

Sunday Services

Evening services are at 4pm unless otherwise shown.

February

- 5th Roy Girling
Brenda Gutberlet
- 12th Jim McAvoy
Graham Hindle
- 19th Len Ward
Pam Freeborn
- 26th Brian Gameson
No evening service
(Circuit Service at Benfleet, 7pm)

March

- 5th Andy Thomas
Brenda Gutberlet
- 12th Roy Girling
Margaret Deans
- 19th Brenda Gutberlet (AAW)
Local Arrangement
- 26th Val Windsor
Jim McAvoy
(evening services now at 6.30 pm)

Some of the services are different from the Circuit Plan - the ones above are correct at the time of printing.

But all services are subject to change at short notice - see your printed notices for up to date information each Sunday.

Dates for your diary:

February

- 18 Circuit Study Day, *Does our prosperity have a purpose?*
- 25 *Exploratory Prayer*, Hockley, 10am
- 26 *Pancakes and Praise* - Circuit Service, Benfleet, 7pm

March

- 2 Circuit Meeting, Rochford, 8pm
- 3 *Women's World Day of Prayer*, Rochford Congregational Church, 2pm
- 5 **Annual Church Meeting, 4pm**
followed by tea and evening service
- 11 Quiz Night, *The Quizzers*, WI Hall
- 24 *Me and My Girl*, Cliffs Pavilion (SODS)
- 26 Mothering Sunday
- 26 **Clocks go forward**
- 29 Lent Lectures start at the Stanton's

April

- 10 Stations of the Cross service at St Teresas
- 13 Maundy Thursday Service

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ARE YOU SURE YOU WANT TO KEEP HIM? HE'S A BASKET CASE

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02-10-2006
AFTER RECEIVING SOME DISCOURAGING NEWS ABOUT HIS DENTURES, WALLY WEPT AND GNASHED HIS TEETH

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The Newsletter of
Rochford Methodist Church
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Rochford Methodist Church is a member of **Southend and Leigh Circuit**, part of the **London North East District**

We are sad to report that Rev Brenda's sister-in-law and niece, Natalie, were involved in an accident near Golden Cross, Ashingdon Road on 9th February. Natalie passed away on 14th February in Oldchurch hospital as a result of her injuries.

Brenda has been given leave of absence by the Superintendent and will not be taking services or meetings for a while.

Please remember all the family in your prayers.

Don't forget the Annual Church Meeting on 5th March

The meeting starts at 4pm. It will be followed by tea, with the evening service at about 6.30 led by Brenda.

All officers are asked to provide reports as soon as possible to Dave, please, so they can be printed to save time at the meeting.

This is the meeting where we elect the Church Council and Stewards as well as being able to ask questions and make suggestions so all members can take part.

"Pancakes and Praise"

The Circuit Service at Benfleet on 26 February goes under this title - and it means just what it says.

Come along at 7 pm to join in the singing and praise and afterwards join us for refreshments - including pancakes., of course!

If you want to come along, or you don't know how to get to Benfleet Methodist Church - just ask for a lift.

...ask and you shall receive.

The next planned publication date is 2nd April 2006. Articles, etc, should be with Dave by 20th March please.

I prefer articles by email, floppy disc or typed with a good BLACK original (because, being lazy, I can handle these without re-typing them), but I am happy to receive them in any form—so long as I get something from you!

Emails can be sent to me at either of the addresses shown in the box on the right.

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What goes on at Rochford Methodist Church?

Sunday

11.00 am FJ Club
11.00 am Morning Service
4.00 pm Evening Service

From 26th March, evening services are at 6.30

Monday

2.30 - 4.30 pm Women's Fellowship (Sept - May)

Tuesday

9.30 - 11.30 am *Happy Hands* Toddler Group
12.00 - 2.00 pm *Happy Hands* Toddler Group
3.00 - 7.30 pm Hildale School of Dancing
8.00 pm Wesley Guild (Oct-Apr)

Wednesday

7.00 - 10.00 pm Alcoholics Anonymous

Thursday

9.30 - 12.30 *Music Dreams* (for 0-2 years)
3.45 - 8.00 pm Hildale School of Dancing
8.00 - 9.30 pm Table Tennis

Friday

8.00 pm Rochford Floral Group (2nd Friday of month)

Saturday

9.00 am - 2.30 pm Hildale School of Dancing

The premises are available for use outside the above times. Contact Margaret Rayner on 544252 for more information.

