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The Recorder

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Trinity - A Family Church

Worshipping together - Caring for one another - Sharing with others

'Turned upside down'

Rev. Michael Shrubsole

Minister of Trinity United Reformed Church

The Easter story of the death and resurrection of Jesus has always been understood by Christian disciples from the earliest of times to turn everything upside down. In the light of this story nothing can remain the same. All their hopes and dreams concerning their discipleship of Jesus are utterly transformed once they have begun to reflect on the meaning of the news of the resurrected Jesus on Easter Sunday morning.

But even though it transformed them and their thinking, this still didn't happen overnight. It took the disciples time to reflect upon what had happened to Jesus, and upon the resurrection appearances which took place, and they couldn't believe their eyes, and some doubted what they had seen, and some like Thomas doubted what others had told them.

Today we modern, scientific, educated people can have similar problems accepting that the traditional stories of the death and resurrection of Jesus are believable. But now, as then, the proof for all those who follow Jesus is the personal experience of the fact that following Jesus changes lives. The Easter story is not just a unique and crazy story that we are called to either believe or dispute. It is more than a story; it is an experience. An encounter with the risen Jesus turns everyone's lives upside down. The book of Acts in the Bible is the story of how a small group of confused, doubting and frightened disciples became transformed through their experience of Jesus into an unstoppable force, a church which has grown and developed down the centuries and across the world. And people today still discover the transforming power of Jesus to be true in their lives. Not just once, but over and over again. Yes, the first time can be important. Plenty of Christians remember with a passion the circumstances of the first time they ever discovered what Jesus meant for them. But, if it were just a one-off, once and for all experience, the memory would fade, we would probably eventually write that experience of Jesus off as a delusional and unhealthy patch in our lives, something to be regretted as a point in time when religious fervour got the better of our common sense.

But we Christians don't believe that. We believe that Jesus keeps on turning the world upside down. Every year we celebrate the Easter story afresh; and month by month we celebrate the same story in our communion services. And these regular celebrations of the old, old story remind us that every day, every moment, we should be discovering that Jesus is always making all things around us new.

When the farmer ploughs a field he turns the furrows upside down. All the weeds and pests are buried and killed; the problems are done away with. A new, clean soil surface is exposed, with nutrients brought up from deep down, and from that new soil new crops spring up, healthy and well nourished. As I write this we have just had our church Annual General Meeting. We have heard how some things in the life of the church have been turned upside down. Some activities in the life of the church have come to an end, but others are springing into new life. May the transforming power of the resurrection Christ be ever thus at work in all our lives.

Mike

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April Services

Morning Worship at 10.30 a.m.

Children of all ages meet for part of morning worship using the SALT material from Scripture Union. Adult worship usually follows the texts of the Revised Common Lectionary.

4th April - PALM SUNDAY - Morning Worship with Communion. Luke 22:14-23:56,
Isaiah 50:4-9, Philippians 2:5-11

11th April - EASTER SUNDAY Morning Worship with Communion. Luke 24:1-12,
Acts 10:34-43, 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

18th April - All-age Worship - John 20:19-31, Acts 5:27-32, Revelation 1:4-8

25th April - Morning Worship - John 21:1-19, Acts 9:1-20, Revelation 5:11-14

There will be NO evening service in April. See page 6

Also see page 5 for details of additional services for Easter

Rotas for April

Not included in this version

What's on in April



Monday 12th April - Easter Monday. No meeting

Monday 26th April - Speaker - Dr Abigail Macleod
(8pm. Hostess - Barbara Macleod)

WOMEN'S MEETING

Tuesday 6th April Readings and hymns for Holy Week and Easter

Tuesday 13th April No meeting

Tuesday 20th April Speaker - Mr Ken Peatey

Tuesday 27th April Members' Meeting - Bring & Buy



All meetings start at 2.30 in the Lower Schoolroom

16th and 30th April

at 2pm

Scrabble

Doubles and trebles are not just the language
of the gambler! Scrabblers like them too!

