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A community newsletter reporting and commenting on happenings in the parishes of
St Peter's Lynchmere and St Paul's Camelsdale

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A Letter from Your Vicar...

One of my childhood memories is of a picture... Well not quite a picture, but a hologram—if you held it one way it showed a scene of a hillside, and if you held it another the scene changed.



From the three crosses on the hillside outside the Jerusalem city walls which felt like utter defeat for the first followers of Jesus to the amazing day on the early Sunday morning when the glimpse of the impossible began to emerge seems a little like that picture.

Both are true—the images are both there, superimposed one on the other—the first the one-for-all dealing with the effect of human sin and wickedness, the second the revealing of the possibility of life with God for ever.

Will you bold enough to pray this Easter that God will show you the full picture?

Oh, and enjoy your Easter eggs!

Your friend and Vicar,

John

P.S. The first service on Easter Day this year will be at 6am—at the viewpoint on Lynchmere Common. Park at the Lynchmere Society Notice board and then walk along the path until you reach the bench. This short informal service is a great way to meet the Risen Lord Jesus and proclaim “He is Risen! Alleluia!”

Richard of Chichester (c1197—1253) (3 April)

Ever wonder where the prayer ... 'May I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day' comes from? Richard of Chichester, a bishop in the 13th century, wrote it.

He began life as Richard de Wych of Droitwich, the son of a yeoman farmer. But Richard was a studious boy, and after helping his father on the farm for several years, refused an advantageous offer of marriage, and instead made his way to Oxford, and later to Paris and Bologna to study canon law.

In 1235 he returned to Oxford, and was soon appointed Chancellor, where he supported Edmund, Archbishop of Canterbury, in his struggles against King Henry III's misuse of Church funds. After further study to become a priest, Richard was in due course made a bishop himself. He was greatly loved. He was charitable and accessible, both stern and merciful to sinners, extraordinarily generous to those stricken by famine, and a brilliant legislator of his diocese. He decreed that the sacraments were to be administered without payment, Mass celebrated in dignified conditions, the clergy to be chaste, to practise residence, and to wear clerical dress. The laity were obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days, and to know by heart the Hail Mary as well as the Lord's Prayer and the Creed.

Richard was also prominent in preaching the Crusade, which he saw as a call to reopen the Holy Land to pilgrims, not as a political expedition. He died at Dover on 3 April 1253. In art, Richard of Chichester is represented with a chalice at his feet, in memory of his having once dropped the chalice at Mass! One ancient English church is dedicated to him.

And, of course, he is author of that famous prayer, now set to popular music, which runs in full:

'Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day.'

Easter, our Marriage Ceremony

You have protected us, Jesus, from endless disaster.
You spread your hands over us like wings.
You poured your blood over the earth,
Because you loved us.
The anger which we deserved you turned away from us
And restored us to friendship with God.

The heavens may have your spirit, paradise your soul,
But the earth has your blood.
We celebrate the coming of your Spirit always:
The Spirit leads the mystic dance throughout the year.
But Easter comes and goes.
Power came from heaven to raise you from death,
So that we and all creatures could see you.
All living things gather round you at Easter.
Thee is joy, honour, celebration, delight.

The darkness of death is driven away.
Life is restored everywhere.
The gates of heaven are thrown open.
In you, risen Jesus, God has shown us himself,
So we can rise to him as gods.
The gates of hell are shattered.
In you, risen Jesus, those already dead rise to life,
Affirming the good news of eternal life.
Now your promise has been fulfilled.
Now the earth is singing and dancing.
Easter is our marriage ceremony.
At Easter, dear Jesus, you make us your brides...

Hippolytus (c 190 – c 236)

Although he lived in the third century, Hippolytus profoundly influenced 20th liturgical writers. He was a priest in Rome who was deported to Sardinia during a persecution, where he died. His hymn for Easter was widely used throughout the western church.

