

## Going Glocal

When the problem is global, the solution is local. To save the world God became incarnate in a particular place at a particular time and within a particular community. A global malfunction required a localised remedy – and it should not surprise us if God's plan for us and our salvation finds an echo in how we respond most effectively when global conditions threaten our security and well-being.

So we recognise that environmental challenges on a global scale require locally focused changes in behaviour and lifestyle if they are to be met and overcome. Likewise, failures in global economies force us to look again at our own local practices and priorities when it comes to how we manage our finances and invest for the future. By the way, this is why I am supporting the case for a nationally owned Post Bank based on the Post Office network. This will enable local, human-scale banking to re-dress the imbalance caused by our over-reliance on international investment institutions. A local solution to a global problem.

And, of course, here we have the underlying rationale for our network of Church communities whether organised as Anglican Parishes or Methodist Circuits. The poet George Herbert exclaimed:

Let all the World, in ev'ry corner sing  
Our God and King!

Our calling to worship and serve God is part of a global vocation, yet it is in that part of God's world where we live and work that the true worship of God through word and deed is given full and effective expression.

So at a time when we feel ourselves to be almost overwhelmed by crises on a global scale, we do well to learn again how God's Church, reflecting God's work of salvation through Jesus of Nazareth, transforms the lives of those who live locally so that the world may believe.

+John Lincoln



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## Copy Deadlines for the June edition.

Would all contributors note the following?

*Thank you to the increasing number able to email lengthier articles direct to the editor.*

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## From an untidy study....

We've got so used these last thirty years or so to the good ol' US of A being a rock-solid bastion of Christianity that recent news that the rock might be crumbling away came as a bit of a surprise. Two separate reports suggested that problems lie ahead for some traditions of Christianity in the States. One piece of research found that young Americans are becoming less and less fond of forms of Christianity which seem to preach division rather than community and put disunity above Christian love. And the other charted an alarming haemorrhage of women from Brethren-style churches which, citing selected bits of St. Paul, refused to allow them any voice. Add that to the acknowledged statistic that the Southern Baptists are declining faster than traditions like the RC church and the Episcopalians, and you get the feeling that all is not well in the Bible Belt.

Now you can argue for hours about the rival merits of 'liberal' and 'conservative' Christianity, and although it can be quite fun scoring points at someone else's expense, it's hardly Christian. But the information that the traditional bedrock of US churchgoing, the women, are finding it increasingly hard to feel respected and valued, is worth a bit of thinking about.

'Oh dear,' you say, 'He's going to start a rant about the ordination of women. It's having all these lady vicars around, turned his head.' Well, no: rather, I want to ask a simpler question – why is it that Christians so often get found out picking and choosing which bits of the tradition they like and which they don't. Taking interest on loans, divorce – there are plenty of things once held to be central to the faith about which we now think, 'Hang on a minute', while there are others which, on no stronger grounds, we still think non-negotiable.

There are two possible responses to all this messiness. One is to try and start a purified body of the faithful who will always agree on everything and never be caught out — but they've tried that at monotonously regular intervals going back to the year dot, and it's only ever produced more splintering and inconsistency.

The other is to accept that messiness and blurred boundaries are an essential part of the search for truth, and that working out what bits of the Christian tradition are everlasting and which bits are written in the spirit of the age is always going to be a fraught process. Anyone who looks at Church history will recognise this untidy course of action going back a couple of thousand years.

And that is what we were doing out in the rain yesterday morning before dawn, recreating with the symbols of sunrise and candles the basic drama of the Christian faith. As St John put it in his famous prologue: "the light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it". When there's as much darkness out there as there seems to be at the moment, what more appropriate thought can there be than this? Happy Easter.

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## Companions of the Community of the Resurrection.

Many of you will know of the existence of Anglican religious communities up and down the country — the sisters at Whitby, the Franciscans who used to run a house in Scunthorpe. Many of these orders have associated with them groups of ordinary Christians, lay and ordained, who draw on the traditions of these communities to enrich and nurture their own discipleship

The Community of the Resurrection at Mirfield is one of the oldest of the Anglican religious orders, and has for many years sustained groups of people around the country in exploring the depths of the faith. CR's companions are encouraged to develop a simple Rule for themselves, including a commitment to prayer, to worship and to service.

