

From the Vicarage

Dear Friends,

'Come as you are' – Back to Church Sunday 27th September 2009

As you will gather from Sally Taylor's article (page 11), since it first began five years ago, the Back to Church Sunday initiative has really 'taken off'. Last year was the first time the Priory took part – as one of the pilot churches in this Diocese – and now this year all Anglican Churches in Worcester Diocese (as well as other Christian denominations) are being encouraged to do so. Many churches in the Malvern area, including the Priory, will therefore be supporting this year's Back to Church Sunday on 27th September.

'Come as you are'. That's the welcoming message this year's Back to Church Sunday (BTCS) seeks to share as widely as possible. 'Come as you are'. It's surely a message everyone needs to hear, however regular or irregular a churchgoer we happen to be at present. The message 'come as you are' reminds us that being connected to a local part of the worldwide Body of Christ is not about having to put on our 'Sunday best', whether in terms of the clothes we wear, or of the respectable outward appearance we might seek to convey. Nor is it about feeling guilty that we haven't been as regular a churchgoer, or as good a Christian, as we might wish. Rather it is about coming as we really are, in what – for each of us – is a unique mixture of glorious and grubby humanity.

But why support Back to Church Sunday, you might be wondering? Why take part in what the cynic in us might say is a bit of a sales gimmick. Why should you and I invite a friend or neighbour (or member of our family) to come along with us to the Priory, or whatever church we belong to? Why bother with Back to Church Sunday?

Here are two reasons:

First, because encouraging people to come to church - and welcoming them when they do - is good for the Church. It helps to build up the Body of Christ, which is strengthened and enriched by the presence and participation of more and more people of all ages and backgrounds.

Second, because coming to church is also good for the individual. In this increasingly secular society, you and I need the help and encouragement of one another more than ever, if we are to follow the Way of Jesus Christ, and journey together as His pilgrim people.

So please pray for this year's Back to Church Sunday. And please pray specifically for someone you know, who might welcome a friendly invitation to join you in church on Sunday 27th. They may come to thank God for it, and for you!

Yours in Christ,

John Barr, Vicar

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Plans for our 925th celebrations next year at the Priory are taking shape. Five eminent scientists are lined up to talk about their science and their faith. The Rev'd Dr John Polkinghorne will include a special session for 6th Formers - all schools welcome. This will be a unique opportunity to hear outstanding speakers, and to ask those awkward questions that have troubled you. A leaflet available in the Priory gives details of this exciting week.

Rob Swinton is fired up with ideas for the Son et Lumiere, and is busy writing – the story of faith in Malvern – told with music, drama and light. The beauty of our Priory church will be highlighted in what promises to be a stunning performance. This, like the Science and Faith week, will be a unique occasion, not to be missed.

Have you booked yet for the special weekend away at Lee Abbey? We have booked the whole conference centre, and it promises to be a wonderful weekend in that beautiful place. Booking forms can be obtained from David and Rosemary (01684 833239).

Here are some important dates to note for **next year – 2010**. There will be others too – speakers, preachers, recitals etc. More details to come.

April 19th – 27th	A Celebration of Science and Faith
June 12th	Malvern Festival Chorus
June 21st – 25th	Lifepath
July 2nd – 4th	Lee Abbey Weekend
July 21st	Welsh National Youth Choir
Oct 16th	Messiah
Nov 1st – 13th	Son et Lumiere

David Webster

Priory People

We warmly welcome Sue and Paul Sheppard of Macaulay Rise, Kirsty and Mark Johnson and family of Whitethorn Grove, Tony Knight, Maria Plunkett and family of Wedderburn Road, Jennie Taylor of Albert Road South, Tracey, Glyn and Nell Olden of Graham Road and Robert and Chris Pearce of Graham Road who have recently started attending the Priory.

Clarification

Stalls, North And South

I have been asked to clarify the origins of the Priory Bookstall.

Soon after my arrival I encouraged Mary Dixey, who has sadly just died, to establish a small bookstall in the South Aisle (which was otherwise filled tight with chairs), to serve the needs of the congregation. Mary did this successfully by arrangement with the bookshop at the top of the Churchyard.