And in addition . . .

The House groups meet each month in a different place each time. One usually meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month and the other on the 3rd Wednesday. Listen out for the dates and venues.

Quiz answers

1D, 2A, 3B, 4D, 5D, 6C, 7D, 8C, 9A, 10C, 11C, 12C, 13B, 14B, 15A, 16B

Bible Search - Know the Word

1. The wife of a noble character is worth more than:
A) Pearls, B) Diamonds, C) Sapphires, D) Rubies
2. Shem's relationship to Noah is the same as David's relationship to:
A) Jesse, B) Saul, C) Solomon, D) Absalom
3. Who was one of the first travelling missionaries?
A) Matthew, B) Philip, C) Andrew, D) Zebedee
4. Who was the mother of Jesus?
A) Mary Magdalene, B) Ruth, C) Esther, D) Mary
5. Who caught a fish that had a coin in its mouth?
A) Matthew, B) John, C) James, D) Peter
6. Who was the first murderer in the Bible?
A) Abel, B) Eve, C) Cain, D) Lot
7. How many plagues were there in Egypt?
A) 3, B) 5, C) 7, D) 10
8. Who did Paul live with in Rome?
A) Friends, B) Another apostle, C) a guard, D) a disciple
9. How many wives of royal birth did Solomon have?
A) 700, B) 300, C) 1000, D) 500
10. How many men was God going to use to save Gideon and deliver the Midianites to the Israelites?
A) 10,000, B) 77, C) 300, D) 999
11. Who was called the father of many nations?
A) Isaac, B) Ishmael, C) Abraham, D) Moses
12. How many years did Paul live in Rome?
A) 3, B) 1, C) 2, D) 4
13. Whose head did David remove after killing him?
A) Uriah, B) Goliath, C) Ahithopel, D) Jether
14. What tent makers were friends with Paul?
A) Chuza & Joanna, B) Aquila & Priscilla, C) John & Mark, D) Ananias & Sapphira
15. Jesus healed how many men that were suffering from leprosy and only one returned to thank him?
A) 10, B) 3, C) 5, D) Jesus never healed anyone of leprosy
16. What friend of Job's gave him advice?
A) Joram, B) Bildad, C) Jesus, D) Amon

MESSAGE FROM LEN WARD

Hello

I am Len Ward the new Lay Worker, who will be working with the Rev Brenda Gutberlet at the Rayleigh, Hockley and Hawkwell ombined and Rochford churches.

My wife, Babs, and I have just moved into the area from Cirencester, Gloucestershire, where we have been living and working in a Christian Healing Centre, called *The Harnhill Centre of Christian Healing*, as Counsellors and Prayer Ministers. It was a privilege to be at Harnhill for seven years, involved in the area of inner healing.

My Methodist roots began at Edmonton Methodist Church in the Enfield Circuit in 1978. Then I attended Oak Hill Theological College, in Southgate, from 1993 to 1996. Upon completion of a degree in Theology and Pastoral Studies Babs and I were asked to assist at Ponders End Methodist Church; we therefore transferred our membership. We will now be transferring our membership to the Southend and Leigh Circuit.

The Southend and Leigh Circuit did appoint both Babs and myself as Lay Workers in the circuit, which was to commence on 9th January, but unfortunately this was not possible as Babs was rushed to Swindon hospital on 28th December. As we were in the process of moving both our work and our home, Babs was transferred to Southend hospital on 12th January where she had a successful operation for bowel cancer and an abdominal abscess that same evening. She was then discharged from hospital on 30th January. Babs is now waiting for chemotherapy.

I started work on 1st February; Brenda has shown me the three churches, and there seems to be a broad range of activities. I found myself playing *Happy Families* on Friday evening at the Friday club in Hockley Church and then shared in the three church Bible studies at Rayleigh church on Saturday morning. I have no doubt that I shall be involved in many varied and diverse activities in the not too distant future.

My interests range from DIY, reading and keeping up to date with sport activities, mainly football and cricket. My participation in sport has waned, although I did start playing bowls last summer.

As I look forward to meeting interesting people the future looks full of possibilities.

Yours in Christ
Len Ward

Women's Fellowship

On January 16th, Barry Stoll gave us a very enjoyable talk on *Communication* and a week later Lucy led our afternoon. Brenda led our final meeting of the month.

