

CARNIVAL OF PRAISE BEAUTIFUL FEET

THE NORMAL BUSTLE AND NOISE of Caversham on a Saturday morning was, this Easter, arrested by a group of some three hundred Christians, old and young, from local churches who had turned out to proclaim the gospel in song to those "who have ears to hear". The procession was a joyous affair; colourful; a float with a band to lead the music and an array of placards and balloons announcing Christ's resurrection. Leaving Caversham Court at 11 am, the carnival set off for the centre of Caversham following a route up Prospect Street, Oxford Street, Priest Hill, Priory Avenue and ending up in the Baptist Church car park. The local constabulary organised traffic and a team of 'outriders' distributed many leaflets to motorists,

pedestrians and shoppers telling them that we were proclaiming the gospel. The songs expressed our purpose - "Make way, make way, for Christ the King in splendour arrives. Fling wide the gates and welcome Him into your lives" - and our joy "Christ is risen, death has been conquered" for it is "Jesus who put this song into our hearts . . . Jesus who turned our sorrow into a dance". Easter is the most important time of the year and its message needs to be heard - "Celebrate his resurrection, Jesus is alive, death has got no victory now we can all survive, stop your doubting and obey, give your life to Jesus Christ today," - and all the people on the procession said 'Amen'.



"Make Way"

- E. S. Archer



Make a Joyful Noise

- Douglas Davis



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"Jesus is King, Rejoice"

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"Love, Joy, Peace"

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"Stop and Listen"

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TALKING POINT

by CHRIS JUSTICE

Pastor of Caversham Hill Church



"JESUS — ALIVE AND RELEVANT"

I IMAGINE that most of us have heard of the man who said that he enjoyed Christmas, but he felt it was a shame that some people spoiled it by bringing religion into it! I suspect that some people feel the same way about Easter too. It's good for a holiday — a spring break — but the religion does tend to intrude. There are those of us, however, who look at the matter from the other end, so to speak; and we get concerned at how the significance of the great Christian festivals is lost amidst all the trimmings and trappings that accompany them.

But, someone might say, it's only the trimmings and trappings that make the Christian festivals relevant to the ordinary man or woman these days. If it weren't for the days off work, the parties, the gifts, the flowers, the chocolate eggs — these special dates would cease to be special for most of us.

Now, I have to admit that that is probably true. But I would like to point out that it need not be so — nor should it be so. Not because I'm the minister of a church, and want to make a case for the great Christians festivals because they're "good for business;" but because I am convinced that the events we remember and celebrate at these times do have immediate and direct relevance to the lives of everyone who reads this article — and to the many thousands of others in Caversham who will not.

Let's take three examples. First, Christmas. The relevance of the coming of Jesus Christ into the world, as is stated every December, is the fact that God loved mankind so much that he came in the person of Jesus to live among ordinary men, women, boys and girls, and showed us what God is really like. He came to demonstrate that God still has power over sickness, evil and death. He also came to remind us that although we have sinned and "miss the mark" as far as God's standards are concerned, God loves us and wants us to be restored to a loving personal relationship with him. Christmas is relevant because Jesus came for us.

Second, Easter. The relevance of this festival is that Jesus' death was not just a tragic event that took place some 2000 years ago — but that he died as a substitute for every person who had ever lived or would ever live, taking the punishment of

death for sin, that we all deserve for rebelling against God and going our own way. And the resurrection of Jesus is relevant because it demonstrates the power of God over death, sin and evil. There is no power greater than his power. Many of us celebrated at Easter the fact that not only did Jesus die in our place — but that he was raised to life again; in order to offer us a dimension of living that we cannot have without knowing him. He offers us pardon for sin, a new start, a new life — as God intended it to be.

About 300 of us walked through the streets on Easter Saturday in joyful celebration of the fact that Jesus' death and resurrection is relevant to ordinary people living here in Caversham in 1987.

Thirdly, let's look at one more Christian festival. One that is not spoken of so much — or marked by any particular activities outside the church. It's called Whitsun or Pentecost; and we celebrate it at the beginning of June. On this occasion we remember the fact that, after Jesus returned to his Father in heaven, he sent his Spirit into the lives of his followers — so that they could continue to do the work he began here on earth.

And it was from there, in the streets of Jerusalem, that the people of God, the followers of Jesus, the Christian church, began to grow and move out to every part of the world. So now the life and work of Jesus is not confined to one particular geographical spot in the Middle East, but spread throughout the world; still changing lives, healing people, bringing them new life and the hope of being with God for ever.

I was thrilled to see some of the Caversham Christians out in the streets declaring the praises of Jesus, on Easter Saturday. That's where the people of God need to be. Not just in procession though, but out in the community demonstrating the love and power of God. The church still needs to continue the work of Jesus today — making it clear to **this** community as much as the first Christians did to the population of Jerusalem, that Jesus is alive — that his power is still a real power — that the news of his life, death and resurrection is still **good** news — and it is wonderfully relevant to us all. Not an intrusion into life at all, but in fact the very **key** to life.

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SITUATIONS VACANT — VICAR WANTED

Did you ever hear about the Parochial Church Council which one day received the following letter?

"Gentlemen, I understand that your parish is vacant, and I should like to apply for the position of Vicar. I have many qualifications which I think you would appreciate.

Some folks however, have some things against me. I am over fifty years of age. I have never preached in one place for more than three years at a time. In some places I have had to leave because my work has caused riots and disturbances.

I have to admit that I have been in gaol on three or four occasions, but not for any real wrong doing. My health is not good although I still get a lot done.

I have not got on too well with the religious leaders in the towns where I have preached. In fact, some of them have threatened me, taken me to court, and even attacked me physically. I am not too good at keeping records and have even been known to forget whom I have baptised.

However, if you can use me, I shall do my best for you, even if I have to work for my support."

The Secretary of the PCC read out this letter to the members of the Council and asked if they were interested in the applicant. The unanimous reply was that he would never do for their Church.

Members said emphatically that they did not want any unhealthy, contentious, trouble-making, absent-minded ex gaol-bird. They were astonished that

he had the nerve to apply. In addition, he was too old.

