

# Roundabout



**The Cotteridge Church  
Witnessing at the Heart of the Community**

**January 2024**

# Mike's message ...

## Happy New Year

I'm writing this as 2024 enters its first week. I know that many people will not be sad to have seen 2023 come to an end. Perhaps the most positive thing to say about it is that 'we got through it'. As in all years there are those who will have encountered personal tragedies and bereavements in the last twelve months and for whom memories of 2023 will always be darkened by sadness.



The wider world situation looks bleak. 2023 saw the continuation of the horrific war in Ukraine. Then in October conflict in Palestine escalated to unprecedented levels and continues as I write. In the latter we at The Cotteridge Church have found ourselves in the middle of protest about Palestine-Israel with two big demonstrations outside our church building in November and December. People want their voices to be heard, and protest is important, but it's also vital that in itself to doesn't stifle the voices of needs of others.

Climate Change continues to be a cause of urgent concern too. We are endeavouring to play our part in the Eco Church movement and now have achieved both bronze and silver awards. This has involved looking at all aspects of our building and its activities. Thanks go to the Eco Group for the hard work they continue to put in.

Now 2024 lies open before us. Elections, both in the UK, where a General Election has to take place before the end of January next year (2025), and a Presidential election in the USA in November this year, will have big effects on the wider world. The churches, and others of faith, will have a need to make their voice heard. Far too much of politics today is intolerant of groups and individuals whose background is different from 'ours' - whatever 'ours' is. It is frightening to see how those in need, especially refugees and those in need of asylum, have been derided and ridiculed.

These are concerning times. How can Christians witness effectively about Christ as Light of the World? How can we show, and encourage others to show, the love of Christ that knows no boundaries of race, faith or nation?

As we entered 2024 we celebrated again the great Christian Feast of Epiphany. It's the time when we recall the Magi arriving to worship the Infant Jesus. In Matthew, Chapter 2 we are reminded that the atrocities we see today aren't new. As we see the horrors unfold in Palestine we are reminded of the genocide carried out by Herod. Matthew also tells us how Mary, Joseph and Jesus sought asylum in first Egypt and then were displaced to Nazareth. Note: In Matthew's Gospel Bethlehem is their home, they end up in Nazareth to avoid Herod's tyrant successor.

As 2024 progresses let us continue to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, the "light that darkness can not overcome".



## Friends & Family



Derek Grinter has died. Derek used to play the organ for us. His wife Beverley sang beautifully to his talented accompaniment.



Clive Babb has also died, at the amazing age of 100. We shall miss him-

We are also sad to share the news of the death of Christopher Bond. He and Margaret were long standing members of The Cotteridge congregation before returning to Chipping Norton. He was diagnosed with throat cancer in July and died in November. We send our condolences and best wishes to their families and friends



**Tuesday Fellowship** is a group which is open to all. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 2.00pm in the Cotswold Room and below is a list of dates with the speakers /activities feel free to come and join us. Thank you. Linda

### TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP DATES January - March 2024

- 23rd January     A.G.M.                    13th February Music afternoon[cds]  
 27th February     Don Hazzard on the Herbert Austin Village  
 12th March         Easter Meeting with Barbara



In the Autumn I cycled 1015 miles through France from St Malo to Nice. It was fantastic! On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm at

Cotteridge Friends Meeting House 1 and the three friends I cycled with will take you on that journey through photos and story.

Coffee and cake included. All free but we are raising money for



**WORLD BICYCLE RELIEF™**

World Bicycle Relief if you would like to support. Hope to see you then!

Barbara Calvert



**Christmas Coffee Morning**



**Middle East Crisis Appeal**

10.00 - 1.00 Drop in.  
 Saturday 10th December 2023  
 5 Middletown Hall Road B30  
 1AG



Gift of Love  
 100% cash



This raised over £500 to help the people of Palestine caught up in this dreadful war. Many thanks to all who helped, and supported it.



# Christmas Fair 2nd December 2023



The Cotteridge Church  
Christmas Fair  
Saturday 2nd December 2023

This was very well attended.  
A huge thank you to all who ran stalls, helped with setting up and tidying away afterwards.  
Approximately £1500 has been raised which will be used for church activities.





## Used Stamp Collection



There has been a collecting box for used postage stamps in the Pennine Way at Cotteridge Church for many years now, originally for the Leprosy Mission but more recently for Christian Aid. I was passing them on to a friend who took them to St Nicholas's for Christine Adams to deal with, but as somebody expressed surprise that Christian Aid was collecting stamps, and others were surprised that people still used postage stamps, I decided to ask Christine for some feedback.

