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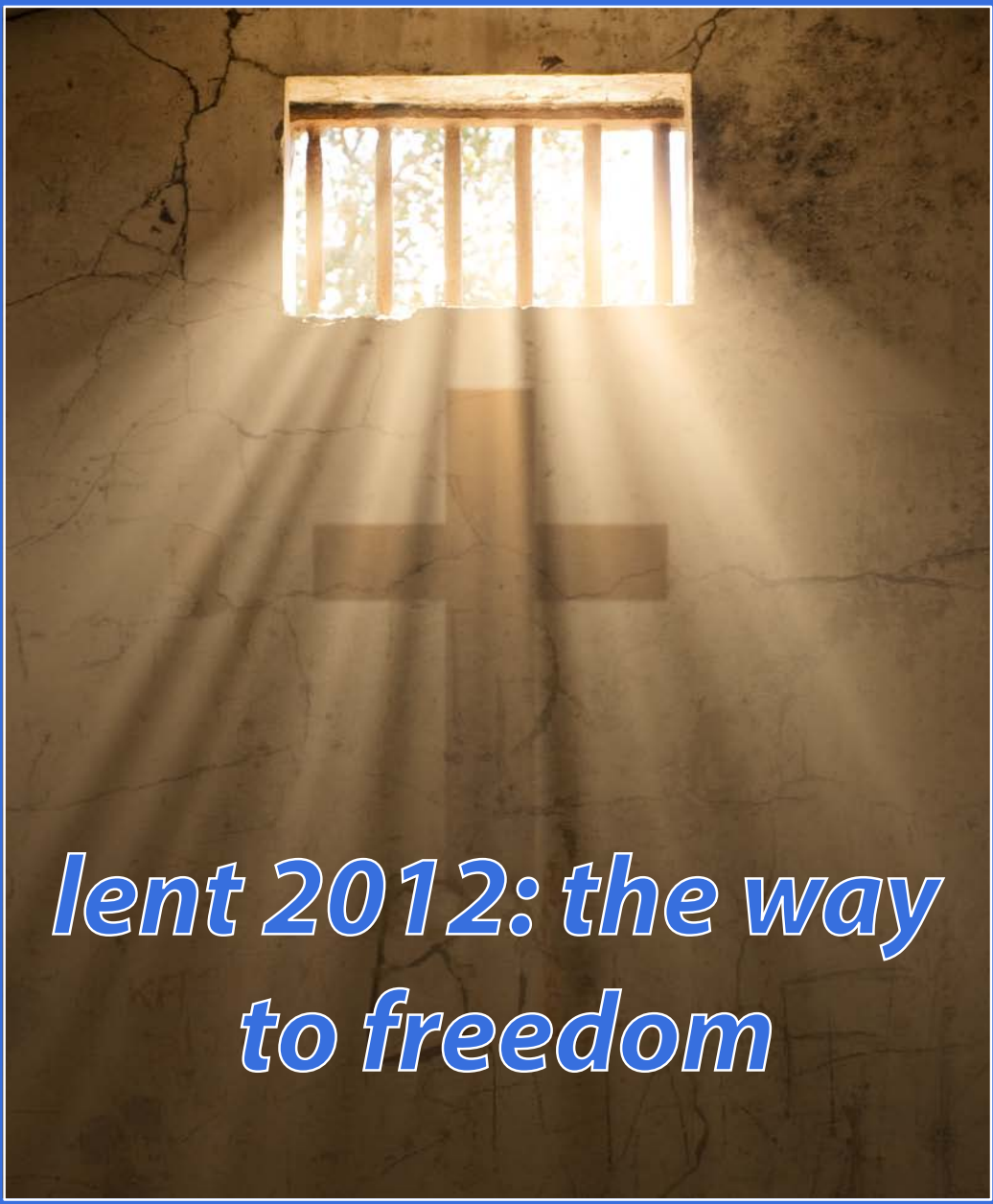

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Vicar's Letter

Dear friends

Lent 2012. Giving Ministry Wheels – 24 hour cyclethon.

'Imagine your ministry without wheels....' I was challenged to think a few weeks ago. I stopped and realised very quickly how slow my ministry would be without wheels – without my bicycle, which is by far my preferred way to travel around the parish; without the car – to which I resort at the slightest hint of rain(!); with the tube and bus, vital for getting into London. In fact, I very quickly realized that without wheels – in all their various guises, my ministry would be extremely impaired. And I know that I'm not alone in realising that – most of us depend on wheels – whether our own or someone else's to get us around in our daily lives.

However, when we talk with our Diocesan partners in Mozambique and Angola (though our ALMA link) we hear that the biggest impediment to ministry and growth is lack of wheels! Their dioceses are huge: Angola is five times the size of the entire UK and each of the two Mozambican Dioceses is 1.5 times the size of the UK. Public transport infrastructure is minimal and, although the bicycle is king in local contexts, for effective ministry to happen our partners need vehicles – sturdy and reliable ones that can cope with the dirt roads in the most remote places, and not just in the dry season. Each diocese has two or three vehicles but they are all at the end of their useful lives, so our London Diocesan Lent Appeal 2012 will be 'Giving Ministry Wheels'. Our aim, across London, is to raise £60,000 to help fund a good quality second hand vehicle for Angola, Lebombo (Southern Mozambique) and Niassa (northern Mozambique).

