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# A date doesn't change anything. But you can.



- Do you want to help poor communities worldwide to improve the quality of their own lives?
- Can you spare a few hours during Christian Aid Week - 14-20 May 2000?
- Could you deliver envelopes to homes and collect them later in the week?

If you can help please sign up on the list in Church.

In 1999 in the Deane area we collected £2700 (of which £1911 was collected by St. Mary's) and the total for the whole of Bolton was £22,572. Your help will be greatly appreciated and my challenge is for us to try to collect more than £2000 at St Mary's this year.

*Phil Ray*

## New Christian Aid telephone service launched

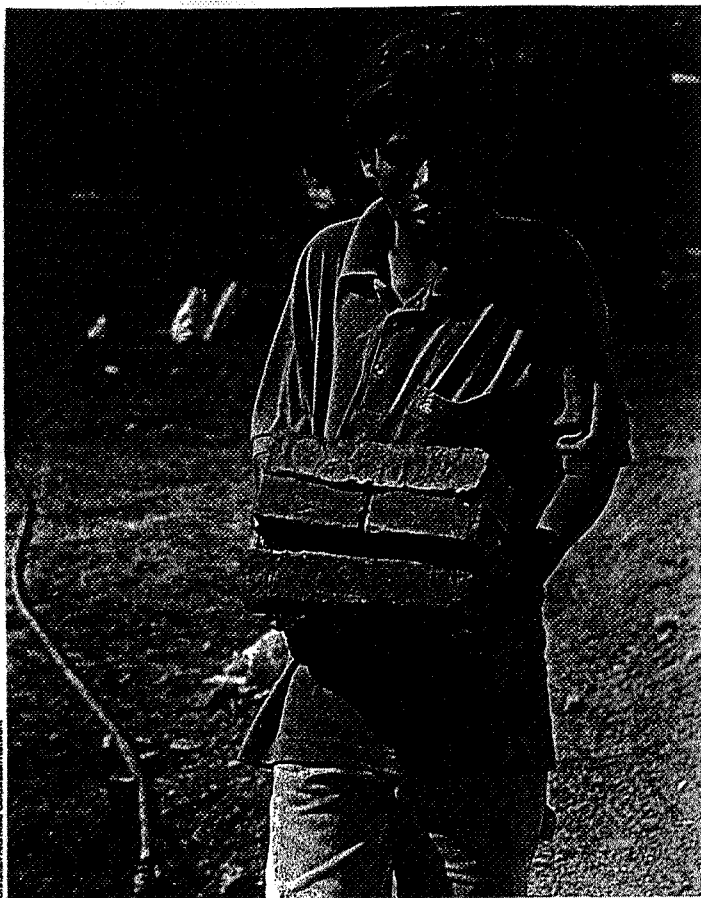
Christian Aid is very pleased to announce the launch of a new telephone scheme for supporters which guarantees savings on your phone bill while providing financial support to Christian Aid.

Although we've resisted the tide of charity-branded products that have come out recently, we feel, exceptionally, that this is a service worth offering. Not only will supporters get cheaper telephone calls, but the PEC Communications service, Resource, gives eight percent of the cost of each call you make to Christian Aid.

## The scheme is simple:

- The phone service is free to join and requires no minimum term commitment or usage. There is no cost to join, and if you do not use the service you will not have to pay a penny.
- Once you have registered you are issued with a four-digit access code which you dial before each number (special adaptors for your phone are available if you don't want to dial the code each time). Each call made with the four-digit code is then routed through the cheap tariffs.
- At the end of each month you will receive a fully itemised bill, and two weeks later the amount will be debited from your account.
- All supporters' names are protected by Christian Aid.

One of the great things about the service is you do not have to change your existing phone or line provider. If you are currently with BT, you stay with them for everything to do with line rental, maintenance and services such as 1471 or call minder. These services will still be billed to you by your existing provider (eg BT), however all your calls via Resource will be charged at much lower rates, providing savings across the board.



