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Farewell

The time has come to say 'goodbye'. One knows instinctively when it is time to move on to pastures new. But retiring and driving off into the sunset is another matter! Both age and the State dictate when it is time to retire. Pensions Boards notify one that the time has come to apply for one's pension, and the Tax Man cometh to tell you just how much you have to pay him! For many of you, this process has a familiar ring about it. "Been there, done that and worn the t-shirt". I hear you saying.

'Alpha and Omega', The beginning and the end. It certainly seems a life-time since my Ordination back in 1967 (the year after England won the World Cup!) There have been a number of new beginnings and a number of endings - New posts taken up in various parts of the country, each one serving under at least one new diocesan bishop, and sometimes two or three, each assignment presenting its own challenges, joys and, at times, disappointments.

Looking at my ministry as a whole, it has been most rewarding. Lots of people to care for in six different parishes as their Parish Priest; lots of opportunities to be involved within various communities and organisations; as an Industrial Chaplain; an Army Padre and last, but certainly not least, as a Hospital Chaplain. All of which have enabled me to give of myself totally in the Lord's work of proclaiming his kingdom in word and deed, in love and compassion. I have no regrets whatsoever for responding to my various assignments and the opportunities which the Lord has presented me with over these past thirty nine years as a priest in his service. I just hope that in my retirement

I will continue to respond positively when he presents me with yet new challenges, as I'm sure he will.

I wish to thank all who have supported me in my ministry here in Banwell. For the love and kindness Heather and I have received from you as together, we have ministered here during these past ten years.

It only remains now for Heather and me to thank you all, both within the Christian community and the wider community of Banwell (and beyond), for your gifts and generosity that you have bestowed upon us.

Thank you for these past ten years of ministry here with you all in Banwell. I wish you well for the future.

"Good luck in the name of the Lord".

God bless you all.

David Lockyer.

Women Work Harder Than Men

Women work more hours than men, because many believe that they have to do more to justify their role in the workplace, according to a recent report.

A survey of over 3,000 staff at the law firm Peninsula found that women work an average of 46 hours a week, almost two hours more than men. "Some women believe they have to work that little bit harder to justify their role in the workplace," says Clare Gunnell, head of personnel.

Prayer

The Church families of St. Andrew's and Banwell Methodist Church will be praying for the people in your area on the following Sundays.



July

9th Knightcott Park
16th Knightcott Road
23rd Littlefields Avenue
30th Littlefields Rise

August

6th Littlefields Road
13th Moor Road

If you have any special prayers or concerns, whether for yourself, one of your family or for a neighbour (e.g. someone who is sick: getting married: seeking employment: going away to work or college: or in any kind of trouble or difficulty), please ring one of the following numbers either to have a chat, or leave a message, or make an appointment for one of us to visit you, or vice versa.

Dinah Harrison 822344
The Revd. Sam, 852314

Challenging Poverty

'Challenging Poverty', a new campaign to tackle poverty in Britain, has been launched. An initiative of the Church Urban Fund (CUF), the campaign will raise awareness of the plight of the 11.4 million people living below the poverty line in this country and encourage action in local communities.

The 'Challenging Poverty' campaign will enable CUF to continue its pioneering work with the top 10 per cent of the poorest communities in England. CUF is one of the few national organisations that invest in grass-roots projects which work to eradicate the negative effects of poverty but find it hard to get funding to continue or start projects that transform people's lives.

Visit the campaign's dedicated website:
<http://www.challengingpoverty.org/>

Dijon vu - the same mustard as before.

Banwell Playgroup for rising 3s-5yr. olds meets Monday to Friday during term-time 9.00am - 11.30am. For more information please contact the Playgroup on 823404 or Wendy Lloyd 820605.

Baby/Toddler Group meets every Friday morning 9.30am -11.45am. at the Scout Hut.
Contact Gareth Thomas 823177

Banwell Fish Scheme: Chairman Mrs Dinah Harrison 822344. Lift Co-ordinator Mrs G Boddy 823621.

Village Hall Booking Secretary: Mr David Westlake 30 Knightcott Road, Banwell. Tel: 822433.

