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St. Mildred's Church Newsletter



accept ROMANS 15:7
one another
just as Christ
accepted you
in order to
bring praise
to GOD



The call of God on our lives at St. Mildred's is to make and equip disciples of Jesus Christ locally and globally in the power of the Holy Spirit.

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Articles should be received by Wednesday 23 February for the March issue, which will be published on Sunday 6 March 2011.

I want to encourage you to put some dates in your diary for the 2011 Lent Course. That's why I'm writing about it in this issue of the newsletter, although Lent does not begin till March 9th – Ash Wednesday.

On alternate Wednesday during Lent, we will be looking together at the subject of "Thirsting after God."

What's being a Christian like for you?

You may be finding that prayer is good and that it always works. You may be getting to know God more, living more like Christ, and experiencing his power in your life. You may be sharing this good news with others; you may experience his presence with you moment by moment, with the assurance that God loves you now and always.

You may be finding that faith is tough, that prayer is a dull monotonous exercise, and that the Bible is more like a phone directory than an exciting, living book. You may feel that living as a Christian seems a mockery because you are irritable at work and home, impatient with those closest to you, and dishonest with yourself and others, because of misplaced ambition, pride, envy, and jealousy. In fact, you'd say that things really aren't going well at all for you as a Christian.

On Wednesdays March 16th, March 30th and April 13th we will be taking a very straightforward, honest look at the whole subject and searching together to find answers to the whole state of spiritual dryness – something that Christians have suffered from for hundreds of years, along with the people of the Old Testament – especially the Psalmists. One example is Psalm 143, one of the psalms of David: *LORD, hear my prayer, listen to my cry for mercy ... I spread out my hands to you; I thirst for you like a parched land.*(Ps 143:1,6)

On each of these Wednesdays, there will be two identical sessions – at 11.00am and 8.00pm – and

there will not be a 9.30am Holy Communion service on these days. Each sessions will consist of an introductory talk followed by a time of quiet, when we can work through some of these things on our own.

On Sundays during Lent, we will be looking at some of the Psalms of Ascents – Psalm 120-134, which tradition holds were the Psalms sung by the Jewish people as they came up to Jerusalem for the Passover. We will be looking at the way Jesus may well have prayed these psalms in the last week of his life, telling the story of some of those days, and seeing how these psalms fit like a hand in a glove into the story of this week. Details of these Sundays are on another page in this issue of the newsletter.

One of the introductions to Lent repays careful thought:

“Brothers and sisters in Christ: since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time, of our Lord's passion and resurrection. It became the custom of the Church to prepare for this by a season of penitence and fasting [so that] by a careful keeping of these days, all Christians might take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.”

The introduction continues by inviting us *“to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy Word.”*

We are called to follow close after Christ in the way of the cross. The challenge is quite simple – to use the days of Lent so that we might grow in our faith and commitment.

BAPTISM

The summer breeze, made ripples on the pond
Rattled through the reeds
and the willow trees beyond
Daddy in his good hat,
mama in her Sunday dress
Watched with pride, as I stood there
in the water up to my chest
And the preacher spoke about
the cleansing blood
I sank my toes into that East Tennessee mud

And it was down with the old man,
up with the new
Raised to walk in the way of light and truth
I didn't see no angels,
just a few saints on the shore
But I felt like a new born baby,
cradled up in the arms of the Lord

Amazing grace, oh how sweet the sound
There was glory in the air,
there was dinner on the ground
And my sins which were many,
were washed away and gone
Along with a buffalo nickel
I forgot to leave at home
But that seemed like such
a small, small price to pay
For the blessed peace of mind
that came to me that day

This road is long and dusty,
sometimes the soul must be cleansed
And I long to feel that water,
rushin' over me again

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Lyrics of song by Kenny Chesney

NOTICES

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

When:
Friday 4 March

Where:
St Augustine's Church,
Grove Park

Time:
2.00pm

Speaker:
Kay Nicholls

FAMILY NEWS

David and Sue Wright's
new phone number is
01926 811874

Warmest congratulations to
Sarah Beckford
and
Mike Chung
on their engagement.
To each other.

"L'amour, l'amour,
toujours l'amour!"



Congratulations to **Paul Nicolson** who becomes 60 years old on 30 January 2011. The Newsletter salutes him hugely, for apart from his obvious virtues he performs the intricate task of putting the Newsletter Diary pages together, which he does faithfully every single issue with his customary aplomb.

