

Deaths

Ann Gibson
(1928 - 2008)

*Our prayers are with our
bereaved families.*

Dedication

Adam Christopher Devenney
and

Sarah Nicole Devenney

Jesus said:

"Suffer the little children
to come unto me.

Holy Week

The Holy Week services convened by Mission Carrick group of churches will be held from Monday 17th March to Friday 21st prior to the Easter Weekend. The services will be held in the **Methodist Church**.

Our special preacher will be **Gordon Fyles** and Communion will be held on Thursday evening.

At Christchurch our midweek services will be closed to allow all our members and friends to attend the Mission.

Please make every effort to come to this great spiritual feast and enjoy fellowship together. I look forward to seeing you there.

Angel Quote "...Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. **He is not here: for he is risen**, as he said. Come see the place where the Lord lay.

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Brazilian Visitors

We were delighted to have a special visit of Stephen Hazlett, son of Joyce Hazlett, missionary to Nigeria who was accompanied by his wife Genita, son Kevin and daughter Kelly.

Stephen addressed us on Christmas morning and Genita sang to us accompanied by the organ played by sister Jean Wallace. A special prayer was said for them prior to their departure.

Stewardship

Church Offering Envelopes have been issued for 2008. If you have not received yours or if you would like to be included in the scheme please see Jonathan. Thank you for your support.

The Destroyer

What is it?

Answer: Whiskey, Vodka, Beer, Wine,
Gin, Rum, Home Brew.

You name it they will all do the same
thing - Destroy you!

Was that me?

I woke up from a drunken sleep, my wife
was lying across the room not far from
me, her face was beaten to pulp, black
eyes, busted nose, split lips.

Her beauty turned to horror. I said to her
trembling. Was that me?

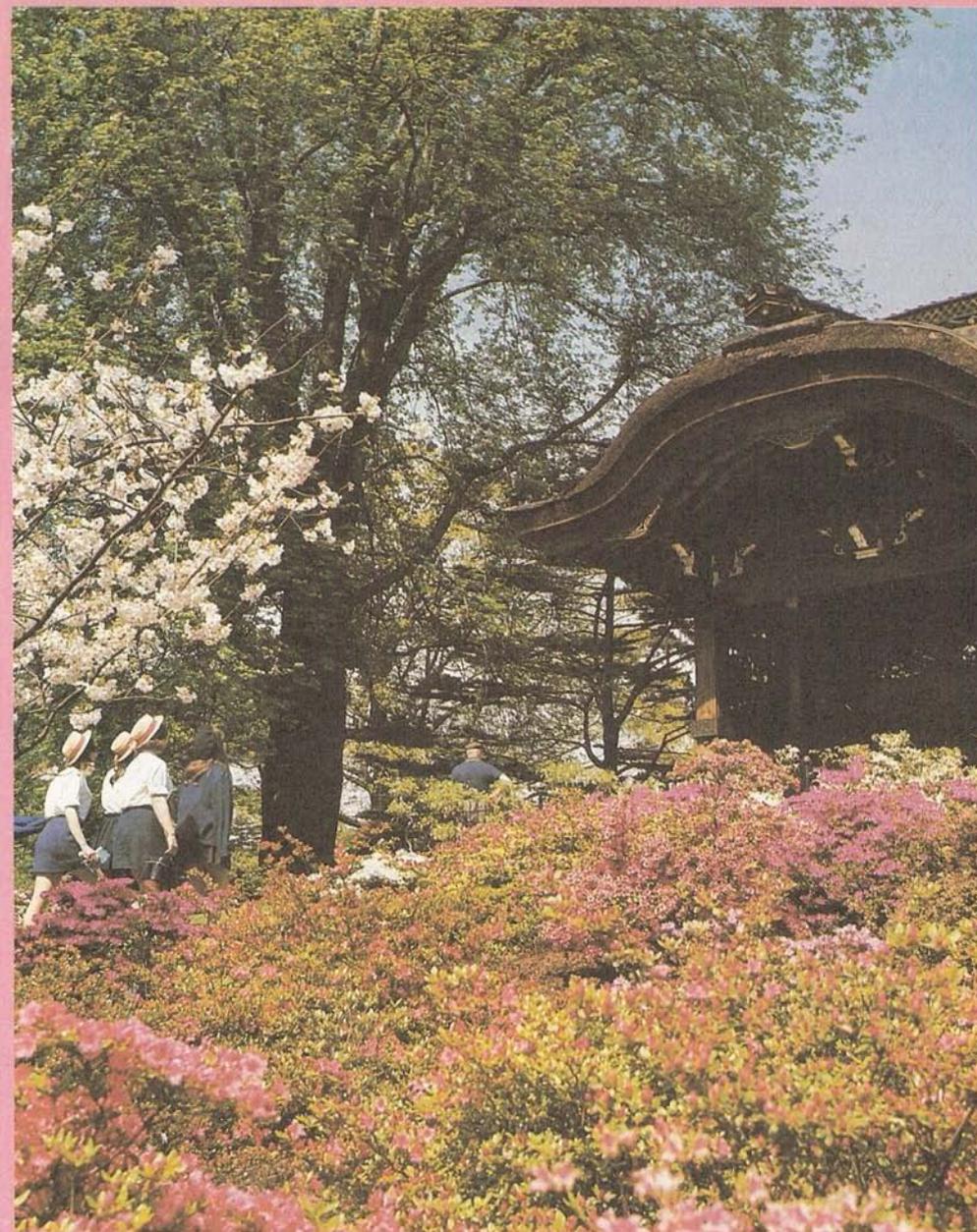
My heart broke when she replied, yes,
John that was you.