Church Walk



I shall be away on Easter Monday, so no walk has been arranged.
Perhaps someone else would like to lead one?

There is an easy-paced 3½ mile walk from Hughenden Village Car
Park (grid ref 785865) at 10.30am on Saturday 24th April, arranged
by the Ramblers Association. Everyone welcome.

Not included in this version

Diary

Elders Meeting -Tuesday **6th April**, 7.30pm, in the Schoolroom

*** **NEW** Pastoral Group Meeting **NEW** *** - Wednesday **7th April**, 7.30pm, in the Schoolroom

Coffee Morning - Saturday **10th April**, 10.30am -12.30pm. in the Schoolroom

Church Meeting - Tuesday **20th April**, 8.00pm, in the Schoolroom.

Thames North Synod has voted to become a Fairtrade Synod, promoting the use of Fairly Traded products in all Synod events and activities. It now positively challenges all its churches to become Fairtrade Churches. For our meeting there will be a resolution that we should:

- 1) Agree to use Fairtrade tea and coffee for all meetings for which we have responsibility.
- 2) Agree to move forward on using other Fairtrade products (such as sugar, biscuits, fruit).
- 3) Agree to promote Fairtrade during Fairtrade Fortnight – and through other activities whenever possible.

Church Social – Caribbean Evening and Silent Auction - Friday **30th April**

Can you help??

Donations of Easter Eggs would be welcomed for the Tombola to be held at the Coffee Morning on 10 April.

Donations of any items or any promises you can make would be appreciated for the Caribbean Evening on 30 April.



Special Easter Services and Events for Holy Week

Palm Sunday, 10.30am. 4th April - Communion Service

Maundy Thursday, 8.00pm. 8th April - Communion Service

We welcome friends from Wesley Methodist Church to share with us.

Good Friday, 10.15am. 9th April - A meditative service.

We welcome friends from Union Baptist Church to share with us.

Good Friday Walk of Witness, 11.00am. 9th April, Assemble in the Railway Station forecourt for a 30 minute silent walk with hymns and readings with Christians from other town centre churches.

Easter Sunday Sunrise Worship, (Sunrise 06.27 BST) Meet by Coates Lane playground at 05.45am for a walk up to Disraeli monument for a short act of worship at sunrise. Back to the Schoolroom for breakfast, in good time for morning worship in the church. Come and join us. Book breakfast with Margaret L

Easter Sunday, 10.30am. 11th April - Communion Service

Amen!

Evening Worship Comes to an End

For the last couple of years evening communion services at Trinity Church have been attended by a very small number of people. At the September Church Meeting 2003 members heard that the Minister and Elders were concerned that this Service was no longer proving to be a sensible use of facilities and resources. They proposed to keep attendance at this monthly service under review over the following months with a view to reporting to Church Meeting either, that attendance had improved and that the Service should continue, or that attendance had remained low and the Service should be discontinued.

I must now report that attendance since then has continued to decline. Ultimately, at the March communion service no one at all came, (even the Duty Elder forgot to attend) your Minister found himself alone in an empty church. No service is now planned for the month of April. The Minister and Elders will bring to the April Church Meeting a recommended resolution that we cease to hold evening communion services.

When I came to this church six years ago there were no evening services being held at that time. I introduced three changes to worship. Firstly, that we should hold monthly All-age morning worship services. These have been very successful, attendance at these services is usually higher than at the other morning worship services. And musicians and other contributors to worship show considerable commitment to making these services attractive and enjoyable. I would like to think this change might be extended and developed further in the future. But I will need some of your ideas and comments to reflect upon first; what do you think? Secondly, we began to hold a monthly evening service of informal worship focussing on new worship material and new worship resources. For a year or two, whilst we had a small group of older teenagers, before they moved on to University or other things, this service had some success, but as this core of young individuals moved on, the heart fell out this act of worship and the remaining small group of interested adults were unable to hold it together. Sadly we had to conclude that the time was right to bring this act of worship to a close. The third change was to start evening communion services on the same Sundays as we held All-age worship in the mornings. The intention was that this service should stand in deliberate contrast to morning worship, offering a quiet and formal act of worship as a real alternative to what was happening in the mornings. The format initially proved attractive to a small number of people in the life of the church, but unfortunately in the last couple of years it has lost most of its loyal following of regular worshippers who could be relied upon to attend month by month. The reasons for this are mostly personal, each individual concerned having a different reason why they are now no longer able to commit themselves to regular attendance, be it due to health, or busy diaries etc. And as attendance declines, so the atmosphere of worship changes, and it can seem less attractive to prioritise yourself to go to any meeting if you know that only a handful of others will be there. Once decline is detected, commitment falters.

