- 1) Embrace Brokenness - Romans 3v20. We often put a mask on in front of others to be accepted and seem like a fixed and sorted person. Truthfully, we're not. We need to mend our brokenness with God, He loves to help us if you embrace Him
- 2) Embrace Love - Romans 5v8. God demonstrates His love to us by sending Jesus, His Son to die for you so that you may mend your brokenness in him and then express your love to others.
- 3) We can do this ONLY by His Spirit - Ephesians 3v16-19
- 4) Freely we received, so freely we must give - John 13v34. This may seem easy... well it is actually a rather large challenge. As we then must pass all the love and help we get from God to others, even if we don't get on with them. Now that is hard!

Love Sacrificially - we need to apply number 4 to understand that we need to love others as God has and does love us. God actively demonstrated his love for us through the death of Jesus. We need to be prepared to give ourselves to others. For instance, you're not great friends with a person from school; you know that they are probably going to be alone at the weekend; give your time and go round and see them, give them company and get to know them. This can make a huge difference to some ones life and not even a major sacrifice of your life either.

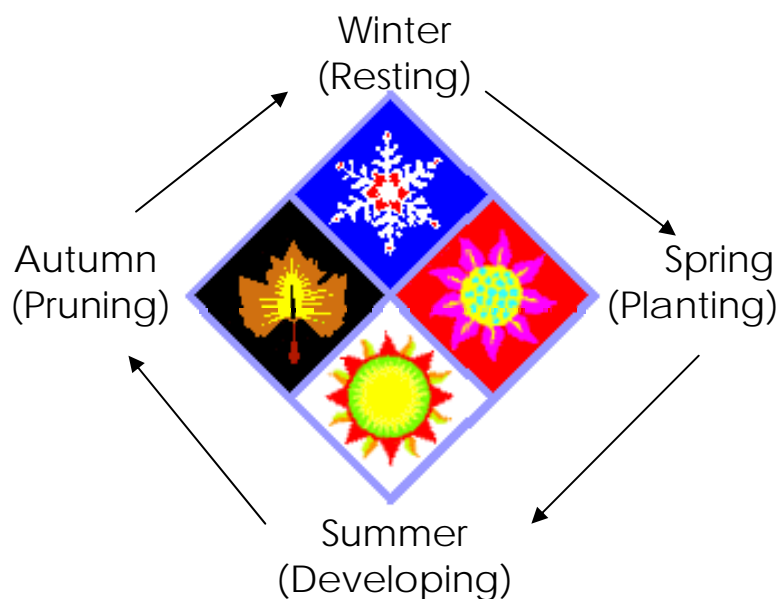


Jamie Taylor

# Lent Course

We are currently half way through the Lent Course, which happens on a Wednesday evening throughout Lent. We have been learning a lot about who we are in Gods eyes, how we view ourselves and how God views us.

The first week we saw God in two different perspectives. In one way he is like a buffet, offering us spiritual gifts and we only take the things that look and taste nice, we abuse what he is offering us. We don't take enough of our needed nutrients from him, e.g. patience, perseverance, freely giving, simply love etc. The other more positive outlook was seeing us being in four seasons:



We discussed what season we thought we might be in; it was interesting to hear what people thought. We prayed that we take more things off the buffet and for each other about what seasons we were in.

The second week we imagined God as an old guy sitting on a cloud, who wakes up and answers a few prayers when he feels like it; a distant God? No, he is not like a distant grandfather! He is always with us by our side, always giving us what we need. We prayed that the distance we may feel from God is eliminated and we get to know him better.

We learnt about God the Shepherd in the third week; if we get lost that Jesus would find us and bring us back home. Then we discussed what kind of things make us get lost as Christians and in what ways we lose focus. We prayed that we would know what God wanted for us so that we could stay on track and become more focused. That we wouldn't go on different paths that he hadn't planned but stick to what he wants us to do.

There are three weeks left of the course and if you want to know what they were about read it in our next issue, or simply come to the Lent Course. It is good for fellowship but mostly for a personal level between you and God. All ages would benefit from the Lent Course ☺.

Jamie and Nicky

# Epping Deanery Youth Service

Hello, well on the 11<sup>th</sup> of Feb. Sat-Nav were playing in the deanery youth service for Epping. So for starters it's great that Sat-Nav's reputation is growing and let's praise the Lord that he is allowing us to grow so rapidly.

Let me talk about the service now, as I think that's what I'm supposed to be writing about. Most of the team turned up early to start practicing and setting up, although a few were late i.e. Me, Steve and Wragg etc. the ones who were on CYFA reunion and as you can guess we were sooooo tired and didn't really have much energy by this time due to the lack of sleep during the weekend. Yet Sat-Nav still put full effort into the service and I personally think we were rewarded for it. Before the service we had a prayer session in the hall and in my opinion that was where many of the blessings came. The prayers that were prayed were so lead by the Holy Spirit it helped all of us focus on God and the service in hand.

The service itself was on love which made me laugh as the last talk at the reunion was on love so I guess God wanted us to think about how much he loves us and how we should love each other. During the service we heard about Gods love and obviously John 3.16. *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

The worship during the service was extremely helpful for me and my relationship with God and as I was on a high from the weekend I just wanted to praise God constantly!!!

It was a great evening that we all enjoyed.

