

**Ministry Team Letter**

Dear Friends,

Now we are in Lent, it seems a good time to talk about giving. This is a subject that has to be addressed from time to time in the life of the church, but I have to admit I don't greatly relish it. Still, here goes!

Colin Thirlwall has written a piece elsewhere in this month's magazine setting out the facts and figures very clearly, so I suggest you refer to that for the background to what I am saying here. We are truly blessed at St Mary's in having a very dedicated Treasurer and Finance Committee. Thanks to them and to the efforts of all who give to the church and all who work to raise money, our financial situation is not actually too bad, but as you will see from Colin's piece we do need to raise more money if we are to keep our house in good order.

I don't want simply to say, 'Please give more!' Our giving is between each of us, or perhaps between couples, and God alone. Apart from the Treasurer, who can't help seeing the amounts of standing orders and free-will offerings, no-one in the church knows how much anyone else is giving. It goes without saying I have no idea of who gives what. The question I would like us all to consider this Lent is how we approach the matter of giving. You sometimes hear non-churchgoers complain that 'the church is always asking for money.'

It's a great pity if we come across like that, not least because it is worshipping Christians who ought to be first in meeting the financial needs of the church. But I wonder whether those of us in the church sometimes feel the same way: the church wants more of my money.

If we do think like that, we have a problem. We have then begun to think of the church as something outside or separate from ourselves which is making demands upon our hard-earned cash. It feels rather as if we belong to a club that is always putting up its membership fees. But the church is not a club. I wrote here last month about the church as a family, and that is not a figure of speech but a spiritual reality. As members of the body of Christ, we belong to each other and to God, not to an organisation or institution. Almost all of us are prepared to make material sacrifices for our dependants if we have any, and other blood-relations in times of need. The needs of the church, of our Christian family, are no different. We are not being called to give money to a 'worthy cause'. Our material wealth, be it great or small, is not something we can generously offer to God out of the kindness of our hearts but is actually part of his blessing to us. He calls us to respond to his blessing joyfully.

With love,

David

**This month's cover**

If you buy your chocolate from our Fairtrade stall, and give it up for Lent, fine. But please don't forget Fairtrade products all together. They need our support.

**Charity of the month  
The Smile Train**

Our charity for March is the Smile Train probably a charity that many may never have heard of, but one that is focused on solving a single problem: cleft lip and palate. This charity operates in the world's poorest countries. Cleft palates are a major problem where millions of children suffer with unrepaired clefts. Most of these children cannot eat or speak properly, they are unable to attend school or hold a job. Filled with shame, isolation, pain and heartache, this awful condition makes their lives very difficult.

The good news is that every single child with this affliction can be helped with surgery that costs little and takes no more than 45 minutes.

Since the formation of this charity seven years ago, smile Train has provided free cleft surgery for almost 200,000 children. These children were suffering, not because they were born with a cleft, but because they were born too poor to ever afford surgery. Being born with a cleft in a developing country is truly a curse. In fact, every

baby born in Uganda with a cleft is given the name 'Ajok' which means literally, 'cursed by God'; and because of this no one knows how many newborns are killed or abandoned right after birth.

Children who are lucky enough to find a Smile Train free cleft surgery programme not only survive, but thrive. A 45 minute operation hands them back their future, and a second chance of life that they never thought they'd get.

*Bizz Thackray*

**Wednesdays in Lent**

A reminder that this year's Lent course runs from Wednesday 28 February to Wednesday 28 March - five meetings in all. The course takes as its title *The return of the prodigal son* and will be based on the book of the same name by Henri J.M. Nouwen. Use will also be made of Rembrandt's painting depicting Jesus' parable. Afternoon sessions - youngsters welcome accompanied a parent/carer - from 1.30pm – 3.00pm in the Vicarage; and evening sessions - 7.30pm – 9.00pm - in the Quaker Centre. Interested? There is no requirement to sign up beforehand. If you wish to read the book in advance (not essential) it may be ordered from bookshops, or on-line from Amazon.com. Prices vary but all in the region of £4-£5. Published by Darton, Longman and Todd, 1994. ISBN 023252078X.

**A view from the pew**

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January may have begun with a whimper (the 15-minute lunchtime services being attended only by a faithful few) but as far as St Mary's was concerned it ended with a bang.

