

Life and death in Poland



At the time of Pope John Paul II's last illness and death, the Ridley family were in Poland for the christening of grand-daughter Charlotte Marie. Here Mike shares his thoughts on the events:

"We couldn't help but be struck by the two extremes as we stood in "The Pope's Basilica" in Poland on 3rd April. Hours earlier, the waiter

had hesitantly approached our table at the restaurant, clearly upset, to tell us that the Pope had died. Now we stood once again in the aisle of this glorious cathedral, waiting to christen our first grand-child, and remembering the wonderful wedding ceremony of Steve and Agnieszka, more than three years earlier. Birth, marriage, death, all squeezed into this precious place: but this time it was different.

"Two thousand people of all ages were there to pay their respects and to pray for a much-loved Polish Pope; genuine grief for a man who had touched so many lives. We stood in the aisle as the Mass finished; the Archbishop and church leaders squeezed past us, followed by those organisations and individuals who had paid their own special tribute to the Pope. I couldn't deny the lump in my throat as the famous "Solidarity" flag brushed past me, and memories of past struggles for the Polish people flooded into my mind.

"Any of the congregation who chose to leave were quickly replaced by others from the queue outside, and so it was, that our little girl's christening (and that of two other babies), took place in the presence of two thousand people....and she slept through it! I'm sure that I wasn't the only one to reflect on one life having reached its glorious conclusion, while another lay before us, new and full of innocence and promise. What does the future hold, for her, for us? How will we be remembered? How many will be there to pay tribute to our life well lived?

"Towards the end of the celebration meal across the road from the church, and now approaching 11pm, I left the table and returned to the church. There standing guard over his church, the statue of the Pope, now surrounded by many bouquets, posies and individual flowers, and most impressive of all, hundreds and hundreds of candles shining brightly in remembrance against the night sky.....and people still queuing to get into the church!

"It seemed a long way from St. Boniface, a long way from Carlisle, a long way from the Good Companions, and yet, as I contemplated my Maker in this holy place, suddenly, time and distance and boundaries didn't have any meaning, as I felt the love of family and friends in Poland, in Bunbury and across the world; and I knew again the love of Jesus, who had blessed the dying Pope, who was comforting his people in Poland, and who had touched our baby Charlotte Marie as her proud parents presented her to her Saviour."

Tragic death of John Posnett



Many readers will have been shocked and saddened to hear of the death of respected local businessman John Posnett in an accident on the A49 on Friday April 15th. It appears that John suffered a heart attack whilst driving, and his vehicle collided with an articulated lorry. Both John's young passenger and the lorry driver escaped unharmed.

John was a valued member of our local and church communities. Our sincere sympathies to his widow Ann and his children Susanna and Phillip. A tribute to John is on page 4.

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Never forget - 60th Anniversary of end of WWII

Can you put your foot on nine daisies?

There have been countless poems and songs written celebrating the 'joy-month' of May. It is the month that sees the Earth reaching itself ready to burgeon to its maximum capacity. The first few days are 'sharp days' but by the second week it's the best time to plant potatoes. The air is filled with bird song, swallows have returned to nest, bluebells and primroses are carpeting the woods and every meadow testifies to the fact that, 'When you can put your foot on nine daisies at once, spring has come.'. The end of winter, the start of spring is here. Newly-sown seed is sprouting, new born lambs are gambolling in the fields, newly-hatched chicks cheep in the farmyard, new leaves are appearing on the trees and birds everywhere are mating and nesting. Time for humans to join in with



the celebration of spring's arrival. Among the many May Day customs was the making of May garlands. The girls used to make the baskets while the boys went and collected the flowers. The cuckoo flower or lady's smock was excluded from the garland as it was recognised as a fairy flower. The baskets were hung on a neighbour's doorknob and the bell was rung, but the trick was not to be caught or the tricksters would be kissed. Not many children give May baskets anymore. Why not revive the custom and teach the children today some of the fun from the olden days? To deliver little baskets of flowers to a neighbour or nursing home would certainly brighten someone's May Day.

Liz Jones

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It must have been as sudden as the tsunami, and probably just as frightening. There was no warning. Nobody was actually killed or hurt, but there was no warning. Nothing.

