

# The Pinta Man

Not every reader will recognise the milkman in the photograph, but many in Caversham and Mapledurham will. Mr Edward Jackson, of Scotts Close, Emmer Green, has been delivering our daily milk for fourteen years and by now has become well known to many local residents who refer to him as Bim. I was surprised to hear from him during our chat that life as a dairy roundsman is "very straightforward" as he puts it. The last thing I should have expected, with eggs, cream, soft drinks, potatoes and Christmas items to deal with as well as the milk. Really I think he is being rather modest. The truth is he is very conscientious and dependable. He is one of those increasingly rare people who take a pride in their job.

#### An early start

It is work at 5.30 every morning except Friday when it is a 4.30 start because that's the day the money is collected. Most days the job finishes by noon, though on Fridays and Saturdays it is a little later and on the former the books have to be balanced in the afternoon. There are about 490 customers on Bim's round which runs from the lower half of St Peter's Avenue up St Peter's Hill and along the Woodcote Road to the Mapledurham boundary, taking in all the branch roads on the right hand side and including Clifton Park Road, Priest Hill, St Anne's Road and Dovedale Close. Once every seven days is a rest day and in the whole of the last 13 years the milkround has only seen him away twice for a couple of days each time. A first class record for one who is out and about in all weathers. Summer time, an early start has its bonus, especially this last one when Bim went off each day at 5 to be finished before the scorching heat of midday. Sometimes near the dairy at Tokers Green he has seen the occasional badger.

The milk is all produced locally, but before going to the dairy at Tokers Green for delivery it is collected by bulk carriers from the farms and taken to a large dairy in Bracknell for treatment and bottling.

According to Mr Jackson there is no such person as "an awkward customer." No matter who it is, everyone thinks it is they who have the best milkman. Certainly I have heard other people in their part of Caversham or Mapledurham talk in glowing terms of their friend the milkman. Like the postman, who is another almost daily caller, the milkman often spots anything out of the ordinary and can in this way sometimes be of assistance to the public. It is the lonely and the elderly who like to be around at the time Bim calls and in Dovedale Close there is always someone to greet him.

At one time Mr Jackson did the Peppard Road area and parts of lower Caversham so perhaps some of his old customers will remember him from the photograph.

A family man, he now has the company at weekends and holidays of his two young boys who are a great help to Dad, and now, just as a treat, later on Sunday mornings his little girl is allowed to join in too.

In his free time Bim is a keen allotment holder and also cultivates a customer's garden as well. He is also an ardent stamp collector.

Years ago he played football and cricket for Mapledurham for this was his home ground when a boy. He was evacuated from London to Chalk House Green, then moved to Tokers Green and later to Chazey Heath where his parents eventually had a home, having been bombed out of London. Wartime schooling was at Kidmore End and later Mapledurham, so he is well known in the district.

This seems a fitting place to record our thanks to all milkroundsmen in Caversham and Mapledurham. They do a right good job and we should be very lost without them. It is one thing to come round in pouring rain, howling wind and bitter cold and snow to leave the pints and quite another just to open the door and fetch them indoors.

M.K.



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Saturday, November 6, 2.30pm

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# TWENTY-FIVE OF THE BEST

There are times in the lives of churches in Caversham which seem to be almost a family affair. Certainly this was true at St Peter's on the night of September 21, when we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the ordination of the Rector of Caversham, popularly known to most of us as John.

The word "popularly" takes on a very real meaning when one realises that past priests and curates came from as far away as Skegness and Sunderland to join in our service — a service of gratitude for all that John and Anne have done for us in the 14 years they have been in Caversham.

It was nice, for instance, to hear Roger Packer again reading the prayers, to meet old friends like John and Jo Stevinson, Peter and Anne Atkinson, Colin and Toddy Scott - Demps-ter, John Crowe, Ray Hutchinson and many others who have served in Caversham in recent years. There were others too, such as John Porter, John's first curate in Smethwick, who made a special presentation on behalf of all the clergy. Unfortunately many old friends, in particular Guy Armstrong — John's first curate here — Fred Dawson, David Cliff,

Bernard Metcalfe and many others, were unable to be present due to other engagements, but many messages were received, one from the Bishop of Oxford.

In a crowded and beautifully decorated church, the church orchestra, quartet and choir giving of their best, it was a very joyous and moving service. The Bishop of Reading delivered what can only be termed a message of gratitude, both personally and, as he said, as a representative of the Church.

After the service, John was presented by Churchwarden Freddie Moore, with a picture of St Peter's Church, seen from a somewhat unusual angle, especially painted by Jack Orford. Anne received a plant, and a cake was wheeled in ablaze with candles. At this point it was a very special joy for most of us to see John surrounded by his own family, Anne, Alice and David. They are all such busy people that it is seldom we have the chance of seeing them together as a family.

Altogether, a very very happy occasion and an opportunity for the people of the parish to say a very special thank you for all John and Anne have done for us. **W.D.**



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## MAPLEDURHAM P.C.

A meeting of Mapledurham Parish Council was held on Thursday, September 2, 1976. Mr B. A. Fowles, Chairman of the Council, presided at the meeting.

The Council were advised that Oxfordshire CC were still pursuing a policy that the Reading - Woodcote road — A4074 — should be developed as a heavy lorry route. The Parish Council have already made several appeals to Oxford that the A4074 is quite unsuitable for these vehicles. The Parish Council were informed of an increased volume of heavy lorries in recent months, and in an endeavour to obtain some relief from these particular lorries, the Council have requested the County Surveyor to impose some form of weight restriction and thus prevent any of the heavy lorries from using this road, and this particular route to Oxford. So that the County Surveyor will be aware of the Parish Council's strength of feeling that there should be some restriction, copies of the letter have been sent to all the local authorities in the surrounding area as well as other public bodies.

Tenders have been received for re-surfacing the tennis courts on the playing fields, and it is anticipated the work should be carried out in the autumn. The Council are also moving the equipment in the children's play area on the playing fields to a central point in the fields in an effort to overcome some of the vandalism that occurs in the surrounding area.

The Council were pleased to note that the disturbances created in parts of the Parish due to motor cycles being ridden somewhat recklessly had abated.

The Council propose to make an application to the South Oxon District Council to obtain a grant towards tree planting which can help replace some of the trees destroyed by the Dutch elm disease.

