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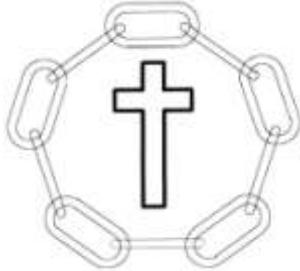
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BURNHAM ON SEA

Minister's Letter

What kind of life do you lead? Is it a tidy life where everything is perfect and in its place, or is it a life that is messy - where mistakes are made, where things don't always go according to plan? What about the spiritual dimension of your life?

If we are honest I think most of us would say that our lives are not all perfect and that our spiritual commitment does not always live up to our expectations. For many years a regular and popular speaker at the Greenbelt Festival was Mike Yaconelli, an American pastor and founder of "Youth Spiritualities". In 2001 he published a book called "Messy Spirituality – Christianity for the rest of us"¹. He said "It can sometimes seem as though a close walk with God is only available to candidates for sainthood or those who like living in deserts. But for the rest of us – the ordinary, scattered, busy, over-committed rest of us – it is not really an option".

He suggested that if we think like that then perhaps we have the wrong idea about spirituality. "What if we discovered that our messy, ordinary lives are the very place we are most likely to find God and deepen our knowledge of him?" His book goes on to explore this possibility and approach to spirituality.

More recently through the Fresh Expressions initiative one group of people began to see that the place of the church in today's world has become similarly "messy". The church has moved from being at the centre of society to the edges. It may contain a whole network of connections between people and different groups, ranging from those inside the church, to those who may regularly connect with the church in some way but have no connection with regular Sunday worship. Pete Ward in his book "Liquid church"² says: "when we start to regard the network itself as church, then the notion of insiders and outsiders starts to break down. Instead we have a network of communication and relationship where Christian love and mutual support form part of the flow".

¹ "Messy Spirituality Christianity for the rest of us", Mike Yaconelli, Hodder & Stoughton 2001.

² "Liquid Church", Pete Ward, Paternoster Press 2002

Today it is quite possible that a person might have friends who go to church, might go to the occasional service, might attend the church fair or coffee morning or the mums and toddlers group, but would not consider making any further commitment to regular church. These people are on the fringes of our church community - part of the “messy edge” of our church networks.

“Messy Church” was born out of desire to meet people where they are in their lives and in their spiritual journey. The aim is to take church to those who would not consider coming to the traditional style of church, in a form that fits more easily into an outlook and life style more suited to today’s “messy lives”.

At Burnham we recently made the decision to start a Messy Church which will be held on the first Sunday of each month, beginning on the 6th June. We hope it will be a place for families to share together in learning stories from the Bible through fun activities, to share in a short time of worship and to share in fellowship over a cup of tea and a cake. This is a new venture and we don’t know where it will lead – but we ask for your prayers that it will lead where God wishes us to go.

Rev. Andrew



Baptism Tyler Neil Burt. On Sunday April 11th.

Deaths Winifred Doris Smart - Funeral at Burnham 14th May.
Tim Christian Funeral at Burnham Monday 26th April
at 10.00am
Bill Drew Service of Thanksgiving at Brent Knoll
Monday May 3rd at 11.00am.



CALENDAR

APRIL

Mon. 26 th	10.00am B/H	Funeral service for Tim Christian.
Tue. 27 th	2.30pm. E/B	LINK Villages Fellowship - New Horizon Singers - Collection for SURE (Somerset Unit Radiotherapy Equipment).

CALENDAR Cont.