A dejected huddle of frightened men, rudderless and leaderless, sat barricaded in an upstairs room. Suddenly, a mighty wind hurtled through the room with a deafening roar. God's Spirit swept in and blew away the boundaries and their fears. They were literally on fire with God's Spirit, because after the wind, tongues of flame settled on their heads, but the real fire was deep down in their hearts. Filled with courage, they went down to the street. Jerusalem was full of foreign tourists, arrived for Pentecost, who, when they heard the sound of the great wind, ran to see what was happening. The men from that upstairs room were a bit of a mixed bag; few had much education, but they found they could all talk to the strangers in their own languages. And what a lot they now had to say! What a transformation.

One moment total confusion, the next certainty; One moment utter despair, the next hope; One moment fear, the next confidence and an overwhelming need to share the news of God's love. What an electrifying way to start a Church! For that is what it was, the birth of the Church, as described in Acts 2. We still celebrate Pentecost as the Church's birthday. The Church is not our beautiful church buildings, the real Church is all of us.

Out of God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit, the Holy Spirit often seems the most difficult to get our heads round. It is God's Spirit within us. What would God have us aim for with the Spirit's help?

Perhaps we need to find new ways to accept our worth, take on a new task, or give more time to a relationship. Perhaps we are struggling with a difficulty or need to break out of a rut. Whatever is happening to us, God's Spirit can take us to new places. God calls us not to be navel-gazers, but to look outwards. Like the disciples in that 'safe' upstairs room, we are called to take God's Spirit out into the world and use it.

So, Happy Birthday! (Pentecost is May 15th).

Joy Parker

See what love

"See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are."
(1 John 3, 1)

God's love shone out at its brightest when he sent his Son into the world. He didn't need to do it. He didn't have to show such love. This beautiful world in which we live is just a tiny speck in the universe. Yet with galaxy after galaxy of stars and earths and planets, God so loved this one, that he put himself out to save us.

It is related that US President Theodore Roosevelt and a friend, the author William Beebe, used, after an evening meal, to go outside and locate just one star in the amazing

galaxy before their eyes and then they would exchange smiles and say, "Well, I guess we now both feel small enough, let's call it a day!"

Yes, we are small, even the biggest of us, in relation to the universe. Yet spiritually we have within us the mighty power that made the universe; the power that Jesus gave to his disciples after the Resurrection, to go and evangelise the world. Today he offers us that same power to get up and get on, in response to the same call that he gave to his disciples two thousand years ago

Eric Wallington

Christian Aid

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Christian Aid Week this year is 15th-21st May and local collections are being co-ordinated by Joyce Buxton.

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St.Judes

Beavers

14th April was a very special evening at St Judes beaver group. 12 beavers were invested by leader Joy Parker. The children were Matthew Eaton, Jake Griffiths, Genevieve Hill, Fiona Parker, Julia Parker, Simon Parker, Jake Price, Eoin Stein, Ben Steward, Sophia Whiteman, Nathan Wilson and Andrew Wright. All 12 received their new neckers which are red edged with royal blue, a woggle, 3 badges and a certificate. The evening was well attended by parents who were naturally very proud of

their youngsters. Toby Elsegood, Chris Clifford, Joe Anderson and Rebecca Shears, who are all working toward their Duke of Edinburgh Award, Assistant Leader and Skills Helpers were also at the ceremony.

On May 22nd the Beavers will be taking part in their first Church Parade where they will be assisting in the service. Parents and all other parishioners are very welcome to attend the service, it promises to be a very enjoyable occasion.

Easter at St.Judes

St Judes was very pleased to welcome a newly-confirmed member at Easter. David Wright, who was baptised on Palm Sunday, went on to be confirmed during Chester Cathedral's Easter Saturday Vigil Service. David, who is in his twenties, was coached by Alan Mumford, who also took the confirmation service.

The Easter flowers were, as usual, beautiful – thanks to the flower arrangers.

Ann Latham



A tribute to our friend - memories of John Posnett

John was so much part of Cheshire life in so very many ways. To start with Church life: his mother, Mrs Betty Posnett, before she died, was a generous and regular church-going member of the PCC and John carried on as regular Sunday morning attender, always arriving five minutes late, which we expected!

He had only recently taken over from Frank as Vice Chairman of the PCC, ironically because Frank felt he was getting too old.