**TEWKESBURY.** Fifty members of the choirs of Caversham and Mapledurham visited Tewkesbury Abbey on October 9th to sing Evensong. A report by a choir member will appear next month.



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# Residents Viewpoint

By WATCHDOG  
Many Happy Returns

This autumn, Caversham Residents' Association is celebrating its tenth birthday. Inevitably there will be some looking back over the past and some effort to assess its successes and even its failures.

As with a county regiment, the names on its battle roll bring a light to veteran campaigners' eyes. St Martin's Precinct, the crisp factory, flats at the Bridge, flats in the Warren, Hemdean Valley, street furniture, bus stops, a third river bridge and an abortive series of plans for Central Caversham; some of them defeats, others glorious victories, yet even the defeats have resulted in a growing awareness of the need to protect our environment so that a sense of community and continuity may be maintained.

Caversham Residents' Association is probably one of the older residents' associations in the country, but in the past ten years they have

been growing in number and influence as people have begun to feel they want to share in decisions about the way they live in their immediate environment. Once local authorities regarded them as nuisances, trying to interfere with what it has been decided was good for them. Now they regard them as a useful means of finding out about local needs and feelings, so that mistakes can be avoided. Often a local residents' association knows more about what is happening on the ground than someone sitting in a distant office which he is too busy to leave.

Caversham is fortunate in that a sense of community never entirely deserted it. Its shape probably helped as it has clearly defined borders, unlike most suburbs. The Church, led by the Parish

Church, has played a large part by inaugurating the Caversham Bridge newspaper which has indeed bridged the gulf that once existed between those who attended church and those who did not. It is therefore fitting that John Grimwade, the Rector of the parish and editor of The Bridge, should be proposing the toast at the Association's birthday party in November.

Here's to the next ten years.

## A Lakeland Evening

A programme of music, poetry and slides accompanied by wine and light refreshments will be held in aid of the Gazebo Trust on Saturday, November 27, at 7.30pm, at St Andrew's Hall. This is a most enjoyable entertainment provided by Ted and Betty Lewis and Nigel and Joan Townshend.

Tickets: 75p from 14 Albert Road or 13 Buxton Avenue.

## ECUMENISM IN SPAIN

The Rev Michael Kingston, curate of Holy Trinity, Reading, writing in *Battle*, the magazine of that parish, describes how he took part in a Spanish wedding in Valencia and we are pleased to be able to re-print part of what he has written:

*"Never have I seen so clearly what it means to be one in Christ. Take my word for it that the Roman Catholic Church on the continent has moved miles in these last few years; there is no doubt that here was demonstrated the fact of our universal brotherhood in Christ much more clearly than ever you would find with the Roman church in England. Not only did we all receive holy communion in both kinds but in addition, vested in cotta and stole, I stood with the priest behind the altar and duplicated in English five things that he did in Spanish: First, the absolution at the beginning of Mass; second, the Gospel; third, the sermon; fourth, the intercessions; fifth, the blessing. I also shared the peace with him and the newly married couple, and administered the chalice to the congregation. What more appropriate an occasion than a wedding, when a man and a woman become one flesh, to preach by action the unity in the one body of Christ of all Catholic Christians."*

## CORRECTION

Diane Bowyer is at the Central College of Art in London and not in Southampton as stated in our October issue. Diana is in London doing a post-graduate course following the achievement of a Grade 2 one in her Diploma.

# BANK MANAGER RETIRES

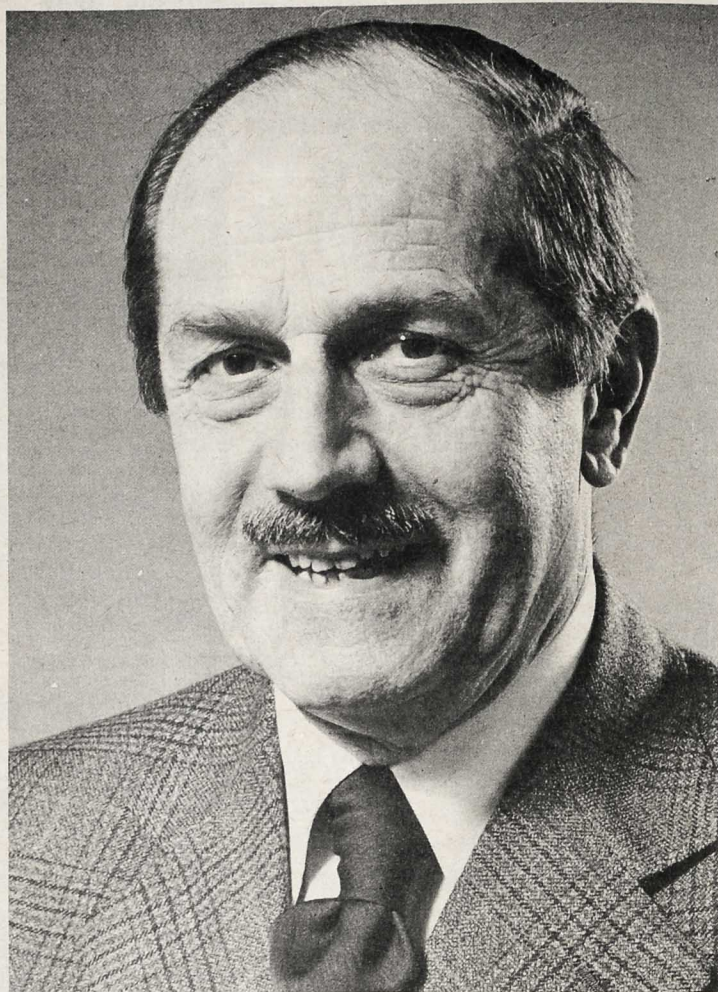


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IT SEEMS AS THOUGH LIFE AFTER RETIREMENT WILL BE JUST AS FULL OF OCCUPATION AS LIFE BEFORE RETIREMENT FOR MR ERIC MAULE, WHO HANDED OVER THE KEYS AS MANAGER OF BARCLAY'S BANK IN CAVERSHAM AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER.

For forty-one years Eric Maule has been in banking, most of that time having been spent in Reading, although before coming to Caversham for the last eight years he was manager of Barclays' Twyford Branch for a similar period. Now that retirement has become a reality he plans to spend a lot more time on ornithology, one of his great interests. Shelves full of books await to be read and his family, including six grandchildren, are looking forward to seeing more of him in the future. A countryman at heart, he will have more chance for a walk with his wife Peggy and their dogs, and of course, the binoculars for birdspotting will go too. Perhaps also the fishing rods will come out again for a quiet spell beside the river.