At the moment there is no group of Companions of CR in the diocese of Lincoln. David and Fr. Owain Mitchell, Vicar of Brigg, are encouraging the formation of such a group in the north of the diocese, and on the evening of June 2nd, one of the Mirfield brothers will be visiting us to talk about the possibility of doing this, probably at St. John's Brigg.

If you'd like to be kept informed of this project, please have a word with David, and keep your eye on the notice sheet for further announcements. There are some pink leaflets at the back giving more information on the Companions – do take one if you'd like.



## Thought for the Day, 13 April 2009

The Rev. Dr Giles Fraser

Yesterday morning, just a little before dawn, my congregation gathered on the banks of the River Thames and lit the Easter fire. People returning from night jobs on the number 14 bus peered out of the window at this strange little gathering - some looked puzzled, some smirked, others crossed themselves. I lit our Easter candle from the bonfire and processed it within the pitch-black church. As we stumbled to find our places, the sun rose up above the river. A new dawn had broken.

Many churches are built in such a way that the people in the pews face directly east; that is, in order to be lined up with the sunrise, towards the new dawn of the resurrection. Yet despite this fact, some Christians subscribe to a version of the Easter story that doesn't really give the resurrection anything much to do. For some argue that Jesus saves humanity on the cross, that it's on the cross that Jesus pays off the debt of sin that human beings owe to God.

Now this is not a version of Christianity I subscribe to for many reasons - not least of which is that it treats the resurrection as a spectacular afterthought, giving it no real work to do in the overall scheme of human salvation. In contrast, for many of the earliest Christian accounts, the story of Easter is the story of how Christ defeats the powers of darkness. Here what is going on is an epic battle between good and evil, with the love of God emerging triumphant over the powers of sin and death. On this model, the resurrection clearly has very important work to do. Indeed, it's the crux of the thing, for the resurrection is the ultimate expression of God's victory over darkness.

But too many believers get stuck on the cross, misled by the idea that Jesus' death is some sort of cosmic payback for human wrong. Not only is this theology too much about violence and retribution, but also, it never properly makes it to the resurrection and so to the good news that the love of God is more powerful than the forces of death and destruction.

I have little interest in debates about how the resurrection actually happened or what historically went on. What I do know is that Jesus' followers were transformed from a sad bunch of defeated cowards into a group of confident and charismatic people, preaching a message of good news based on the conviction that with God there is always hope. Something transformed these people, something changed them, something that I want to call the resurrection.

At the end of this month we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. In the last forty or fifty years it's become a bit tied up with arm waving and speaking in tongues and all that sort of thing (fine if it's your way, equally fine if it's not). But above all, Pentecost celebrates the search for truth, untidy, messy and provisional though it always is, as we, the people of God try and learn to respond to what God is saying now. It is untidy – sometimes the tradition of the Church sits uneasily next to Scripture and the experience of God in the Now can be quite hard to reconcile with the records of what God was believed to be saying Then. But perhaps the spirit of Pentecost is less about learning new languages without the benefit of Adult Education classes, and more about humbly living with tension and uncertainty — and even with the uncomfortable thought that what we believe to be beyond negotiation may say more about us than it does about God.

This Pentecost, embrace your inner messiness! (Now, where DID I put that file?)

*Fr David*

## Books and jigsaws

Regulars at the Monday morning coffee sessions (and others as well) will have noted the bookcase full of pre-read novels and previously assembled jigsaws. For those who have not noticed these delights, they are indeed for sale at the bargain price of 25p per book and £1 per jigsaw, proceeds to the Hall fund. (Should anyone suddenly think, on reading this, 'Oops, I've forgotten to pay' we don't charge interest — simply sneak shamefacedly under cover of darkness into the lobby and leave your cheque in the tin....



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## Embarras de Richesse

Sneaky fund-raising and things have led E1W to be one of the best equipped youth groups in the history of the known universe. However, we're frightfully generous about these things, so if Church groups or members might find any of our 'kit' useful, please have a word with us. Of particular use might be the following:

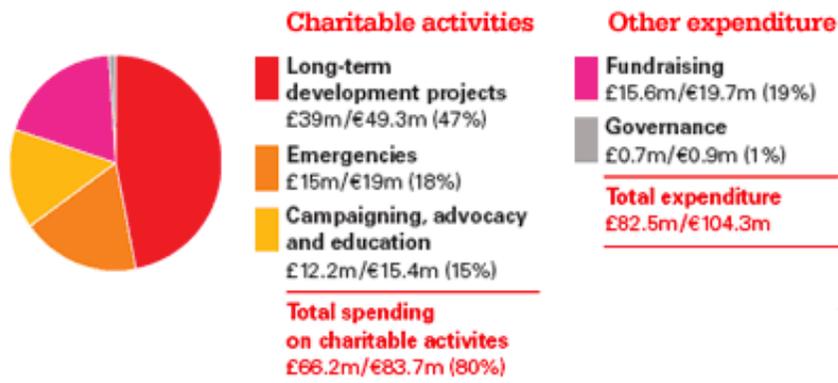
- A video projector (for connection to a computer for video presentations, etc).
- A gas barbeque/griddle/wok (and gas bottle)
- A gas-fired double boiling ring.

(For insurance purposes we can only allow the projector to be used on Church premises.)

## Christian Aid Week 10-16 May 2009

- Christian Aid operates mainly through local organisations that know best how to tackle the poverty they see every day, respond during emergencies and challenge their governments.
- Christian Aid Week's total income in 2007/8 was £86.5m, with Christian Aid Week making up almost a fifth.

Here's how we spent it.



We are always in need of volunteers to help with Christian Aid Week collecting – please see Penny Phillips if you can lend a hand, or sign up at the back of church.

Future meetings:- Ladies' Group

May 6th. Outing to Skipton

May 20th. Dressing the Victorian Table.

*Sue Wright.*

## Parish Registers

### Baptisms:

April 19

Isaac Finley George Sunter, son of Odette Naomi Claire Jones & Michael Richard Sunter.

George Matthew Vickers, son of Tracy Ann & John Paul Vickers.

April 26

Will Edward Hayes, & Noah Charlie Hayes, sons of Abbygale Jane & Paul Edward Hayes.

### Marriages:

None in April.

### Funerals:

March 6

Charles Rutter Mitchell.

April 3

Sylvia Irene Rowe.

April 3

George Edward ('Ted') Appleyard.

April 6

Dennis William ('Bill') Lawtey.

April 20

Lillian Proudlove.

April 27

Barrie Turner.



## Clergy Days off

Just a reminder that the clergy generally are unavailable on the following days:

- Alan – Saturdays.
- Kathy – Fridays.
- David – Thursdays.

Please also try to avoid ringing before about 8.30am or after about 9 pm. Naturally, in the case of real emergencies, rules are made to be broken!

orphanages which were in conditions much like those we have seen in Rumania and provide specialist facilities for Special needs children with sensory rooms etc. Trinity Church is involved with this charity and Sue Brumpton was one of the first volunteers to go out there indeed she gave us a talk several years ago. Collections are made each year of donations of £1 plus a pair of socks, pants etc. Summer camps are run by volunteers of all ages with interpreters to help.

Visiting Moscow one would not be aware of such poverty, the further away one gets the less affluent things become. People are not aware of the poverty or the orphanages. The volunteers are not allowed to have a religious theme for their Summer Camps. They have to fund their own flights or get sponsors. They take specialists out there e.g. speech therapists, doctors and at the end of each day they have a team meeting to assess the activities and outcomes. Like any other children they enjoy cutting, sticking, dancing and putting on concerts. Sue said she intends to go again this year along with other members of Trinity church as she finds it so rewarding. 'Going out to an orphanage you can see God's Love in action.'

A prayer by Liz Bowers- a volunteer for 'Love Russia'.

Give me a heart that will love the unlovely.  
Open my eyes to the needy and lost.  
Help me, O Lord, to show your love in action  
give without counting the cost.  
Make me be willing to go  
where you would send me.  
Make me ready to answer your call.  
Give me a heart that rejoices to serve you  
Sharing the best of all.

Pam was thanked by Pauline Chapman. Carol Troop, Jean James and Joan Stanley won the raffle.

A visit to the Grimsby Auditorium to see 'Hot Flush, the Musical' which starred Lesley Joseph (of Birds of a Feather fame) and Sam Kane was an experience. It portrayed the lives of four ordinary women living their extraordinary lives, their ups and downs, sharing their secrets, friendships, laughs and tears. One was a lawyer, another, a fundraiser for the church!!! It was described as 'more fun than going to the Gym or having botox' and certainly produced a lot of laughter and audience participation. One of our more unusual outings!!!!