They asked the name of the applicant. The Secretary pored over the scrawl of a signature, and eventually murmured, "the Apostle Paul ..."

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We're certainly seeing some changes here in Caversham. Most women, at least, will be familiar with the very elegant window at 'Belle Boutique', the dress shop near 'The Griffin', for which Rosemary Bradford, the manageress, has been responsible for most of the last eight years.

Now, alas, Queenie Saunders, the owner, is handing over to her nephew, trading as 'Us Fashions' and dealing in high fashion. Queenie herself will be concentrating on her shop at Bridge Street, Abingdon, and helping her husband run his large farm at Faringdon, where she already does all the bookwork.

Brought up with her brothers and sisters in Caversham and attending Hemdean House School, enterprising and successful from childhood in many fields, Queenie has been involved in business, modelling and theatre work — she still cooperates with Richard Todd, whose secretary she once was. All kinds of sports have been important to her; she was at one time a southern swimming champion. So she will not be taking it easy, although no doubt she will appreciate

not having to travel to Caversham two or three times a week, particularly in winter.

Queenie sends her thanks to all her customers and hopes that they will continue to patronise the shop. Our best wishes go with her.

JP Motors

I've also been saying goodbye to the partners in JP Motors, who have served us so well for 18 years or more. Mervyn Barrett retired, mainly for health reasons, in April and John Pitts, his partner, felt he couldn't continue on his own and was not anxious to take on anyone new after such a happy partnership, so he will be leaving at the beginning of June and will be handing over to Mr Broomfield of Balmore Motor Accessors, already a well established firm at the top of Donkin Hill.

Mervyn and John will be much missed as they had made the name for themselves for fair and helpful dealing, in a world where this is not always the case. Fortunately Bren-

da Martin, Caversham born and bred, who has been secretary with JP Motors for the last nine years, will be remaining with the firm, which will still be trading under the same name.

They would all like to say how much they have enjoyed working here and hope local people will continue to give the same support to the newcomers as they have to them. One can't imagine either Mervyn or John retiring, but since they both have very large gardens at their homes in Bucklebury Common and Gallows Tree Common, one can imagine they will still be very busy. We would like to wish them well and thank them for the service here in Caversham.

Springfield St Luke

It must be more than twenty years since, doing the rounds of old people's homes in Caversham on behalf of the 'Bridge, I first set foot in Springfield St Luke. I was so impressed, not only with the place itself and the

general care given to the residents by The Sisters from the Community of St Mary the Virgin, the Wantages Sisters, but by the general atmosphere. Every encouragement was being given to the residents to retain their interests and it would have been hard to find a livelier bunch of OAPs. It didn't take much encouragement from the Sister i/c at the time (Sister Marjorie Gabriel, I think it was) for me to put my own name on the waiting list, though fully aware that I wasn't to be moving in for many years.

So I was sad to hear that the Sisters were having to withdraw their involvement. It is a worrying and sad time for everyone, particularly the residents, but every effort is being made to find another organisation, preferably a Christian one, to continue to run the house as a home for the elderly. Only if this fails will the house have to close. The Sisters themselves are very sad to be leaving but hoping very much that the residents will be able to stay. Apart from anything else, it

will be the end of a bit of Caversham history. I'm sure we shall all have their problems very much in mind in the coming months.

Jumpers

Admiring a very unusual jumper on a customer at the hairdressers the other day, I discovered that a gentleman at Binfield Heath makes these to order. So, for the benefit of anyone who has a bright idea for a pattern but is unable to knit it for themselves, I suggest you ring Reading 472116 and find out the details. If the jumper I saw is anything to go by, it will be worth the effort.

Shabby Caversham

I hate to say this, but I can't help feeling parts of Caversham are becoming very shabby. Where, for instance, are all the delightful front gardens one used to see, particularly in Lower Caversham, at this time of the year. There are certainly some which deserve a medal — a small heather

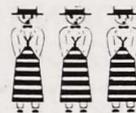
paper bags and so on, are much more in evidence than before.

At a time when excellent efforts have been made in some areas — Caversham Court has been delightful this spring — it does seem a shame.

SWAG

And talking of rubbish, wouldn't it be a good idea if SWAG operated on a Sunday rather than a Saturday when the car parks are full and some people have given up the idea of trying to manoeuvre into them to drop their newspapers. I wonder who is responsible for this — it's such an excellent idea to have this collection and it is a shame to spoil it.

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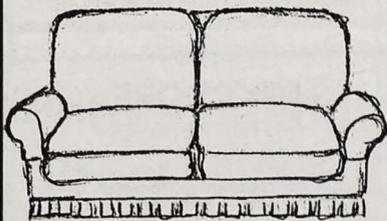
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and lessons in computer use.

In fact, there were over fifty items that went under the hammer, mostly about half their market value. Simon Jones of Holloways kindly offered his services as auctioneer free of charge and provided a most entertaining

commentary. The Caversham branch of SCF thanks all those who offered help to make the sale such a success.

The evening closed with a fascinating talk by Mrs Susan Rixon on the history of dolls illustrated by the many fine examples brought along.

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Deterrence depends on the reality of the threat to use your weapons: it can be no empty bluff. In supporting it, we give substance (to the tune of millions of pounds a year) to our willingness to let millions of God's children be destroyed on our behalf, with the weapons we have paid for. The preparations are going on today, out there at Burghfield, safely tucked away in the leafy countryside.

I have read the accounts of Hiroshima, of people flayed alive, burned alive, half-buried in rubble, suffocated in the firestorm, or forced to abandon their children to the flames. I have read about the child to whom her grandmother brought home her mother — a collection of charred bones in a bag. I know about the agonising death suf-

Postbag

ferred by those who survived the original attack, only to die later of the effects of radiation. Our Lord told us love our enemies, not when it was convenient to do so, but at all times. If love can regard such tortures with complacency, what sort of ghastly caricature of love are we professing?