Here at Holy Trinity we are going to join in this Lent Appeal. We will do this through our usual Mothering Sunday collection and also, though a '24 hour Cyclethon'. Many of you will remember our weekend 'Biblethon' last year, raising money for Christian training on Mozambique and Angola. Well this year, our 'Cyclethon' will be raising money for 'wheels' in Mozambique and Angola. From 12 noon on Saturday 24th March for 24 hours, ie. non-stop until 1pm on Sunday 25th March (we need an extra hour to make up for the change to British Summer time during the night!), we will be cycling in church to raise money for wheels in Mozambique and Angola. So, if you have an exercise bike at home that you can bring to church for this weekend, please let me, or Sue in the Office, know. (We can collect them if necessary). We are hoping to have a group of exercise bikes in church, so that throughout the 24 hour period we can have a small group of cyclists, changing regularly as people come and go, hard at work peddling constantly! The event will be sponsored, so every bit

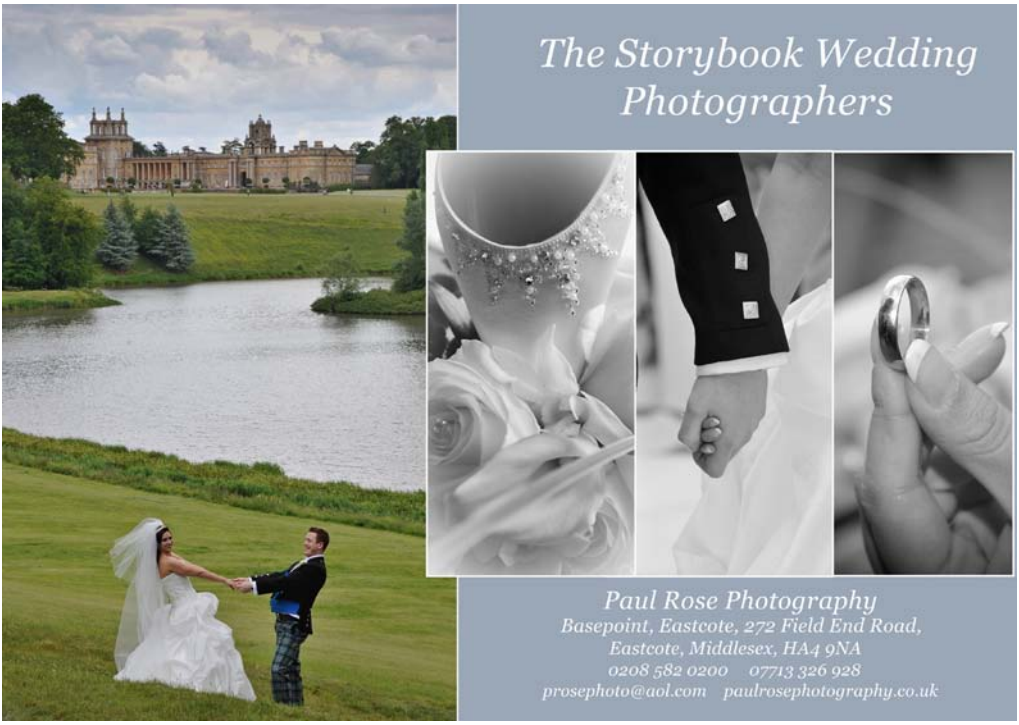
of wheel turning that we do will be raising money to buy wheels for our brothers and sisters of the churches of Mozambique and Angola. There will be forms in church to sign to take part at a specific time of the day or might, and forms to sponsor those who are riding. Even if you are not a cyclist – please do come along and support those who are riding with your presence. There will be a brief opening ceremony at 12 noon on Saturday 24th to which all are especially welcome.

Following on from that we invite everyone who has a bike to ride together to Ruislip Lido. We'll leave Holy Trinity as the Cyclethon finishes, at 1pm on Sunday 25th March, to cycle together through Ruislip Woods to the Lido. Please bring a picnic, and we'll enjoy games together on the grass to the left of the pub there. If you don't have a bike – please feel free to use alternative wheels to get there!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to and entered into the spirit of our Lent Appeals in past years. Please join us again this year, as we, for whom transport is so easy, seek to play a small part in enabling others to be able to move around more easily in Mozambique and Angola, as they fulfil their part of God's mission.

With prayers for a holy, indeed even 'peddle powered' Lent!

Your friend and Vicar



March 2012 Calendar

Daily Prayer in the Church 9.00 - 9.15 am on Tuesday and Friday.

Holy Communion is celebrated Wednesday mornings at 10.30 am followed by refreshments and Lent Reflections in the Green Lounge.

Friday 2 March	
11.30 am	Women's World Day of Prayer at Holy Trinity followed by lunch
Sunday 4 March	**2nd Sunday of Lent**
8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am	Parish Communion
10.00 am	Family Service in the Hall, Give Way Café
11.45 am	Healing Service
6.00 pm	Lent 2 Roots and Growth
7.-8.30 pm	Shape
Thursday 8 March	
2.45 pm	Pre-School Service
Sunday 11 March	**3rd Sunday of Lent**
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Parish Communion
10.00 am	Connect, Scramblers and Pathfinders
11.30 - 12 noon	Junior Choir Rehearsal
12-1 pm	Festival Choir Rehearsal
6.00 pm	Lent 3 Roots and Growth
Friday 16 March	
12 noon	Holy Communion followed by Lent Lunch
Sunday 18 March	**Mothering Sunday**
8.00 am	Holy Communion
9.15 am	Junior Choir Rehearsal
10.00 am	All Age Parish Communion Service in Church
6.00 pm	Lent 4 Roots and Growth
Thursday 22 March	
2.45 pm	Pre-School Service
8.15 pm	PCC in the Church Hall
Saturday 24 March	
12 noon	**Beginning of 24 hour Cyclethon**