Visitors from other churches arriving for the Ecumenical Evensong were bemused to find the body of the church empty and to be told that 'we have Evensong in the chancel'. Equally, our regular Evensong stalwarts, swelled by a score or more of our morning congregation, were bemused to find the chancel pretty full. Extra chairs were brought in but when we got to having to seat people on the cushioned steps of the high altar, it became clear that a re-think was necessary and five minutes before 6.30, we were all evacuated from chancel to nave. 'And thick and fast they came at last, and more and more and more' till the nave seats were filled up.

David explained that he had chosen to carry out a normal Evensong, rather than a devised service, in order that our visitors could see 'how we do things here'. He then gave a splendid introduction on the history of Evensong through the centuries and promised to guide us through 'a certain amount of flicking backwards and forwards' through the Book of Common Prayer. This he did (except that at one point he forgot to tell us to sit or kneel – our people, who knew the ropes, sat down, but they were all

behind, and so unseen by, the visitors, who remained standing for rather a long time! But it was a lovely warm service, and the singing was great. David's sermon suggested that the churches, and we as members, will progress towards unity by exploring the things we have in common and practising them, rather than by concentrating on what divides us.

Next time we will be better prepared for large numbers – and maybe we could even devise a plan whereby we all sit next to someone from another church?

*Dorothy Groves*

**Lent Concert**

On Saturday 10 March at 7.30 choirs and singers from the Huntingdon area will be combining in our church to give a concert of music for the season of Lent, with Eric Thiman's 'The Last Supper' as the main item in the programme. It will be conducted by Ken Diffey, with Paul Bryan at the organ. The Hemingford Ladies' Choir is also contributing two items to the programme. Tickets at £6 (£5 for senior citizens) are available after the 9.45 service each Sunday or from Ken Diffey on 458846. This annual event is not only a significant contribution to our worship in Lent but also a major source of income for church funds. Please do try to support it if you can.

**Alan Groves**  
1924 – 2006

*Alan died on 20 November 2006. Reproduced below is a slightly abridged version of the tribute given by Tony Lenney at Alan's funeral nine days later.*

I'd like to talk about Alan as a colleague and friend, somebody who in 1973 I went to work with – and the preposition is important – Alan was keener to have people working *with* him rather than *for* him. In 1978 I succeeded him as Chief Education Officer in Haringey. Interestingly much later Rosemary, my partner, succeeded him as Divisional Officer in Hackney, so between us we know most of his managerial secrets. In 1973 I had just arrived from the West Riding of Yorkshire, and London was for me a considerable culture shock. The first thing I am enormously grateful to Alan for was his effort – often quite unobtrusive – to make me feel at home.

He showed from day one that he cared about the kind of support a local authority should give to its institutions, particularly its schools. And he expected his colleagues to care also. In 1974 the Turkish invasion of Cyprus effectively divided the island in two and Haringey received over a thousand refugee children in a matter of a few weeks. Alan's response was to get down to the Home Office with his feisty chairman and make sure that additional cash was available for staff and community support. It was the right thing to do and the Home Office

Minister, Alex Lyon, I recall, was very helpful.

A bit later, I remember him asking me how many West Indian youngsters we had in our ESN School i.e. for 'educationally subnormal' children – terminology was rather brutal in those days; and when he was told he had one of his arm-waving theatrical outbursts. What he really meant was 'It won't do and we've got to do something about it.' He was right. And we did. Henceforth no West Indian pupil was to be admitted to an ESN school without him seeing all the papers and having the final decision.

Alan wasn't interested in political correctness, but he knew what was right and we all learned from that. He had a kind of Orwellian decency with a sociability and humour that I suspect Orwell found difficult to muster. I remember him coming back from a CEOs' gathering and complaining that in the whole of England and Wales there was only one female Chief Education Officer and that was in Gateshead! Incidentally in the last few days Dorothy said to a mutual friend, 'If I had to write an epitaph for a headstone for Alan it would be 'He made me laugh.'

In essence, I've decided that what Alan was really good at was building teams. Chief Education Officers – now Directors of Children's Services – are hardly able now to build teams as Alan

knew them. They have become agents of central government who can't set their own agendas, working instead through expensive private consultants rather than their own staff. But Alan was able to give freely of himself: we knew what made him tick because he told us, but he liked to know what made *us* tick because that helped him to mould a group of disparate individuals into a more cohesive whole. His enthusiasm for cricket and football was accompanied by a fondness for the stage, music (he was married to a talented musician), reading, and he was a committed Christian. He wasn't an evangelist: his views were his and firmly held. Others, he recognised, thought quite differently.