John was a wise and successful businessman, and, tragically it was whilst driving in the line of business that he had a heart attack at the wheel and died.

John and Ann had vast experience of opening their house and gardens for so many good causes. They introduced the Annual Haughton village party in their gardens, always well-attended and popular with old and young alike.

Then their other parties were renowned. Anniversaries and Birthday parties were always tremendous affairs. Then lastly their son, Phillip's wedding to Rebecca Lloyd. It was such a very happy occasion for us all. If the tragic accident to John had to happen, it was thankfully after the wedding, so that he knew that, as

well as the bride and groom, he had given many people an event to remember with happiness always.

It is so hard to write this now, when so soon before we had all been writing most fulsome letters of thanks for a wonderful wedding.

As long-time friends, so many happy memories flood back. John was always a positive and prominent member of the Cheshire community. Although he was a very successful business man, there was always a cheerful sense of fun and laughter.

Many people will still remember the Alpraham Village Fête. We had run out of Bishops and Vicars to open proceedings one year, and we asked John if he would dress up and open it for us! He decided to come as Edna Everage. His wife Ann was a bit concerned for his image as he was to be High Sheriff next year! This did not deter John and when she was away in Anglesey he borrowed one of her hats and suits and came for a dress rehearsal. "Perfect!", we said, although slightly concerned that he drove home in his Edna Everage attire.

On the day of the Fête he arrived in Philip Lea's chauffeur-driven Rolls Royce and Frank had to walk up the

drive arm in arm with Edna Everage, feeling pretty silly. On the dais, as the Fête opened Edna managed to ruin the writer's reputation by saying he had spent the night in her Penthouse suite in London en route to Alpraham. Then he managed to fool Lady Bibby into thinking he was going to donate a kangaroo for her "park" as he called it in a good Australian accent! She was heard to mutter in horror, "Oh no! He can't! It will eat my plants". Then he bet me that I wouldn't dare go to St Jude's Sunday morning service the next day in Edna's hat. Well, a challenge is a challenge and I did. Canon James, who was our vicar at that time, said, "Oh! Ann, I do like your hat!" And so I won the bet! We will not record if Ann Posnett ever wore that hat again.

So many other people will have their own stories to tell, shooting stories, business stories, farming stories, so we are writing mainly about his great contribution to our church in many generous ways. He will be truly very sadly missed by so many people. May God rest his soul and comfort his family in their great loss.

Ann and Frank Latham

Never forget

This month sees the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, and on the 15th April you may have heard about the commemoration of the liberation of the notorious Bergen-Belsen extermination camp. It was in that camp that so many thousands perished, including Anne Frank and her family, and due to the terrible physical deprivations inmates had suffered, many hundreds died even after the camp's liberation. In a report on Radio Four's Today programme, Major Dick Williams spoke of his experience as a member of the first detachment of British forces to enter the camp: 'It was an utterly atrocious sight – total horror as far as the eye could see'.

By coincidence, I was talking earlier in the month to Robert Sissons of Peckforton Hall Lane. He was telling me how his father, Colonel Henry Sissons, had been in charge of one of the last

medical units to be evacuated from Dunkirk in 1940.

Later, on April 15th, 1945, as a colonel in the 11th Armoured Division, and the Commanding Officer of a field hospital, he was also one of the first to enter the



Belsen camp. His job there was to organise mass burials, and to combat the serious outbreak of typhoid in the camp. Robert says he was never to forget the terrible experience.

After the war he was very proud to be awarded an O.B.E. for his war service. He served over 30 years with the 42nd East Lancs Division of the Territorial Army – in 'civvy' life he was a G.P. in Lymm – and finally retired in the '60s.

Robert himself was the child of Colonel Sissons' second marriage and he recalls his father as quite elderly: not surprisingly, his father's recollections were not so interesting to Robert as a child, and, as so often happens, it was only when adult that he realised the importance of his father's war record. Robert is now the proud owner of an impressive collection of military decorations.

Many of you must have other interesting stories and recollections of those times: in this anniversary year, why not tell us about them?

Lucy Munro

Dario joins Friends of Calveley for fundraiser

The Grand Easter Draw, organised by the Friends of Calveley Church, was a great success. The winning tickets were drawn by Dario Gradi (manager of Crewe Alexandra, for the uninitiated!) to ensure no foul play. The first prize winner, of a holiday in the Algarve, was won by Denise Burleigh. There were six other lucky winners. Thanks to all who supported us.