She said that for the last few years she has been taking them to Cofton Collectables where the owner has given her some money for them. He used to weigh them but now takes the bag and gives her a donation around £20 depending on how many there are, which she adds to what the church collects for Christian Aid. But last year he said it was not really worth a lot so she was not sure it was worth us saving and trimming the stamps.

My friend said she thought she knew somebody at another church who collected stamps for Birmingham City Mission, and sent me a link to their "Donate" page. Sure enough, that is one way of raising funds for them, and of course our own Hazel Nash is still very involved with BCM. So I asked if we could take her some stamps occasionally, and she agreed. So please continue to put your stamps in the box, don't damage them but cut them carefully off the envelope leaving a small margin, and please don't put any waste paper, paper clips etc in there!

If you really don't get any stamped post through the mail, there are other ways of giving to Christian Aid and BCM. Christian Aid's scope is almost worldwide, Birmingham City Mission of course works more locally but their motto is "Proclaiming the gospel, helping those in need". Keep a look-out in our Church notice sheet. Barbara Calvert and her family have recently held a coffee morning in aid of Christian Aid's Middle East Crisis Appeal, and we had the opportunity to support BCM's Toylink at the beginning of December. Thank you for your support!

Jean Morgan

## THE FRIENDSHIP BAND

I commenced making friendship bands shortly after handling some anointing oil at around the time of Charles III Coronation. Touching the oil gave me a spiritual experience and I felt I could be used somehow in healing.

After making a few friendship bands in an Art Therapy class, I realised that this was the way forward for me. After making and

distributing well over 100 bands over the Christmas period, I was amazed at the results. So many folk have spoken to me, and become friends. With just seven strands of wool and a small circular template, making the bands is ideal for adults and children and a great way of making warm communication and healing.

BOB BURTON



## The Gift of Moments

‘If we could gift each other moments  
I’d wrap up that bauble sun we felt  
warm our backs to the tip of Mam Tor’

This is the first verse of a poem in a little booklet of poems I was given for Christmas.

Gifts of moments – such a lovely thought. In the weeks leading up to Christmas, I enjoyed many gifts of moments. On Advent Sunday in the Parade/All Age service we all enjoyed a delightful performance of Martha Mouse, directed by Rita, with a star turn by Alison Sprackling as Martha. The Mouse is sad not to have anything to give the baby Jesus but then discovers that by blocking a cold draft in the stable wall with her whole body she has given herself – the



best gift of all. There was the moment when ‘Mary’ (played by Oria Seward) elbowed ‘Joseph’ (played by Micky) to move up as he’d sat in the wrong chair. You tell him Mary!



I took Martha Mouse to Cotteridge School for their Christmas assembly. As I retold the story the children joined in with perhaps rather prolonged gifts of moment as they enthusiastically played the part of the animals – lots of mooing, baaing and clucking!





In the midweek Christmas service there were gifts of moments for us all when Kinmos (a mental health charity ) sang ‘Silent night’ . And more gifts of moments when C2U and the children who sang for us from Cotteridge School choir were so eager to come forward and light a candle and say a prayer (whispered to me) for me to repeat. We had many prayers for peace in the Holy Land.

On the Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December the reading from Luke 2.25 – 40 takes us to Jerusalem in the Holy Land. Mary and Joseph take the infant Jesus to the temple for traditional birth rituals. There they meet first Simeon and then Anna. Both are elderly and both have worshipped at the temple year upon year. But this day a perfect gift of moment. They recognise the infant Jesus as the Christ Child as if they have been waiting for this moment all their lives. ‘Simeon took him in his arms and praised God’; and Anna ‘broke into an anthem of praise’.

The words of Simeon have passed down to us through the ages in the  
‘Nunc Dimittis’.

‘Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to the word.  
For mine eyes have seen the salvation,  
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;  
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel’.

In these dark days of war and appalling suffering in the Holy land, Ukraine, Yemen, Sudan and elsewhere these gifts of moment are to be treasured and provide strength and encouragement for the pilgrim road as we are all called to challenge injustice and work for peace. The gifts offered by the wise men include myrrh, symbolic of death. Simeon’s beautiful words of praise in the temple conclude with a warning to Mary that ‘ a sword will pierce your own soul too’.

In another Advent poem by Jane Kenyon she describes a village church nativity play and all sounds delightful;

‘After the pageant, a ruckus of cards, presents and homemade Christmas sweets’  
but the concluding verse;

‘When I opened the hundred year-old Bible  
...black dust from the binding rubbed off  
on my hands, and on the altar cloth’.

