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# A Letter from Your Vicar...

When we lived in London, we had a bus stop right outside our bedroom window. We discovered that it's true—they do hunt in packs...just when you thought no buses were coming at all, three came along together.



This month's magazine is a bit like that—on page 17 there are details of the youth bus which will be visiting Camelsdale Rec. every Monday afternoon during term time—if you know any young people do encourage them to pop down on their way home from school. Also, on Sunday 9th September at Café Church (10:30 onwards in St Paul's Camelsdale) we'll be hearing about an amazing project run by the Church Army which takes a bus (actually a car and trailer) to events all over the country. Please feel invited to come along and hear Paul Tomlinson from the Church Army tell us more.

This year's Autumn Concert looks likely to contain another amazing mix of talented musicians—6pm for shared food—7-9pm for the concert itself, all in St Peter's Lynchmere. All welcome, free admission.

During the Summer foot and mouth disease as well as floods have caused major problems for farming communities throughout the country—Harvest Festivals this year will therefore be a time for special prayer as well as thanksgiving. Family Services will be held on 23rd September—9:45am at St Peter's Lynchmere and 11am at St Paul's Camelsdale.

Your friend and Vicar,  
John

## People from the Old Testament - Ezekiel

Ezekiel was one of the Jews who were exiled to Babylon in 597 BC, and helped his people to rediscover their identity in exile. Although a closed book for many Christians today, Ezekiel has vital insights to offer us in our post-Christian society.

**The Man Himself** - Ezekiel was a priest taken into exile at the age of thirty (Ezekiel 1:1). It was at this age that he would have expected to begin ministry in the Temple at Jerusalem. Despite feeling cut off from God's presence (symbolised by the Temple) Ezekiel met with God in a significant way in Babylon. ***In what ways have we experienced times of feeling 'cut-off' from God?***

**God's Vision** - God spoke to Ezekiel through a vision of his glory (see chapter 1). It was a bizarre mixture of wheels, living creatures and a throne; however it spoke powerfully of God's transcendence and sovereignty over the whole world. It also reminded Ezekiel that God had not abandoned his people; his presence was not limited to the Temple - he was to be found even in exile. ***How should this truth affect our daily choices?***

**Ezekiel's Call** - Ezekiel was told to speak God's word to his fellow Jews, whether they chose to listen or not (see chapters 2&3). As a sign of his commitment to this word, Ezekiel ate a scroll containing the message, which tasted as sweet as honey. God's word had to become central to Ezekiel's life before he could speak it out with authority. ***How can we fully digest God's word so that it becomes part of us?***

Ezekiel's name means 'God strengthens', which is exactly what God did in the face of the cynicism and rejection of his fellow Jews. Let's pray that we too might know God's strengthening to live out God's word today.

**Rev Paul Hardingham of Bolton**

## A good childhood? Growing up in the 21st Century

A recent UNICEF report placed the UK bottom of developed countries in terms of children's wellbeing. Many people who work with children have called for a public debate about our market-driven society's impact on childhood.

And so the National Children's Society has set up the first independent national public inquiry into childhood. This autumn, together with St Paul's Institute, it is holding a programme of debates on parenting, consumerism and education together with study days, workshops, meditative services and a retreat.

Debates will include questions such as "do we see children as a blessing, a right, or a lifestyle choice?", "what makes for a good childhood and the grounding of a good adulthood?" and will consider such issues as the impact of consumerism on a child's development.

The debates are being held in St Paul's Cathedral, London on 16th/23rd/30th October and 6th November from 6.30pm - 8pm. Meditative services in the Cathedral on 7th/14th/21st and 28th October are from 6pm - 6.50pm. All these events are free and unticketed.

Details of all these events and more can be found at:  
<http://www.stpauls.co.uk/institute>

## **HOST**

'It was a pity. My Indian flatmate had a wonderful first experience of Christmas, but there was no place for me.' (Chinese student at a London university)

For 20 years, HOST has been linking international students at British universities with volunteer hosts, for short, enjoyable and mutually beneficial visits. Last year, several hundred adults, from all over the world, enjoyed discovering Christmas in private homes across the UK. Sadly, several hundred more had to be disappointed.

