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HELPING THE POOR TO STAND UP FOR THEMSELVES

"THE POOR ARE NEITHER HELPLESS NOR HOPELESS, but their human potential for helping themselves... is frustrated by poverty or denied by their fellow human beings. That basic conviction... is what brings most of us to our feet as people of action - and to our knees as people of God."

That's stirring stuff from the organisers of Christian Aid Week which this year runs from May 11 to 16.

Their advertising campaign has been running for some months. The working bullock (who has little in common with a more skittish cousin recently advertising a famous make of jeans) turns what might once have been seen as an inquaintment into a carefully considered indictment. The theme can do with a little elaboration that Christian Aid are swift to give.

"More Power to the Poor..." highlights four areas of development need:

| FLOUR POWER | Food Production |
| EARNING POWER | Training in Skills |
| PURCHASING POWER | A Fair Return |
| POWER TO THEIR ELBOW | Healthy People |

Christian Aid hopes that other Christians share their conviction that the most effective way of helping the powerless is to put into their hands (or in some cases put back into their hands) the means to help themselves.

Food, farming, health and training are basic essentials, but Christian Aid Director Michael Taylor goes on, "We are realistic enough to know that those who can't stand up for themselves tend to get the worst of the deal. We believe that taking decisions and being responsible is a fundamental part of what it means to be a human being, made in the image of God."
CHRISTIAN AID WEEK
MAY 11 - 16

What can I do to help?

DISTRIBUTE AND COLLECT
CHRISTIAN AID ENVELOPES
they will be available
in Bere Regis Church

COME TO EITHER OF OUR
CHRISTIAN AID SERVICES
MAY 10 at 11 am BERE REGIS
MAY 17 at 11 am AFFPUDDLE

SUPPORT THE HUNGER LUNCH
ON MAY 10 from 12 noon
at Bere Regis Vicarage
(A Christian Aid Video
will also be shown)

JOIN IN THE
"WALK FOR THE WORLD"
involving Dorchester
and Poole on May 27 and 28:
All-party Meetings
Displays
Walking to show solidarity
(details in weekly notices)

CONTINUE SUPPORTING
our first Sunday Coffee
and Bring & Buy in Bere
Regis Church for Christian
Aid
NEARLY £400 raised so far!

CHURCH SERVICES FOR MAY

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**Evening** is normally said in Bere Regis Church at 6 pm on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and in Affpuddle at 5.30 pm on Tuesdays (see weekly notices).

**THURSDAY** is usually the Vicar's day off, please avoid contacting the Vicarage on that day except in emergency.

The **Prayer Group** meets in the Morton Chapel at Bere Regis at 11.15 am on the second and fourth Fridays of the month.
BIBLE READINGS IN OUR CHURCHES IN MAY

SUNDAY 3 May  Theme: The Emmaus Road
8.00 am Holy Communion and 9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 607 ff)
Revelation 19.6 - 9; Luke 24.13 - 35
11.0 am Matins
Exodus 32.1 - 14, 30 - end; Luke 7.11 - 17
6.00 pm Evensong
Ezekiel 34.1 - 16; John 10.1 - 18

SUNDAY 10 May  Theme: The Lakeside
8.00 am Holy Communion
1 Peter 2.11 - 17; John 16.16 - 22
9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 612 ff) and 6 pm Holy Communion
1 Corinthians 15.1 - 11; John 21.1 - 14

SUNDAY 17 May  Theme: The Charge to Peter
8.00 am Holy Communion and 9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 617 ff)
Revelation 3.14 - end; John 21.15 - 22
6.00 pm Evensong
Proverbs 4.1 - 18; 2 Corinthians 4.13 - 5.15

SUNDAY 24 May  Theme: Going to the Father
8.00 am Holy Communion
James 1.22 - end; John 16.23b - 33
9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 622 ff)
1 Corinthians 15.21 - 28; John 16.25 - end

ASCENSION DAY - Thursday 28 May
10.00 am and 7.00 pm Holy Communion (ASB pp 627 ff)
Acts 1.1 - 11; Matthew 28.16 - end

SUNDAY 31 May  Theme: The Ascension of Christ
8.00 am Holy Communion
1 Peter 1.1 - 2; John 15.26 - 16.4a
9.30 am Parish Communion (ASB pp 629 ff)
Ephesians 1.15 - end; Luke 24.45 - end
11.0 am Matins
Isaiah 55.17 - end; Revelation 5

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'MAKING CONTACT' - A DAY CONFERENCE IN DORCHESTER
to look at work with young people in rural parishes. All welcome!

