

FUTURE ASSURED

Mapledurham Playing Fields

THE Charity Commission has at long last approved and established a scheme for the future administration of the Mapledurham Playing Fields (which includes the Hall) Woodcote Road, Caversham. The problem arose in 1974 when the land which was formerly in the Parish of Mapledurham, Oxfordshire, and had been administered by the Parish Council, became part of the Borough of Reading. Since that date the Playing Fields have been informally managed by the Borough and the Scheme now made confirms the Reading Borough Council as Trustee of the Charity.

The day to day administration is

delegated to a Committee of Management consisting of three persons appointed by the Borough, one by the Mapledurham Parish Council and one jointly by the Clubs and other associations or bodies who regularly use the Playing Fields or the Hall. The persons currently appointed are the Mayor, Councillor Fowles, the Chief Executive and Town Clerk of the Borough (or his representative) the Borough Recreation Officer (or his representative), Mr A. Martyn-Johns representing the Parish Council and Mr N. H. Brown the regular users' representative. A meeting of the regular users is to be held at least once a year. The local residents

who use the Fields and Hall will consequently have a say in the future running.

One of the problems that those administering the Playing Fields and Hall have had to face in recent years is the increased vandalism which has meant that funds that could have been devoted to improvements have had to be spent on repairing or replacing broken windows, paving slabs and damaged trees. The Fields and Hall are there for the benefit of the community as a whole and the Committee would welcome any help in combating the menace of vandalism. Anyone with information that might lead to prosecution of those

responsible is urged to get in touch with Mr Martyn-Johns (Tel: 722198) or Mr Brown (Tel: 474009).

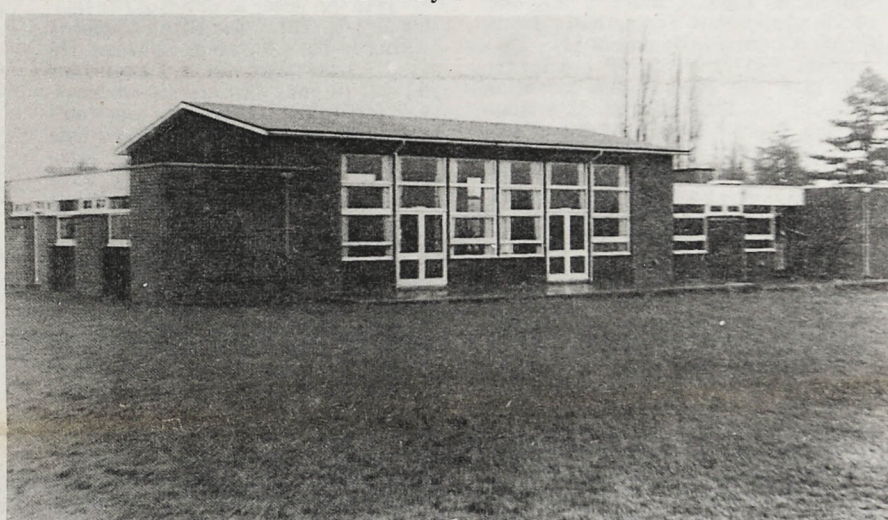
The most significant development in the last few months has been

the construction of children's play areas; one for young children and one for older children, and an all weather pitch for ball games. These improvements have considerably

enhanced the facilities offered at the ground.

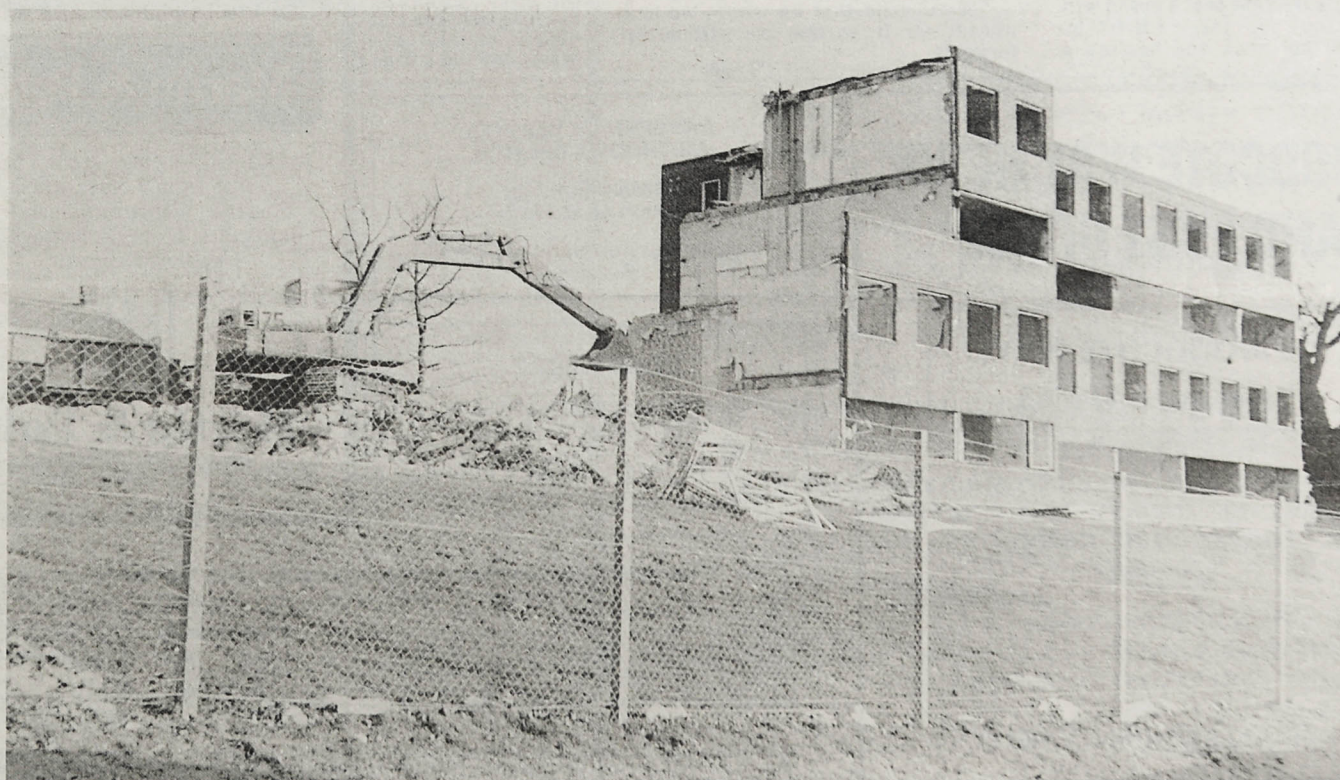
It is hoped to include a regular feature on the Playing Fields in this newspaper and next month we will publish details of

the Clubs and bodies who are regular users of the Fields and Hall with particulars of the Secretaries so that anyone interested can join in the activities.