Subsequently, at my request and Mary's relief, Clare Dewing established a much larger enterprise in the North Aisle, which was again chairful. This had a wider purpose and raised large sums each year comparable with the Diocesan quota! It was the only source of Christian literature in Malvern. It sold other items too, as it does today under the management of Ean Kinmont.

I am sure we are grateful to all who have provided this essential service, and to those who continue to do so

Bill Richards.

The Friends Of Malvern Priory

The following names have been added to the Book Of Remembrance

Joy Walton

Phyllis Castle

Diana Garner

Anne Sharpe

Pauline Tadman

Mary Davis

Monica Whatley

Iris Fletcher

Mary Dixey

Alpha

Everyone has heard of the Alpha Course. You see posters and banners and bus adverts about it. Currently 7,000 Alpha courses are running in Britain, and 30,000 worldwide. It is supported by every major Christian denomination. It has become a household name. So what is it all about? Alpha is simply an opportunity to explore, in a non-threatening, non-embarrassing, non-judgmental way what Christianity is all about. It is an opportunity to ask and discuss those questions that have been lingering at the back of your mind. Nobody is made to feel foolish or ignorant. Nobody (certainly not the leaders) has all the answers. It is an exploration, a journey. It is appropriate for those with faith, but who want to go a bit deeper, and think it through more. It is appropriate for those with no faith, who are simply curious as to what this Christian thing is all about. It is appropriate for those who are seeking truth and meaning to life.

SO ... we shall be running an Alpha course in the Priory this autumn. It will start on Wednesday October 14th, in the Lyttelton Rooms, at 7 p.m., and then every Wednesday evening for the following 10 weeks (until Dec 16th). Each evening will begin with a hot meal – so no need to bother about what's for supper. There is video material and discussion time. Every major aspect of the Christian faith is covered. Part way through the course is an away-day. There is no charge for any of this. Could you ask for more?!

So why not join us? If interested please have a word with David Webster or Chris Oliver.

From Olga

Dear Dorothy, Jim, host families and everybody who was with us during the month,

On behalf of the children, children's parents and myself I want to say thank you very much indeed for everything you've done for us. The children had a great time! They came home happy and much healthier. They tell their parents about the happy time with their host families, about their trips to Sea Life, Outdoor Centre, Safari Park, Lifepath and so on. They tell how kind and nice your people are!

All of us are very grateful to all of you and wish you, and all your families, health, happiness and all the best.

*Trip to SeaLife in Birmingham: Nastya, Anya,
Tanya, Valya, Vika, Katya, Yura, Vasya, Sasha, Denis,
Jim Knights, Ingrid Chestnutt, Olga and Margaret Stowe*
We love you and we'll miss you!

Olga Trukhonovets + all the children and their parents

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Back to Church Sunday

'Back to Church Sunday' began in Manchester in 2004, spread to Wakefield Diocese in 2005, nine dioceses in 2006, 20 in 2007, and 38 in 2008, when an estimated 37,000 people came back. This year's theme is 'Come as you are'.

Up to 16,000 Church of England churches could be taking part, joining congregations from the Salvation Army, Churches Together in Scotland, the Church in Wales, Baptist, Methodist and United Reformed churches nationwide, Elim Pentecostal churches and Anglican churches in Australia, Argentina, New Zealand and Canada. Several other Malvern churches are involved.

This will be the Priory's second year of taking part and we would encourage each of us to pray for this service and feel encouraged to invite a friend, neighbour or colleague. Invitations will be available after services from the end of August.

Sally Taylor

Wolverhampton Link

On July 18th Nerindar Mehat, and a group of 35 friends from the Asian community in Wolverhampton, made their annual visit to Malvern and the Priory. It is about 24 years since our link with Nerindar and her late husband Sewa began.