Youth & Community Centre Booking Secretary: Nicola Hooper (Parish Clerk) 812567,
email clerk@banwell.org

Methodist School Room Hire Bookings Tel: 822873 or 822066

Banwell-Potigny Twinning Assoc. Contact Jeanne Evans 823878

Banwell Bridge Club Contact: Roger Boland Tel: 820615 or Meg Tillotson Tel: 823252

Services In Our Churches

ST. ANDREW'S

8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Sung Eucharist
3.30 pm	Evensong

METHODIST

10.30 am	Morning Service & Sunday School
6.30 pm	Evening Service

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Sunday	9.00 am	Mass
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A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

From the Registers

June

Baptisms:

18th Caitlin Rebecca Manning

Funerals:

2nd David Stewart

20th Pamela Pawley

22nd Eric Charles Kedward

28th Edith Hornet

MU

On Wednesday June 14th our branch set off for our Summer Outing. This year we enjoyed a very chatty lunch catching up with all our news as the branch had not met since March. We lunched at the Plough Inn, Wrington which is under new management and currently being refurbished. However we were made very welcome and everyone enjoyed their meal as the new chef is already there.

We then visited All Saint's Church, Wrington and were welcomed by The Rev. Nicholas Maddock, the incumbent, who gave a brief introduction about the current situation at All Saint's. They are in receipt of bequest of over a million pounds which will allow considerable repairs and refurbishment.

Our previous Deanery President, Eve Collins, assisted by her husband Ken then gave us an interesting description of previous rectors and their influence on the parish. One of whom managed to avoid the main turnpike road, now the A38, from being routed through the village. As a Banwellian one looks with some envy at the delightful village free from heavy traffic and HGV's!

Wrington belonged to the Benedictine Abbots of Glastonbury from approx. 926AD until the Dissolution of the Monasteries during the time of Henry VIII. The masons of the abbey built the famous west tower between 1420 and 1450. The towers of Somerset churches are rightly famous. Wrington's tower was architect Charles Berry's inspiration for the Victoria tower

of the Houses of Parliament when they were rebuilt in 1835 after a disastrous fire. Charles Berry also designed the beautifully carved delicate Neo-Gothic style Caen Stone Reredos behind the altar in 1832 which a local craftsman John White sculpted. The 16th Century oak screen was saved from destruction by the intervention of the Rector and extends to the full width of the church. The Rev. John Vane is said to have leapt upon his horse at Burrington and galloped to Wrington where he protested to such effect that the Victorian 'restorers' decided to retain the screen.[1859] The history of the interior of Wrington is something of a salutary lesson of following all the current fashions in religious worship, from the Dissolution, to the Puritanical times to the Restoration and then the Victorian restorers. It will be interesting to see what develops as a result of the new bequest.

There are two very notable people associated with Wrington Church. Hannah More [1745-1833] is well known here and in Banwell for her efforts to establish schools for the working people in the Mendip villages. She encouraged female Friendly Societies! the forerunner of our national insurance, to help people in times of sickness and old age etc. and Sunday Schools. Many of her schools were attacked. Her Sunday School at Blagdon was attacked by the local clergyman as setting up a secret religious meeting!!! There is a stone bust and marble memorial to her in the church and her grave is in the church yard.

Our next meeting: 12th July. 2.30pm VH.
Speaker: Joanne Rich... MU Social Policy.

Fostering

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Parish Mag Help Wanted

Due to one or two of our deliverers moving we need others to come forward to help us distribute the magazine. Particularly at Summer Park, Hill End and Rolstone/West Wick/Way Wick. If you can help then please get in touch with Mike Hebden 823517.

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Jean Kedward and family would like to thank everyone for their kind help and support and condolences during Eric's illness and his passing away. It has been most appreciated. Thank you all.

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The Friends of Banwell Primary School Website – www.banwell.info/friends

Westfield Residents Assoc - www.westfield.banwell.info
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Banwell Bowling Club Website – www.geocities.com/johnnyamos2002

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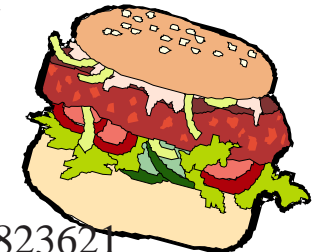
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New Methodist President Calls For Renewal

The Revd Graham Carter, new President of the Methodist Conference, has called on the Church to take up the challenge of discipleship. Graham told the recent Methodist Conference: "the kingdom needs wholehearted disciples. Nothing must be allowed to get in the way."

Graham said that too often the church has equated discipleship with holding office or doing some work. "This is nonsense!" he told the packed hall at the Edinburgh Conference Centre. "Christ calls all his people to serve him with the whole of their lives." This discipleship is about how you live at work, at home and in the community.

Graham said this is a tough challenge, and the role of the Church should be to provide practical support for people's discipleship in a complex world.

The Methodist Church is the third-largest Christian church serving Great Britain, with nearly 300,000 members and regular contact with over 800,000 people. It has about 5,800 churches in Great Britain, and also maintains links with other Methodist churches totalling a worldwide membership of 70 million.