Our planned programme for the next couple of months goes:

February

6th Margaret Templeman - *Timothy Missions*.
13th Our members entertain.
20th Derek Wilks - *From Policeman to Pastor*.
27th Eric Britt - *Tools with a Mission*

March

6th Brenda Gutberlet
13th Irene Willis - *Pensioner Charter*
20th Margaret - *An afternoon with Joyce Grenfell*
27th Pam Freeborn

Come along on Monday afternoons at 2.30, for fun, fellowship, a cup of tea and a chat.



February	5	Margaret Rayner
	12	Lucy Woods
	26	Sue Edwards
March	5	Carol Castle
	12	Gwenda Andrews
	19	Judy Garner
	26	Rosie Isaacs

Proud to be British because

Only in Britain . . . can a pizza get to your house faster than an ambulance.

Only in Britain . . . do supermarkets make sick people walk all the way to the back of the shop to get their prescriptions while healthy people can buy their cigarettes at the front.

Only in Britain . . . do people order double cheeseburgers, large fries and a *Diet* Coke.

Only in Britain . . . do banks leave both doors open and chain the pens to the counters.

Only in Britain . . . do we leave cars worth thousands of pounds on the drive and lock our junk and cheap lawnmower in the garage.

Only in Britain . . . do we use answering machines to screen calls and then have Call Waiting so we won't miss a call from someone we didn't want to speak to in the first place.

Only in Britain . . . are there disabled parking spaces in front of a skating rink.

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We are now looking forward to this year's main tasks. So far we have identified

- A new fascia board along the garden side of the Greaves Hall, and the guttering replaced/repared, as well as a new gutter being installed along the other side of that roof.
- Some outside painting tasks were left over from last year when we ran out of time, and some new internal painting to 'freshen-up' the place
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- New steps, more suited to the less mobile, considered at the front of the church for access to the Communion area
- Curtains for the Greaves Hall external windows
- Blind for the arched window over the Vestry door

A couple of suggestions came out of Pilgrims Way to make the Communion area more inviting and 'user friendly'. One was a request for the Communion Rail to be reinstalled and the other suggestion was that we should re-plan/rebuild the Communion area altogether. Any further ideas and suggestions (about anything at all) would be welcomed - Val will keep a list for the Property Group to consider.)

And if you have any particular skills that you want to offer, please don't wait to be asked!

If you can see urgent or dangerous situation developing, please let the stewards know *immediately!*

Property News

- The flat roof has been completed along with the added insulation.
- The broken pane in the roof light of the Benson Room is due to be repaired when the weather improves and then the inside of it is to be cleaned/painted.
- The new carpet tiles have been laid and the new notice board has been put on the wall in the Benson Room.
- You may have noticed some damp patches in the entrance to the church and a bit of a smell. This was caused by chunks of asphalt and cement in the downpipe causing a build-up of silt which blocked the downpipe. Following heavy rain, the downpipe filled and overflowed. Thanks to the combined efforts of Bruce, Colin and Roy, the blockage was eventually cleared and we can return to normal - no more arriving at 8 am on a Saturday morning to suck up the water with a 'Wet and Dry' vacuum cleaner. The smell's wearing off too.
- Bruce has installed the wall heater in the kitchen. It is on a time switch so it will not be left running indefinitely.
- The garden is now dormant after its first year of growth and Colin is already thinking about this year. One idea is plants that deter 'visitors' from climbing into the premises
- 'George's gate' at the bottom end of the garden has been repaired.
- Checklists have been placed around the building to remind occupants to close doors (including the kitchen and toilets), turn off lights etc. The need for another couple of notices has been identified.
- Notices have been put up near the GoPak tables reminding everyone how they should be stored and erected safely. Please read these and follow the instructions - what *you* think is logical may be dangerous!
- The eighth large table is now back in use. The 'leg block' that was broken because the correct procedure wasn't followed has been replaced and a new pair of legs fitted.
- Letters have been given to all hirers reminding them about keeping the place tidy and not to use other groups' tea, coffee, equipment, etc - and to keep their own in a suitable container.
- The carpet join near the pulpit was fixed.
- The 'new' safety guard for the gas heater in the Greaves Hall has been painted.

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Wesley Guild

Apologies to Roy for nearly giving him a heart attack - it was late, my mind was befuddled, or any other excuse you might think of. I should have checked if it was Roy providing the entertainment on the quiz nights but I didn't.