Fast forward to more recent times. In retirement we've always taken great pleasure in visiting Alan and Dorothy. The last time we visited was in midsummer this year and we enjoyed a splendid lunch in Hemingford Grey and, despite the fact that he travelled with his wheelchair and that his oxygen cylinder was in evidence back home, he seemed in fine form. We promised to visit before Christmas but it was not to be. Had we made it, I know Alan would have expressed bemusement about our Test team's frailties, and been livid about the Government's misreading of the Iraq situation. And I suspect we'd have done our 'grumpy old men' act inveighing against the latest management speak. Alan hated the phrase '24/7', I refuse ever to

'incentivise' or be incentivised and I had a great one which I heard on the radio in reference to 'blue sky thinkers' – they are now being referred to as 'ideators'. How about that for people with ideas?

Following the untimely death of Nick Clarke, who died shortly after Alan, there were some fulsome tributes, one of which said 'You can forgive anybody anything if they're fanatical about cricket.' That's not quite enough for Alan. He was an enthusiast rather than a fanatic and his enthusiasms transcended sport. Alan needed no forgiving: he was a good man and over the last two years showed he was also brave and stoical. We will all miss him badly, and our sympathies go out to Dorothy and the children. It was a privilege to work with him and to know him as a friend and it's been a privilege to say a few words this afternoon.

**Mother's Union**

At the February meeting we were supposed to have a talk on the life of Helen Keller given by Kay Coe but unfortunately she was taken ill. Fortunately Trevor Weedon and Barbara Popplestone stepped nobly into the breach at short notice and gave an excellent presentation on the work of the Gideons. We all knew that they left bibles in hotels but we were interested to learn that they have many different sizes of bible and they take them to many other places too. We heard several testimonials from people whose lives had been turned around because a bible had been there in a time of crisis. Not least of these was the story of a woman who had gone to a hotel with the intention of committing suicide. She found a bible in her room and was profoundly moved by what she read and spent the weekend reading more. Between them Trevor and Barbara opened our eyes in the most interesting way to the very valuable work that the Gideons do in bringing the word of God to people wherever they are. Our next meeting will take place at the Queen Elizabeth School Hall at 2pm on Tuesday March 6<sup>th</sup> when Doris Bilton will lead us in a meditation for Lent.

*Jean Morgan*

**Mens' Social Group.**

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A report of the Group's recent visit to Cambridge will appear in April.

**Wives' Group**

We welcomes Ruth Rogers the Chief Executive and Information and Communication Manager for Age Concern Cambridgeshire to our February meeting. Wives' Group have chosen this charity to support for the current year. Age concern was established in 1947 to respond to the effects of war when many were widowed or left childless. Each area operates its charity independently and the money is used locally. Age Concern Cambridgeshire employs 40 service and management staff, 50 home helps and has 200 volunteers. The charity's aim is to help everyone make the most of later life and provides a wide range of services. This includes an information service with fact sheets, mental health advocacy, and support for carers, Day centres and visiting schemes. Age Concern also campaigns on issues affecting the elderly and is supporting the drive to keep post offices open. It is also involved in raising the awareness of hospitals and homes to the fact that patients are going hungry because of disabilities or inadequate help from staff, and has already influenced better practice in some local hospitals. Ruth's talk was most informative we hope to present her with a cheque at the end of the year. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March when Joan Harris will talk about the life changing experience of being a World War 2 evacuee.

*Barbara Thirlwall*

**Finance 2006/07**

You may recall that in Nov 2005 we announced our aim of trying to make our routine income meet our routine expenditure by the end of 2007 and produced plans for a budget for 2006 with a series of eleven objectives. That budget has run its course and it is now time to review progress and unveil our budget for 2007.

At the end of 2006, the half way mark towards making routine income equal routine expenditure, we had forecast a shortfall of around £4,700. If we discount the unpredicted one-off reductions in expenditure caused by the fact that we did not have a parish priest for most of the time and, thankfully, our organist did not retire, we had a corrected shortfall of £3,625, or about £1,000 less than expected. The good news from this is that routine giving was £426 above budget and hence our tax reclaimed was a healthy £11,672 so many thanks to all those who increased their giving over the year. The one disappointment was that gift day produced £640 less than our budget so we need to work on improving the response this year.