Our Lord told us that no one can serve two masters. If our faith is in the Kingdom of God, how can we also put it in nuclear weapons. My conviction is that to do so is to build our house, not merely on sand, but on quicksand. And nowhere in the Bible does it state that salvation is for those who put their trust in false gods.

This is the first reason for my willingness to commit civil disobedience. I did it within the framework of a nationwide campaign which is inviting the Government to take some positive action towards disarmament. If you feel critical of my action, I would beg you to examine how far your criticism is based on dislike of rocking the boat, of actions that may appear disreputable! It is easy in comfortable, apparently democratic Britain to assume that monstrous actions cannot be carried out by the State: we are not, after all, living in Nazi Germany. Those who feared to oppose the Nazis are condemned by us today, yet the holocaust which we are allow-

ing to be planned by our military is far more horrible, since it threatens all life on earth. Is it valid to regard the cutting of a few strands of fence as disreputable, and the production of weapons of mass destruction as respectable?

The Government does not admit that Burghfield is a nuclear bomb factory. Decisions on defence are rarely submitted to Parliament, nor can the electoral process accurately represent public opinion on this matter of life and death, since we go to the polls on a package, and many of our votes count for nothing at all, being cast in safe seats. As far as nuclear weapons go, we have no accountability, no democracy. Civil disobedience here is action taken against a military dictatorship.

I acknowledge that I am a part of the nuclear state, as I am of a system which gives me an unfair proportion of the world's wealth. If nuclear weapons have preserved the balance of terror in Europe, they have also provided a shield behind which the great powers have been able to suppress human rights in their "backyards" without fear of interference. The sin of Czechoslovakia, of Afghanistan, is balanced by the sin of Central America. The war that has been spared us has been exported to those countries — they have been wounded for our transgressions. I have set myself, in a small way (I hope in a spirit not of self-righteousness, but of repentance because I am well aware of my complicity in those crimes) against the nuclear state. I did it in full awareness of the consequences, inviting arrest. I shall plead not guilty if charged, since it is a principle of British law that a crime can be committed to prevent a greater crime, but I am prepared to accept the consequences of conviction. I am claiming neither sainthood nor martyrdom. I am an ordinary Christian trying to be faithful to

the Kingdom of God, in which I want to live, and by its joy, not by this world's fear and hatred. I ask for your prayers.

Yours etc,
(Ms) Leslie Wilson
Address supplied

The Snowball actions happen three-monthly. If anyone wants to know more about them, please contact me via P.O. Box 158 Reading.

SCF HOUSE COLLECTION

FOR the first time the Caversham Branch of SCF was responsible for the annual house to house collection in the Caversham area. The total raised was in excess of £1,500 — a remarkable achievement!

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FIREMAN DAVE LOGSDEN AND P.C. TODD — by Frances

DAVE LOGSDEN

Dave Logsden is a firman in the Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service and has lived in Caversham for five years. He came to Caversham from Slough and has now served eleven years in the fire service. Dave is married to Lynn and has two children, Jamie is ten and Katy seven.

Dave is one of sixty firemen based at the main station at Caversham Road. The main area covered by this station is Reading town centre to West Bridge and Caversham. The primary function of this station is a fire and rescue service, the fire prevention department being based at Dee Road.

As Dave explained to me the life of a fireman is a very responsible but rewarding one and one I found most fascinating. All firemen have to undergo a basic twelve week training course and are then on probation for two years. On passing an examination four years after they start their training the men become fully qualified firemen. All firemen must be able to use breathing apparatus.

To be able to drive a fire engine a fireman must gain his HGV licence and complete the required number of hours driving ex-

perience on an engine. Dave Logsden is a qualified fireman and driver.

The men are split into four watches and their shift system means that they lead a far from regular life. Family life can be somewhat disturbed as all people on regular shift work know.

The fire fighting appliances stationed at Caversham Road are two fire engines and a hydraulic platform. One engine is a water tender which carries a 10.5 metre ladder and is manned by four firemen. The other engine is a water tender ladder which carries a 13.5 metre ladder which is operated by five men. The hydraulic platform can reach a height of 26.3 metres and carries two men. Both pumping appliances are always sent out to a property fire.

On receipt of a 999 fire call the operator puts the caller through to the fire brigade control at Dee Road. The details are typed onto the computer which automatically sets the alarm bells ringing at the correct fire station. The men on watch are called and onto their engine within one minute.

The main fires they are called out to are car, house, chimney and grass fires. Road traffic accidents are another area in which the fire service is called on to use its valuable

cutting gear. There is a specialist Rescue Support Vehicle based at Dee Road which can be used in such emergencies. While not out on calls the firemen are involved in regular maintenance and cleaning their of their equipment.

Although they are not involved with members of the public in a day to day way such as the police, firemen at Caversham do some work with children. Cubs and Brownies do pay occasional visits to the station and Guides and Scouts are given information to help gain their firefighting badges. Youngsters on the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme also find the station very helpful.

The fire and police services are vitally important to the smooth running of the community life. Dave pointed out that the most useful qualities of a fireman are commonsense and experience and I am sure P.C. Todd would agree with that.

P.C. TODD

The face of P.C. Todd is well known to many of us in Caversham. He is one of three area beat officers who work north of the river. These officers are police constables who take a particular interest in their own area as well as fulfilling their normal police duties.

P.C. Mullins area is Caversham Park Village and Emmer Green while P.C. Stratton's area is Caversham Heights. P.C. Todd recently spent some time explaining to me the work of the area beat officers and his own work in particular. He has been working in the centre of Caversham and Lower Caversham for two and a half years now and the fact that he has become such a recognised figure is a measure of his success.

The idea of policeman being very much part of the community is not a new one but it is one that is being emphasised more now by the Chief Superintendent of

the Reading force. P.C. Todd and his colleagues are recognised within their own area and so can liaise with the community in a more friendly and personal way.

Some typical incidents dealt with on a daily basis are parking problems, domestic incident, problems with neighbours and petty crime. The area beat officer has more time than, for example, a policeman in a panda car, to deal with some of the less dramatic problems encountered by the police.