So it was really Colin and Margaret who led our quiz on 3rd January when, amongst other things, we had to guess sounds and smells. Have you ever seen a whole room sniffing suspicious substances?

A week later Peter Davidson came from the Leprosy Mission to tell us more about the condition and the charity that helps to care for those who suffer, as well as providing the drugs to cure it and jobs to allow them to work.

On the 17th, it was a quick change. The person who was due to tell us about Rochford Council's Recycling initiatives wasn't able to give the talk, so Gwenda brought her talk forward. She told us how she and Norman first went to Alderney and of their life there - very interesting indeed.

The week after that it was Pam Smith who came and took us through the principles of Fairtrade and some of the products with the Fairtrade mark. We also learnt about her predilection for bananas!

The month ended with another non-Roy quiz when we were invited to *Brush up (y)our French* with Colin and Margaret.

Over the next couple of months our programme is as follows:

February

7th *A farm on your doorstep* is the title of the talk by Simon Gibson who is the manager of the Salvation Army Colony Farm at Hadleigh. He brought us up to date with current developments.

14th No meeting

16th The reason why there was no meeting on the Tuesday - we went to Rayleigh Guild for the evening.

21st *Anything Goes* with John Downer. Music from the shows.

28th Lyn Sapwell, the curate working with Chris Coussins at Rochford, Stambridge and Sutton leads us - and it's our *Home Missions* evening. Open to all, whether or not you usually come to the Guild

March

7th *All aboard*. After last time, I'm not going to say any more about this Social evening

14th Margaret Deans returns and tells us about what she got up to on her sabbatical.

21st *Recycling* - our speaker from Rochford Council should be with us this time!

28th Roy Girling, retired Salvation Army Lt-Col, leads this Devotional evening.

Don't forget - Tuesdays at 8pm *sharp*.

Pilgrims Way

We held the open Church Council Meeting on Saturday 14 January, as mentioned in my last update. I counted 23 people attending that meeting and a 'very well done' to all of you that were able to be there. For those of you that could not come, here is a brief summary of the main items discussed. Dave started with a short act of worship and then Brenda, who chaired the meeting, of course, formally opened. I then gave a brief reminder of how this all started, way back in December 2003 at the open Circuit meeting.

Val then ran through the many comments and suggestions that were recorded during the *Catching the Vision* event we held last October. There were many excellent ideas forthcoming, some of which we have already implemented, as you know. If you recall, one of the activities we completed last October was to consider the

church's Mission Statement: ie the main purpose and thrust of what we are about.

We collated and discussed all the ideas as an Action Group and I presented the statement to the meeting. Brenda then led the discussion for each line of the statement before Church Council members voted on each line separately. There was some good discussion and the final statement, which was accepted unanimously, is

We are all here to:

- ⇒ **worship God and spread His love;**
- ⇒ **welcome everyone into our church family;**
- ⇒ **serve the community in the name of Jesus Christ.**

This is now displayed around the building for everyone to see.

Margaret Rayner then presented to the meeting the ideas already started as a result of Pilgrims Way, which I covered in my last article. Sue then explained to the meeting that our next step is to review the Aims that put the *meat on the bones* of the mission statement and then formulate objectives and agree specific action items that allow us to move forward in an agreed way.

We have already completed a lot of work on formulating the aims and we met again on 2 February to consider these along with the objectives and actions. An open invitation was offered to anyone in the Church who would like to become involved in the Action Group to help progress these. The point was also made that the

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Changes to the church premises

Have you noticed a few changes to the premises recently? No, not the big changes but the little ones, the ones that don't affect the worship but do add just that little extra touch.

The most obvious recently would have been the colour of the notice boards in the entrance, which now have a cover of felt on them, making them look better and the entrance lighter. Behind the Hall, right round the back, some of the rubble and old bricks have been used to pave and level what used to be rubbish-strewn waste ground. Only a bit of rubbish left to be taken off the premises now (any offers?).

The chair seats in the church have been vacuumed, the cobwebs swept all round the premises, the paper towels and soap in the toilets replenished, the windows and window frames were washed, all the Go-Pak tables were washed and sterilised (**and the safety clips re-fitted!**), door locks were repaired, a carpet grip refitted, there was a smell of paint and glue, and the smell of detergents all round the place, a fire extinguisher was re-fitted . . . the list goes on and on.

So who does this, and when?