So, out of three changes, one enduring success, and two experiments brought to a close. But with each change comes new opportunities. What can we now do with a building that we know is empty every Sunday evening; what other activities or groups can use that space? Now that we can save a little money on heat and light etc. how will that help our church budget to fund other activities? Now that the Minister has one less service to prepare and lead, what else (new or existing) can he better focus his time and energy upon? Now that the Duty Elder on Sunday has one less duty, how will that release them? The answer may be to simply do existing things better. But the answer might be to start something new. What do you think? Your comments will be gratefully received.

Mike Shrubsole

Do you have a spare seat in your car on a Sunday morning?

Would you be able to offer a lift either occasionally or on a rota basis (perhaps once or twice a month) to others who would otherwise not be able to get to church?

Following a discussion about transport at the March Elders meeting we felt that some of those who offered lifts may wish to share this commitment.

At the moment, there are some members in the congregation who regularly collect and take home those who would not be otherwise be able to come to church. This is a very valuable service but can sometimes cause anxiety, especially if the driver is ill or if they have other commitments.

Could we help by creating a rota system and may be draw up a list of those who would be willing to be asked to provide a lift at short notice?

To help achieve this it would be useful to find out who at present gives and receives lifts, who would like a lift (and does not at present have one) and who would be willing to help in some way in the future. If you are one of these people, could you let me know, either by speaking to me (or my mother, Kay Evans), leaving me a note in the pigeonholes at the back of the church or phoning me on 522965.

Once I have all the information, (and volunteers!!) perhaps we could share this important service between us.

I would be willing to initially coordinate this (unless anybody else would like to!)

Thank you,
JS

C.W.M. BOXES

A note to any of the congregation who still have CWM boxes. Barbara M will collect them in during May and will then give up the job of CWM Representative. In future any monies from the boxes may be handed straight to our Treasurer.

Quiet Garden Movement – High Wycombe

There is a Quiet Garden in High Wycombe which seeks to conform to the standards of the International Quiet Gardens Trust. Their programme is displayed on the church noticeboard. They meet in a house in Downley on the second Monday of each month. 9.45am for 10.00-12.30am; with time afterwards for sharing a packed lunch and opportunity to stay on afterwards for further private silent contemplation. See the details on the noticeboard for the programme of subjects and meditation leaders. Or telephone Lesley Wasley: 523978. (M.S.)

At our AGM on 16th March Margaret Elworthy drew our attention to a phrase in the Minister's report "I feel relatively unsupported in this (ecumenical activities) by other town centre churches". He went on to detail the efforts he has made to encourage ecumenical activities. However, despite this, it is worth reminding readers that Mike has organised the Lent meetings for 2004 and that about 40 persons from 5 different town churches attend in about 4 to 5 groups. Not an outstanding number but not insignificant, and it indicates that his efforts have not been in vain. We are now in our 4th week of this well organised course and meet with enthusiasm for this smooth-running and inspiring programme.

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The following two reports were not prepared for inclusion in the booklet produced for the AGM in March. However, better late than never, we can now read what some of our younger people have been doing over the past year.

Sunnybank and Trinity Youth Group

We meet every other Sunday evening alternating between Trinity and Sunnybank Methodist in Downley. Both the members of the group and the leaders come from the two churches. In September the ages were split to be able to provide a better range of activities focused on the needs of the different ages. S E and K S lead the 14+'s while Michelle Baird and Sarah Mole organise the 11+ group.