Barnabas Slot

PAKISTAN: the University of Peshawar campus now has a Christian church being built, to replace one attacked in the '80s. Some complaints were lodged in case this gave rise to an 'unending series of similar demands from other minority faiths' but the high court has ruled that the building shall not be stopped: the Chief Justice pointed out that Pakistan's constitution protects religious minorities and that Muslims can build mosques and spread their faith without obstruction in non-Muslim countries. (There are 38 mosques on the campus and this will be the only Christian church).

Give thanks for the decision and for the Chief Justice's comments. Pray: that this will mark the start of more religious tolerance within Pakistan.

PAKISTAN: Blasphemy law: Senator Mushahid Hussain Sayed made a statement in Paris that his party planned to reform the "blasphemy law" after the next general election. There is one example given of this law being used in false accusations to settle a personal grievance: if found guilty, the accused faces the death penalty.

Most cases are eventually rejected by the High Court but it can take several years for Christians to clear their names; many cannot return to their homes and a whole community can suffer because of an accusation of blasphemy against an individual.

Pray that the falsely accused will be released from prison and cleared of the accusations. Pray that their families will not continue to suffer discrimination.

UZBEKISTAN: A young Christian worker in Andijan, Dmitri Shestakov, has been arrested, accused of "Incitement of national, racial and religious enmity", (treason) under Article 156 of Uzbek law. This kind of accusation is often used against Christians simply because of their Christian activities: if convicted of three such accusations, a life sentence is given.

Pray that police will not be able to secure a guilty verdict against Dmitri.

INDONESIA: West Sumatra has adopted an ordinance which requires all students from elementary age through to secondary

education to pass both written and oral exams on the Qur'an. Also couples who wish to get married must pass such exams.

One official was unconcerned about potential problems for non-Muslims : he said that the Qur'anic education was aimed at giving young people 'good morals, so they won't be lured by drugs and other negative activities'. He felt all would benefit from this. The Metawai Islands, Indonesia, have been excluded from this ordinance because they are majority non-Muslim.

Pray that politicians in West Sumatra will take seriously the consideration that this ordinance will be discriminatory against non-Muslims. Pray that the regulations are rejected before they can be put in place. Pray especially for Christian couples wishing to get married who may find they are unable to do so unless they study the Qur'an.

CHINA: Police raided a Christian house during a prayer meeting, accompanied by officials from the Religious Bureau. They took photographs of each person there, without a search warrant or showing ID. Those refusing to write down their names were beaten. They then searched the house, removing Christian books without leaving a record of what had been taken. Some members were taken for interrogation at the police station and forced to make a written promise that they would not hold further religious meetings in their home, on threat of criminal detention and severe beatings.

Pray for these Christians, who long to meet together to pray and worship the Lord without fear of violence or interference. Pray that they will have wisdom and courage about how to proceed; pray for physical healing for those hurt.

THE RIGHT TO JUSTICE CAMPAIGN: Closing date is now 30th April, 2007. Currently there are over 98,000 signatures.

Pray that many people will gather even more support to gain justice for Christian minorities. Pray for its handing in, in due course, to the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office and in other countries. Pray that Politicians will be spurred to action; pray that Western governments will use their influence to promote true justice for all minorities, including Christians, who are often overlooked. Pray that the campaign will result in real change for the better for persecuted Christian minorities.

IRAQ: The suffering of Christians in Iraq is highlighted. They are being targeted by both Sunni insurgents and Shia militia, many of whom see this as an opportunity to wipe out Christianity from Iraq for ever. A series of reports about the lives of Christians in Iraq is being prepared.

Do pray, fervently, for our brothers and sisters who are so vulnerable in that situation.

There is an on-line petition to emphasise this, direct to the Prime Minister. Model letter is also available.

Camelsdale Christian Fellowship

Due to illness and other factors, C.C.F.'s meeting, on the 6th March, was a touch depleted.

The business of the A.G.M. went very well and, needless to say, the Spirit of Fellowship was ever present amongst the few who were able to attend.

Helen, our Leader, was on the sick list and greatly missed. Avril and Mary A. carried the torch admirably. With the 'Bring and Buy' sale in operation, everyone chose something for themselves and happily the cash box was the beneficiary of the proceeds.