The word 'aerobics' came about when the gym instructors all got together and said, 'If we're going to charge ten pounds an hour, we can't call it 'jumping up and down.'


Rita Rudner

Oops!

A sailor went to an auction and bid for a parrot. The sailor bid £10, but someone else bid £20. The sailor bid £25, but someone else bid £30. The sailor bid £35, but someone else bid £40. The sailor was determined to buy the bird and put in a final bid of £45. This time there were no other bids and the parrot was sold to the sailor.

"That's a lot of money I've paid for this bird," said the sailor to the auctioneer. "I hope he can talk."

"Of course he can," replied the auctioneer. "Who do you think was bidding against you?"



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Christian Aid

Christian Aid Week 2006 in Banwell raised £1662.63 – thanks again to the committed people who delivered and collected envelopes and the generous people who put something in them! Your donations will help to improve the lives of poor people around the world.



During Christian Aid Week this year Jenny and Rod Humphreys were in Zambia, visiting the Anglican Church, which has a link with the Diocese of Bath & Wells. They were there to attend the

100th Anniversary of St Paul's Church Chipata, the oldest Anglican Church in what is now Zambia. The service lasted for 5 hours, and was attended by the Archbishop of the Province of Central Africa; the MP for the Province; and ecumenical guests from the Roman Catholic and UCZ churches. The sermon was preached by the first bishop of Eastern Zambia, the Rt Revd John Osmer, now retired and living

in Lusaka. The present bishop, the Rt Revd William Muchombo, gave a speech aimed at the visiting MP, about the development issues facing his very poor and rural diocese. The service was held outside as there were around 1000 there, including Clergy, Readers, Mothers Union, Fathers Union, Choirs, Youth Groups and Boys & Girls Brigades from all around Zambia.

During their visit several meetings were held around the five dioceses to discuss perceptions of the 28-year-old link. Some very useful discussions were held about issues of communications, finance, visits,



awareness, projects, training, and poverty alleviation. This photo was taken at the end of the meeting in Choma Church, in Lusaka Diocese, when people were signing cards for Christian Aid to send to our Prime Minister.

Middle age is when you are sitting at home on a Saturday night and the telephone rings and you hope it isn't for you.

Ogden Nash

CONTACTS

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Are You Happy?

Happiness levels are on the slide. Recent research has found that happiness levels are declining and more personal wealth has not brought with it more wellbeing.

The proportion of people saying they are 'very happy' is 36 per cent, compared with 52 per cent in 1957, and eight out of ten people want the Government to make us happier.

Experts say that the relentless pursuit of economic growth has exacted a high price from the national psyche, leaving behind it depression and emotional impoverishment. They argue that if you ask people what makes them happy, the most important things are relationships.

The poll by GFK NOP found that more than 36 per cent of people are 'very happy', and 56 per cent consider themselves 'fairly happy' but five per cent were 'fairly unhappy' and three per cent 'very unhappy'. A similar poll by Gallup in 1957 found that 52 percent were very happy and 42 per cent fairly happy.



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If you have exciting, traumatic or poignant childhood sea memories then please call Lisa Lipman on 0117 925 8589, e-mail lisa.lipman@testimonyfilms.com

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We used to have a lot of questions to which there were no answers. Now, with the computer, there are lots of answers to which we haven't thought up the questions.

Peter Ustinov

We are living in a world today where lemonade is made from artificial flavours and furniture polish is made from real lemons.

Alfred Newman

DIY Danger

Are you planning to do any DIY this month? If so, please be careful!

More than 200,000 DIY enthusiasts need hospital treatment each year, it has been revealed. Now The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents has issued a top 10 list of tools most likely to land handymen in casualty.

Predictably, knives and scalpels are at the top: accounting for 20,000 hospital cases last year. But even the lowly screwdriver sent 3,500 people to A & E in one year alone.

Power tools accounted for a staggering 87,000 injuries last year. But just hanging wallpaper landed a further 1,500 people in hospital. Even cleaning the windows is dangerous: 30,000 end up in hospital each year after falling off ladders and stepladders.

The top ten tools to watch out for are: knives and scalpels, saws, grinders, hammers, chisels, screwdrivers, power drills, axes, planes, and welding gear.

Banwell Skate Park

As many people are aware the above venture was unable to go ahead due to lack of planning permission. However, we would like to thank everyone who supported or donated to the fund raising events which were held. This money has now been donated to Banwell Playgroup in order to purchase new outdoor equipment when the Playgroup move into their long awaited new building.

Many thanks once again for your support.