Our activities cover a broad range, always chosen by the youth group and because of this the enthusiasm the children bring is wonderful to see. Our emphasis is learning more about God and our faith through having FUN! Each evening is started by a short period of worship, which we encourage the children to organise and choose the songs.

We started the past year by leading worship at Trinity having previously led a service at Sunnybank. The service theme was on parental relationships, both those with our earthly parents and with God our Father. The members of the group did all the planning and delivery and by the end they had a greater respect for the effort Mike puts into a service each week! Activities enjoyed by the younger group have included baking Bible reference muffins, a newspaper evening which after discussing some of the world issues in the papers ended with a new ministerial outfit being designed wholly from newspaper – what every self-respecting Minister should be wearing this spring! We have also had a scrap heap challenge where the vacuum cleaner was redesigned with a greater Christian emphasis, and retold Bible stories through drama. The older group have discussed murder ending with a game of Cluedo (it was Colonel Mustard in the library with the lead piping!), learnt about the Trinity sound system, and led the younger group in games of trust; games involved one person being blind-folded and being guided by another around Downley Common and then through an obstacle course, putting across the point that we may not be able to see our journey through life but if we put our trust in God He will guide us and keep us safe. We are still a small group but are eager to grow and would welcome anyone from any church to join us the only requirement is enthusiasm!

Future ideas include

April 4th Who is God? Explored through discussion, drawing and drama (Sunnybank)

April 18th Salt Dough creativity (Trinity)

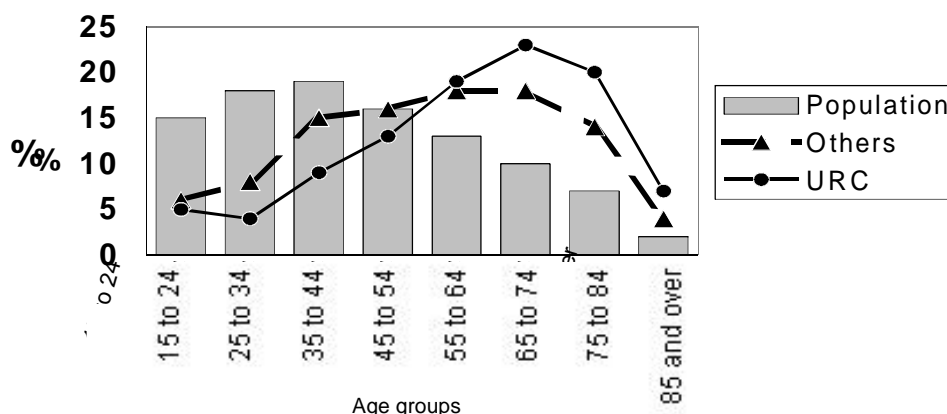
Greenbelt 2005, and a weekend on a canal boat are also looked forward to.

SODS

(Slightly Older Dudes – the name is under review!)

This group was started as we felt there was no group at church for our age range. We can't join the Youth Group as we lead it and we don't want to join Nightbirds that's where our Mums go! Also there is no group specifically for men!? We range from 18 upwards; basically if you feel young at heart and are trying to put off growing up we are the group for you! We also wanted to provide somewhere that young people new to Wycombe and Trinity could meet others socially, Claire and Rachel were members of the group before moving away and we now welcome Jonny and Andy to our gatherings. We meet once a month (time permitting) for a chat, a laugh and quite often a drink. Favourite activities include food and drink but others that we have done include distributing the Christmas leaflets around the Ercol estate, in a record time of 20 minutes so we were able to retire to someone's house for a hot drink, mince pies and an open fire. Our February event was bowling at Maidenhead where we were joined by friends of Andy from the university to celebrate his birthday. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 14th April to include thinking up a better name and some other activity which might involve food!

Its official – we're an old church!



