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Minister's Letter

As I write, the news is of sentences being pronounced on those who took part in the recent riots. We saw shocking pictures of, mainly young people, rioting, breaking into shops, setting fire to buildings, stealing whatever they could carry and causing wanton criminal damage with seemingly no thought for the consequences or empathy with the victims. Some even lost their lives.

What has led people to even consider taking part in such actions which clearly do nothing but harm to young lives, local communities and local economies? Some clearly came from deprived backgrounds – but some didn't. Some were unemployed – but many weren't. Some were bored and thought it fun – what has led to such behaviour being viewed as entertainment?

The truth is that there are no clear obvious answers – but a range of factors which, no doubt, contributed: The fact that one third of children (4 million)¹ in the UK lives under the officially agreed poverty line while bankers and the like are seen to get £ millions in bonuses; that inequality is now regarded as being the highest it has been since the 1930's; the fact that those in positions of power and influence seem to break the moral code and even the law with impunity; government cuts that have closed many of the lines of support for the less well off ; youth clubs closed; Sure Start centres closed; libraries closed; NHS waiting times increasing; benefits cut back; University tuition fees tripling; unemployment rising; the world economy offering no hope for a reversal of fortunes in the foreseeable future – all could contribute to but not excuse the behaviour we saw.

What happens when despair sets in – a hopelessness in which people are unable to see any positive future? What happens when this affects a generation brought up on images of violence which have become the norm on TV, film and video games, who have been constantly bombarded with advertising and led to believe that they need every new and shiny product in order to live a happy life?

In listening to various interviews, the hopelessness of many seemed to be a recurring theme. No hope in the future. The consequences of being caught no worse than the bleakness of the future they contemplate.

¹ <http://www.endchildpoverty.org.uk/>

Surely this is where the church should be stepping in? After all who has a message of hope if it is not the church of Jesus Christ? Is part of the problem the fact that so few now have a knowledge and understanding of the saving message of Jesus Christ?

The Church is the guardian of the ultimate message of hope in the saving love and grace of Jesus Christ – who opens up for us access to a place where inequality will not exist, where poverty will be unheard of and where peace and love exist in abundance. This is the kingdom of God which we may begin to inhabit now but whose fulfilment we look forward to with hope.

We have the responsibility to take this message of hope to all people far and wide – and to ensure that no one is left without possibility of hope. We have a responsibility to share our story, our faith and our good news.

To whom might you give hope today?

Rev. Andrew



Dear colleagues,

Over the weekend of our representative Synod in September we hope to have Bishop Jun from our link Joong Ang Conference of the Korean Methodist Church. The Somerset Mendip Circuit have kindly agreed to host a special service on the Sunday evening, 18th September, starting at 6.00pm. The service will take place at Wesley Church, Wesley Slope in Frome (postcode BA11 1HA). Bishop Jun will preach at this service. You may care to publicise the service as it will give anyone who wishes an opportunity to share something of our special relationship with our brothers and sisters in Korea. Apologies for the short notice, which was unavoidable.

Yours,

Ward.



CALENDAR

AUGUST

Mon.29th. 2.00pm. B/H Annual Hospital Fete in the Manor Gardens.
Wed.31st.3.00 - 5.00.pm.B/H Cream Tea in Burnham Church Hall. £2.50. Bring a Friend.

CALENDAR cont.