All the lights of Christmas do not extinguish the darkness that is all around us. But the gift of moment when the Christ child was born was a gift to last into eternity. Let us treasure gifts of moment in the year ahead for:

‘The true light, which enlightens everyone was coming into the world’ John 1. 9

Barbara Calvert 27<sup>th</sup> December 2023





## The Cotteridge Church Worship and Pastoral Report December 2023

**Light in the tower** was switched on during the Lockdown in 2020, as a sign of hope, it was decided to keep this as a permanent feature using an LED bulb to minimise the energy consumption. The light is clearly visible from Watford Road direction on dark evenings.

**Evening worship** ceased when the lockdown started in March 2020 we were asked to discuss restarting it following a request from one of our congregation.

As a result of the responses to a questionnaire, an evening service restarted on 3<sup>rd</sup> September with a Communion service led by Revd Roger Collins and has continued on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month at 6.30pm. The services alternate between Communion and Evening Prayer and have a regular congregation of 5 or 6 people.

**Communion wine** from the time the three congregations began worshipping together alternated between alcoholic and non-alcoholic wine. When communion was re-introduced after the lockdown we used non-alcoholic wine, recently one of our congregation asked if we could restart using alcoholic wine for some services. It was decided NOT to revert to using a chalice, but to use alcoholic wine in the small glasses on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month (with non-alcoholic wine also available) and non-alcoholic wine on 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday.

**Welcome Cards** have now been printed to be given to any newcomers as they come into church. They summarise what the Cotteridge Church is and give space for contact details if people want to know more. The card can be put on the offertory plate. A further leaflet is planned with details of our regular activities.

**Lectern microphone** has been replaced as the old one had ceased to work properly. We will be looking at how to update the Audio Visual system.

**Inclusion** is an issue we have started to address with activities for children on a table at the side of the chairs, using yellow text on a black background (this is particularly helpful to people with dyslexia) and having the bible texts in full on the screen.

We will be considering other ways to make worship as inclusive as possible over the next few months.

**Pastoral meetings** will be held twice a year for all pastoral links on Saturdays in March and September (dates to be confirmed) led by Rev Mike Claridge.

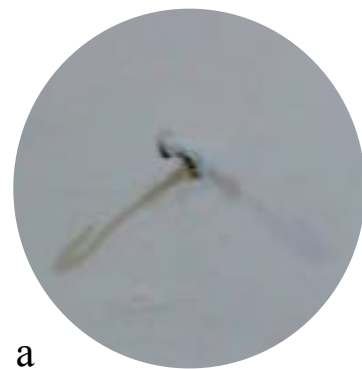
If you have any thoughts or suggestions on these or any other items for the committee to consider please speak to me, leave a note in the 'S' pigeonhole or email me ([jane.stephens@thecotteridgechurch.org.uk](mailto:jane.stephens@thecotteridgechurch.org.uk)).

Jane Stephens



## THE HOOK

I am sure many of you will have noticed THE HOOK on the wall behind the altar, just beneath the wooden cross, and above the panelling. We do use it sometimes now to hang one of our tapestries, but it used to have a very important role, before the church was renovated in the 1980s.



At Christmas a long wire was hung from it, to the balcony at the back, and three rings of candles were hung from that, and lit. The Christmas Eve Midnight Service was illuminated by these candles. It was quite magical. That hook really is part of our history.

Celia Lester

## Matthew 25:31-46

Recently I read this passage from Matthew during the Sunday morning service - re bad goats on the left & good sheep on the right.

Generally sheep living in the Middle East have a much thinner fleece than the sheep with which we are familiar, and they resemble goats much more closely.

My late husband Richard, as many of you will know, was a taxonomic botanist and absolutely passionate about wild plants. He helped to run a course at Birmingham University in crop resources, and genetic conservation. Because this involved a practical course during July and August, we were forced to have our main annual



holidays during the Easter break, and so usually travelled south to warmer climes, such as the islands of the Mediterranean. Naturally, we had to explore the coastal areas to find the beautiful little wild flowers that he loved so much. and usually these were only to be found sheltering within the stalks of VERY spiny bushes. They could survive here because they were sheltered from the attacks of the goats, which ate everything with green leaves except for those

which had very prickly stems. So, understandably, Richard hated goats because they destroyed so many of his favourite plants. Obviously the term Nanny was never used for a grandmother, so I am always Granny, and never Nanny to my grandchildren. Sheep, on the other hand, eat mainly grasses, and are far less destructive in their grazing. In Richard's opinion, Jesus' parable got it right!

