

Church and village suffer vandalism

We may be deep in rural Cheshire but Bunbury seems to be a target for crime. Walter Done writes: "St. Boniface has suffered two recent incidents: First there was an attempted entry to St. Boniface Church by way of removing a section of the south aisle nave window but the internal drop and no exit seemed to deter. Traces of blood were left at the scene and the culprits were caught. A few weeks ago Frank Large was sitting in church when he felt raindrops: on investigation, a large section of lead had been removed from the roof! Our insurance will pay but we have an excess of £500 in order to keep the premiums down to about £5,000 each year. What will be next?"

"Our visitors' book records many notes of appreciation that our church is kept open during the day and I know that Rick wants to maintain this. It's not too long since two valuable pieces of furniture were stolen from church. We all need to keep an eye open. Ernest Croley (tel 260344) is the point of

contact if you see anything untoward at St. Boniface."

There has been a spate of incidents reported throughout Bunbury village over the past few weeks. In mid-September the France family, on Wyche Road, had their garage broken into and several power tools stolen, and Church Bank Cottage suffered a similar break-in. The cricket pavilion was also targeted several times over one weekend.

More seriously, in early October, John and Dot Walker of School Lane had their car broken into not once but twice. Angie and Dave Grace, who live opposite, saw the second incident and managed to scare off the youth.

Sadly the police did not view the incident as sufficiently serious to make a quick visit to the Walkers. An incident which may be commonplace in an urban area like Crewe is, thankfully, still unusual here, but without a regular police presence in rural areas we are all left feeling vulnerable.

Still time to help a Christmas Child



usually living in extreme deprivation – that local organiser Nicola Elsegood is hoping to collect even more boxes this year than last. Please help! There is still time to put together a box or make a donation of money or small gifts, and this year Burrows Butchers have kindly agreed to act as collection point, as well as Bunbury School and our churches. If you have any queries about how to take part in the scheme, please contact Nicola on 260507.

From November 13th onwards the OCC depot in Wrexham also welcomes helpers to check donated boxes and pack containers: please ring 01978 367722 if you can spare a few hours.

We wrote in last month's Link about this year's Operation Christmas Child campaign: there seem to be so many requests from charities at this time of year that it would be easy to dismiss the OCC shoebox appeal as just one amongst many. But this is such a direct and personal way of making a difference to an individual child -

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Well done Beth - World Champion

On 20th October Bunbury's Beth Tweddle became the first ever Briton to become a world champion in gymnastics when she took the gold medal at the World Championships in Aarhus, Denmark. The Link has followed Beth's progress over the last few years and after a relatively disappointing Olympics this success must be particularly sweet. Beth is studying sports science at Liverpool University as well as training.

The 21-year-old beat defending champion Anastasia Liukin into second place in the uneven bars event, with newly-crowned world all-around champion Vanessa Ferrari finishing in third.

Congratulations from all her local friends and admirers.

Community mourns Glyn Downes - see p11

Why not come and see the Babes? - see page 5

Nature Notes - Liz Jones writes

As November is such a dreary foggy month best forgotten about I thought this account from my friend Chris Moore might cheer us up.

Telling a good story usually involves wit, eloquence and a modicum of embellishment - and regarding this last category I am the first to admit to indulging in fantasy on the odd occasion. So last Wednesday when I saw a tiny humming bird sipping nectar from a plumbago just outside the conservatory window it crossed my mind that unless I had proof I may not be believed. Returning to the scene with my camera I was just in time to see it disappearing over the garden wall, but not before I'd acknowledged what appeared to be a long straight beak, brown head, prettily marked black, white and golden tail and wings beating so fast that they were

impossible to see. I rang the zoo with apologies for sounding deranged and to my delight they informed me that they had cranks ringing all the time. They also told me that I had been privileged enough to have seen a Humming Bird Hawk Moth - a large variety of moth that is often mistaken for the tiny bird of the same name. It arrives each year from the continent but usually stays down South. The unusually warm weather had brought them further afield and they had two sightings reported this year in Cheshire. Readers who use the web can see some remarkable pictures of these attractive creatures in action and you can also record your sighting. The moth returned the next day and this time a friend was there to witness its appearance (even though in my future stories it will have become the size of an eagle!).