If you think you might be able to offer an invitation this Christmas, please look at [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org), or call HOST's voluntary regional organiser: Rosemary Cole 01903 814022

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## **Contributions to Lantern Invited**

Please feel free to contribute articles, news, reviews etc for future editions - they will be warmly welcomed. You can either e-mail them to me at [lanterneditor@btinternet.com](mailto:lanterneditor@btinternet.com), or if you do not have access to a computer then you can get them to me via the Vicar.

**Editor.**

## How Harvest Festivals began

Our Harvest Festivals have very ancient origins. Festivals that celebrate the harvest by giving thanks to God have been held right back in time to hundreds of years before Jesus. You can read about them in Leviticus (chapter 23) and Deuteronomy (chapters 15 & 16).

In Old Testament times, the first thanksgiving of the year was Passover, with the sacrifice of the blemish-free lamb of the first year and presentation of the first sheaf of barley. The wheat harvest went on for fifty days and ended with the Festival of Weeks, Shavuot, (Pentecost, meaning 'fiftieth'). Later there was the Feast of Tabernacles, a celebration of the latter harvest with produce from the field, orchard and vineyard.

These were all offerings of first fruits at the place God chose, or the Temple, to thank God for liberation from Egypt and the desert and for the gift of the Law, as well as for the provision of food. Thus they linked thanksgiving for that year's food with Israel's historical faith in being the chosen people of God. God was always to be thanked, for the land was the Lord's, and the people of Israel had only a 'life interest' in it.

Some produce was to be left on the vine or in the field for 'the alien, the fatherless and the widow' because: 'Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt therefore I am commanding you to do this' Deut 24.21.

In Deuteronomy – a very practical book - it says that if it is not possible to transport the animals and grain, they could be converted into money and taken to the place God chose, where other animals and grain could be bought with the money, offered and eaten. (Tithing to support the servants of the Temple, the Levites, also developed from these offerings.)

In Britain, for many years, there were unofficial religious festivals of thanksgiving for the harvest. By the mid-nineteenth century 'it was common to hold an annual parochial festival', which linked the gift of the fruits of the earth with our responsibility to God to use them 'to his glory, for our own well being and for the relief of those in need'. The emphasis thus became less on 'first fruits', and more on thankfulness for the ingathering of the harvest.

So this autumn's Harvest Festival is still a reminder to give thanks to God. And we bring gifts of food and money to help God's work of feeding other people, near and far. Lynchmere and Camelsdale will again be collecting tinned and non-perishable food for the Salvation Army distribution centre in Horsham, with services on September 23rd—9:45 St Peter's Lynchmere and 11:00 St Paul's Camelsdale.

## **The Sudan**

The news from Darfur is still dire. The United Nations has described it as "the world's worst humanitarian crisis". Over two million people have had to flee from their homes and are now in makeshift camps. They are hungry, homeless and extremely vulnerable. There was a special collection at Evensong on 1st July when the Friends of St Peter's met. As the result, our Treasurer, John Porter, was able to send off a cheque for £584.81 to the Darfur and Chad Crisis Appeal.

The Government of the Sudan has at last agreed to a combined U.N and African Union peace keeping force, but the rains have now started and this new peace keeping force will not be in place until the end of the year. Please help if you can.

Elsewhere, the Sudan Church Association is still doing its work of reconciliation between the North and South factions who have been at war. The Association now supports the Anglican bishops directly with their salaries and aid.

Please would you help this vital work by putting your old postcards, used and unused, and stamps, preferably foreign or special issues, in the box in St. Peter's. £15,000 was raised from postcards alone in each of the last two years.