Sunday 25 March	**5th Sunday of Lent**
8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Parish Communion
10.00 am	Connect, Scramblers and Pathfinders
12 - 1.00 pm	Festival Choir Rehearsal
1.00 pm	End of 24 hour Cyclethon followed by Bike Ride to Ruislip Lido for picnic and games
6.00 pm	Lent 5 Roots and Growth
Tuesday 27 March	
10.45 am	Toddlers Easter Pram Service
Thursday 29 March	
10.45 am	Toddlers Easter Pram Service
Friday 30 March	
9.00 am	Holy Trinity School End of Term Easter Service
12 noon	Holy Communion followed by Lent Lunch
Saturday 31st March	
7.00 pm	Northwood Choral Society Spring Concert

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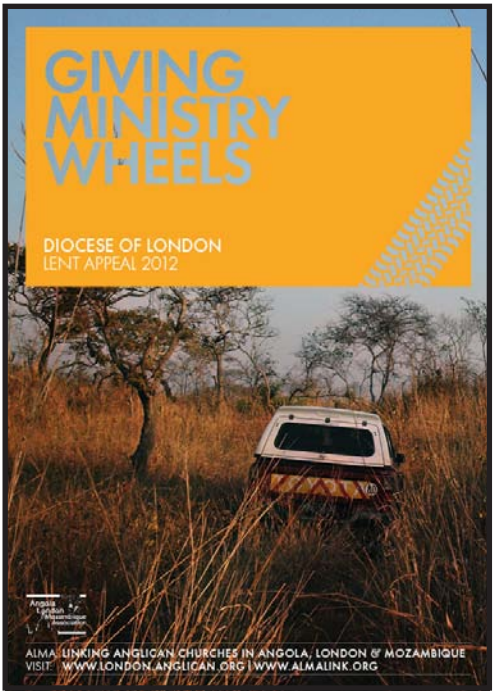
Thank You

On behalf of myself and the family I would like to take this opportunity to thank you so much for all the messages of sympathy you have conveyed to us all following Brian's death.

We have been overwhelmed by your love and kindness and touched by you sharing the happy memories you have of Brian. Holy Trinity has been a large part of our life together and it has been wonderful to have your support at this time.

With our love
Jean Steed and family

[Ed. The Vicar's address given at Brian's funeral appears on page 12.]



From the archives

Courtesy of Brian Marks, this article appeared in the local newspaper in 1975. The picture shows Brian Steed rear centre.

Albert Hall surprise for members of church choir

REMEMBRANCE Sunday will certainly be a day to remember for Holy Trinity Church, Northwood.

For seven members of the choir have been chosen by the Royal School of Church Music to sing at the British Legion Festival of Remembrance at the Royal Albert Hall on Sunday.

Although the choir is affiliated to the Royal School of Church Music, it still came as quite a surprise to them.

"Holy Trinity choir is quite well-known in the area, but it really is an honour to be chosen," said choirmaster Mr. Glynn Martin.

Those who will be going to the Albert Hall are four trebles, Nigel Benatar, Gary Bennett, Andrew Burland and Duncan Porter.

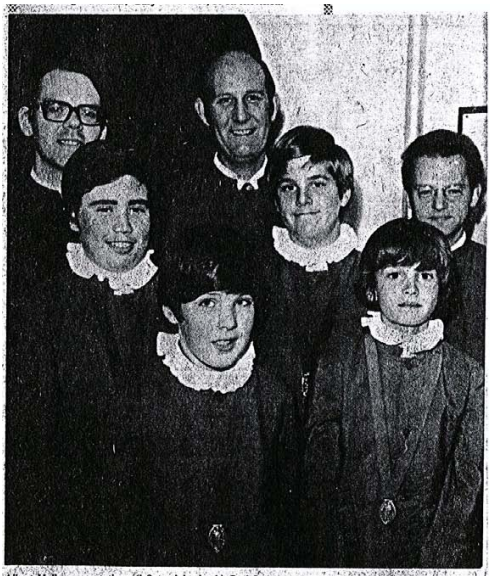
They will be supported by the Rev. Carl Somers-Edgar (alto), the new deacon at Holy Trinity, Brian Steed (tenor) and Brian Marks (bass).

Rehearsals for the three hymns — Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken, Abide With Me and O Lord of Life Whose Power Sustains — will begin at 10 a.m.

Holy Trinity's seven will be part of larger choir that leads the audience in singing at the end of the service.

But those who enjoy the singing will be far greater in number than those actually at the service.

For the choir will, of course, be on television.



Albert Hall representatives: (left to right, back) Carl Somers-Edgar, Brian Steed (middle) Brian Marks, Nigel Benatar, Gary Bennett (front) Duncan Porter, Andrew Burland.

March Quiz *"Food for thought"*

1. After whom is the 'squashed fly' biscuit named and what does the term 'biscuit' tell you about the baking process?
2. The chef's uniform : what is the traditional hat called ; why a double breasted jacket and check trousers?
3. What cheese has the largest holes and which cheese is made backwards?
4. Which common drink is named after a former prime minister and what is added to give it its distinctive flavour?
5. What distinguishes Walnuts, chestnuts, pecan nuts, hazelnuts from brazil nuts, coconuts, pine nuts and peanuts?
6. What was prime minister Harold Wilson's favourite sauce?
7. For what is 'Hovis' an abbreviation?
8. How did 'Bovril' acquire its name?

