CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Betty Callaghan writes

GOOD NEIGHBOURS' CLUB

As our January meeting was cancelled due to the snow, it was pleasing to see so many familiar faces in February. We discussed various matters, including our and Mrs. Moate. The Vicar showed donation to the charity Help for Heroes. We will meet again on Wednesday I I March. Competition will be a Prayer Book or Bible.

Ian Rose writes

U3A STOUR VALLEY

On Wednesday 10 March the subject will be Essex Artists - Edward Bawden and Assembly Rooms, will be our AGM Eric Ravilious, and given in an illustrated lecture given by Terry Taylor.

Paw Slingo writes

HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



The lecture on Assembly Rooms, will be Developing your Kitchen

Daphne Langton writes

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Our January meeting, in the depths of the winter, was by an open fire in the Vicarage, by kind invitation of the Vicar members some books from the Muniment Library which had recently been skillfully restored and some digital photographs of Dedham from the archives. £60 was collected in aid of the Haiti Disaster Relief Fund.

On Wednesday 31 March, in the when there will be a discussion on future plans and outings.

PARISH PLAN

Next month it is planned that there will be a supplement to this Magazine -Wednesday 3 March, in the which will include full details of an exhibition about the Dedham Parish Plan, which will take place in the Garden and will be given by Assembly Rooms on Saturday 24 April.

Nick Corcoron.

SORRY!

The Editor apologises for the late publication of what is also a reduced edition of Dedham Parish Magazine. This is due to several distractions, mostly occasioned by his 'day job'.

HFI P!

It has prompted him to make an appeal - after many years of editing the Magazine - for another church member to consider, eventually, taking on the task. To begin with, just some editorial help would be appreciated! Training with the computer software can be given. Please **2** 322 136 if you think it might be you.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.30 a.m.

Holy Communion BCP Every Sunday (not August)

10.30 a.m.

Family Service 1st Sunday in month

Morning Worship CW 2nd & 5th Sundays

Holy Communion cw 3rd Sunday in month

Morning Prayer BCP 4th Sundays

6.30 p.m.

Evening Prayer BCP

JUNIOR CHURCH

10.15 a.m.

Family Service in Church 1st Sunday in month

In the Assembly Rooms or Duchy Barn on all other Sundays during school terms

> **DEADLINE FOR** APRIL: 17 March

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CHURCH NOTICEBOARD



HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY 28 March

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion BCP

10.30 a.m. Family Service & Distribution of Palms

6.30 p.m. Evensong BCP

MAUNDY THURSDAY I APRIL

8 p.m. Holy Communion 1662

GOOD FRIDAY 2 APRIL 12 noon - 3 p.m. Vigil The Jesus 1 Know

[Also an activity for children - see page 4.]

EASTER DAY 4 APRIL

8.30 a.m. Holy Communion BCP10.30 a.m. Parish Communion cw6.30 p.m. Holy Communion cw

Tower Flag Days this Month

Monday 8 March Commonwealth Day

Sunday 28 March Palm Sunday Friday 2 April Good Friday

Sunday 4 April Easter Day



From the Registers



I February 2010 Kenneth Bernard Stuart CROWHURST (86) (Weeley)

16 February 2010 Gillian Frances Rose SOUTHGATE (67)

26 February 2010 Sylvia May ARNOLD (81)

SONGS OF PRAISE

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure, That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure! How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away, As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.



Stuart Townend

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders.

Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers, It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.

His dying breath has brought me life - I know that it is finished.

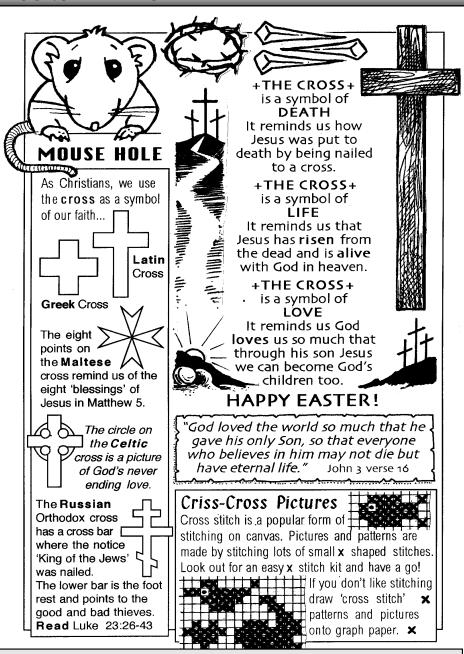
I will not boast in anything, no gifts no power no wisdom, But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer. But this I know with all my heart; His wounds have paid my ransom.