SEPTEMBER

- Sat. 3rd 10.00 - 12.00. B/H Coffee Morning in aid of the Heating Fund
Thurs.8th 7.30pm Richard Lennox in Concert at URC Church
Boulavard W-s-M (See Page 10)
- Sat. 10th 10.00 - 12.00. B/H Shoppers Coffee Morning All Welcome
Tue. 13th 2.30pm. E/B LINK Villages Fellowship - Milton Ladies visit –
Mrs J. Tinknell.
- Wed.14th 12.30pm. B/H Church Lunch. (Daphne)
Wed.14th 2.30pm. B/H Bible Study Group All welcome.
- Sat. 17th 10.00 - 12.00. B/H Coffee Morning by R.N.L.I.
SUN.18th LAST DAY for the OCT LINK
- Sat. 24th 10.00 - 12.00. B/H Shoppers Coffee Morning All Welcome
Sun 25th 6.30pm. Circuit Service at Milton Rev. Ian White.
Tue. 27th 2.30pm. E/B LINK Villages Fellowship - Dedication Service –
Rev. Margaret Trapp.
- Wed.28th 2.30pm. B/H Prayer Meeting at Church. All Welcome
Fri 30th 10.00 - 12.00. W/H Coffee Cake and Chat plus stalls at West Huntspill
Methodist Church

OCTOBER

- Sat. 1st 10.00 - 12.00. B/H Coffee Morning in aid of the Heating Fund
Sat. 8th 10.00 - 12.00. B/H Shoppers Coffee Morning All Welcome
Tues 11th B/H U3A Concert in aid of Church Funds
Tue. 11th 2.30pm. E/B LINK Villages Fellowship - Jordon & The Holy Land
Mr. P. Price (Collection)
- Wed.12th 12.30pm. B/H Church Lunch. (Joyce)
Wed.12th 2.30pm. B/H Bible Study Group All welcome.
Wed.12th 7.30pm. B/H Church Council
- Sat. 15th 10.00 - 12.00. B/H Coffee Morning by R.N.L.I.
Thur.20th 7.30pm. Wells Cathedral - Melvyn Bragg will speak about
his new book 'the Radical Impact of the King
James Bible 1611 to 2011' (See page 10)

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

Ordination Day

The day dawned bright and sunny and I felt the heat as I looked out of the window of the Premier Inn on Southport's sea front, across the lake to the Southport Conference Centre. It was Sunday 3rd July 2011 – a date that had been looming in the back of my mind ever since I was accepted as a candidate for Presbyteral Ministry in the Methodist Church in April 2008. This was the day on which I was to be ordained – it had finally arrived!

The previous Monday I had set off from home to travel to Liverpool for the pre-ordination retreat which was to take place at Hope University campus. The retreat was a fantastic week, of seminars, worship, fellowship with fellow ordinands, and free time to spend as we wished in preparation for our ordinations. Each day included times for prayer, Holy Communion and at least one session on the theme of “Being...”.

One of the most significant of these sessions for me was the one entitled “Being ordained” led by Paul Wood – one of the retreat leaders. Paul began his talk by saying, very powerfully, the words: “On Sunday *you will* be ordained!” It was a very real reminder that we had finally reached the end of this particular journey – one on which we had embarked several years previously. It was a journey which had taken us through joys, sorrows, frustrations, sometimes anger and searching but ultimately a sense being on the right path – of going where God was leading.

As we looked at the ordination service printed in the Methodist Worship Book, we were reminded that *all* Christians are called to ministry, but that some are called and ordained to specific ministries. We were reminded that equally significant is what ordination is not. The Methodist Church in Singapore describes it in this way:

Called to something smaller

We are not ordaining you to ministry; that happened at your baptism.

We are not ordaining you to be a caring person; you are already called to that.

We are not ordaining you to serve the Church in committees, activities, organisation; that is already implied in your membership.

We are not ordaining you to become involved in social issues, ecology, race, politics, and revolution, for that is laid upon every Christian.

We are ordaining you to something smaller and less spectacular: to read and interpret those sacred stories of our community, so that they speak a word to people today; to remember and practise those rituals and rights of meaning that in their poetry address people at the level where change operates; to foster in community through word and sacrament that encounter with truth which will set men and women free to minister as the body of Christ.

We are ordaining you to the ministry of the word and sacraments and pastoral care.

God grant you grace not to betray but uphold it, not to deny but affirm it, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We were reminded that ordination is for life – like Baptism, it cannot be undone. It was acknowledged that many of us would have experienced mixed thoughts and emotions in getting to this point but that whatever our feelings on the journey and now, the service is a celebration “of what God has done and is doing in your lives, and in the lives of the people and the church.” We went on to look at the service in more detail, and to practice what would happen on Sunday morning at the “Reception into Full Connexion”.