Cheers, Paul!

HORIZON GROUP

**The Horizon Group next
meets on**

**Friday 11 February
from 10.30 - 12.30**

**For more fun with games
of Scrabble, Dominoes
etc.**

**Invite along
a friend,
a neighbour,
a relative.
Or all three!**

NOTICES

Lent Course 2011

There will be two strands running through Lent.

- ① The first, on Sunday mornings, will look at the Psalms of Ascents in the context of the last week of Jesus' life in Jerusalem.
- ② The second strand will run on three Wednesdays and will explore the subject of "Thirsting after God."

Homegroups can pick up either strand and run with it during homegroup weeks

Sundays mornings at 10am

March 20th: Psalm 120

March 27th: Psalm 121

April 3rd: Psalm 131

(April 10th: Parade Service)

April 17th (Palm Sunday): Psalm 130

Wednesdays at 11am and 8pm (*identical sessions*)

March 16th: Thirsting for God 1

Week beginning March 20th: Homegroups meet as usual

March 30th: Thirsting for God 2

Week beginning April 3rd: Homegroups meet as usual

April 13th: Thirsting for God 3

Week beginning April 17th: Homegroups meet (Holy Week)

N.B. There are no homegroups in the week beginning May 1st
as the AGM is being held on Wednesday May 4th.
Homegroups meet again in the week beginning May 8th.

Journey of Faith - Chris and Jo Beckford

Jo was born in December 1979 in Tiverton, Devon and whilst Chris was born at the other end of the country almost in Bury, Lancashire in February 1983. Jo has two brothers, Tim, who with his wife and dog live in Edinburgh and Matthew known as Matt whom we all know as he is very active in St Mildred's. Chris has one sister, Sarah, who we also know at St Mildred's.

Jo went to a number of schools, beginning with Yorkshire, then Glasgow, then Birkenhead on the Wirral and finally to Edinburgh University to study environmental chemistry. Chris was educated in Bury then went on to Salford University studying computer and video game development.

Both Chris and Jo were brought up with their Christian families. Chris went to church twice every Sunday but no Sunday school. He found it pretty boring whilst Jo enjoyed Sunday school, especially in Glasgow when it was revamped and called *Powerhouse*.

Chris didn't take much interest in God or church until he came to London to live in 2007. He had kept attending church until he was 14 but certainly didn't enjoy it. He stopped going, considering it a chore and certainly not the way he wanted to spend his valuable weekends. The often used to walk to church and home again. This took one hour each way.

When he arrived in London he met Jo's brother Matt who invited him to the new 20s and 30s social gatherings. This was where he met Jo. He started to come to St Mildred's after this and found it challenging and much

more interesting than his past experiences. Whilst listening to one sermon a prayer was put on the AV screen and people were asked to pray it out loud, which Chris did, asking Jesus to be a part of his life and putting himself into God's hands. Chris became a Christian. Praise the Lord!

Jo has always gone to church and remembers asking her Mum to pray with her at the age of seven to ask Jesus into her life. She says it has not always been an easy road but the annual Scripture Union camps from the age of 11 were a highlight and a great boost to her faith as she was growing up.



She had experienced time when she found things really hard going and tried to get on with her life without God but God kept hold of Jo and didn't let her go. She stated coming to St Mildred's after moving back in with her parents from Canterbury in 2007. At that time there were very few

people of her age in the fellowship but despite this she found it a very friendly church, full of caring and loving people.

She remembers meeting Kelly, now Matt's wife, at the church AGM on Valentine's Day in 2008 and both joking about being single and having no where else to go to on Valentine's Day. As Jo says, little did they know that they would eventually be sister-in-laws! They soon became good friends and the 20s and 30s group that started with a few members soon grew to be the group it is today.

Jo was christened as a baby and confirmed at the age of 13 but now she wanted to make a public declaration of her faith in the Lord Jesus so in August 2008 she renewed her vows and went through the waters of believer's baptism. Chris took the step of being baptised by immersion in September 2009. They met at the 20s and 30s group where it was love at first sight for Chris but it took Jo a little longer to fall in love. Chris proposed at the first 20s and 30s weekend away in November 2008 and they married on 31 July 2009 at St Mildred's. It was an amazing day with all their families and friends.