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'Jesus said, "If you then who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"' (St. Luke 11,13)

'How much more' is a good description not only of the Father's giving of his Spirit, but of everything he is and does. His natural world is one of abundant beauty and generosity, and he deals with **his** children with even more generosity, despite our often-cavalier attitude to much of his giving and care.

How much more have we to help us in our faith, on the purely physical front, than had the first disciples. How much more also do we have to distract us from loving God with all our heart, all our mind and all our strength! This, after all, is the greatest and first of God's commandments.

But what about its close runner-up, the commandment to 'Love your neighbour as yourself'? If we can use our advances in technology and communications (of which this magazine is a clear example) to help fulfil that second commandment, then God will truly be pleased. But if any of that technological progress comes between us and our Christian calling, if we hear the gospel and have an uneasy twinge that our faith today has been watered down, then we need more than ever the gift of God's Holy Spirit to guide and direct our lives.

God, I'm sure, longs to help us to work out our faith in our daily lives and to help others to realise theirs! How much more? More than we dare to ask or think. (Ephesians 3, 20)

Eric Wallington

New electoral roll

They say time flies when you are having fun. We must have been having lots of fun, because the past seven years since the last Electoral Roll have flown by! In February 2007 we will all have to fill in a new Electoral Roll Form. All churches will have to do this, but why? I suppose it is like any organisation we wish to belong to. We are proud to be members. Being on the electoral roll allows one to take a full part in the management of the church. It means you can attend and vote in annual church meetings and stand for election to the PCC. You could even become a churchwarden! To be on the electoral roll you need to have attended at least once in the past six months.

Being on the Electoral Roll means belonging to and supporting our church. The official "terms and conditions" for being a registered church member are hardly onerous: we have to attend at least once every six months. Our current list consists of 243 names - many we **do** see 'habitually', but it would be a real delight to see more of those 243 regularly in either of our two churches. Some couples planning church weddings choose to attend services before their big day. Many, after their wedding, are never seen again, but it is so lovely when couples come back, join our congregations and continue to be committed members of our churches.

Look out for the Electoral Roll forms in the new year: it would be good to see a larger number of members on our roll. **Barbara Croley**

A first - Bunbury gets its own Tree of Lights



Link readers may have come across the idea of commemorating a loved one at Christmas time by

sponsoring a light on a dedicated tree. This year, in what we hope will become an annual event, there will be a beautiful **Tree of Lights** at St. Boniface, organised by Target 1250. The evergreen at the front gate will be covered in white lights to be enjoyed by visitors to the church and by passers-by over the Christmas period. For a minimum £5 sponsorship, each light on

the string can be dedicated to commemorate a life, or why not celebrate a happy event in your family? - a birth, a wedding, an anniversary, an achievement.

If donors wish, we will record their names and message in a special book to be viewed in church, and there will be a short service of dedication when the lights are first switched on in early December. If you would like to take part this year, please fill in the form below, sending it with your sponsorship to Target 1250. Numbers of lights are limited, so please respond quickly.

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Explorers out and about

Bunbury Explorers continue their energetic pace. This half term has seen the leaders taking part in a day's rigorous training at the Success Factory in Burwardsley; the camp near Windermere where Explorers had the chance to try new activities, including archery, windsurfing and sailing; the visit to the St Boniface bell tower (see p5, opposite) and an expedition to Deeside to try go-karting. And look out for them offering to pack your bags at Sainsbury's before Christmas!



Girls having fun

The brownies have been busy over the past few weeks knitting squares for a patchwork blanket. Many of these 7, 8 and 9 year olds are novice knitters, but they all had a go and many raised sponsorship for each square they finished. We suspect mums, grannies and big sisters have also been busy picking up lost stitches and untangling strange knots! The finished multicoloured blanket will keep some knees warm this winter: the brownies have decided to donate it to Tarporley Hospital.