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March Quiz Answers

1. Garibaldi, Italian leader fighting to unify Italy, who paid a visit to England in 1854. Shortly afterwards Peak Frean started making the biscuits;(Bis = twice, coctus = cooked : Latin) their appearance is due to the flattened currants and cooking them twice dries them out prolonging their keeping properties.
2. A toque; double breasted jacket can be reversed if soiled and check trousers will not show spills and stains
3. Emmental and Edam ('made' backwards).
4. Earl Grey (P.M. 1830-34) ; the tea was specially blended to suit the water at Howick Hall, Northumberland, (the family seat), with bergamot oil added to offset the taste of lime present.
5. The first four are true nuts (a simple dry fruit with one seed with a hard seedcase). Brazils, coconuts and pine nuts are seeds,; peanut : a pea.
6. Worcestershire Sauce; at a dinner commemorating 100 years of HP Sauce Wilson, in his speech confessed he had been misquoted over HP Sauce and did not pour it all over his food as his wife claimed!
7. Originally called 'Mr Smith's Old Patent Germ Bread' a contest held for a shorter name came up with 'Hovis' short for 'Hominus Vis' : 'the Strength of Man' ; a tilde (~) used to appear over the'o' to mark it as a portmanteau word but now the 'o' appears in lower case with just a vacant space above it.
8. From Latin : Bovis : of the ox; and 'Vril' a mysterious force depicted in Lord Lytton's novel 'The Coming Race (1871)

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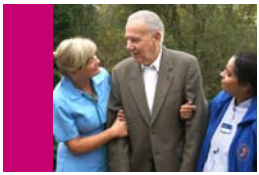

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Brian Steed

This is an abridged version of the Vicar's address from Brian's funeral which was held at Holy Trinity on 27 January.

Brian was born in Ruislip in 1929, but as his parents worked in The Grange in Ducks Hill, his connection with Northwood began almost from birth, and on 14th July of the same year Brian was baptised here in this church. The family moved to live in Northwood, Brian went to school firstly at Emmanuel, then Pinner Road and then Northwood Secondary School. He was a choir boy at Emmanuel church with his good friend Don and many others, and it was then that he first came across Don's little sister Jean.

Towards the end of his secondary education Brian slipped a joint in his hip and had to spend 6 months on a frame at St Vincent's Hospital. Brian's plan after that was to go into the GEC, but he was unable to do a standing job so went to work in the Council Offices at Oaklands Gate. Aged 15 Brian was asked by the choirmaster at Emmanuel Church if he would like to join the bank. And so in May 1944 Brian joined Barclays Bank and never looked back, starting to work as a Junior in Bedford Row. Brian did his National Service from 1947 – 49 in Egypt in the RAF and continued to study for his banking exams there via correspondence course. Indeed he even introduced a number of his RAF colleagues to banking while he was studying there.

After National Service Brian returned to Northwood and to his banking career. He moved, amongst others, to branches in Edgware Road, Pall Mall and Piccadilly; from being a Junior, to a Ledger Clerk, to a Cashier, to Local head Office, to Foreign securities, to Loans and to being Assistant Manager and then Manager of Marble Arch Branch. He eventually retired from Barclays Bank on 13th August 1982 with a wonderful send off in the Connaught Rooms – where the respect, admiration and friendship that he had gained throughout his banking career was clearly demonstrated.

Brain and Jean were married in Emmanuel Church on 14th July 1956 – the same day 27 years later, that Brian had been baptised here. Their children, David, Val and Michael were born and home for the family was The Drive, here in Northwood.

It was through David, Val and Michael's time at Holy Trinity School and Church, that Brian and Jean came to move here to worship. David and Michael sang in our church choir, and a vacancy arose for a Tenor. Whose Dad might fit the bill for that? So Brian joined Holy Trinity Church Choir in 1966 and has since faithfully and beautifully contributed to the worship which we offer here Sunday by Sunday. Jean joined the choir in 1973, when, with a change in choirmaster to Pat Salisbury, ladies were allowed to join, and they have sung together ever since. It was a real privilege for me to be able to present you both with a long service certificate a few years ago. Brian and Jean were both founder members of Trinity Music Society which also began in 1973, and continued to sing with TMS for the next 30 years.

As many others here will testify, when bankers retire, they are much in demand for all sorts of treasurerships, financial and examining roles. Brian was no exception. Upon leaving the bank, Brian worked part-time as a non-executive director of United Trust and Credit. With Jean he cared for his aging parents. He became Chair of Governors of Holy Trinity School, a trustee of Holy Trinity School House

Fund which has contributed significantly to developments of the school in the last few years. Brian became treasurer of Holy Trinity School, and it was he who introduced the Gift Aid System to the school. It was a real tribute to his financial ability that Brian was appointed an executor of Leopold Muller's estate, with responsibility for distributing some £25 million to local and national charities: just up the road the RAFT building and the Lynda Jackson Macmillan Centre benefitted significantly from that trust.

Brian worked hard, but he was equally a loving husband, father and grandfather. Family holidays – especially those in St David's and Haverfordwest were much enjoyed by three generations together. The simple joys of family life – picking blackberries, granddad buying the ice-creams. Brian loved being a granddad, and relished the time he was able to spend with Adam, Matthew, Joshua and Ellen.

Brian had a love and a determination for life. That's why he has fought illness so many times. Through good times and bad his Christian faith – which he sang Sunday by Sunday – has been a bedrock for life, and remained a constant until the end, even when Brian was no longer able to come to church. As we gathered to share Holy Communion with Brian just a few hours before he died, we knew that the next time that he worshipped it would be in the greater presence of God to whom Brian had sung all his life.

We give thanks to God for him today – for all that he was, meant and gave to each of us. And we commend him back to God, where with Angels and Archangels he will sing continually the praises of God who created, redeemed and welcomes home Brian and in God's good time, all of us. Amen.

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(Joan Hackett, president of the National Committtee of the WWDP in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.)

Holy Trinity Church is hosting this year's service for Churches together in Northwood which will take place at 11.30am to be followed by lunch in the Church Hall. The lunch will include food that is typically Malaysian – a fusion of Chinese, Indian and Thai flavours.