MAY

- Sat. 1st 10.00 - 12.00. B/H Coffee Morning in aid of the RD Fund –
Wednesday Group
- Sat. 1st 10.30 - 12.00. B/K Spring Coffee Morning and Bring & Buy.
- Mon. 3rd 11.00am. B/K Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Bill
Drew at Brent Knoll Methodist Church
Followed by refreshments in the Village Hall.
- Wed. 5th 8.00pm. B/H Wednesday Group - Reflections on being the
Mayor.
- Thur. 6th 2.30pm. B/H Thursday Fellowship - Simon Anderson –
“Support Dogs”. Open invitation to other
Churches (Collection)
- Sat. 8th 10.00 - 12.00. B/H Shoppers Coffee Morning All Welcome
- Tue. 11th 2.30pm. E/B LINK Villages Fellowship - Rev. Stanley Pipet
Bert Brown & his Fuchsias.
- Sat. 15th 10.00 - 12.00. B/H Coffee Morning in aid of Singing Children of
Africa - All Welcome
- Sat. 15th 7.30pm. Cheddar Male Choir at Victoria Methodist
Church in aid of Burnham Redevelopment
Fund.
- Sun. 16th 4.30pm. Circuit EASTER OFFERING tea at Victoria
followed at 6.00pm by Service of Dedication.
If transport needed please see a Steward.
- Thur. 20th 2.30pm. B/H Thursday Fellowship - A. G. M.
- Sat. 22nd 10.00 - 12.00. B/H Shoppers Coffee Morning All Welcome.
- Sun. 23rd - LAST Day for items for the June LINK.
- Tue. 25th 2.30pm. E/B LINK Villages Fellowship - AGM and
Communion - Rev. Andrew Biggs.
- Sat. 29th 10.00 - 12.30. B/H SPRING FAIR.

JUNE

- Wed. 2nd B/H Wednesday Group - Visit to Sweet Pea
Gardens and Cream Tea and AGM.
- Sat. 5th 10.00 - 12.00. B/H Coffee Morning in aid of the RD Fund.
- Sat. 12th 10.00 - 12.00. B/H Shoppers Coffee Morning All Welcome.
- Fri 18th B/H Gardeners Question Time.

**B/H Burnham, BR Brean, B/K Brent Knoll, E/B East Brent, W/H West
Huntspill.**



EASTER OFFERING DEDICATION SERVICE

SUNDAY, 16TH MAY 2010 at VICTORIA.

It may seem a long time to Easter, but those who read the Methodist Recorder may have seen the first instalment of the Lent Course which really focussed my mind!

We are meeting at Victoria again this year, but hopefully we will share hosting this service with Burnham and the Link Churches in future years.

The money raised, about £400 – £450,000 annually through the Easter Offering, goes to the World Mission Fund, and we may not know what the money is used for. Here are some examples:

£20,000 was sent to the Methodist Church of Sri Lanka to help support 50 families who need help following the problems caused by the hostilities between the government forces and the Tamil Tigers. Although peace has been achieved these families still need help with food, counselling, chaplaincy and peace building services.

Another project is in Bangladesh whose aim is to help fund the Ekota (Unity) Project for street children. This has set up the Jokhon Tokhon Centre where the children can drop in at any time. The centre has become a haven for hundreds of youngsters where they receive food, education and do some of the things our youngsters take for granted such as playing games, hanging out or simply having a rest.

Yet another project is “The vision for Benin”, one of the poorest countries in the world, where the Methodist Church, working under the umbrella of the Community of Churches in Mission (Ceeva) has helped develop 9 projects which include social chaplaincy for spreading the gospel, a spiritual retreat and a “Good Samaritan” polyclinic. In addition future work will place more emphasis on human rights, women’s rights, and improving women’s literacy skills. Also planned for 2010 is a youth camp, the development of a pineapple plantation and work on combating HIV and AIDS. £54,000 from World Mission Fund has been given in grants to ensure this vital work continues.

Help is also given to Partner Churches across the world through personnel exchanges, grants, scholarships for future leaders, and Nationals in Mission Appointments (indigenous staff paid for by the Methodist Church).

I hope this gives you some idea of the vast amount of work that the Methodist Church is involved with and that your gifts towards the Easter offering help all sorts of people in all sorts of places throughout the world.

The speaker at this year's service will be Rev'd Sheila MacInally. Tea will be served from 4.30p.m. and the service will start at 6.00p.m. Envelopes for your gifts will be available in the churches at Easter time and we look forward to seeing you on Sunday, 16th May at Victoria.

With blessings,

Di Smart

Women's Network Circuit Secretary.



PARTY TIME!