Guides continue to go from strength to strength and the current group find lots to laugh about at meetings. Recently, the guides did their bit for recycling by holding a clothes-swap for their Thursday meeting. Each girl found a few items at home which she had outgrown or no longer



wanted and brought them to guides to swap. With the help of clothes rails, hangers and a long mirror the scout hut was transformed into a boutique. Within minutes the girls were trying on all sorts of outfits – some for a joke, see photo! – and some for real. Everyone went home with something 'new' and the leftovers went to charity.

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Bats in the belfry?

David Riley has had a very busy October running conducted tours of the St. Boniface bell tower, and demonstrating the fine art of bellringing. Readers may have heard some of the novices' efforts resounding around the village in recent weeks. Many thanks to David for introducing local youngsters to an aspect of the village so often heard and rarely seen. The Guides were first up the tower, with their leaders Tina, Liz and Jacquie. For many it was the first time up those winding steps and some were nervous, but they all enjoyed looking at the bells, especially the largest which is 500 years old, and the experience of being lifted off the floor by the bell ropes! They finished the evening with a closer look at some of the old gravestones by torchlight.



Too loud! Polly Booker supervises some young visitors



David shows Liz the ropes

David's next visiting group was the Explorers, on Friday 13th: Most who tried managed to get a sound out of the bells, except for poor Rosie Quinn, who tried hard but failed miserably with the 14cwt tenor bell! Ben Rogers was the star performer. Josh Black is pictured on p5 as he too is swept off his feet.

On Wednesday 18th October, the tower was opened to anyone interested – either to take up ringing as a hobby, or just to have a look at what goes on up there. Over 20 people turned out to see the St Boniface bellringing team in action and have a go themselves.



Some of the younger "apprentices" may have broken the record for the number of boxes needed to enable them to reach the bell rope!

Panama Hatties fire

On October 4th local restaurant Panama Hatties suffered extensive damage to the kitchen in a fire thought to have been caused by a gas leak. Fortunately no-one was injured and the restaurant itself was undamaged. The kitchen is undergoing a major refit and management is taking the opportunity to redecorate the dining rooms as well, with the hope of re-opening by the end of November. Staff have all been retained and continue to be paid while the restaurant is being refurbished.

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Bunbury School

Bunbury School quickly got back up to speed after the summer break: staff and pupils worked hard and were ready for another holiday when the half term break arrived! The Harvest Service, though not as well-supported by parents as usual, was a lovely celebration of the seasons, and the Salvation Army from Crewe were very glad to accept the boxes of produce brought in by the children.

This half term every year group has been lucky enough to be taken on a trip out of school. Reception and Year 1 visited Stoke City Art Gallery where they took part in workshops making masks and puppets. Year 2 went to Nantwich Museum. Years 3, 4 and 5 were taken through the Mersey Tunnel (the best part of the trip for some little boys) to the Tate at Liverpool's Albert Dock, to see an exhibition of the work of Patrick Caulfield. The vibrant paintings really inspired the children and they produced some thoughtful responses, but after lunch they were very glad to let off steam exploring the waterside and waving at the Mersey Ferry! (Read Eilidh and Lucy's report, page 7).

Various pieces of striking artwork have recently appeared around the school, including the beautiful ceramic tree produced this term by Year 6, and some lovely mosaics created by last year's after-school art club. The school would like to thank Tarporley DIY and Hyde Park Tiles for the generous donation of materials.

Years 5 and 6 were taken on their 2-day trip to London, enjoying a flight on the London Eye – pictured here – a trip to

Haberdashers' Hall in the City, and a visit to the theatre to see Mary Poppins. All school visits take a lot of staff time, organisation and commitment, and are always costly, but they give our children some really valuable learning experiences.

The half term finished with a visit from the Haberdashers who, as many of our readers know, have long been associated with our school through the founder, Thomas Aldersey. These days the Haberdashers support their oldest-established school, and only primary school, to the tune of several thousand pounds a year, but they also pay an annual visit, or Deputation, showing a real interest in the life of the school. This year, the traditional presentation of anchovies and port was made by Chloe Stratton and William Munson and the Haberdashers reciprocated by presenting every Year 6 child with a Bible. Susan, Lady Jenks also planted a flowering cherry tree in front of the school, in memory of her late husband and Past Master, Sir Brian Jenks.