A very valuable way into the community is through children and P.C. Todd is extremely popular with all those in his area. It was through my own children that I first heard of him. They came home from school and told me, with great enthusiasm, about a marvellous visitor they had. They were full of excitement about the way they had examined P.C. Todd's truncheon and handcuffs and then described in great detail how and when to make a 999 call.

The children had obviously concentrated very hard and were most impressed by the seriousness of the discussion, but had thoroughly enjoyed themselves at the same time. P.C. Todd and his colleagues feel that it is very important to make the children realise that policemen are their friends and that when they are in danger or lost the police are there to help them.

A great deal of work is done by P.C. Todd in the two schools he visits which are St Anne's and Thameside. He also visits nurseries and playgroups making friends with the children and building up their trust. The image of the police on television is very over-dramatised and the area beat officers are eager to dispel this impression.

These officers speak to all the youth clubs in the community — Brownies, Cubs, Guides, Scouts, Youth Clubs etc — informing them of the work of the police. P.C. Todd even arranged to take a class of junior school children down to Christchurch Meadows while a police diving team were in operation. They were taught about the specialist duties of the divers and about the dangers of the river.

P.C. Todd is available to give help and advice to anyone who asks. He has been in the police force for ten years and so is in a good position to assist people. He has also given a very informative talk to the Parents' Association at the St Anne's School.

On an individual level P.C. Todd takes a great interest in all members of the community being outgoing and friendly to the old and the young. P.C. Todd has stressed that he is an ordinary police constable with normal duties to fulfil but one who takes a special interest in the people of Caversham.

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ROUND THE CHURCHES

WATERAID

The Lent Project for St Andrew's Church was 'WaterAid'. This was at the suggestion of Father Tony. People ask "What is WaterAid?" It is a charity set up by the water industry to assist Third World countries to provide safe water supplies and improved but simple and cheap sanitation. Technical and some financial support is provided by various branches of the industry, but most of the funds required come from the general public and particularly from Churches.

The Missionary Committee launched the project on 7th February with a Shepherd's Lunch at which Mrs Gaines of the Thames Water Authority described the work of the charity and showed a film of its work in Uganda. WaterAid literature and collecting boxes were distributed and the launch itself raised £109.25.



During the first few weeks of Lent a drain was placed at the back of the Church and the congregation was invited to put their 'Money down the drain!' This proved to be very popular and collected £76.61. There was also a display table with pictures and an interesting model, including a hand-

operated pump, which appealed particularly to the children.

For the last few weeks of Lent there was a carboy in Church, filled with water, into which money was dropped. A collection box was attached to the neck of the carboy for notes and the Committee was amazed at the marvellous result — £117.38.

On Sunday, 5th April, the congregation was invited to come to a 'Hunger Lunch' in the Hall, Soup bread and cheese, followed by coffee was served and it was suggested that people should donate what would have been the cost of their Sunday lunch. This produced £98.75 and everyone seemed to enjoy the lunch and the company.



On Easter Sunday most of the Lent boxes were returned and these yielded a further £345.92. Never before has there been such a magnificent response during Lent and the Missionary Committee would like to thank everyone who has helped to make this project such a huge success.

On Sunday 10th May Mrs Gaines attended the 9.15 am Family Communion to receive a cheque for £747.91.

St Andrew's Fellowship

Did you ever have a nightmare that you were organising a meeting and the speaker failed to turn up? That is exactly what happened to Ken Bond, Chairman of St Andrew's Fellowship at the April meeting! After a short wait to see if he had been delayed and a telephone call which elicited the information that he had been double booked, the question arose 'What do we do

now?'!! Then someone came up with the bright idea that Mr Bill Vincent might give the talk on Being a Lay Reader that he had given to another organisation. So, without notes or preparation, that is just what he did, to an interested audience who asked many questions, and everybody enjoyed a pleasant evening in spite of the initial hiccup.

NEWS FROM THE CHAPEL ON THE HILL

Over the past few weeks we have been privileged to have Vijay Manandhar, a Nepalese Christian, worshipping with us. Most of us have heard of Mount Everest, which is in Nepal, but few will be aware of the political and religious regime. It is a country where less than 1% of the population, or 16,500 people are Christians. 'Second generation' Christians are almost unheard of. Opposition to Christianity is so great that when somebody wishes to be baptised he must be prepared to go to prison for one year. The person who baptises him faces a six year prison sentence. Vijay is in the United Kingdom on a communications course to enable him to use

radio, television and other media to spread the gospel in Nepal.

A number of us attended "Spring Harvest" at Minehead in the weeks before and after Easter. "Spring Harvest" is a gathering of Christians from various denominations. Over 40,000 attended over three weeks at the two location. We were encouraged when we saw the event televised on "Songs of Praise" — it was good to notice the response the BBC has received after the showing of such joyful worship. The overall message was the need for Christians to demonstrate God's love in society. We were also pleased that the sun was out for two of those three weeks!

PHILIP LEE-BAPTY B.A.

On Saturday 28th March well over a hundred people attended a farewell party at St Paul's United Reformed Church in York Road, held in honour of Philip's sixty-fifth birthday and his retirement from the full time ministry.

When Philip came to St Paul's there had been no minister there for well over eighteen months, nor had Reading had a co-ordinator for the work of I.T.E.M. As a result Philip had virtually to start again and although he came to us as one of the most experienced industrial chaplains in the country he soon found Reading had new and different challenges for him. His coming was no mean feat itself as he fell the day before his induction and broke his nose. After a further delay he finally arrived in the middle of a heavy blizzard which stopped nearly everyone else except the nearest and most determined. Philip however is not one to be stopped easily.

Born and bred in shouting range of Wembley Stadium, Philip came from a family with a colourful background including a Japanese aunt who taught judo. He left school at fourteen with no qualifications and went into factory work where he became a toolmaker. As he was in a reserved occupation he stayed in London throughout the war and it was only in 1946 that he began to study in response to a call to serve the



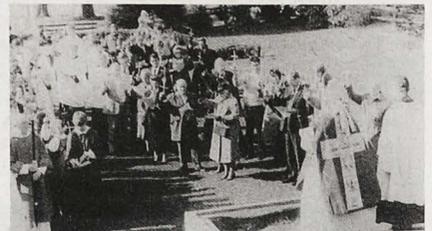
— C. Ferguson

The Revd Philip Lee-Bapty and the new pulpit fall at St Paul's Easter 1986.