This is the first hymn in this series that is both by a living author and has been written since the publication of our hymn book, so is not found in it. Stuart Townend was born in 1963 and grew up as the youngest of four children in a vicarage in West Yorkshire. He studied English literature at the University of Sussex, where he met Caroline, whom he married in 1988. In response to many requests for advice on 'how to write hymns' he wrote:

- 1. Study the Scriptures. The best hymns demonstrate insight and understanding of the Bible, and consequently bring the truths of the Christian faith to life.
- 2. Be poetic, not pompous. Sometimes when people set out to write a hymn, they use phrases which might sound 'hymny', but actually mean very little.
- 3. Combine objective truth and subjective response. When a hymn is just a statement of theological truth, it may be accurate, but it can be dry. Equally, when a hymn is just about how we feel, it's wishy-washy. The best hymns express an emotional response to the objective truth of the gospel.
- 4. Look for musical dynamics. There should be a sense of building to a climax where the melody soars while expressing the main theme of the hymn.
- 5. Make every line count. I see hymns that contain a few good ideas, but some of the lines are clearly there as just 'filler'. Don't just stick in a line because it rhymes, or because you couldn't think of anything else to say.

This hymn - particularly appropriate for Holy Week and Easter - together with his equally popular, *In Christ alone*, clearly demonstrates that he has applied his own advice.

YOUNG READERS



Due to a shortage of editorial material supplied - and of any time to write more - there are two 'Young Readers' pages in this issue.



VIEW FROM THE VICARAGE

HISTORY - WHICH LASTS

Neil MacGregor, the director of the British Museum who was named 'Briton of the Year' in 2008, has begun a remarkable series of radio programmes A History of the World in 100 Objects. Even those who were put off History at school might be charmed by the way in which he presents his choice of objects from among the museum's treasures.

One programme was about the colossal statue of Ramesses II, one of ancient Egypt's most famous and successful pharaohs, a ruler who built monuments all over Egypt, and was worshipped as a god more than a thousand years later. MacGregor looked at how this statue helped define the image of imperial Egypt and talked to sculptor Antony Gormley about creating monumental works of art.

It was the arrival of this statue in London that prompted Shelley to write his poem Ozymandias; whose engraven boast was 'Look upon my works, ye Mighty, and despair!' Yet in the next few lines Shelley observed how, with the passage of time, that boast was empty; Nothing beside remains. Round the decay Of that colossal wreck, boundless and bare The lone and level sands stretch far away.

Perhaps inspired by the same statue, the poet Theodore Tilton has another king realise the limitations of his fame; Towering in the public square, Twenty cubits in the air, Rose his statue, carved in stone, Then, the king, disguised, unknown, Stood before his sculptured name Musing meekly, "What is fame? Fame is but a slow decay Even this shall pass away."

As a custodian of some of our nation's most precious things, MacGregor wonderfully celebrates their importance. Yet he is also wise enough to realise that they are not of first importance because, how-ever well preserved they may be, such things are never truly lasting.

In 2000, when he was director of the National Gallery, MacGregor proposed an exhibition focusing on the person of Jesus Christ. Gallery trustees were unsupportive and it was widely held that it would be a flop. In fact, more than 350,000 visited the Seeing Salvation exhibition and public response was profound and thoughtful.

The Apostles clearly understood what would last. Writing shortly before he followed in his Saviour's painful footsteps, St. Peter reflected on words from the prophet Isaiah and wrote:

All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field... but the word of the Lord stands for ever. [I Peter 1: 24-5]

Come and hear some of those lasting words this Holy Week and Easter.