— E. S. Archer

FLATTENED!



■ The destruction of flats at Scott Close

— E. S. Archer

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TALKING POINT

By Rev Brian Skinner — Minister, Caversham Methodist Church — Gosbrook Road

A GOOD RULE FOR LIFE

During the week for Christian Unity I was reading through an old book on the subject when I came across a wise saying, which is an excellent rule for life and especially for the Christian fellowship: "In things essential, unity; in things doubtful, liberty, in all things charity." That indeed is a rule for life. Let us look at these three heads.

1. IN THINGS ESSENTIAL, UNITY — I think that one of the great truths which we often fail to remember is the very simple truth that the things which are essential are very few indeed. As I see it, there is only one creed of the New Testament: "Jesus Christ is Lord (Philippians 2:11)." **ESSENTIAL LORDSHIP** — After all if a man can confess the essential Lordship of Jesus Christ, if a man accepts Jesus Christ as Lord of his life, and Lord of all life, why should I not take him by the hand? Why should I not worship with him? Why should I not sit at the Lord's Table with him? If he believes that, nothing else matters very much.

2. IN THINGS DOUBTFUL, LIBERTY — The things which divide Christians are so often not really matters of creed; they are matters of administration and Church government and method. And why should I insist that there is only one way of doing things? Rudyard Kipling somewhere tells a story of a happening which opened his eyes. He was on a world tour. I think that it was in New Zealand that General Booth came aboard the ship. He was seen off by a bevy of tambourine-beating Salvationists, and Rudyard Kipling's conventional soul was disturbed. He told the General that he took a very dim view of tambourine-beating. "Young man", said that old warrior, "if I thought that I could win one more soul for Jesus Christ by standing on my head and beating a

tambourine with my feet, I would learn how to do it."

I may dislike certain methods of preaching, of praying, of evangelism, but if they work, if they win men for Christ, what right have I to criticise them? A tree is known by its fruits; a preacher is known by his effectiveness. In non-essential things like methods let me grant liberty to all men.

3. IN ALL THINGS, CHARITY — Here indeed is the essential thing. There is a passage in the book of Revelation which has been haunting me.

It is in the letter to Ephesus (Revelation 2: 1-7). There the Risen Christ is talking to the Church at Ephesus. He says: "I know your works; I know how you toil at your Christianity; I know your fortitude; I know how you can't bear those who are evil; I know how you have tested those who are false apostles; but all the same, I have something against you — you have left your first love."

The Church of Ephesus was full of energy; the Church of Ephesus was enthusiastic and managed to stick it out when things were difficult; the Church of Ephesus was enthusiastic at heresy hunting and rooting out false apostles; but the Church of Ephesus had not love — and the whole thing was ruined.

Orthodoxy can be bought at too dear a price. An orthodoxy which is bought at the expense of a campaign of hate against the so-called heretics is trying to do God's work in the spirit of the devil. Immediately love goes, Christianity goes too. It is the tragedy of so much orthodoxy that it may have learned to love truth, but it has never learned to love people.

"In things essential, unity; in things doubtful, liberty; in all things charity — let us write that up where we can always see it, so that we will never forget it.

CAVERSHAM CARE CENTRE

By Doreen Bennett (Care Centre Chairman)

THE PAST

IT IS just a year since the Steering Committee first met to plan the Opening Ceremony in April. But it is two years since various comments during the Ecumenical Lent Groups were brought to the attention of the Link Group. It was obvious that, while there were many excellent caring organisations in the area, they were not always known either to one another, or to people needing their help. A central co-ordinating point seemed called for, and Link members discussed this at a Clergy meeting, and subsequently with Caversham Rotary Club and many other organisations who offered backing. The Good Neighbour Scheme, with their idea of a central office, joined in, a year of intense activity followed, and the Care Centre was born.

THE PRESENT

So — what have we now? A room at Church House with information contributed by over fifty organisations. These are concerned with family problems, help for the handicapped and elderly, counselling services, and many others, including Luncheon Clubs, play groups etc. The help offered as well as the volunteers needed are filed. The Good Neighbour Scheme, with its network of Area organisers, is centred here too. Two volunteers on each weekday morning welcome and offer immediate assistance and a wide

range of information to anyone who either calls or phones.

In addition, in the adjoining "Pop-In" Centre, there is a warm welcome for anyone wanting a cup of coffee, someone to talk to, or just a chance to relax by the fire with a magazine. This is open on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. What is offered in the Centre

is friendship, in whatever form it is needed, and helps themselves have made many friends.

THE FUTURE

This is an interdenominational venture, the set up is there, the potential is enormous. Any suggestions as to how this can be most widely used would be much appreciated.

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RESIDENTS' VIEWPOINT

By Watchdog

TIDAL FLOW ON THE CARDS

CAVERSHAM Residents' Association's views on the Cross Town Route were that as we were most likely going to get it anyhow in some shape or form, the best thing was to choose the proposal likely to inflict the least amount of environmental damage, and to mitigate its effects as much as possible. Residents and tradespeople in the Caversham Road area on the other hand are vehemently opposed to the whole idea of a Cross Town Route, and would go so far as to prefer the present congestion to measures designed to reduce it. They have put a lot of hard work into publicising and presenting their

case, and as people living on the spot, their views cannot be ignored.

After the six month consultation period on the Cross Town Route and the Third Thames Bridge, the County Council analysed the comments which showed a majority view in favour of an extra lane, making a four lane route. It must here be emphasised that the public was being asked to choose one of two options in the Caversham Road section of the route, so it does not necessarily mean that those replying were actually bursting with enthusiasm for the choice they made.

The alternative to a fourth lane was tidal flow, which would mean three lanes and no kerb-side parking whatsoever, which would not please local tradespeople, as well as the provision of large intrusive gantries to get the message across to thick-witted motorists. A fourth lane would mean losing some pavement and hence trees, but would provide parking bays. It was not an easy

choice, but nevertheless the majority preferred the fourth lane.

It has come then as something of a surprise to find Reading Borough Council accepting its Transport Committee's recommendation that a system of tidal flow be adopted in Caversham Road. Is this a case of the right hand not knowing what the left hand is doing? The Borough Council did not come down on any particular side in the consultation period, beyond talking about improving the capacity and protecting the trading patterns and the environment. Have they now decided that tidal flow will do this better than a four lane route and if so, why was this view not reached during the six month long consultation period? It all seems very odd.

Draft replacement structure plan

Oh dear! One's heart sinks. Not another, and which is this one? Actually it is an updating of the three part County Structure Plan presented in 1979-1980 and its purpose is to provide for long-term planning well into the '90's. It contains good news rather than bad, though it depends on whether the Secretary of State accepts it.