God's blessing upon all absent friends. We pray His love will be a comfort to them.

The next meeting is on 3rd April.

C.C.F. would be happy to welcome new members.

"Before you criticise someone, you should walk a mile in their shoes. That way, when you criticise them, you're a mile away and you have their shoes."

"In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog to worship him and a cat to ignore him."

Why our Community is Not Like a Soap Opera!

I used to listen to 'The Archers'. I gave up partly because the 'everyday story of country folk' ceased to be everyday. There was too much 'drama' - affairs, racist violence and paternity disputes, for example - and it ceased to be realistic. But there is another way in which soaps like 'The Archers' are no longer realistic. Every soap is based around a close-knit community of central characters who all know each other well. The characters' lives overlap in a variety of ways to give a range of storylines. They live nearby, work together, socialise together and are often part of the same extended families - the traditional close-knit community where everyone knows everyone else.

How different that is from the society in which we live. My wife and I move in different circles at work, amongst friends, in our family and in our church. We spend a lot of time 'catching up' with people - often having to make a particular effort to see them. Unlike in 'The Archers', we do not accidentally bump into friends or family as we go about our daily business (they live miles away) - and we hardly know anyone in Hammer (where we live). I expect this is not unusual in our long-distance society, where it is normal to know more people who live 20, 30 or even 100 miles away than in one's own street.

Does this matter? Should it matter? I believe it does matter - not because I long to live in a soap opera-style idyllic community, but because fragmentation of our communities means we cease to understand those around us. And when we cease to understand our neighbours, we cease to care about them. That leads to antisocial behaviour and disputes between neighbours. Ultimately it can lead to intolerance and bigotry. To put it simply, I think the loss of community is a big factor in the gradual degradation of our civilisation. Community is not something any government can fix (although not for want of trying...), but the crazy thing is that if we realised what we are losing, it would be very easy for each of us to do something about it - whether that is getting to know our neighbours, using local shops and businesses, or making an effort to speak kindly to someone each day. There are many possibilities, and a lot of small actions would make a big difference. But if we don't realise what we are losing until it is too late, what then will be the future of our civilisation?

Graham Sharp
8 March 2007
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April Events

- 3rd** **Camelsdale Christian Fellowship**
- 6th** **Good Friday Walk**
Meet at St Peter's at 2.15 for 2.30 start
- 12th** **Over 60s Club**
"The Joys of the Flower Garden" Slides and Lecture
by Mr Ron Watts
- 18th** **Camelsdale Gardening Club**
'Bring & buy' sale and talk by committee member Don
Lamberth on "The Other Side of Horticulture".
- 20th** **Lynchmere Parish Council Annual Meeting**
Camelsdale First School, 7.30 pm for 8pm.
- 21st** **Camelsdale Village Spring Clean**
Camelsdale Recreation Ground, 9am.
- 26th** **Over 60s Club**
"More Travels on a Bike" - Josie Dew
- 29th** **Hammer Hill Annual Plant Sale**
Hammer Hill Recreation Ground.

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

Sundays at 7-8:15pm Klub (8-11's) *restarts 22nd April*
Camelsdale Hall Annexe

Church Services in April:

1st	8.00am	Holy Communion St Peter's Lynchmere
	9.45am	Palm Sunday Service St Peter's Lynchmere
	11.00am	Palm Sunday Service St Paul's Camelsdale
5th	7-9pm	Maundy Thursday multi-media "pilgrimage" St Paul's Camelsdale
6th	10.30am	Good Friday United Service St Peter's Lynchmere
	5:30pm	Evensong— St Peter's Lynchmere
8th	EASTER DAY	
	6.00am	Holy Communion Lynchmere Common
	9:45am	Family Communion St Peter's Lynchmere
	11.00am	Family Communion St Paul's Camelsdale
15th	8.00am	Holy Communion St Peter's Lynchmere
	10.30am	United Family Service St Peter's Lynchmere
22nd	8.00am	Holy Communion St Peter's Lynchmere
	9:45am	Holy Baptism St Peter's Lynchmere
	11.00am	Morning Worship St Paul's Camelsdale
29th	8.00am	Holy Communion St Peter's Lynchmere
	10.30am	Service followed by Church Annual meeting— St Paul's Camelsdale all welcome