Soon after the wedding Chris got made redundant but both kept their trust in God and he found his ideal job in computer game development in Guildford in Surrey which means a long commute each day. The thought about moving to Guildford but couldn't face leaving their families. Jo works from home on her own business *Created From Scratch* making and selling hand-crafted cards and wedding stationery. She also is much involved organising events for the 20s and 30s group and other church events like the annual Snow Ball which we enjoy so much.

Thank you Jo and Chris for all your input into the life of our fellowship.

Doris Parker

EZGtoons.com by Erin Gillespie



Church reaches out to community with new multi-purpose building

A church in west Belfast is hoping its new multi-purpose building will help it to reach out to the community and welcome newcomers into its fold. The dedication on Monday of the new building at St Columba's in Whiterock marked the start of a new era of Church of Ireland ministry in that part of the city.

The old church building is relatively new, built in 1962, but when the congregation decided it was time to rebuild, they entered into an innovative partnership with the Diocese of Connor, E&B Services and Prime Care.

The old building was demolished last year and part of the land it stood on was leased to the developer who in turn built the new multi-purpose church building. The result is a 64-bed nursing home built next to the brand new church, which includes a large hall for services and other activities, a cafe, toilets and a shower facility.

Priest-in-charge the Rev Dr Chris Easton said he hoped that St Columba's would be able to provide the community with additional resources and ministries in addition to those traditionally associated with the church. He said he wanted people to know that the church was part of the community and "not just somewhere to come on Sundays".

Parishioner Margaret Johnston was married in the old St Columba's. She welcomed the change: "The old church was beautiful with its stained glass windows and pews, but this new building is still a church, and it is one that will be more open to the community."

Seventy seven-year-old Eddie Stone, a parishioner since 1948, was optimistic about the impact of the change. "The new building is a great facility for residents and we are hopeful that it will increase the numbers in the church," he said

Source: Christian Today 18/1/11
<http://www.christiantoday.com/>

Diary ~ February 2011

| Day | Date | Event |
|------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday | 30-Jan | 10 am - Service of Baptism <i>Sheila Samuels, Lee Willis & Sarah Hudson-Davies on back of house</i> No evening service 6.30 pm - Nameless Group (Youth Bible Study) meets at 45 Rayford Avenue |
| Monday | 31-Jan | 9.30 am - Morning Prayer in church 7 pm - The Grid (11-16s youth Group) |
| Tuesday | 1-Feb | 8 pm - Leadership Support Team meets at the Vicarage |
| Wednesday | 2-Feb | 9.30 am - Midweek Communion 8 pm - Prayer meeting in church |
| Friday | 4-Feb | 6.30-8.30 pm - X-Stream Friday (7-11 year olds) |
| Sunday | 6-Feb | 10 am - Holy Communion <i>Margaret Gill, Iris Gibbs and Barbara Hawgood on back of house</i> 6.30 pm - Evening Worship 6.30 pm - Nameless Group (Youth Bible Study) |
| Monday | 7-Feb | 9.30 am - Morning Prayer in church 7 pm - Sofa Club (11-14s small group) |
| Tuesday | 8-Feb | Homegroups meet |
| Wednesday | 9-Feb | 9.30 am - Midweek Communion Homegroups meet |
| Thursday | 10-Feb | Homegroups meet |
| Friday | 11-Feb | 10,30 am - Horizon Group meets in church 6.30-8.30 pm - X-Stream Friday (7-11 year olds) |
| Sunday | 13-Feb | 10 am - Parade Service <i>Andrew's homegroup on back of house</i> 5 pm - Leadership Support Team meets for prayer in church 6.30 pm - Holy Communion 6.30 pm - Nameless Group (Youth Bible Study) |
| Monday | 14-Feb | 9.30 am - Morning Prayer in church 7 pm - The Grid (11-16s youth Group) |
| Wednesday | 16-Feb | 9.30 am - Midweek Communion 8 pm - Prayer meeting in church |