Is that you?

Dear friend alcohol is a destroyer. Stop it
right now before it is too late. Try Jesus
Christ He is the life giver.

-Pastor Laurence Edgar.

If you need more information on this
subject why not ask for Pastor
Laurence's free tract "Two Demons from
Hell."



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Henry Joseph

Congratulation to Dr Henry Joseph, our friend and beloved brother from Maranatha Full Gospel Association, Chennai, India, who has completed 60 years of service for God in India.

God's Promise

"For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."

Hab 2:14

**"Not for fame or worldly pleasure
Not for fame my prayer shall be
Gladly will I toil and suffer
Only let me walk with Thee."
Author unknown**

Bible Study

Pastor has recently been teaching on the prophet Haggai which is a small book of about two pages or two chapters in the Old Testament. Haggai has something very relevant to say to the church today. The Bible study examined the text, the message and the background. During March, Pastor Laurence Edgar is returning to minister and we are looking forward to his visit. These Bible Studies are designed to strengthen the believer and to educate us in the things of God. Every believer needs to be taught if they are to grow in God. We are encouraging our congregation to take an interest in their church during the week both in Prayer and Bible Study. Those who do, enjoy fellowship with one another, grow and bond together as Christian brothers and sisters and keep the church open as a lighthouse in a dark and needy community.

Our Strength is in God

I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. the Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds feet and he will make me to walk upon mine high places." Hab 3:18-19

A Bassa Heart

The new book "A Bassa Heart" which tells of the work of Robert and Joyce Hyslop, written by authors Gbile Akanni and Noel Davidson, is now on release. We are taking orders for it at the church. Cost is £5.00. If you would like to have a copy please see Jonathan or Pastor.

The work of Joyce and Robert Hyslop was a work of devotion, sacrifice and commitment which brought to birth churches in 40 different places. Anyone interested in missions should read this encouraging account. The funds from the book will be used for the work on the Nigerian mission field. Your prayers are asked for the continuing work of Bassa Christian Fellowship in Nigeria.

Bob Mulholland

It is with deep regret that we report the death of our very dear friend Bob Mulholland. Bob was our local Funeral Director for over thirty years and diligently served our community for that period. He served the people of Christchurch well, attending every funeral service and sympathising with our people during their times of bereavement. A very high tribute was paid to him at his funeral service when the ministers from the Borough were in attendance. Our prayers are with his family.