As I looked out of the hotel window that morning I was dressed in the new dark suit and clerical shirt that I had bought specially for this occasion to fit with the appointed dress code and I knew it was time to walk over to the conference centre. Although the Conference Sunday Worship was not due to start until 11am we were to be there by 9.30 to receive last minute instructions, to run through the procedures and to meet the President and Vice President, the Secretary of the Conference and other officials. We were gathered in a rather warm and stuffy room with no windows, (but with coffee and pastries!) in order to wait for the moment of our big entrance!

The service began at 11 but it was around 10 minutes later, after the Assistant Secretary of Conference had welcomed everyone, that the Ordinands were led into the theatre and to our reserved seats. If you would like to see what happened next, the service is still available to view on the conference web site. At the appropriate moment we were led from the theatre and out of a door at the side of the stage. We had been lined up in alphabetical order prior to being seated, with myself (being a “B”) at the back of the line. We were led out of the theatre into a corridor at the side of the stage so that when the last person in line (me!) had left the theatre we stopped and were then turned around so that I was now at the *front* of the line. I walked up the stairs onto the stage and stood in wings looking across to the band on the far side and all the rest of the Ordinands behind me.

The Secretary of the Conference, Revd Martyn Atkins, then read each of our names and, as he did so, we walked one by one up on to the stage. At the same time a large photograph of each of us, taken at the retreat, appeared on the large screen at the back of the stage alongside our name, Circuit and District. Once we were all assembled on stage the Secretary read to the conference resolution 71/2 -that we should all be received into Full connexion and then ordained that very afternoon. The conference was asked to vote by standing vote – a very affirming moment as everyone in the theatre stood to agree the resolution.

After this we filed off stage and out into the auditorium to await the final blessing. There was then time for many photographs and to greet some of the people who had come to show their support.

Time, then, to gather the family for a quick bite in a local sandwich shop before heading to the church for the ordination services. I had the advantage of being allocated Leyland Road Methodist Church in Southport which was 10 minutes from the Convention Centre. However, some ordinands now had long drives to Liverpool or Chester Cathedrals for their ordinations.

The four of us who trained at Wesley College in Bristol were ordained together at Leyland Road. Ordinations are done by the President of Conference but, because he can't be in four places at once, past presidents of conference also preside. I was particularly pleased therefore that the President for my ordination was Revd Ian T White, former Chair of the Bristol District and former Minister of Hanham Methodist Church who presided at my confirmation on almost 25 years ago to the day! Also taking part were the Vice President Mrs Ruth Pickles, the Assistant Secretary Revd Kenneth Howcroft and the Preacher was Co-Chair of the London District Revd Jenny Impey.

Each Ordinand also invites a minister as Assisting Minister, who takes part in the laying on of hands at ordination. The service followed the traditional pattern as set out in the Methodist Worship Book. After the Ministry of the Word, the secretary presented the ordinands to the President. We were asked to stand and face the congregation who are asked "Do you believe and trust that they are, by God's grace, worthy to be ordained?" to which the people acclaim "They are worthy". This is a very affirming but also a very humbling moment.

The ordination proceeds with the laying on of hands and words said by the President. Afterwards there were many people to greet and speak with, tea and cake (although by the time I got there it was nearly all gone!) and many photographs to be taken. It was an amazing day and one that will be with me forever. would like to thank you all for your support over the last couple of years, those who came to support me on the day despite the long journey and everyone who sent cards, gifts, texts and Facebook messages! The knowledge of so many thoughts and prayers being with me was uplifting and a very real contribution to the occasion. I look forward to serving in ministry amongst you over the next 3 years as an ordained presbyter!