Marvin helps build a new house in the aftermath of Hurricane Mitch

# After the storm

In October 1998, Hurricane Mitch hit Central America, killing thousands of people and leaving two million homeless. The disaster provoked a worldwide relief effort. In the UK and Ireland, people of all ages helped fill five banana boats with emergency supplies to the value of over £1.25 million.

Marvin Flores Picado is 14 and lives in Matagalpa in Nicaragua. He remembers when the hurricane struck: it rained continuously for four days and nights, and people didn't see the sun for seven days. He says: 'I was asleep when it all started, but by the time my mum woke us all up, the water had already entered the house and was up to our knees. We had to leave the house really quickly because the water was rising so fast. We left in what we were wearing, each of us boys carrying one of our sisters. We went to a large hall where we lived for a month with over 200 other families.'

Marvin's six-year-old sister Caralis still has nightmares about the hurricane. Whenever it rains at night she wakes up crying and sits bolt upright, terrified and unable to go back to sleep.

The Community Movement of Matagalpa (MCM), which is supported

by Christian Aid, was quick to provide food and medicine for people made homeless by the hurricane and soon set about repairing and rebuilding homes. A year after Mitch, Marvin and his family were able to move to a new home outside the city, where 40 houses are being built for Mitch survivors.

MCM is also helping Marvin through its backing for the Support Centre for Working Children (CANTC). Marvin works as a shoe-shine boy at one of Matagalpa's city markets, and CANTC provides educational and recreational activities for children like him who need to work to boost their families' income, on condition that they also go to school.

Marvin charges 1 córdoba (5p) per shoe-shine and on an average day he earns around 25 córdobas (£1.35). After a morning shining shoes he goes to CANTC for his lunch, and to school in the afternoon. At CANTC Marvin is also learning a new trade – sewing, and he hopes one day to have a sewing machine and to be a tailor – if he doesn't make it as a professional footballer, that is!

After the storm, the future is at last looking brighter for Marvin and his family and others like them.

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## More for our money – more for the church, more for the world's poorest communities!



Chancellor Gordon Brown's Millennium Gift Aid initiative has got bigger and better. From April onwards, churches and charities, among them charities working in the world's poorest countries, can reclaim tax on any gift, however large or small.

The scheme originally allowed tax to be reclaimed on gifts of £100 or more (the usual lower limit is £250). Now, provided the donor is a UK taxpayer, all gifts will qualify. This means that charities will be able to claim an extra 28 per cent over and above the amount donated – making a £1 gift worth £1.28 and £10 worth £12.80. When you give, all you need to do is to make sure that your church treasurer, or the charity to whom you are giving money, has a note of your name

and address and the amount you are giving.

Among the first to benefit will be children in India, Nicaragua and Rwanda, who are the focus of this year's Christian Aid Week appeal. In order to increase the value of people's gifts this year, donors will be encouraged to fill in their names and addresses on their Christian Aid Week envelopes. If Christian Aid raises as much as last year, the details of just half the givers would mean an extra £1 million for children in the developing world.

**Nobody enjoys paying tax. But this is a once in a millennium opportunity to enable more of the tax we pay to benefit those in greatest need.**

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# The Rector writes

22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2000.

## Christian Giving Review.

At the services on Palm Sunday I was able to announce that in response to the excellent presentation which was made in March there have been 133 replies. These replies indicate that people are prepared to increase their giving by a total of £225 per week. This is most encouraging and for it we give our thanks to God. If we all regularly carry out our intentions then for the first time in 4 years we ought to be able to pay in full our parish share to the diocese. Moreover, it will help towards paying the cost of essential repairs to our ancient church building for which we had hoped to get grant aid from English Heritage but were turned down. May I remind those of you who pay tax that signing a very simple form indicating that you wish our Gift Aid secretary to reclaim from the Inland Revenue some of the tax you have already paid then your donations throughout the year will be enhanced by 28p in the £1. On the form you don't have to indicate how much you give or for how long.

## Worship for the new century.

For well over 300 years the only authorised forms of service in the C. of E. have been the ones in the Book of Common Prayer of 1662. Though the book was the same, in practice there was a lot of variation from parish to parish both in the way the services were conducted and understood. For example, extra ceremonial was introduced, hymns were added and such services as Harvest Festival and Christmas Carol Services became popular.