Celia Lester



# Services for January and February

	7th January	14th January	21st January	28th January
<b>10:30 am</b>	Revd M Claridge Morning Worship	Revd M. Claridge HC Covenant	Revd R. Collins	Revd M. Claridge HC
<b>6:30 pm</b>	Revd M Claridge HC	No service	No service	No service
	4th February	11th February	18th February	25th February
<b>10:30 am</b>	Revd B. Calvert HC	Revd R. Collins HC	Revd M. Claridge	Revd M. Claridge/ Ms Sue Spencer HC
<b>6:30 pm</b>	Revd G. Hall	No service	No service	No service

January 21st begins the week of Prayer for Christian Unity

## End of season celebration

The early Christmas shop and meal has always been popular as a fun way to end the programme of Pennine Way trips. 2023 has been an exceptional year. There were two trips at the end of November because so many people ( over 80 in total ) wanted to take part. Melbicks, near Coleshill ,was beautifully decorated and we enjoyed a jolly rendition of Jingle Bells by the singing penguins.



Then on to The Lake at Barston for our annual 2 course meal. This didn't disappoint and just to make your mouths water here is the menu -: chicken with mushroom sauce or salmon with Hollandaise sauce or an amazing vegetarian option, sweet potato, goat's cheese and spinach pie. This was followed by apple pie and custard or fresh fruit salad and cream.

Then with full shopping bags and even fuller tummies Norman, our wonderful driver, brought us safely back to Cotteridge.



A big thank you to him and our coach company, Hollywood Travel for looking after us so well.

When you read this the programme for 2024 will be in preparation

Rita Sutton



# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024

## Climate Emergency Action

Congratulations to The Cotteridge Church on receiving the Silver Award. We have been working since we achieved the Bronze award at areas that needed to be supported in order to reach this. All of the categories in which we achieved the Silver Award belong to every one of us in our church community..so WELL DONE and THANK YOU!



The Eco-church group will be looking at what next for us to move forward knowing that everything we do, however small, makes that important difference.

We have used our re-cycling partner, First Mile, to re-cycle not only paper and cans but cardboard and there is also a container in church to put used batteries in as well. With the shortage of lithium in the world it's more vital than ever to re-cycle them. I've just returned from taking a bag full to Tesco on Watford Rd. The container there is just inside the door. The Co-op in Cotteridge is also a re-cycling champion, so you can take them there as well.

**ACTION:** Could you re-cycle more of your used batteries?  
Could you buy some rechargeable batteries to help your usage?

It's the beginning of a new year and now more than ever we need to take the climate emergency seriously. Everyone agrees that more needs to be done but of course it comes with some sacrifice of a lifestyle that we have got used to.

If we all try to do something extra it will make that difference.

**ACTION:** Could you have 2 meat free days?  
Could you plan meals to make use of left overs and seasonal foods?  
Could you regularly look at the labels of food to check the amount of air miles it has taken to bring that to the store?

Another area is of course heating and lighting and we all know the actions we need to take there to reduce our electricity and gas usage.

**ACTION:** Switch off lights when leaving a room

**ACTION:** Turn down the thermostat by 1 degree.

**ACTION:** Be ready to put on another cardigan or jumper, and have throws ready to put around your knees.

**ACTION:** Look at ways to insulate our homes more to reduce heating costs and maintain heat.

Just some ideas. The main thing is we take our climate emergency seriously and do what we can to make that difference.

Thank you for all your support in 2023 - and here's knowing that in 2024 we can and will do more.

Sandra Walton

## Life in the Not So Grim North

Christmastime 2019 in Cotteridge, along with an impending pandemic, North Yorkshire was furthest from our thoughts. We were spending a happy Christmastide with Chris and Caroline, local family and friends and looking forward to a spring wedding. Yet two months later the house in Foxes Meadow was sold and a deposit placed on our now home in Thorpe Willoughby.

We always planned to move closer to where Chris and Caroline settled but not quite so soon and certainly not during a lockdown! We fell in love with our house in Thorpe Willoughby, a small village outside Selby with our new house being built overlooking fields and Brayton Barff, the only hill for miles around.

Where to worship was a question and as we slowly came out of lockdown, Selby Abbey was the first place to open, with plenty of space to isolate. We were warmly greeted and have never thought of attending anywhere else. It is a centre for the community, open every day and has many activities together with many varied concerts including famous brass bands... well, it is Yorkshire after all.