Lord. First he had to matriculate, then he had to study for four years at Bristol University. He achieved his aim in 1951 when he was not only ordained and inducted to his first charge in the inner city group of Churches in Birmingham, but also when he married Eileen. Here he had his first taste of industrial mission as Chaplain to the Saultley Gas Works. In 1956 he moved back to London for seven years to the Wood Street Congregational Church in Walthamstow, but his call to the Industrial Mission took him back to the Midlands in 1963 and to Coventry. Over the eighteen years he served Pottery Green church and the Coventry Industrial Mission Philip became Senior Chaplain and then co-ordinator of the team working from Coventry Cathedral. In 1970 he was made an

Honory Chaplain to the Cathedral.

So much more could be said of his years in Coventry but suffice it to say that when he came to us in 1982 it was with the highest recommendations. While with us he has faced not only a difficult task and poor health, but also personal crisis in the sudden death of his much loved wife. Only his great reserves of belief and compassion for others helped him to come to terms with his grief and face up to the impending retirement on his own. It is the quality of the man that he does so not as an end but as a beginning of new opportunities and fresh hope. He leaves his church and I.T.E.M. also looking forward with great hope and faith. We are all grateful to know Philip, a man Bunyan may have recognised to be a pilgrim.



— E. S. Archer

The Blessing of the Palms by Bishop Eric Wild in Caversham Court.

Easter Egg Party



— E. S. Archer

Children's Easter Egg Party at Caversham Library on Maundy Thursday.

STOP PRESS

As we go to press we are happy to learn that a new minister has been appointed to St Paul's URC and

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CHILDREN'S DAY AT ST JOHN'S

St John's was cleared of chairs and filled with children instead on the Thursday before Easter. It was all in aid of another 'Childrens' Day' which gave 70 of the young people from the Anglian parish (with a visitor or two from other churches) the chance to put together their own service of Holy Communion. It took them five hours sharing a picnic, preparing in groups and celebrating the service. And it is hoped that they learnt something of what the Last Supper on the first Maundy Thursday and the

service they might attend each week means. One group baked the bread, another made the vestments and wrote the prayers. On group prepared the music, another made banners to illustrate the different points of the prayers. One group prepared the Passover meal, and another prepared to act out the story of Jesus washing the disciples' feet. Each group was organised by people from one of the six churches in the parish (to whom thanks!) and St John's were hospitable as always with heat and soup!



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**ROUND THE CHURCHES
LINK GROUP**

The Link Group met at the home of Mrs. Mary Bramwell-Denis on Monday, 27th April. They were pleased to hear that their Good-as-New Sale on 4th April had been very successful in spite of the dreadful weather on the day. Many thanks were due to those who braved the rain storms to support it. £440.37 had been raised towards local charities.

The principal purpose of the Meeting was to hear from members about some of the various organisations with which they are the 'Link'. There were reports on:

Abbeyfield. Contact was being maintained, partly through those residents who attended the Link Group Tea Parties.

Cyrenians. Looking towards a third house in Reading. They would be in touch if in need.

Katesgrove. Need drivers to take underprivileged families to the Katesgrove Centre.

Mencap. Wish to keep personal contact with the Link Group and look forward to the annual outing, planned for September.

N.S.P.C.C. were looking forward to the return of their Inspector for Reading after his long absence on a course. This is welcome news as it has not been possible to replace him in the meantime and the local need is great.

Parkinson's Disease Society, is desperate in need of a new SECRETARY to organise their monthly meetings and outings. They also want to know of any 'cheerful' place in Reading where they can meet. (Ring Lillian Phillips, 478458).

Priest Hill and Elliot Close — homes for one-parent families. They have a creche together and manage visits to Greyfriars Centre. Priest Hill is undergoing refurbishment.

R.E.A.P. The Link representative has

had to resign and a new contract is being sought.

Victim support. Has a permanent secretary now, but is always in need of help.

The Link Group discussed the disposal of funds where required. It was thought advisable to keep some money in hand for needs during the coming months, but a major part was allocated to local charities.

Further discussion revolved round the need for help with the Tea Parties for the Disabled and Elderly. The present organisers have carried on this work for some years and badly need a rest. These events have proved a very happy, worthwhile project, and the Link would like to hear from anyone interested in helping, every alternative Thursday afternoon. Drivers are also particularly required. (Anyone interested, do ring the Link Chairman, Pat Jenkins, on 478502, or Mary (472448).

Jesus revealed Himself to them during the forty days before the Ascension, teaching them and commanding them to wait for the Holy Ghost. On the Day of the Ascension Jesus was taken out of their sight, and they were joyful. Members were reminded of the lesson for them, Heaven is everywhere. Jesus is everywhere, very close to us, to everyone.

Mrs Bone was warmly thanked for her inspiring talk.

**St Andrew's
Mothers' Union**

On May 5th St Andrew's Mothers' Union started a three month experiment by sitting down together to a "Bread, Cheese and Coffee" lunch at 1 pm. This was in preparation for an earlier start to the afternoon meeting. It is hoped that this will enable the younger members to attend the meeting before collecting their

children from school.

The speaker for the afternoon, Mrs Bone who joined members for lunch, talked on the Church Season from Easter to Ascension. Beginning with Maundy Thursday and the Last Supper, Mrs Bone led listeners through the Apostles' bewilderment and despair at the time of the Crucifixion and the Resurrection until

**The Beavers' Easter
Party**

On Friday, 10th April St. Johns Beavers had a party, at which, as well as having an Easter Egg Hunt, they said 'Goodbye' to Mrs Sandra Gough. Mrs. Gough had been in charge of the Beavers for the past four

years, ever since the formation of the group — St. Johns Beavers were Reading's first group! She will now supervise the activities of five groups of Beavers in the Reading District.