7.30pm Friday 9th April was Party Time at Burnham Church hall. Well – to those of you who had been invited but were unable to come – you missed a treat! Julie had made sure we had lots to do, games to play, food to eat, time to chat. The young people who came threw themselves into everything with gusto from sitting on the floor attempting to eat chocolate with a knife and fork (held in the wrong hands) to rummaging in the church for Easter eggs, oh and playing a noisy balloon popping game. I may not be in my first childhood (or even my second or third) but I had a great time. Thanks Julie for all your hard work and thanks too to the teenagers who came – it was lovely to meet you.

Hope to see you next time - and all you others who couldn't make it this time. Party Time at Burnham is different – and FUN!

Ann Hall



LINK DIRECTORY

It has been agreed that it would be a good idea to have a directory of all the members/attendees of the Link churches so that we can all contact each other more easily. Over the next few weeks details will be collected and a draft made which will then be available for churches to check. Once completed the directory will be available on request from your church stewards. Everyone will be included but if you don't want certain details made available that's fine, just let us know.

The directory will include addresses and telephone numbers, but extra details such as mobile numbers or e-mail address can also be included if you wish. Again, just let us have them.

Rev. Andrew & Julie Biggs



UNSEEN WORKERS

READ:

Romans 12:1-10

We have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function.

Romans 12:4

As I was giving myself a manicure, I started feeling sorry for my right hand. It does the most work, but my left hand gets the most attention. My right hand applies nail polish smoothly to my left-hand nails, but my left hand, lacking skill and coordination, does not return the favour. The polish on my right hand is always smeared and messy. One hand does the better work, but the other hand gets all the attention and honour.

As I worked on my fingernails, my thoughts turned toward something much more important the people in my church, many of whom are highly skilled at tasks that make others look good. These hardworking folks, however, seldom get noticed, because their work puts the

attention on someone else. It seems unfair that those who do such good work get little appreciation.

Truly servant-minded believers, though, don't see it that way. They give preference to others (Rom. 12:10) because they know that God

sees what others do not - and that He will reward those whose work is unseen by others (Matt. 6:4,6,18;1 Cor. 12:24).

Is someone else reaping the benefit of your hard work? Be encouraged. God rewards those who work "invisibly" to make Christ visible to the world.

Julie Ackennan Link

*The service that we do for God
May go unpraised by men;
But when we stand before the Lord,
He will reward us then. -Sper*

No service for Christ goes unnoticed by Him.



'...YOU... TESTED US... REFINED US LIKE SILVER.. BROUGHT US TO A PLACE OF ABUNDANCE.' PSALM E5-10-12 Niv

When Jesus explained the cost of following Him, some of His disciples walked away. Yet the impact of those who didn't is still felt in the world today. By The time they wrote their epistles. His apostles had learned to see every test in life as a chance to strengthen their faith and multiply their effectiveness.

Tests of faith are opportunities to surrender something of value to God, even when we have the light not to. In a test of faith you'll feel assaulted and stretched by circumstances, yet not distant from God; tried by them, but not judged or guilty. The Psalmist writes, for you, O God, tested us; you refined us like silver... you brought us to a place of abundance' (Psalm 66:10-12 NIV). A test of faith doesn't really test anything unless it pushes you beyond your lest test-past what you've already proven! If you try to run or pull back each time you reach what seems like your limit, you'll never know how much you can trust God - or how much He can trust you. The fire that refines us like silver can come as a job lost, a relationship lost, good health lost, or a reputation lost But with God, the end result is never in doubt If you're wondering today, 'How much more can I take?' listen to the words of Bishop J.C. Ryle: This only we may be assured of, that if tomorrow brings a cross. He who sends it can and will send the grace to bear it.' In God's kingdom it works like this: 'Faith tested, character refined, abundance given.'

Sent in by Harry Kempson.

EXPLANATION OF GOD:

This was written by an 8-year-old named Danny Dutton, who lives in Chula Vista, CA. He wrote it for his third grade homework assignment, to "explain God." I wonder if any of us could have done as well? And he had such an assignment, in California and someone published it. (I guess miracles do happen!)



'One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things on earth. He doesn't make grownups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that to mothers and fathers.'

'God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off.'

'God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting his time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.'

'Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church.'

'Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.'

'His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done and all his hard work on earth so he told him he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad

out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.'