BERE REGIS YOUTH CLUB
The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will take place on MAY 12 at 7.30 pm. We desperately need interested adults to join the Management Committee. It is vital we have an active Committee in order to keep the Club open and without a Youth Club we are falling the youth of the village. Please help: Meetings take place only every two months or so. The Club Leaders are very energetic and keen but need the back-up of the community. Surely you can spare two hours every eight to ten weeks to keep the Club open and the youngsters off the streets!

BERE REGIS SCOUT GROUP
The Annual General Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 5 May at 7.30 in the Drax Hall, Bere Regis. It will be followed by a Cheese and Wine evening. Please try to come and keep up with all the things which have taken place and are planned for the future.
You are invited to the COFFEE MORNING to be held on Saturday 16 May at Anderson Manor. There will be a Bring & Buy, Raffle and Cake stall, and a chance to see the fine show of tulips.
Come to our DORSET BARN DANCE at Puddletown Middle School on Friday 10 July. Tickets now available from leaders and committee, price £3.00 which includes a Ploughman's Supper and of course entertainment and dancing to 'THE YETTIES'. There is to be a GRAND DRAW with a first prize of FIFTY POUNDS. Thankyou to all the dads and helpers who have been working on the HQ.
An adult group for study, discussion, fellowship and prayer. Meetings are on MONDAYS at 8 pm at Bere Regis Vicarage. All are very welcome.

MONDAY 4 MAY  Christian attitudes to MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE including the Video: 'Till divorce do us part'

MONDAY 18 MAY  Christian attitudes to AIDS Issues raised by the Pastoral Letter from the Rt. Revd John Baker, Bishop of Salisbury: 'THE CHRISTIAN AND AIDS'

MONDAY 1 JUNE  Christian attitudes to DEATH Including the Video: 'Encounter: Garvan Byrne'

Come and join us for any or all of these informal sessions as we learn about these important issues affecting us all as Christians in the 1980's.

FANCY MEETING YOU

I dreamt Death came the other night
And Heaven's Gate swung wide,
An Angel, with a halo bright,
Ushered me inside.
And there to my astonishment
Were folks I'd judged and labelled.
As "Quite unfit" "Of little worth"
And "Spiritually disabled"
Indignant words rose to my lips
But never were set free
For every face showed stunned surprise,
No one expected me.

"LET NO MAN pull you so low that you hate him. Always avoid violence. If you sow the seeds of violence in your struggles, unborn generations will reap the whirlwind of social disintegration."

— MARTIN LUTHER KING

MANY who are horrified by any thought of the infallibility of the Pope cheerfully accept the infallibility of their own convictions.

— JOHN HABGOOD
Archbishop of York

CHURCH DUTY ROTAS - BEREGIS

SIDEMENS ROTA
May 3rd  9.30 a.m.  Mr. J. House & Mr. A. Bates
6.00 p.m.  Mr. H. Dashwood & Mr. M. Barnes
May 10th  11.00 a.m.  Col. A. Barne
6.00 p.m.  Miss P. Chesney
May 17th  9.30 a.m.  Mr. G. Ward & Mr. J. Strange
6.00 p.m.  Mr. R. Stailard & Mr. M. Bloomfield
May 24th  11.00 a.m.  Mrs. M. England
May 31st  11.00 a.m.  Miss S. Frampton & Mrs. M. England
June 7th  9.30 a.m.  Mr. A. Bates & Mr. J. House
6.00 p.m.  Miss P. Chesney & Mr. H. Dashwood