J.A.

BAPTIST NEWS

Easter Sunday is the most important day in the Christian year, and we met as a fellowship to celebrate Jesus' resurrection. The church was packed to capacity with folk filling the aisle for the morning service. This was both a corporate celebration and a personal one for during the service five ladies, including a mum and her daughter, and two sisters were baptised, demonstrating their personal faith in Jesus as their Saviour and Lord and enacting through the waters of baptism, Christ's death and resurrection.

The children and many of the adults continued the joyful procession of Easter Saturday by singing

more of the songs from the Carnival and by singing them in a procession around the premises. Two friends gave their personal testimony of the reality of Christ's love for them, as they have experienced it in their own lives. Each account, in its own special way, underlined the sheer goodness of God's grace, his loving patience with us — ordinary folk — and reminded us again that it is only through Jesus that we may have peace with God, and not by trying to do it all for ourselves. All of the service served to demonstrate that we have a living, risen Saviour, The Lord Jesus. "Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son!"

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IT'S A BOATHOUSE

If the new Caversham Bridge Hotel and Leisure Centre are not positively going to enhance the riverside scene, at least it can be hoped they will not detract from it. What really has aroused public ire though is the smaller structure practically on the water's edge. It is in fact a boat house, to replace the one lost when the hotel and adjacent buildings were demolished. How it got passed, and how it got past the scrutiny of the various bodies keeping a zealous eye on sensitive areas, is a bit of a puzzle but there is, unfortunately, no doubt that it went through all the correct channels and received permission.

It will not, of course, look as

hideous as it does in the process of building. In fact, great pains were taken to make it look as attractive as possible and the Royal Fine Arts Commission was consulted about its appearance. Nevertheless, the fact remains that it will block the view as seen from the bridge upstream and that view is, or should be, one of Reading's pride and joys. Apparently if it had been moved further back, mature trees would have been lost and that too would have been a shame, even though trees can be planted elsewhere and a view cannot. At any rate, we are asked to reserve judgement until it is finished. It will, by the way, have a clock turret. Will it have a nice conventional face or

a nasty digital one? I don't know.

A RIVERSIDE WALK

Further downstream the new children's playground at Christchurch Meadows has proved very popular. Walking past during the spell of lovely spring weather in April, I had to resist the urge to try out the new apparatus as not only would it be breaking a by-law for someone of my age, but I would also have looked ridiculous. Continuing my walk, I reflected that had I also felt an urge to add to the graffiti on the newly painted archway of the bridge, it would have been impossible, as there was not a single space left.

At that point on ascending the steps to the top of the bridge, further reflection became impossible, as in response to a notice that the footpath ahead was closed, it became necessary to plunge into the maelstrom of traffic to reach the other side. From then on it becomes unsafe to walk along engrossed in either thought or conversation, for the paving slabs are so broken and tilted that constant vigilance is necessary to avoid injury. Pedestrians are very much second rate citizens here.

On reaching comparative safety on the other side of the new roundabout road works it seemed worth making a slight detour to go through the Forbury Gardens, where spring was very much in evidence, with a couple of gentlemen convivially sharing a bench and a bottle of British sherry, and daffodils 'fluttering and dancing in the breeze,' which at once took my thoughts back to Caversham and its daffodils!

Those in Caversham Court, where they have been planted in mixed clumps on the grass slopes leading down to the river, have been a joy to behold, whilst in St Peter's

Churchyard, contrary to the last few years, the daffodils were still in their full glory for Easter.

SWAN LIFELINE
In the course of the walk described in the previous section, I was pleased to see three of last year's cygnets which had survived the winter. Let us hope they eventually breed. Reading Borough Council is to take firmer measures to see that the lead weight ban along the banks in its care is more effective.

'Save our Swans,' the charitable organisation that formerly cared for sick swans on the Thames, unfortunately has had to disband. Its veterinary and rescue staff were literally overworked to the point of being unable to cope with their heavy task. They have been replaced by a temporary holding organisation 'Swan Lifeline,' which is keeping some of the former organisation's work in hand. It is a worthwhile task, for whilst there is no shortage of swans throughout the country, the Thames is losing them, and of all rivers, this is the one of which they are most characteristic.

AONB and BOUNDARIES

Cheers greeted the news that the Boundaries Commission had rejected Berkshire's 'land grab' in South Oxfordshire, and though there is still the opportunity to appeal, it is not unreasonable to hope that it would not stand much chance. Berkshire's more reasonable requests were granted.

It is also good news that the Countryside Commission has extended the Chilterns AONB to the west of Caversham and towards Henley, though it does not reach the northern borough boundary, which means that Reading Borough Council's recommendation for the inclusion of Hemdean Valley has

been rejected, as has also their request to include the Fisheries area.

Although not preventing development in Hemdean Valley, AONB status would have been a help in controlling it, though this is only a side effect and not one of its functions. Meanwhile, we still await the results of the Public Inquiry.

BADGERS' DEMISE

The developers of the site previously known as 'land adjacent to 319 Hemdean Road' have meanwhile had the gall to rename it 'Badgers Rise' after having been responsible for driving away any badgers that were there by excavating and destroying their habitat. Let us hope that Messrs Higgs and Hill never have the opportunity of dreaming up 'suitable' names for the roads they are hoping to carve out further up the valley.

ROAD WORKS AHEAD

At the Annual General Meeting of Caversham and District Residents' Association, Mr W.H. Tee, who took the place of Cllr A Page, still recovering from his illness, gave a review of plans for Caversham, many of which have been touched on in the foregoing paragraphs.

Road works featured large. He said that work on the new Richfield Avenue - Caversham Road roundabout would be done in the schools' summer holidays when traffic is less heavy. He also said that a start would be made on providing the town's surface water sewers with inspection covers which the Victorians who laid them did not consider necessary. The first twenty-five manholes will be made in Lower Caversham, but not all at the same time. One will be finished before another is started.

