



# Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill Magazine

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## The only things certain in this life...

It was Benjamin Franklin, one of the Founding Fathers of the United States of America who famously wrote "In this world nothing can be said to be *certain, except death and taxes.*"

Well that certainly rings true for most of us, especially these days when it seems every tax gets more and more, and 1p off a litre of petrol doesn't seem to register.

It's also true in our society, that we are more likely to talk about tax and the cost of living than we are about death. I remember when I was called into the ministry, feeling sure that the most difficult part of the work would be taking funerals. Most of us are in the death avoidance business these days.

Christians claim Jesus was fully human, and if this is the case, did he have to deal with death and taxes?

Well surely he did.

Let's take taxes first. There is recorded in the Bible an incident when the taxman comes knocking to question whether Jesus and his disciples are paying taxes. In those days it was not usual for Kings to pay tax,

they usually just collected them. And as Jesus points out he was really a King. However not wanting to offend the authorities on this particular issue, Jesus agrees to pay his and Peter's tax.



But you have to love Jesus' way of paying tax. He tells Peter to go fishing and lo and behold the fish Peter catches, has swallowed just the right amount to cover their tax liability!!! Perhaps this is the reason more people take up fishing than any other sport in our country.

And what about death? Yes Jesus faced death. Indeed he willingly gave up his life for you and me.

It was to be the most brutal death imaginable. But although he died Jesus rose again. This is the wonderful story of Easter. Death defeated. Death cannot hold the author of life.

Yes death and taxes may be the only certainties in this life, **but this life is not the only life.** New life is the certainty for all who put their faith in Jesus.

Happy Easter to you all.

Martin Hancock  
Vicar

## From the editor

There's a real "mission" feel to this edition of the magazine. We have news of a mission event later in the year for your diary and an update on some of our mission partners who have moved on to a new location.

I receive the regular emails about our mission partners from Phil Hall which I really enjoy and I would encourage you to join her mailing list. One particular item I recall detailed the traffic chaos on the new Kathmandu ring road! The letters we get open our eyes to the differences and similarities of our respective cultures as well as alerting us to prayer needs.

We also have a reminder about Christian Aid Week which is another event I would encourage you to support. Anita Mansell and members of the Mission Action Group will be able to advise how you can help this year.

Finally I do hope you will encourage our young people on Maundy Thursday as they go out into Old Hill handing out bibles. We are meeting for an hour of prayer from 6.30 pm before they go out into the community and look forward to welcoming them back to hear their news after the service of Holy Communion.

May God bless you this Easter,  
Rachel Ford

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## Interesting Origins—a little history

Q: Why are people in the public eye said to be 'in the limelight'?

A: Invented in 1825, limelight was used in lighthouses and stage lighting by burning a cylinder of lime which produced a brilliant light. In the theatre, performers on stage 'in the limelight' were seen by the audience to be the centre of attention.

Q: Why do ships and aircraft in trouble use 'mayday' as their call for help?

A: This comes from the French word m'aidez - meaning 'help me' -- and is pronounced 'mayday.'

Q: Why is someone who is feeling great 'on cloud nine'?

A: Types of clouds are numbered according to the altitudes they attain, with nine being the highest cloud. If someone is said to be on cloud nine, that person is floating well above worldly cares.

Q: In golf, where did the term 'Caddie' come from?

A. When Mary, later Queen of Scots, went to France as a young girl (for education and survival), Louis, King of France, learned that she loved the Scottish game 'golf.' So he had the first golf course outside of Scotland built for her enjoyment. To make sure she was properly chaperoned (and guarded) while she played, Louis hired cadets from a military school to accompany her. Mary liked this a lot and when she returned to Scotland (not a very good idea in the long run), she took the practice with her. In French, the word cadet is pronounced 'ca-day' and the Scots changed it into 'caddie.'

Researched by Phil Hall

## Why Alpha?

Back in 1944 I was singing in the church choir during morning service, when a huge explosion occurred followed by a second explosion. Not knowing what this was, during the afternoon I investigated and learned that a rocket had landed in a local sports ground. A huge crater was left where it had landed. It was about this time that I decided that I didn't really want to be a part of church any more, even though I had attended 3 times each Sunday. I was old enough to know many of the people who attended the church and also knew what some of them were like during the rest of the week. At that somewhat tender age, I had made my choice. If this is what being a Christian means, I don't want to belong.