## County caps

Eric was educated at Reading School and at that stage in his life he was extremely keen on sport. As a teenager he ran at the White City with very successful results. He also gained his county cap for cricket and rugby. Tennis, squash and badminton were also enjoyed with equal enthusiasm. During the Second World War he served in Africa and Italy and on returning home he helped to re-organise the local Territorials.

Like many others, Eric will not be spending all his retirement without giving some of his time towards helping others. He still plans to remain on the Council of Hemdean House School where he spent two early years between 1924 and 1926. No doubt he will get involved in other worthwhile activities too. Add to all this a little gardening and house decorating and life for the husband of the Bridge's Advertisement Manager will indeed be a full one.

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Talking point — by Leslie Griffiths

## IDOLS OF THE KING

I am a preacher and my privilege is to communicate to men and women everywhere a piece of Good News — the simple fact that everybody has value and meaning in God's plan for his world. But I must not deceive myself. Most people in our society are just not interested in my message. They are tuned in to other frequencies, following other paths. I'm afraid I can't first wish them good luck and forget about them, as if their chosen direction was as meaningful as the Christian way. It isn't. But for all people's indifference to my message I am interested in two broad tendencies that seem to mark out the way people deal with religious awareness.

### Idea

First of all, most people if pushed would accept the notion that there is a God. But we try to keep him at a distance. One way of doing this is by translating him into an abstraction, by making him into something we call a Power, or a Principle, or a Force. Thus the 80 per cent of those interviewed for an opinion poll who said forcefully they wanted Religious Education to continue in schools, countless

thousands who engage in philanthropic activities, the non-churchgoers who claim the good offices of the Church at the critical moments of Baptism, Marriage and Death — all seem to allow the existence of God. But few would want to define him very closely. He is there just like the overarching skies, and that's good enough. Let's just call him the Power of Good, or the First Cause, the Demiurge, or the Ground of Being. That way we can admit he's there without giving him too much say in our everyday lives. Let's keep God as an Idea.

### Idol

A second way of keeping the Deity in his place is to make him into an Idol. In days gone by idols would have been carved images made out of the most expensive materials available — thus admitting God's importance. Today's idols are often more subtle. For some it is the Tridentine Mass, for others the Bible; church attendance does the job in some cases, and the cheque signed for church funds in others. All are ways in which God is both recognised and kept restricted to a form or an act, to a gift, or

within two covers. All idols can be put on the altar and worshipped, or "stacked" away in a cupboard or under the bed and forgotten about. Idols are useful to help focus attention on God when we are so disposed — equally useful because we can forget about them when we want to.

### Person

God as Idea or God as Idol — neither fits the Christian understanding of God. For God is supremely a Person. And a person is known most especially in terms of a relationship.

As well as the Creator of the Universe, he is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. And we, too, as sons and daughters, can know him if we will first suspend our disbelief and give ourselves to him in trust and love. For God is not a Something but a Someone. Our relationship with the Divine Creator is not an I-It but an I-Thou relationship. We address him as Abba, Father. He is with us in all the situations of life; we can keep an abstraction at a distance, an idol in its place, but even when we run away from our father God, like prodigal children, his love follows us and draws us back.

## MARRIED AT GUILDFORD



Michael Stratford, lately of St Peter's choir, was married on September 4 at All Saints Church, Guildford, to Jill Mansfield, of Purley, Surrey.

Michael, who met Jill at Birmingham University, is now working for a PhD at Surrey University, and the couple are living in Guildford where Jill works in a hospital laboratory.

## WITH KATHY IN CAVERSHAM

We are all, I'm sure, very sorry to see that Mr and Mrs Humphries have retired from the post office which they have run so well for so many years. Sometimes it seemed they knew everyone by name — never too busy to inquire after their customers and families, they nevertheless ran a very efficient service under somewhat crowded conditions. It isn't always easy to find one's way around the complicated post office regulations, particularly when posting overseas, but the Humphries were always willing to help, to look up regulations, and to advise on the best and cheapest forms of postage. With their daughter, who often helped in the shop, they are going to be very much missed, but we hope they will continue to live in the area.

At the same time, we should

like to welcome their successors and hope they will find Caversham a friendly place to work in.

No room! No room!

But this does seem a good time to raise again the very vexed question of Caversham's need for a much larger and efficient post office. There are empty shops in the precinct which could well serve this purpose. Surely Caversham is large enough to require a central post office — one which will not have to double as a stationers. And the fact that there is not a machine in the centre of Caversham where one can obtain stamps out of office hours is little short of ridiculous. "No room, no room," the Council have cried in the past. "There's plenty of room," as

Alice said, and if any official cares to take me up on the offer, I'm quite willing to take him literally by the hand and show him where there's room.

### More News of Our Young People

Our congratulations to Hester Casey, of Albert Road, who has just obtained an Upper II in Classics at Exeter, and to Martin Smith, of Clifton Park Road, who gained a First in the History of Art at Cambridge.

We also hear that Susan Cane is going to study at Oxford Polytechnic and Richard Shield is off to Durham University, while Martin Beck is going to Maidenhead College of Art. Our very best wishes and congratulations to all these young people.

## THE LINK GROUP

Fourteen members of the group met on Sunday, September 19, at 157 Upper Woodcote Road, to consider their work in the past and to make plans for the future.

During the past two years help has been given to various local and national charities, including the Reading Mencap Group, the Reading Richmond Fellowship, Reading Gingerbread Group, the children's department at Smith's Hospital, Henley,

"Help the Aged," the "Simon Community" in London and the Corrymeela Community in Belfast. In some cases the help given was not only monetary but practical as well.

During the afternoon talk centred on four main areas of discussion — Prayer and Worship, Ecumenical considerations in relation to the Link Group, practical work of social concern and the possibility of discussion groups. A talk

was given on each of these subjects and the general impression seemed to be that members wanted an outward looking, caring group of people, with prayer and discussion linked to the present projects and any further projects that may be undertaken. New members of any denomination will be most welcome.

After a quiet period the meeting closed with a short service, conducted by the Rev Stephen Bartlett.

