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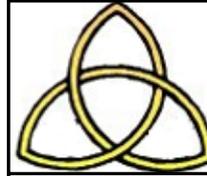
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Three Churches Newsletter

Advent 2015

United Benefice of
Crick, Yelvertoft &

Welcome to this Advent edition of the three churches newsletter.

This edition contains the following articles:

- Colourful Hangings, Geoff Day
- A Word of prophecy Ian Mackintosh
- Thought from the Pulpit: 'Childhood'! Revd. D Lake
- Lay Reading? A first impression. Brian Hemming
- FOSM
- CHEBUKUTUMI UPDATE: Geoff Brown
- Children's work: Anna Pile
- Dates for your diary

Items for the Lent edition should be with me by 31st January 2016.
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Patrick Mulcahy



Church Colours

The Liturgical Colours

Churches are packed with meaning from the size and shape of the buildings to the minute detail of the internal colours and the associated furnishings. Colour plays an important part in the internal furnishings of most churches and is to be found in such features as its paintings, windows, statues, floor tiles, banners altar frontals, flower decorations and the robes worn by the clergy.

In the Anglican Church the year is colour coded: the colour of the fabric used on the altar, the falls on the pulpit and lectern and vestments of the priest, change according to the season. These are referred to as the Liturgical colours. The standard colours are green, purple, white (gold) and red. The guidelines for the use of these colours are published annually by the Archbishops Council in what is known as the common worship lectionary, its start point being the first day of advent. This publication also provides information on the lesson readings to be used throughout the year. We at St Margaret's abide by the Lectionary although they are not mandatory.

Perhaps a little more information on the liturgical colours is of note.

Green, the colour of nature and new life is used during the seasons of Epiphany and Trinity and extends for about half the year.

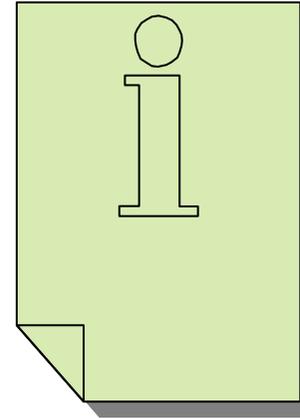
Purple is the colour used for the seasons of repentance. In the western church, the ecclesiastical year starts with Advent and runs for the four Sundays prior to Christmas. It is a period of preparation and anticipation before the Christmas celebration of Jesus' birth. Purple is also used in the forty days prior to Easter, a period of repentance and preparation. Purple can also be used on days of vigil and ember days.

White (or Gold) is the liturgical colour of Christmas, Epiphany and Easter.

Gold is used through the festival of epiphany from 6th January and the following four Sundays. Epiphany is the celebration of God's manifestation of himself.

Gold is used at the greatest Christian festival of Easter, when the church celebrates the death and resurrection. Gold is used on Trinity Sunday the celebration of the Father, son and Holy Spirit.

Red is the colour of fire and blood and is used at Pentecost also known as Whitsun, to remind us of the coming of the Holy Spirit in the tongues of fire (Acts 2v 1-11) and at the festivals of the martyrs to remind us of their sacrifices.



Special Events

All Saints' Yelvertoft

PCC dates:

18th January 2016

7.45pm in the church.

FOSM

Bryan Shaw Memorial Concert

March 12th 2016

Evening

A memorial concert will be held in aid of Cancer research and Church Funds.

Bryan Shaw and his father arranged concerts in aid of the organ restoration at St. Margaret's Crick.

Bryan used to bring students from Leicester School and they will make a return visit in 2016.

I am assured this is an event not to be missed.

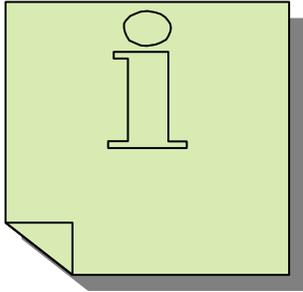
Admission by donation.

Patrick Mulcahy

All Saints' Lilbourne

Christmas Draw & Christmas Fayre:

Fri 11th December, 6.00pm – and for the children, Father Christmas definitely has the date in his diary and will be coming!



Special Services

United Benefice services

St Margaret 's Crick:

United Benefice Service.

January 31st 2016

Guest Speaker

Hannah Griffiths

Human Rights Monitor

The Church Times 23rd October had a fascinating insight into her work.

'An occasion not to be missed'

Benefice Bellinging

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Colours in Church Art

Colours can have symbolic meaning when used in wider church art, e.g. in the colours of clothes given to a particular saint, to Jesus and to Mary.