Malaysia is a multi-ethnic and multi-religious country where migrant workers and refugees fleeing from war-torn or troubled countries have found a 'home'. Women have made important contributions to its social and economic development but still face discrimination and violence. A girl child is seen as less valuable than a boy, and human trafficking has become a sophisticated and organised operation.

There are many stories of injustice within the system and so the Christian women of Malaysia have taken the theme "Let Justice Prevail" for this year's service. Drawing upon the cry of the Prophet Habakkuk, the first prophet who dared to call God to account, asking why the Lord allowed injustice to triumph. God's answer to Habakkuk's complaint is that he will work things out in his own time. One day it will be clear, those who are faithful will be saved, trust that God will let justice prevail.
(Habakkuk 1:2-5, 3:2, 17-19)

Although organised and led by women, the Women's World Day of Prayer is for everyone and presents an opportunity for us to demonstrate our solidarity with sisters and brothers throughout the world. It is a very moving experience when you know that you are part of something world wide. Please come and join us.

A Prayer taken from the Order of Service to be used on 2nd March, written by Christian women in Malaysia:

O God, we ask for a vision of your justice and for the strength to work for it. You have called us to be instruments of justice in a troubled and unjust world. We pray that you will make our hands strong and our voices clear. Give us humility with firmness and insight with passion, that we may fight not to conquer, but to release. Amen

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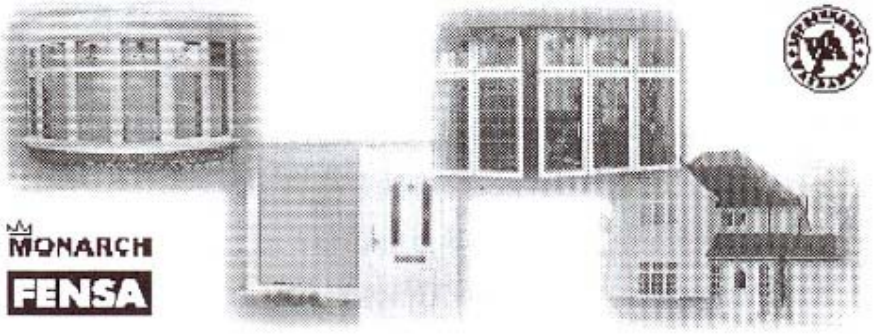

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PCC Meeting 25 January 2012

The PCC met on Wednesday 25 January 2012, the main areas of discussion were as follows: -

• Richard reported on a successful Advent & Christmas season at Holy Trinity, he thanked everyone for their efforts in distributing the Christmas Cards which included the full range of services over the period, and he highlighted in particular the Advent Carol Service with the special appearance of the donkey (pony), and that numbers attending over the Christmas services were up on 2010 with a continuing shift in the pattern of attendance away from the traditional Midnight service to the Christmas morning service.

• Richard further reported that 17 members of Holy Trinity had celebrated the Conversion of St Paul at St Paul's Cathedral, that Holy Trinity had successfully hosted the Christian Unity Service for Northwood Churches on 22 January with a congregation in excess of 100 and he particularly thanked Carole Hamwijk and the ladies for a superb cream tea after the service.

• Looking forward, Richard highlighted that the Chiltern Hundreds Bach Choir will be leading our celebration of Evensong on 19 February and encouraged as many as possible to come and support this worship. The Bishop of Willesden will be presiding at both the Confirmation Service on 26 February and the service to celebrate 150 years of Holy Trinity School on 29 February. The latter service will include a premiere of the Holy Trinity Prayer set to music composed by Paul Ayres and the whole church community are invited to participate in this celebration service.

• Richard then reflected on the arrangements for Lent, starting with a Pancake Party in the Vicarage at 8pm on the 21 February, two Ash Wednesday Services at 10.30am and 8pm, and a "Roots and Growth" programme of 5 weekly talks on the origins and traditions of Christianity to be held in place of Evensong at 6pm on Sunday Evenings. This years Lent Appeal is in aid of ALMA to provide transport for the Ministers in Angola and Mozambique, and with this in mind the PCC have agreed to hold a 24 hour sponsored Cyclethon in Church starting at 11am on Saturday 24 March followed on the 25 March by a cycle/walk to the Lido for a picnic. There will be 3 Lent Lunches, the first coinciding with the Womens World Day of Prayer on 2 March, which will have a Malaysian theme, followed by more traditional bread, soup and cheese lunches on 16 & 30 March.

• It is also proposed to hold a Trinity Arts Festival around Trinity Sunday, and this will be in Church from the Fete on 26 May through to 11 June.

• A new Data Projector is to be purchased for use in worship services in the Hall, and a Wii is to be purchased for use by the Youth Groups.

• Sally Rogers reported that the use of the "Trinity Corner" name had been queried by a member of the congregation. The PCC reviewed the lengthy process that had been undertaken to agree this name in the first place, which included obtaining suggestions from members of the congregation. A range of names had been considered at the time, but as the area is designed to be multi-functional the PCC had concluded that the

name should not be exclusive.

• Brian Watkins presented the draft Financial Statements for 2011, commenting that there had been a significant improvement in Planned Giving following the Stewardship Challenge on 6 November and this had resulted in the deficit on the general fund reducing to just under £4k. The PCC approved a transfer of £3k from the designated Maintenance Fund to the General Unrestricted Fund to ensure that the latter remains in surplus. The PCC agreed that the accounts would now be submitted to the Independent Examiner for review, and the final accounts will be submitted for approval at the PCC Meeting on 22 March 2012. Brian Watkins was thanked for all his hard work as treasurer in preparing the financial statements.