Shortly before half term we heard that our Deputy Head, Justine Joule, (pictured right) has been appointed Head of Wrenbury School and will be leaving us at Christmas. Congratulations and good luck to Mrs Joule: you will be missed!



Left to right the Haberdashers are presented with the traditional port and anchovies, reception children display their model and a young pupil helps plant a tree at the school

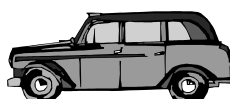
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Jugs at the Tate

On Thursday, 29th September we went to the Tate Art Gallery with our class, our teachers and two helpers. First we looked at some paintings by Patrick Caulfield of lots of different things. Then we looked at his paintings of jugs. There were big jugs, little jugs, HUGE jugs, cartoon-like jugs, jugs with colour and jugs without. Sue, who was the teacher from the gallery, gave us a big sheet of paper folded into six: in each square we had to sketch a different jug. We looked at some more paintings inspired by lines of poetry. We had to think of new names for them. One of our favourites showed a checked tablecloth. We called it 'The never-ending chessboard'.

Before we came home, we went outside to look at Albert Dock. There was a big statue which looked like a musical instrument. We were allowed to slide down it!

Eilidh Bodfish and Lucy O'Neill



Year 3 out and about in Liverpool



Teachers Helen Abbott and Elaine Crotty celebrate non-uniform day



Years 5 and 6 aboard the London Eye



Lunch time by "Pottery"



Year 6 friends enjoy the view

McFly review



Bunbury School parent Paul Franklin who works in the music industry kindly offered a big enough batch of tickets for a whole class and parents to go to

a McFly concert. A competition was organised to design a cover for a McFly CD, and winner Harry Waugh (right, modelling his McFly t-shirt) and his class (year 4) and some enthusiastic adults enjoyed a night out to remember at the Manchester MEN. Here is what one of them thought about it:

"It was the first McFly concert I've ever been to! We travelled on the Billy-bus (we called it that because Billy's mum organised it). Most of the screaming was really really loud. I had the best night ever!!!!"

Annie Robey

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On Sunday 8 October, this year's confirmation group visited four completely different church services in the Diocese. Accompanied by Johnny Gillett, Emma Downey, Hugo Huijser (youth work friend from Singapore) and Irene Ryan (parent), seven teenagers left Bunbury at 8.30am. They travelled a total of 130 miles to experience six hours of Christian worship, getting back at 8.45pm. Here's what they found:

St Michael & All Angels, Macclesfield – Storytelling Service: This service was especially for recently



baptised children and their parents. There were lots of opportunities for the children and parents to get involved.

St Michael & All Angels, Middlewich – All-age Service: It was called an All-Age Service but seemed to be more for parents with primary school children: there was nothing specific for teenagers. The songs were ones we had never heard before, but were lots of fun – perhaps a bit too funny! These were led by the church's family worker who was a great guitar player and good at getting people involved

St Chad's, Over – Evensong and Holy Communion: This was very, very traditional, but we didn't think it was boring. It was fascinating, though the chanting took a bit of getting used to! And we thought the pews were a bit

close together: Hebe made this clear when she dropped a sheet on the floor, bent down to pick it up and hit her head on the pew in front with a loud bang!

Stockport – Creative Gathering: This didn't really seem like a church service at all. It was held in an Art Gallery and people could come in and out when they liked. We were made very welcome though.

The room was set up with lots of different 'zones' where different activities were on offer: felt-making, artwork, toys for children, refreshments, a preach on powerpoint. You could do whatever you liked. We were asked to provide a zone as well, so we used drama with Bible stories and a number of people came and worked with us.

After about an hour everyone came together to listen to an artist talk about her work and her faith and we shared an informal communion to finish.