Information about services and facilities at both our churches can be found online at www.achurchnearyou.com:

www.acny.org.uk/5043 for St Peter's Lynchmere

www.acny.org.uk/4833 for St Paul's Camelsdale

The church website is at www.stpandp.co.uk

Lynchmere Parish Council

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held at

Camelsdale First School

Friday 20TH April

7.30pm for 8.00pm.

Tea & Coffee will be available on arrival.

The Guest Speakers will be from Local Organisations

Please do come along and hear about the activities of the Parish Council over the last year and have your opportunity to ask questions.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU.

Your Parish Councillors are:-

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Village Spring Clean

After a great night out on the 20th at the Annual Parish Meeting, why not join us at Camelsdale Recreation Ground on **Saturday 21st April from 9.00am** to help tidy up the Recreation Ground and Village. Let's show the District Council we have a Recreation Ground to be proud of. Again we look forward to seeing you. The more the merrier!

Friends of St Peter's - a date for your diary

BLUEBELL SUNDAY this year will be on Sunday 6th May at Mere Cottage, Lynchmere, thanks once again to the generosity of Mary and Julian Biggs. Further details of this and other Friends events planned for the summer will be in the May Lantern.

The Lynchmereans

We had a very full Helpers' meeting and 'chippy' in the Hall on Friday 9th February at which we welcomed three new helpers. If any other brave souls or parents would like to assist us, please let me know (643120). Warning, you will have to have a CRB check for the sake of Child Protection, but don't worry as it is very simple.

Our other activity was a very energetic disco on Sunday 18th February. Thirty of our pantomime cast and their guests gyrated for two hours, with only a break for refreshments and a thrilling Musical Chairs. Our thanks to Jack Foster who brought his awe-full disco and his band of helpers.

MT

Hello from Camelsdale School

It is lovely to be writing to you as signs of spring emerge in our school grounds – there is a growing anticipation from the children that spring time is just around the corner.

We are delighted this half term to have been awarded with the “West Sussex Early Years Kitemark Award”. After 4 years of hard work this is deserved recognition that our Early Years Practice is of a high quality.

We are also delighted to have won “The Community Involvement Award” in the final of the West Sussex Safer Routes Competition. This supports all our hard work on our School Travel Plan – e.g. Walking Bus (this leaves The Mill tavern @ 8:30am on Wednesdays – have you seen us?); the introduction of Junior Road Safety Officers; a School Council designed leaflet for parents to pledge a change in their travelling to and from school habits; a Road Safety Competition, kindly sponsored by the Parish Council - well done to our winners Sophie Brownbill, Francesca Mowat and Cosima McLean...look out for their posters around the village!; and our School Crossing Patrol trial. We are delighted that now we can have a School Crossing Patrol at the top and bottom of School Road...we just need to find people to be the lollipop man/lady?? Please let me know if you could do a stint even one or two sessions (8.40am and 3.00pm are the times). We desperately need to find people. We have the uniforms, but no one to fill them!!! Please let me know.

We have just come back from our first ever school trip abroad, we took a group of Year 4 pupils to visit our link school in Burgos, Northern Spain. All the children are now learning Spanish at school with Nora Bandres our Comenius Language Assistant...so listen out for Spanish around the village!

You are also welcome to join us at our:

Easter Service – Friday March 30th 2pm - St. Paul’s Church.

Adios!

Sarah Palmer

The Lynchmere Society

The last week of March is the time when management of the commons is put on hold until September in order to protect the nesting birds. It is a time of great change and much growth. There is nothing more rewarding than spending an hour or two in the spring and summer just listening to the silence and the birds. Many organisations ask for dogs to be kept on leads during this time. The society is very tolerant and does not require this but we do ask that dogs are kept under close control and are not allowed to race barking and chasing across the land.