'You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time.'

'You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God!

Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong. And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.'

'If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by big kids.'

'But...you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and he can take me back anytime he pleases.

And.that's why I believe in God.'

Dennis Dixon



An important date for your diary.

Saturday May 15th **Cheddar Male Choir** will be singing at Victoria Methodist Church Weston s Mare at 7.30pm.

All profits will be for Burnham Methodist Church Redevelopment Fund.

Tickets £6.00 from Dorothy May Tel. 01278 784204.



LINK VILLAGES' FELLOWSHIP

On Tuesday, March 23rd, Mrs Jean Tinknell gave a thoughtful talk on the meaning of Lent with many little stories of her experiences on the farm and in her neighbourhood.

A very interesting and informative Power Point Presentation given by the Manager of the Recycling Centre at Carrymoor, near Castle Cary told of all the ways of Reducing, Recycling and Reusing waste materials. He showed the Eco House at Carrymoor using all recycled and sustainable materials. We were also told where all the waste products we put out go to the various centres to be recycled - papers are pulped down and are back on the shelves as newspapers within three weeks, tin cans go to Llanelli, S. Wales, food waste is processed with saw dust and is used in agriculture, clothes are sorted in Yeovil etc.

On Tuesday, April 27th, we are to have a return visit by the New Horizon Singers, They raise funds for the Somerset Unit for Radiotherapy Equipment at Musgrove Hospital, Taunton so there will be a collection on that afternoon.

Rev. Stanley Pipet will give a talk on Bert Brown and his Fuchsias on May 11th.

May 25th will be our A.G.M. led by Rev. Andrew Biggs. This will be followed by Communion.

It was with great sadness that we heard that Bill Drew one of our very faithful members passed away at the home of their daughter in Surrey on April 10th. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Barbara and the family

Eileen Goundry.



BRENT KNOLL

It is with much sadness that we have heard of the death of Bill Drew whilst staying with his family. His health has been deteriorating over the last few months and was causing concern. Our thoughts are with Barbara and her family at this time.

At Brent Knoll we will miss Bill as a friend, and our Senior Steward and Treasurer to name just two of the many duties that he carried out for us with great care, Christian love and leadership.

The thanksgiving service for Bill's life and work will be at Brent Knoll Methodist Church on Monday May 3rd at 11.00am with refreshments after the service in the village hall.

Donations in Bill's memory will be for The Children's Hospice South West and Brent Knoll Methodist Church.

The excitement of Easter is over; our Christian preparation through Lent has passed. The crosses have been on the Knoll - but have these been significant to the many passersby?

Not many of us were able to get up the Knoll on Palm Sunday due to our many medical infirmities!!

How joyous it was on Easter Sunday to have the glory of the sunshine, daffodils, and thanks giving for the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour. We had an interesting service from Margaret on "where was Peter in the Easter Story?"

But has this excitement already been forgotten? Have we been kick started with a new enthusiasm to carry us forward to radiate Christ to others?

We have been delighted to welcome three children into our Chapel through Baptism; these children have been coming to the toddlers group, and have now joined the Church.

Keith is recovering from his hip surgery, and it is good to see him fully mobile again.

Our Spring Coffee Morning and Bring and Buy is on Saturday May 1st 10.30am, it is always good to meet friends from other Churches at these events - Everyone is welcome

Shirley Pycroft



EAST BRENT

Well it's May and we're heading into Spring Bank Holiday after a cold and wet Easter. Jill and I were disappointed to have our holiday cancelled at the very last minute, but perhaps fortunate not to have been caught up in the terrible earthquake in Chile. Jill was therefore able to make use of the three weeks of dry, sunny but cold weather in her beloved garden, and neither of us gained too much weight!!

We have had some good services at East Brent of late, and thank Evelyn for persevering at playing the organ although not being well, and having to cope with the adjustment of her sight after the removal of a cataract (opacity of the lens).

Palm Sunday was interesting with Rev. Carol Gill getting the Brownies to march in waving palms and shaking tambourines followed by Lord Les, all of us also had to draw around our hand and enter our name, these were to be hung eventually for decoration, we then had a version of the Easter story as observed by the donkey.