SANCTUARY FLOWER GUILD
May  3rd  Autumn Leaves
May 10th  Mrs. P. Ward & Mrs. D. Barnes
May 17th  Mrs. P. House & Mrs. B. Waterhouse
May 24th  Wives Group
May 31st  Mrs. Jesty & Mrs. P. Mooney

CHURCH DUTY ROTAS - AFFPUDDLE

Flowe'r's Cleaning
Lady Neill  Mrs Thorniley
Mrs Kayll  Mrs Kayll
Mrs Scott  Mrs Haigh
Mrs Dorothy Read  Mrs Elkerton

Sidesmen and Readers Reader
Sidesman  Col Corner  Mr A Smith
11.15  Mr Prideaux  Mr Prideaux
May 10th  9.30  Mr D Payne  Family Eucharist
May 17th  8.00  Capt Johnston  Mr A Smith
11.00  Mr G Payne  Family Service
May 24th  9.30  Major Kayll  Capt Johnston (E)
6.30  Mr Bentley  or  Major Kayll (G)

AFFPUDDLE CHURCHYARD MOWING 1987

May  4th  Johnny Johnston, Harry Jenkins, Nigel Payne
May 18th  Kevin Pope, Rupert Montefiore, Mark Newcombe

These are for the fortnight beginning May 4th, etc. E.R.S.
BERE REGIS NEWS

PARISH COUNCIL The March meeting was the Annual Parish Meeting, and in his report the Chairman, Mr. L. Street, noted that during the past year, 3 members had not stood for re-election, and 3 new members had taken their places. The speed of the traffic through the village is still causing concern, early morning being one of the worst affected times.

The village had continued to grow, with development at Townsend, White Lovington and between Shitterton Close and Elder Road all part of future growth. The planned riverside walk should be started next year undertaken by the MSC. The Chairman was pleased to see that the Christmas trees brightened up the cross again this year, and ended his report by thanking the District Councillor, Mr. V. Stone and Mrs. Franklin, our County Councillor, for their continued hard work and support.

POLICE Concern was expressed about the undermanning by police in the area. Wareham is 20% of officers short, Swanage and Wool are also below the required number. It was agreed to write to the Chief Constable concerning this matter.

TOILETS Recent vandalism in the toilets has reached the point where they may have to be closed if it continues. Anyone seeing damage being carried out is asked to report the matter straight away.

BURNT LANE The Highway department has asked the farmer responsible to keep the gate leading out to the by-pass shut at all times, in the interests of safety.

MOBILE LIBRARY Mrs. Franklin has arranged for the Chief Librarian to attend the April P.C. Meeting.

DOMEDAY PLAQUE It was agreed to buy a plaque from the Domesday Committee, to be erected in the village, at a place to be decided at a later date.

EEC BUTTER All members of the Council expressed their thanks to Rev & Mrs. Healy for the way they had undertaken the distribution of the butter and cheese in the village.

AGM - 20th May

IMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND The Cheese and Wine Party at the Drax Arms Stable Bar was very successful raising just over £200 for Cancer Research. Very many thanks to Sandy and Alex at the Drax, and to everyone who came along to support the event.

We have a Coffee Morning planned for 8th July, at Mrs. Clarke’s house, Barrow Hill House, so do put this into your diaries and come along and enjoy yourselves.

MOTHERS UNION At the April meeting of the Mothers Union, Mrs. Oliver spoke on 'Looking towards Easter'. Members were thanked for their flowers for the Mothering Sunday posies, which were picked during gale force winds and a heavy downpour.

Our outings this year are the church crawl on 24th June and an evening outing to Christchurch on 29th July. Anyone interested in joining us on either of these trips, should contact Di, or any M.U. member.

The wave of prayer this year is 29th July 10.30 am to 10.45 am.

Next meeting is a missionary talk by Canon and Mrs. Bloomfield, who have spent much of their lives in Africa.

Tea Hostesses - Olive, Mary Cheeseman and Mary Bentley.