Black is associated with sickness, death, the devil and is the traditional colour worn at funerals

Blue is the colour associated with Mary the mother of Jesus. It is also the colour of the sky and heavenly love.

Grey is the colour of ash and symbolises the death of the body of repentance and humility. In paintings of the last Judgement Jesus is sometimes shown wearing grey.

Yellow is sometimes used as a variant of white to represent light and is often used in halos in stained glass. During the Middle Ages yellow was used to mark out plague areas and impurity. For this reason Judas Iscariot is sometimes shown in Yellow.

Red is the colour of passion, it can mean hate or love. As the colour of blood, red is the colour used for the clothes of Martyrs

Green is the colour of life and in particular the triumph of life over death, just as green spring overcomes winter.

White is the colour of purity and innocence. When the risen Jesus is portrayed, he is usually portrayed in white.

See page 4 for a useful memoir

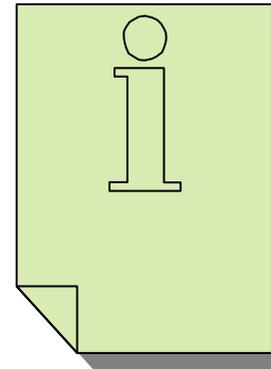
Jeff Day

When Noah's ark was high and dry,
 there came a rainbow in the sky
 and Noah heard a voice divine:
 "I am your God and you are mine."
 This God who always faithful stays
 has given colour to our days.
 The shade with which the year be-
 gins
 is purple for the people's sins.

On Christmas day we see the light,
 —
 the colour of the feast is white —
 and when the Kings have left the
 scene,
 our life runs into shades of green.
 With purple we return to Lent
 to mourn for Jesus, emptied, spent.
 'But sorrow is not meant to stay!'
 proclaims the white of Easter day!

As red as flames of Pentecost,
 so is the blood the martyrs lost.
 Then, till the hopeful Advent sound,
 we make with green the circle
 round.
 The people of the church are led
 through purple, white and green
 and red,
 from fasting days to peaks of feast,
 from dark of death to life in Christ!

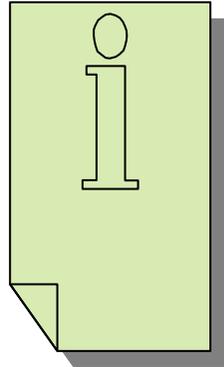
Fred Kaan



Easter Special Services

Ash Wednesday Services
Wednesday 10th February
St. Margaret's
10.30am
All Saints Yelvertoft
7.30pm
Wednesday Lent Lunches to
be advised
Easter Day
Communions
9.45am SMC
11.15am ASL
11.15am ASY

Mothering Sunday
 6th March
Palm Sunday
 20th March
Maundy Thursday
 24th March (at ASL)
Good Friday
 9.30 ASY
 12.00 ASL
 13.00 ASY
 14.00 SMC



Christmas Special Services

All Saints' ,Lilbourne

Candlelit Carols:

Sunday 13th December, 6.00pm

Bilton Silver Band.

Mulled wine & mince pies served afterwards.

Christmas eve

First communion of Christmas 10.00pm

All Saints', Yelvertoft

20th December

Carol Service 4.00pm

24th December

Crib Service 2.30pm

First communion of Christmas
8.30pm

Christmas day 11.15am

27th December 11.15am

Songs of Praise with Holy Com-
munion

February 7th

Candlemas Service

St. Margaret of Antioch ,Crick Festival of Lessons and Car- ols

20th December 6.00pm

Crib Service

24th December 4.00pm

First Communion of Christ- mas

24th December 11.30pm

Songs of Praise Communion

25th December 9.45 am

Thoughts from the pulpit

Some of David's sermons are now available in printed format..

Topics.

- In which we meet Barnabas otherwise known as son of encourage-ment.
- Jesus accused of being in league with the devil and asks the question who is my mother, father, brother, or sister?
- In which a major storm erupts, the disciples panic and peace is re-stored.
- In which Jesus recommends quiet unobtrusive prayer.
- Jesus says whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me and I in him.
- Pride is deadly!
- In which a woman named Martha welcomes Jesus into her home.
- In which Jesus sees the ordinary and chooses his disciples.
- In which Jesus says whoever receives one such child in my name re-ceive me and whoever receives me, receives not me but the one who sent me.
- In which Jesus teaches us to pray using the term daddy.
- In which Jesus chooses his advance party to bring healing and comfort to the world and to spread the message that the Kingdom of God has come.