It rejects in much stronger terms than the previous plan did the idea of Berkshire being a major growth area, and instead of going at least part of the way with Government policies for growth, comes out with very specific figures to slow it down. It states clearly the undesirable effect fast growth is having in Berkshire, and that if it runs away even faster, the quality of life for all will be seriously eroded. The rate of housing is to be cut to something like half of that previously accepted, to give the County a chance of matching essential services with what is already built or being built. Caversham people will be relieved to note that there is no mention of pushing in five hundred houses in Hemdean Valley.

In addition to the effect this will have in Berkshire, the Council also says that it "considers that its strategy of restraint in Berkshire will deflect some of the pressures for growth and so help

regenerate London, the east side of the region [the S.E.] and other parts of the country such as the Midlands and the North."

All this of course could be just fine words, but if something does not come from them, Berkshire will be an unpleasant place in which to live by the twenty-first century. One cause for concern is the rate of office development still to be permitted. It has been reduced, but it is still a vast amount. Reading is scheduled for another 60,000 square metres, and knowing the pressures put on local authorities by developers, often with the backing of the Department of the Environment, this is more likely to end up as a minimum, instead of a maximum. Berkshire County Council will need all

the support they can muster if they are to resist Government demands for growth.

Crumbling road surfaces

Some seven or eight years ago, paying my first visit to Chicago, the cliché "private affluence, public squalor" kept springing to mind as I stepped carefully over broken or missing paving and kerb stones, whilst all around were signs of wealth and comfortable living. Returning recently, I scarcely noticed, not because the potholes had gone, but because in this country they have become such an accepted feature of daily life.

We all have our favourite ones, though the set in the Mount, repaired several

times and splurging over on to the pavement like magma from some deep volcanic activity, must take some beating. For pavements, the upstream side of Caversham Bridge can have few rivals. In recognition of this, half the pavement is railed off to prevent pedestrians doing themselves an injury in the holes and ridges, whilst as a holding operation, the whole thing is kept together by metal sheets.

Most of the pavements in the older parts of our towns, like the sewers, were put there by the Victorians and have not had a serious reconstruction since. Parked cars and lorries have taken their toll, and the statutory undertakers have contributed their bit, but for the most part, time

and the weather have been the main cause.

Money needs investing in this essential infrastructure of urban life, yet with a government firmly committed to cuts in public expenditure, by which is meant mostly local government expenditure, there seems little hope of this being done. Yet it is in the sphere of local government spending that most of our public needs are satisfied. We can get along quite nicely without Cruise missiles and prestigious schemes such as the Channel Tunnel (private money not public money, but money poured in with government blessing) but we start to suffer, and morale begins to drop, when our public services proclaim, whether it is true or not, the message of a nation in decline.

CAVERSHAM CARE CENTRE

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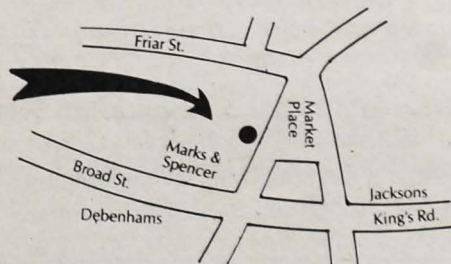
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THE BOARD AND EDITORS OF THE "CAVERSHAM BRIDGE" extend their congratulations to all those who have worked on this scheme for the past twenty years.

Dr Rothwell, Chairman of the GNS, opened the meeting with an outline history of its development. The first time the idea was floated in Caversham was exactly twenty-one years ago. At a meeting at St Anne's Hall it was suggested that Caversham should emulate the example of St Peter's Parish, Headington. By the autumn of 1965 a committee had been formed with Bill Vincent as the first Chairman.

In order to give the Scheme a start the local Churches were approached for funds. This appeal was met with a generous response so enabling the Scheme to get under way. Only twice in the subsequent twenty-one years has the Scheme had to make a similar appeal to the Churches.

Early history

At first the plan was to have a warden on each street. The number of people required and other related problems rendered this scheme impracticable. Instead six area organisers were appointed with a central organiser to co-ordinate the operation. Mrs Besley became the central organiser taking up her responsibilities in September 1965, and continuing until 1984. About eighty helpers were enrolled. This number has remained fairly constant, though over such a timespan different people have been involved.

Through its long history the most frequent call on the Scheme has been to provide transport for numer-

ous needs. But a great deal of work, by its nature, is confidential. Consequently, even committee members are often in the dark as to the precise details of the work involved.

And now...

This method of operating continued until April 1985 when the focal point moved to the new Caversham Care Centre in Church House. Here the Scheme operates alongside the Link Group. The Day Centre has the great advantage of providing a place where contact can be easily made with the Scheme or Link Group.

Miss Youens, the Secretary, took up this point in her report. Health Visitors, the Social Services, as well as members of the public, now have a place where the two organisations can be contacted during normal office hours.

And so it is that the daily help goes on. Seventy-five per cent of this help lies in supplying transport to various clubs for the elderly, mothers with small children, ferrying pensioners, giving help to those who care for others and special trips such as providing an outing for the ladies of Springfield St Luke, so that they could enjoy the autumn colours.

Helpers come from many quarters. The area organisers are the backbone of the Scheme. But help also comes from the pupils of Queen Anne's School, the Venture Scouts and from Highdown School. Miss Youens noted that summer always provided extra problems. Calls for help in the garden abound in the summer months and anyone willing to lend a helping hand is more than welcome.

The treasurer's report underlined the variety of help being given and the complexity of providing it. Expenses arising from 'phone calls and car mileage figured prominently on the balance sheet, even though many helpers "forget" to claim their dues. Money comes in from donations but it is a principle of the Scheme never to ask those being helped for any contribution.

Reap and Keep

The meeting next welcomed its guest speaker. Heather Bowman works as a voluntary worker for Reading Emergency Accommodation Project (REAP). She works six days a week, forty hours a week in its home for "down

and outs" The Keep. To listen to this young lady was a humbling experience for all present.

Though unwilling to put people into categories, Miss Bowman wanted to dispel the "Old Man" illusion of the tramp. The Keep is a drop in centre and a night shelter on the Oxford Road. A great majority of the people using it are not worthless drop outs. A great number come from a phenomenon of the 80s, the wandering unemployed, people travelling the country in search of work. Many have served in the forces and lacking any fixed home and without the security of an institution, they are left to fend for themselves without a base.

Another group in a similar plight are those in the catering trade who after many years of tied accommodation have lost both job and home. They are now wandering the country chasing jobs. Victims of marital problems form another section. It is usually the man who moves out of the home and with nowhere to go finds sanctuary in such places as the Keep. Yet others are in dispute or even conflict with the DHSS. Sometimes it can take up to three months for accommodation money to be granted. In the meanwhile only such as the Keep can give any hope of shelter.