WOMENS INSTITUTE A very well attended meeting of members and their friends was enthralled by Mrs. Penny’s account of her Christmas visit to the USA by her vivid, humorous and affectionate description of the various faces of America and her sharing of the moving moments of the celebrations. She transported her audience with her to the environs of New York. Equally fascinating was hearing of her recent wonderful ‘cavalcade’ at St. James’ Palace in the presence of the Prince of Wales.

Our thanks to everyone who supported the very successful coffee morning at the home of Pat Mills on 8th April - £84.46 was raised.

Hostesses for May - Mrs. March, Mrs. Gibson and Mrs. Percy

NATIONAL GARDENS SCHEME in aid of QUEENS NURSING INSTITUTE. Culeaze Garden will be open on Sunday, 3rd May and Sunday, 10th May from 2 - 6 p.m., and on Sunday 14th June from 2 - 6 p.m. in aid of the WESSEX MEDICAL SCHOOL TRUST.

BERE REGIS FLORAL GROUP The next meeting on Tuesday, 12th May will be at the Drax Hall. The title of the demonstration is 'The Pleasure of Flowers' and will be given by Mrs. J. Stogden.

BERE REGIS PLAYGROUP Bere Regis Playgroup is in desperate need of a doll’s pram. We would be willing to make a reasonable offer for a pram in good condition. Please contact Sue Cheeseman on 47165.

THE RBL WOMENS SECTION Held a Coffee Evening at Headquarters on March 18th, this raised £108.60. Thanks to everyone who helped and supported this event.

On March 30th, the Women’s Section were hosts for the Spring Group Meeting, with members from Swanage, Sandford, Wool, Wareham and Bovington joining in the Fun Evening followed by a draw and refreshments.

Cenotaph - May Mrs. Cleall

June Mrs. Young and Mrs. Hillyard

B.R.S.C.

March Football Results and Scorers

1st Team Div 1

March 7th League Cup Semi-Final
Bere 1 - Royal Signals 1
C. Hopkins 1

March 14th League Cup Semi-Final (Replay)
Royal Signals 2 - Bere 0 A.E. Time
March 21st  
Division 1  
Portland R.B.L. 2 - Bere 4  
T. Dando 2  
Rob White 1  
M. Bennett 1  

March 28th  
Division 1  
Bere 1 - Hamworthy Utd 4  
T. Dando 1  

Report  
Cup disappointment for Bere! Skipper to miss rest of season? Having gone so close to winning the League Cup Semi-Final at the first time of asking, it was a bitter blow to lose the replay in extra time, but to have the Captain, Pat Merritt, carried off with a serious ankle injury was surely "rough justice".

Reserves Report Div 3 East  
Having been in contention for most of the season the reserves have started to fall away from the title race a little. But a good final month to the season can still see them up where they belong.

Results and Scorers  
March 7th  
Red Lion 3 - Bere 2  
A. Green 2  
March 14th  
Bere 1 - Lychett 4  
J. Phillips 1  
March 21st  
Bere 0 - Red Lion 2  
March 28th  
St. Mary's 0 - Bere 0  

Cricket Fixtures, May. Weekends  
Sun 3rd  
1st XI V Abbotshury Away Div 3  
Sun 10th  
2nd XI V Knights of the Road Home  
Sun 17th  
1st XI V Dewlish Home Div 3  
Sat 23rd  
1st XI V Pimperne Home Div 3  
Sun 24th  
Touring Sides  
Mon 25th  
2nd XI V McCarville Tourists  
Sun 31st  
1st XI V Shroton Home Div 3  

Purbeck Evening League Fixtures  
Wed 20th  
Sandford Legion - Away  
Wed 27th  
Purbeck Sports Centre - Home  
June  
Wed 3rd  
Morden - Away  
TRIAL MATCH Wednesday, 13th May 6.15 p.m.

B.R.S.C. Summer Opening Times  
Weekdays 7 pm - 11 pm  
Saturdays 2 pm - 4 pm and 6 pm - 11 pm  
Sundays 1 pm - 3 pm and 5 pm - 9.30 pm

Zeebrugge Disaster  
The Sports Club would like to thank all those members and guests who contributed so generously at the recent disco organised by Paul Snook. The sum of £111.10 was raised and this has been sent to the Disaster Appeal Fund. Thank you all.