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DO YOU EVER LOOK AT ST. MARGARET'S AND WONDER ABOUT ALL THE GENERATIONS THAT HAVE PASSED THROUGH OR AROUND IT?

There has been a church on the site since Saxon times and the present building has stood there for nearly 1,000 years. It is open 365 days a year for anyone to admire the architecture or spend a few moments away from the bustle of everyday life. The churchyard, as well as its obvious purpose, is a haven for wildlife and gives a chance to ponder on some of the old Crick families and their lives – some, sadly, very short.

St. Margaret's is at the heart of the village in the heart of England. Even if you're not "religious", but care about our heritage, you can help, either by becoming a Friend of St. Margaret's or supporting the Hundred Club or our other events

Ring Sue Milne on (01788) 824670 for details.



FOSM NEWS

After our successful flower arranging demonstration and Scarecrow Weekend activities, we were extremely grateful for the donations of £1,000 each from Wendy and Peter Jordan, these donations to be used for exterior stonework repairs at the appropriate time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Light for a loved one

- Sunday, Dec. 6 - 4.30pm outside the church.

Curry Nights

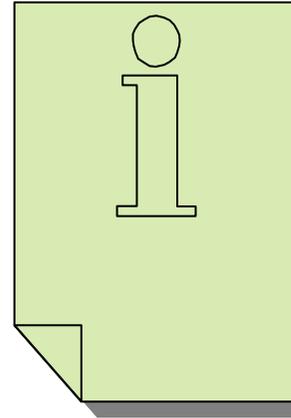
- **January 15th 2016**
- **February 19th 2016**
- **March 18th 2016**

Other activities

Saturday March 12th Bryan Shaw Memorial Concert .

Saturday May 14 - a welcome return by Bilton Silver Band.

Not to be missed!



Weekly and Monthly Activities

All Saints' Yelvertoft

Toddler Church Wednesday 2pm-3pm in the Reading Room.

Contact Sheila 822794

Tuesday Chat , first Tuesday of month at 25 High St. Yelvertoft.

St Margaret's Crick

Little Saints pre school group
Monday 2.15 –3.15 in the church.

Bible Study, 2nd and 4th
Thursdays 7.30 at 4 Bury Dyke.

Holy Communion

Wednesday 10.30.

Mothers' Union

All Saints' Yelvertoft



Meets 3rd Thursday of each month

Reading Room

Yelvertoft

2pm

Prayer meeting:

Last Wednesday of Month

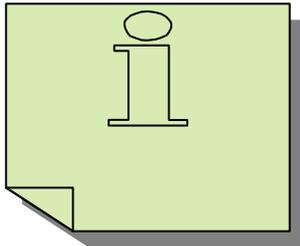
Contact Lorna Taylor

30th December Crick

27th January Yelvertoft

24th February Crick

30th March Yelvertoft



Special Events



**St Margaret's Crick
Pre Christmas
Musical Extravaganza
4th December 7.30**

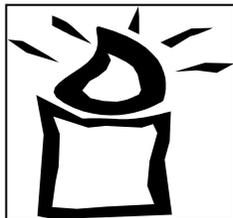
A LIGHT FOR A LOVED ONE 2015

The Friends of St. Margaret's invite you to remember a loved one from whom you are parted this Christmas. For £10 you can sponsor one of the simple white lights on the tree in the churchyard. These will be switched on during a short service on Sunday, December 6th, at 4.30pm, and remain lit until Twelfth Night.

In addition, and if you wish, details of each person to be remembered will be recorded on a small tree, also decorated with white lights, inside the church.

If you have taken part before, you will be receiving a letter shortly but for details, ring **Dave or Sue Milne on 824670**.

As always, the proceeds will go towards the restoration.



SCRIPTURE CHECK

A little help to encourage you to delve into God's Word

A Word of Prophecy

“Listen to me, my people; hear me my nation: the law will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations.

My righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way, and my arm will bring justice to the nations.

The islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath; the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment and its inhabitants die like flies.

But my salvation will last for ever, my righteousness will never fail.

[NIV Isaiah ch.51 vs4-6]

Comment

The prophet Isaiah can be compared to a sturdy lighthouse built of stone on a firm rock foundation. In all weathers, and whether the sea is calm or raging in turmoil, its light beam projects unerringly across the waters providing assurance to desperate sailors.