Diary ~ February 2011

| Day | Date | Event |
|------------------|--------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Friday | 18-Feb | 6.30-8.30 pm - X-Stream Friday (7-11 year olds) |
| Sunday | 20-Feb | 10 am - Holy Communion <i>Sarah Hudson-Davies, Chris Coutts & Jenny Phillips on back of house</i> 6.30 pm - Evening service led by young people |
| Monday | 21-Feb | 9.30 am - Morning Prayer in church 7 pm - Sofa Club Special - details to follow |
| Tuesday | 22-Feb | Homegroups meet |
| Wednesday | 23-Feb | 9.30 am - Midweek Communion Homegroups meet |
| Thursday | 24-Feb | 12.30 pm - 9 pm - Blood Transfusion Service in church Homegroups meet |
| Friday | 25-Feb | <i>No X-Stream Friday today</i> Nameless Group weekend away |
| Sunday | 27-Feb | 10 am - Morning Worship <i>Jane Green, Charlie Green & Alice Thomas on back of house</i> 6.30 pm - Evening Worship |
| Monday | 28-Feb | 9.30 am - Morning Prayer in church 7 pm - The Grid (11-16s youth Group) |
| Tuesday | 1-Mar | 8 pm - PCC meets in church |
| Wednesday | 2-Mar | 9.30 am - Midweek Communion 8 pm - Prayer meeting in church |
| Friday | 4-Mar | 6.30-8.30 pm - X-Stream Friday (7-11 year olds) |
| Sunday | 6-Mar | 10 am - Holy Communion <i>Viv Golding, Paul Nicolson & Jean Hems on back of house</i> 6.30 pm - Evening Worship 6.30 pm - Nameless Group (Youth Bible Study) |

Psalm 136

(by The Group with No Name)

Give thanks to God because He is the creator
His love endures forever

Give thanks to God, the Father of all
His love endures forever

Give thanks to the rock upon whom we can depend, always
His love endures forever

Give thanks to our loving Saviour who died in our place
His love endures forever

He provided us with new jobs in a time of uncertainty
His love endures forever

He got me through my masters
His love endures forever

He helped me show His love to my friends
His love endures forever

He strengthened my friendships
His love endures forever

He has kept my family well in 2010
His love endures forever

He helped me pass my exams
His love endures forever

He protected us when we stuck overseas
His love endures forever

He gave me places to call home
His love endures forever

He healed my uncle
His love endures forever

He helped me focus on studying
His love endures forever

He showed His love for me and my family
His love endures forever

He gave us an amazing holiday
His love endures forever

Give thanks to God, the beginning and end
His love endures forever

THE HORIZON GROUP: The first six months



JULY : QUIZ MORNING



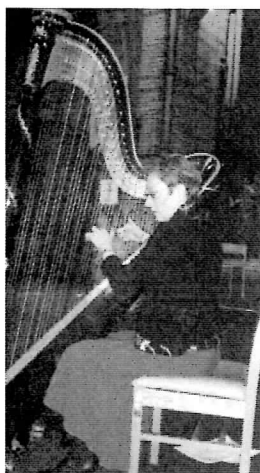
AUGUST: BOARD GAMES -
SCRABBLE®, DOMINOES



SEPTEMBER: MEMORIES OF
THE 1940S



OCTOBER: HENRY'S TALK ON THE
BRITISH LIBRARY



NOVEMBER: JANICE
PLAYS THE HARP

THE HORIZON GROUP

CELEBRATION

On 10 December the Horizon Group celebrated Christmas. Many people had been stuck indoors for days because of the bad weather so it was good to see the snow clearing away that particular morning and 21 members came along.

We were thrilled to have years 3 and 5 from Baring Primary school (around 60 children!) join us – with Lizzie – to sing carols. They also treated us to an early performance of their Christmas musical presentation, including some very impressive drumming. It was lovely to see their enthusiasm as the children sang of Jesus being their refuge and shelter.

When it was time for the children to leave Marion brought us a message, reminding us of the importance of putting Jesus at the centre of all our preparations. Then Iris and Jackie delighted us with their poems as Pat and Dot, kindly helped by Kickan, Alice and Janice brought put a lovely spread of food.

God had blessed us once again at the Horizon Group and I give thanks for all He has given us in the first six months. I look forward to seeking God's vision for the coming year ahead and I thank the team, Dot, Iris, Pat and Tola and everyone who has contributed to the Horizon Group so far.

Please keep us in your prayers.

Louise Wayman

AN HORIZON GROUP OUTING

On Saturday 15 December 2010 eighteen members of the Horizon Group, together with two of their granddaughters, went to the Bob Hope Theatre in Eltham to see *Sleeping Beauty*.