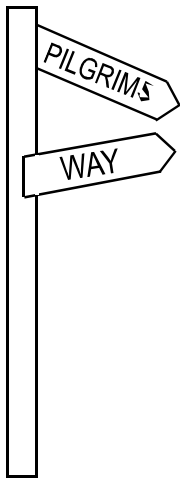
Apart from the weekly cleaning, a loyal band of workers turn up roughly every six weeks and do a 'deep' clean, as well as running repairs and small upgrades to the premises. If they didn't do this work, the premises would soon look extremely tatty and serious damage could occur. They do a fantastic job and we thank them for the excellent work they do. If you have a skill, even if it's only wielding a paint brush (or a vacuum cleaner!), you're welcome to come along and join them. Just look on the Cleaning Rota for a 'Big Clean' and turn up some time after 9.30 am.

You don't need to be a church member, you don't need to be on the cleaning rota, you don't have to be asked personally - all you have to do is to turn up and bring along a sense of humour. If you want to bring someone else along with you, that's fine.

When we've finished (usually between about 12 noon and 1 pm), being Rochford Methodist Church, we have a 'faith lunch' where people bring along some food item for us all to share. The last time, all the non-vegetarians brought vegetarian food and a vegetarian amongst us brought meat products! We then all sit around, share news and generally put the world to rights (alright, we sit and chat!).

If you don't want to stay for the meal, or for the whole morning, that's OK ; there's no pressure and we are glad to have you with us for as long (or as little) as you want to stay.

We are usually packed up and are home by about 2.30pm - and then there's our own housework to do!!



Tiddlers make people feel good!

I have sometimes felt that I am not the special flavour of the day when I present our bags of *Tiddlers* for paying in at the Bank, but on this occasion the young lady cashier made me laugh. 'You must be strong', she said as I hoisted the collection onto the counter. Who did she think she was kidding? But the humorous comment was kindly meant. I think she knew the stream of tiny coins were to be used to spread a little happiness and was pleased to feel part of the process.

And we are sure that all of those kindly people who regularly make the effort to save *Tiddlers* and support the work they do by helping people in need also share that feeling of doing something helpful.

Every year we give to Fairhavens or Little Havens. This time we have sent £25 to Little Havens; these are local associations which we all appreciate..

On a worldwide basis CBM do a great work and we have also supported them previously. CBM stands for *Christian Blind Mission*. It is the largest non-governmental organisation working in the prevention and cure of blindness in developing countries. CBM is made up of Christians of all denominations, dedicated to serving eye patients, blind and otherwise disabled people, irrespective of nationality, race, sex, or religion and is recognised by the World Health Organisation as a professional agency.

We read in Luke's Gospel (Ch 7 v 21) "Jesus cured many people . . . And gave sight to many who were blind."

We have sent them £25 to support their good Christian work.

Our special thanks this time to all who supported the *Fun Day* on Sunday 15th January and gave *Tiddlers* their collection of £16.20, also for the continued help of the members of the Women's Fellowship and all our contributors.

God bless you all

Joan & Hugh

Saturday 4th March at 7pm

Chelmsford Salvation Army Citadel Songsters

will be performing at Thorpe Bay Methodist Church

In aid of the Essex Air Ambulance

Tickets £5 (including refreshments), Under-12s free (ticket required in advance)

Enquiries and tickets:

01702 466377 and 01702 603822

Stewards' Corner

Not too much to report this time around. We have held a further meeting with Brenda and the Stewards of Hockley and Rayleigh to set key dates for the plan for March to May. Easter falls within this period, of course, and Brenda is very keen to hold a Communion service at each of her 4 churches on Easter Sunday. To accommodate this no small feat, we will have a special 4 pm service that day. Remember that, other than Easter Sunday, our evening services will return to their 6.30 pm slot, when the clocks go forward.

We were also advised that Len Ward will be Brenda's full-time Lay Worker for Rochford, Hockley and Rayleigh. He starts on 1st February and is also an accredited local preacher, which could be useful! Brenda will be introducing Len to us soon and we will then learn what role he will be playing with us. Len's wife Babs, is due to start in the Circuit as a Lay Worker as well, but ill health precludes this at present.

Brenda advised us when her holidays will be.

We have another Rochford Stewards meeting planned for 8 February, when we will be considering the draft plan and aiming to allocate the No Preacher Available and Local Arrangements slots that are a regular feature in each plan these days! We will also be preparing for the forthcoming Church Council and General Church meetings that are coming up.