Good Friday we decided to go to St. Bridgets at Brean for an hour at the foot of the cross and it was an hour well spent. Easter Sunday was communion led by Rev. John Le Sueur with the empty cross, being decorated with flowers and placed outside for passersby to see.

Sunday 11th at East Brent was a rousing service taken by our Superintendent Minister Rev. Robert Channon. We aren't fortunate enough to see him much at East Brent (probably too small a church) but the Easter hymns he chose were excellent, some not sung in our Church since 2001, and no one had trouble hearing his message.

We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of Bill Drew. Our condolences to Barbara and family, he was a good friend to many of us and a tireless worker for Brent Knoll, he will be very much missed around the circuit.

Also in our thoughts and prayers we think of Margaret Green, Eileen Craig in Scotland and her brother Stuart Hicks in Holywell.

On a brighter note we send our congratulations to Ann Julyan who is getting married in May and Stuart Hicks who celebrated his 90th birthday in April.

Let us now look forward to a possibly warm and sunny summer after the elections and an entertaining World Cup in South Africa.

Gordon Legg.



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STEWARDS COLUMN

This is my first time of writing on behalf of the stewards at Burnham and it is a pleasure to be writing at a time when there has been so much going on.

We followed the journey of Jesus through Holy Week with the Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services with our minister, Andrew bringing home the solemnity of those events. Then on the Sunday, we celebrated the joy of Easter. Although the 8am and 6.30pm services were not so very well attended; the church was well filled for the 10.30 service at which we were delighted to welcome the Revd. Stephen Marr who very simply but with such imagination provoked our thoughts to journey to the tomb and back, on this special day, before leading us on into communion.

Two things stood out for me from this week. It was very good to see how much Tim and Bridget Christian were able to contribute over Holy Week. They have devoted so much time to the music of the church over many years, and in spite of Tim's illness they continue to exercise this ministry faithfully. Our thanks go to them, and to their family who have been such a support at this time.

It was also good to see Len and Pam Horlock were able to be present at the 10.30 Easter day service. This was thanks to the devotion and careful planning of their daughter and son in law. We were delighted to welcome the whole family to worship with us.

The church was also well filled on the following Sunday when many came for the baptism of Tyler Neil Burt. We continue to hold him and his family in prayer.

There have not only been celebrations within the church services. Andrew and Julie hosted a young people's Easter Party, which was greatly enjoyed both by those who attended, and those who helped.

It is encouraging to see the effort going into reaching out to younger members of our community, and later this week on Tuesday 13th April, there is to be a meeting to discuss setting up Messy Church. Those who were able to attend the presentation Andrew gave a little while back, will know that this venture will seek to reach out to youngsters accompanied by adults, who don't attend our normal style of worship. Watch this space to see what evolves!

But be encouraged too by the growing numbers who are now attending Sunday Club.

And don't forget the other activities that have already been planned for the coming days! There will be more details on another page.

Over the last few weeks we have been aware that some of our church members have had to face changes in their lives. We remember those who have been ill, and those who have had to consider a future in residential care. But we rejoice with those who are improving in health and mobility – especially the Revd. Joyce Plumb who has found that the knee operation she underwent has made quite a difference to her.

But in the midst of the joy of Easter, there has been sadness. Our oldest member here at Burnham, Mrs. Doris Smart, has died aged 103. She had been unable to attend church for some years. We remember her family and friends at this time.

And naturally, we would extend that remembrance and sympathy to Barbara Drew from Brent Knoll, and her family on the sudden death of Bill. Those who knew him were the richer for having done so. We hold all of these in our thoughts and prayers.

May God's blessing go with you all through each day.

With my love

Joyce Pipet, on behalf of the Burnham Stewards.

BURNHAM REDEVELOPMENT FUND

We have to raise £21,563 to clear the cost of the redevelopment. We have to the end of March raised £10,541.63.

We say a Special “Thank you” for all who have given so generously during the past weeks.