• Andrew Newell reported that there had been a good response to the Stewardship Challenge from the loyal band of existing members of the Planned Giving Scheme (PGS), but that there had only been 4 new members joining PGS. The PCC accepted that further efforts were needed to encourage more members to join the PGS.

• Andrew Newell commented on the handover of Treasurer responsibilities from Brian Watkins to Graham Hamwijk, and in this context the PCC agreed a resolution to add Graham to the Bank Mandate

• John Spencer reported that the Mission & Outreach Committee had reviewed progress against the Mission Action Plan (MAP) agreed in 2009, and that a large proportion of the plan had been completed.

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The Committee's attention will now turn to developing a new MAP taking into account changes that are currently being finalised by the London Diocese in respect of the London Challenge.

• Andrew Newell reported on the work of the Plant & Hall Committee. The work on Trinity Corner and the South Porch is now complete, the fan heater in the South Porch has failed and is being replaced. The External Floodlighting was installed and operational for the Christmas Services. A New Photocopier has been purchased which enables colour printing and folding and stapling capabilities. A successful Church Yard Clean Up was held on 10 December. Nigel Washbourn reported that the fire risk assessment now needs to be updated to reflect the alterations in Church.

• Richard noted that Large Print versions of the new service books are currently being produced, and that additional large print copies of Hymn Books are being sourced. Carl Landsbert has requested that ideas for new slogans for the Notice board on Rickmansworth Road are obtained, and any suggestions should be forwarded to the Parish Office.

• Carole Hamwijk reported that the Charity & Events Committee was working on the various events outlined earlier by Richard, and in addition were working on the Maundy Thursday Supper and a Safari Supper.

• Andrew Newell updated the PCC on the DAC visit on 13 January to discuss the Church Lighting Proposals. In principle the DAC visit supports the proposals but have requested that one of the proposed Chandeliers is mocked up so that the light distribution can be assessed and to help with the final positioning of the chandeliers. It is also proposed that HSE, the lighting consultants, undertake a presentation at the APCM on the lighting proposals to obtain feedback from the wider congregation.

• Kevin Draper reported that the Children's Charter Certificate has now been received. He also reported that the London Diocese has asked Holy Trinity to pilot a "Charter Hub" where we will act as a focal church to support other churches in the area and co-ordinate a network of children's workers. The PCC approved our participation in this pilot.

• Kevin also reported that there are 8 committed young candidates for confirmation, there are 3 LST students involved in various youth related activities, and a new Friday night social group "Kookie Café" is being piloted for years 9, 10 and 11.

• The PCC agreed to participate in the NSPCC Safeguarding Study.

• Carole Hamwijk invited everyone to attend the 150th Anniversary celebration service in Church on 29 February 2012

• Richard reported that the Deanery Synod had received 3 very moving presentations in respect of World Aids Day, one of which was delivered by Ann Clarridge.

• Future Meetings – The next PCC Meeting is scheduled for the 22 March. The APCM will be held on 24 April.

Andrew Newell
Churchwarden

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As every gardener knows, the roots are all important to the growth of a plant, whether it's a single pea one grew in a jam jar at school or a mighty oak. Jesus himself points to the importance of roots in the parable of the sower.

So this Lent we are going to dig back into some of Christian history and consider our roots and growth in the story of the church - developing over 2,000 years and still gong on.

History gives reasons for assorted by-the-way features of today's church (? why wear a cassock?? - well, it's just an early century version of ordinary gents' tailoring!) and opens up many of our really relevant and current questions (? which is more important, believing or belonging??).

We shall begin the Sunday 6.00pm slot with some very short liturgy from the era in focus before the input of the evening, followed by refreshments & discussion in our new Trinity Corner.

On Wednesdays, after the service & refreshments, we shall focus on some of the important landmarks from Christian history and as well as noting their influence to date, think about what they might have to say to us in our Christian calling today.

All the sessions will be self-standing, so if you can only get to some, never mind - but do come as much as you can because, as in all things, there's a gap in the church until you fill it!

We shall look at different periods of history each week:-

1. The Early Church
2. The Middle Ages
3. Reformations
4. Christianity in the West: 1750 - now
5. Christianity in the Developing World

Do ask Ann or Ann or Richard if you want to know more.

ROOTS & GROWTH

COME ON SUNDAY EVENINGS AND WEDNESDAY MORNINGS

TO DELVE INTO SOME OF THE A - Z OF CHRISTIAN HISTORY

WITH INPUT, REFRESHMENTS & DISCUSSION

How does our history shape & colour us in the church today?

What might we learn (or unlearn) for our own ministry & mission?

Sundays at 6.00pm	**Wednesdays after 10.30am service**
26 February	*29 February*
4 March	*7 March*
11 March	*14 March*
18 March	*21 March*
25 March	*28 March*

Stewardship Update

Since the Stewardship Talk on 6 November 2011, there has been an article in the December Edition of the Parish News and letters to all households on the Electoral Roll.

The PCC are grateful to those who have responded generously to the Stewardship Challenge, this has resulted in additional donations towards the end of 2011 that reduced the projected deficit for 2011 from £11,000 to just under £4,000. This was a marvellous response, for which we are very grateful.

Going forward into 2012, 42 members of the Planned Giving Scheme (PGS) have committed to an increase in their regular giving for 2012, and 5 new members have joined the PGS. The Gross impact of the pledged increases, including gift aid, is just short of £10,000 in a full year. Again the PCC are very grateful for those who have responded so generously.

However, since November there has been some natural wastage in numbers in PGS which leaves a net increase of £7,500 in a full year, and this will therefore still leave HT with a projected deficit for 2012 of the order of £4k.