Volunteer Days All are welcome

Sundays 6th and 20th May from 10 O'clock onwards. Meet by the Lynchmere Society Board on the road to Lynchmere church. Bring your gardening gloves!

Come when you like and stay for as long as you want.

The **Society Annual General Meeting** is on Friday 18th May at 7.30 for 8.00 in the Hardman Hoyle Hall. All are welcome to come and hear what the Society is doing and what we hope to do in the future. There will be an illustrated talk by Mark Allery on the Trees of the Commons and their uses. Any queries ring Hilary Adair 01428 643219.

Top 10 Things Overheard on the Ark

10. "Did anyone think about bringing a couple of umbrellas?"
9. "Hey, there are more than two flies in here!"
8. "Wasn't someone supposed to put two shovels on board?"
7. "Okay, who's the wise-guy who brought the mosquitoes on board?!"
6. "Help! I need some stomach medicine for the elephants, QUICK!"
5. "Don't make me pull this ark over and come back there!"
4. "No Ham, you cannot eat the pig!"
3. "And whatever you do, DO NOT pull this plug out."
2. "Nice doggie..."
1. "Are we there yet?"

Lynchmere and Hammer Over 60s Social Club

Despite the appalling snowy day, thirty-five staunch members gathered in St. Michaels Hall to enjoy a fish and chip lunch. The only casualties to the weather were the scheduled entertainers, who have now been rescheduled to 22nd March. Instead members happily enjoyed six games of bingo.

The very well known Malcolm Harris spoke about the founding and history of "Malcolm's Travel Coaches" which have served the people of Haslemere and the surrounding area with interesting, enjoyable and affordable holidays and day trips over many years. He and his wife have acted as couriers, taking immense pride in personally attending to the comfort and convenience of all patrons. Mr Harris recalled many occurrences, both amusing and alarming, and has written a book of his experiences which is scheduled for publication in the autumn. Judging by his lecture, it will be an extremely good read.

We have in our thoughts and prayers John Denman, Jessie May, Dora Nash and Cynthia Pickhauer.

Vi Edwards
(Hon Secretary)

Programme for April 2007

April 12th "The Joys of the Flower Garden" Slides and Lecture by
Mr Ron Watts
April 26th "More Travels on a Bike" - Josie Dew.

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, or if you do not have access to a computer then you can get them to me via the Vicar.

Editor.



Hammer Hill annual plant sale

Sunday 29th April, 11am

Hammer Hill Recreation Ground.

Hardman-Hoyle Memorial Hall Plant Sale

Our annual plant sale will be held at 1, The Old Quarry, Camelsdale on Saturday 12th May, from 10.00 to 12.00.

All contributions of plants or raffle prizes very welcome. Please call Craig Hooker on 01428 642526.

Camelsdale Gardening Club

Paul Patton, our first speaker for 2007 gave a very interesting talk on "Beneficial Wildlife for the Garden".

Next month we meet on 18th April for our very popular annual 'bring & buy' sale. We are also having a talk by committee member Don Lamberth on "The Other Side of Horticulture".

We meet at Camelsdale Church Hall at 7.30pm. New members very welcome, contact Mrs Craig Hooker on (01428) 642526 for details.

"If you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket then giving Fido only two of them."

News from Swaziland

As you probably know, my brother, John was a missionary in Swaziland for some years. He collects funds, old sewing machines and computers for the Swaziland Primary Schools Project. Wendy Jones is a member of St Paul's Bedford. Two years ago she saw an article John had written for their magazine and being a widow she wondered whether she could go and help a school in Swaziland at the age of 60. She went and is now there again having taken early retirement for three months, working hard, teaching English and sewing and generally supporting Forbes Reef school of over 300 children, visiting churches on Sundays and travelling in crowded minibuses to interesting places at week ends and loving every minute, apart from the creepy crawlies.