It was a very happy day. The weather was kind. About 20 Priory folk helped to make our visitors welcome. A large group of the more energetic climbed the Beacon, led by Jeremy Tudge and John and Ruth Pole. Others went to Golden Valley, to be entertained by the ducks. Some climbed the Priory tower. All enjoyed tea at the end of the day. Thank you to all who helped in any way. It was wonderful to see Asians and whites; Muslims, Sikhs and Christians all mixing happily together – and especially to see their children and ours making friends.

Our visitors said how much they had enjoyed the day, and already they are looking forward to next year. So are we!

Rosemary Webster

Asylum in the UK: Destitution, Detention, Deportation?

Malvern Forum Theatre, Monday 26th October, 7.30pm.

Speakers are

Kate Allen – Director of Amnesty International UK

Juliet Cohen/Angela Burnett – Head of Medical Services at the Medical Foundation for Care of Victims of Torture

Emma Gin – Co-coordinator of Medical Justice

Steve Symonds – Barrister, Immigration Law Practitioners Association

Chairman **Mike Kaye** – Advocacy Manager, Still Human Still Here Campaign

Tickets: £9.50, (£8.50 concessions) from Malvern Theatres or from Amnesty, Edith Walk, Malvern 01684 563507 (no £2.50 booking fee.)

Sleeping On The Street

Sleeping in a sack on the streets every night of your childhood is unimaginable to most of us. But this is what thousands of youngsters do in East Africa. RETRAK is a Christian charity working to reunite such children with their families or find them foster homes and parents.

The concert to be given by the **Priory Choirs and Levi Moscovici on Saturday 19th September at 7.30 pm** aims to raise money for this worthwhile work.

Levi himself was an abandoned African child and last year he gave a series of piano recitals in Kenya, Uganda and Ethiopia in aid of RETRAK. He has an amazing pianistic talent and is well-worth hearing. In addition to Levi's contribution the Priory Choirs will sing Vivaldi's Gloria. This attractive work is full of good tunes and sprightly rhythms. Do come and be inspired!

Tickets are now available from any Choir member price £10 (under 16 - £5) and this includes (for the adults!) a glass of wine in the interval.

David Iliff

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Friends Of The Lyttelton Well

Invite you to a

'SEASONAL SUPPER'

and a talk by *Christine Gledhills* on

'Arts And Crafts Using Harvest Produce'

in the Lyttelton Rooms Friday 25th September 7.00pm

Chutneys, pickles and jams will be on sale after the supper

Tickets £5.00

available from the Lyttelton Well

Proceeds of the evening in aid of the Lyttelton Well Roof Fund

In His Name

Do you want to know more about the Church's healing ministry - and in particular prayer with laying on of hands- as many churches practice it today?

Jesus not only went about teaching but healing as well, and encouraged His disciples and later followers (us!) to carry on this ministry. In the Priory this prayer goes on in an unassuming and quiet way - in public worship as well as on other occasions. As a result of prayer and anointing (this often on a separate or different occasion) when we hear of answered prayer then it is a case of thanksgiving and alleluias!

We invite anyone interested to join members of the Prayer Ministry Team on the following dates-

Thursday October 8 th	19.30 – 21.30	Guesten Room
Thursday October 22 nd	19.30 – 21.30	Guesten Room
Saturday November 7 th	10.30 – 12.30	Guesten Room

The subjects will be:

A Biblical introduction to healing
How do we pray?
Praying for physical healing

These sessions will be linked to a sermon at the 10.30 service on St Luke's Day 18th October by the Rev'd Paul Springate, Director of Harnhill Centre of Christian Healing.

There will be 3 further sessions in January and February 2010.

Coming along commits you to nothing more than learning about Christ and the healing ministry today, particularly through prayer.

If you would like to know more please ask after a service, or phone 01684 573869, or email mktailby@tinyworld.co.uk.