Love and blessings

Revd Andrew P. Biggs

Coach trip to Birmingham
on Thursday 24th November
for shopping or Christmas market
cost approx. £15,00
the more that go the cheaper it will be
Please phone 783652 to book

**Coach trip to
the Memorial Arboretum for the Forces**

in Staffordshire next May it will be a two day trip with B & B – EM,
the first night, plus coach. It will be on a Friday and Saturday
need to know before December to book hotel. cost approx
£75.00 please phone Rosaleen on 783652



The Burnham & Highbridge Choral Society.....Need you!!!

Do you enjoy singing? Well, come & join us on 8th September at 7.30pm in the Methodist Church hall, College Street, Burnham. There are no auditions, & although reading music is an advantage, it's not necessary. I know what you're thinking.....a Choral Society, they're very formal & stuffy. Well I must admit that's exactly what I thought, but I can assure you we're a friendly & relaxed group of people. Who sing choral music, which is sometimes serious, but there's a lot of laughter whilst learning it. We're a mixed choir, so Ladies & Gentlemen are welcome. Especially all those Tenors, Baritones & Basses out there.

So, as the saying goes, Don't knock us 'til you've tried us! What have you got to lose? For more information contact Bev Hearn on 01934 732041.

I look forward to meeting you. Julie Skinner.

WORLD CHURCH CONFERENCE

*at the Ammerdown Centre,
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28th - 30th October 2011
Friday evening to Sunday afternoon

"FOCUS ON CHINA"

Our thinking during the weekend will be informed and stimulated by the two speakers who have personal experience of working alongside Chinese Christians and by the sharing of our MWM President and students from Overseas.

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Playing Popular Organ & Piano Classics
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Waterloo Street
Weston s Mare
Thursday 8th September 2011
7.30pm
Admittance by Programme at the door - £7.00

**WELLS FESTIVAL
OF
LITERATURE 2011**

'THE BOOK OF BOOKS'

'the Radical Impact of the King James Bible 1611 to 2011'

**Melvyn Bragg will speak about his new book
on Thursday 20th October 2011 at 7.30pm in Wells Cathedral**

Harry's Page (from his daily Bible readings)

For Things to Go Well

THAT IT MIGHT GO WELL WITH [YOU]...' DEUTERONOMY 5:29 NIV

When God tells you to do something that seems difficult or unpleasant. He's not trying to make your life hard or put you in a straitjacket Often He's just getting you to a place where He can bless you. 'Oh, that... [they]... would... fear me and keep all my commands always, so that it might go

well with them.' Anything God asks you to do carries this thought with it That it might go well with [you].' Hopefully, that will help you to start looking at things differently

Living in peace, instead of always going to pieces is easier when you learn to respond to God immediately. Don't hesitate. Don't negotiate. Don't rationalise. And whatever you do, don't run. The only thing that worse than running away from God is living with the painful aftermath.

Your disobedience can take you all the way to the bottom. If you doubt that stop and read the story of Jonah the prophet Samuel said ...to obey is better than sacrifice...(1 Samuel 15-22)

The truth is, sometimes you'll have to sacrifice certain things in order to obey God But it is better to do than to ignore His voice, live stressed out, forfeit His blessing, and end up getting nowhere. Sometimes God will require things of you that He doesn't seem to require of others that He won't explain, and you can't understand; and that when you've obeyed them you won't immediately see the benefits. But if you're convinced that He loves you and has a plan for your life, you'll surrender to Him in trust, knowing that in the end it will 'go well with [you]'.



Is God Obligated?

Read:
Jeremiah 7: 1 - 11

Amend your ways
and your doings.
--Jeremiah 7: 3.

A friend sent me photographs of 20 beautiful churches in the world. Located as far apart as Iceland and India, each of them is architecturally unique.

The most beautiful place of worship in Jeremiah's day was the temple in Jerusalem, which King Josiah had recently repaired and restored (2 Chron. 34 - 35). The people were fixated on the - magnificent building (Jer. 7:4), and they foolishly thought that having the temple there meant that God would protect them from their enemies.