Although this was an amateur production the cast acted very professionally. Their enthusiasm was contagious and they encouraged the audience to participate throughout the show which was lively and funny and very enjoyable.

Sleeping Beauty was very pretty, the joker very funny and the wicked fairy stole the show with her lovely voice and beautiful costumes. There were two dragons, pyrotechnics, sing-alongs and even a cup of tea in the interval – what more could you wish for?

We all enjoyed ourselves very much. A good time was had by all.

OH NO IT WASN'T!

OH YES IT WAS!

Pat Hutchins

Talking to God



PRAYER BOARD

“CAST all your ANXIETY on Him because He CARES for you”

This verse above (1 Peter 5:7) encourages us to know how deep God’s love is for us, as well as how much he wants to bring all our concerns to him in prayer. These words can also be found above the new prayer board in church (which is situated on the inner wall between the entrance doors).

Everyone is invited to use the prayer board – at any time – by writing on one of the post-it notes the name of a person or situation on your heart for prayer and sticking the note on the board. You may prefer (for confidentiality) to give only the Christian name as God knows exactly who is on your heart. The person leading the prayers will include the prayer requests in the intercessions on Wednesday and usually Sunday services.

Louise Wayman

SUPPORT BY PRAYER

A while ago I saw a very long list of activities, run by the members of St Mildred’s Church. No names were listed but I know that many of our congregation are “multi tasking” by contributing to several activities, and they are impressively committed to each ministry, with much effort and also the sacrifice of their time.

These activities are evidently fruitful, and bless many people in our parish and beyond. I have no doubt that this in answer to some serious and sustained prayer, and such prayer is part of this ministry.

Prayer support for each area of ministry or activity is most focused when people share their personal knowledge of the blessings and challenges faced by the activity. If each activity group could occasionally be represented at Prayer Focus by a leader / helper other participants will have the privilege of hearing about the ministry, and sharing in the prayer work.

Since prayer also includes hearing from God, each representative should receive blessings and guidance to share with their activity group too. The activity should be blessed by answered prayer and by guidance towards ideas for the future. Hopefully other people will also hear of this ministry and then be guided by God to share the work, or guide others to receive this ministry.

For anyone else, please come and join the Prayer Focus activity group, regularly or once in a while.....or note down some needs from the new Prayer Board to pray for at home.

Prayer Focus meetings are on alternate Wednesday evenings at 8pm.

Chris Coutts

God and Money (Part 4)

James Hudson Taylor founded the China Inland Mission in 1865. Even as a child he knew that God was calling him overseas as a missionary, by his teens he was becoming certain that he was to go to China and so he began to prepare by getting Luke's Gospel in Mandarin and began to learn the language. He also realised that he was going to have to learn to trust God to supply all his needs in a far off place where the Gospel was not popular. He knew that he would have to have faith to believe that God would move the hand of man without his own human intervention or appeal.

Aged 19 he became apprenticed to a doctor (hoping that medical skills would prove useful in China). He rented a room in a very poor area of Hull, where he found himself giving away not just a tithe of his income (10%) but as much as 2/3, so great was the need around him. The doctor - a busy man - told him to remind him to pay him his quarterly salary when it was due, something which Hudson Taylor resolved NOT to do but to rely on the prayer of faith to motivate the doctor.

One day he was called by a very poor man to come and pray for his wife who was desperately ill after child-birth. In a single bare room was the wife (now very weak) with three other weeping,starving children. He tried to pray, but the needs of the whole family were so overwhelming that he couldn't. He had a half-crown coin in his pocket, the only money to his name in all the world. Half a crown (Two shillings and sixpence, twelve and a half pence) would probably have bought about £25 worth of goods today. He knew that he could not pray for God to act until he himself was prepared to act. Also he only had the one coin, he couldn't give part, it was going to be all or nothing! So after a battle he handed over the money and found that he gained freedom in prayer! Eventually this prayer was answered, the woman who seemed so near to death, pulled through - no doubt assisted by nourishment which the money was able to purchase as well as God's healing grace.