Our next venture is the 4th annual Art Exhibition and Spring Fayre on Saturday 21st May. There will be a magnificent White Elephant stall, a plant stall and, of course, a cake stall. Come and browse around the pictures by local artists, relax with a cup of tea and a scone and possibly purchase a picture or something else which takes your fancy.

Another date for your diary is Sunday 5th June. Mr. & Mrs. John Lea have kindly offered to open their garden for the afternoon from 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. We will be providing tea and cakes, all for the admission price of £4. Tickets will be available nearer the time.

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Working together at Bunbury School

Thanks to all those who came to help with our arts projects at Bunbury School during Holy Week. Head Teacher Alison Phillips and I were pleased that the church and the school could work together, especially at such an important festival as Easter.

The children were enthralled by performances given by our teenagers. Presenting the Easter story in two instalments, Emily Dyer led the drama with a heart-felt interpretation of the repentant Peter. And when it came to the resurrection, David Kelly showed a suitably-confused Thomas dealing with an excited Mary Magdalene (Hannah Dyer) and Cleopas (Rebecca Shears). Elinor Mayes operated the CD as we taught the school two new songs, with lively actions. And Catharine Verity gave a confident reading from the Bible.

Our performers then went into the classrooms to help with some drama workshops based on scenes from the Easter story. The younger children thought about the feelings of Peter, whilst older classes took a closer and dramatic look at the Last Supper, all looking at the range of emotions shown in the story.

Gill Mulliss and Helen Jones did an excellent job in designing an impressive double-sided banner for the children to make (shown below in place in St. Boniface). Each class that took part was a flurry of activity as children made and printed star and hand shapes. Debbie Shears, Amber and Hebe Middlemiss, Lucy Munro and Fiona Holbrook were on hand to direct the work and help wash painted hands.

As well as our banner, school staff had been leading their own artwork based on the image of the cross and so it all came together for the school Easter service. The stary banner hung in the arch, the school's own artwork on the pillars and two Easter gardens at the entrance which were the work of Young Christians, Ben Cadman and Patrick Crotty.

It has been so exciting to see our young people work with the story that is central to our faith and life in so many creative ways.

Johnny



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Cubs do it again

The Bunbury Cubs football team has done it again! For the second year in a row our home-grown talent has won both the league and Cup competitions in the Tarporley & District Cub Scout Football League. They also won the Six-a-Side competition held at Tarporley High School in January.

In fact the boys have been in winning form for many months now, losing only one match in the last two years - a record no Premier League team can match!

The boys and parents would all like to extend their thanks to the coaches: Gordon Moss, Alan Mulligan and David Maddock who have dedicated many Saturday mornings coaching and encouraging the boys. Alan and David are moving on next year and Stuart Andrew and Alistair Martin will be joining Gordon. Gordon has been coaching the Bunbury Cubs team and refereeing matches in the League for over 18 years - since his own son was a Cub - how's that for real dedication!

The Cubs football season is far from over - a number of tournaments are scheduled for the coming weeks, including the Mini World Cup competition at the Playing Fields on 15th May.

The annual South West Cheshire District Swimming Gala took place at Crewe in February, and once again Bunbury Cubs swimmers were in contention in all age categories. Our swimmers made it into the finals of all three individual strokes and the Team Race. The competition was strong but congratulations go to Charlie Mayes and Jack Harrison (finalists in 8s and under); Harry Fairclough, Ralph Elsegood,



Joseph Kelly, Toby Middlemiss, Michael Griffiths and Jacob Grace (finalists, 9s and under); Michael Noonan, David Martin, Andrew Martin and Sam Lawrence (finalists, 10s and under).

And congratulations to James Lewis, Sam Lawrence, Angus Andrew and Joseph Kelly who made it to the final of the Team race. Thanks also to all the parents and supporters for coming along and cheering so loudly for Bunbury!