Instead, Jeremiah pointed out the sin in their lives (vv. 3, 9 - 10). God is not impressed by beautiful buildings constructed in His name if there is no inward beauty in the hearts of those not interested in an outward legalistic matched by inward holiness. It is wrong to think that God protects people just because of the religious things they do. Just because we're reading the Bible, praying, and having fellowship with other believers doesn't mean

that God is some how then obligated to do something for us. He cannot be manipulated. The purpose of those external activities is to develop our relationship with the Lord and to help us live differently than those in the world around us. --C. P. Hia

Lord, help me to remember that You are most interested in an obedient heart. Change me when I think You're obligated to me because of my religious acts of worship or service. Give me a pure heart. Amen.

Remember--God cannot and will not be manipulated.



LINK VILLAGES' FELLOWSHIP

Once more we've come to the beginning of a new session of the Link Villages' Fellowship when we welcome the members of Milton Ladies Fellowship to our meeting. On Tuesday, September 13th, our Speaker will be Mrs Jean Tinknell. We are always pleased to see our friends from Milton.

On Tuesday, September 27th, Rev. Margaret Trapp will take our Dedication Service.

Mr. P. Price will tell us of Jordan and the Holy Land on October 11th. There will be a collection on this afternoon.

The Fellowship is held on the second and fourth Tuesdays afternoons of each month at 2.30p.m. in the schoolroom of East Brent Methodist Church.

We are always pleased to see new members or if you would like to come along on any occasion you will be very welcome. Each meeting starts with a short service followed by our speaker. We end each meeting with a cup of tea and biscuits and a time to chat.

Eileen Goundry

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So there we were, day after day, going along in our own sweet way thinking that there is still much of summer to come (after all we ought to get a period of some sort of summer weather don't you think!) and then comes the thought of producing a column for September's Link. And suddenly summer, whenever that was, is as good as over!

Then we get to the added difficulty. Over the two months there have been the occasional incidents where I have thought, yes that could go in the Link; but as I have sat here I can't think of any of them.

Today has been good though. Suddenly part way through service an enlarged family of a dozen people came and joined in worship with us. Made our congregation up to 25 – how nice if that was every week. And on top of that Anne was back in the congregation after her hospital treatment. Good to have you back Anne – and to have your expertise on the music machine, it's been sorely missed.

And on top of that comes the news that two of our young people have gained university places on the strength of excellent exam results. Becky will be off to Falmouth for a degree course on Film Studies and Jamie will go to Bristol University to do Electronic Engineering. Well done to both of you.

We haven't had as many visitors worshipping with us as usual this summer and many caravan site owners say that although weekends have been reasonably busy, many family members who might have stayed here during the week have gone back home again. Weather might have been a cause but the general economic climate may also have been a factor.

On 4th September we have the first of our autumn joint services when we worship at St Bridget's at 10.30am, having previously met together to plan for it. On the 5th, Monday, we re-start our coffee mornings from 10.30 – 11.30am at the Methodist Church.

As for other churches in the Link also, Chris Lawton, an organist from up north came and had an hour on our organ this week. He says that, as previously, a video will appear on YouTube before long.

As Church Council Secretary I have full Minute Books of our meetings that ought to go away for archiving. I had been reluctant to send them away for we are told they should go to the County Archive records and not to Methodism. It hadn't felt right somehow. In August however I toured the new purpose built Record Office on the outskirts of Taunton. Members from the Decorative and

Fine Arts Society of which I am chairman are getting involved as volunteers with three Heritage projects there. I was impressed with all the modern facilities for storing records and thoroughly won over by the security and accessibility procedures they have in place. Currently it is reckoned to be one of the most advanced sites of its type in the country. They told me that they keep many church records there, including Diocesan ones. I suddenly feel confident about recommending to the Church Council that we should send our past Minute Books there.

We hope that those of you who have had the chance to get away, have enjoyed the break. But now we look forward to a new Methodist Church Year. At a time when there is so much happening in the world that causes us concern, the Church is a symbol of steadfast hope.

Happy New Year everyone.