An exhausting day! But a great way to show young people that worship can take many forms, and that the important thing is to find the church or group which can help **you in your** faith.

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no doubt that Jesus too was joining in the amusement.

Laughter is said to be a great healer. I noticed that a recent copy of Reader's Digest bears on the cover the caption, 'Laugh more; live longer'. Well, I'm not sure about that, but so often an argument or dispute can be resolved by humour. Certainly a God-given sense of humour and laughter can help to change attitudes and melt away fears.

Eric Wallington

St. Judes latest

Ann Latham writes: "This year's harvest supper, on Sat 30th September, went off very well with 96 people sitting down to a delicious supper. The evening made £1121 profit. We were delighted for Rick to join us (perhaps he prompted some extra church attendance at our Harvest Service the next day!) and he announced our forthcoming Christmas Fair on November 25th. It was particularly nice to see Kim and Hamilton at the supper - they are planning to get married at St Judes in the future."

In the Footsteps of Captain Scott.

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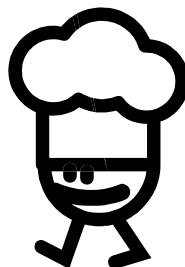
Spalton Shortbread

(see p 11)

Take a small metal roasting tin (about 7 by 9 inches), put it over a low heat on the top of your cooker, and melt in it 200g butter. Using a tablespoon, add plain flour and caster sugar in the proportions 2:1, mixing with a fork until you have a thickish paste. Sprinkle over this some chopped glace cherries (about 100g) and flaked almonds, pressing them in lightly with the fork. Sprinkle over a dusting of flour. Bake for about 25 minutes at 160C, but check it cooks through without burning. Cut into smallish squares. You can also try preserved ginger and orange zest, or dates and walnuts in place of the cherries and almonds.

Another variation is to remove half the uncooked mixture, spread the remainder with lemon curd and sprinkle on the retained mixture as a crumble.

Nicola Elsegood



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Calveley

Friends of Calveley Church recently held two very successful events. The first was a new venture for Calveley - a dinner at The Millpool, Oulton, with guest speakers from the world of Association Football. Over fifty people sat down to a superb meal and were entertained by ex-player Frank Blunstone, of Crewe, Chelsea and England, who told us about some aspects of his career in football and John Bowler, Chairman of Crewe Alexandra F.C. who gave us an insight into activities, provided by the Club, for the benefit of the community.

On Sunday 1st October, after our traditional Harvest Festival with Bishop Geoffrey and the St. Boniface Choir, we held a Harvest Supper at "The Woodlands", much enjoyed by all, which helped raise further funds for our Church.

Sue Woodward

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several arrangements by another choir member, memorably a Gershwin trilogy and "Love is all around me". It was all truly accessible music, finishing with the Delibes "Flower Duet" (most recently famous from the British Airways advert) exquisitely sung by Judith Tinston and Joanne Rondel. evening raised £200 for Target 1250.

News from Tarporley High School

Scarcely had the new Year 7 completed their first month at senior school when invitations went out to next year's intake and their parents, to visit the school in preparation for September 2007. At their open evening in early October, parents were told about the Friends scheme which is already proving a great success at the school. Participating 'Friends' pledge a small financial contribution each month, and all the money raised this way is spent on much-needed decoration and renovation. Since the scheme began, 18 months ago, four classrooms have been redecorated and refitted, to the great satisfaction of staff and pupils. This work could not have been undertaken without Friends. Current parents who would like to support this worthwhile initiative should contact Deputy Head John Putt at the school (tel 732558).

The school's HSA (Home School Association) hosted the annual quiz on Friday 6th October. 20 enthusiastic and fiercely competitive teams tackled some fiendish questions. Tom Crotty,

Chair of Governors, adjudicated. As usual, the evening was a great success and about £700 was raised for the school. The HSA always welcomes new members to help with fundraising – please contact our new chair, Lynn Dove (tel 260216).

Pupils, including several ex-Bunbury children, are currently rehearsing a production of Bugsy Malone, to be performed at the school from Wed November 29th to Fri December 1st. Tarporley School productions are always worth seeing, so put the date in your diaries!