I did later try Crusaders and Scripture Union, but nothing happened which changed my view. I did attend weddings, funerals and baptisms including those of my children, but that was all. I did however like to visit places of worship when nothing was taking place but really didn't know why.

Then in the year 2000 after a not particularly happy or successful life and not being the sort of person that I would choose to live with, Jean told me that we were going to do Alpha. My initial thought was that I wasn't really interested in the Greek alphabet. However, she dragged me along to Holy Trinity on a Friday morning, kicking and screaming, and being my usual obnoxious self, to be greeted by several young people.

I made it abundantly clear that I was there under protest and had no desire to be there. I was particularly uncomfortable with someone called Melissa who got people singing songs that I was not keen on as I hadn't a clue what they were. Several years later, Sue Billingham who had led the course confided in me that after the first week she had wanted to give up as well!

However, over the weeks, something strange had stirred inside me and after

much prayer and many tears, which my Psychologist had told me were good for me, Yvonne asked me if I would give my testimony at a morning service. I agreed to do this. Prior to the day of my testimony, I had arranged to meet Richard Fair, our then Curate, regarding a recurring nightmare which I had had for many years. This meeting took place on the afternoon of 11 September 2001, which some of you may remember. Richard explained that the nightmare was my searching for something.

On the 16 September at around 11.10 I was giving my testimony. Suddenly I was overwhelmed by a fire burning through me from my feet and exploding out through my head. I thought that I must be having a heart attack and completely lost the plot of what I was supposed to be saying. All that I could say was "I AM WHOLE AGAIN". That did it for me and I returned to my seat not knowing what had happened. Sue Allen asked me if I was alright and my response was "no".

It took 2 days to realise that I had been filled with the Holy Spirit, little realising that my life had been changed forever. I like to think that I am now a nicer person than I had been previously.

So to go back to the heading of Why Alpha? God must have been working through Jean in order to get me to attend back in 2000. Alpha itself must surely be God's work through those who started it. If anyone of you has not yet done the course, then I urge you to sign up next time. It is a time of feeding together both food wise and spiritually, and my belief is that spiritual healing is more important than physical. You may not have a similar experience to that which I had, but that matters not. Belonging, however is important both to we humans and to God.

Len Hales

# Heading Further East



For any of you who missed their news, this is to update you that one of our Mission Partner couples, Ron and Jeanette, have moved on from Nepal after several years there.

They are now further east in South East Asia, as part of a small Interserve team being formed in a "creative access" country. This means that one cannot go in to work as a "missionary" or "evangelist", but must go with a skill or trade that is needed in the country in question. In Ron's case, he will be teaching nursing students, as he was in Nepal, and Jeanette will be herself, as Ron's wife. First however, they will spend at least six months learning a completely new tonal language!

It is a country where Westerners are monitored very closely and subject to much scrutiny, which will take some adjusting to after their years in Nepal in a very multi-national situation where Christian groups and NGOs from many countries have a lot of freedom to work and support the Nepali church. So please pray for them in this very new situation, especially as Jeanette's father died suddenly just after Christmas, which meant all their travel plans had to be reconfigured.

Because of the security issues, we cannot publish any more details if you



would like to receive their newsletters, by email or hard copy, **but strictly "for your eyes only"**, please speak to Phil (Hall) and this can be arranged.

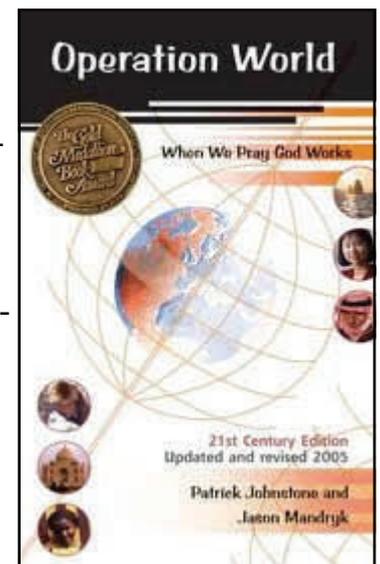
Meanwhile, please don't stop listening out for news from Nepal on TV or BBC World Service which can be turned into prayer. We have had links with Nepal for many years and for those who remember the Pitchford-Wilkins Trust Fund, it is still supporting projects in Nepal, under the direction of Joyce and Dennis Pitchford's son Lionel.

## What in the World is Happening?

Find out by booking this weekend in your diary - Saturday, 15th October at 2 pm and Sunday 16th October, at 10.45 am.