Gerard Moate Vicar & Lecturer

NEWSROUND

Laura Valentine writes

NEW TO DEDHAM

Last month we welcomed Mr. Peter Mabbitt and Mrs. Fiona Morris to the school as class teachers. We also welcomed fifteen new children into reception and four new children into other classes in the school. We now have 194 children on roll.

As I write this our Headteacher, Mrs. Heather Tetchner, is visiting ACK Gatunduri Primary School, our link school in Kenya. We were one of only 19 schools in Essex who were accepted on to the project. This is an exciting opportunity for all our staff and children. The work and relationships that will grow and develop out of this initial visit will provide an enriched global dimension to the curriculum, widening everyone's perspectives of life, learning and the future.

Year six have now completed their Bible Explorer sessions with Pastor Eric Blowes, culminating in a performance which cleverly detailed all the books in the Old Testament. Year Five enjoyed an energetic morning of squash at Manningtree High School and children in Year Three are making great improvements in their weekly number of dance lessons with Miss Debbie Miller and the Key Stage One Choir are working hard to polish a performance for the school's book week fancy dress parade.

Val Vincent writes

VAL TAKES OVER - FROM VAL

After fourteen years at the ladies' fashion shop Snaffles, I will be retiring on Saturday 13 March. Thank you for your all your support over these years. I will be holding a 'Retirement Sale' until the 13 March. Valerie Hayden, a local resident, will be the new owner of Snaffles. After refurbishment, the shop will be open on Thursday 25 March.



Elizabeth Hopkins writes

GODLY PLAY FOR EASTER

On Good Friday, 2 April, from 12 noon until 3 p.m., there will be an activity for children in the Assembly Rooms, led by Fiona Leisk and Heather Tetchner. It will be an exploration of the events of the first Easter, through storytelling and craft. The gentle and reflective atmosphere of a 'godly play' session helps make it meaningful for even the youngest children, while allowing older ones and adults to respond to Bible stories in a fresh and thoughtful way. There will be lots of swimming lessons. Year one enjoyed a arts and crafts materials available during the session which children can use imaginatively to respond to the Easter theme. Please **2** 322 361 for more information.

NOTICEBOARD

The Next Meeting of the **Muniment Room Society** will be on

Saturday 6 March

10 a.m. - 12 noon at the Vicarage.

If you are interested in the history of Dedham and of its people then this is the Society for you.

A rural rendezvous to raise the roof for Dedham Parish Church

Come and sing the songs you all know at the Assembly Rooms [note change of venue]

7.30 p.m. Saturday 6 March

Price £7 to include light refreshments

Bring your own drinks and glasses

Information and tickets phone Carolyn Nolan 2 323 551 Ann Shaw 2 322 192 or Vee Druitt 2 322 000

TEXTILES FOR REFRESHMENT

Traditional & CONTEMPORARY

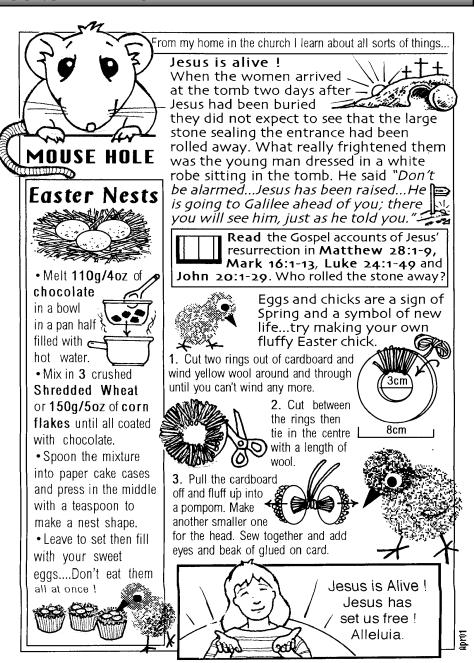
An Exhibition of work by Sue March, Beth Taylor & Margarita Moate in Dedham Parish Church

SATURDAY 13 MARCH 10 A.M. - 5 P.M. SUNDAY 14 MARCH 1 P.M. - 5 P.M.