## BELL TOWER NEWS

### St Mary's Bell Ringers' Trip



Our spring bell ringing trip to visit local churches was led again by Geoffrey Bryant, it took place in early April to allow us to visit and gain experience in alternative towers. Commencing in Thorne, at St Nicholas church, on a bright sunny morning we climbed the steep wooden circular stair to the high ringing chamber. This was a very pleasant start to the trip, we rang the eight bells to a variety of change methods for about an hour on the very well maintained and sweet sounding bells for the benefit

of the townspeople about with their early morning shopping.

Leaving Thorne we drove to Owston Ferry, to St Martin's, a small village church in very well kept extensive grounds at the edge of the village, to ring their six bells and spread the melody out over the open fields. The church serves a small village, and has great connections due to its age, but unfortunately not blessed with vast congregations, however the six bells were very melodious and the experience was enjoyed by all members.

Then on to St Andrews at Epworth, set on a high mound to the northern edge of the village we took a group photograph by the tomb of Samuel Wesley where it is said the beginnings of Methodist took place. The church has a ring of eight bells, rung from beneath on the ground floor, having just had lunch at the nearby garden centre, thus revived we rang our tunes early in the afternoon to carry out over the village to entertain the shoppers.

Then on to Belton, the next village to the north, to All Saint's, set in Churchtown, this ancient church sits within the village and has six bells which are rung from a first floor chamber, the bells were in good condition being regularly rung. Although by now somewhat tired we gave a spirited attempt with a varied repertoire to inspire the villagers at our last ring prior to an evening meal at the nearby Steer's Arms public house.

Fully refreshed, we drove off into the evening to return home having again experienced a great day, especially weather-wise, gained further practice at several greatly differing rings of bells to hopefully bring this all to bear in our regular ring at St Mary's church.

FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED REPAIRS TO THE BELLS OF ST MARY'S.

Please note that the intended repairs to the bells of St Mary's will take place on the week beginning the 29<sup>th</sup> June 2009, it is expected that the work will take two weeks to complete and that the bells will again be back in full working order for the wedding on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> July.

The cost of the work will be £13,995.00 and to date we have received many donations, grants and bequests from St Mary's parishioners, Barton Lions, Barton Rotary, Lincoln Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, the Northern Branch of Church Bell Ringers, North Lincolnshire Council and various anonymous individuals totalling around £11,300.00.

Thus we still need to fulfil the shortfall, any donations being gratefully received, either by the Vicar, Rev'd David Rowett, our Tower Captain Roger Lord, or treasurer, Linda Howden, 19 Priestgate, Barton upon Humber. If you are able to give a cheque, please make this payable to St Mary's PCC (Tower Fund). Donations to the PCC may be gift-aided.

#### *Additional note*

English Heritage have agreed that the St Mary's bellringers are able to practice at St Peter's on the last Tuesday of each month during the months of June to September, with an additional ring on the evening of the 7<sup>th</sup> July during the refurbishment of the bells at St Mary's.

*D J Kitching, Publicity Secretary, St Mary's Bell Ringers.*

## **Ropewalk Events and Exhibitions**

### **Vin Garbutt at The Ropewalk**

One of the biggest draws on the British folk scene today, Vin Garbutt, is appearing at Ropery Hall at the end of May.

Celebrating 40 years as a professional performer this year, Vin's songs always remain fresh and vibrant with an always changing repertoire. Genuinely funny, Vin's quirky observations of life are always very much part of the act, delighting audiences everywhere.

*Teeside's roving ambassador of folk will be appearing in Barton on Saturday. May 30 as part of the spring programme of music, comedy, theatre and film at Ropery Hall. Tickets cost ?10 in advance or ?12 on the door. More details on [www.the-ropewalk.co.uk](http://www.the-ropewalk.co.uk).*

## **Ladies' Group April**

The ladies enjoyed a showing of Mama Mia in the Ropewalk film theatre. Wendy Stow thanked the committee for putting on the evening and £100 was raised for Red Nose Day.

Monty Martin was the speaker for the second March meeting changing his talk title to the 'Good, the Bad and the Ugly'. He gave us an interesting and amusing resume of his career stating that he always wanted to be a gardener but was told by his father that there was no money to be made in gardening!! He found a book in the children's library about being a solicitor and as his father was a probation officer he had seen the inside of courts, approved schools etc. so after an indifferent career at school he just qualified for the course. Moving to Hull and learning to understand the language he got a job in the 'Land of Green Ginger' where he had to pay to be employed by a legal firm and started his career making the tea and delivering the post. After taking his exams in Liverpool he decided to apply for a better job in Grimsby and had his interview in a caravanette in New Holland!!