**MT**

### **HARVEST CONCERT....**

This year's concert is on Saturday 22nd September—bring and share food in St Peter's Churchyard from 6pm, and then the concert from 7-9pm. Each year the standard of music has been excellent, and this year looks to be no exception! Free Admission—all welcome. For further details (or if you would like to take part) please contact Ian Young (01428) 658468.

## **Barnabas Slot**

**PAKISTAN** - Give thanks for the release on bail of Martha Bibi, a Christian accused of blasphemy

PRAY that the Pakistan Government will act on its intention to reform the "blasphemy law". For the Christians who are being threatened with bombings or execution etc if they do not convert to Islam and for converting Muslims.

**INDONESIA** - Once again early release has been promised to three Christian ladies (Rebekka, Ratna and Eti) serving their three year prison sentences because they allowed Muslim children to attend their Christian holiday club even though they had not converted the children to Christianity and the children's parents and guardians were aware they were sending the children to a Christian club.

PRAY they will be granted early release and for their protection.

**NIGERIA** - The Islamic dress code, compulsory in government schools, is to be extended by Kano state to private schools as well. Some of these schools have a mix of Muslim and Christian pupils while some are Christian run schools.

PRAY that Christian and other non-Muslim students will be exempted from this ruling. That Shekarau, who was elected as State governor in 2003, will not follow through on his election campaign promise to implement a stricter version of the shari's legal system.

**MALAYSIA** - After a six year struggle, Lina Joy, a convert from Islam to Christianity, has been told by Malaysia's Federal Court that only the country's Syariah (shari'a) Court can decide whether to allow her to have the word "Islam" removed from her identity card. Shari'a law forbids adult Muslims on pain of death to convert to other faiths.

PRAY for Lina and for all other Malaysian Christians from a Muslim

background for whom this case sets a disheartening precedent.

PRAY that God will work in this situation for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose (Romans 8:28).

**MOROCCO** - PRAY that if the moderate Party of Justice and Development is elected to power in Morocco's general election, due September, that their leader, Lahcen Daodi, will resist any pressure to push an Islamist agenda, but will continue to represent moderate Islam in the country.

**AZERBAIJAN** - Church houses have been raided and pastors arrested.

PRAY that the members of the churches will not be deterred by this new harassment and that their continued presence and peaceful attitude will be a witness to the wider community. PRAY for the pastors in police detention and that they will be sustained, strengthened and soon released.

**EGYPT** - Violence erupted after leaflets were circulated at a mosque condemning a church building project in the village of Behma, south of Cairo. People were injured and at least ten Christian houses and shops were set on fire.

PRAY that Christians who are attacked will be able to defend themselves and protect their families without resorting to violence. That Christians in Egypt will be allowed to build churches as easily as Muslims in Egypt can build mosques. Christians have to have special extra permission to do this and even to repair existing ones. Pray that Muslim society will recognise their rights to have enough places to worship.

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## September Events

- 1st-2nd**      **Youth Group overnight hike**  
Contact Rebecca Bailey for details - 07769 793861
- 4th**            **Camelsdale Christian Fellowship**  
St Paul's Annexe at 2.00pm
- 19th**          **Camelsdale Gardening Club Autumn Show and AGM**  
7.30pm in Camelsdale Church Hall
- 22nd**          **Autumn Concert** St Peter's Lynchmere — 6pm  
Refreshments, 7-9pm Concert.

**Various Lynchmere Society Events - See Page 18 for more details.**

### **Every Week:**

**Wednesdays at 10am Little Humphrey's Toddler Group**  
Camelsdale Hall Annexe

**Mondays at 7.15pm Youth Group (11-18's)**  
Camelsdale Hall Annexe

Mondays after School - Mobile Youth Club at Camelsdale Recreation Ground..