Kevan and Cynthia Tailby

Africa Celebration 2009

Joy from Africa

Sharing with and learning from parishes and schools in Africa
Introduced by the Bishop of Worcester with Tanzanian visitors

Thursday 24th September at 7 pm

Bishop Perowne College, Merrimans Hill Road, Worcester WR3 8LE

All are welcome

Refreshments and registration from 6.30 pm

Arranged by the Board for Mission, Diocese of Worcester

Further details: Tel 01905 453616

Lifepath Malvern 22nd – 26th June 2009

“A very big thank you for letting our children take part in Lifepath Malvern. The children and staff returned to school buzzing with enthusiasm and clearly inspired - what an excellent day!” (Head Teacher)



“A super day – no improvements needed!”

“Please repeat it again next year!”

Just some of the many positive comments on the Schools' Evaluation and Feedback Forms after this year's Lifepath held in Great Malvern Priory.

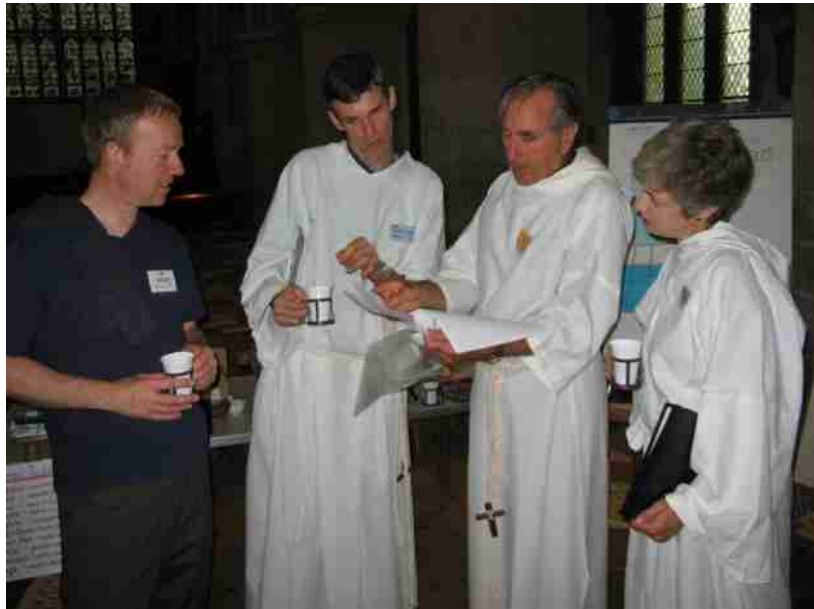
As you're probably aware by now, Lifepath is a project initiated by Scripture Union that aims to give primary school children the opportunity to explore something of the Christian faith through the story of those who built the church in their area. In our case, it was super that members of several local churches worked together to explore the lifepath of the Benedictine monks who founded the Priory in 1085, and to use this as a springboard to encourage the children to reflect on their own journey through life.

Approximately 100 children, accompanied by teachers and assistants, arrived at 10.00 am each day of the last week in June. Over the week, pupils from fourteen different schools, plus a group from the Chernobyl Children's Life Line, experienced activities that included Brass Rubbing, Calligraphy, a Day in the Life of a Medieval Monk, Medieval Medicine, a Prayer Journey, Singing, and Stained Glass. At the close of each activity, at the sound of a bell, everything stopped. The words “Be still and wait for the Lord” came over the sound system, to which all responded: “I will wait patiently for Him.” Then there was silence for 30 seconds. This was quite awesome, as the children, excited by their activities, stood quite still and kept total silence. During the day, each time the word “Lifepath” was mentioned, everyone joined the Lifepath wiggle – ask for a demonstration if you encounter any Lifepath-ers! The day began and ended with Collective Worship that included lively songs, an interactive Bible story, and the building of a cairn around a Christmas-tree cross. Children, teachers and assistants left the Priory at 2.20 pm, expressing the wish that the day had lasted longer!

By the end of the week, the Team (of around 50 volunteers) was tired but greatly encouraged. We had seen answered prayer in so many areas – from practical and administrative ways to the smiles on the faces of children discovering that prayer shouldn't be boring and that each and every human being is special to God. No one was asked to do anything that he or she didn't feel comfortable with, but everyone seemed to enjoy some aspect of the Lifepath experience. Many thanks to everyone who supported Lifepath Malvern 2009 – whether with prayer, financial donations, practical preparations beforehand; team-work during; or clearing up,

washing and ironing the monks' habits etc, afterwards. We shall definitely aim to repeat it again next year – the dates are likely to be 21st – 25th June 2010.