He was admitted to be a solicitor by Lord Denning and eventually joined the Crown Prosecution service in Derbyshire. In 1971 he set up a practice in Chesterfield at one point working for Arthur Scargill. He then came to Lincolnshire as the first County prosecutor for Humberside. At the Scunthorpe office he worked in front of the Women's Refuge and so got involved in divorce cases, domestic violence etc. He worked in the Nottingham Building Society Office in Barton where Angela Duke was his secretary but then went back to Scunthorpe as he was busy with work for the D.S.S. In January 2009 he was appointed as a Civil Judge to work with the Benefits System. He is also involved with various activities in Barton including the Barton Arts week and the food magazine.

Angela thanked him and the raffle was won by Eileen Oliver, Margaret Archer and Helen Hastings.

A talk entitled 'Love Russia' by Pam McCartney was our first April meeting . this charity originates from around the Isle of Wight Her talk was illustrated by moving pictures of children who have to live in orphanages because they have been abandoned at birth and who are turned out onto the streets at the age of 16, become pregnant or get involved with drugs, prostitution or violence who the state cannot provide for and so the whole cycle begins again. There are 4 to 500 children rescued each year out of 3 to 4 million who are abandoned. The charity aims to help refurbish the

Mothers' Union Notes:

## Lady Day Service

On Wed March 25th St Mary's Church was the venue for the North Lincs Area Lady Day Service. Several Mothers' Union groups from all over North Lincs attended the 11am Eucharist led by Area Chaplain the Rev'd Jeremy Green. During the first hymn six Mothers' Union banners were processed up the main aisle to be presented at the High Altar to our Area President Liz Lilley and the Rev'd Jeremy Green. Liz welcomed everyone and introduced Jeremy who then presided over the service. During the last hymn the banners were collected and processed back down the main aisle. Jeremy was thanked by Pam Braithwaite for a very good service, sadly he was unable to stay for lunch. Everyone else joined in a bring and share lunch in the church hall joining with members of St Mary's who were there for our weekly Lent lunch of soup. Everyone was invited to partake of the food and soup .

After lunch all Mothers Union members were able to watch a DVD about the Mothers Union work worldwide, this was presented by Pam Braithwaite who stood in for Liz Lilley who was unable to stay due to other commitments. The film showed the Family Life programme working in Uganda – conservation and nurture of leaders, Guyana – Parenting programme showing help given to single parents. Home based carers who help with drugs for HIV. Solomon Islands – where the MU president used the church boat to help tsunami victims. The Christian Care centre has a counsellor who helped with encouragement and prayers. The dvd also showed a group of local women using The Mothers Union prayer and other prayers from the church service. The MU Worldwide help them to help themselves .

THOUGHT FROM THE PEOPLE MENTIONED ABOVE :- “ We all want a place to belong somewhere to call HOME “

The dvd also showed statements from prisoners in this country who appreciate the work done in prisons by holding crèches for the prisoners children. The day ended with closing worship . Closing prayer :-

“ Let provision, belonging, support, nurture and refuge flow throughout the world,  
And in every person on this earth. Amen.”

A most enjoyable day was had by all.

## PCC and AGM Things

Parish Meetings on Tuesday 31st March 2009.

At the Annual Vestry Meeting

Mrs Valerie Dukes and Mr Geoffrey Brown were elected as CHURCHWARDENS for the year 2009-2010

and at the Annual General Meeting the following were elected to the Parochial Church Council 2009-2010;-

Mr Stephen Bennett, Ms Amanda Hepworth, Mrs Y.Jennifer F.Hepworth, Mr Ian Holt, Mrs Rosemary Lamert, Mr Alan Mabbott, Mrs Mavis Nutbrown, Mr David Redrobe, Mrs Carol Smith, Mrs Auriol Trubshaw, Mrs Iris Ward.

Revd David Rowett – Priest-in Charge - is ex-officio PCC Chairman.  
Dr Peter Large - Diocesan Reader - is an ex-officio member of the PCC.