God bless,

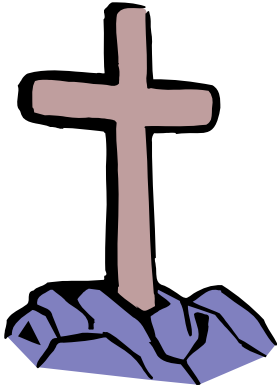
Sam Wilkes



## A BLAST FROM THE PAST

These two poems and crossword were from Editions of 'The news from the pews' back in 2003. They were so lovely I decided to include them:

### Easter Promise



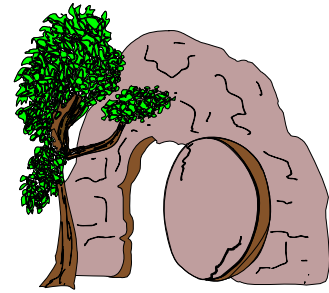
What drew him to that place,  
The coldness, the cross.  
His love for all others  
Yet he was the loss.

It was so one sided,  
the cost and the pain.  
Separation from his father  
No Kingdom to reign.

Alone, for the first time  
alone, on his own.  
My burden he carries  
My sins to atone.

For almost ten seconds,  
the devil, thought, was  
but failed to understand  
the Plan of the Son.

Victory was coming  
a stone roll away,  
for Christ was triumphant  
on first Easter's Day.



**Rick Drain**

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### A Lovely Day

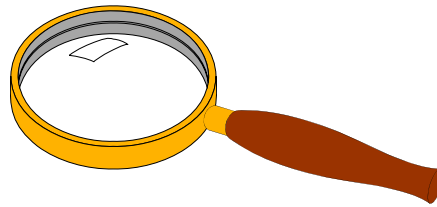


Sitting here so quietly,  
A little lonely too,  
Wondering what the day will bring -  
Did I here the telephone ring?  
Who could it be?  
Awaiting an answer from me,  
I lift the receiver carefully,  
A friendly voice I hear -  
It is my Son he wants to know,  
Out for the day would I like to go?  
I say 'yes please' and right away  
I know it will be a lovely day!



**Vi Camp**

# WORD SEARCH



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## The Fall of Jerusalem

In the tenth month of the ninth year that Zedekiah was king of Judah, King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylonia came with his **WHOLE ARMY** and attacked Jerusalem. On the ninth day of the fourth month of Zedekiah's eleventh year as king, the city walls were broken through.

(When Jerusalem was captured, all the high officials of the **KING** of **BABYLONIA** came and took their places at the Middle Gate, including **NERGAL** Sarezzer, **SAMGAR** Nebo, **SARSECHIM**, and another Nergal **SAREZER**).

When King Zedekiah and all his soldiers saw what was happening, they tried to escape from the city during the night. They left by way of the royal garden, went through the gateway connecting the two walls, and escaped in the direction of the **JORDAN** Valley. But the Babylonian army pursued them and captured **ZEDEKIAH** in the plains near **JERICHO**. Then they took him to King Nebuchadnezzar, who was in the city of **RIBLAH** in the **TERRITORY** of **HAMATH**, and there Nebuchadnezzar passed sentence on him. At Riblah he put Zedekiah's sons to death while Zedekiah was looking on, and he also executed the officials of **JUDAH**. After that he had Zedekiah's eyes put out and had him placed in chains to be taken to Babylonia. Meanwhile, the Babylonians burnt down the royal **PALACE** and the houses of the people and tore down the walls of **JERUSALEM**. Finally **NEBUZARADAN**, the commanding officer, took away as prisoners to Babylonia the people who were left in the city, together with those who had deserted to him. He left in the **LAND** of Judah some of the poorest **PEOPLE**, who owned no property, and he gave them vineyards and fields.

Jeremiah Chapter 39, vs 1-10

June Clare

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**aid**

**Week: May**  
**13<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>**

Once again we will be collecting for Christian Aid on Manford Way - 10am onwards, Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May - please sign up on the sheet at the back of church.



Then on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May we will be having a poverty lunch in the church Hall after the service - around 12.30pm start. Bring a friend. Pauline will be selling tickets. (8500 6450)

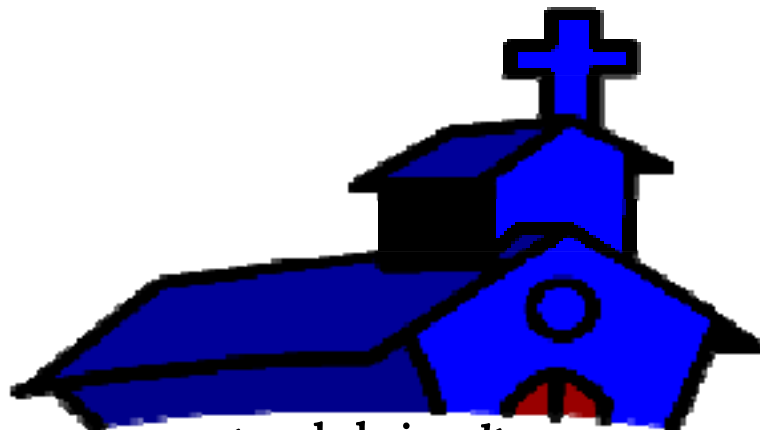
**THE GLOBAL DAY OF PRAYER**

3-5.30pm

**May 27<sup>th</sup> 2007**

West Ham Football Ground Doors open at 2pm

A wonderful way to celebrate Pentecost Sunday. Tickets £3.00 from the Website: [www.gdoplondon.com](http://www.gdoplondon.com) or by phone 0870 1122700. We will make a group booking nearer the time.



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