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A big crowd, representative of all parts of the parish of Caversham, came to St Barnabas Hall after Evensong on Sunday, September 26, when a presentation was made to Leonard and Jenny Burn who, after four and a half years, have left for Birmingham where Leonard is now serving as chaplain of Selly Oak Hospital. After tributes to their work had been paid by the Rector, Mr W. A. Vincent, Churchwarden and Mr D. Miles, St Barnabas District Warden, a photograph album and a cheque for £109 was presented by Dr Owen Jewiss. The following night the clergy of the parish and their wives entertained the Burns at a party in the Rectory when a further presentation was made before they left the following morning for their new home at 105 Langley's Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham.



Photo: John Williamson



Some of the fifty-six younger members of the parish who crowded into St Barnabas House for a farewell gathering to Leonard and Jenny Burn.

Photo: John Williamson

## THINK AGAIN OXFORDSHIRE

If Oxfordshire County Council had any doubts about the unpopularity of their proposal to channel heavy lorries on to the A4074, they must have been dispelled by the views expressed at a packed meeting held in Thameside School to examine their proposals. But perhaps they already had their doubts, for an Oxfordshire County Councillor revealed that their Environmental Committee's vote in favour of the proposal was only carried by the casting vote of the Chairman. One wonders how many of the committee lived in the north of the County.

The Oxfordshire County Council speaker, who must have felt like Daniel amongst the lions, did not manage to persuade the meeting that this was the only sensible route. Berkshire County Council and Reading Borough Council both took the view that all heavy lorries over 16 ton axle weight should be confined to motorways or motorway standard roads except for access. Berkshire is already in the pro-

cess of doing this in different parts of the county and they, together with Reading Borough Council, want to see all heavy vehicles passing between Reading and Oxford directed on to the A34 and M4 or A4.

This caused a lorry driver in the audience to say that signposting was half the battle. Oxfordshire's signs led lorry drivers on to the A4074 because of weight restrictions on a weak bridge at Cholsey, and Reading's signs led them either there or on to the A329 which had a low bridge. "And who wants to chug up St Peter's Hill at 2mph, or turn a 20 tonner round in Pangbourne?" he asked. It was time, he continued, that mattered to a lorry driver. He could get to Oxford in fifty minutes on the A4 - A34, but it took him an hour and fifteen minutes on the A4074.

### Damage

Reading's Chief Environmental Health Officer, speaking from the audience, pointed out that Oxfordshire's proposals cut right across the Act of 1973

and the government's consultative document on transport, both of which emphasised the need to restrict traffic on environmental grounds, a point which a speaker from Transport 2000 had made earlier in the discussion. His point that heavy goods should be transferred to the railways met with applause. The subsidy on the railways was only a fraction of the unseen subsidy spent on lorries. In the meantime however, lorries should be confined to roads designed for them. Another speaker said that we would be wishing our problems on to other areas of Reading as far as lorries requiring access went, but the speaker for Reading said that no area was as vulnerable as Caversham.

### Say No

The meeting agreed that a letter should be sent to Oxfordshire expressing support for Reading and Berkshire and urging them to reconsider any idea they may have of making the A4074 part of the national lorry route. M. C.

## EMMER GREEN YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

A report on the activities of the Centre offered by Mr John Jenkins, the Youth and Community Worker.

Changes have recently been taking place in the structure of the service provided by the Centre. One of the major objectives is now to bring together both young and adult communities. For too long teenagers have been treated as a separate group, pushed into their own building, separated from adult influence, treated as different, and different they have remained. Now a real attempt is being made to bring together differing age groups to share together in the same Centre. The programme is devised to cater for all age groups but at the same time to build bridges between the age groups.

From the timetable set out below it is possible to get an idea of what is being attempted. The 18-year-old plus twice monthly programme is designed to be a positive link between the Youth Club age group and the adult community.

Saturday Community nights are aimed at the adult community, whilst the Sunday discussion is open to all ages. An opportunity for old and young to share in life's experiences.

Sundays	Discussion nights for all ages
Mondays	Sports competition night for 14-year-olds
Tuesdays	Junior Club, 11-14 years
Wednesdays	Old Age Pensioners Club
Thursdays	18-year-old + programme of interest including a motor bike evening
Fridays	Disco for 14+
Saturdays	Community nights

### OTHER USES OF THE BUILDING

In addition to the centre's use for the planned programme it is open for private hire at a price of £2.50 per hour with a minimum of £20 on a Saturday for any function, subject of course to Management approval.

Volunteers are always required to help with the numerous activities, including evenings for help with the coffee bar, talking to the young members or helping to organise events.

The Centre is grateful for the help already received especially at the successful Summer Fete and Barbeque.

If there are any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Community Worker, John Jenkins, morning or evening. The telephone number is 476794.

*DONALD FINDLAY — Why so glum?*

*MONDAY — Monday is always a bad day — disaster at every turn*

*TUESDAY — Burnt a hole in my new suit — must stop smoking*

*WEDNESDAY — Lost the cord out of my pyjamas*

*THURSDAY — Cynthia Lightbody said "No" (Twice)*

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1lb cheapest Cheddar.....	46	48	37	48
1 dozen standard eggs.....	48	47	46	37
1lb cheapest bacon.....	82	66	62	72
1lb cheapest sausages.....	40	42½	40	41
Packet of 10 Fish Fingers.....	34	34	42	42
15oz tin baked beans.....	12½	13	12½	12½
15oz tin soup.....	12	12½	12½	14
1lb frozen peas.....	23	25	28	28
3lb self-raising flour.....	19½	17	15	19
1lb dried fruit.....	24½	22	24	27
¼lb cheapest tea.....	10½	11	12	9
4oz jar coffee.....	43	47	55	54
Kilo granulated sugar.....	25	25	25	25
500gms cornflakes.....	23	22½	29	27
¾lb packet biscuits.....	20	20	20	16½
1lb cheapest marmalade.....	21	21	26	27
Double pack toilet paper.....	18	19	17½	18
TOTAL.....	5.80	5.77½	5.83	6.03½
Compared to last month's totals.....	+3%	+7%	+10½%	+7%

The four local supermarkets listed here were visited on September 22 (Co-op on September 23).

In common with the trend nationwide, prices in all four shops have risen quite steeply during the summer. The Co-op has shown the smallest rise over July's total and Sabre the largest, as some of the introductory offers have now come off.

Caversham residents hope that their local shops will be able to hold their prices reasonably steady over the winter, despite gloomy price prospects elsewhere!