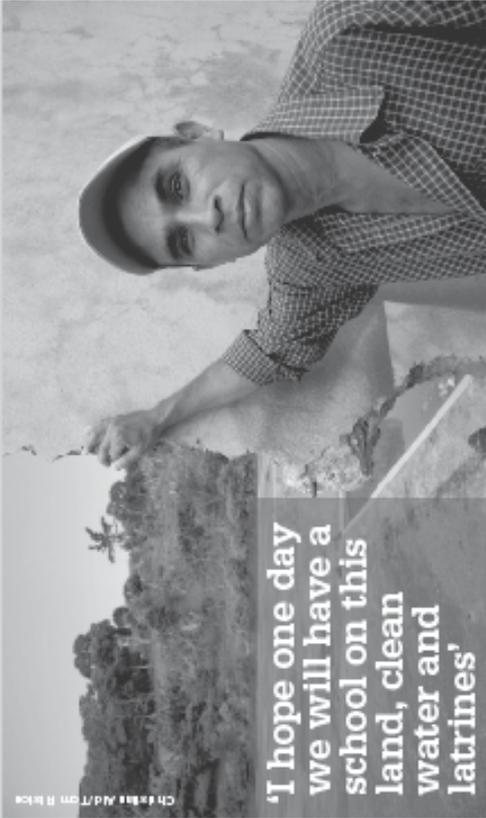
Patrick Johnstone, original author of Operation World, the well-known Mission Handbook, will be with us at Holy Trinity Church. His latest book "The Future of World Mission" is due to be published soon.

We feel it will be a real privilege to have Patrick with us, so put the dates in your diary and watch out for more information nearer the time.



Mission Action Group

## Christian Aid Week 15–21 May 2011



**'I hope one day we will have a school on this land, clean water and latrines'**

**Eladio stands on the site on where his community hopes to build a school**

For the people of Jinotega, Nicaragua, coffee isn't just a caffeine kick – it's a means of transforming the lives of entire communities. By getting involved in Christian Aid Week, you can help to make this transformation possible.

Five years ago, Eladio Simeón Pineda's community was a group of poor farm labourers. Then Christian Aid partner Soppexcca (pronounced so-pecks-ka) offered them credit to establish themselves as coffee farmers and supported them to work together as a cooperative. Eladio and the other members of the La Paz del Tuma cooperative now hope that together they will transform their own community.

Even though the coffee farmers of La Paz del Tuma have only been working with Soppexcca for a short time, their lives are already changing for the better. The credit which Soppexcca gave to Eladio and the other farmers has been vital in getting them started. The cooperative has a community fund that will be used to achieve the dreams which Eladio and his fellow farmers once thought were out of their reach.

- **£14** could buy enough coffee seeds to plant a 0.7 hectare plot of coffee and start one farmer on the path out of poverty.
- **£2,170** could pay for a processing plant, allowing farmers to process the coffee they have grown and then sell it for a better price.

'I hope one day we will have a school on this land, clean water and latrines,' says Eladio.

Eladio knows that transformation is possible. He is driven by the example of a nearby community, where Gustavo Adolfo Talavera and the members of the Los Alpes cooperative have been supported by Soppexcca for 12 years. In that time, they have successfully worked to establish a school and a health centre for their community.

The hopes of the people of La Paz del Tuma are hopes held for the whole community. Eladio works every day towards his dream of a purpose-built school, clean water and latrines for all the farming families of La Paz del Tuma.

Soppexcca's support for coffee cooperatives like La Paz del Tuma and Los Alpes allows communities to see a bigger picture, full of possibilities for the future.

### **You can be part of the story of transformation which is unfolding right now in Nicaragua.**

By getting involved in Christian Aid Week in your own community, you can help to turn the hopes of communities all around the world into realities. You can be part of a movement which is transforming lives.

To find out how, visit [www.caweek.org](http://www.caweek.org) or talk to your local Christian Aid Week coordinator.

To give to Christian Aid Week, visit [www.caweek.org](http://www.caweek.org) or call **08080 006 006**.

### **Help people in poverty out of poverty**

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# COFFEE TIME WITH DAVE

## The beauty of Easter

As we head out of a very cold winter and move into warmer weather, I have been thinking about transport and the best ways to travel around.

And I've come to the conclusion that the best way to travel on a trip to the local shops, travelling in this country or going overseas is to travel with Jesus.

A great place to start the journey is at the **CROSS**. There we can find complete forgiveness, peace and joy.

And from there we can continue on any journey knowing that wherever we go, Jesus will walk with us.