Mrs A.E. Brown, Mrs M.Guilliatt and Mr Robert Smith – Deanery Synod Members - are ex-officio members of the PCC

Revd Katherine Colwell and Revd Alan Wright attend PCC meetings as non-voting members

At the Parochial Church Council Meeting immediately after the Annual General Meeting the following were elected as PCC officers 2009-2010;-

VICE-CHAIRMAN - Mr Ian Holt  
CHURCH TREASURER - Alan Mabbott  
SECRETARY - Mrs Rosemary Lamert  
ELECTORAL ROLL OFFICER - Mrs K.Susa Wright

The Standing Committee members for 2009-2010 are;-  
PCC Chairman, PCC Vice-Chairman, Churchwardens, Church Treasurer, Mrs Y. Jennifer F.Hepworth, Mrs Rosemary Lamert Mrs Mavis Nutbrown.

The minutes of the PCC meetings of Feb 23, March 24 and March 31 are available.

ALLELUIA  
CHRIST IS RISEN

## Scargill Resurrection



I am writing this on the morning of Palm Sunday, the day after I attended a celebration of the purchase of Scargill House and Estate by the new Scargill Movement.

Some of you will have learnt with sadness of the closure of Scargill last July and the event on April 4th marked the handover of the keys only four days before. It was remarkable what had been done to make the house and chapel ready for the arrival of hundreds of people, past community members, summer helpers and guests (I was one of the latter) on a Spring morning. Some had come from as far afield as Holland and Cyprus. The service in the Chapel, relayed to the overspill in the Marsh Lounge, started at 11am and continued for two hours with addresses from Chris Edmondson, the bishop of Bolton and chairman of the new Council, Adrian and Bridget Plass (who have a long association with Scargill) and Tony Hesslewood (Vice Chairman and financial man). It is a tribute to the hard work of Pauline Thompson (Secretary) and a small band of helpers that floors were polished, rooms aired and daffodil displays made the house that had been shut up since last summer and without heating all winter, look loved and welcoming once again.

## Ascension Day 2009

After last year's successful 'bring a bottle and a nibble' party after the Ascension Day Eucharist, we're going to have a re-run this year. The service starts at 7.30, the celebrations continue afterwards in the Church hall.



**Celebrating Palm Sunday**  
Top, the procession leaves for St Mary's.

Below, Fr David in his Palm Sunday robes.

## Anglican 'double bill' to boost climate campaign

As the world prepares for this December's crunch UN summit in Copenhagen, two of the Church of England's leaders are to join forces with Operation Noah, an ecumenical organisation which campaigns on climate change.

The Rt Rev Richard Chartres, Bishop of London, will join dozens of children and farmyard animals on a "Noah's Ark" journey down the River Thames in July. At the end of the trip, in the vicinity of the Palace of Westminster, the Bishop is expected to impress on the UK government the need for urgency and brave leadership when the UK delegation goes to Denmark later in the year.

It is hoped that the UK will play a leading part in negotiating a global deal on capping and reversing greenhouse gas emissions.

Then in the autumn, in the lead-up to Copenhagen, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Rowan Williams, will give the annual Operation Noah lecture in Southwark's Anglican Cathedral. His address will build on the remarks made in his recent Ebor lecture at York University. Operation Noah has asked the Archbishop to offer a contemporary reflection on one of the Old Testament's best known stories with a lecture entitled: "Noah and the Flood: Lessons for the Twenty First Century."

"You could say that Noah was the first character in the Bible to be challenged by dramatic changes to the climate," said Mark Dowd, Operation Noah's Campaign Strategist. "The story touches on leadership, obedience to God and human responsibility to safeguard creation."

"Operation Noah is delighted to have these two 'giants' from the Church of England adding their voices and support," he added. "In this year of the Copenhagen summit, it is imperative that we focus on this 'make or break' moment for humanity and our relationship with the rest of the natural world."

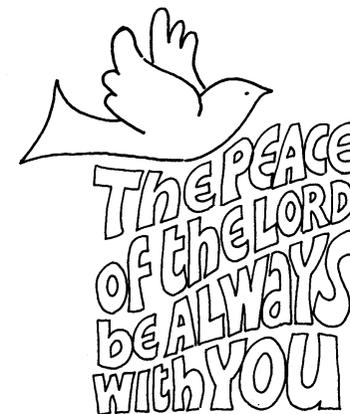
Operation Noah is part of the Stop Climate Chaos Coalition. This 'double bill' is part of a year-long 'Ark Campaign' which was launched in Cardiff in January.