B.R.S.C. Bar-b-que Dates  
May 10th, July 12th, August 31st. Bring the whole family and enjoy a village cricket match as well.

PUZZLE CORNER  
Last month's anagrams were:-  

Here are 10 more anagrams of Dorset place names:-  
1. NO BABY IN BED 6. W C GROOVE  
2. NINE TIMBER WORMS 7. OTHER MAPS  
3. BOMB-SITE ETC 8. BEARS CAN BE  
4. NICHE OR TOMB 9. BEARS DO NOT  
5. OUR CONTROLLER 10. GRAND ROOF

100 YEARS AGO  
The following items are extracted from the Parish Magazine of May 1887:-

FIRE AT HYDE.

On Wednesday, the 6th of April, Mr. Radclyffe's house, at Hyde, was almost totally destroyed by fire. About 1 p.m. it was reported that a chimney was on fire, but on enquiry it proved that the danger was much more serious, and that a portion of the roof was already burning, and in a few minutes it was seen that with the high N.E. wind which was blowing all that day, there was no chance whatever of extinguishing the fire. All efforts were accordingly directed to saving whatever it was possible to save. A messenger was of course despatched to Wareham on the first alarm, and the fire engines arrived as soon as might be, but all that the firemen were able to do was to save the small portion of the house at the north-east end. Unfortunately the part saved was the worst part of the house, the best part, comprising all the principal rooms, being entirely gutted.

The work of destruction occupied a surprisingly short time. When the postman arrived in Bere at three o'clock, bringing the news that the house was burnt to the ground, great excitement prevailed. The sad tidings soon spread through the village, and a general exodus from Bere at once began, and large numbers soon assembled at the scene of devastation. All were desirous, if possible, to do something to assist, but one look at the burning, or rather burnt house, was enough to make them painfully conscious of their utter helplessness.

Many were the expressions of sorrow and of sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Radclyffe and their family in the sad and sudden calamity. We are glad to hear that we are not to lose them from the neighbourhood during the rebuilding of the house. Preparations for the work are already being made, and we hope before many months have elapsed, a new house will have risen from the ashes.

This fire has made many people say: "We ought to have a fire engine in Bere!"
EASTER MONDAY.

A Correspondent has sent us the following:

On Bank Holiday the members of the Football Club held a grand fête and athletic sports in a field kindly lent for the occasion by Mr. J. Davis. The Lychett Minster Brass Band was in attendance, and helped to make the day an enjoyable one. The sum of £6 was given away in prizes. - - - - -

During the day a football match was played, Club v. Choir, and created much amusement among the spectators, many of whom had never seen the game played before. It again ended in a tie, each side scoring one goal.

AFFPUDDLE NEWS

All articles to be in by 14th of each month, thank you. Sue Smith.

PARISH COUNCIL At the March Parish Council Meeting enquiries were made about the availability of concessionary bus passes for O.A.P. residents in the Purbeck District Council Area. Enquiries have shown that at present concessionary bus passes are available to those in receipt of housing benefit. However after 1st July 1987 concessionary bus passes will be available to all pensioners regardless of means. Those wishing to obtain such passes should enquire from the Treasurer, Purbeck District Council, Westport House, Wareham. Tel: Wareham 6561 for further information.

CHURCH COUNCIL REPORT The Annual Parochial Church Meeting was held during April, with about 30 parishioners attending. Officers elected included Captain Badcock and Colonel Corner as Churchwardens, Mr. Gooch and Captain Badcock as Deanery Synod representatives, and Mr. Elkerton being added to the elected council members. The Vicar's report of the year's activities included reference to problems experienced as well as signs of hope for the future. The major event of 1987 would be the Millenium celebrations, with special services arranged throughout the year, in addition to the flower festival in July.

The accounts were presented by the Treasurer, further increases in expenses included an extra £365 in diocesan quota making increased income essential. A further appeal for covenanted donations was made, to allow reclaim of tax.