Confidently Isaiah states a word from the Lord, ‘My justice will become a light to the nations’. With all the human rights abuses going on today in several countries, a work in progress, surely!

Look at that word ‘righteousness’, is it not a metaphor for the coming to our world of the Saviour, Jesus Christ? Isaiah’s prophecy was penned some 6 or 7 hundred years before but he was quite confident about its speedy advent and that it would never fail. Salvation, its synonym, will last for ever.

What will not last for ever is the earth and the universe as we know them. ‘Its inhabitants will die like flies’ – a very sobering thought but then we know all about our own mortality and by the last day most will have passed that ‘gloomy portal’!

Let us, like Isaiah, look confidently towards the future. The first part of his prophecy has been fulfilled – the second maybe just on or over the horizon.

Ian Mackintosh

Books for Advent?

The Real Godsend: Nigel Wright

Longing Waiting Believing: Rodney Holder

Childhood dependency

In September the Revd. David Lake preached the following Sermon which I thought might be a good way to consider the birth of God with us. We may want to consider the way Jesus responded to the teaching within his family and the Synagogue in a country occupied by a brutal regime?



Anna Pile our benefice young persons worker writes:

Jesus said that the Kingdom of God belongs to children, that to encounter God we need to become trusting and loving like small children. And yet when we come to church we see very few children there, if any at all. It feels like a conspiracy, that someone is deliberately not telling children about God the Father and the friendship they could have with His Son Jesus. A friendship so special, it never fails!

So for the past year I was trying to break that conspiracy by telling children about Jesus. I was doing just that at family services in the three churches on Sundays, at 'Little Saints' in Crick on Mondays and at 'Shepherd's Delight' in Yelvertoft school on Wednesdays.

I was hoping that the children I talked to would find Jesus like they do in a game of hide-and-seek, and once they had found him they would want to get to know Him better! And as the friendship had been forged the children would not want to let go of their best friend. Not ever!

Last Wednesday at 'Shepherd's Delight' I was sitting in a circle with eighteen children, Sheila and Cathy. We were breaking the bread and sharing the 'wine' (purple grape juice) like Jesus used to with his twelve close friends. Then I asked the children, 'What does it feel like to sit together in a circle, share bread and wine?'

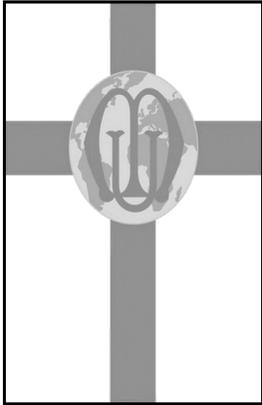
'It feels like we are with Jesus', 'it's like we are one family,' were some of the answers.

We all encountered living Jesus that Wednesday. He sat with us on the carpet in that classroom. We saw him in the eyes of the children.

Recently I was given a task to interview three vicars about their role as a parish priest. I got carried away and interviewed five. One of them described serving his parishioners as a 'devastating privilege'. Although I had not fully grasped the meaning of that phrase during the interview, I most certainly did last Wednesday.

My work in the Crick benefice is far from complete. As it's a privilege I want to share it with you! Come to church and bring the children, your own or your neighbours'. Pray for us, or better still – **pray with us**.

Join us at 'Little Saints' and 'Shepherd's Delight'. Welcome children in Jesus' name. Remember it's not a chore, but a privilege.



Mothers Union Care for families.

The Yelvertoft branch serves members of the benefice and meets monthly in the reading room on the third Thursday of the month at 2pm (except December)

The Mothers Union is a charity based in the Church of England to support Christian care for families both home and abroad. Members are not only Mothers: it is family orientated.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Beautiful screen-printed cards
on sale in aid of the church restoration.

Packs of 5, with a
choice of several designs.

**ON SALE IN
ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH.**



Years ago, you could phone the Vatican direct – *I kid you not!* The full number used to be listed under what used to be known as the International Dialling Codes and someone who noticed that was none other than the late Alan Coren. For those of you who may not know, Alan Coren used to be a regular panellist on BBC TV's '*Call My Bluff*' and for nine years was he was the editor of Punch magazine. I still enjoy Alan Coren's brand of humour, which brings me to an idea he had one for an article in Punch. It was a childish idea, as he freely admitted, but he decided that he would phone every world leader he could think of in order to discover what would happen. This is the part where he got round to phoning the Pope... Chocolate and Cuckoo Clocks: The Essential Alan Coren (Kindle Location 1772-1780)

"I dialled direct, 01039 66982. It was engaged. Odd. Was he, perhaps, on "The Other Line?" Or just on the balcony, waving? I tried again, trembling slightly at his proximity – five hundred million subjects under his thumb, and that thumb about to curl over the receiver in response to a far, agnostic call.