New Website launched

The Christchurch website which was first launched in 1997 has been updated. We believe our visitors will appreciate the new appearance and ease of location of various pages for their information. Thanks to

Jonathan our Minister of Arts and Communication for all his hard-work, energy and drive, to make this possible. It has involved a lot of work and time behind the scenes to make the updated site possible. The site contains lots of photographs and information about our church from times of services, to what we believe and all our activities. There is a page about our Pastor's background and the development of the work here in Carrickfergus. In its outlook it is pastoral, evangelical and mission minded.

You may also take Dr Sam to work with you in your pocket! You simply download his podcast sermons onto your ipod or MP3 player and listen to him on the bus/train or plane. His sermons can be downloaded anywhere in the world by simply clicking on to our site. This is good news for our evangelistic outreach. Our statistics show many visitors from various parts of the globe but one very interesting one shows an Island called **Vanuatu** which lies south of the Solomon Islands in the Pacific Ocean.

We wish our visitors every blessing and trust that believers will be edified by their visit and that many people will come to saving knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Thank you Jonathan for making all this possible on our behalf. Below is your first glimpse of our new website. Why not tell your friends to visit us at www.christchurch.uk.com

Christchurch Carrickfergus

Welcomes you..

2008



If you are planning to come and live within our Borough please do contact us and you will receive a warm welcome from the Minister and members at Christchurch.

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from the pastor's desk...



Dr Sam Grant

Readers, who follow our progress through this newsletter, will have noticed the number of projects carried out here in Carrickfergus and on the foreign mission field by this congregation. Last issue we reported our new village church in Bassaland, Nigeria. In this issue we report the rising up of the new Bible College Building in Tamil Nadu, India. And the work continues on and on.

We are constantly offering thanks to God for our prayer partners who meet at least three times a week to bear our work up before the Lord. Unquestionably, the hand of God has been with us and we give Him our thanks and praise. And the end is not yet. Praise the Lord!

As I consider the personal circumstances of the people at Christchurch, I am further led to thank God for what they have done and are doing. You have never lost the great vision which God gave to you so many years ago and I know, like one of old, that you are going to be blessed more at our latter end than at your beginning. Job 42:12

The mission of the church of Jesus Christ is firstly to Jerusalem which for us is our home base. Then it is to Samaria, a little further afield, and lastly to the four corners of the earth. In all of this we shall push to do more and more remembering the one who has sent us. Our task is great but it is the task of Jesus Christ our Lord and Master.

Our task is his great commission to "Go into all the world and preach the gospel." We are going in our newsletter which is available locally at the church. It is also available as an eZine by registering on our website. It is also available to the whole world through our new internet website which is completely updated with new photographs and layout. And people are reading it from the four corners of the world. Our Village Church project mainly in India is our pride and joy as we see so many village churches being enjoyed by people who could never afford their own building. It is also reflected in the love being shown in the orphanages in India and in the Helping Hands Ministry in the Phillipines.

Yes, we have something to thank God for. God is moving in our lives. Our vision is big but so is our God! Your help is much appreciated and with your continued support who knows what doors our God will open to us to further serve Him.

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Ground Improvement

Thanks to Robbie Cowie who has put much hard work into improving our shrubbery by killing weeds and topping the soil with bark chippings. Our grounds improve year by year and all this work enhances the beauty of the site.

Christmas Cards

Thanks to Nicola Porter who made beautiful Xmas Cards over the holiday period and raised £120 for our church funds. Nicola also has a collection of her beautiful hand made cards for sickness, birthdays, etc. If you would like to purchase any of these please see Nicola.

THE DESTROYER

*It puts more people in prison
It puts more people in hospital
It gets you into more trouble
It causes more accidents
I wrecks more marriages
Destroys more homes and businesses
Fills you full of depression
Steals your children and friends
Removes all your possessions
Robs you of your good life
Drives you completely mad
Eventually kills you.
What is it?
see back page.*

Sickness

In the early part of this year our church experienced a lot of sickness. We are however thankful to the Lord that it now seems to be subsiding. We hold on to the truth "I am the Lord that healeth thee." And we thank God for what he has done.