## **Church Services in September:**

<b>2nd</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	Holy Communion <b>St Peter's Lynchmere</b>
	<b>9.45am</b>	Holy Communion <b>St Peter's Lynchmere</b>
	<b>11.00am</b>	Holy Communion <b>St Paul's Camelsdale</b>
<b>9th</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	Holy Communion <b>St Peter's Lynchmere</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	Café Church <b>St Paul's Camelsdale</b>
<b>16th</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	Holy Communion <b>St Peter's Lynchmere</b>
	<b>9.45am</b>	Discussion Service <b>St Peter's Lynchmere</b>
	<b>11.00am</b>	Discussion Service <b>St Paul's Camelsdale</b>
<b>23rd</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	Holy Communion <b>St Peter's Lynchmere</b>
	<b>9.45am</b>	Harvest Festival <b>St Peter's Lynchmere</b>
	<b>11.00am</b>	Harvest Festival <b>St Paul's Camelsdale</b>
<b>30th</b>	<b>8.00am</b>	Holy Communion <b>St Peter's Lynchmere</b>
	<b>10.30am</b>	United Service <b>St Michael's Hammer</b>

Information about services and facilities at both our churches can be found online at [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com) or the church website at [www.stpandp.co.uk](http://www.stpandp.co.uk).

Sunday School during the 9:45am morning service at St Peter's Lynchmere on 2nd and 16th September. Café Church, Harvest Festival and the United Service at St Michael's are all age friendly!

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**NEPAL** - A Christian orphanage in Birganj was bombed in April by a Hindu fundamentalist group. The Nepal Defence Army have accused the Grace Children Homes of converting Hindu and Buddhist children to Christianity and of receiving funds from pro-Maoist organisations. A child was injured in the explosion. Many of the around 80 children in the home lost their parents during the Maoist insurgency.

PRAY for the healing of the injured child and that all the children will not suffer fear or anxiety following the attack. Also that Nepalese Christians, who currently experience relatively little persecution, will continue to be able to worship and minister in the name of Christ.

**THE RIGHT TO JUSTICE** - The petition has been presented to the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office and to New Zealand MPs.

PRAY that the presentation of these signatures of the governments of New Zealand and UK will prompt politicians to take seriously the plight of persecuted Christians and that they will use their influence to exert pressure on those countries where persecution is rife to take action to stop it.

## **Bishop Lindsay - Walking the Way**

My wife, Jo, and I were privileged to be very much involved in the visit of Bishop Lindsay Urwin, Bishop of Horsham, to the Midhurst Deanery during the period 21st June to 24th June. On Thursday 21st, with other members of both Lynchmere and Camelsdale PCCs we went to Easebourne Priory where, in the beautiful setting of the enclosed courtyard, on a fine evening, we met people from other villages for drinks and snacks. At 8pm we all went into Easebourne church for a short service and a talk by the Bishop in which he outlined the duties of a PCC. Many of us, I am sure, came home with a lot to think about.

On the afternoon of Saturday 23rd, we had both been invited to represent Lynchmere at a tea party in Elsted village hall. The rain of

the morning had cleared away leaving a wonderful view across the South Downs towards Blackdown. We had a long chat with the Bishop and found a common interest in discussing Melbourne, his home city in Australia and a place which holds so many memories for us as our daughter lived there before her death and where we spent two happy visits. During our talk the Bishop told us that the church service planned for the following morning was now to be held in Harting church and not in the open air, so we got up early and were lucky enough to be able to park just outside the church gate. The church quickly filled and we enjoyed a lovely Holy Communion service which had a profound effect on us, and obviously on everyone else, as we heard several teenage girls pleading with Bishop Lindsay to come back again soon. All in all, it was a memorable few days and we consider ourselves very fortunate to have been able to take such an active part in the visit. **Bill Petter**

## **Camelsdale Christian Fellowship**

It was before the rains came on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June that CCF enjoyed a sunny afternoon by the sea. Our leader arranged the hire of the 'Hopper' bus to take the fifteen members to Bosham, near Chichester, a town well known to Sussex people.

The ancient Holy Trinity Church with relics of Saxon and Norman times was open for us to view. The highlights were the Saxon Window, Crusader's Crosses, the Norman Font and the Bayeux Tapestry, made to record the Norman Conquest of 1066, and the Crypt. An Arts & Crafts display was also on view in a small hall which members showed great interest in.