On his way home he reminded God that the book of Proverbs says that "He who gives to the poor, lends to the Lord" so he asked that the loan might be a short-term one! He had enough food for breakfast the next day, but as he finished eating it, the post-man delivered a packet containing no let-

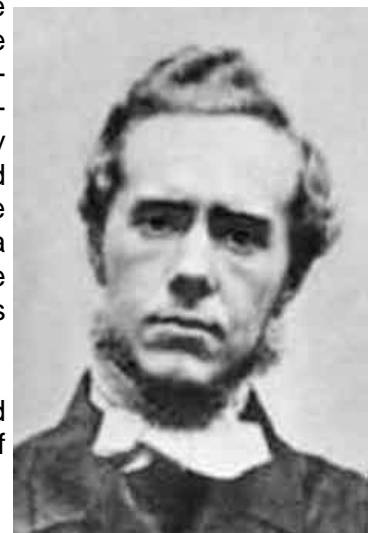
ter but a pair of kid-leather gloves and a half sovereign, (Ten shillings, or 50 pence), equivalent to about £100 today, or FOUR times the amount he had given away the night before - a very short - term loan indeed!

That money kept him going for another two weeks by which time his salary (AND his rent) was due. The Friday came and went, (he now had no money for food or for his land-lady.) Working on the Saturday, his employer said "I remember that I owe you your salary. I wish that you had reminded me because yesterday I deposited all my spare cash at the bank, and I cannot withdraw any until Monday". Later that day the doctor entered the room where Hudson Taylor was working chuckling to himself. "My wealthiest patient has just called in to pay his medical bill in cash. I don't know why he felt so distressed that he hadn't paid it earlier, he could have sent me a cheque at any time really, but now I can pay you in full Mr. Taylor!"

Who had reminded the doctor of the need to pay the salary? and who had disturbed the peace of mind of the wealthy patient until he had settled his account? Hudson Taylor learned his lessons young and he learned them well. In the 19th century there were many Missions working in Chinese coastal areas but none working in the vast inland areas.

When Hudson Taylor resigned from The Chinese Evangelisation Society in 1857, he realised that to appeal for funds to work inland would most likely draw funds away from the existing societies working around the coastal areas, so he resolved never to appeal for funds publicly, but simply to lay his needs before God and ask God to move the hands of man - a course of action he pursued until his death in 1905.

A lesson he learned in Hull at the age of 19.



15 Jottings on New(-ish) Religions

1. Earth-ism. Worship of the earth or Gaia or the planetary organism or something like that. Leading thinker Prof James Lovelock. Followers include some greens and most druids.
2. Celebrancy. Worship of the Celeb. Scriptures include *Hello!* and *OK!* Manifests itself in undue obsession with tiniest details of the life of the Celeb and copying of clothes and cosmetics etc. Spend most of time reading *Twitter* feeds and watching *UK Living*.
3. The Church of Showing-Off. (See most television programmes)
4. Militant Islam (in the 20th Century emerged out of ordinary, everyday and quite nice Islam)
5. Whinging Atheism. Proponents include Richard Dawkins who consider anybody who believes in anything is just 'stupid.' (Christians mainly.)
6. Climate Changelings. Adherents often talk of 'saving the world' or 'seeing the light' or 'converting' people. Approve of buying carbon credits to off-set sinful travel. (Not unlike papal indulgences from the Middle Ages)
7. Malthus-ism. Believe every new baby in the world is just a polluting machine, especially babies born in the developing world. Claim there are too many people on the earth. Don't like people.
8. Blame-mongerism. Have the fixed belief that every ill in the world since time began has been caused by 'religion.' (Christianity mainly)
9. Except-arians. Believe in freedom of speech and freedom of association and freedom of movement, except for people they don't agree with or dislike. (Good example being the opposition to The Pope's visit to the U.K in 2010.)
10. Animal-ites. Prefer animals (who are noble) to humans (who are worthless)
11. No-Offence-Mates. Believe that giving offence should be a crime. Nobody should be upset. Nobody criticised. Leads to children being reported to police for playground banter. (Though Christians are fair game apparently)
12. Foodism. Worship of food. Female deity called Nigella. (Has supplanted the previous deity Delia.)
13. Internetists. Believe the answers to everything can be found on the internet. (Mainly leads to disillusionment)
14. Me-ism. Worship of the self. Quite popular. Easy to join. Difficult to leave.
15. Marxism. The belief that the Marx Brothers made the funniest films ever. (Actually this is true)

Compiled by Henry Girling

OBSERVED

Observed in Marvel's Lane by a member of the congregation
a plumber's van with the licence plate
TAP 15 ON .

Who to Contact in St Mildred's

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