Flower arrangements for gifts Baked goods / Coffee & Tea

In aid of Beacon House, Colchester, and Christian work in Uganda

YOUNG READERS



NEWSROUND

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

The Vicar invites you to a series of classes with the theme of Christianity Explored, which will begin in February and be weekly until the end of March. If you would be interested in attending, please let him know and he will confirm the time, dates venue and topics of the classes with you. These classes will make a suitable preparation for Confirmation, although the invitation to attend the classes is not limited to those who wish to be confirmed.



TOWER TOURS

Guides are need for the 2010 season of Tower Tours. Philip Erith, who conducted most of them in 2009, is unable to continue to do so to the same extent. If you would like to brush up on the history of the church, meet fascinating and interested visitors, and are keen to keep fit into the bargain (bearing in mind the 132 steps to the top) then please let the Parish Office know, soon. An honorarium will be paid to the Guide for each Tour.

Roy Laverick writes

'VILLAGE DAY' THREATENED

Can you help? Last Autumn we explained in this column that Judith Anderson Fowle, who has organised the August Bank Holiday 'Village Day' for several years, had decided to retire from this role. An invitation was made for someone to 'fill the breach'. So far, no one has come forward.

The task is not particularly onerous as well-established procedures are in place. It could be undertaken by a small group of volunteers rather than one person. Judith has agreed to resource her successor(s) fully. Again we invite you to come forward and offer assistance. If you are interested, then please do ring Judith 2 322 938, who will explain what the job entails. In the absence of a successor it will unfortunately be necessary to cancel this year's event, with subsequent disappointment to residents and visitors alike, and a loss of funds for many worthy causes.

PARISH PLAN - COMPETITION

Entries are invited for a photograph competition on Saturday 24 April, in the Assembly Rooms, as part of the Parish Plan Consultation Day. Details of entry and the prizes will appear in this magazine or may be found on

www.dedhamparishplan.org.uk/photos

NEXT MEETING

The next Parish Council will be at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 10 March in the Assembly Rooms.

PAST TIMES

Ten Years Ago March 2000

- ♦ BACK FROM KATHMANDU Carol Mitson and Alan Grego reported on their journey to Nepal, as part of a fund-raising project for St. Helena Hospice, for which they had raised over £6,500.
- ♦ PHOTOGRAPH EXHIBITION The late Howard Sant invited people to offer old photographs of the village for an exhibition which the Dedham 2000 Committee and the Dedham Village Association were planning in May.
- ♦ FOOTPATH GROUP The late Roger Freeman, historian of the American 8th Air Force, gave a talk to the Group at their meeting in the Sun Hotel.

Fifty Years Ago March 1960

♦ SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY Prizes had been awarded by Mrs Vinter, at the Party in January, to Marjorie Smith, Sheila Pask, Pauline Whitehead, Avril Garwood, Mary Langton, Edna Buckland, Susan Nicols, Wendy Langton, Cheril Morsley, Linda Gant, Philip Mayhew, David Mayhew, Lynne Coomber, Lynda Barber, Barbara Pask, Kathleen Pask, Hilary Finbow, Ann Messenger, Roy Arnold, Christopher Finch, Julie Emeny, Christopher Fincham, Linda Finbow, Carol Buckland, Margaret Everitt, Michael Barber, Philip King, Stewart King, Anita Green, Patsy King, Jean Southgate, Julie Messenger, Heather Nunn, Paul Reason, Adrian Denny, Sarah Wilson, Christine Morgan, Richard Course, Roger Long, Jeffery Cox, Jacqueline Messenger, Pauline and Stephen Fincham.

A Century Ago March 1910

♦ DEDHAM GRAMMAR SCHOOL The Governors had two vacancies to fill; Dr. Ashwin, one of the four Governors appointed by the Parish Council, was unanimously co-opted to the vacancy by the death of the Rev. C. A. Jones [author of *History of Dedham*, 1907]; and Captain Johnson of Brookside was elected to the place left by the death of Sir Matthew Gossett. ♦ INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC 'It seems that the serious and very prevalent epidemic of influenza, from which we have been suffering in Dedham, has gained a larger notoriety than perhaps some of us care about, and a report of it has found its way into some of the London papers.'











Postcard scenes looking West down the High Street, Dedham, from the Muniment Library archives.

This magazine can be read in colour at www.dedham-parishchurch.org.uk