- \* N.B. Budgens no longer give double stamps on Tuesdays.
- \* Sabre and Budgens give Green Shield Stamps.
- \*\* Co-op gives members 1¼% discount in form of dividend.

## TEN YEARS AGO We print this month some extracts from the Caversham Bridge of November 1966.

£80 but no site in sight. The Group Committee of St Peter's Scouts organised another jumble sale on September 10, and thanks to the people who gave jumble and worked so hard, before and during the sale, £80 was raised. As you may have forgotten, the majority of the money raised from jumble sales and Christmas card sales is being saved to build our own Group Headquarters — our biggest problem is to find a suitable site on which to build. (The problem continued for several

years until eventually the Borough made some land available in Grove Hill and the present excellent building was erected.)

St Andrew's. On Sunday November 6, there will be the Sunday School Prizegiving at 3pm, followed by entertainment. The prizes will be presented by Mrs Eric Wood from Mapledurham. November 30 is St Andrew's Day. The preacher at the Parish Communion at 7.30pm will be the Rev R. A. K. Runcie, Principal of Cuddesdon Theological College.

(The then Principal is now Bishop of St Alban's.)

Round the Clubs. Mrs A. S. Cowlard was in the chair at the September meeting of the Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild, and members very much enjoyed the talk given by Miss E. Price Hill on "Scenes behind Coronations". Over 30 members visited the Max Factor factory on August 31 and had a most interesting afternoon, and were also able to spend an hour or so in Bournemouth.

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AUTUMN WANDERLUST HIT CAVERSHAM FREE CHURCH IN SEPTEMBER AS, not once, but twice, the Church family took to the open road. One gloomy Saturday morning early in the month, 84 friends of assorted shapes, sizes and ages, set off in two Chiltern Queens for a day in sunny Sussex, armed with sandwiches, raincoats, umbrellas and galoshes. However, something went wrong with the weather forecast — the sun shone brightly and the day was perfect. The party travelled (via coffee at Midhurst) to the Weald and Downland Folk Museum at Singleton and after a picnic lunch on the grass in hot sunshine, set off to explore the lovely 35 acre park. As they wandered in and out of the unique collection of old buildings, they learned how to get water from wells by treadwheel, they understood why working in the log-sawing pit was thirsty work, they were thankful not to be 19th Century charcoal burners, and they were not at all envious of the 16th Century farmhouse with its open closet perched a perilous 20ft above ground level. Curiosity satisfied, the party moved on to Chichester where there was just time to explore the pedestrianised centre (Caversham please copy!) to view the John Piper tapestry in the Cathedral, and have a drink, before embussing for home, full of cream tea, sunshine and deepened friendship.

At the end of the month the Harvest Supper was also planned with fellowship in mind, and 93 friends spent an evening on Safari. They gathered at Church for soup or fruit juice and to receive marching orders. Then, led by that intrepid explorer, Rev Laurence Stevens, complete with tropical toupee, they set off in 24 cars to eight different homes where the main course was waiting. Forty-five minutes later, pleasantly full, each car load set off once more for another eight homes for the sweet. Finally, at 9.30pm, all cars converged on Henley where all gathered into one home for coffee and the epilogue — appropriately enough on the theme of feeding the five thousand. Perhaps the whole enjoyable feeling of unity was one of the factors which made the crowded Harvest Thanksgiving Services so memorable on the Sunday.

The morning service of Thanksgiving was enhanced by the very well prepared contribution of children from the Beginners, Primary and Junior Departments. Worshippers saw their models of food transport, watched the development of the theme of God's provision through harvests and peoples of other lands producing so many varieties of food. Gay costumes added to the visual pleasure, as did the display of flags from each country — all summed up in the word "Harvest." As well as singing from Beginners and Primary, there was a lively, well sung hymn from the Juniors, who recalled

in song how life would be without all God's many gifts, and stirred listeners to give thanks for all that enriches life. Gifts of produce were brought by children during the service, to add to the display.

It was the turn of the Senior Group in the evening to add a new dimension by the use of Bible incidents to illustrate dramatically the Harvest theme. The service also included Harvest anthems from the Church Choir.

In October, the Church fellowship stayed at home and let the visitors come to Caversham. On October 10, for the 104th Church Anniversary, the guest preacher was Rev Dr Maurice West, Principal of Bristol Baptist College, and Baptist representative on the Churches Unity Commission. Finally, an old friend and former Minister, Rev Lyn Lewis, is paying a welcome return visit with his wife, spending the weekend in Caversham and conducting worship on Sunday, October 24.

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## ROUND THE ANGLICAN PARISH

After several long meetings earlier this year the Church Council when it met on September 28 found itself confronted with a lighter agenda. The most lengthy item was an absorbing account of the visit to Taize; in the absence of the Rev Leonard Burn, who had left the parish that morning for Birmingham, John Williamson was invited to attend and the council were clearly much interested by what he had to say. The Council also heard reports from Mr Hogarth and Mr Hubbard of the Embley Park Holiday and noted that the school had been booked again for 1977.

The Rector reported that a new Reader, Mr E. A. Perkins, had moved into the parish from the Rochester diocese and agreed that the Bishop's permission should be sought for him to help with the administration at Holy Communion. The Rev Michael Kitchener outlined the diocesan study plans and it was agreed that this should be the basis of house groups next Lent.

The Council meets again on December 15.

### ST JOHN'S NEWS

#### HARVEST THANKSGIVING

As always, the church was beautifully decorated for the Harvest Thanksgiving services on September 26.

As last year, members of the congregation were invited to bring plants and bulbs for their gardens for a "dig-in" in the church garden after the Family Eucharist. In spite of the drought, the response was so generous that Rod Wood and his helpers were still busy after the last coffee cup had been washed and put away and everyone else had gone home.

#### SUPPER IN CHURCH

Over a hundred people, more than ever before and quite a challenge to fit them into St John's Church for a Harvest Supper. Nobody wants to sit in rows — everybody likes to chat to someone opposite — and most of the chairs are ganged in sixes!

It was a cosy and

chatty crowd — and a happy one, too. The Summerdown Singers started the evening on a serious note, then sang "the Walrus and the Carpenter" and had many mouths joining them in silent unison. The Mothers' Union provided a great spread of soup, cider, cheese and bread, apple pie and cream. Many commented on the film that followed — a film of Christian hospital work in African mountains, a film showing the horseback trek of a doctor and patient over miles of terrain before an operation, a film inspiring support for St John's Autumn Bazaar.