Facilities

Before Christmas the ruling of the Government on those claiming benefit after twenty-eight days meant that even a greater number of people than usual were on the move and on the street. These were people who had had housing but because the Government withdrew the allowance after four weeks many were forced out of their housing. Finally there is the group of people who for one reason or another is between housing.

The Keep provides eleven beds. With sofas, mattresses or the floor and the like, the number can be augmented. Beds are in a dormitory system. There is also a TV room and laundry. But space is short and some of the facilities have been declared none too safe.

Apart from providing accommodation each night the Keep also provides meals for those who do not spend the night there. Pressure of work has forced REAP to curtail the drop-in

character of the Keep so that three nights a week only those intending to stay the night are admitted. This frees staff who give more time to counselling and attending to individual needs.

Accommodation Problems

Miss Bowman noted that a weak point was its very limited contact with other agencies. Reading suffers from an acute shortage of single accommodation. It is necessary for those in need of this sort of accommodation so that they can develop an independence which cannot be given by institutions. REAP would like to provide a system of housing supplying private bedrooms under the care of a warden. So far neither money nor political backing had come for this venture.

Indeed the problem is exacerbated by the

fact that there are only two "detox" beds in Berkshire and these are in Fairmile, thereby linking alcoholism with psychiatric services.

All in all Miss Bowman presented a picture of a few dedicated workers struggling with few resources and little money to help our unfortunate "neighbours". Despite this one could not but be filled with admiration for those who undertake this work, their cheerfulness and strong faith in the value of their work.

As Dr Rothwell said in closing the meeting, it was a sobering picture of real life and he was sure those present would want to help as far as possible. A retiring collection produced £36 for REAP.

The AGM closed with a prayer led by the Rev Dennis Weller.

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MILLINGS —Fare thee well!!

DAVID HORACE MILLING came to the parish of Caversham and Mapledurham in 1977. First, as Priest-in-Charge of St Margaret's, Mapledurham; later, from 1981, as Priest-in-Charge of St Andrew's. Now he is leaving us to minister to the folk of the Upper Kennet parish, where, next year, he will celebrate 30 years in the priesthood.

During the past eight years or so, the people of our parish have come to know this quiet-spoken man of God; and our affection for him has grown.

David has been a true Shepherd, like his namesake of old. He has never ceased trying to teach his flock to live as Christians. We have not always listened! But

that has not lessened his determination to communicate the Gospel in terms we could all understand; whether from the pulpit, in his organisation of the Lenten groups, or in other ways.

Nothing typifies his determination more than the brave efforts to enthuse our children — something which does not come easily to him — with Christ's teaching. His work with the children also exemplifies his devotion to all his flock; young and old, faithful and not-so-faithful, believers and doubting Thomases alike.

Many, many families in our area have valued his support and guidance in times of crisis and despair.

They have recognised his sincerity and his inner faith in the healing Love of God.

He has laughed with us too; laughed at himself, and at our own weaknesses and frivolities, in his own infectious way. Dared to laugh even at his wife, Bernice, when she has entertained us from time to time with her Thespian skills.

You would expect me to say that Bernice and their three daughters have been a great support to David. The fact is, they have been an absolute tower of strength. They have been a veritable extension of David himself; fielding telephone calls, receiving visitors at St Andrew's House — thoroughly involved in the life of



Revd David Milling

— Walton Adams

the District.

So we offer our love and prayers to all the Milling family as they start a new ministry in rural Wiltshire. May they soon feel at home; just as devoted to their new flock as

they have been to us here in Caversham. And perhaps the demands of Upper Kennet may actually leave David with a few gaps in his diary — something we never allowed him to have.

NEW PRIEST FOR ST ANDREW'S

THE Revd Tony Dalton has accepted the Rector's invitation to succeed the Revd David Milling on the parish staff, with responsibility for St Andrew's. The Bishop of Reading will formally license him to this ministry at St Andrew's on March 12 at 7.45pm.

Approaching his 29th birthday, Tony is a bachelor from the north west. A native of Barrow-in-Furness (where the nuclear subs are built), he graduated in History at Emmanuel College, Cambridge, where his vocation to the priesthood matured.

Before training for the ordained ministry at the College of the Resurrection, Mirfield (and, incidentally, picking up a further degree — this time in Theology — hence his MA distinction), Tony worked for a year in Barrow's hospitals and drop-in centres, gaining valuable experience of people's needs and the Church's ministry. On the staff at Mirfield was a familiar Caversham name — Michael Kitchener — whom Tony came to know (with the Kitchener family) as a lasting friend. Part of his training included placement in a parish; he was part of the group of Mirfield students allocated to Caversham and Mapledurham in the late 70s, when he met David Milling!

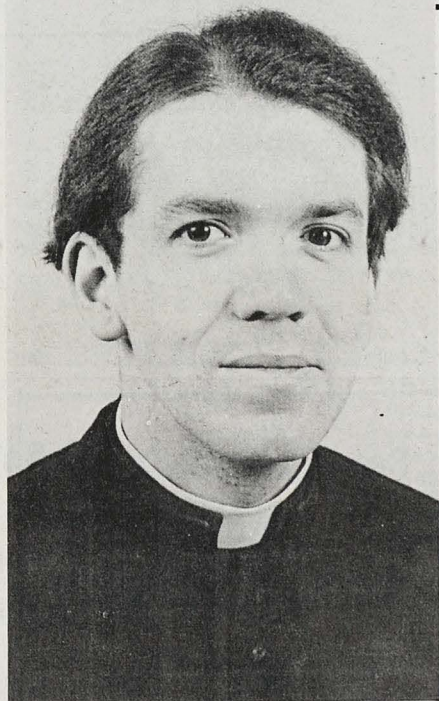
These local links were unknown to Richard Kingsbury when he first invited Tony to consider this post! They confirmed the feeling of all who met Tony on his visits to Caversham this winter, that the hand of God was once again helping this parish in finding first class priests! Tony was ordained on his birthday (St Peter's) 1982 in Carlisle Cathedral, since when he has served as Assistant Curate at St Aidan's Carlisle — uniquely "catholic" church in the diocese, with a daughter church dedicated to ... St Andrew! He comes to us as a committed Anglo-Catholic who has already earned high praise in his expertise and care for presentation of the Church's liturgy. We believe that the gifts of St Andrew's and of their new priest offer a splendid marriage and exciting future!

Tony Dalton is broad-minded in his interests and outlook. His fascination with history remains strong. He expresses a chronic desire to travel to sites "where it happened" (and his impending move to Caversham confirms this!). He is a keen fell-walker and knows the Lakeland Fells intimately. His other spare time activity is sailing. Conscious of the scarcity of mountains and lakes in the Albert Road area, Tony offers for sale a small yacht and is open to offers!