The Church Life Survey of 2001 released its compiled results in 2002. Here is one distinctive result from the large and wide ranging survey. The age profile of the general population is shown by the pale bars. The dotted line shows the age profile of all other churches. The solid line shows the age profile of all URC churches. The URC has one of the oldest age profiles of any UK church. If you are over 65 you are in good company in the typical URC! Our General Secretary, Revd David Cornick says: "The Churches Information for Mission denominational profile shows that our membership is significantly older than the population as a whole, and it is therefore possible that we will halve in size over the next thirty years. (*For reasons of age alone.*) The implications are clear. A smaller membership is more thinly spread and an increasing financial burden has fallen on fewer and older shoulders. Ministers have been asked to cope with multiple pastorates that sometimes have no relationship to each other but economic necessity." This is not the age profile for Trinity URC, High Wycombe. Ours is similar, but perhaps a little younger overall than the average of all URC churches. (Trinity URC was not selected to be part of the national Church Life Survey.)

Several observations can be made:

- 1) The more the church population differs from the wider local community the odder we look to them and the greater the difficulty we have convincing anyone outside the church that they would fit in if they joined us. The gap tends to widen. Once an age gap has begun to open it will take a lot of creative energy and resources to narrow that gap again. Put too little effort into the problem and the effort will be wasted, the gap will widen anyway.
- 2) The long-term future of the church must come by attracting younger members to Christ's gospel of good news, but if the majority of the members are older, they are the ones who will have to learn to think and act young in order to attract younger members in. It will take continued conscious effort to move the age profile even slightly towards the younger end.
- 3) The membership peak is in the 65 to 74 age range, this can be a valuable thing, this age group is often at their peak of offering voluntary time, talents and effort to the community. The early post-retired group can be a powerhouse for good. If you are in this age range are you discovering ways of being a 'powerhouse' for your church? Or are you already resting on your laurels?
- 4) The peak age range is often good at supporting itself. Clubs and activities for the 65-74's, run by the 65-74's, are often a good way of retaining members and attracting new members of a similar age. Are you working with your age range?
- 5) In a good social democratic way the majority need to be aware of their duty to care for the minorities. The peak age range needs to remember that young people and the elderly and infirm need support and help too, and that they will look to the majority for encouragement and affirmation of their worth and place in the life of the church.

What do you think? (M.S.)

A Course for Elders

Over the past six months the Elders have undertaken this course to consider and explore our role as Elders in our own church and the wider church community. We learned how the role of Elders and the functions of the Eldership have evolved from their roots in scripture and continued through the history of the United Reformed Church. We examined carefully our calling to the ministry of Eldership and had many frank and honest discussions about how we approach our duties.

There are many formal functions which the Elders' Meeting is committed to providing and these are taken seriously. They are all important, but some of the main duties are to foster concern for witness and service to the evangelical community at home and abroad, to see that public worship is regularly conducted and the sacraments are duly administered, and promote the welfare of the congregation.

You, as a member of, or adherent to, Trinity URC have an Elder who is responsible for ensuring that your spiritual, and sometimes practical, needs are being met by the church. We considered the relevance and effectiveness of our pastoral care: case studies were looked at where we found we could identify with issues happening in our own church. Every member is an individual and circumstances may differ, but every church has to deal with similar situations and we looked critically at the way we serve you.

We evaluated our own skills and qualities, examined our strengths and weaknesses, and agreed that courses like this are part of our learning curve to help improve these. The support of our Elder colleagues is paramount and valued in this. Our communication skills as Elders was a wide subject in the course where we explored the many ways in which information is shared amongst our church family. We agreed on the importance of being able to listen to people and build up their trust and respect, so that we feel confident that the right decisions are being made about any issues that concern them.

Working as a Team was another topic we considered. We have a responsibility to offer effective leadership to our members and we examined the corporate nature of the Eldership in decision making, and the importance of all members of the team sharing a vision for our church.

How our church functions in the local and wider community, our outreach facilities and our support of other churches and charities were some of the things we felt could be improved upon. However, there are many restrictions to doing this adequately, the principal one being the ability of the people of our church to devote their time, money and energies to these causes and we have to look carefully at our methods of serving the 'outside world'.