So a big thank you to those who have contributed to this undoubted improvement in our financial position, but we are not out of the woods yet, so if you have not yet had the chance to respond it is not too late and I would urge you to do so.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of the PGS you should speak to either, Nigel Mundy, Stewardship Recorder or Jon Hooper, Assistant Stewardship Recorder. If you have misplaced the pledge form further copies are available from Sue in the Parish Office.

Andrew Newell
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Holy Humour

Death

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Apparently, his 5-year-old son and his playmates had found a dead robin. Feeling that proper burial should be performed, they had secured a small box and cotton wadding, then dug a hole and made ready for the disposal of the deceased.

The minister's son was chosen to say the appropriate prayers and with sonorous dignity intoned his version of what he thought his father always said: 'Glory be unto the Faaather, and unto the Sonnn, and into the hole he goooes.'

Bible

A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

'Mum, look what I found,' the boy called out.
'What have you got there, dear?'
With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered,
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BIG PROBLEM

What would appeal to you, so that you would buy the items to give to friends and family?

As you probably realise, we have been making things for several years to sell at the Autumn Bazaar, but sales are difficult to achieve.
In the past we have made tablecloths, aprons, cushion covers, padded hangers, Christmas decorations, notelets, gift tags, and many other small items, most of which would be ideal to give to family and friends.

We are open to any suggestions, big or small, as to what you would like to see on the stall at bazaar time.

Some of our ideas are as follows:

- We would especially welcome commissions, so that things could be made in an acceptable colour and material.
- Make something for yourself from our stock of materials
- Come and join us in the Green Lounge at 7pm. on Mondays
- Work can be done at home in your own time
- Would you like to learn how to sew? We can help you

Lots of comments and suggestions please to Margaret Nicholson

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A great day out

We began our journey to St Paul's Cathedral by meeting up at Northwood station at 11 o'clock. From there we got the Metropolitan line to Harrow on the Hill. We then changed to the Chiltern line which wasn't brilliant because when we boarded the train it was packed to the brim. So much so that we could not move, there was just about enough room to turn your head 90 degrees. It started to get quite hot and it took a very long time to Marylebone station, it was only one stop away but it felt like hours. We then got off the train (thankfully) and from there we changed to the Bakerloo line. By now you have probably guessed this was a very long and confusing journey. I am exhausted just typing it all and we are only half way there. Anyway we boarded the Bakerloo line to Oxford Circus and we finally changed for the last time to the Central line (hurray). Now I live in South Ruislip right opposite the station and the South Ruislip station is on the Central line. By now I had worked out that we could have taken the Central line and been there in half an hour without changing once!! Anyway back to the journey, we then got the Central line from Oxford Circus to St Pauls (we had finally made it).

As we circled round St Paul's Cathedral to find the entrance we saw all the protestors with their tents. (Some of us were not happy about this). We entered through the main doors and found our seats which were in the front row. The architecture and detail that went into making this fabulous building was amazing. The art work on the ceiling was brilliant. Unfortunately one of us could not enjoy this so much due to a bad back. We sang with the gathering and the President greeted all of us. After singing the Gloria and other hymns we moved on to the Affirmation of Faith and so on. We then went up for Communion where I was blessed and we were then dismissed. One of my favourite hymns was played as we left - "Oh When The Saints". Then we went down through the crypt to have a big lunch which filled us up for the journey home. We were sad to be leaving St Paul's Cathedral, but I look forward to the day when I shall be confirmed and can return to this wonderful place to receive Holy Communion.