*Mary Barr
Minister for Children, Youth and Families, Malvern Priory
and member of Lifepath Malvern Steering Group*



Priory monks discuss regulations for Swine Flu?



“And here’s one I made earlier!”

The Link with Wolmirstedt

Our friends in Wolmirstedt, confronted with the prospect of 12 English visitors and no pastor to arrange things as heretofore, formed a committee, which did brilliantly.



In the courtyard of the former Augustinian monastery which became the home of Luther, his family and student lodgers. Statue (far right) of Katharina von Bora, Luther's wife.

Far upriver, the Elbe, still watering a fertile plain, passes the town of Wittemberg, and there on Friday 29th May, we all descended from the bus. The day afforded a rapid view of Luther's home, now a museum, of the University where he worked, in its modern form, and of the churches to which he and his associates contributed so much.

On the way home we stopped at a teahouse beside the river, where we discovered a "Peace Pole" adorned with the wishes and prayers of local schoolchildren and others for the peace of the world.



At restaurant beside the Elbe, viewing a Peace Pole inscribed by local children and others with aspirations for world peace

The following day we went in to Magdeburg to have a good look at the latest addition to the city's architectural treasures. In startling contrast to the Gothic cathedral and the severe Bauhaus office blocks, "The Green Citadel" is painted

bright pink, presents its apartment blocks, hotel, shops, offices and crèche as an irregular façade of windows supported by fanciful pillars, avoids straight lines as not being in accord with nature, and incorporates many young trees. It is the last and largest project of the artist Hundertwasser, who was based in Vienna.



The Governor and his Lady, Katherina (museum curator) conduct an evening tour of the "Old Town" in Wolmirstedt, accompanied by refreshments

It was almost a relief, that evening, to step back in time. In the Old Square at the foot of the Castle Mound in Wolmirstedt, the grand old barn has become the town museum. From here tours of the Old Town are conducted by museum staff, dressed to represent an erstwhile governor of the town and his lady. Amazingly they tow a handcart full of goodies, and when a stop has been made to impart information, sweets, sausages and even drinks are dispensed. We enjoyed both aspects of the tour through the ancient cottages and along the banks of the Ohre.

In the Old Square in Wolmirstedt, in front of the town museum, some figures including this shepherd, represent the town's historic means of livelihood.



Our friends had organised so much of interest for us. The only sadness was as we walked to St. Katharina's through the town centre, where charity organisations and boarded-up premises, replacing the bright shops that had brought the place alive, witnessed to the difficulties of the present day. The Bodelschwingh Haus, which we visited on Monday morning continues under Christian auspices to make a home and a place of hope for handicapped persons as it has done through all the political and ideological challenges of the past hundred years and more.

Edwina Hawker

The Canal Turn

A Scripture Union Holiday for after GCSEs

On the Friday we arrived at the meeting point – a church in Watford – very excited and not knowing what to expect. We met up with the Scripture Union people and everyone else going on the Christian holiday camp for post GCSE students; we spent a couple of hours getting to know each other by playing games and eating together. Eventually we set off for the boats.

When we first saw the two long canal boats, we thought they looked fairly big but we soon realised that they were actually quite cramped (or 'cosy' as we liked to call them!). When we first stood on the boat it was a little frightening because it kept rocking; however, we soon became accustomed to the movement. There were many opportunities to get involved with life on the canal boat, for example, joining in with the slightly strenuous task of opening and closing the locks and helping tie the ropes when it was time to moor. We were even allowed to steer the boats, which wasn't too hard but it wasn't exactly easy either!

Each night we moored by a field to play rounders and do other activities (e.g. a talent show and general knowledge quiz). Then we had to go to bed. The bunks were very narrow to say the least and there were a few incidents where Joanna had started to sleep talk (which was quite amusing for most but not so funny for the poor leaders!). However everyone coped with the broken sleep patterns and was very friendly about it all.