In addition, we ended the year with a balance of £14,731 of non-regular income against non-regular expenditure and this was from such things as events, fees retained (the fees retained because of the interregnum generated an unexpected income of £6,000) and special services. This allowed us to bring our reserves in our

deposit account up to £32,882 against our target of £30,000 by the end of 2006. The major part of the non-regular expenditure was £4,771 for the Church fabric as we had deliberately not budgeted for any routine work on the fabric. Much of the success in this area resulted from the policy agreed by the PCC of setting up specific fundraising events to fund projects and, for example, we paid off the balance of the loan to the Historic Churches Trust a year early thanks to a coffee morning that raised the final amount required to clear the debt.

Looking now to 2007, we anticipate an increase in routine expenditure of around £9,500 over the year mainly because of an 8% increase in our parish share (£4,204 or £11 per day!), plus an allowance of £2,000 for routine maintenance of the fabric. On the income side we have lost a number of our congregation who were regular and generous in their giving. The net result is that we need to either raise an additional £13,000 or reduce expenditure by £13,000 to meet our budget. This sounds a huge amount but shared among those of us on the electoral roll it means an average increase in giving of just over £1 per week. So we need to seek ways of cutting costs, improve the social side of our church to generate irregular income, work on making gift day a more meaningful event and examine our personal giving to see if we can do that little bit more.

*Colin Thirlwall*

**CD review**

Jenny Vickers lived in the Huntingdon area for many years, firstly as a member of the community at Little Gidding, followed by 10 years in Alconbury Weston. Her family still live in the area, and her 2 sons work in Godmanchester, her elder son at the Wood Green Animal Shelter.

She has been an active musician all her life, playing violin and recorders with local groups, teaching piano to beginners, and especially enjoying singing in small groups and as a soloist.

When Jenny left the area in 2004 she spent 6 months in Northumberland where she composed settings of many traditional Celtic complines and Gaelic poems. These she recorded onto her first solo album "Songs from the North" which has been well received and much appreciated. Her new album "Intertwined" is a set of prayers written by J.Philip Newell in the Celtic tradition, which Jenny has set to music herself and recorded with the help of friends on celtic harp and piano/keyboard. Many have commented on how beautiful and "atmospheric" these are, bringing a sense of peace to the listener.

Jenny has now settled in North Norfolk, enjoying its beauty and sense of space, although she returns regularly to Godmanchester to visit friends and family. If you would like to order a copy of either of Jenny's CDs, price £9.99, you can contact her on 01328 851062, or by email on [jenny.vickers@uwclub.net](mailto:jenny.vickers@uwclub.net).

**Frugal lunch**

This year's lunch takes place at 12.30pm on Sunday 4 March in the Church Hall. Tickets are £3.00 (£1.50 for youngsters) and available from Val Pithey (454851). Proceeds from the lunch will go to Christian Aid.

**Viewing for charity**

The much acclaimed film *Becoming Jane*, which goes on general release on 9 March, has an early screening at CineWorld (7.30pm) on Tuesday 6 March in aid of charity, the screening being organized by Huntingdon Rotary Club.

The film is about the early life of Jane Austen. It stars Anne Hathaway and James McAvoy with appearances by Julie Walters, Maggie Smith and Ian Richardson.

Tickets are £6 each with the proceeds being shared equally between the Crossroads Young Carer Project and the Rotary Trust Fund for local charitable purposes.

For ticket enquiries phone Roy White, not CineWorld, on 01480 459696, or email him on [roywhite@btinternet.com](mailto:roywhite@btinternet.com)

**Confirmation** *(from the Parish Pump News Service)*

In this second article on confirmation we look at some of the practical issues involved.

Confirmation begins with preparation, which usually takes the form of a course covering the basics of the Christian life. Those being confirmed need to have an understanding of what Christians believe and how to live the Christian life. Of course, such a course is not intended to be the sum total of their Christian education, for Christian disciples are intended to be life-long learners.