At a council meeting following the annual parochial church meeting Mrs. Moriaty was elected secretary, following Mr. Smith's resignation. Mr. Elkerton was re-elected treasurer, and Col. Corner re-elected Vice-Chairman.

PUDDLETOWN C.E. FIRST SCHOOL Children who will be five between 1st September and 29th February 1988 will be eligible to start school on a part-time basis in September. Please will parents let us know as soon as possible if they have a child ready to start school.

Mrs. Phelps will be leaving after nearly three years at Puddletown to take up a teaching job in a special school nearer her family. We wish her well. A presentation will be made to her on Wednesday 8th April at our special Easter Assembly. All are welcome. Easter holidays will be from 9th April to 24th April (inclusive). School re-opens on Monday 27th April.

L.K.L.

BRIANTSPOODLE HALL COMMITTEE - STREET FAIR 16 MAY 2 - 5 pm Let's hope we have good weather this year! Do support us and all your organisations on stalls. Booked: Boys' Brigade Band from Dorchester; Unicyclists from Bournemouth; Royal Manor Morris Dancers; Classic Cars from Weymouth Preservation Society; Fire Brigade Crew from Bere Regis.

Bar, refreshments, teas in Cruck Cottage. Raffle tickets from Mrs. Thornley. Car parking in field by Cross.

To run a stall please contact Mrs. Bowell - 471387.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF HALL COMMITTEE 7.30 pm 1st JUNE

AFFRAISE SERVICE 11.00 am SUNDAY 17 MAY This year our May Affraise comes at the end of Christian Aid Week and we again turn to drama, to bring to life some truths that should influence our thinking about poorer parts of the world and those who live there. Please join us.

J.H. JAM JARS Help, help! What with the number of sales of work, etc. I am running out of jam jars. Will anyone who has spare jam jars they no longer require please let me have them? Philippa Thornley, Raithby Cottage, Briantspuddle - 471497.

AFFPUDDLE 1000 VILLAGE HISTORY EXHIBITION A village history exhibition similar to the one we had a few years ago, is to be mounted in the village hall during the Flower Festival on July 4th & 5th. Anyone who has anything of interest (nothing too valuable) and would be willing to lend it for a short time for the exhibition, please contact Sue Taylor at Bridge House, Briantspuddle.

DOWN YOUR WAY From Affpuddle, Briantspuddle and Cerne Abbas will be transmitted on B.B.C. RADIO 4 ON SUNDAY MAY 10th at 5.05 pm and repeated on Monday May 11th at 11.03 am. DON'T FORGET TO TUNE IN.

AFFPUDDLE 1000 FLOAT IN DORCHESTER CARNIVAL Calling all children between the ages of 10 - 16 who would like to be on the float in Dorchester Carnival (theme will be 1000 years of village history); also anybody else willing to decorate the float and help in making costumes. Please contact Sue Taylor, Bridge House, Briantspuddle.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MAY 1987
3rd 2-6 p.m. Culeaze Garden open
5th 7.30 p.m. Scout Group AGM - Drax Hall
10th 2-6 p.m. B.R.S.C. Barbecue
12th 7.30 p.m. Youth Club AGM (Bere Regis)
13th 10.30 a.m. Conservative Association Coffee Morning - Culeaze
16th 2-5 p.m. Briantspuddle Street Fair
16th 10.30 a.m. Scout Group Coffee Morning - Anderson Manor
20th Parish Council AGM

JUNE 1987
1st 7.30 p.m. Briantspuddle Hall AGM
14th 2-6 p.m. Culeaze Garden open

JULY 1987
10th 8-11 p.m. Scout Barn Dance - Puddletown Middle School. 'The Yetties'

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8.15pm 12 years & over, Congregational Church
7.30pm 4th Tuesday, Vicarage
7.00pm 3rd Tuesday, Drax Hall
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"CAN I GIVE A WHOLE 10p LIKE DADDY?"