Every day we had two Bible sessions with the leaders; these were very helpful and we found you could really open up and become closer to God. Through the course of the holiday we made some very good friends and it was definitely worth the long drive home!

We may even return for the post A levels canal trip so watch out!

Terri Robinson and Joanna Barr

Who's who in the Priory

David, Sarah and Matty Guy



When and why did you come to Malvern?

Sarah: We came in September 1985, and our first Sunday in Malvern happened to be the 900th anniversary service in the Priory.

David: We came from the flatlands of Cambridge so that I could work at RSRE.

Why did you come to the Priory?

Sarah: In the Priory we found information about the welcomers and contacted Paul and Trish Hutchison who offered to host us at their Wyche Cutting home when we were house hunting. It was a wonderful example of a Christian welcome. The Priory also clearly welcomed small children and I joined the mothers and toddlers group as Julia was 2 and Anna 6 months.

Matty: I was taken as a baby. Mum says I was the first baby John Barr baptised at the Priory.

How would you describe your relationship with God?

Sarah: I was brought up in a C of E home, taken to church and confirmed when I was 12. In secondary school life I learned to know God more personally, especially through the witness of my sister. We attended churches of different denominations, with lively services. I recall a big mission in our area where Cliff Richard sang. This all contributed to my growth as a Christian. At university I naturally got involved with the Christian Union, where I met David.

David: It's a continual walk with God. I don't really feel closer or further away at any particular time but it's more a continuous relationship.

Matty: God is everywhere and He can see everything we do, and so can Jesus.

Do you have a favourite hymn?

Matty: I like playing Panis Angelicus on my trumpet.

Sarah: I have many favourite hymns influenced by my Methodist grandmother, therefore many John Wesley hymns. "*O for a thousand tongues to sing my great redeemer's praise*" captures the glory of God.

Do you have a favourite scripture?

David: I find the visionary aspects in the Bible inspiring, particularly the vision of heaven in Revelation 21 and 22.

Matty: I like the story Jesus told about the man who built his house on the rock, and the man who built his house on the sand, because it catches in my mind.

Sarah: Romans 8:38-39. "For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord", because it was preached on when I was a teenager and it struck me as the most wonderful thing, that nothing can separate us from God's love.

What is most important to you?

Matty: My family is very important to me.

David and Sarah: We both agree with Matty, it has been wonderful to see our three girls become young adults who support each other.

What are you passionate about?

Matty: I have recently taken up fishing, which can be very exciting. I caught a 30cm golden orfe with the rod I won at the Young Malvern fishing activity by catching a 2lb bream.

David: Railways! Matty goes to The Downs Malvern College Prep School, which is the only school in England to have its own steam railway. Matty is in the railway club and I am a parent volunteer.

Do you have any desires?

Sarah: About nine years ago I collapsed at home with a brain haemorrhage, with only Julia and Anna there, who called an ambulance. I felt sustained and supported in God's love through the prayers and practical support of the Priory people, and an endless stream of cakes and casseroles was brought to the family! I really have a desire to thank everyone.

Matty: I would like to solve a real murder!

Do you have any interests?

Matty: Fossils and golf.

Sarah: Music and fine art. Having Anna as an art student gave me the confidence to buy some interesting pieces of modern art.

David: As a family we share John Barr's enthusiasm for Manchester United.

What are your roles in the Priory?

Matty: I sing in the choir, as did my three older sisters before me, and I play my trumpet in the orchestra. I am often found in the children's area with my 3½ year old niece Jessica.

Sarah: Over the years I have been involved with different aspects of the youth work. I currently co-lead YOMP (Youth of Malvern Priory).

David: For many years I was a housegroup leader. I am a communion administration assistant. I lead intercessions and am CPAS rep. My main role now is as one of the deputy Church Wardens.

