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MALEW VICARAGE

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'They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to talk..... as the spirit enabled them'. (Acts: chapter 2; verse 4)

I have deliberately chosen the above reading this month, simply because I believe it really is beginning to happen in the Parish of Malew! What do I mean? Let me try and explain. You see, I was always told at Theological College that a Church should run smoothly 'in spite of the Vicar' - if you see what I mean! - and I hope that this month's edition of THE BRIDGE proves that.

Those of you who read of our Church Warden's plans for the Parish Church of Malew and the Abbey Church last month, will see in the middle of this June issue seven pages, no less, from the Wardens with regards to St. Mark's Church. My sincere thanks to them all...and we now all await Bishop Robert's view!

T.A.S.K. Force has taken on a new lease of life under the auspices of Sarah Hoile and her team (see pages 5 & 6) - look how well Proscovis is getting on, too (pages 11 & 12) - and I'm also delighted to inform you that two young Mums have agreed to take over the running of the Little Sunbeam Club! (page 23) when it returns in the Autumn. Notwithstanding, Phil & Lil's 'slightly naughty community' 3 x Fun Pages are as ever!!!

Accordingly, if you feel called to help ("as the spirit enabled them"!) with any of our many and varied groups - and, if I may say so, this will especially apply during an interregnum - please don't hesitate to ask. And, as I said to the Acorns, I do hope to be around for a few months yet!

In the meantime, let's welcome another of our new Team Leaders, namely Jean Buckley, as she takes over looking after us during the T. T. Café week. Indeed, please put your name down on the list of helpers, if you haven't already done so! Simply put, therefore: have a great T. T. Café; I know you'll be exhausted, but it's good fun! I wonder who said that? Michael

PHIL & LIL'S FUN PAGE

A burglar broke into a Christian family's home one night.

He shone his flashlight around, looking for valuables, when he heard a strange voice echoing from the dark saying, "Jesus is watching you."

He nearly jumped out of his skin, clicked his flashlight off, and froze.

After a while he heard nothing more; he shook his head and continued.

Just as he pulled the stereo out so he could disconnect the wire, clear as a bell he heard again...

"Jesus is watching you."

Freaked out, he shone his light around frantically, looking for the source of the voice and finally, in the corner of the room, his flashlight beam came to rest on a parrot.

"Did you say that?" he whispered to the parrot.

"Yep," the parrot squawked, "I'm just trying to warn you."

The burglar relaxed.

"Warn me, huh? And what is your name?"

"Moses," replied the bird.

"Moses," the burglar laughed.

"What kind of people would name a bird Moses?"

"The kind of people that would name a Rottweiler Jesus."

TASK

The Abbey Sunday Kids

Newsletter June 2010

The Abbey Sunday Kids (TASK) are pleased to announce a new and improved Sunday morning club for children aged 3-11 years of age. Under 3's accompanied by an adult are welcome to join us. Children below school age and those in the reception year now meet in what was the 'Choir Room' in the church hall. This means that the school age members of our congregation can learn about God in a quieter environment more conducive to learning.

Like many Churches with a growing population of younger members, we follow the Scripture Union *Light* series of magazines. *Light* provides a great mix of tried and tested Bible teaching which is flexible, dynamic, fresh, relevant and fun. Each age-group has its own brand:

Bubbles (for 5s and under)

Children aged 5 and under are bubbling with life; everything is new, exciting and just waiting to be discovered. They are in the busiest time of their lives when they will learn more than at any other time and, crucially, when their brains establish learning pathways. They are receptive to God, to hearing him in ways that many of us have lost as we have grown up, and to having the sort of faith that Jesus wants us all to have.

Splash! (for 5 to 8s)

Children aged 5 to 8 love to play together, be creative, use their energy, explore new ideas and enjoy old favourites. They have a great capacity for