Selby Abbey is one of England's great monastic churches, founded in 1069 by Abbot Benedict and given the Royal Charter from William I. So, how did it survive the dissolution of the monasteries? Well, the last Abbot Robert Rogers, aka Robert Selby, saw the writing on the wall and supported Henry VIII in his petition to divorce.

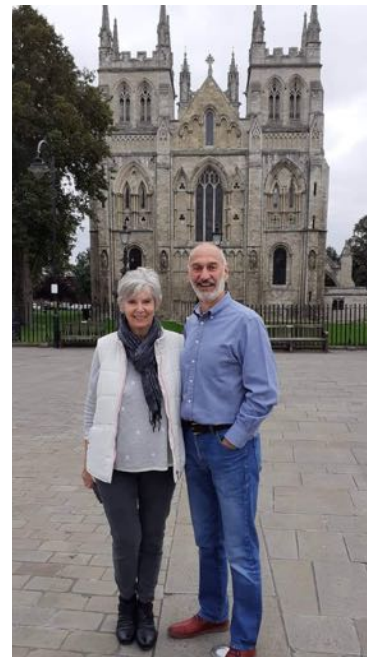
Now approaching its 1000<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Abbey survived a major fire in 1906 which destroyed the roof and all wood apart from the font cover and all seven bells fell when the central tower collapsed. Within 2 years following generous donations the Abbey was once again open and a centre for worship. Further bells have been added over the following years with an addition of three new bells for the Millennium now totalling 12 bells.

Selby Abbey boasts a Hill organ, one of the finest instruments in Britain. It was built in 1909 and regular organ recitals are held with musicians coming from all over the world to perform. The Abbey Musical Director and Assistant Organist have developed an impressive choir who enhance and lead our worship.

In January 2015 Jay Chou, a Taiwanese pop star, married Australian model Hannah Quinlivan in Selby Abbey. Although exact numbers are not recorded, there are hundreds more visitors due to this wedding. Interest has been fuelled by online clips of the wedding, which have received millions of hits. Many couples choose to have a blessing together with photos in the place their idol was married, an extraordinary sight to behold with the bride sometimes changing between 3 dresses for the photos. However, this does provide a much needed source of revenue with the heating bill in the winter months being £7000 each month.

Also, on the American tourist circuit, Selby Abbey bears the first example of the Stars and Stripes, the American flag shown in the Washington Window, containing the Heraldic arms of the Washington family. It can be found in the south clerestory window of the choir in the Abbey and is the original fourteenth century glass.

For a full history check out <https://www.selbyabbey.org.uk>







Having embraced the Abbey and its activities with Laurie firstly joining the men's group, who meet once a month for a good old Yorkshire breakfast he also enjoys various trips out with the group. I do the altar flowers each week with extra arrangements for special occasions. Laurie has joined the PCC and volunteers in the coffee shop weekly. Now well settled and whilst missing many

Cotteridge friends, we can't imagine being anywhere else but in North Yorkshire. Laurie asked some new friends "How long before I am accepted as a Yorkshire Man?" 20 years was the reply... "your wife never!" (I was born in Lancashire) Some things are not forgotten! Despite this, we have found the Yorkshire folk very friendly and welcoming, we have been very fortunate to have made many new friends.  
Lin and Laurie Brown

Peter Childs visited them in early December, and saw the abbey with them



## Praying Through Change Group dates January - April 2024

The Prayer Group meets fortnightly on Tuesday mornings at 10.30 a.m. in the Chapel

January 9th and 23rd

February 6th and 20th

March 5th and 19th

April 2nd, 16th and 30th

## Memorial from funeral service of Chris Moore



Chris was born on 12th September 1937 in Birmingham - the eldest of three children to Ellen [Nell] and Frank Moore. He had a happy childhood growing up in the '40s and 50s, attended Tinkers farm School in Northfield along with siblings Josie, and later Richard. We all eventually joined to Northfield Baptist Church. Chris became a member of the Boys' Brigade 51st Company, and later on, probably because he was one of the tallest members, was persuaded to be the big bass drum player. And very good he was too!. In those far off days, long before the traffic we know today, the Band could march around the roads of Northfield on a Sunday morning at will -[ or almost!], before marching back to Church for Church Parade service. Happy days!

Summer time brought holidays, of course, and the family had cousins in Boscombe, Bournemouth, and for many years had great times and made wonderful memories. We have always kept in touch with cousins on both sides of the family.