Diana Caldwell

Cheshire Hike



On the first weekend in April - much warmer, thankfully, than it has been since - 18 scouts and two explorer scouts converged on north-east Cheshire at a fairly unsociable hour on the Saturday morning to put their skills and stamina to the test in the

annual Cheshire Hike. In total, 538 scouts, guides and explorers from troops all over Cheshire took part, and Bunbury's representation of twenty children was the highest there! In teams of two, carrying 25lb each of equipment, including a tent, food, cooking apparatus and sleeping stuff, they had to plot co-ordinates onto their maps and then find their way via various checkpoints and staged incidents and tests to the base camp on the Saturday night and then on to the finish at Poynton by Sunday afternoon, with the juniors covering 30km, the intermediates 40km and the seniors 45km in total.

Phoning home was actively discouraged and so there was a large gathering of somewhat anxious parents assembled at the finish, wondering how their offspring had got on and whether or not they had managed to produce anything edible for themselves on the Saturday evening! There was no cause

for concern - all the Bunbury teams did fantastically, the weeks of training having paid off - and special mention must go to Georgina Gardner-Stockley and Freya MacGregor who came second overall out of the 84 teams in the junior section. This marvellous achievement for Bunbury scouts will no doubt encourage even more of the troop to take part next year and set another record for turnout!

Jonathan Middlemiss, Leader

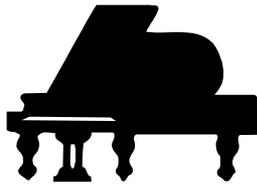


Freya and Georgina

Scout David Kelly writes: "This was one of the most difficult challenges I have ever done. The night before I was very excited but a bit nervous. In the morning I was really tired and quit scared. Our bags were weighed then the kit was checked. Next we were given a map and co-ordinates and we had to plot the route. It was really easy plotting them, but that was nothing compared to the journey. We got lost a few times but we did make it back to base camp. We were exhausted the next day and met up with some of our friends and had a good laugh and at the end my feet felt like jelly. When we had completed the hike there was a huge ceremony and lots of awards. Completing the Cheshire Hike was the best thing ever!

David Kelly (12)

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Rick is now back on his course of chemotherapy and was fit enough to

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Rick shares a joke with Helen Pyne



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Small World

Your editor went to London for a day, to go to a show with an old friend. It was nice to have a change of scene, and forget Bunbury for the day. Lo and behold, whom should she meet eating ice-creams during the interval but Georgina Gardner Stockley and her parents, Janet and Martin, who live a few hundred yards away on the Whitchurch Road! Still, it's all grist to the Link mill, so Georgina, age 12, was promptly pressed into service as the Link's first London arts correspondent. What she doesn't say in her review is that she thought the show was rather rude! Your editor can't deny it, but it is a fantastic show and well worth making the effort to see.

The Producers: "The show starts with an old Broadway producer, Max (Brad Oscar) who's greatly in debt. When the accountant, Leo, comes round (Lee Evans) he is surely finished, until he hears him mention that you could earn more money by making a 'flop' than a hit. So together they set out to produce the worst play on earth!

"This amazingly witty and in-your-face show, written by Mel Brooks, had everyone in fits of laughter from beginning to end. Even Lee Evans found it hard to keep a straight face. The dancing was amazing and the singing superb! My favourite part was when Max went through the whole show in one song."

Georgina Gardner Stockley

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Martin Cook from
Bunbury, is currently
Director of Music at the
Blue Coat School,
whose choir will this
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Prague and Vienna.
Martin is also Musical Director of the
City of Liverpool Boys' Choir which is
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Nothing better to read?

My daddy's got pink legs

If you noticed that the Link is a week late this month, blame it on the gallivanting Robeys, who provide all the computer know-how for the magazine. Your editor knew they were back from their jaunt terrorising the dolphins of Jamaica when youngest daughter Georgia greeted me with the news that her Daddy had pink legs – too much information! Jill and George returned with various Caribbean trophies, the most useful of which may prove to be the Rasta hat with dreadlocks attached: no doubt 'Bob' Robey will be making an appearance at the next fancy dress party.

Canon rolls again

Canon John Bowers has contacted us with news of his next planned adventure. On 6th June he will be setting off on a sponsored bike ride around the Seven Churches of Asia (Revelations 2 and 3). His ride last year across Turkey raised over £7,000 towards the St Barnabas Fund's programme of feeding and teaching orphaned and displaced children in

southern Sudan. Canon John thanks his supporters for all their prayers and donations last year, and hopes you will be able to support him again! Please send cheques, made out to 'The Barnabas Fund' to 2, Salford Grove, West Kirby, CH48 9XY. The veteran adventurer sends his thanks on behalf of those children who will be helped.