Harvey Allen



WEST HUNTSPELL

We have had a busy summer. Our Chapel was redecorated during May and then we had a “Working Party” to get everything polished and back in place. In June we celebrated our 160th Anniversary. July saw us on the village common for “Songs of Praise”, the afternoon was bright and breezy, Brian Dallimore (we couldn’t afford Aled Jones or Pam Rhodes) did us proud, with some interesting facts on the hymns we had chosen. John Lamb played the keyboard (Not his instrument of choice) kept us pretty much in tune and time. I think everyone who attended enjoyed the experience, and something we shall do again. In August at the Annual Horticultural Society Flower Show we had our usual stall and did a good trade in Jam, Marmalade, Craft items and Calendars (See below)

Coffee Cake and Chat happens on the last Friday of each month from 10.00am. – 12.00noon. There are Fairtrade items for sale plus a selection of other goods. The Chapel is wheel chair friendly and we enjoy meeting everyone who can make it.



We have produced a **Calendar for 2012** with photographs of Old Huntspill and an insert of how things look now. They are £6.50 each or 2 for £12.00. If you would like one or more please ring Janet O’Neill on 01278 786036 (they are selling well)

BRENT KNOLL

Mum and I moved to Somerset a year ago from Essex. She'd been in poor health and I was becoming increasingly worn down by up to 12 hour working days and three hour daily commutes into London. We moved from Southend on Sea (home of the world's longest pier) to Berrow (near the Country's shortest). Like the piers - the two areas could not have been more different. It has taken me a year to learn how to slow down. Not to panic when things aren't done immediately.

A year to watch my new found love of gardening reap its rewards. The rescue cat I took in September ("Buddy" - also known as "The Fat One") has been a constant source of joy - through him I am becoming increasingly familiar with the wonderful staff and volunteers in Secret World as I bring in his live offerings for rescue. Simply put - priorities have changed. I no longer panic about missing the 6.22am train from Westcliff. I no longer arrive home exhausted and frustrated by the fast moving pace of London life.

Obviously there is a downside. I no longer have the means to fund a champagne lifestyle (which frankly, was utterly shallow and unsatisfying). Happiness to me is finding a bargain in a charity shop. Buying a weathered arbour (reduced from over £300 - £70) and painting it myself. Treating myself to a £20 rocking chair which I am lovingly restoring.

Our previous church in Leigh on Sea had over 100 members. Brent Knoll has just over twenty. But the love, support and fellowship we have been offered by this wonderful congregation has been incalculable and so gratefully received.

In short, I have learnt the value of things - not just their price.

Rosemary Krull



EAST BRENT

Once again it is my turn to give you some news of the last months since the last Link.

We are now approaching the autumn season and our summer season seems to have gone so quickly, we had I understand a lovely two weeks in April, but my husband and I were in Cyprus at the time and didn't have as good weather as here, from then on we have had such a lot of strong winds.

But we are so lucky that is all we have to worry about, it is trivial compared to the extreme condition some countries have to deal with resulting often in them not having enough food to feed their people or fresh water,

As I write this our country is being ravaged by the riots in our cities, which is a disgrace and we are all appalled by it.

I also send good wishes to all the troops fighting in Afghanistan, and hope that a solution can soon be found.

We have all missed Jill at our services after her operation, but hopefully by the time you read this she will be back with us, it is also nice to see Gwen back at our services.

I have two grandchildren awaiting their GCSE results, I hope they have done well after all their hard work.

We have just returned from Ellmau in Austria, what wonderful scenery we saw, and you don't see a bit of rubbish dropped anywhere, where have we gone wrong?

We will soon be able to look forward to our Harvest Services which always gives us a lift.

We have been pleased at East Brent to see our visitors at our services, which is always encouraging and they are always made most welcome.

God bless you all,

Ruth Moxey.



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STEWARDS COLUMN

This is my first effort at writing a steward's column. I became a steward at the end of April when I realised that God wanted me to stop saying 'no'. I've worshipped here for six years now, having moved from Oxford where I went to the local United Reformed Church. Having decided that the URCs in Weston and Bridgwater were too far away to get really involved in I 'did the rounds' of Burnham churches and found the Methodists friendly and welcoming. So, here I am!