From REFORM magazine

GETTING TO KNOW YOU

HAVE YOU NOTICED many new faces in the congregation lately? Can you put a name to every face? It's all very well to nod a greeting to our own particular friends and chat to them before or after the service, but be honest now, how many people do you know outside your friendship group?

PROBLEM NO. 1: KNOW THE NAME. DON'T KNOW THE FACE.

LIABLE to give rise to the following conversation round the Sunday Lunch table:

"Just who is Mrs So-and-so? Her name keeps cropping up in conversation, but I can't place her."

"Oh yes, I know her quite well. She's a nurse. Three daughters and one son. Works at the Accident Hospital."

"Is she the one who sometimes wears the cream coat with the brown hat?" (Absolutely the wrong question to ask a man, but the children are more observant.)

"No, that's not Mrs So-and-so, that's Mrs Whatstis."

"Does Mrs So-and-so wear glasses?"

"No, but when she smiles, she sort of crinkles." (In desperation I begin to tread on dangerous ground.)

"Is she older than me, or younger?"

"How on earth should I know?"

"Not as old as you, Mummy, but quite old really . . . ."

MOTORIST'S PRAYER

GRANT me a ready hand, a watchful eye,
That none may suffer hurt as I pass by.
Thou givest life; I pray no act of mine
May take away or mar that gift of Thine.
Shield those, dear Lord, who bear me company,
From fools and fire and all calamity.
Teach me to use my car for others' need,
Nor miss, through lack of wit or love of speed,
The beauties of Thy world — that thus I may
In joy and courtesy go on my way.

GERALDINE B. BINNALL

PROBLEM NO. 2: KNOW THE FACE. DON'T KNOW THE NAME.

YOU MEET at church, and chat happily after the service. You know all about her grandchildren, and what she grows in her garden, she know's where you went for your summer holidays, but still you don't know her name. You have this awful feeling that since your bottom has polished the church pew for as long as you can remember, you really ought to know who everyone is, so you daren't ask. (I'm reminded of the incident when someone tried to get themselves out of a similar situation: "I say, I've always been hopeless at spelling, how did you say you spelt your name?" "S-M-I-T-H.")

THE SOLUTION

IF remembering whole groups is difficult, concentrate on 'learning' one new person each week. Don't forget to pray for them as well! And please don't assume that because you know the parents, you know the offspring, too!

Looking forward to getting to know you.

SUE DRAPER

Fattish, curly black hair, glasses, two children, sometimes wears a green coat (and edits 'Chad' Birmingham magazine from which this item came!).
HOT OFF THE PRESS—OR DOG-EARED AT THE EDGES?

"ARE YOU GOING to the Renewal Eucharist at the Cathedral?" enquired my companion. "Why, I've been renewed so many times that I'm beginning to feel like a library book..."

That started me off, of course. I spent a few happy moments classifying the folk I knew into the appropriate section in the local library: some were dignified, respectable tomes of history and biography; others frothy, light romances; others definitely works of mystery and suspense! What about the vicar — would he be happier in the reference section, or in with the practical manuals? I then realised that I'd been about as successful in my efforts in classication as our local librarian, for there are quite a few surprises lurking on our local shelves.

However, think of all the newly-printed Christians each year, rolling off the presses in pristine condition, complete with glossy bindings, vivid illustrations and crisp and crackly pages! Isn't it a marvellous occasion when a new batch arrives at church, through a confirmation class, or as a result of an evangelising mission?

SUE DRAPER

If a library book is to be of any use, it must be taken out of the library and into the outside world, where it may be passed from hand-to-hand, sometimes tossed aside and rejected, or flipped through at a superficial level. Quite often it is read avidly from cover to cover. In the process, of course, our pages become limp, and we may become a little dog-eared round the edges, but no matter — how often a battered appearance fulfils the promise of a solid, dependable read!

We have to return to our local library regularly, of course. As Christians we have been stamped with His name, and it should show in the pages of our lives. Some of us don't return as often as we should, and the Chief Librarian will send us a reminder when we are overdue. There is no fine, apart from confession and repentance, and off we go again: "Go in peace to love and serve the Lord."

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