The school's Christmas Fair will take place on November 25th. There will be a variety of entertainments, including the Swing Band, and stalls including produce, Fair Trade, plants and crafts. Santa may even make a surprise visit!. Pupils and their families, and friends and neighbours of TCHS are all warmly welcomed to come and join the fun.

The Carol Service will be held this year at St. Helen's, Tarporley on Monday December 18th.

Connie Leach

Constance Annie Leech, who has died aged 95, was born at Keckwick, and spent her childhood at Manor Farm, Preston Brook.

She married Arthur Leech of Whitley Hall, and they began their life together at Woodside Farm, High Leigh, Knutsford. They then moved to live at Peckforton Hall with their 5 children.

Connie played an active role in village life, supporting the Village Room Peckforton, when Rev Maurice Ridgeway began the Sunday Services and Sunday School there.

She was a founder President and member of the Peckforton & Beeston WI and a member of the Mothers Union.

When Maurice Ridgeway opened the Restoration Fund for St. Boniface Church, she helped in many of the fund raising events and for many years she was chief organiser of the Tea Tent at the Beeston Fete. She also arranged Harvest Suppers and cheese & wine parties with all her homemade wines.

After losing her husband, she moved to Bunbury and was an active member of the church and the Bunbury Bowling Club where she had many friends. At 81 years old she had to move into Iddenshall Hall Residential Home, where she passed away peacefully on 23rd September, with her family around her.

Sorry Frank

Apologies to Frank Woodward for the inaccuracies in our article last month. We mistakenly wrote that he was a "chorister, bellringer, tower captain and church warden" - in fact we were confusing him with his father. Frank, who is celebrating his 50 years as an organist, is pictured (below centre) in 2001 receiving his certificate of special service at Chester Cathedral.



Not long to go now - Bunbury's new medical centre pictured in October. Building work is due to be finished by Christmas.

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Community news

Congratulations to **Bob Capes** who has become a grandfather for the first time thanks to son **Kip** and daughter-in-law **Sam** who have produced **Isaac George** weighing 8lb13oz on Sept 3rd.

Tim, Marnie, Grace & Amélie are delighted to report the safe arrival of **Douglas William Dobson**, at 1:08pm



on September 4th, weighing 10lb 6oz. Douglas is the fifth generation of this local farming family who attend Bunbury Methodist Church.

Bethany Emma Lunt, of Bank Cottage, Calveley, was baptised at Calveley Church on 6th September.

A belated welcome to **Joseph George William**, son of **Suzanne Marshall** and **Mark Rankin** of Macclesfield who was baptised at St.Boniface on July 30th.

On 24th September **Alexander Pavel Kepke-Smith**, son of **Paul and Roz**, was baptised at St.Boniface.



Best wishes to the following couples, all married at St.Boniface: **Andrew Kinnersley and Charlotte Parry**, on October 7th (see picture, p10); **Garry Pepper and Kelly Meachin**, on 14th October; and **Lesley Hardy and Stephen Roberts**, on October 20th. Also to **John Mason and Jo Bloomfield**, married on 12th October in Chester .

We are sad to report the sudden death of **Glyn Downes** on 17th Oct (shown below left with friend Dennis Clauson). Our sincere sympathy to wife Pat and family - more about Glyn next month.



We are sad to report the death of **Connie Leach** (see page 10).

Wecome to **Jennie, Colin** and son **Oliver** aged 3 who have moved into Teri and Rob Williams' old house.

Joyce Buxton has broken both arms in separate accidents - we wish you a speedy recovery.

Many happy returns to Bunbury School teacher **Alison Black** of Wakes Meadow, who reached a significant milestone on October 16th.

Charlie Crotty has headed off for a winter in a Canadian ski resort as part of his gap year. Good luck Charlie!

Congratulations to **Neil Dewson-Smyth** who is now a fully-fledged police sergeant and working as Custody Sergeant at Middlewich - more details next month.