Chris was interested in many sports - was a life time supporter of Aston Villa FC, and, of course Warwickshire CC. Also, later on he was a keen listener to the Test Matches on the radio with Brian Johnson & Co. commentating. Those were the days! But there were many interests apart from sport: going to concerts at the Town Hall, given by the CBSO, and also traditional Jazz - including - Chris Barber and his ilk.

When Chris left school at 15 he joined the toolmakers Garringtons in Bromsgrove and learned to become a Time and Motion Study engineer. He was there for some years which included his time in the RAF, completing his National Service. Later on he joined Hi-Duty Alloys in Redditch, before finally working for a few years at Selly Oak hospital before retirement.

Another connection was with the Northfield Methodist Church - good years with other members of the family, and he also became a founder member of the Badminton Club. Chris remained single all his life, and he was always interested in what the extended family was doing, taking great interest in hearing about his niece and nephews.

When Chris decided to move from his family home in Lockwood Road, some years after his Mum died, he left Northfield and made his home in Stirchley for a number of years, joining Cotteridge Methodist, and then later still moved to Beaumont Park - sheltered housing which is right next door to the Cotteridge Church.

There were so many opportunities to travel:- USA, Europe & Asia with friends from Cotteridge. It was about this time that he joined Woodlands Park Bowling club. Chris always took great interest in whatever he attempted - always one of the first to buy a raffle or tombola ticket, to raise funds for worthy causes.

Chris was diagnosed with Parkinson's disease when he was 70 and had it for 16 years. However, he remained very positive, and greatly enjoyed his association with the Birmingham South West Parkinson Group, and the Holiday Fellowship Walking Group, and outings with the Group as he did with the Cotteridge Church, and Rita Sutton and many other friends - also from Selly Oak and Northfield MC. He was always grateful for the support from church members, not least his pastoral visitor, Hazel Nash. Finally, his Parkinson's disease meant that he needed more care, and he moved into the Limes Care Home in West Heath in 2020.



## Marcés Mailing December 2023

Dear Friends,

Yes, we ARE still alive, and no you have NOT been deleted from our mailing list. We apologise profusely for the fact that we never quite got round to writing in August, or September, or October, or even November.

We had a wonderful time in UK visiting links, albeit sometimes challenged by the Rail system. Having been asked by one Church to talk about the faithfulness of God, we realised that this has been



such a strong truth for us that we would use it as our starting point for almost everything. Since we are both now past retirement age, being asked about the “next step” was hardly surprising; the answer is that we shall continue (God willing) to work in full time ministry here until some time during 2026, but will then see where God leads. By then Juan Carlos will be turning 70, and our next planned UK trip (in 2026) will therefore probably be the last time we visit some of our link Churches officially. In some cases the link has been for over 40 years, so this will be a rather emotional time.

Since our arrival back in Lima in July, we have not had time to get bored. One adventure for Penny was a 6am “operative” involving local police, a council social worker, the local (Miraflores) council ambulance and the big Lima psychiatric hospital. This was the result of MANY rather frustrating hours of attempts to hospitalise someone who by now was sleeping (in a tent) on the lawn outside the Cathedral. She is about to be released from hospital – HOPEFULLY to one of the (few) halfway homes in Lima.

One of the most encouraging things for us has been a workshop, organised by SAMS Ireland with Penny, to train children’s workers. In October/ November we held 3 sessions, with participants from Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Paraguay and Peru. It is exciting to see children’s work being taken so much more seriously in the Anglican Church in Latin America, in both cities and remote rural areas. The materials Penny produces will now all be channelled through the SAMS website, hopefully making them much more easily available.



Our annual “Traditional Carol Service” this year in the Cathedral was thankfully NOT affected by attempted political coups.

However, there were unplanned-for moments. A Cathedral in darkness, each person waiting either for a Choir candle to light her own, or for someone else to light it. The hitch? - somehow the congregation hadn’t actually been GIVEN their candles. Then there were talks on “My favourite Carol” by different members of the Church, who discussed THEIR

favourite carol and how it relates to their life. It was an enjoyable service, and we trust the Lord enjoyed it too. Christingle services are held in both the Good Shepherd and Jesús el Nazareno (where it is called Cristoluz). Christingles formed part of Messy Church in JEN; one result of making them up to half an hour before the full explanation and lighting of the candles was the consumption of not only bits of marshmallow and raisins, but also, in at least 5 cases, of the oranges

We thank you for your prayers.

Juan Carlos & Penny Marcés

[The full copy of this can be obtained from Jean Morgan]



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