Walking down the quaint old High Street we found the café where our Committee Members had booked an afternoon tea for us. This was followed by a walk along the ancient Waterfront where we picked up the 'Hopper' for our return journey home. A very pleasant afternoon was enjoyed by all.

At our July meeting, we spent a pleasurable afternoon at a tea party which closed the year for CCF meetings. We meet again on 4<sup>th</sup> September, anyone wishing to join us in St Paul's Annexe at 2.00pm will be most welcome.

## Over 60s Report

Jane Saunders, a counsellor from Crossways Counselling Service based at the Holy Cross, gave an enlightening talk on the Christian based service which is available to anyone in the area who requires their help. She explained that counselling was the ability to understand, and the patience to listen to, people in distress for whatever reason and allow them to unburden themselves, thus getting to the root causes such as acute loneliness, bereavement, abuse, stress, illness or redundancy with which, without help, they feel totally unable to cope. Some people are referred by their doctor and others are recommended by friends. All who seek help display courage in taking the first vital step towards recovery.

Crossways has a team of eight counsellors, all committed Christians who enable clients gradually to make their own decisions while building a strong, private and confidential bond with their counsellor. Each session lasts for an hour and is on a weekly basis. It is a registered charity and brochures are available at Haslemere Health Centre and Haslewey. The charity depends on fund raising to help reduce the present waiting time of three months. Anyone with a few hours to spare would be welcomed to help with the many tasks not requiring expert training.

Fiona Short, an enthusiast of "Fair Trade" in which third world countries are paid a fair price for their labour and produce, gave an interesting talk on how we can support the project when shopping locally. The Co-Op, Sainsburys and Marks and Spencer have all signed up to display and sell "Fair Trade" produce such as bananas, tea, chocolate, grapes, pineapples and clothing. The scheme, affiliated to the Christian Mission, a charitable trust, assists in the building of schools and medical centres where poor children in extremely arid countries can get an education which would otherwise be denied them. Further projects provide wells which irrigate the land so that crops can be grown and home industries such as one where widows of one village started a soap making factory which is now a thriving concern providing for them a degree of independence. "New Leaf" on Shepherds Hill is Haslemere's own "Fair Trade" shop. September 12th is Haslemere's "Fair Trade" day and deserves our full support.

Members observed a minute of silence in memory of Mrs Jessie May who recently died and thoughts and prayers were asked for Mrs Pickhaver, Mrs Envis and Mrs Nash, with the hope that they will soon be fit enough to rejoin our meetings.

Our second Ploughman's lunch was attended by thirty-three members who then went on to enjoy a few games of Bingo. We welcome prospective members from Lynchmere, Hammer and Camelsdale to our thriving, friendly club. Details from Vi Edwards on 654036 or Bill Petter on 651446.

**Vi Edwards Hon. Secretary**

## **Hammer Vale Women's Institute**

Last month, July, we had a most interesting talk on King Charles II's mistresses (Part I). We are looking forward to Part II sometime in the future.

We also had a cream tea in the garden at Liphook and fortunately it was held on one of the few sunny days in that month.

In August, instead of a meeting we had an outing to Stansted Park, and in September we have a visit from a professional toastmaster.

If you are interested in joining us or coming along to see what we are like, please give Maureen Blandy a ring on 01428 653322.

## **St Peter's**

We now have the Faculty that authorises us to carry out the repairs to St. Peter's. Tenders have been received from three contractors but the architect has not yet made her final recommendation as to which one we should accept. When we get this, we will know how much it is all going to cost; this is likely to be considerable. So we will shortly be making a special Appeal to all those who love St. Peter's and want to see it preserved and ready to serve our village for another 1,000 years. Please contact Michael Tibbs 01428 643120 for information.