He joins us soon after David and Bernice Milling and the girls leave and was amongst the first to pay tribute to David's faithful ministry

here. "I look forward to a happy pastoral ministry in Caversham, hoping that together we can learn more of the Faith and of the love of God," he writes. To which, knowing his lively mind, vigorous faith, and infectious enthusiasm and humour, we for our part respond "Amen!"

Richard Kingsbury comments: "Once more, the Lord has been good to us in bringing the right man to us. I look forward to Tony joining our team and ask your prayers for God's continued blessing on us and on him."



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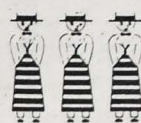
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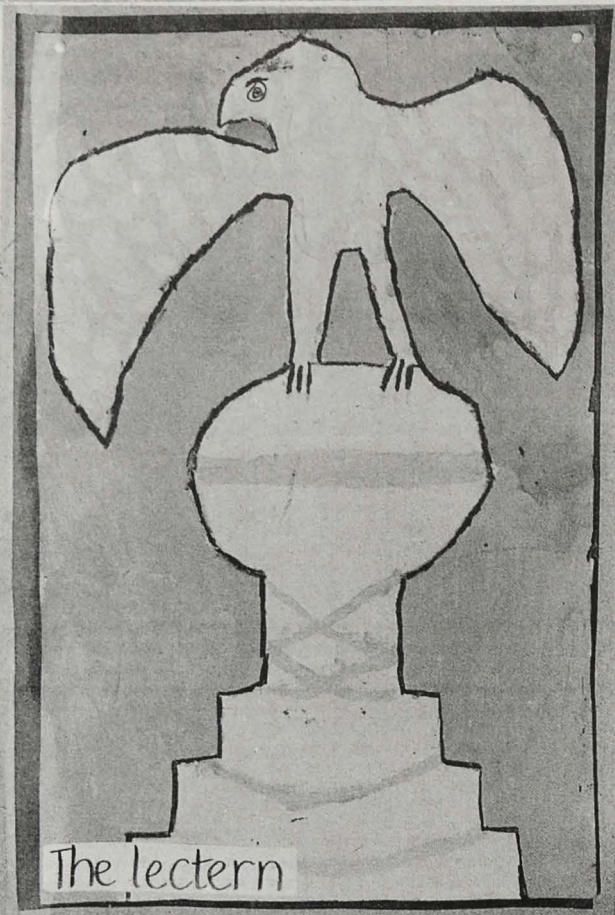
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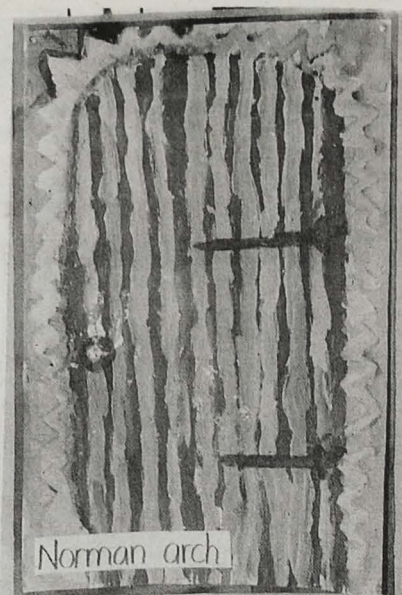


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Eight posters were produced which hung in the school hall and later in St Peter's Church. Four of them are reproduced here, worthy of a wider audience.

News from the Hill Chapel

WE NOW no longer go to the church on Sunday mornings — but we still go to the Church. Yes, it does make sense — read it again! From the beginning of January we have been meeting at 10.30 on Sundays at the Hill Primary School.

You will probably remember that it was only just over a year ago that we began worshipping in our new worship hall. Well, the Lord has been very good, and He has filled it to overflowing. The Sunday school leaders had found it increasingly difficult teaching so many children in rooms which were not altogether suitable. After much

prayer and seeking the Lord over this matter, it was decided that we should move to the school on Sunday mornings. This will not be a permanent arrangement — we're all very keen to get back to the chapel! Anyway, it does mean that we have plenty of room for the children's work.

But of course where we meet is not really important — the Church is the family of God's people and not a building. During this period of meeting in the school we are being reminded of this afresh, and we pray that the Lord will continue to add to our number those who are being saved.

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ROUND THE CHURCHES

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS AND GOSBROOK ROAD WEDNESDAY GROUP

CAVERSHAM Heights and Gosbrook Methodist Wednesday Group are celebrating their twenty-fifth anniversary this year.

The group was formed by Mrs Dorothy Colman, wife of a former Minister of the two Churches, as a Young Wives Group. Dorothy, herself the mother of a young family, realised the needs of mothers to have an evening together away from the ties of family life. Meeting in the warm and friendly atmosphere of the manse, a spirit of true Christian fellowship was created. Speakers were invited on subjects ranging from orienteering to health care and soon an interesting programme was established.



Due to changes in today's society most young mothers carry on with their careers and so find it more difficult to attend evening meetings. The group therefore decided to change its name to the Wednesday Group to encourage ladies from a wider age group both married and single to attend the meetings. This also allowed the group to broaden its horizons by inviting a wider range of speakers and discussion topics. The group has grown in size to a membership of sixty, so it now meets in the hall at Caversham Heights Church. But the warm and friendly atmosphere of twenty-



Mrs Sheila Holley, Secretary of the group, and Miss Wellstood cutting the cake.

five years ago is still carefully maintained.

Every member receives a card on her birthday to let her know the group are thinking of her. Also any member who is sick or just in need of a friendly chat is visited at home — and hopefully cheered up a little.

To celebrate the twenty-five years, a Thanksgiving Service was held at Caversham Heights. Past members of the group were invited to attend.

Mrs June Davies, who was the first secretary of the group, read the lesson and also a message from the Rev Ralph Rogerson. This was followed by communion and ended with the Hymn "God be with you till we meet again."

The members then all retired to the hall for supper where past friendships were renewed and a great many memories

were shared of outings and happy times spent together. A cake made by Mrs Sheila Holley and iced by Mrs Norman Simpson, was cut by Miss Wellstood who was ninety-nine on that day.

The group thanks the two ministers, Ralph Rogerson and Brian Skinner for all their help in the preparation of the Anniversary Service and all the sixty-five ladies who attended. God be with you till we meet again.



— E. S. Archer

ORIENTAL START TO ST PETER'S WEDDINGS

FIRST over the Mr and Mrs Shinai, ecclesiastical whose civil marriage threshold at St Peter's in 1986 were blessed by the

Rector of Caversham on January 25. Judith (nee Penny) from St Anne's Road, Caversham, met her future husband Yuji while she was working in Japan, where the happy couple will live. They returned to England in January and made their marriage vows at St Peter's, in the presence of Judith's family and friends of the couple. Judith and Yuji are pictured just before the ceremony at St Peter's, in bright new year sunshine, with Richard Kingsbury.