Church news

The Accounts from **Beeston Castle Fete** have now been finalised. Admissions were up this year from 790 to 860 contributing entrance charges of £2901. After expenses of £1708, profits this year were £4334.

Adult Confirmation: anyone interested in discovering something about the Christian faith? To ask the questions you have always wanted to ask and to be part of answering them? Confirmation classes for adults are currently being planned. Contact Rick for more details.

In late July, the **Mail on Sunday** approached the Link to use one of our photographs. We declined, but they used it anyway, taking it from the internet to illustrate an unpleasant article about **Louise Fiennes**. We were so annoyed at the breach of copyright, and Louise was so annoyed about the article, that we demanded payment. Lo and behold, the mighty Mail on Sunday coughed up £500 for Church funds without much fuss. Guilty conscience perhaps?

Please pray for: Claudia McLaughlin, Peter Overy, Maxine Sweeting, Sue Burns and James Bartlett and for all those mourning the death of a loved one, especially the families and friends of Chris Blinkhorn, Glyn Downes, Connie Leach, Joan Pemberton, Ian Shacklady, Clair Timmins and Edith Turner. Please pray too for all those who are sick or anxious.

General news

Well done to **Gordon Jones**, of Queen Street, who has raised well over £50 for Tarporley Hospital by selling his home-grown tomatoes.

Lindy Andrew's cakes are now available at Burrows Butchers!

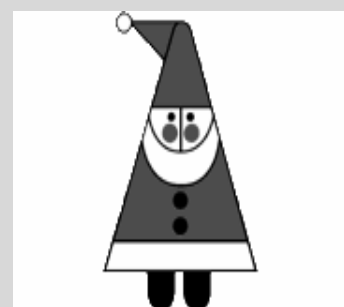
Distributors wanted: if you can help deliver a few Links either at the A49 end of Peckforton Hall Lane or on the Whitchurch Road, between Beeston crossroads and Sadlers Wells Wood, Jill Robey or Lucy Munro would be delighted to hear from you - it doesn't take long to deliver a small number.

Very well done to **Barbara Croley, Meg Fairweather, Helen Jones and Frances Lawford** who all organised coffee mornings in aid of **Macmillan Nurses**. In total over £700 was raised locally for this very worthy cause. Nicola Elsegood contributed some particularly delicious cakes to Helen Jones' gathering - anyone who tried them will be grateful for the recipe she has kindly agreed to share with us (page 9) Thanks, Nicola, especially as there is no washing up!

Cards for Good Causes

Our multi-charity Christmas card shop is now open until November 25th at the Tarporley Baptist and Methodist Church. The shop, representing more than 25 different charities, is staffed by local volunteers and is open Monday to Saturday, 10am to 4pm.

The shop is one of a national network of more than 300 operated by Cards for Good Causes which last year raised over £5m.



Diary

November

1	10.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
5	8.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St.Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	St.Boniface
	11.00am	Holy Communion	Calveley
8	10.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
10-11		GCS MURDER MYSTERY	Village Hall
12	8.00am	Holy Communion	
	9.30am	Remembrance Service	St.Jude's
	10.45am	Remembrance Service	St.Boniface
	10.45am	Remembrance Service	Calveley
	4.30pm	Evensong	St.Boniface
15	10.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
19	8.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
	9.30am	Family Worship	St.Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	St.Boniface
	11.00am	Matins	Calveley
22	10.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
23-25		BABES IN THE WOOD (YCS)	Village Hall
25	2-4.00pm	St.Judes Christmas Fair	St.Judes Church Hall
		Tarporley High School Christmas Fair	
26	9.30am	Morning Service	St.Jude's
	10.00am	Family Communion	St.Boniface
29	10.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface

December

2		Bunbury School Christmas Fair	
3	8.00am	Holy Communion	St.Boniface
	9.30am	Holy Communion	St.Jude's
	10.00am	Family Worship	Bunbury
	11.00pm	Holy Communion	Calveley
	4.30	Evensong	St.Boniface

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Our vicar, **Rick Gates**, is always available in times of sickness, bereavement or any distress. See p2 for phone numbers.

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