**MT**

# 1<sup>st</sup> Camelsdale Scout Group

For more than sixty years, young people have met at 1<sup>st</sup> Camelsdale Scout Headquarters and enjoyed a vast array of activities including camping, pioneering, canoeing, climbing, hiking, fire-lighting, cooking, first-aid, crafts and lots of games and sports. In fact, over the years Beavers, Cubs, Scouts and Explorer Scouts, all between the ages of 6 and 18, have probably taken part in any activity you care to think about. Many have made lots of life-long friends with whom they can share Scouting experiences, and all will have learnt something that has helped them in later life, maybe a practical skill, the ability to lead, the enthusiasm to work as part of a team, or the competence to become a responsible citizen. In recent years a number of Camelsdale Scouts have represented Scouting in the far corners of the world.

At the moment, for a variety of reasons, 1<sup>st</sup> Camelsdale Scout Group is going through a difficult period and could do with a bit of help. There is certainly no shortage of young people who wish to be Beaver Scouts (6-8), Cub Scouts (8-10 & half), Scouts (10 & half to 15) and Explorer Scouts (15-18).....but we are a bit short of adults.

In particular we are looking for three people to help with Beavers... maybe a group of three friends who can spare a couple of hours and some enthusiasm each week? Or if you don't feel the 6-8 age group is for you, then the Cubs and the Scouts would both welcome adults who would consider joining their strong leadership teams. Of course the relevant training is offered for all new recruits.... and without doubt, the more leaders there are in the team the greater fun it is for all and the more opportunities can be offered to the young people. We don't expect adults to come along complete with skills in building bridges, climbing mountains or camping (although it would be terrific if anyone has these skills!)....we just want people to 'be there to help'.

We're also looking for a few people to join our admin team. Someone with an hour or so to spend each week doing a few jobs around our headquarters (which incidentally is available to hire....contact details on the inside cover of the Parish Magazine), and a secretary to join our Group Committee would be really useful. With sufficient adult help 1<sup>st</sup> Camelsdale Scout Group could again become an important part of village life.

There must be hundreds of people in and around Camelsdale who have been touched by Scouting at some time in their lives. If you feel that you would be able to help 1<sup>st</sup> Camelsdale Scout Group in some way, or you would like further information on local Scouting, then please call Keith Clayton on 07887 777604, or if you are in Haslemere call into 9 High Street for a chat, or email keith.clayton@talk21.com. Or you can contact the District Commissioner on 0845 094 4126 and dc@haslemeredistrictscouts.org.uk

## **Camelsdale Mobile Youth Club**

The county mobile youth club bus will be coming to Camelsdale on Monday afternoons next term - starting on September 10th. The bus will try and meet pupils returning from school and will then park on Camelsdale Recreation Ground near the pavilion. Youth workers will be available and there are computer facilities and a small snack shop on board. They hope to stay until around 4.30 p.m. each week and look forward to seeing you there.

## **Pantomime Time**

The Lynchmereans' Pantomime this year, our 60th, will be "Cinderella". The pantomime is for children who are members of Klub, Youth Group, Choir or who live in or have connections with Lynchmere, Camelsdale or Hammer, or attend St Peter's Lynchmere or St Paul's Camelsdale. The minimum age is 8 yrs on the date of the Audition, which will be on Sunday, 16th September.

We have to limit the number in the cast so I will be writing to all those who were in last year's performances and to others who qualify to ask them if they want to take part, so only those who receive an invitation should come to the audition. If in doubt, please give me a ring 01428 643120. **MT**

## Camelsdale Gardening Club

Our autumn/winter meetings restart on Wednesday, 19th September with the autumn show and AGM.

The speaker for the 17th October will be our old friend John Negus, his subject this time will be "Britain's Natural Wonders". Please remember that subscriptions are due at this meeting.

Any potential members are very welcome, just come along on the night or phone Mrs Craig Hooker on 642526 for more details. The club meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in the Camelsdale Church Hall (adjacent to the school).

## Hardman Hoyle Memorial Hall

As I write this the final touches are being made to complete the building work on the extension to accommodate the toilet for the disabled. An opening ceremony will take place when the new toilet is available for use.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank all those who gave so generously to enable this facility to be added to the hall. I am sure those who are disabled or infirm will find the facility very convenient.