FUTURE EVENTS

- May 5th Tea/Coffee and Dessert at 14, Priory Gardens.
- May 15th Cheddar Male Choir at Victoria Methodist Church, Weston s Mare
- May 29th **Spring Fair** 10.00am – 12.30pm
- T.B.A. Strawberry Tea at Dorothy & Cedric May’s
- August 22nd Gardens Open Afternoon – details nearer the time

Please watch Church Notices for other Coffee/Mornings and events



BREAN

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Judy and I are off on one of our jaunts again, so I am preparing this article a few days early, in the hope that there won't be any earth shattering news in the meantime.

The church roof is taking longer than expected. It should have been finished by mid-March, then by Easter. With luck it could be finished by the time The Link is published, but don't bank on it! The contractors found problems that needed more attention than they thought, especially on the tower, and they must now be a month or more behind schedule. Not only that but chunks of the ceiling in the worship area have come down and will have to be re-plastered. Hey ho.

Easter was a good occasion. Judy had prepared a display showing the sketch that Anne and Becky presented and we had a couple of new hymns that Luke on the organ was able to lead us through; we had half a dozen

visitors to swell the congregation; and I was relieved to find that an aspect of Easter that had struck home with me and which I had referred to in the last Link was in Andrew's mind also! The Spirit works in wondrous ways.

We were sad to hear that Bill Drew had died. Our thoughts are with Barbara and her family at this time. He was a committed supporter of us all in the Link and he will be much missed, especially by the members at Brent Knoll.

Our casualties are all progressing in their way. Stuart Hicks was 90 this month; Lilian Stone is still as bright as a button at 98 though her legs restrict her mobility and we don't see her in chapel these days; Wal Godwin is still cheerful despite a bout of bronchitis, and suffering from sinusitis and catarrh that have added to the discomfort; Iris Barratt is recovering from shingles; and Kath Hopkins is getting over a nasty fall.

Our thoughts are also with our friends at St Bridget's whose churchwarden, Cedric Lodge, is in hospital after a second (and more severe) stroke.

We had our 15 year old grand-daughter with us for Easter and she came to Easter Day service. She has not had much church experience and as we sat there and listened to the words of the service book, I wondered just what she made of the imagery and dogma contained in it. It brought home to me that we really do have to work out ways by which an unchurched generation can be encouraged to take to heart the love of God and the work that Jesus accomplished. They will no longer have the patience to accept cliches that make no sense to them.

New ways for a new generation. Some ideas will fall by the wayside but some will be successful. In that context then, good luck to Burnham with their new venture of Messy Church.

This is still the Easter season. Time for a new awakening.

Harvey Allen

WEST HUNTSPELL

During the last few weeks the Badgers - the junior section of the St. John' Ambulance Brigade - who meet on a Monday afternoon at West Huntspill Methodist Church have been working to gain their "Hungry Badgers" award.

This has entailed a variety of activities, starting with a milk tasting session. I mean, how many different kinds of milk can you think of once you start to count the skimmed, semi-skimmed, full cream, and UHT? And that's only cow's milk! After much tasting there was a general consensus of opinion - Universally disliked was the formula milk for babies

That was just the start. Over other weeks, lots more tasting went on - with everyone trying everything, including foreign foods.

The climax to this work came on the last Monday before Easter. Each member had previously invited members of their families to come for afternoon tea. Mrs. Christine Thomas had done a magnificent job to transform the chapel into a tea room, with tables laid ready for each family grouping to share.

When the children arrived, there was a hive of activity as, under supervision, they prepared the tea. Sandwiches were made, as were chocolaty Easter nests. Scones were mixed and baked. Small cakes were iced and decorated; and trolleys prepared with cups and saucers, milk jugs and sugar basins, one for each table.

Would everything be ready in time?

But, as you can imagine, it was; and the children were then able to greet their guests and show them to their tables, and it was a delight to welcome the minister of the Chapel, Revd. Andrew Biggs with his wife Julie to join in this special occasion. Andrew is local Chaplin for St. Johns

All the guests were looked after beautifully by their hosts. Sandwiches were handed round, cups of tea poured, then cakes and scones made their appearance, and everyone enjoyed the opportunity to sit down together and chatter over afternoon tea. A real treat for those adults who had had it all prepared for them!

The only regret? -No one had a camera to record this superb scene!

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