Closely related to this and of interest to those who wonder what will happen when the equally old foul sewers reach the end of their life, a watch is kept on them by an ingenious arrangement with cameras which photograph 'those parts which others cannot reach,' so that any defects can be spotted before serious damage occurs. The meeting certainly appreciated this opportunity of being put in the picture by 'the man at the helm.'

POST OFFICE CLOSURE

Also in Lower Caversham trouble has arisen over the closure, threatened at the time of writing for the middle of May, of the Gosbrook Road Post Office. A last ditch stand has been made to save it by all who use it, particularly by those who collect allowances from it and are unconvinced by the Post Office's argument that there are others conveniently close. At the

time of writing, it is too soon to say whether this was successful. That sub-post office has been there a very long time. The Post Office seems to pay little regard to local feeling as one by one it axes its local sub-post offices. It is particularly encouraging to see the battle the elderly (and that means people in their eighties, not just the over sixties) have put up to save their post office. They deserve success, but they have a formidable opponent.

STOP PRESS - DESTRUCTION

More victims have been sacrificed on the altar of the road lobby. Two lovely plane trees beside Caversham Bridge have been felled to widen the road, making at most a temporary improvement in traffic flow. They have been there for as long as anyone can remember, enhancing an otherwise neglected piece of riverside. They were in the way, so down they came!

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ROUND THE CLUBS

Rosehill WI

THE April meeting was opened by Mrs Barbara Weller, the new president for 1987-88. The retiring President, Miss Nancy Vincent, will now be the sick visitor. After various arrangements for monthly activities, Mrs Dick gave an interesting report of the Annual Council meeting at the Hexagon. The talk was

given by Mr Hawthorne and was very much enjoyed by all: the subject was corn dollies. He spoke of their history, starting many years ago, and the craft has been passed on from his grandmother, mother, to him and now to his son. To conclude he had a small dolly to demonstrate how it is done. The competition, for a flower decoration in an egg-cup was won by Mrs Dick.

Caversham Heights TWG

MEMBERS at the main meeting of the Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild in St Andrew's Hall in April were treated to a demonstration of new style cooking. Can there be a new style? Surely everything that can be explored has been explored. But no, there is really something called the Culinaire, wherein anything from peas to pumpkins and plums to potatoes can be cooked simultaneously. Well that must prove something, and demonstrably if all is happily brewing together in one pan, then electricity must be saved. Don't imagine one grand 'potage' when all is ready, because the ingredients, the vegetables and fruit are separated dish by dish. Just as well. There you have it, and judging by the reaction of members quite a number of them have elected to buy the British-made cooker.

Springtime, summertime, what comes to mind? Gardens. Kitchen, rock, flower, small and large and don't forget the allotment. Well, this was the subject that appropriately (for spring) drew members to the social studies lecture at the end of the month. Those with green fingers and those not so blessed were entertained and educated by Mr Aggiss, whom you may have heard on Radio 210 from time to time. Not only did he talk about how to give the right attention and planning to different plants, but he brought along some chrysanthemums for members to try to encourage in their own gardens.

Chazey WI

MRS Marion Eliot, the newly appointed chairman, took the chair for the first time at the April meeting which was well attended and the speaker, Mr Carl Miller, gave an enlightening talk on Aids.

Mrs Doris Walker won the County Federation Whist Championship and brought along her plaque for everyone to see. Well done

Doris, many congratulations. Mrs Mary Keeble was presented with a pot plant for her unstinting effort in organising the Moveable Feast in March, which seems to follow a resoundingly successful pattern. The Health Club members entered a sponsored slim for Charity and made a handsome amount of money without fading away in their efforts.

On April 7th the Easter Fayre was held at Loddon Hall Twyford. The heaviest rain seen in Berkshire for many months greeted coachloads of eager members who had travelled varying distances to participate. The Fayre was a fantastic success, making a profit of £4,000. Mrs Hazel Taylor and Mrs Janet Slawson helped to supervise the tombola stall, aided by Mrs Jean Pugh. Mrs Maureen Hubbard of Chazey W.I. won a major raffle prize of a fine bone china compote dish.

Maplewood WI

THE first meeting of Maplewood W.I. in their new venue at Mapledurham Memorial Hall was a very lively occasion when Mrs Sue Brandon talked about her unusual but obviously much enjoyed hobby of collecting button hooks. From her first purchase of three very pretty silver ones her collection today totals three and a half thousand in all shapes and sizes. Most of them come from the Victorian and Edwardian era, the heyday of button garments, boots, gaiters and gloves, but the advent of the zip brought to an end the button hook's useful life.

The flower of the month competition was won by Mrs R Painter. About a dozen members attended the Spring Council meeting at the Hexagon and enjoyed a talk, illustrated at the piano, on "Debussy" by Miss J Cannetty-Clarke.

The negotiations for the purchase of a W.I. House at Mortimer are proceeding and on April 7th a very successful Easter Fair was held at the Loddon Hall at Twyford which raised £5,000 towards the cost.

Caversham Ladies Club

THERE was an excellent attendance at the Club's Easter party and tables were soon being covered with lots of goodies. Mrs Harwood, Chairman, opened the meeting and welcomed the members to their New Year of the Club, this being the first meeting following the AGM.

Various items and news were discussed, and a reminder given to members of their outing to Compton Acres and Bourne-mouth. A competition of a floral arrangement in a cup and saucer was on show. It was very pleasing to see so many entries and one did not envy the judge, Miss Freda Haines, assisted by Miss Pat Haines, the task of choosing the winners. However, after much scrutiny and examination, winners were Mrs Weston, first, Mrs May, second, and Mrs Locke, third. Mrs Annetts was highly commended in fourth place. The judge said it had been difficult as there were so many, and each very attractive. After the prizes were given the exhibits were then spread around the tables giving the room a lovely spring look. Mrs Harwood then said grace and members started tucking in. They were waited on by the Committee which is the usual procedure at Club parties. Plates were soon looking forlorn, and all members claiming they were amply full. It was now time to cut the lovely traditionally marzipan covered cake made by Mrs Harwood and decorated by Mrs Queenie Strong. After distribution of cake a small sale was held of remainders. Time was now getting near to closing the meeting and there were many willing hands helping to clear and put away.

Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild

A fifteen strong group from Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild joined members of a Ginger Group to pay a visit to Thames

Television Studio on Tuesday April 14th to take part in a discussion on Divorce. Sarah Kennedy hosted the proceedings, and the guests included Irma Kurtz and David French, Director of National Marriage Guidance Council. Guild members were interested in the workings of the cameras and crews, as well as the views given on divorce, now reaching record levels.

Mr Jerry Webb, the speaker for the meeting at St Barnabas Hall on April 14th is an expert gardener whose hobbies include tracking down rare plants and endeavouring to grow them. He interspersed his talk and showing of flower and tree slides, amongst them a double white primrose, many exquisite forms of the hardy hellebores and various acer trees, with a short history of each plant, and advice on how to obtain and grow them. He was a practical as well as a visual speaker

The mouth-

watering Easter Egg was won in the raffle by Mrs Audrey Saunders and Mrs Doris Prentice was the lucky recipient of the table flower arrangements donated by Mrs June Hodges.

St Peter's Wives

THE Group's April meeting was well supported by members and several husbands. Mr Peter Harms entertained with his beautiful colour slides, incorporated with the most sophisticated audio-visual equipment. His travels ranged far and wide, including beautiful shots of our own country, Switzerland and the tropical splendours of Singapore and the Far East.

Our next monthly meeting is on June 23rd at 8.00 pm in Church House, entitled 'Woman in Japan,' speaker, Dr Frances Hunter.

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AT the meeting Mrs Joan Ford taking her first meeting as President, had to announce that the speaker had lost her voice and was unable to attend. However Mrs Ford had managed to persuade her daughter, Mrs Janet Mardell to step in at literally hours notice with an account of her time in Kenya at the age of 18 teaching at a girls boarding school situated miles from civilisation and living in the most primitive of conditions. This had been arranged through the Church Missionary Society who had sent a group of

school leavers out to be divided into pairs and sent to various schools. It had been an experience to remember. The competition for a decorated egg was won by Mrs Housden and Mrs Messent was lucky in the raffle.

In May Mrs Hanson, V.C.O. explained the intricacies of the resolutions to be voted on at the A.G.M. at the Albert Hall to enable the delegate to voice the members views on voting. A difficult task which Mrs Hanson did well. A coffee morning held at Mrs Popplewells's house had not been very well supported, probably due to the nearness of the Easter holiday but

those attending had enjoyed it.

The competition for a handmade egg cosy was won by Mrs Hunter, Mrs Housden and Mrs Knowlman.

Caversham Community Association

A Whistdrive was held on the 6th April supervised by Doreen Crawley. Dorothy Coppins had the highest number of points and received first prize, Evelyn Wallis was in second place. The Nearly New stall, with Vicki Scheel in charge, gave members the opportunity to purchase some excellent bargains.

The club's birthday party on the 13th April was a happy occasion. A meal was ready for the members with the tables decorated with spring floral arrangements. The

meal consisted of ham, meat pie and salad followed by various trifles and cakes. Later, birthday cake with a glass of wine or fruit juice was enjoyed by all. The work of the committee and members in preparing and arranging the meal was much appreciated. A competition was held for the most attractive Easter hat. Joan Aldridge won the prize for the hat decorated with real flowers and Nita Chandler received first prize for her hand-made hat decorated with artificial blooms. The entertainment was given by the Sweet Harmony concert group led by Shirley Stevens with lively songs and dances to complete a good party.

On the Monday after the Easter holiday the Annual General Meeting took place. The Chairman, Mrs Feast, reported a successful year with a varied programme.

Officers were elected including Maida Feast who was re-elected as Chairman as were Beryl Latcham as Secretary and Ivy Masterman as Treasurer. The committee was then elected by the members and a vote of thanks was given to the retiring officers and committee for their work during the previous year. The Chairman thanked various members who had also assisted the club including Eveyln Wallis for collecting for the chosen charity. The club chose The Royal Berks. Hospital Anniversary Appeal for the coming year and Mrs Wallis agreed to continue to be collector. Members were asked to make suggestions or state their preference for the future programme for the year ahead and thus make the meetings interesting for everyone.

New members would be welcomed at the club meetings held on Monday at 7.30 pm at the Arthur Legge Centre in Wolsey Road.

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9.15am Family Eucharist
11.00am Children's Service (1st Sunday)

St Andrew's
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9.15am Family Eucharist
11.15am Holy Communion (not 3rd Sunday)
11.15am Matins (3rd Sunday)
6.30pm Evensong

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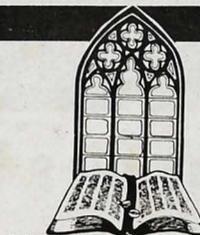
- June 6 6pm Justham Cup (for chorists) St Peter's.
- June 6 8pm Wine & Cheese Party (pre St Andrew's Fete) St Andrew's Hall. £1.50.
- June 7 6.30pm United Service for Whit Sunday at Caversham Heights Methodist Church West Reading Steel Band will be present
- June 11 St Barnabas' Patronal Festival 7.30pm Sung Eucharist. Preacher: Prof. Rowan Williams
- June 13 8pm Cameo Singers at St Andrew's Hall. Handel, Monteverdi. Tickets £1.50 (& concessions)
- June 14 CRUSE Car Boot Sale, Hills Meadows Car Park, 9am Sellers' Cars £5. Public 10am-3pm
- June 20 The Hill Primary School. Summer Fair and Football Competition
- June 21 Caversham Round Table Water Carnival
- June 21 Caversham Heights Methodist Church Anniversary Service. Preacher: Rev. Terry Harris (a former minister of the Church)
- June 24 St John's Patronal Festival. 8pm Sung Eucharist. Preacher: The Rev. Graham Lynch-Watson
- June 27 Reading 22nd Scout Group Fete — St John's grounds
- June 29 St Peter's Patronal Festival. 7.45pm Sung Eucharist. Preacher: The Revd. Tony Good (Rector of Wallingford)

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