The last topic in the course is called Elders and Work Among Young People which we have not covered at the time of writing. It was felt appropriate that we should deal with this best with the church as a whole as part of the initiative 'Good Practice Guide – Safeguarding Children' in relation to The Children Act (1989). Meetings are being arranged with Youth and Children's Workers where we will decide how we are going to meet our obligations.

We wanted to share this with you to let you see that your Elders are always considering how we can improve the way we serve the congregation and the church. We strongly believe that this form of self-evaluation is healthy and an essential part of our stewardship. Some of us are coming to the end of our current term, but will be able to take what we have learned into our general service to the church and those who remain will share their wisdom with the incoming members of the team.

This morning, lying couched amid the grass
 In the deep, deep dingle south of Llangwyth's Pass,
 While it was yet neither quite bright nor dark,
 I heard a new and wonderful High Mass.
 The Chief Priest was the nightingale: the lark
 And thrush assisted him: and some small bird
 (I do not weet his name) acted as Clerk.
 My spirit was lapped in ecstasy: each word,
 Word after word, thrilled through me like the deep
 Rich music of a dream: not wholly asleep
 Nor all awake was I, but, as it were
 Tranced somewhere between one state and the other.
 All heavy thoughts that through the long day smother
 Man's heart and soul with weariness and care
 Were gone, and in their place reigned pure delight.
 The nightingale, sent from a far and bright
 Land by my golden sister, prophesied
 Of blessed days to come, in a sweet voice:
 And the small bird, responding, sang " Rejoice, rejoice?"
 I heard his little bill tinkle and jingle
 With a clear silver sound that filled the dingle.
 Heaven is a state wherein bliss and devotion mingle,
 And such was mine this mom: I could have died
 Of rapture ...

Daffyd Ap Gwilym (David, son of William - born about 1384)

My name is Handsen Chikowore and I am currently a student in Cardiff studying ACCA. I am a Zimbabwean. I was inspired to write this poem as I have seen how people are displaced or forced to flee their country because of political reasons. So my poem is to educate the people what the environment will be if your land is being reigned by a dictator.

Climate of Conflict

Consequences of death of democracy
 Too choking to accept than to challenge
 Its brutal, painful and agonising
 Penetrating deeper than oceans deemed
 Is life worthy all these tribulations?

Freedom of speech becomes footsteps to your funeral
 Your view becomes your victimisation
 Opinions transforms into oppression
 Your way of thinking becomes a threat
 No licence to express your ideas
 How long can we remain tongue-tied?

One sees more devils than vast hell can hold
 The path in front and behind are blocked
 Blocked by the dragonian, demonic, devil dictator
 Through intimidation , violence ,terror , discrimination and
 torture

A humanitarian crisis to be resolved
 Its so traumatic penetrating deeper in my heart like a sharp
 needle.

Political oppression becomes affliction
 Lawlessness generating commotion , confusion and pande-
 monium
 Political campaigns becomes terror campaigns
 Human rights becomes humiliations
 Everyone gripped with fear
 A breath of fresh air cometh not
 How long can you afford to ignore?

Life becomes a denied paradise
 Its persecutions after persecutions
 No freedom of choice or options
 Everything is do or die
 Better for me to exit my country and enter into exile.
 To save my dear life

Handsen Chikowore

A letter to all URC members, from 86 Tavistock Place

February 2004

Dear fellow church members

We are writing to thank you for the magnificent effort of giving over £19 million during 2003 for the Ministry and Mission fund.

Giving is our natural response to *God's* generosity to us in the gifts of creation and new life in Jesus Christ, and we do it joyfully. However, we all know that these are difficult days, and that your giving is generous, in some cases to the point of being sacrificial. So, we write on behalf of the General Assembly to express to you the gratitude of the whole church of which you are a part.

The income received by the Mission and Ministry Fund enables us to support ministry and mission across our three nations, and is the major way in which we fund all our work for the kingdom of *God*.