The Summerdown Singers once more took the floor, and when after coffee they led everyone in singing Auld Lang Syne, it was a happy sight to see the crowd of Christians, hand in hand, in a church whose beauty has been freshly revealed.

## CHURCH NEWS

### ST. PETER'S NEWS

#### HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Parish Church was crowded for the Harvest Festival Parish Communion when there were over 200 Communicants and a big attendance of Scouts, Guides, Cubs and Brownies. At the offertory a presentation of groceries was made by the congregation and the immense quantity received will be distributed to many old and infirm people throughout the parish during the next twelve months. A Harvest Supper was held the following week in Balmore Hall and this was attended by many newcomers to the parish. It was deliberately decided to serve only a simple meal but this was followed by a series of excellent games that the social committee had devised. Many thanks to all who arranged such an enjoyable evening.

#### THE RINGERS

On Harvest Festival the Band rang a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of Philip, the baby son of Margaret Vince, a member of the Band. The eight ringers for this were: Treble, David Matthews; No. 2, Ann Osborne; No. 3, Simon Osbourn; No. 4, Joseph Beaumont; No. 5, Harvey Mitchell; No. 6, Donald Drayton; No. 7, Roy Harris; tenor, Rebecca Dick. This was the first time that Rebecca Dick and David Matthews have rung a quarter peal and the first time Simon Osbourn has been on an inside bell. The Band is sorry that its oldest member, Mr Burles, was taken ill on holiday and hope that it will not be too long before he can return to the tower.

#### REDECORATION OF THE CHURCH ROOF

Work has now started and it is hoped that it will be finished by the end of October. Next spring it is intended that the remainder of the Church should be decorated by volunteers from the congregation — offers of help will gladly be received by the Rector or District Wardens.

#### ST PETER'S WIVES

September 14 was a very entertaining and informative evening for the St Peter's Wives Group, when Mrs Mills, of Luscombes, explained how to care for jewellery and silver. Her vivacious manner, fund of knowledge and obvious love of the work kept members enthralled throughout her talk. She told of her apprenticeship and training as well as detailing how to care for jewellery and silver at home. Mrs Mills brought such fascinating items from the past as silver chop servers, a ham bone holder and toe cap in silver and a decorative tooth pick holder. Each item had a story and members were sorry when the evening came to a close. They went home determined to take better care of the necklets, rings and silver tea services.

There will be two meetings in November. The first of these is a Skittles Evening to be held in Balmore Hall on the 2nd when there will be friendly games with other women's groups and supper.

November 16 is the regular meeting and this is a talk by a representative of Beauty Without Cruelty, an organisation which markets make-up and "furs" made without cruelty to animals. They also aim to prevent such cruelty occurring.

### ST MARGARET'S HARVEST THANKSGIVING

If a country church knows some of the stresses and worries involved in actually getting the harvest (especially in weather conditions like this year's), it also knows what it is to be really thankful when the time comes. St Margaret's was, as always, transformed over the weekend of Harvest Thanksgiving — September 26 — and indeed many people (including outside visitors) thought it looked better than ever. But even the most beautiful of decorations aren't the heart of Harvest Thanksgiving. At the Parish Communion, a good congregation of adults and children all took their gifts to the altar, and a piece broken off the (home-baked) Harvest loaf was used for the Communion itself. And in what is quickly becoming an established Mapledurham tradition, the rest of the loaf was shared out among the congregation at coffee-time.

Grateful thanks to Mrs Joyce Beacroft and all her helpers who decorated the church, to Mrs Joan Burton who baked the loaf, to Miss Mary Kift and her helpers who afterwards parcelled up and distributed the Harvest gifts to elderly, sick or needy people of the parish.

### ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

Early in September a party of St Andrew's people spent the day together, visiting first the Weald and Downland open air museum at Singleton in Sussex. From there they went on to explore the Cathedral city of Chichester, attending choral evening-song. A number of the party were taken on a conducted tour of Chichester Theological College.

The weather was marvellous and a tired but very happy and contented group arrived back in Caversham at 9.30pm.

#### St Andrew's Women's Group

Towards the end of September members of the Group enjoyed a talk on English Country Cheeses given by Miss A. B. Ceedy of the English Country Cheese Council. Miss Ceedy explained that cheese is one of the oldest known foods. Many varieties are produced in this country — each one having some special characteristics. The chief points to look for in a good cheese were explained, and samples of several different varieties were tasted by the members. A vote of thanks to the speaker was proposed by the chairman, Mrs Valerie Gardiner.

The November meeting of the Group also promises to be not only topical but of great interest, when a representative of Birds Eye will give a talk and some Home Freezing Hints along with ideas, recipes and a film show.



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# YOUNG CAVERSHAM

BY  
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SHOCK

When I was ten, I joined the Daily Mail's "Teddy - Tail Club;" at eleven I persuaded my parents to take the Daily Herald - I wanted to be a member of the Bobby-Bear Club! Enough was enough, tuppence a day on newspapers was more than adequate to sustain my enthusiasm as a loyal patron of Children's Corners of national dailies. At twelve I was admitted to the St Peter's Lads' Club, and by thirteen was appointed regular pianist. That meant keeping practiced up the tune "Eudoxia." Each Friday, at the close of club, the curate, Reverend C. R. Willis, would insist on everyone singing: "Now the day is over, Night is drawing nigh, Shadows of the evening, Steal across the sky."

## Past Pattern

That was the pattern in days gone by. I have

doubts whether such lamentations would be a hit with Lads' Clubs, 1976.

Britain must be the most prosperous nation of the World, when it comes to clubs, societies, organisations, or whatever. Sports clubs, stamp clubs, societies for the promotion or abolition of this or that; there are devoted propagandists of the flat earth, square earth or one with dents at the top and bottom. In the gardens, each flower bloometh with greater perfection, if the gardener belongs to its particular "variety club." So, whatever the politicians or militant revolutionaries try to impose on us, they could never rob us of our social traditions. When two or more British individuals gather together with a common interest, surely enough, a new enterprise will emerge. That is one reason why foreigners find us so oddly fascinating. One wonders, for instance, if

the "Bridge Scheme" would work efficiently in San Francisco, and whether eyes would boggle at the sight of Scouts and Guides unfurling their colours in the streets of Moscow or Peking. We have something to cherish in our free society.