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A view on the mast

A radio mast of some sort has been a feature of Bunbury for so long that it is difficult to remember life without one. First there was the high powered unit erected by the doctors, adjacent to the surgery; then there was the police aerial which was mounted on the Church and decommissioned in January after many years' service. It seems ironic that the proposal to replace it with one which is almost identical in appearance and which has only half the power should raise so many doubts. This is especially the case when it is already certain that the village will have two antennae erected by two mobile phone operators. Let me explain.

If you cast your mind back two or three years you may remember that the Government auctioned off the right to use the airways. Between them, the mobile phone operators paid over two billion pounds for the right to broadcast on the frequencies that were allocated

to them. As a consequence, they have a general right to erect radio masts wherever they can persuade a landowner to accept them. It is permitted development under the planning laws. This does not absolve them entirely from the planning process because they are required to give 56 days' notice of their intentions. During this period they are required to consult with the local planning authority on siting and design, but they still have the right to proceed. The exception to this rule is if the mast is to be attached to a listed building.

St. Boniface Church is a grade 1 listed building and so O2 have submitted a planning application. However, even if the planning application fails, that does not mean that there will be no mast or masts. Plan B would be simply to site a mast in the field opposite, where planning permission would not be required. Consequently, the only issue

to be decided is, whether the mast is to be erected on the Church or in an adjacent field.

If you are nervous, take heart. The output of the proposed unit is only 80 watts. Compare that with the 750 watts of your microwave or the radiation from your television screen or, surprisingly, the much greater output of your Hoover. If I had to list all the other hazards in life this would be a very long article.

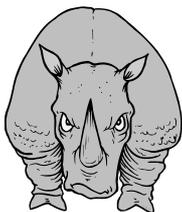
Ernest Croley

PCC has not decided

Note: no decision has yet been taken about having a mobile phone mast. The PCC has resolved to follow the standard church and council planning procedures enabling all views to be heard. The PCC's final decision will take everyone's views into account and the PCC welcomes contributions to the process.

Jill Robey, Secretary to PCC

Marathon man and daughter survive stampede of rhinos



Question: Where of a Sunday morning do you meet Batman, Bill & Ben, Elvis, some giant pasties, an assortment of rhinos, - oh, and a bloke wearing a tricorne hat with "Oyez, Bunbury, Oyez" on it?

Answer: In Greenwich Park, at the start of the London Marathon!

Yes, along with about 35,000 others, after months of training, Vicky and Mike Thomas are at the start of the London Marathon - the back of the start, that is! The sun is shining - a blessing after the mid-week forecast for heavy rain - and, at 9:45, we're off - or, at least, those at the front are. It takes us another 17 minutes to cross the line to take our first steps on a 26 mile and 385 yard journey.

However, as the 'proper' athletes speed away, the rest of us plod along in what is more an endurance social event. Like us, almost everyone is there for a personal reason - it's very humbling.

The miles tick by - after 9, I pass my first Rhino, speedy, eh! There are spectators all the way, everyone gets a cheer from them, even us tail-enders. There are DJs and bands playing -

move your feet to the beat.

12 miles pass, then onto Tower Bridge, ignored by Sally Gunnell but there's Trish and our 'support team' - so good to see them. 13, 14, 15 miles and a reminder of what can happen, as a competitor is stretched away. Out into Docklands, and still there are spectators everywhere offering sweets, biscuits, orange segments - and, outside pubs, beer!

At about 19 miles Vicky has 'hit the wall' but she battles 'over' it and we speed up again: 20, 21, 22 and past the Tower again. 23, 24 miles and onto the Embankment, not so far now. 25 miles, turn right at Westminster, on to Birdcage Walk amidst hordes of other competitors and up to the fountain outside Buckingham Palace (there's Steve and Wendy Slack, must be visiting the family!). We turn into The Mall and everyone bursts into a run, the end is in sight and over the line in a time of 5 hours, 51 minutes and 51 seconds! Vicky is placed 31,118 and I am 31,120.