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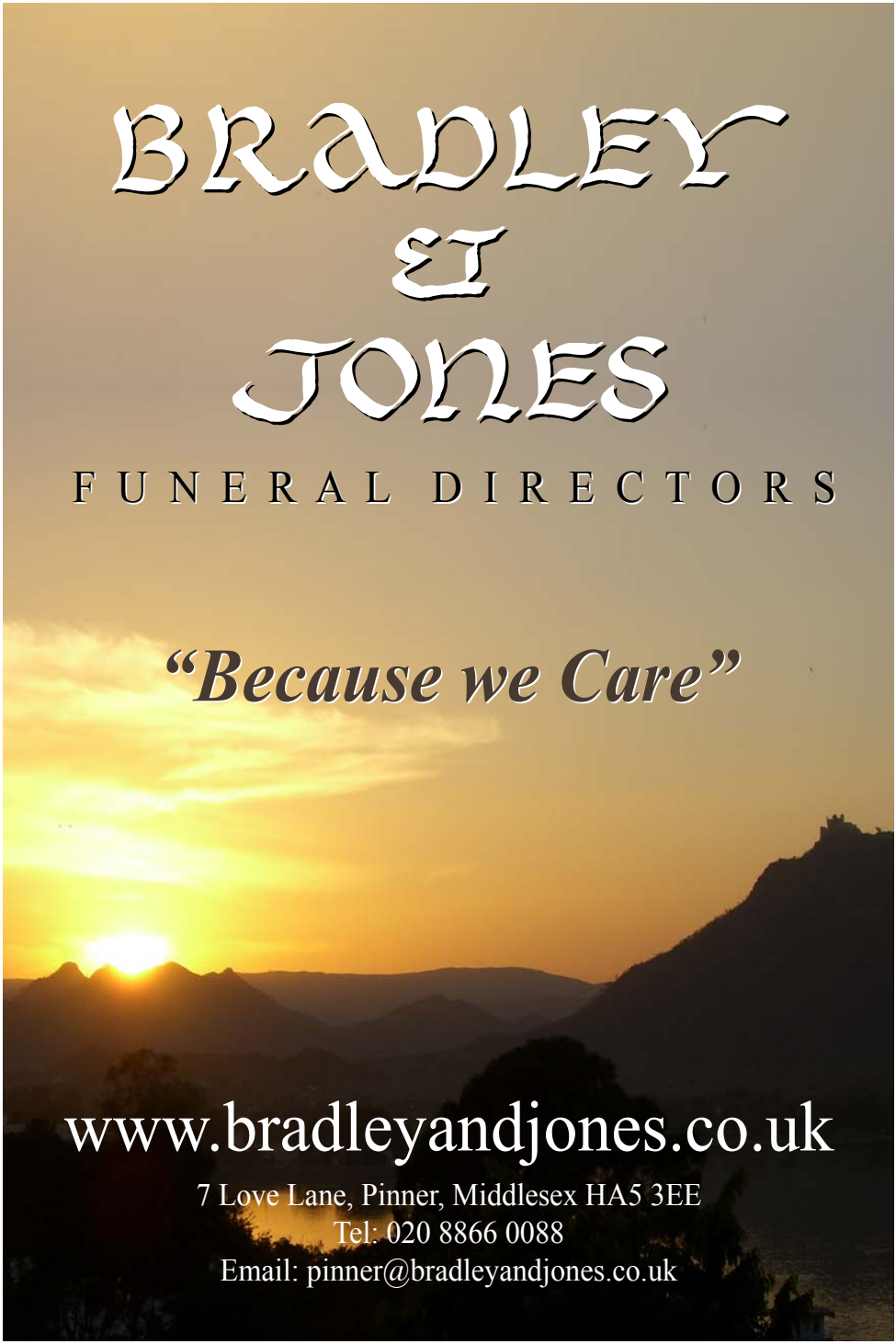
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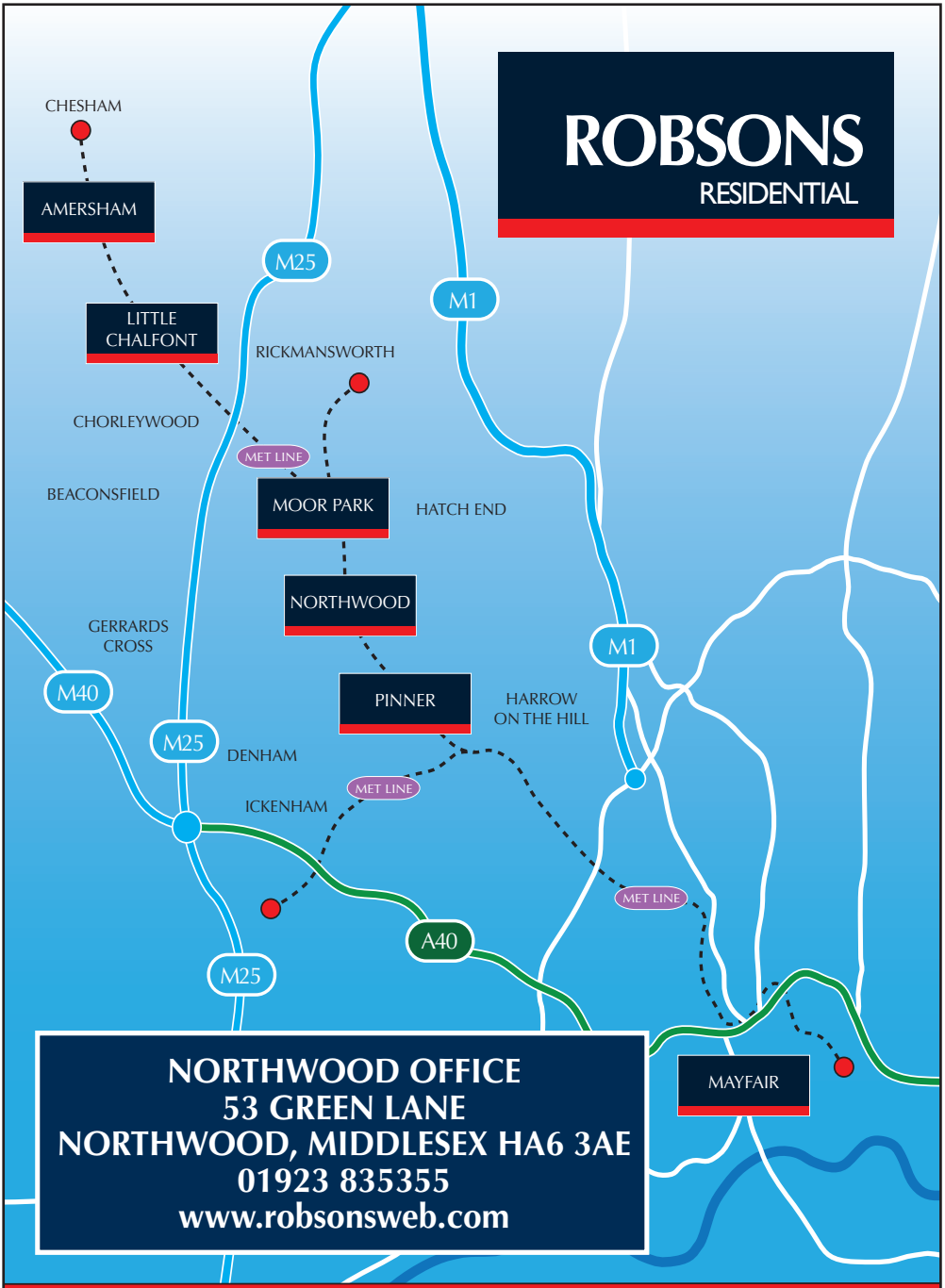

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