ST ANDREW'S MOTHERS' UNION

THE Mothers' Union will be hosting a discussion on the controversial subject of "The Ordination of Women" in St Andrew's Hall on Wednesday May 28 at 8pm. More details will be published later. It is hoped this meeting will attract a large audience from across the parish. There will be ample opportunity for audience participation.

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ST ANNE'S NEWS

ANNOUNCED for many weeks beforehand, with a suitable mixture of hype and decorum, a seasonal January sale took place on the 18th. This was part of the new initiative to raise money for the proposed large scale alterations and redecorations of St Anne's Church, the plans for which were unveiled in the last issue. The sale raised £490 and immediately a further February sale was announced to maintain the impetus. Meanwhile, from Fr Meagher's annual summing up of parish income and expenditure, it appeared that the finances are in good health and ready to meet the New Year's challenges.

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used by the Association towards payment of rent, rates, lighting and heating of the Association's premises.

For the past 21 years it has had a shop at 5 London Street, Reading, but due to redevelopment, those premises have to be vacated in January 1986. Space has been offered at 12 Bridge Street, Caversham, through the generosity of Mr and

Mrs Pickersgill, who operate Caversham Stationers there. Goods will be on sale at Bridge Street from January 21, Tuesdays to Fridays, between 10am and 4pm, and on Saturdays between 10am and 2pm.

The items made by the handicapped people are many and varied, ranging through knitted garments for babies, children's cardigans and jumpers, soft

toys, small fancy goods, dressed dolls, dolls' clothes, aprons, rugs, cushions, baskets, trays, stools, etc. All these goods are sold at remarkably low prices as the Association is non-profit making.

The Association will be happy to welcome anyone who can give help on a voluntary basis, either as individuals or clubs (who are willing to fill speci-

fic days on a roster basis at fortnightly/monthly intervals).

Miss Barbara Hill (Tel: 693288) who organises the Helpers' Roster or Mrs Sheila Churchill, Handcraft Dept, Red Cross (Tel: 871144) would be delighted to deal with any offers of help or provide further information. Alternatively, contact Janet Offord (Tel: 470903).

LINK GROUP

THE meeting of the Group was held on January 27 at the home of Mrs Mary Dennes. At the request of the Chairman Mrs Pat Jenkins members discussed the allocation of money remaining from last year's sale and from the performance of "Greater than Gold". Money was voted to the Mid Counties Autistic Society, the Salvation Army (for local families) and the Reading Victims' Support Scheme. Toys from the Baptist Church Toy Service and gifts for the mothers had been taken to the Priest Hill mother and baby home and toys from St Peter's to Katesgrove and Family Aid.

Mrs Anthea Prescott reported on the gifts of furniture and the distribution to

various sources. The fortnightly tea parties for the elderly and housebound have continued at the homes of members and friends of the group, the average attendance being twenty guests. It is recognised that this is the largest number that hostesses can accommodate and it is the homely atmosphere of a private house that contributes largely to the enjoyment of the parties.

Preliminary arrangements were discussed for the Link Group Sale (see separate notice). The Group will be grateful for gifts of goods for sale — nearly new clothes, bric-a-brac, toys, books, plants and produce. Please ring 472448, 478502 or the Care Centre 483466 (mornings only).

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By
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Finding helpers

The volunteers are all parents who offer to meet a family and visit them regularly within their own home, as a reliable, sympathetic friend.

Requests for help come first to the Organisers from Health Visitors, Social Workers, other voluntary agencies or from families themselves. One of the Organisers will then visit the family concerned, find out what kind of help they are asking for, and introduce a volunteer, if a suitable one is available. The volunteer will spend some time with a family each week, as a friend to share activities or turn to during periods of stress, for as long as the family feel they need this extra support.

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varied and cover many different situations as there is no "typical family". Loneliness, depression and tiredness will sound familiar to all parents of small children, and if you are in poor housing, on a low income, with little or no family support, or your marriage seems to be foundering, the difficulties can be overwhelming. Volunteers have no

teer no longer needs to visit.

Most important contribution

However, the home visiting is the most important contribution that we can make to the support of young families. The more mobile and confident a family becomes, the less they need a Home-Start volunteer because they become increasingly capable of making their own contacts within the community. For the house-bound the Home-Start volunteer is an

minority groups, single and divorced parents, families on supplementary benefit and those in more comfortable circumstances. We are rarely asked to help with serious child abuse situations where social workers will already be involved. We feel our role is to help at an earlier stage, where a parent is under stress for any reason, and early support might help to prevent a breakdown in family relationships. Having said this, however, I would like to end with a passage I found in a book on child



Mayoress at Home-start day (with Secretary and helper)

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magic wands to wave, but can offer sympathy, encouragement and that vital extra pair of hands. In fact, the kind of help which is often most appreciated is of quite a practical kind; the transport that enables a housebound mother to feel less trapped, the pair of arms that will nurse the crying baby when the mother feels at the end of her tether. Often confidences are exchanged and a relationship built up while sharing the washing-up, fixing the wheels

back on the broken toy car, or attempting to deal with a toddler's tantrums. Volunteers are welcomed and accepted by the families they visit because of this willingness to enter into the family's routine and share the most mundane tasks and activities.

Sharing

Sharing activities can also be fun for all concerned, and we sometimes organise outings or parties that we can enjoy together, particularly during school holidays. Our toy library is open every Friday morning and we combine this with a coffee morning for any of the families who want to come along. We have received small donations from the Borough Council's community chest, and from the Rotary Club, which have enabled us to take families on outings and to the Pantomime at a subsidised cost. Through these social activities we can also maintain links with a family when their circumstances have improved and the volun-

teer no longer needs to visit. However, the home visiting is the most important contribution that we can make to the support of young families. The more mobile and confident a family becomes, the less they need a Home-Start volunteer because they become increasingly capable of making their own contacts within the community. For the house-bound the Home-Start volunteer is an

Who can help

We also need volunteers. These must be parents, who have a few hours a week to spare on a regular basis. We run a preparation course on one day a week over 10 weeks before introducing volunteers into families. This provides time for Organisers and volunteers to get to know one another, to discuss their own experiences of family life, and to look at aspects of child-care. We look for people with warmth and understanding rather than particular expertise. The sympathy that comes from recognising that we've all made mistakes as parents is more important than any counsel of perfection. Anyone who is interested can find out more by ringing Reading 509189.