'Allo.'

'Your Holiness?' Pause.

'Wod?'

'Am I speaking to the Pope? Il Papa?' Scuffling.

'Allo, allo. Can I 'elp you?'

'May I speak to the Pope?' A long, soft sigh, one of those very Italian sighs that express so much, that say *Ah, signor, if only this world were an ideal world, what would I not give to be able to do as you ask, we should sit together in the Tuscan sunshine, you and I, just two men together, and we should drink a bottle of the good red wine, and we should sing, ah, how we should sing, but God in His infinite wisdom has, alas, not seen fit to ...*

'Can the Pope,' I said, determined, 'come to the phone?'

'The Bobe never gum to the delephone, signor. Nod for you, nod for me, nod for Italians, nod for nobody. Is nod bozzible, many re-grets,' Is 'Oliness never spig on delephone. You give me your

name, I give mezzage to 'Is 'Oliness, 'e give you blezzing, okay?'

'Okay,' I said. A blessing, albeit proxied, was something.

'Don menshnit,' he said, kindly, and clicked off.

Humour aside, this, as you know, is how the world works. You want to say a few words to the Big Man (or Woman for that matter) or perhaps you want to get a bit closer than just see them in a crowd, or from waving from a balcony – well tough look. The world doesn't work like that even ... when phone numbers were freely available. And actually it never did ... as you heard in this morning's Gospel. *"They were bringing children to him that he might touch them, and the disciples rebuked them"* (Mark 10.13)

Every great man and woman have their security and a strong line of defence and I'm sure, in sympathy to the disciples, they must have felt they were only doing their duty. Perhaps, also, something got lost in translation when Mark tells us that *disciples rebuked them* – perhaps they simply said, *"Is nod bozzible,"* which is a rebuke of sorts... well, it's a way of saying "no," at any rate, "no" is "no" and that's that. Except ours never was nor ever will be the final word. God's is the final word. So, Mark tell us that, *"When Jesus saw it, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands on them"* (Mark 10.14-16). This, you will note, is a personal blessing you will note – not a blessing offered over a phone – it is not a blessing hailed from a balcony – this is a blessing from the very hands of Jesus.

Have you felt Christ's blessing on your life like that recently? Oh, I'm not talking here about when I or another vicar stands up at the end of a service and they raise their hand in blessing – I'm not even talking about a blessing from a Pope – I'm talking about a close, personal touch from Jesus. I'm talking about a moment when a person may look out at the wild and frightening expanse of the universe – in all its complexity and unimaginable scale – and feel not terror at his or her

After an application form and two 'interviews' with a local Reader and Vicar (they were more like informal chats) I attended a Reader selection day at Bouverie Court, Northampton in May this year. This involved a simple five minute presentation on a Bible passage and a couple of interviews that were very informal and just part of the discerning process.

Fast forward four months to September this year and I began Reader training. There has been some trepidation on my part; how much workload being the main source of concern. As I write this at the end of the first module, those concerns have gone. The course for Reader training is three years (Lay Pastoral Ministry is two) and is split into nine 6-week modules. Each week there is a two hour session consisting of talks and small group work. It has been great to meet and share time with the other lay ministry candidates from around the Peterborough Diocese. The course will be challenging in many ways, but I am confident it will equip me for the Reader role ahead of me.

Whilst exploring my calling I came to realise we are called by God according to *His* purpose, not ours. So to finish; do you feel you have a calling to explore? The Bible says we are all called and we all have gifts; have you considered your gifts? Have you prayed about this and asked God? Can you ask the Holy Spirit to guide you? Could you seek counsel from others?

Perhaps lay ministry is your calling too?

Brian Hemmings

Is Lay Ministry Your Calling?

Having talked at our recent United Benefice Service at Lilbourne about my journey to faith and Reader training, it is a pleasure to write a short article about my calling and the decision to apply for, and begin lay ministry training. However, utmost in my mind is the desire to help others' reflect on themselves, their own faith journey, and perhaps their own calling.

'A calling is God's personal, individual invitation to carry out the unique task he has for you'

A little background first. After the first Alpha course I had attended I became a Christian in early 2012 and have since become increasingly active in church life at St. Margaret's. The church was now a central part of my life and I can see how much I have grown in my faith.