The last 40 years or so have been a period of experimentation with new services, including, for the first time, services in modern English. These experiments resulted in the Alternative Service Book of 1980. It was so called because its contents were "alternative" to the ones in the Book of Common Prayer. Since then there has been an avalanche of other worship material designed to make our Sunday worship more varied and flexible. This includes seasonal material for Lent, Holy Week, and Easter as well as for Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

When the A.S.B. was introduced in 1980 no one knew whether its new services would stand the test of time and so they were only authorised initially for 10 years which was then extended for a further 10 years which runs out on December 31<sup>st</sup> 2000. After nearly 20 years the A.S.B. has become an established part of our worship alongside the Book of Common Prayer. However, over the years some weaknesses in the A.S.B. have become apparent. So the process of producing new services has been continuing, drawing on the strengths of both the B.C.P and the A.S.B. and the more recent services. These are about to be produced later this year under the overall title of Common Worship. The General Synod at its meeting in February gave its final approval to these new services. They will be available in many different forms: books, booklets, service cards, computer software and even on the internet! More information is contained in a helpful leaflet which will be inserted as a flier in the Deane Church News as soon as it becomes available. One of the tasks of the newly elected Church Council will be to make decisions on how and what to use when the A.S.B. passes its "use by date" at the end of this year.

Roger B. Jackson.

# BITS & PIECES



...are planning a **holiday with a difference** to Lebanon from Friday October 6<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday October 18<sup>th</sup>. The cost around £700.

## Aims.

1. **To experience the worship, life and mission of Christian communities in Lebanon.**  
By: a) attending acts of worship  
b) staying in the homes of local Christian families and at an Orthodox monastery  
c) having hands-on experience of the Church in its outreach activities,
2. **Learning about Lebanon.**  
By: a) having local people on hand to interpret what we see and experience.  
b) having talks and discussions on social, political and religious realities in Lebanon.  
c) Sight-seeing, eating, shopping etc....
3. **Transferring the insights gained to home Church life.**  
By: a) meeting beforehand to work through the purpose of the visit.  
b) meeting together during the visit to reflect on our experiences.  
c) Meeting together on our return to share ways of how the Lebanese experience can influence our home Church life.

Further details from the Rector or Garth Weymont (01706 221024)

**The Ladies Guild** have a busy programme this month.

Tuesday May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	A talk on "Old Lancs" by Mr. E. Marsden.
Tuesday May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Rummage Sale starting at 5.45 pm.
Saturday May 13 <sup>th</sup>	Coffee Morning 10.00am – 12 noon.
Tuesday May 16 <sup>th</sup>	"Alcohol and its effects" Mrs. Christine Hart.
Tuesday May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz Night.

All meetings of the Guild are open to ladies and some of their meetings are open to all members of the Church Family.

**The Mothers' Union** continue to meet on the second Wednesday afternoon of each month.



**Attendance Awards** have been given to the following children in:

<b>Climbers</b> for 25 attendances:	Georgia Packwood, Zachary Yarwood.
50 attendances:	Laura Bannister
75 attendances:	Nicola Penrose
125 attendances:	Andrew Simpson
225 attendances:	Ruth Kirkby.
<b>Explorers</b> for 120 attendances:	David Penrose.



The summer **Home Group** programme begins this month on Tuesday evening May 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday morning May 24<sup>th</sup>, and thereafter at fortnightly intervals until August 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Prayer Focus** – the monthly gathering for prayer will be held during the summer months on Wednesday evenings at the Rectory on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, June 14<sup>th</sup>, July 12<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup>.

# WORLD WATCH *Prayer Link*

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## Asia

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**MONGOLIA** The harshest winter in 30 years has led to the deaths of much of the country's livestock, leaving herders without food and transport. There have been reports of a steady diminishing of nutritional standards.

**WATER** Reports indicate that the water tables in India and China, among others, are falling rapidly; also they suggest that once world population reaches 8 billion, half could find themselves cut off from clean drinking water and proper sanitation.