This is an edited version of Wendy's last letter:

"To all those of you who have sent me messages a very big "Thank you" it is so good to come into this little internet cafe and find your notes, makes me feel more than a bit homesick. However, there is work to be done here so get on with it Jones!

"Last weekend I did not come into town I went to have a look at the Lighthouse, a project for HIV/AIDS orphans, children and teens. They have a lovely little gift shop and do free coffee. It was an interesting place, they have 48 kids there, and we have some at Forbes Reef. This week has been the usual mix of fun, work, laughs and some pain. I visited the children's ward in the hospital again. This time it was packed with little ones, their mothers/grandmothers lying on the floor. One little mite looked about 3 months, she was 8 months. Mum had died of AIDS, so how long do you give her? Each day more women tell me their daughters/sons have died of AIDS and they are caring for the children

"There is a clothes shop here that has its own store card, 'so what?' do I hear you say. One of the benefits offered is a death grant and funeral expenses! I have been teaching English to grade 6 again,

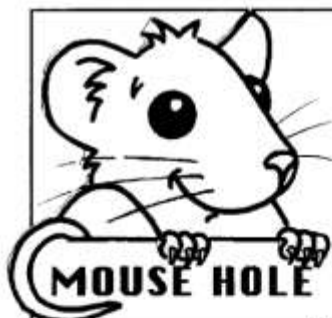
they write an essay each week for practice. This week I have had several to mark where they are saying "At home we are hungry, we go to the neighbours for food/water, we have no electricity, or my mum and dad are dead". These kids are 12. We have had a new baby at school this week, I went to visit her yesterday, very sweet. Mum is only 15 and this is her second! The other side of this is that two of the married teachers have lost a son this week.

Yesterday one of the grade 6 girls came to me in tears, afraid to tell her teacher that she had not written her essay for homework, afraid that the teacher would beat her. She had not done the work because her sister died on Monday. I then realised that the sister was the 26 yr old young woman I visited 2 weeks ago. On a lighter note, just when I was starting to think that Barry the bat had left home up he pops. Trouble is he chooses his moments. I had just sat down with my supper and out he comes swooping round the room. So I put off the light and opened the door. A few minutes later I saw a little black shape fly away outside. Then at 4a.m today he suddenly decided it was time to fly round again. I just stayed under the mossie net and ignored him. However, now he seems to be back again I guess he might bring all his mates in and then I shall have adolescent bat legs lolloping about all over the place!

Yesterday we had two young men at the school selling veggies from the back of a truck. I bought a pineapple, tomatoes, carrots, bananas and two mangoes. Cost about one pound. They gave me a banana as a bonus for being a good customer. They don't do that in Sainsbury's, unless they have started since I left!" **MT**

The Good Friday Walk - 6th April

This year we will walk Lynchmere and Stanley Commons again and look at the latest developments. Meet at St. Peter's at 2.15 for a move off at 2.30. We should be back at the church at about 5.30 for Evensong. Don't forget to bring your picnic teas. Well behaved dogs are welcome, but **MUST** be kept on leads as the birds will be nesting.



The Easter Story

On a donkey,
here's God's King!
"Hosanna, Hosanna"
the people sing.



But soon they say
"He's telling lies,
he's not God's Son,
so he must die!"



Beaten and stripped,
nailed to a cross,
He only came
to save the lost.



But three days later,
where is he?
He has risen
for all to see!



He is God's Son,
He is our King,
"Hosanna, Hosanna"
God's people sing!



Read the Easter story
in **Matthew** chapters
21, 26, 27 and 28

Eggs are given at
Easter as a symbol
of the **new life** we
can have with Jesus.

Speckled Eggs

Colour boiled eggs by
adding a few drops of
food colouring to the
water just before they
have finished boiling.

When cool, dab on
diluted food colouring
with a sponge to make
a speckled effect.

Egg Games

Decorate hardboiled
eggs with friends, then
roll them down a hill to
see who's can roll the
farthest without
cracking!

Enlarge the pictures
from the Easter story
by 200%. • Glue on
card and cut out.

• Glue the words
onto the other side.
• String together to
make a mobile.