## Numerous Organisations

In Caversham we are particularly fortunate in the numerous organisations existing for the benefit of all sections of the population. There is no need for any of you younger readers to be bored with nothing to do or nowhere to go. If you prefer mixed youth club amenities, there is the Emmer Green Youth Club; or if the uniformed organisations appeal to you, Scout Troops and Guide Companies, as well as a thriving Boys Brigade

unit, flourish in the parish.

Two boys' clubs, as well as several junior football clubs, offer recreational opportunities, and if you prefer specialising, the local tennis associations and golf clubs might like to meet you. All the churches have their own youth sections, and the Junior Red Cross are always pleased to see new faces at the West Memorial Hall on Wednesdays, at 6.30pm (no need to bring your own plasters).

## Chiltern Edge

If you live in Mapledurham or Emmer Green you may also find it very convenient to join up with the Chiltern Edge Centre, which has a very wide range of activities for young people. A wide variety of voluntary work is also



Peter Shock

— WALTON ADAMS

at the disposal of anyone looking for a worthwhile leisure time occupation, and details can often be found in the pages of the Caversham Bridge, church porch or public buildings. If you are still at a loose end, or are new to the area, ring up someone from the Caversham Bridge. You will be put into contact with the appropriate person, even if your ball is thrown back into my yard! For space reasons I cannot list all the organisations in the locality, and furthermore I am not aware of all of

them myself. There must be a number of bodies deserving mention, and it is for this reason that a directory of Caversham organisations is being prepared at this moment. If you are a leader or secretary of a movement or association, you are invited to record the particulars for publication in the directory, and such information should be forwarded to Mr John Jenkins, Emmer Green Community Centre. All organisations, youth or otherwise, are requested to send details.

# 'ANECDOTES'

## DR ROBERT SOUTH

Dr South, when once preaching before Charles II, observed that the monarch and his attendants began to nod, and as nobles are common men when they are asleep, some of them soon after snored; on which he broke off his sermon and called, "Lord Lauderdale, let me entreat you to rouse yourself; you snore so loud that you will wake the king."

Dr South, when he resided at Caversham in Oxfordshire, was called out of bed on a cold winter's morning by his clerk, to marry a couple who were then waiting for him. The doctor hurried up, and went shivering to church; but seeing only an old man of seventy, with a woman about the same age, and his clerk, he asked the latter in a pet where the bridegroom and the bride were, and what that man and

woman wanted. The old man replying that they came there to be married, the doctor looked sternly at him and exclaimed: "Married!" "Yes, married," said the old man hastily, "better marry than do worse." "Go, get you gone, you silly old fools!" said the doctor, "get home and do your worst." And then hobbled out of the church in a great passion with his clerk for calling him out of bed on such a ridiculous errand.

Robert South (1634-1716) was an English Divine. Educated at Westminster and

Christ Church, Oxford. Ordained in 1658 he held a varied succession of offices, becoming Public Orator of Oxford. Later, in 1670, he was made canon of Christ Church. It is said that at the age of seventy-five he declined the See of Rochester. His sermons, smart, witty and often sarcastic, became exceedingly popular.

(The Presentation of the Gift of the Benefice of Caversham lies in the hands of Christ Church, Oxford. The two anecdotes are from the Oxford Book of Literary Anecdotes).

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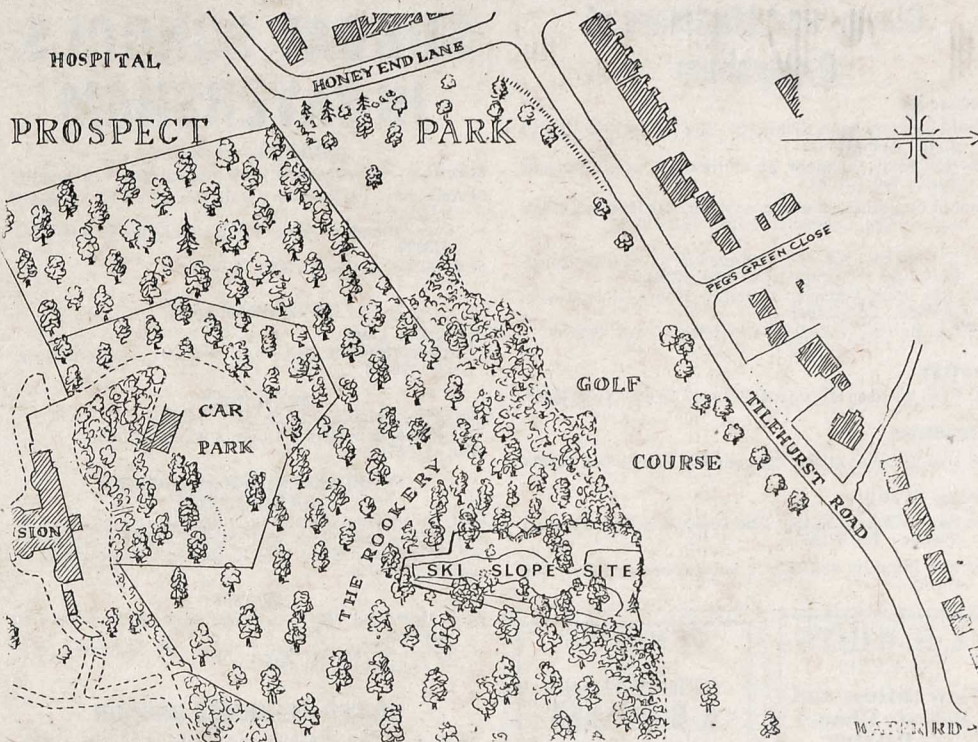
This is the question your local Council is going to have to answer in the next few weeks. Before they do it is essential that as many people as possible have knowledge of the proposals so that they can make up their minds, and if they feel strongly enough, put pressure on their local Councillor to vote either for or against the Ski Slope.

The site of the slope at the centre of Prospect Park would be in the wooded area behind the old Mansion and largely screened by existing trees. The slope would run down the hill to the lower level on the Tilehurst Road side and would have a 4ft 6in high wooden fence around it for protection. The total area used, including the surround, would be approximately 100 yards by about 50 yards at the widest point. An Alpine chalet type hut would be erected to house boots and skis, etc., whilst the only mechanical part of the whole project is a low level electric ski tow up one side of the slope. As only a limited number of people can ski at one time there should be adequate parking at the top of the hill in the existing car park behind the Mansion. Should the scheme be accepted it would be used to give basic ski training to anyone wishing to ski, including the large number of Reading schoolchildren who go abroad skiing each year.