## Europe/Central Asia

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**YUGOSLAVIA** Kosovo teeters on the edge of disorder because of revenge killings, corruption and political squabbling; living standards are at a new low in Serbia, families are struggling to survive; fears are growing of a new outbreak of violence in Montenegro. Pray that leaders might seek peace and reconciliation.

**BULGARIA** A cross-section of Christian groups and denominations have written to the government to express their concern about proposed legislation. The new law would, in their view, inhibit their ability to function freely, and give discretionary and therefore potentially arbitrary power to local authorities.

## Africa

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**SUDAN** Oil development is causing an escalation in the country's 17-year civil war and an increase in associated human rights abuses. Tearfund is campaigning to prevent UK companies profiting from the oil business, and working to support moves for peace.

**DEM. REP. CONGO** Fighting is continuing, and there are fears that the rebels might once again threaten Kinshasa. Pray for peace and stability in this needy country.

**SOUTHERN AFRICA** Continue to pray for the victims of the flood disaster. An estimated one million people are homeless. Tearfund partners in Mozambique, Botswana, Zambia, Malawi and Zimbabwe are assisting the rehabilitation and reconstruction process; a Tearfund team is focusing on water/sanitation work in Mozambique.

**ZIMBABWE** Fears are growing for the political and economic stability of the country as the election approaches.

## Latin America

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**HONDURAS** An unofficial breakaway group of the Moravian church in Mosquitia has accused Tearfund and its partner MOPAWI, among others, of exploiting the local church for commercial gain. This seems to be part of a violent reaction to recent signs of revival. Pray for all involved in this spiritual battle.

**CENTRAL AMERICA** Tearfund partners are challenging injustice and corruption as they seek land for reconstruction programmes for people whose lives were shattered by Hurricane Mitch, and as they try to protect the rights of indigenous people. They need God's wisdom, courage and protection.

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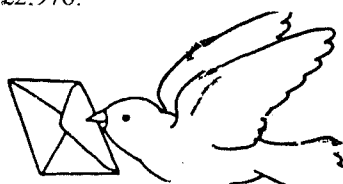
# MONEY MATTERS



Thank you to all who have contributed to God's work through our church.

	Planned Giving Envelopes	Loose Collections	Totals
Mar 5th	£593.90	£100.37	£694.27
12th	835.85	165.20	1001.05
19th	533.41	151.66	685.07
26th	554.93	144.84	699.77
Standing Orders	210.50		210.50
Weekdays		40.72	40.72
	----- £2,728.59 =====	----- £602.79 =====	----- £3,331.38 =====

In the corresponding month last year the total amount given was £2.976.



**Bob Lunt** – our Link Mission Partner serving in N. Argentina. Though Bob is now based in this country where his wife Margaret has recently become a Team Vicar in the Rayleigh Team Ministry in Essex he is still very much concerned with God's work in South America. For the most part he is checking the translation of the Old Testament scriptures into the Wichi language of the Indians who live in N. Argentine. The translating is actually done by a small team of local Christians. Bob checks the accuracy of their work, making sure that sentences are not too long and that the translation is consistent and makes good sense. He will be flying out on July 21<sup>st</sup> for a 7 week visit, armed with lots of questions on controversial and debatable points. Their translation of the Book of Psalms was completed and accepted some time ago and is now about to be published by the Argentine Bible Society.

**“Walking through the Old Testament”** was a most enjoyable and enlightening experience for the 50 people who attended the seminar in January. **“Walking through the New Testament”** is its sequel to be held again at St. Andrew's Over Hulton on Friday evening June 30<sup>th</sup> and Saturday morning July 1<sup>st</sup>. Further details and booking form are contained in a brochure in Church and when completed would be sent to Paul Ellis.



Among the unsung heroines  
Who grace this world of ours  
Are those who give and who arrange  
Their Church's lovely flowers  
I wonder if they realise  
The pleasure that they bring  
To people who will gather there  
To worship and to sing  
Or the warm friendship that they send  
When given to those who can't attend?