Our volunteers visited 57 families during 1985, but it is obviously not possible to give details because these are confidential. The families we visit live in all areas of Reading, including Caversham, and include members of ethnic

abuse, because it sums up the preventive nature of the help we try to give. A mother who has been too heavy-handed with her small son was asked what would have helped her and she said: "If someone could come and have a chat with me sometimes, it would help. You know, say how are you feeling, how are things going? If you know someone's going to call in, you feel better straight away. But it must be regular, someone you've got to know and like."

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ROUND THE CLUBS

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Miss Vincent welcomed members to the first meeting of the year. After usual business and news of Denman College, the speaker, Mr Boxer, gave his talk "The history and mystery of tea". Much was learned about the national beverage, from its growth from the camellia shrub, picked, dried and prepared for packaging in tea chests, then distributed and blended before it is drunk. It was a very interesting talk.

A table was full of mementoes from foreign holidays — a varied exhibition.

Caversham Heights TWG

Travels — and the tunnel

At the January meeting of Caversham Heights Townswomen's Guild in St Andrew's Hall, Mr C. Kirby, the President of Reading Camera Club, showed slides to illustrate his memorable holiday in Zimbabwe three years ago, when he was living in Harare. He travelled to the eastern highlands and went on to Kariba, then made a long trip to the Victoria Falls. Thanks to an audio-visual aid the sounds of the Falls were heard accompanied by Grieg's music. On safari animals were seen in the Wanki game reserve, and the tomb of Cecil Rhodes, founder of Rhodesia, hewn in the granite of

the Matopo hills in southern Zimbabwe.

Meanwhile, at Social Studies, Mr D. Clarke told of his travels in North Yemen two years ago with a small group. This was once a monarchy, whose king was also head of the Islamic church, and is now a democratic republic. The three-week long journey he undertook went on in spite of the tremendously hot climate. It started at Sana'a and usually involved camping with its attendant discomforts. For most people the usual way to get around the country on rough roads was by donkey or camel. Houses resemble fortresses. The people were proud but friendly to strangers and the children seemed reasonably well-dressed. Where rain does fall on the seaward side of the mountains there were culverts and streams and the countryside supports crops of millet, maize, rice and cotton. Frankincense is no longer grown, and naturally there is fishing from the sea.

Caves in the rocks were once used as homes. Life is still primitive in some ways. There is no corporation dustcart, alas! Do we remember Algebra? It is said to have been developed at the old university at Zebed. Roughly at the time of the Queen of Sheba a dam was constructed to supply her town with water. This was at about 800BC. Alas, as recently as 600AD the dam collapsed, so no water nowadays.

Federation had asked for a vote to be taken on the issue of the Channel tunnel, and, interestingly, the verdict was unanimously against it.

Caversham Community Association

The first meeting in January was for a social evening and the time for paying the yearly subscription. The television game of "Give Us A Clue" was played before refreshments were served. A choice of various cheeses and biscuits with wine or orange squash was available and enjoyed by the members. Nancy Nelhams at the piano was the accompanist for the community singing which completed the evening's entertainment. Vicki Scheel was in charge of the "Nearly New" stall, held the first Monday in the month.

A Bring and Buy evening on the 13th

January gave the members the opportunity to obtain goods at bargain prices. A good array of foodstuffs, ornaments, books and household articles was auctioned by Maida Feast, the Chairman, and resulted in raising £25 for club funds.

Doreen Crawley was in charge of the whist drive held on January 20. Mrs Czorniz was the first prizewinner and Mrs Scheel and Mrs Wyles received second and third prizes respectively. Mr and Mrs Howard won the consolation prizes.

An Old Tyme dancing evening was held the following week. Some members enjoyed watching the dancing although unable to dance themselves. A book stall run by Anne Bunce was well patronised.

Chazey WI

There was a large number of members present at the January meeting in spite of the snow. Mr F. T. Hillinger, a handwriting analyst, had braved the weather and gave the group a most entertaining talk. During his introduction, he explained how one's personality is expressed in handwriting. If our writing often appears to be changing, then that is natural, since we are normal healthy human beings affected by our emotions. We write as we do because we are like we are.

After the introduction, a number of members bravely handed in samples of their handwriting for Mr Hillinger to analyse. Some of the things he had to say appeared to be surprisingly accurate, and one or two surprises were revealed.

Caversham Ladies Club

The first meeting of the club in 1986 was opened by Chairman Mrs Harwood, who welcomed the members for braving the bitterly cold weather to attend. She wished them all a very happy, peaceful and healthy New Year.

It was a very informal meeting, given over to the members mostly, regarding their wishes, views, ideas, suggestions, complaints, etc. The general reaction of members present was satisfaction for things to continue as at present.

Mrs Harwood then read out a list of places for day and half-day outings in the future. Papers were given out for members to write or tick their choice, or they could write a suggestion of their own. Altogether it was a very relaxed,

happy meeting and time seemed to pass too quickly.

Tea was a very welcome sight after all the chit-chat, and members agreed that it had been an interesting evening.

to the Guild meetings on the third Thursday in each month at the Church House, Caversham.

St Peter's Wives Group

An excellent turnout of members welcomed Ruth Collins, who had bravely offered to provide an evening of music to her audience of fellow-members.

Ruth had chosen as her theme the use of classical music as a background to commercial advertising. In her thanks Mildred Hutchison warmly thanked Ruth for encouraging the enjoyment of background music, which is so often neglected.

The Group's next meeting is on March 18, 8pm, at Church House, when Martin Beek, the local well-known artist, will illustrate with slides his talk entitled "American Landscapes".

Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild

Caversham Afternoon Townswomen's Guild began the year with an armchair visit to Scotland. Mrs E. M. Noble gave an enlightened talk "With Queen Victoria in the Highlands".

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SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

ANGLICAN**St Peter's**

PALM SUNDAY 8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am Parish Communion
11.15am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

Palms will be distributed at all services.

Monday 7pm Holy Communion
Tuesday 7pm Holy Communion
Wednesday 7pm Holy Communion

Maundy Thursday 9.30am Holy Communion

Good Friday 8.00pm Sung Communion
12 noon 3 hours devotional service: The Rev John Gann, Vicar of Twickenham

EASTER DAY 8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am Parish Communion
11.15am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evensong

St Andrew's**PALM SUNDAY**

8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am Family Eucharist and Blessing of Palms
11.15am Holy Communion
6.30pm Festal Evensong
8.00pm Compline and Address

Tuesday 9.30am Holy Communion
Wednesday 8.00pm Sung Eucharist and Vigil
Maundy Thursday 9.00am Service of the Cross
Good Friday 8.00pm Easter Eve Ceremonies

Easter Eve 8.00pm Easter Eve Ceremonies

EASTER DAY

8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am Family Eucharist
11.15am Holy Communion
6.30pm Festal Evensong

St Barnabas, Emmer Green**PALM SUNDAY**

8.00am Holy Communion
9.20am Assemble in the Hall for blessing and distribution of Palms, followed by the Procession into Church
9.30am Solemn Eucharist of Palm Sunday
4.00pm Devotions and stations of the Cross