The Confirmation Service itself reflects the significance of confirmation, as the candidates make their own profession of faith and are commissioned for service (see last month's article). Each person repeats the vows made on their behalf at their baptism, in response to the questions: Have you been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit? Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ? (Common Worship). By making the vows themselves they express their own personal commitment to follow Christ. Then the bishop

stretches out his hands and prays for those being confirmed using a prayer based on Isaiah 11:

*Almighty and ever-living God, you have given these your servants new birth in baptism by water and the Spirit, and have forgiven them all their sins.*

*Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them: the Spirit of wisdom and understanding; the Spirit of counsel and inward strength; the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness; and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord. Amen.*

At the heart of the confirmation service, the bishop lays his hands on those being confirmed with the words: 'Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit. Amen' This is in line with what we find in the New Testament, where laying on of hands is used in a variety of ways eg healing (James 5:14); commissioning (Acts 13:3) and prayer for the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:17). There are elements of all these aspects in the service, as the bishop asks that God himself will confirm, not just the candidates' own profession of faith, but also his promise of the Spirit for each person's life.

*The next Confirmation Service will be held on Easter Eve, Saturday 7 April, and David Busk asks anyone who is interested in classes of preparation to contact him on 436400.*

**January PCC Meeting**

*Minutes in full of all PCC meetings are displayed at the back of the church. Here are some key points from the January meeting*

**Matters arising from the last meeting**

- Parish office photocopier. Colin Thirlwall reported that the present contract was due to run out in two years time. The small working party set up at november's PCC meeting would explore options for the future and report back at the February meeting.
- Concerts in church.. Ken Diffey reported that a checklist for concert organisers was now complete. A modest increase in charges to cover heating and lighting for outside organisations was approved. These were £45 to £60 (without rehearsal); and £50 to £70 with rehearsal.

**Finance Committee**

- The regular report to PCC on actual income and expenditure against budget was reported.
- Regular income was above budget. Surplus (irregular) income over expenditure allowed Treasurer to transfer £7,000 to the Development Fund (the fund set up for the redevelopment of the back of the church) which now stands at £21,000

- A projected deficit of £13,000 in 2007 was reported. This could be covered if everyone on the Electoral Roll gave an extra £1.50 a week

**Fabric Committee**

- Pigeon deterrent spikes have been fitted above the West Door
- Two faculties were currently outstanding – the speaker system and the North Porch floor. It was hoped these would be agreed by the end of January.

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**Church Hall Committee**

- PCC approved the recommendation that the hall rental be increased from £759 to £790 per month. This was in line with inflation. Jackie Barringer (Rocking Horse Nursery) agreed the increase.

**Any other business**

- New Electoral Roll. The next Electoral roll has been brought forward from 2008 to 2007, and the distribution of forms is in progress.
- Youth Group. Mike Weedon reported that the Youth Group is working to achieve eco-friendly status for our church.. Some of our church procedures will be examined from an environmentally viewpoint.