The total cost of installing and running the facility would be born by a private company set up for that purpose by Mr Alan Beausire and would have the backing of the Southern and Reading Sports Councils.

The main objections to the scheme are firstly whether or not a public park owned by the town should be used for a commercial venture even though the area used is small and leased from the Council. Secondly, whether such a scheme would create a nuisance by way of noise or the numbers of people using the park.

The first point is a very valid one but Reading is not very well endowed with sporting facilities and if someone is prepared to build a slope, not out of public



funds but as a commercial venture, it is perhaps a justifiable use of public ground. The second point is more difficult to be clear about but the park is already

used very extensively for sport in one form or another, i.e. football, cricket, golf, tennis, by athletes for winter training, by the schools for cross country and more recently by the Reading Joggers on three days a week.

## ROUND THE CLUBS

### Emmer Green Townswomen's Guild

At the September meeting Mrs P. J. Haseltine gave a talk, illustrated by slides, on "The Sahara — its people and paintings." The people ranged from nomadic tribes who live on the meagre supplies which can be found on their travels, to others who live in villages, cultivate the soil and build their own straw huts of many different designs. The paintings depict the lives and activities of cave dwellers dating back to many years BC, and have been added to by countless generations of artists to decorate the walls of their homes. Mrs Haseltine finished by showing pictures of the desert as people expect it to be, vast expanses of windswept sand without vegetation except for the occasional oasis. Miss B. Sidford gave the vote of thanks. The Garden Party, which was held in August at the home of Mrs Perrin, was very successful and members greatly enjoyed the various sideshows, the barbecue and the country dancing. Mrs J. Barnet being the caller.

**Caversham Park WI**  
At the September meeting Mrs E. M. Fitzzeustace entertained members with many beautiful coloured slides and a picturesque journey of her life as a courier in Northern Spain. The competition for the prettiest tea towel was won by Mrs Phyllis Colley, with Mrs Lynda Rixon second and Mrs Elsie Morris third. At the meeting on November 18, Mrs P. Ridley will speak on Looking at Old Churches. The competition is An Amusing Epitaph.

**Mapledurham WI**  
At the September meeting the president, Mrs M. Hayward, presented birthday buttonholes to Mrs Barnes, Mrs Butler, Mrs Gowland and to Mrs Collins, who had celebrated her 90th birthday this month.

Mrs Mortimer gave a report on the outing to Broughton Castle near Banbury, which had been very much enjoyed. A discussion was held on the proposed raising of the subscription from £1 to £1.40, and it was agreed that while the rise was inevitable, the meeting did not agree with the proposed new proportioning and the secretary was requested to advise the Consultative Council Representative accordingly.

The speaker was the Rev David Salt, who gave a talk on sea shells. He had been collecting shells for over 10 years, and the members were very interested in those he brought with him, most of which were very unusual.

The flower of the month competition was won by Mrs Butler with a beautiful Peace rose.

If you have strong views either one way or the other, please make sure you are heard. Any further details can be obtained from Mr Derek Abbott, Chairman Southern Region Ski Association, c/o TAAB Laboratories, 52 Kidmore End Road, Emmer Green, Reading.

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## SUNDAY SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

**ANGLICAN**

**St Peter's**  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
9.15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION  
11.00 a.m. Holy Communion (1st and 5th Sundays)  
11.00 a.m. Matins (2nd and 4th Sundays)  
11.30 a.m. Holy Communion (3rd Sunday)  
6.30 p.m. Evensong

**St John's**  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST

**St Andrew's**  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST  
11.15 a.m. Holy Communion  
6.30 p.m. Evensong (Except 1st Sunday)

**St Barnabas'**  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion  
9.15 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST  
6.30 p.m. Evensong (2nd Sunday)

**St Margaret's, Mapledurham**  
8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (2nd and 4th Sundays)  
9.15 a.m. PARISH COMMUNION  
10.30 a.m. Family Service (2nd Sunday)

**NORTH CAVERSHAM BAPTIST CHURCH**

10.45 a.m. Morning Service  
6.30 p.m. Evening Service

**CAVERSHAM BAPTIST FREE CHURCH**

11.00 a.m. Morning Service  
6.30 p.m. Evening Service

**CAVERSHAM PARK CHURCH (The School)**

11 a.m. Morning Worship (2nd, 4th and 5th Sunday)  
FAMILY COMMUNION (1st and 3rd Sundays)  
7.30 p.m. Holy Communion (2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays)

**METHODIST CHURCHES**

**Caversham**  
11.00 a.m. Morning Service  
6.30 p.m. Evening Service

**Caversham Heights**  
11.00 a.m. Morning Service  
6.30 p.m. Evening Service

**ROMAN CATHOLIC**

**St Anne's**  
8.00 a.m., 9.30 a.m., 11.00 a.m., 7.00 p.m. Mass

**Our Lady of Caversham**

8.30 and 10.30 a.m. Mass  
St Martin's School  
9.30am Mass

## WE RECORD

**BAPTISED**

**St Peter's**  
September 26: Richard Wadman

**St John's**  
August 22: Todd Trussler

**St Andrew's**  
September 19: Sarah Gordon  
Robert Reynolds  
Sarah Pope

**St Barnabas**  
September 5: Nicholas Shaylor  
Joanna Hawkins  
Steven Lewis

**Caversham Park**  
August 22: Sarah Coles  
James Woodhouse.  
Dawn Frost  
Kevin Bolt  
David Wood

**MARRIED**

**St Peter's**  
September 11: Colin Trinder and Frances Price  
September 25: Andrew Browning and Judith Yeo  
October 2: Martyn Russell and Anita Maja

**St John's**  
August 7: John Hutchinson and Ann-Marguerite Lacey  
August 14: Paul Healy and Sharon Wyatt  
September 4: Stuart Lovegrove and Linda Dixon  
Richard Smith and Eileen Hancock  
September 18: Philip Osbourn and Hazel Muras  
Brian Wynn and Hilary Clark

**St Andrew's**  
September 18: Philip Strudley and Julia Davis

**St Barnabas**  
September 11: Paul Ferris and Loretta Johnson

**St Margaret's**  
September 18: Brian Bower and Anne Popplewell

**FUNERALS**

**St Peter's**  
October 1: John Germain

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