As part of this growth of faith and changing of my life, I came to reflect on my work and God's calling for me, particularly after a 'calling experience' in the summer of 2013. Following this I sought counsel and guidance from David Lake and from mature Christians in our benefice. As a result of prayer and discussions, I attended the annual Diocesan 'calling day' in Northampton in autumn 2013 where a series of formal and informal talks were offered about ordination, and a range of lay ministries. Initially, I felt a calling to help with bereavement work (I suffered a significant bereavement when I was 13), and followed this up by enrolling on a CRUSE (www.cruse.org.uk) bereavement awareness course to train to become a bereavement volunteer in early 2014.

I had also been advised to talk to Ian Macintosh at Yelvertoft about his Reader lay ministry work, and after meeting Ian and discussing his role (particularly bereavement and funeral ministry) I decided to apply for Reader training with the blessing of our incumbent in December 2014.

own tininess but a welcoming and glad acceptance that somehow we too have our place and belong. Today's Gospel is a reminder that in order to know that in our own experience – to receive God's blessing in our lives – we have to come to God as little children. But how is coming to God like a child making ourselves available for God's blessing? Well children are not self-sufficient. They recognise that they need help in so many ways. They haven't closed their minds to new insights or understanding. They are not independent; they are curious. Oh, and they have a sense of wonder ... and wonder is the beginning of wisdom. If we are truly intent on coming to God we have to put aside such things as pride and our desire to be in control and become like children. For look at this child in today's Gospel – look at any child, for that matter. A child has no inherent power or status – he or she cannot vote – they can mount no convincing arguments why they need our protection and care. And Jesus sets this child in our midst and He takes this child in His arms and He waits for our response.

Some years ago, through a mistake on the electoral roll, a child, aged only 2 years old, was summoned for Jury Service in Houston, Texas. That was a divinely inspired mistake. For a child is the final jury before whom our world will be tried. Or maybe you think that unlikely. Then perhaps that reading which is listed in the readings every year for the Festival of 9 Carols and Lessons from Isaiah (11:6) may guide your thinking:

The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them.

Christmas is not the only time we celebrate God taking on the form of a baby and being dependent on Mary and Joseph. God comes to us all, in frail human form that we might take hold of Him, just as He longs to take hold of you.

CHEBUKUTUMI UPDATE

This year I was very privileged to be back again in remote Africa and to spend a week in our link village Chebukutumi. I was there in late February at the end of the 4 months dry season. It is not normally a time to visit when our brothers and sisters, who are living in extreme poverty, are desperate to find enough clean water and food for themselves just to survive the drought. The conditions this year were the worst in a generation and the worst I had ever seen. It had not rained since early November and the rains did not come until mid March, after I had left, but despite that I received the usual magnificent warm welcome from the schools and the church and the community at large.

As well as spending a week in our link village I had a very specific purpose to be there at this desperate time which was to investigate the natural springs which were still flowing, albeit with very little water, which were scattered throughout the bush near Chebukutumi with a view to The Geoff and Diannah Charitable Trust protecting them. These precious few natural springs are known locally as unseasonal springs. By the end of the dry season all the seasonal springs and shallow hand dug wells have dried up and the search for water from the remaining streams and unseasonal springs becomes desperate. Nine unseasonal springs had been identified before my visit and we are going to protect 7 of them which I judged were technically feasible to protect. Protection means to build a structure costing no more than £1500 to eliminate the contamination of the water so that clean pure underground spring water can flow from pipes. The 2 photographs show best the transformation.



Chebukutumi was the first spring our charity protected and we have protected 6 more since then around the diocese and constructed 3 deep hand dug wells. We have also built over 20 large harvested water tanks the first of which was at Chebukutumi in 2008

Our Crick United Benefice link with Chebukutumi is still flourishing after 13 years and is an inspiration to the other church and school links within the Peterborough/Bungoma Diocesan Link. This was set up in 2000 by the then Bishop of Peterborough, The Rt. Rev. Paul Barber and the first Bishop of Bungoma, The Rt. Rev. Dr. Eliud Wabukala, who in 2009 was appointed the Archbishop of Kenya and kindly agreed to be our charity's patron. This followed on from the earlier work of the Mothers Union in this neglected and impoverished corner of remote Kenya right up against the border with Uganda. Our link has also been the inspiration for me to set up a charity in 2010 for the relief of poverty right across Bungoma diocese.

