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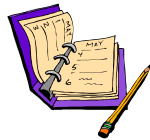
JANUARY 2007



BIG THANKS from the Editor.

No... big is not the word I really want to use. Huge, extensive, substantial maybe; heartfelt definitely; thanks to all who helped make the Christmas celebrations at St Leonard's such a wonderful time. I would particularly like to thank all who helped to distribute OUTLOOK magazine and the alpha course leaflets to every home in Pitcorthie despite the dreadful weather—rain, wind and at one point snow and hailstones! Was it worthwhile? Well, I think the answer is YES. I was speaking to someone at the candle-light service who was there because she saw the notice in the OUTLOOK. If you have any stories like that, I would love to hear them. In the meantime, Happy New Year

Looking ahead...



... to Communion

We celebrate Communion on
February 4th at 11:00 at Pitcorthie
March 4th at 09:30 at St. Leonard's
April 1st at 11:00 at St Leonard's.

... to a Youth Parade

on Sunday March 25th. You may also want to know that this is the first Sunday of British Summer Time—so remember to change your clocks before going to bed on Saturday night!!!

... to Mother's Day

which is on Sunday 18th March. Remember to buy those flowers...

... to Easter

Just in case you have not yet checked your diaries, April 8th is Easter Sunday this year.

That means that

Shrove Tuesday is on 20th Feb
Ash Wednesday is on 21st Feb
Palm Sunday is on 1st April
Good Friday is on 6th April

Watch out for full details of our Easter services in next month's newsletter.

... to the Holiday Club!

I know that it seems like a long way off, but the holiday club runs from 8th July—15th July this year. Please start to pray for the club now.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The Social Group have a number of events in the planning for the start of the year such as Ten pin bowling in February; a visit to the Aviation Museum in early spring and a trip to the Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh. Watch out for details.

BIBLE IN A YEAR—Alison Cook

Reading the whole bible? It seems like a tall order. I don't know about you, but I have tried to read the entire Bible several times now and never quite achieved it. When you try to read whole books at the one time, you tend to switch off, but the way this plan is set out together with the information about the Books of the Bible puts things in perspective for me. It is just enough to take in and the passage really has impact. I would thoroughly recommend it to anyone who has not yet started to Read their Bible this year.

Thank you for this special gift.

(If you are interested in sharing what the passages have meant to you, or have questions about some of the readings, it would be good to encourage one another - we could meet during the soup lunch at the end of each month. Perhaps a dedicated table could be used for this purpose)

Footnote

Mahatma Gandhi, as you know, walked barefoot most of the time, which produced an impressive set of calluses on his feet. He also ate very little which made him rather frail and with his odd diet, he probably suffered from bad breath. This made him.....

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Services in January

7th Jan : Epiphany 1 : Living Waters

9.30 St Leonard's

11:00 St Leonard's (Communion)

11:00 Pitcorthie



Scripture for that Sunday

Isaiah 43: 1-7

Psalms 29

Acts 8: 14-17

Luke 3: 15-17, 22-22

14th Jan : Epiphany 2 : Revealing Love

9.30 St Leonard's

11:00 St Leonard's

11:00 Pitcorthie

Isaiah 62: 1-5

Psalms 36: 5-10

1 Corinthians 12: 1-11

John 2: 1-11

21st Jan : Epiphany 3 : Better Together

9.30 St Leonard's

11:00 St Leonard's

11:00 Pitcorthie

Nehemiah 8: 1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Psalms 19

1 Corinthians 12: 12-31a

Luke 4: 14-21

28th Jan : Epiphany 4 : Living Love

9.30 St Leonard's

11:00 St Leonard's (Family Service)

NO service in Pitcorthie

SOUP LUNCH after 11:00 service

Jeremiah 1: 4-10

Psalms 71: 1-6

1 Corinthians 13: 1-13

Luke 4: 21-30

Inside Out

A new group is starting up to make it easier for people to get together to look at scripture in a structured way and discuss informally what it means to us in our every day lives. This is not a traditional Bible study, but if you feel that you need a bit more of what happens inside church, in the outside world, then this may be for you.

Groups such as this can help us grow in faith with all the benefits this will bring in each of our lives. This group will run monthly up to summer, although we could meet more frequently by agreement e.g. during Lent. The meeting will last no longer than 1hr 30mins (including coffee and chocolate!)



Details:

When: First meeting Wed 24th Jan (7.30- 9.00pm)

Where: Committee Room in Church

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Wait for it.....A super-callused fragile mystic, hexed with halitosis

KIDS IN CHURCH

A Sunday school teacher asked her class, "What was Jesus' mother's name?" One wee girl answered "Mary". "Well done, Agnes" said the teacher. "Now, who knows what Jesus' father was called?" Young Wullie called out "Miss, it was Verge". Confused, the teacher asked Wullie where he heard that from. Wullie answered "Well Miss, at Christmas they are always talking about Verge 'n' Mary."

GRAVY?

When I was at school, I sang in the senior choir (I could sing back then). We were practicing for a Christmas concert we were giving in St. John's Kirk in the centre of Perth. One of the songs we were performing was "The Angel Gabriel from Heaven came" - the same one that our choir sang at the candle-light service. Things were not going too well. Our diction was at fault apparently. In order to correct the problem, our choir master instructed us to sing not "Most highly favoured lady" but "most highly flavoured gravy" instead. It seemed to do the trick!

Where are they now?

Ever wondered where some of our old St. Leonard's chums have moved away to or what they are up to now?

We plan to run an occasional series of articles where we get in touch with some of our old friends and report back on where they are and how they are getting on. If you would like us to contact someone in particular, let me know and I'll see what I can do.

Barry