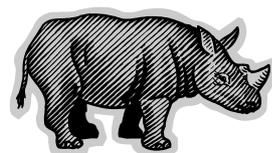
So finished a truly memorable and emotional day - and I'm sure I could hear Matt laughing at the state of us!

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who supported and sponsored us,

particularly the Wall of Sound, (www.justgiving.com/TeamThomas is still available!). Thanks to you all, it looks as if we should reach our target of £3,000, which is wonderful.

As it says on the back of the T-shirt, "NEVER AGAIN.....UNTIL NEXT TIME!"

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Community news



Welcome to **Eve Dewson-Smyth**, Christened at St.Boniface on Easter Sunday. Eve is the younger daughter of **Neil and Cathy** and little sister of **Hope**. Congratulations to her father, the editor of the Sunday Service Sheet, who has been promoted to police sergeant. Congratulations to **Drew Sebastian Bradley**, son of **Dominic and Natalie** of Stapeley, christened at St.Boniface on April 24th.



Belated congratulations to **Kerry Jayne Gray** and **Colin Shearer**, who married at St.Boniface on 19th March.

Although flowers are not the norm during Lent, the Church looked beautiful, and it was decided that as the next day was Palm Sunday and

Jesus rode into Jerusalem amid celebrations, the flowers should stay until after the service. Kerry was confirmed in November last year and also took part in the Beta course. Colin works in Shanghai, where they will both live, after honeymooning in New Zealand. We will of course be able to keep up with their news as Kerry's parents **Glen** and **Peter** often attend morning service.

The Funeral of **Emily Tomley** took place on 24th March. Mrs Tomley had lived for many years in the Haughton area, and had worked for the Posnett family at Haughton Hall.

We are sad to have to report the death of **John Williams**, husband of former local councillor **Edith Williams**. The couple moved to Nantwich a few years ago - we hope to have more information next month.

Joan Cowap has specially asked us to thank everyone for all the good wishes, cards and presents she received on her 80th birthday, and for the rose trees given by the YCs.

In last month's Community section we reported the explosion which extensively damaged the **Stewards'** house in Beeston Brook. The fitter was badly injured and spent some time in intensive care, but fortunately is now out of danger. **Jo Steward** is also making a good recovery and the family has moved to another house while their home is repaired.

General notices

Your editors would like to apologise for a few errors that crept into the Link last month - put it down to our

burning far too much midnight oil! New resident Otilie is really **Otilie**; Miss Huxtable is really **Miss Trunchbull** and **Frank Minshull** married in 1938 and lived in Huntington, not Huntingdon. We also failed to wish **Rick** a happy birthday, so belated birthday congratulations, Rick!

Church notices

The **Ascension Day walk** to Stanners Nab with its impressive views will take place on 5th May setting off from Peckforton Castle car park at 7pm. The walk takes you over parts of the Peckforton Estate not usually open to the public. All welcome.



In-house photographer Peter Crump snapped these youngsters on Easter Day at St.Boniface.

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May

1	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Worship	St Boniface
	11.00am	Family Worship	Calveley

4	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
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8	9.30am	Morning Service	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Communion	St Boniface
	6.30pm	Evensong	St Boniface

11	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
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14	4.30pm	Open Music Rehearsal	
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15-21 May Christian Aid Week

15	8.00am	Communion	St Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Worship	St Boniface
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Calveley

18	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
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21		Calveley Annual Art Exhibition and Spring Fayre	Playing Fields
		Abba Revival Night	

22	9.30am	Family Service	St Jude
		And Church Parade	
	10.00am	Family Communion	St Boniface

25	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
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29	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Communion	St Boniface

June

5	8.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St Jude
	10.00am	Family Worship	St Boniface
	11.00am	Family Worship	Calveley

8	10.00am	Holy Communion	St Boniface
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Looking ahead

June

5	2-4.30pm	Calveley Church Garden Party	
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18th	Village Day	Bunbury Playing Fields
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July

2nd	Bunbury School Barbeque	
16th	Ball in aid of Cricket Club and Bunbury School	

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While your vicar, Rick Gates, is ill please ring Peter or Kath Collinge on 260077 in times of sickness, bereavement or any distress. They are co-ordinating a group of people who will be pleased to respond to your call.

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