The next fund raising event is the Lynchmere Christmas Market which will be on Saturday 10th November from 10.00 to 12.00 noon.

**Craig Hooker.**

## The Lynchmere Society

Here are some dates for September/October.

**Saturday 1 September** - Society Barbecue at Shulbrede Priory at 6pm. Sausages rolls and drinks provided but please bring something sweet for dessert. Contribution £2 per head. Open to all Society members, their guests and anyone who would like to join in this convivial evening in the unique ambience of the ancient priory garden.

**Friday 12 October** - Autumn Talk Hardman Hoyle Memorial Hall at 8pm "The Life and Loves of Insects on our commons " by the entomologist Michael Edwards. This promises to be a fascinating evening about the largely unseen things that go on under our feet as we walk on the commons.

### **Volunteer Days (10am start)**

**Sunday 2 September** - Meet at the Lynchmere Society Board on the road from the B2131 to Lynchmere Green (organiser Hilary Adair 643219)

**Sunday 16 September** - Meet at the gate on the Hammer Hill Road from the B2131 to Lynchmere Green (organiser Nic Mann 642359).

**Sunday 14 October** - Stanley Common. Meet on the corner after the first cattle grid on the Stanley Farm drive off Highfield lane (organiser Roy Wolfe 723005).

**Sunday 28 October** - LOG DAY at the Lynchmere Society Board (as for 2 September) (organiser Robert Dows Miller 658954).

## **Theme songs for Bible characters**

**Noah** Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head

**Adam and Eve** Strangers in Paradise

**Lazarus** The Second Time Around

**Esther** I Feel Pretty

**Job** I've Got a Right to Sing the Blues

**Moses** The Wanderer

**Jezebel** The Lady is a Tramp

**Samson** Hair

**Salome** I Could Have Danced All Night

**Daniel** The Lion Sleeps Tonight

**Joshua** Good Vibrations

**Peter** I'm Sorry

**Esau** Born To Be Wild

**Jeremiah** Take This Job and Shove It

**Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego** Great Balls of Fire!

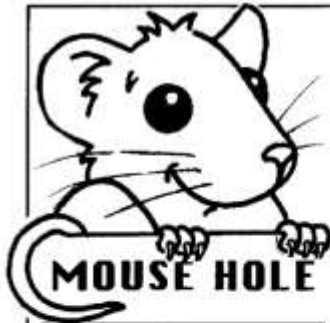
**The Three Kings** When You Wish Upon a Star

**Jonah** Got a Whale of a Tale

**Elijah** Up, Up, and Away

**Methuselah** Stayin' Alive

**Nebuchadnezzar** Crazy



## Sock Puppets

Make simple puppets with an **old** socks Put your fingers down the end of the sock and your thumb in the heel.



Sew on buttons for eyes or use sticky paper circles.

Ears and noses can be made with balls of paper or cotton wool secured with elastic bands. Use chunky knitting wool for hair.



To secure onto your arm, use a large elastic band... but make sure it's not too tight!

## Jesus Washes His Disciples' Feet

In Jesus time, when you went to someone's house, the dust and dirt would be washed off your feet by a servant.



The disciples had met with Jesus in an upper room to share a meal together, but there were no servants to wash their feet. So Jesus got up from the table, took off his outer clothing and wrapped a towel round his waist.

Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples feet and dry them with the towel round his waist.



When he had finished he put on his clothes and returned to his place at the table and said

*"Do you understand what I have done for you? Now that I, your Lord and Teacher have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example, that you should do as have done for you"*

Read this story in **John 13:1-17**  
What could you do for your friends?



If your trainers smell of cheesy feet, make them smell nice by putting 2 or 3 handfuls of dried lavender into the middle of a hanky. Gather up the corners around the lavender and secure with an elastic band or ribbon. Leave one in each shoe overnight to make them smell fresh in the morning!