The campaign calls for worldwide emissions from the global power sector to be cut by 30 per cent by 2020 with a view to getting them to zero some ten years later through a crash programme of investment in renewables and green technologies.

As Chris Edmondson said, this is only the start but, particularly in today's financial climate, it represents a huge leap of faith that the project to ensure that Scargill and all it represents did not die, but will continue as 'The Lee Abbey of the North'. Help of all kinds is needed – people were asked to sign up if they could spend a few nights as caretakers in the House in the next few months because it is a condition of the insurance that it is not left unoccupied. Finance will of course be needed to further a project of the size that is envisaged and also a leadership team, a Community and a programme. Much more can be learned of all this by looking at the website [www.scargillmovement.org](http://www.scargillmovement.org). There are also some leaflets, which I brought back with me, on the table at the back of the church.

For me it was a joy to return to the Dales and to a place that I loved from the first time I went there in 1986 with my, then, two small girls when we joined a St Mary's Parish Weekend at Scargill before we moved to Barton. Everyone there yesterday brought memories of people and events associated with Scargill, the 50th anniversary of which will be celebrated on 20th June. It was a bonus to come out of the Chapel after the service yesterday and find Becky Mingaye, who was a member of the community for several years and who grew up in Barton, there with her family. One of my abiding memories of the day will be the singing of 'When I survey the Wondrous Cross' in the packed chapel. Perhaps there will be opportunities for more parish weekends in the future although, as we were told, the house will not be ready for these for some time to come!

*Sue Macdonald*



## May Diary

### May 3rd - Fourth Sunday of Easter.

8.00 am Said Eucharist.  
9.30 am Parish Eucharist.  
6.00 pm Sung Evensong

Mon. 4 Bank Holiday

Tue. 5 7.00 pm Said Eucharist.  
7.00 pm United Prayer & Churches Together  
@ St. Augustine's.

Wed. 6 9.30 am Said Eucharist (MU Corporate).  
Ladies' Group outing to Skipton.

Sat. 9 8.30-6.00 Barton Town Band in Church

### May 10<sup>th</sup> – Fifth Sunday of Easter – Christian Aid Week begins.

8.00 am Said Eucharist.  
9.30 am Parish Eucharist.  
4.00 pm Baptisms.  
3.30-5.30 E1W serves Afternoon Tea in support of  
Christian Aid.  
6.00 pm Evensong.

Mon. 11 10.15 am Toddler Time.

Tue. 12 Archdeacon's Visitation at St. Hugh's Scunthorpe –  
no service here.

Wed. 13 9.30 am Said Eucharist.  
2.00 pm Service at Eagle House.

### May 17<sup>th</sup> – Sixth Sunday of Easter.

8.00 am Said Eucharist.  
8.30 am Prayer Breakfast at the Salvation Army.  
9.30 am Family Worship  
6.00 pm Parish Eucharist.

Mon. 18 10.15 am Toddler Time.  
Home Communion at St. Peter's Court (10.15) &  
Victoria House (11.00).

Tue. 19 7.00 pm Said Eucharist for wholeness & healing.

Wed. 20 9.30 am Said Eucharist.  
2.00 pm Service at Beech House.  
7.00 pm Ladies' Group: 'Dressing the Victorian Table'.

### THURS 21<sup>ST</sup> – ASCENSION DAY

Home Communion.  
7.30 pm Sung Eucharist followed by bring and share  
party in the hall.

Sat. 23 8.30-5.00 Barton Town Band in Church

### May 24<sup>th</sup> – Seventh Sunday of Easter.

8.00 am Said Eucharist.  
9.30 am Parish Eucharist.  
6.00 pm Sung Evensong.

Mon. 25 Bank Holiday

Tue. 28 7.00 pm Said Eucharist.

Wed. 29 9.30 am Said Eucharist.

### May 31<sup>st</sup> – Eighth Sunday of Easter – PENTECOST.

8.00 am Said Eucharist.  
9.30 am Parish Eucharist  
6.00 pm Sung Evensong.

Morning Prayer is usually said at 9am Monday-Wednesday in the St.  
James' Chapel.

**Donations for Church flowers** have been received in  
loving memory of:-



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Shirley Creasey