Well, what has been happening here in July and August? July of course started with Andrew's ordination in Southport - a very happy occasion according to those who made the long journey. We are so pleased for him.

Sadly we said goodbye to Mary Wilmott at her funeral on July 28th. She had been a faithful and cheery member for years and a good friend to many. We miss her.

On July 31st the stewards, with help from some members of the congregation led the morning service. We enjoyed putting the service together, and with some trepidation and much prayer it all came together and we had good feedback from the congregation. We might do it again!

Our monthly efforts continue: Messy Church on the first Sunday, Lunch club and Bible study on the second Wednesday, and a prayer meeting has just been started on the fourth Wednesday. And of course there is coffee and chat every Saturday with extras on the first and third Saturdays - the third being run by and for the Lifeboats.

The thought of another winter without heating in church is exercising minds at the moment and a new fundraising group has been formed. Dorothy May held an afternoon tea in July, Joy Bishop having held a coffee morning in June and I had one last week. We also arranged the Summer Fair on July 30th which was opened by the Mayor and Mayoress. It was a good day despite the lack of children for the fancy dress competition. The lunches were popular but the afternoon was very quiet, so we are having a cream tea on August 31st - I assure you that the

scones will be nice and fresh!

We await a detailed plan for new heating from the expert before we know how much we have to raise and in the meantime worry about the church roof which is still leaking despite two efforts at repair, and an unstable wall!! Oh joy, as a monkey would say.

We must have faith in our Lord to show us the way, and believe that He will provide us with vision and courage to respond to that call.

We at Burnham hope that you have had a good Summer avoiding the showers and are refreshed for the new Church year.

Daphne Hill.

UPDATE ON KENYA June 2011

On 13th June 4 ladies – Sue, Eva, June and I set off from Burnham with Cedric & Ray driving us to Heathrow. We were flying with Kenyan Airways to Nairobi and then on to Mombasa. We were able to take more than twice as much luggage so this was very beneficial as there were such a lot of school uniforms to go. We had a good flight and then a short journey, soon we were arriving at our hotel and the welcome of friendly staff.

After a good night's sleep and breakfast we were soon heading off to the school. We travelled by taxi taking several cases so that we could sort out the uniforms at the kindergarten. It was good to meet the children who started in January.

Our days continued to be busy. On the Saturday morning we went to the market to buy fruit and vegetables and then in the afternoon to buy rice, maize and firewood. This certainly was an experience. At the market there were certainly no "Health & Safety" regulations.

On Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday we were providing lunch for all the children – about 650 plus the teachers. Our first job was to prepare the vegetables and then the fruit - then came the serving quite a challenge, when you had a chance to look at the queue – very orderly, of all the children. They really did appreciate the food.

On our earlier visit in July 2010 it was noticed that one of the boys in Kindergarten was not walking well. After many scans X-rays and visits to

hospital Salim has had an operation for a dislocated hip. He had struggled to walk to school for over a year. There is no NHS treatment so everything has to be paid for. In June this year we were able to take out a wheel chair for Salim's use which had been donated by the Red Cross. This has been and will continue to be very useful.

About the same time that we heard that Salim was having his operation we learned that Omar's daughter Sauda of two weeks was needing an operation costing about £1000.00. So far we have not heard whether the operation has taken place and whether it has all been successful. Omar stayed with Cedric and I for the whole month when the Choir was here in Burnham, June – July 2008. He calls us Mama & Papa and says he is our Kenyan son.

We will be able to see how well everything has gone when we go out in November.

Sue, Cedric and I would like to thank everyone who came along to our Afternoon Tea on the 24th and to all those who helped. We are thrilled to say that £539.00 was raised.

Dorothy May.

FOR SALE

Computer "Emachine" Intel Celeron 1.70Ghz processor.

Microsoft XP.

HP all in one colour printer, scanner

15" Flat Screen monitor

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