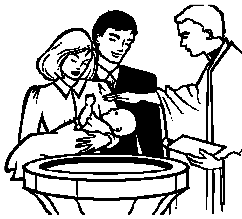


In Peace



29th November *Doris Moore*
6th December *John Gilbert*
10th December *Ronald Burdett*

Holy Baptism



Cora Darcy Brown

Katie Louise Hardcastle

Holy Matrimony



5th December *Jordan Ross Baker & Laura Jane Hogan*

View from the Churchwardens Pew

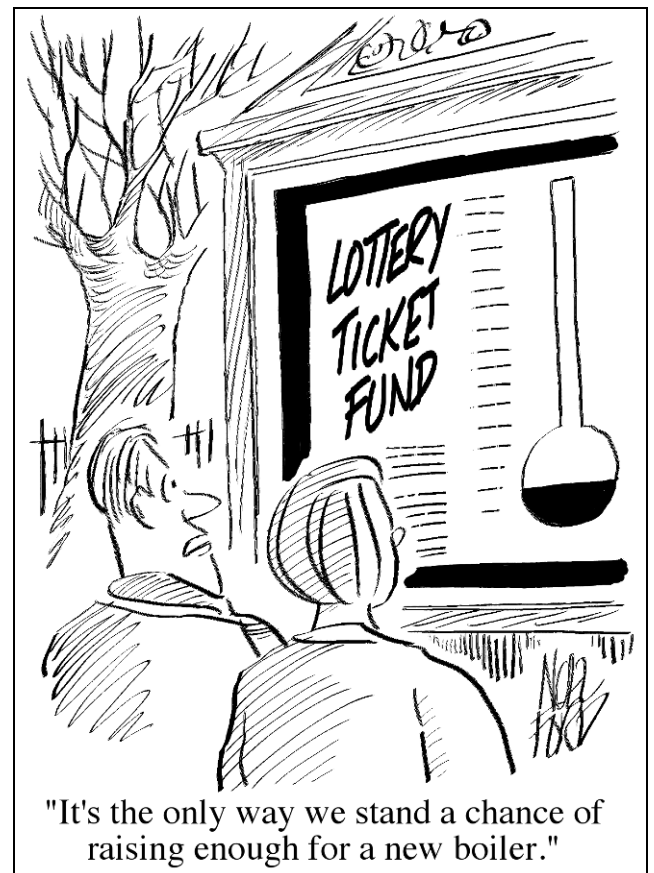
A very happy and peaceful new Year to you all.

I am writing this in early December, little more than 2 weeks after we had the Christmas Bazaar which raised the huge sum of £1100. A very big thank you to everyone for all the effort you put in that made this a

fabulous success and particularly those who manned stalls, provided refreshments and made the event really enjoyable. We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Denise and Renee for all the hours of organisation they put into it – thank you Denise and Renee.

Whilst it is very sad the Hall heating was vandalised, at the time of writing it is nearly up and working, which is much needed with the current weather. We would like to thank Rosemary and Don for all the extra effort they have put in clearing up the mess so that it could be used by a few groups (in the cold) and also finding alternative venues so others could continue to meet.

It is really unfortunate that their tenure should be ending in this way, but the amount of work that they have put in since they took over has typified their Christian stewardship to a tee. They have kept it in an exemplary condition. Thank you Don and Rosemary. From the New Year Viviane will be taking over from them and we wish her and the new committee well.



Whilst on a heating theme, Derek has been leaving the heating on all the time in

Church for the last month or so and with the particularly cold weather recently we would be grateful for your feedback about whether you have found it warmer in church than last year when we had the cold weather. Please let Dorothy or myself know what you think.

Jo is going on sabbatical in early March for 3 months so you will see a considerable number of different faces taking the services. Gerry will be appearing more regularly, the Archdeacon, Trevor Jones will be taking a number of services around Easter and David Dewey a number of services on Thursday mornings. Apart from them other members of the team will be showing their faces regularly.

There are couple of dates for your diary in January – firstly on **Saturday 22nd** there is the **January Jolly** in the Hall (watch out for the time) – the format will be similar to last year. Secondly the Events and Outreach Committee have organised **a meeting open for everyone on January 26th** when **'Outreach'** will be discussed and what we should be doing to contribute to the local community.