As we travel, if we are obedient to our Lord, we can receive lots of promises. God blesses us as we make our way from our homes to wherever we go and then as we return again.

He blesses us, our work, our children, our bodies, our money and our hands in whatever we do.

Travelling with Jesus is a great way to progress. And what better time to reflect on our journey than at Easter.

From a personal point of view, I can say I once had a life without Jesus. It was very dull, stressful and sad. How different things are now.

And you can travel this way too. Just spend some time speaking to Je-

sus. He will answer you. That's another once of his wonderful promises.

Enjoy the journey.

God Bless, Dave Portman.



## JUST FOR LAUGHS

- My mate Sid was a victim of ID theft the other day. Now he is just called 'S'
- I spent hours in my herb garden today, but I still need more thyme!
- A lorry carrying snooker equipment crashed on the M6 earlier today. Apparently the cues went back for miles...Police said the driver was under a rest...
- Just got a electric bun from the bakers. It was disgusting, I hate currents.



## Those difficult questions

- How is it that we put man on the moon before we figured out it would be a good idea to put wheels on luggage?
- Why are you IN a movie, but you're ON TV?
- Why does a round pizza come in a square box?
- Do the Alphabet song and Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star have the same tune?
- Did you just try singing the two songs above?



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## MAGAZINE DEADLINES AND PUBLICATION DATES

### Summer Edition

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Annual Subscription £2. See Rachel Ford.

For details of Services and Regular Activities  
at Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill, see back  
cover.

## Women's World Day of Prayer

This year the theme of the Women's World Day of Prayer was "How many loaves have you?" Sisters in Chile wrote the service, and here are two of the hymns we sang. The first is from Chile.

Five loaves and two fish offered to Jesus,  
Gift of a boy who was near, wanting to help  
him.  
Working together that day, hunger was ban-  
ished.

Many the gifts of our God, many the bless-  
ings,  
Earth, air and thousands of stars, sunlight to  
warm us.  
Offering our love to God, we can work with  
him.

I too bring him my gifts, to serve my Saviour;  
Poor though they are in my eyes, gladly he  
takes them.  
Freely my heart full of love, I give to Jesus.

The second hymn is by Fred Kaan:

Put peace into each other's hands and like a  
treasure hold it,  
Protect it like a candle flame, with tender-  
ness enfold it.

Put peace into each other's hands with lov-  
ing expectation;  
Be gentle in your words and ways, in touch  
with God's creation.

Put peace into each other's hands like bread  
we break for sharing;  
Look people warmly in the eye: our life is  
meant for sharing.

Put Christ into each other's hands, he is  
life's deepest measure;  
In love make peace, give peace a chance,  
and share it like a treasure.

Barbara Adams

## Services and Regular Activities

During holiday times, please check with group leaders which weekday activities are taking place.

### Sunday Services

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday

10:45 a.m. Family Service  
6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship\* and Holy Communion  
6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship\*  
6:30 p.m. Holy Communion

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship\*  
6:30 p.m. Hungry for God

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday

10:45 a.m. Morning Worship\*  
6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer

\*With Junior church, young people's groups and FROGGIES for pre school children.

### Monday

7.30 p.m. Badminton  
Reopens after Easter on May 9th. New members of any age welcome, no experience necessary

### Tuesday

1:15 – 3:00 p.m. Tots Are Us  
6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Tuesday Club  
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Bell ringing

### Wednesday

9 - 11:00 a.m. Tots Are Us

### Thursday

9.00—11.30 a.m. Coffee and Crafts (Addenbrook Court)

11:30 a.m. Midweek worship followed by lunch  
7.00—8.30 p.m. TNT youth group

### Friday

9 – 11:00 a.m. Tots Are Us

### Saturday

9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Prayer Meeting

### Every weekday

8:30 and 11 a.m. Prayer  
8.30 a.m.– 1 p.m. Open Door

### Marriage and Baptism enquiries—

Tuesday evenings from 7:15-8:30 p.m.



### Easter Services 2011

#### Maundy Thursday 21st April

11.30 am Midweek Worship and Holy Communion  
6.30 pm Corporate Prayer  
7.30 pm Holy Communion

On Maundy Thursday our young people will be giving out bibles in Old Hill. Do come along and support them with your prayers at 6.30 pm

#### Good Friday 22nd April

9 am Walk of Witness  
2 pm Service of Meditation

#### Easter Sunday 24th April

8.30 am Holy Communion  
10.45 am All Age Worship and Holy Communion

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