What we do in the towns, cities and villages of England, Scotland and Wales is part of the fabric of *God's* kingdom, worked out in preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ, innovative service amongst the poor and needy, pastoral care, and outreach into the community in countless ways. Your giving enables that.

We hope and pray that we may all continue to give as generously as we can to support this work.

Yours sincerely,

Alasdair Pratt, Moderator
David Cornick, General Secretary
Avis Reaney, Financial Secretary

Ever wonder about the abbreviation A.S.A.P.?

Generally we think of it in terms of even more hurry and stress in our lives. Maybe if we think of this abbreviation in a different manner, we will begin to find a new way to deal with those rough days along the way.

There's work to do, deadlines to meet;
You've got no time to spare,
But as you hurry and scurry-
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

In the midst of family chaos,
"Quality time" is rare.
Do your best; let God do the rest-
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

It may seem like your worries
Are more than you can bear.
Slow down and take a breather-
ASAP - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER

God knows how stressful life is;
He wants to ease our cares,
And He'll respond to all your needs
A.S.A.P. - ALWAYS SAY A PRAYER.

This prayer is powerful. Prayer is one of the best gifts we receive. There is no cost but a lot of rewards, let's continue to pray for one another.

God bless and have a nice day!

MUCH LOVE -- In the tiny petal of a tiny flower
that grew from a tiny pod, Is the miracle and the
mystery Of all creation and God!

We all know that Ministers have it easy - don't we? As usual, there are two sides to the coin!

THE CLERGYMAN'S PROBLEM

If his sermon is a few minutes longer than usual: "He sends us to sleep."

If it is short: "He hasn't bothered."

If he raises his voice: "He's shouting."

If he speaks normally: "You can't understand a thing."

If he's away: "He's always on holiday."

If he's always around: "He never goes away."

If he's out visiting: "He's never at home."

If he's in the house: "He never visits his parishioners."

If he talks finances: "He's always talking about money."

If he organises a bazaar: "He wears everybody out."

If he doesn't: "The parish is dead."

If he takes his time with people: "He goes on and on."

If he's brief: "He never listens."

If he redecorates the church: "He's spending too much money"

If he doesn't: "He's letting things go to ruin."

If he's young: "He lacks experience."

If he's old: "He ought to retire."

And if he dies?... Well of course: "Nobody could ever take his place."

"Borrowed" from another Church Magazine

In The Middle

Did you know that;

1. Psalm 118 is the middle chapter of the Bible
2. Psalm 117 (before Psalm 118) is the shortest chapter in the Bible
3. Psalm 119 (after Psalm 118) is the longest chapter in the Bible
4. There are 594 chapters before Psalm 118 and 594 after
5. If you add up all the chapters except Psalm 118 you get a total of 1188 chapters
6. Psalm 118 verse 8 is the middle verse of the entire Bible?

Should not the central verse of the Bible have a very important message?

Read on:- "It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man"

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Prayer Page

(Prepared by the Brownies)

Over the last few months the Brownies have been working towards their World Badge and also taken part in a Thinking Day Service. They were asked to think about this when writing the following prayers:-

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Dear Lord
Thank you for everything in the world
and please look after all the people
in the world and help them to
live.

Dear Lord,
Please help the poor
people in different countries.
Forgive us and our sins.
Amen

DEAR LORD
please pray for people
who are lonely and
poor help them to
live a happy life.
Amen

Let's pray for Love and kindness
from
Cathryn, Manday.

Let's Pray for other
Brownies:
WORLD

Dear Lord
Please pray
for all the
people who are ill
Please look
after them
Amen

Dear Lord, please help
all the other Brownies in
all the other countries.

Dear lord
Please keep an big
smiles on all faces
every where and every
time Amen

Dear Lord,
Please forgive
us our sins and help all people
around the world.

Let's pray for peace in the world?

Dear Lord,
Please look
after all the
brownies in the world.

Dear Lord,
Please forgive us for all
sins and please forgive
us if we were wast full.

Dear Lord,
Thank-you for our world and
please look after all people.

Dear Lord
Please pray for
people who are
in Hospital.

Amén