Sylviane Outram

Stop Press

Friends of Community Action

Our next major Friends event is our Oktoberfest at 7.30 pm on Saturday 24th October in Dyson Perrins School Hall. A fun evening with a German style band known as "Noch Ein Mal" made up of musicians from the RAFA South West Concert Band.

There will be a prize for the best Fancy Dress and Susie's Fancy Dress Hire in Malvern Link is offering a discount to all ticket holders.

This is an event for all ages. Generously sponsored by Lidl, the ticket will include an authentic German supper. There will be a cash bar selling German beer, wine, schnapps and soft drinks. Tickets will go on sale shortly at Community Action at only £10.50, a real bargain, and will undoubtedly be popular.

More details in next month's Priory magazine



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Book yourself a bit of pampering:
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for PEDICURE phone Ellie on 572813

Entrance free, donations welcomed.

Could you help on a stall, to help us raise money for Bible Society work in Nepal?
Phone Heather on 575584.

There's still time to join the craft working party!
Phone Sylviane on 568731

The Lord Your God Is With You

The message of Zephaniah Ch 3 v 17 was reinforced for the Prayer Ministry Team in an uplifting and spiritually refreshing day spent at Harnhill Christian Healing Centre in May.

Led by the Rev'd Paul Springate, we had three sessions reflecting on the implications on healing for ourselves and for others of each promise made in that verse. It was good to be reminded that we are "never alone" even when we are not aware of God's presence; he chooses some unusual ways to speak to us, very often "outside the box" and we can be pretty hard to get through to (think of the road to Emmaus). And yet he brings us life in all its fullness; in every place, we are a radiance of his Holy Spirit. He is "mighty to save" us; in other words, he rescues us, though not always without taking us through a worse place before we are brought clear from the difficulties we were in.

In Psalm 18, David responds to that rescue, seeing God caring for him, loving him wherever he was. David's response is love for his Lord, and readiness to say "thank you"; is that our response? We know we cannot fix problems on our own but with God we can help each other make the right journey. We very often feel as Timothy did - timid and feeble, but as Paul reminded Timothy, we have a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. In other words, God is telling us he has work for us to do: not always the work we would choose!

In our final session, we considered how we see ourselves, being reminded that Our Lord will "take great delight" in us; we should view ourselves with sober judgement and then consider how God sees us as he rejoices over us with singing and quiets us with his love. So we should heed the command of Psalm 46 to "be still, and know that I am God" - let God take command, stop rushing around, mentally and physically, and remember God is in charge. Then we can shout with joy. And as the day finished, we shared that shout.

Harnhill is a wonderful place to spend time and be refreshed and healed; if you get the chance to go, seize it. (The food merits a paragraph of its own). We look forward to welcoming Paul Springate to the Priory this autumn to hear more reflection from him.

Thank you, Kevan and Cynthia, for taking us on that wondrous journey.

Elizabeth Dunnett



Do you ever think about homeless young people?

South Worcestershire Nightstop will provide safe, emergency accommodation for homeless young people aged 16 - 25 yrs in the homes of trained and approved volunteer hosts.

We urgently need volunteers to provide this much needed support for young people!

Do you have?

- A genuine interest in helping young people
- A spare room in your home
- Time to help someone in need