Tommy and Carol

Tommy and Carol Beattie have been singing to us for a few years and we have enjoyed their ministry. They have blessed us. Carol has been in hospital but is recovering well and we are delighted to have her back at Christchurch

Dedication of Gifts

A beautiful gift of a Nativity Scene has been presented to the church by Alan Robinson. Pastor thanked Alan and dedicated the gift which was greatly appreciated by the church.

Wedding Brochure

A new Wedding Brochure "arranging your wedding at Christchurch" is now available. It details lots of favourite Wedding Hymns and suitable Bible Reading also a page "Things you need to do" covering the ceremony; the legalities, copyright issues, confetti and Alcohol etc.

David Wilson

has been ministering to us on the subject of "The Physical man". He said that the physical man was least ministered about, yet it was the physical man who could rap doors, give out tracts, work etc. We were encouraged not to neglect him by eating the wrong things and not taking proper exercise.

David also looks after our Powerhouse Prayer Services on Sunday morning at 10.30 am and at 6.00 pm.



Catering

Our appreciation to our ladies catering group who have provided teas at receptions for the various functions ranging from parties to funerals over the past number of months. Pastor Marie is grateful especially to those who have relieved her of much of the responsibility for this work. This is a real ministry within the church and we know a cup of tea is always appreciated both in happy and in sadder times. God bless you all for your efforts.

Baby Dedication

Stephen and Janice Devenney presented their children Sarah Nicole and Adam Christopher for dedication in February. A happy and uplifting service was attended by a large number of friends and relatives.



Ann Gibson

The funeral of Sister Ann Gibson took place at Christchurch on Friday 22nd February. Ann was a member of this congregation for the past 32 years and she served the Lord well beside her late husband Albert who was a faithful deacon at this church. Ann was a wise lady who brought her children to God's House regularly. She was faithful in her attendance, generous in her giving and a firm supporter when our new church was being built. Our deepest sympathy to her sons and daughters and to her entire family.

Thank You

Pastor and Marie wish to thank the church members for their kindness to them over the Christmas period.

Donations

Thanks to all who donated to the Christmas Appeal by sending a card to the church which was read out at our Carol Service accompanied by an audio-visual presentation. The cards were accompanied with a Gift for our Christmas Appeal which amounted to £600. Well done.

Eastern Europe

Special Guests have been with us from Eastern Europe. They are Pastor Richard and Sara Michalski who are currently living in USA and who now operate a ministry to former Soviet Union countries. They are the friends of Pastor Sam Moreland of the Malvern Assembly.

India

We are delighted to report that our new church at Valliore in South India was dedicated at the end of January. We hope to bring you a picture soon.

After Church?

"If after church, you wait awhile
Someone may greet you with a smile.

But if you quickly rise and flee,
We'll all seem cold and stiff maybe.
The one beside you in the pews,
Is, perhaps, a stranger too.

All here, like you, have fears and cares,

All of us need each others prayers.

In fellowship we bid you meet
With us around God's Mercy Seat."
author unknown

New Bible College for South India

As we go to press we have just received a progress report from India of the work being done on the Nanguneri Ladies Bible College which is being completed under the Maranatha/Christchurch Partnership. Pastor **Alex Joseph**, the President of the Bible Colleges writes "*Thank you for your prayers, love and support. We do pray everyday for your family and church and whatever you do. We have already sent some pictures and details regarding construction work at Nanguneri Bible College. Now I am sending some more details along with pictures about what we have done there. At present, 75% of the work has been finished. Doors, windows, shutters, wiring and painting work is still to be done, which may take two or three weeks. As soon as work is finished we will send you full report and pictures. Please pray for us and our work.....*"

Pastor Alex Joseph is the President of the four Bible Colleges under Maranatha. The Principal of Nanguneri College is Pastor Joseph Paul who is also the pastor of a large church next to the College. The funds for this work have been raised by Bro Don Bowyer which we greatly appreciate and we look forward to the opening of the new building

To the Glory of God
This newsletter is dedicated to the memory of
Thomas Ludlow Nicholl (1948-1996)
Always remembered by his loving wife Eileen: his children, grandchildren and entire family circle.



Nanguneri Bible College foundations



The Nanguneri Ladies Bible College in course of erection (Feb 2008)