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priorities and actions we take will be guided by the Church Council.

The day after the Open Church Council, again as a result of ideas through Pilgrims Way, we held another of the church *Family Day* events. The shorter family service was followed by very well organised fun, games and lunch included! It was an excellent to see many people attending, especially those that we don't see very often at service.

There were many opportunities to chat, have fun and generally get to know one another better. We have received some very encouraging feedback as a result of the event. Very well done to the many people who put such a lot of effort into the planning and running of the day. **We are planning further Family Days** on 9 April and 9 July, but they will not necessarily follow the same format as the last one – come along to find out!

One final date to note in your diaries now, we will be holding the annual Pilgrims Way review meeting on Sunday 15 October. Brenda will lead the service and then we will consider how we have progressed over the first full year and set our priorities for the next. I dare say that lunch *might* be included as well!

Mike

These we have sung

This is the list of the hymns we sang on Sundays during 2005. Only those sung more than four times have been listed here, but if you want to see where your favourite came see Helen, who has been keeping track of them for us.

Hymns & Psalms

7 times

216 And can it be that I should gain

5 times

81 Come thou long-expected Jesus

4 times

86 Tell out my soul the greatness of
the Lord

515 The Church's one foundation

653 God is her as we his people

704 O Jesus I have promised

753 All praise to our redeeming Lord

770 Go forth and tell

776 Make me a channel of your peace

Songs of Fellowship

7 times

40 Be still, for the presence of the Lord

6 times

425 O Lord my God (The Russian Hymn)

4 times

97 Father I place into your hands

111 For I'm building a people of power



Cleaning Rota

Feb 4 Mike & Heather Sims, Robert & Kathy Mortlock

11 **BIG CLEAN**

18 Judy Garner, Rosie Isaacs, Maureen Whalley, Ivy Blenkinsop, Sheila Webber

25 Helen Willson, Jan Willson, Beryl Scoging, Mick Ellis

Mar 4 Dave & Val Dobbin, Roy & Olive Pavitt, Gwenda Andrews

11 Malcolm & Pat Rubidge, John & Marian Webb

18 Colin & Margaret Rayner, Ron & Carol Castle

25 Bruce & Carole Glendenning, George & Sue Edwards

Please note, Hildale Dancing School now finish at 2.30 on Saturdays.

The next Big Clean day is February 11th and the one after that is 1st April. On these days you don't have to be on the rota to help - they are open to anyone who has an hour or so to spare. We don't only clean, we do some minor maintenance as well. Bring along some food to share and we will have a meal together afterwards - and put the world to rights at the same time.

Important financial news

If you were at the extraordinary Church Council on Saturday 14th January you would have heard a report on our current financial state. For those who missed it, read on for some great news. For those who were there, this is a reminder of what was said:

Good news on the financial front. We have had a very generous offer from an anonymous donor who has promised to match £ for £ all money raised through our fund-raising events - up to £3000 for this financial year.

Already the Bazaar record total of £1390 will have been matched with a further £1390.

We have a quiz organised for March and the Summer Fayre later in the year, so we need to make a special effort to raise as much as we can - so that these totals can be doubled-up as well! So please remember we need to do our best on these occasions - we have the potential to generate £6000 out of this. You may be aware that we still owe £10,000 for our loan from the Circuit for the extension. If we do well, it *could* mean that we may be able to pay off our total loan in August.

It would be lovely to be out of debt - the sooner the better!

Thank you everyone for your efforts.

Whatever money comes through fund-raising for the church will be doubled, *but only through this church financial year*. So if you want to arrange a fund-raising effort it **must** take place **before** 31st August. Please let us know as soon as possible what you intend to arrange - we don't want any clashes of events, and we don't want them all bunched up at the end of the year!

To be strong

Reportedly found on the wall of Mother Teresa's home in Calcutta:

People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centred - LOVE THEM ANYWAY.

If you do good, people will accuse you of being selfish - DO GOOD ANYWAY.

If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies - SUCCEED ANYWAY.

The good you do will be forgotten tomorrow - DO GOOD ANYWAY.

What you have spent years building may be destroyed overnight - BUILD ANYWAY.

People really need help but attack you if you help them - HELP PEOPLE ANYWAY.

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth - GIVE THE WORLD THE BEST YOU HAVE ANYWAY.