The Worship and Pastoral Care committee are discussing whether there could be advantages in removing some pews at the back of church so that when refreshments are provided after services (and particularly at Christmas) there is more room for people to move around and join in fellowship without getting in others way. It is likely this would include the provision of some more comfortable chairs as well. Again please let us know what you think.

Love
Andrew

Bible study

I have for very many years belonged to a bible study group, which has met on the first Monday of the month at 10am in someone's house.

We are all from different churches and have covered a lot of ground over the years and I

have certainly learned a lot. Lately we have had some members who have had to leave for one reason or the other and one church now outnumbers the others.

Those church members feel that it would be very nice if we could find people from other churches to keep the balance.

If you are interested then please contact me for more information, so feel free to come and try it out, I am sure you will get something out of it.

Derek Westwood Tel 01992 558071



Keys for All Saints' Church and St John's Hall

I am finding that church and hall keys are being passed from the registered holder to another person without notifying the Churchwardens or me.

This means that there is no record as to where the keys are being held or even if they have been lost which means there is a risk to the church should an unauthorized person find the key. This could cost us a great deal to replace the locks and a new key system.

Please, will all key holders contact me so that I can ensure that our key record is up to date and I repeat, do not pass your key to any other person but return them so that they can be re-issued.

Many thanks in anticipation

Derek Westwood

Summer Fete



The Social and Outreach Committee are planning to hold a summer fete in and around St John's Hall on **Saturday 18th June 2011**. In order to make this a huge success we need as many people involved as possible. We envisage that this will be a real family event which will appeal to all ages.

At the moment the fete is still at the very early planning stage and there is lots of work to be done. We plan to appoint a sub-committee to help organise this and also need folk to come forward with their ideas and suggestions. If you can lend a hand in any way, or have any ideas we can use please speak to Denise Dilley, Renee Booker or the Churchwardens as soon as possible.

know that has really tried it? It is found in the Sermon on the Mount, and is one of the most famous things that Jesus ever said. It is also without parallel in all the teachings of the world.

Several religions urge followers to refrain from harming others. That is a first step towards building a just society. But only Jesus said that we should live our lives actively seeking to do good to others. It is an attitude warm with generosity, with kindness, brimming with quiet graciousness and compassion. We are to go out of our way to encourage the depressed, to forgive those who have harmed us, to help those in need.

To refrain from doing injustice takes strong self-control. To live caring for others takes something more – a life-attitude of self-sacrificial love. Such love we see first in Jesus, in his death for our sins on the cross. When we follow him, our Heavenly Father wants to see his Son's characteristics grow in our lives. If we are his children, he expects a family likeness!

So – here is a challenge for 2011: 'In everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.' The alternative is not an option!

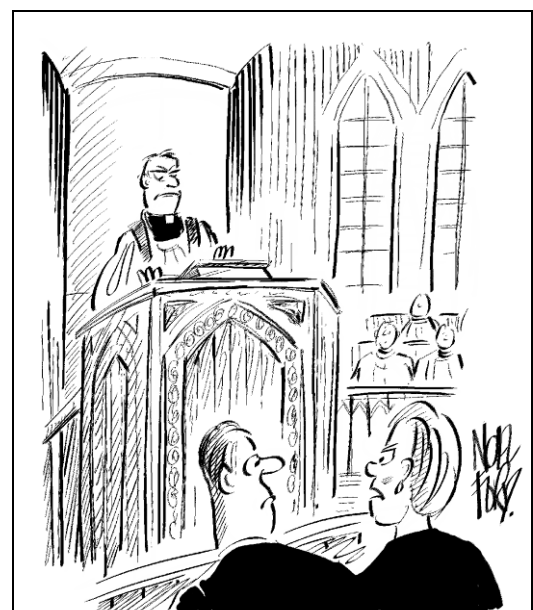
It was the minister's first Sunday after his induction. The steward giving out the notices said: "I am sorry to say that we have dry rot in the pews and floor, and as you can see we have got the worm in the pulpit."



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In search of a New Year's Resolution?

As well as your New Year diet, here is another resolution for the year ahead. Everyone has heard of it – but who do you



It was bad enough your mobile ringing half-way through his sermon, without the ring-tone being the 'Christians Awake' tune!