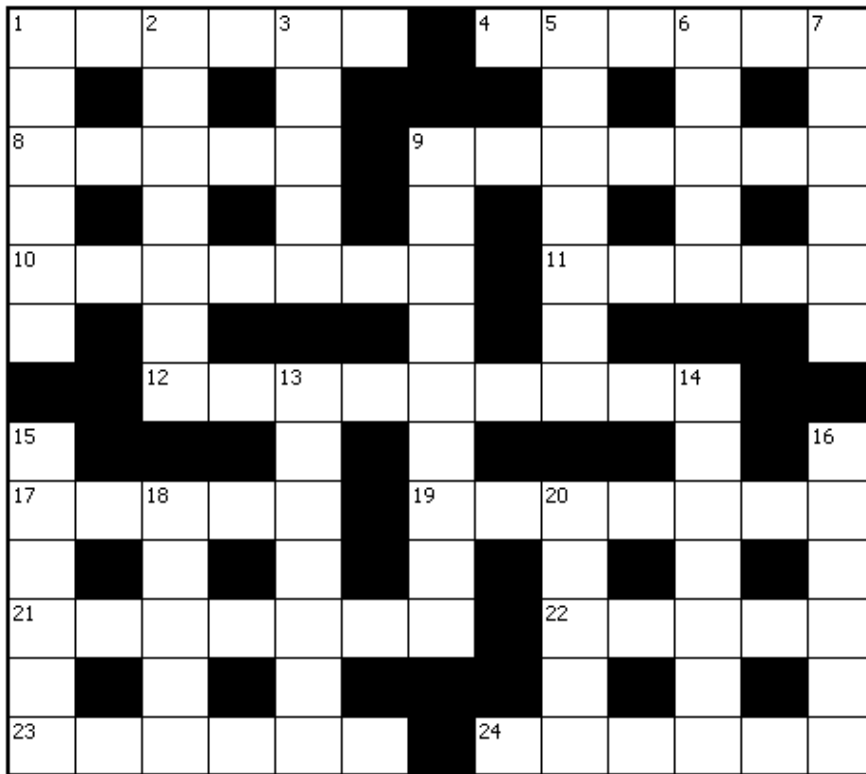
If so, you may make a good Nightstop host. Hosts offer the young person their own bedroom, an evening meal plus a chance to have a bath/ shower and breakfast the next morning. Most important of all, hosts offer a home for the night (for up to 3 nights) and a chance to talk and be listened to. No experience is needed as full training and support will be given.

A young person using a Nightstop scheme once said "I'd come to think - why should I care about anyone? No one cares about me. They can't even look me in the eye. Then I found that some people - total strangers - did care and it made me able to care again too. It was a turning point for me."

If you can help or would like more information, please call Cath Woolford, Nightstop Coordinator, on 01684 579349, 0791 816 0986, or email cwoolford@festivalhousing.org

Nightstop is a national organisation with 50 local schemes operating throughout the UK. Last year more than 5200 nights of accommodation were given by over 300 hosting households.

Crossword September 2009



July / August Solution



Clues Across

- 1 'Through [Christ] we have gained — by faith into this grace' (Romans 5:2) (6)
- 4 Deprives of sight (Deuteronomy 16:19) (6)
- 8 The words of a hymn do this (mostly) (5)
- 9 Faithful allegiance (1 Chronicles 12:33) (7)
- 10 Belgium's chief port (7)
- 11 Where John was baptizing 'because there was plenty of water' (John 3:23) (5)
- 12 Imposing height (Psalm 48:2) (9)
- 17 Jesus' tempter in the wilderness (Mark 1:13) (5)
- 19 Comes between Amos and Jonah (7)
- 21 'Your will be done — — as it is in heaven' (Matthew 6:10) (2,5)
- 22 Gale (Matthew 8:24) (5)
- 23 Axle, eh? (anag.) (6)
- 24 'Out of the — I cry to you, O Lord' (Psalm 130:1) (6)

Clues Down

- 1 Popular Christian author and humorist, — Plass (6)
- 2 Transparent ice-like mineral (Revelation 4:6) (7)
- 3 Method of compelling surrender by surrounding target of attack (2 Chronicles 32:1) (5)
- 5 Expose (Isaiah 52:10) (3,4)
- 6 Lonny (anag.) (5)
- 7 Utterance (1 Timothy 1:15) (6)
- 9 Husband of Deborah, the prophetess (Judges 4:4) (9)
- 13 Burial service (Jeremiah 34:5) (7)
- 14 What Christ threatened to do to the lukewarm church in Laodicea (Revelation 3:16) (4,3)
- 15 'Simon Peter climbed aboard and dragged the net — ' (John 21:11) (6)
- 16 His response to Jesus' decision to return to Judea was 'Let us also go, that we may die with him' (John 11:16) (6)
- 18 'There will be weeping and gnashing of — ' (Matthew 8:12) (5)
- 20 Walkway between rows of pews in a church (5)