Mandy & Karen

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

MONDAY

10th	12.30 - 1.30 pm	Soup Lunch	*	V.H.
10th	7.30 pm	Parish Council	*	V.H.
24th	7.30 pm	“ “	*	Meth. Hall
Weekly	10.00 am	Keep Fit & Tap Dancing	*	V.H.
Weekly	6.45 - 8.15 pm	Cub Scouts	*	Scout Hall
Weekly	6.00 - 8.45 pm	Beginners & Advanced Yoga	*	V.H.

TUESDAY

25th	7.30 pm	Banwell Flower Arranging Group - Practice Evening - “Miniatures”	*	Meth. Hall
Weekly	4.30 - 5.30 pm	Beavers	*	Scout Hall
Weekly	10.00 am	Mendip Art Group (term time only)	*	V.H.
Weekly	1.00 - 3.30 pm	Playgroup	*	P. H.
Weekly	5.45 - 7.15 pm	Brownies	*	V.H.
Weekly	7.00 - 9.00 pm	Guides	*	Scout Hall

WEDNESDAY

4th & 18th	1.30 - 3.30 pm	Baby Clinic	*	V.H.
12th	2.30 pm	Mothers' Union - Speaker: Joanne Rich “M.U. Social Policy”	*	V.H.
12th	7.15 pm	Royal British Legion	*	Scout Hall
Weekly	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	*	St. Andrews
Weekly	8.00 pm	Banwell Sequence Dance Club	*	V.H.
Weekly	1.30 pm	Bridge Club	*	V.H.

THURSDAY

13th & 27th	10.00 am	Banwell Short Mat Bowling	*	V.H.
6th & 20th	7.30 pm	“ “ “ “	*	V.H.
13th	7.30 pm	W.I. Speaker: Mr J Thatcher “Cider Making”	*	V.H.
Weekly	7.30 - 10.00 pm	Youth Club (term time only)	*	Y.C.C.
Weekly	1.00 - 3.30 pm	Playgroup	*	P.H.
Weekly	2.30 pm	Seniors' Club	*	V.H.
Weekly	5.30 - 6.30 pm	Rainbows	*	Scout Hall

FRIDAY

14th	7.30 pm	Archaeology Society - Speaker: Mr. John Bartlett “Old Snuff Mills of Stapleton”	*	V.H.
Weekly	9.30 - 11.45 am	Baby/Toddler Group	*	Scout Hall
Weekly	7.30 - 9.30 pm	Scouts	*	Scout Hall
Weekly	9.30 - 11.45 am	Baby & Toddler Group	*	Scout Hall

SUNDAY

Weekly	11.00 am	Judo Club	*	Y.C.C.
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Abbreviations: * Visitors Welcome; **V.H.** Village Hall; **M.H.** Methodist Hall; **P.H.** Playgroup Hall; **Y.C.C.** Youth and Community Centre.

Bible Quiz Solution

This is A MOST reMARKable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman, in an airplane seat pocket, on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu, KEeping him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much that he passed it on to some friends. One friend from Illinois worked on this while fishing from his JOHNboat. Another friend studied it while playing his banJO. ELaine Taylor, a columnist friend was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column, Another friend JUDGES the JOB of solving this puzzle so involving, sHE BREWS a cup of tea to help her nervES.

THERE will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fACT. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a JAM, ESpecially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized, tRUTHfully, fROM ANSwers we get, we are forced to admiT IT USually takes a minister or scholar to see some of theMAT THE Worst. Research has shown that something in our GENES IS responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the books in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta PHIL LEMONade booth set a new sales record. The local paper, The CHRONICLE, Surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they had ever seen. As DANIEL HumaNA HUMbly puts it, “the books are all right here in plain view hidden from sight.” THOSE Able to find all of them will hear great LAMENTATIONS from those who have to be shown. One REVELATION that may help is that books like TIMOTHY and SAMUEL may occur without their NUMBERS. Also keep in mind, that punctuation and spaces in the middle are norMAL. A CHipper attitude will help you compETE Really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember, there is no need for a mad EXODUS, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurKING Somewhere in this paragraph waiting to be found.

AMOS, MARK, LUKE. JOHN, JOEL, JUDGES, JOB, HEBREWS, ESTHER, ACTS, JAMES, RUTH, ROMANS, TITUS, MATTHEW, GENESIS, PHILEMON, CHRONICLES, DANIEL, NAHUM, HOSEA, LAMENTATIONS, REVELATION, TIMOTHY, SAMUEL, NUMBERS, MALACHI, PETER, EXODUS, KINGS.

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