Monday Tuesday
Wednesday
Maundy Thursday

Eucharist at 8.00pm
Eucharist at 7.15am
Eucharist at 10.00am
6.30pm The Paschal Meal in St Barnabas Hall
8.00pm The Liturgy of the Lord's Supper, followed by the stripping of the Altar, and the watch before the Sacrament until midnight
10.00am Matins and Litany
2.00pm Solemn Liturgy of the Passion with the veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion from the pre-sanctified

Good Friday**EASTER DAY**

5.30am The Easter Ceremonies, Vigil and Eucharist of the dawn. (The service will include the striking of the New Fire, the hallowing of the Paschal candle and the renewal of Baptismal vows.) The Church Breakfast follows in the hall.
8.30am Holy Communion and renewal of Baptismal vows
10am Sung Eucharist and renewal of Baptismal vows
12 noon The Sacrament of Holy Baptism

Services throughout Lent
On Tuesdays in Lent there will be a Eucharist at 7.15am.
On Sundays there will be a Devotional Service with Stations of the Cross at 4.00pm.

St John's**PALM SUNDAY**

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)
9.15am Parish Communion (1980) and Palm Sunday procession
4.00pm Evening Prayer
2.30pm Mother's Union Holy Week service
10.00am Holy Communion
8.00pm Holy Communion at Gosbrook Road
Methodist Church
9.30pm Stripping of the altars

Good Friday

10.00am Litany and Passion Service
12.00 Children's Good Friday activities (three hours)

EASTER DAY 8.00am Holy Communion (1662)
9.15am Parish Communion

Throughout Lent there will be a midweek service at 10.00am on Wednesdays, and Evening Prayer at 4.00pm on Sundays.

St Margaret's Mapledurham**PALM SUNDAY**

11.00am Parish Communion and distribution of palms
9.30am Devotional service
11.00am Parish Communion

Good Friday**EASTER DAY**

Caversham Baptist Free Church
PALM SUNDAY 10.30am Morning Service
6.30pm Evening Service
8.00pm Holy Communion at Gosbrook Road Methodist Church
10.30am United Baptist/Methodist Service at Caversham Heights Methodist Church.
Preacher: Rev Dennis Weller
10.30am Morning Service
6.30pm Evening Service

Maundy Thursday**Good Friday****EASTER DAY**

Caversham Park Church
PALM SUNDAY 11.00am Morning Worship with baptisms and the Blessing of the Palms.
Preacher: Peter Holbrook
8.00pm Eucharist: 1 Aldenham Close
11.00am Holy Communion.
Preacher: Paul Kenchington

Maundy Thursday**EASTER DAY**

METHODIST
Caversham Heights
PALM SUNDAY 11am Morning Service
6.30pm Evening Service
8pm Devotional Service
8pm Devotional Service
8pm Devotional Service
8pm Communion Service at Gosbrook Road
10.30am United Good Friday Service
8am Holy Communion
11am Holy Communion
6.30pm Evening Service

Monday**Tuesday****Wednesday****Maundy Thursday****Good Friday****EASTER DAY**

Gosbrook Road
PALM SUNDAY 11am Morning Service
6.30pm Evening Service
10.30am United Service at Caversham Heights
11am Easter Day Service
6.30pm Easter Day Service

Good Friday**EASTER DAY**

Chapel on the Hill
Good Friday 10.30am Family Service
10.30am Easter Celebration in the School
6.00pm Evening worship

Good Friday**EASTER DAY**

Chapel of Ease, Richmond Road
PALM SUNDAY 11am Morning Service
6.30pm Evening Service
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PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST ANNE**St Anne's, Southview Avenue**

NB. The Services and times, especially with regard to St Anne's are provisional only, on account of the building work.

Before Holy Week

A service of Penance, followed by Confessions as part of the Reading Deanery's preparation for Easter. Day and time to be announced.

Confessions as announced. Evening Mass with Blessing and Procession of Palms at 5.30 (for Palm Sunday Obligation)

March 22
PALM SUNDAY Masses at 9.00 and 11.00am. Stations of the Cross and Benedictions at 6.30pm. Blessed Palms available during the day.

Monday Masses at 7.15 and 9.00am (Convent)
Tuesday Mass at 7.15am (Convent)

Wednesday Masses at 7.15 and 9.00am (Convent). First Confessions at 2.45pm. Confessions 3.15.

Maundy Thursday Mass at 9.00 for the Children. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.30pm with procession to the Altar of Repose and watching until midnight. 11.00am Mass of Christ — at St Aloysius Oxford

Good Friday Stations of the Cross and Sermon at 10.30am. Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord, with veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion at 3.00pm. Good Friday is a day of fasting and abstinence.

Holy Saturday Confessions, for those who could not attend the Penitential Service, as announced. Vigil Ceremonies for Easter with Blessing of New Fire, Blessing of Paschal Candle, Service of Readings, and first Mass of Easter, with Blessing of Baptismal Water and Renewal of Baptismal Promises. Easter Vigil Ceremony begins at 8.00pm.

Masses at 9 and 11am. No other Service during the Day.

Easter Sunday Masses at 8.30am and 10.30am and 5.00pm. Blessing of Palms before the 10.30 Mass

Masses at 10.00am. Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Our Lord at 6.30pm. Confessions as announced.

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ANGLICAN

St Peter's
8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am PARISH COMMUNION
11.15am Holy Communion (1st and 3rd Sundays)
11.15am Matins (2nd 4th and 5th Sundays)
6.30pm Evensong

St John's

8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am FAMILY EUCHARIST
11.00am Children's Service (1st Sunday)

St Andrew's

8.00am Holy Communion
9.15am FAMILY EUCHARIST
11.15am Holy Communion (not 3rd Sunday)
11.15am Matins (3rd Sunday)
6.30pm Evensong

St Barnabas'

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Family Communion (apart from 2nd Sunday)
9.30am Family Service (2nd Sunday only)
11.00am Holy Communion (2nd Sunday only)
4.00pm Evensong (1st Sunday only)

St Margaret's, Mapledurham

8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sunday)
11.00am PARISH COMMUNION

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FAMILY SERVICE (5th Sunday)

CAVERSHAM HILL CHAPEL

10.30am Morning Service (meeting in the Hill Primary School)
6.30pm Evening Service

METHODIST

Caversham, Gosbrook Road

11.00am Morning Service
6.30pm Evening Service

Caversham Heights

8.00am Holy Communion (1st Sunday only)
11.00am Morning Service
6.30pm Evening Service

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St Anne's
9.00am, 11.00am (also Saturdays 5.30pm)

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9.15am Mass

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St Andrew's

December 31

St John's

August 2

St Anne's

January

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