## G O D M A N C H E S T E R   P A R I S H   N E W S

### Dates for your diary

|                  |    |         |   |                        |
|------------------|----|---------|---|------------------------|
| Thu              | 1  | 9.30am  | St Mary's 0s-5s                             | Comrades Club          |
|                  |    | 9.45am  | Holy Communion                              |                        |
| Fri              | 2  | 7.30pm  | Choir practice                              | Church Hall            |
|                  |    | 8.00pm  | Lent Concert rehearsal                      |                        |
| Sat              | 3  | 8.00am  | Churches Together Men's Breakfast           | Church Hall            |
| Sun              | 4  | 8.00am  | Holy Communion                              |                        |
| <i>Lent 2</i>    |    | 9.45am  | Sung Eucharist                              |                        |
|                  |    |         | Children's Church and Vestry Group          |                        |
|                  |    | 12.30pm | Frugal Lunch                                | Church Hall            |
|                  |    | 6.30pm  | Sung Evensong                               |                        |
|                  |    | 6.45pm  | Youth Group - Jmes Bond Bible study         | Vicarage               |
| Mon              | 5  | 1.30pm  | Stepping Stones                             | Baptist Church Centre  |
| Tue              | 6  | 2.00pm  | Mothers' Union                              | Queen Elizabeth School |
|                  |    | 7.30pm  | Men's Social Group AGM                      | The White Hart         |
| Wed              | 7  | 1.30pm  | Lent Course (youngsters welcome)            | Vicarage               |
|                  |    | 8.00pm  | Lent Course                                 | Quaker Centre          |
| Thu              | 8  | 9.30am  | St Mary's 0s-5s                             | Comrades Club          |
|                  |    | 9.45am  | Holy Communion                              |                        |
| Fri              | 9  | 7.30pm  | Choir practice. <i>No Concert rehearsal</i> |                        |
| Sat              | 10 | 7.30pm  | Lent Concert. (Rehearsal 2.00 pm)           | Church                 |
| Sun              | 11 | 8.00am  | Holy Communion                              |                        |
| <i>Lent 3</i>    |    | 9.45am  | Sung Eucharist                              |                        |
|                  |    |         | Children's Church and Vestry Group          |                        |
|                  |    | 11.30am | Grassroots and Baptism                      |                        |
|                  |    | 6.30pm  | Sung Evensong                               |                        |
|                  |    |         | Youth Group - prepare for Mothering         |                        |
|                  |    | 6.45pm  | Sunday                                      | Church hall            |
| Mon              | 12 | 1.30pm  | Stepping Stones                             | Baptist Church Centre  |
|                  |    | 7.30pm  | St Anne's School Governors' Meeting         | St Anne's School       |
| Tue              | 13 | 8.00pm  | Wives' Group                                | Church Hall            |
| Wed              | 14 | 1.30pm  | Lent Course (youngsters welcome)            | Vicarage               |
|                  |    | 8.00pm  | Lent Course                                 | Quaker Centre          |
| Thu              | 15 | 9.30am  | St Mary's 0s-5s                             | Comrades Club          |
|                  |    | 9.45am  | Holy Communion                              |                        |
|                  |    | 7.30pm  | Prayer Group                                | 36 Old Court Hall      |
| Fri              | 16 | 7.30pm  | Choir practice                              | Church Hall            |
| Sun              | 18 | 8.00am  | Holy Communion                              |                        |
| <i>Mothering</i> |    | 9.45am  | All-age Eucharist (inluding Youth Group)    |                        |
| <i>Sunday</i>    |    | 6.30pm  | Sung Evensong                               |                        |
| Mon              | 19 | 1.30pm  | Stepping Stones                             | Baptist Church Centre  |
| Tue              | 20 | 7.30pm  | PCC meeting                                 | Church Hall            |
| Wed              | 21 | 11.00am | Holy Communion                              | Woodley Court          |
|                  |    | 1.30pm  | Lent Course (youngsters welcome)            | Vicarage               |
|                  |    | 8.00pm  | Lent Course                                 | Quaker Centre          |
| Thu              | 22 | 9.30am  | St Mary's 0s-5s                             | Comrades Club          |
|                  |    | 9.45am  | Holy Communion                              |                        |
| Fri              | 23 | 7.30pm  | Choir Practice                              | Church Hall            |

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|---------------|----|--------|---|---|
| Sun           | 25 | 8.00am | Holy Communion  |   |
| <i>Lent 5</i> |    | 9.45am | Sung Eucharist  |   |
|               |    | 6.30pm | Sung Evensong   |   |
|               |    | 6.30pm | Churches Together Joint Service   |   |
|               |    |        | Slavery:18th century to 21st century  | All Saints Church,<br>Huntingdon<br>venue tbc |
|               |    | 6.45pm | Youth Group - Chillout  |   |
| Mon           | 26 | 1.30pm | Stepping Stones   | Baptist Church Centre                         |
| Wed           | 28 | 9.45am | Holy Communion  | McCartney House                               |
|               |    | 1.30pm | Lent course (youngsters welcome)  | Vicarage                                      |
|               |    | 8.00pm | Lent Course   | Quaker Centre                                 |
| Thu           | 29 | 9.30am | St Mary's 0s-5s   | Comrades Club                                 |
|               |    | 9.45am | Holy Communion  |   |
| Fri           | 30 | 9.15am | St Anne's School Easter Service   | Church  |
|               |    | 7.30pm | Choir practice  | Church Hall                                   |
|               |    | 7.30pm | Churches Together Information and Prayer Meeting focusing on Justice and the Abolition of Slavery | Quaker Centre                                 |

### The Registers

#### Burial of Ashes

15 February            Alan Groves

#### Funerals

30 January            Arthur Adams

23 February           Stanley Hall

#### Baptisms

11 February           William Duncan Peter Macrae

18 February           Charles Richard Todd

### The Lectionary

4 March                **Lent 2** Genesis 15:1-12,17-18; Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 13:31-end

11 March              **Lent 3** Isaiah 55:1-9; Luke 13:1-9

18 March              **Lent 4** Joshua 5:9-12; Luke 15:1-3, 11b-end

25 March              **Lent 5** Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:4b-14; John 12:1-8