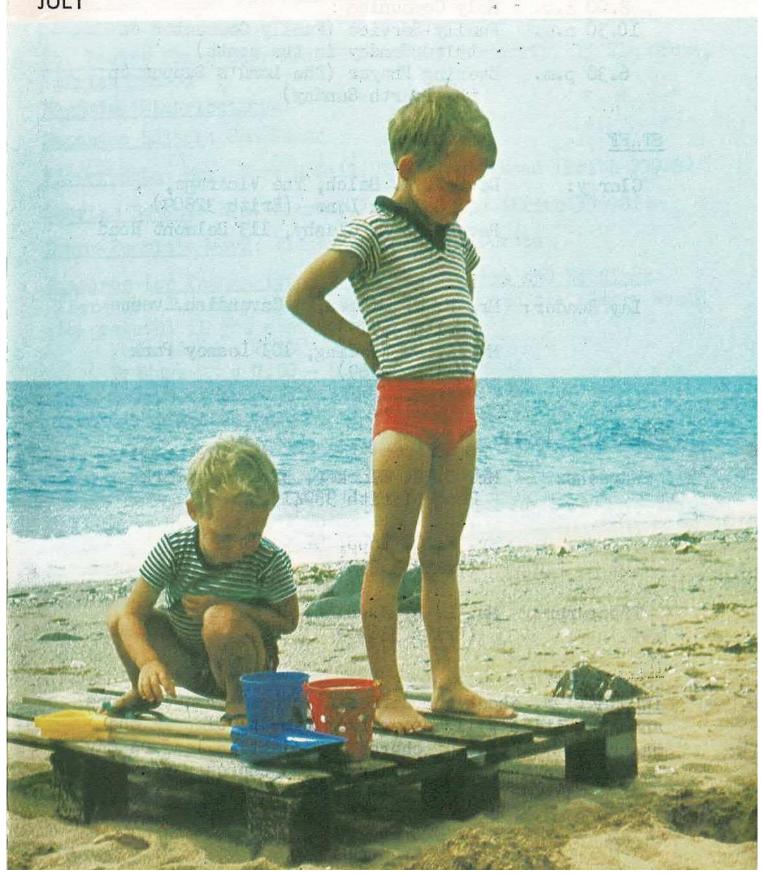
PARISH NEWS

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH

JULY Frice: 5p



SUNDAY SERVUCES

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

10.30 a.m. Family Service (Family Communion on

third Sunday in the month)

6.30 p.m. Evening Prayer (The Lord's Supper on

the fourth Sunday)

STAFF

Clergy: Rev. J. R. Balch, The Vicarage,

44 Colyers Lane (Erith 32809)

Rev. Alan L. Glasby, 113 Belmont Road

(Erith 34762)

Lay Reader: Mr. H. W. Holmes, 9 Cavendish Avenue

(Erith 36519)

Mr. A. D. Reading, 103 Lesney Park

(Erith 39869)

Church Officers

Wardens: Mr. D. G. Blacker, 32 Lesney Park

Road (Frith 38941)

Mr. F. C. Topp, 91 Carlton Road

(Erith 33852)

Treasurer: Mr. A. R. J. Hunt, 22 Meyer Road

(Erith 38620)

INFORMATION about the different church organisations and activities will appear from time to time in the magazine. A list of church organisation leaders may be found on the notice board in the church porch.

WHO TO CONTACT!

Sunday Schools: The Vicar will put you in touch with the right group.

Uniform organisations: Scouts, Cubs, Brownies and Guides are connected with the church. The following will help you find the right group:-

Cubs and Scouts: Mr. John Ovenell, 37 Colyers Lane Brownies & Guides: Mrs. Betty Brown, 13B Courtleet Drive

St. Paul's Playgroup: Mrs. Eileen Hollingsworth, 15 Elm Grove, (Erith 38669)

Magazine Editor: The Vicar

Flower Rota: Mrs. Nora McGill, 76 Belmont Road (Erith 37928)

Sharing Scheme: Mrs. Clarke, 18 Heath Way (Erith 33898)

Young People's Work: Please contact the Curate

Baptisms (or Thanksgiving & Blessing) Banns and Weddings: There are two duty hours at the Church, and the clergy would be grateful if you contact them:-

Wednesdays: 2.30 - 3.30 pm Fridays: 7.00 - 8.00 pm

Only telephone or call at the Vicarage, when you are positively unable to come at those times. Thank you!

Hall Manager (To whom all matters concerning the Hall, except bookings should be addressed): Mr. Brian Thatcher, 19 Upper Grove Road, Belvedere (Erith 47218)

Hall Secretary: Mrs. Pat Manley, 56 Brook Street (Erith 33860 (Flease contact for hire of the Hall)

Women's Work: Meeting Point: Mrs. Sylvia Varney, 148
Bedonwell Road

Evening Meeting Point: Mrs. Eileen Balch, The Vicarage Women's Fellowship: Mrs. Vi Blacker, 32 Lesney Park Road Mothers' Union: (From September) Mrs. Vi Holmes, 9
Cavendish Avenue

Crossfire for Men: The Vicar

The Social Group: Mr. Archie Mills, 171 Belmont Road

GROUPS for FELLOWSHIP AND PRAYER : Contact the Vicar

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JULY	DATES_					
2	2.30	pm				
3	FOURTH	I SIII	Footscray Meadow			
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	10.00					
	10.30	am	ORDINATION SERVICE for Alan Glasby and			
			Ian Hobbs (at Rochester Cathedral)			
	10.30	am	Family Parade Service			
	6.30	pm	Evening Prayer - and welcome to Alan and			
	The state of the s		Kay Glasby			
1.	7.30	mcr	Visiting in the Parish (meet at Church)			
4 5	8.00	-	CROSSFIRE (Men's discussion at Vicarage)			
6	8.00	1	NEAC 77 ACTION (Vicarage)			
0	0.00	Lin	"Report on Evangelism"			
П	10.00	om	Home Bible Study Group at 27 Barnehurst Av.			
7.		1	JUBILEE GARDEN PARTY (Vicarage Garden)			
9	2.30	Ьш	(see p. 5 for details)			
7.0	TOTATION	CITAL				
10			DAY AFTER TRINITY - SEA SUNDAY (see p. 9)			
	10.30					
	6.30	pm	Evening Prayer - Special Guest Preacher:			
	THE DESIGNATION OF THE PARTY OF	A.44	Rev. Gray Featherstone, Chaplain Port			
			of London			
11			Parish Events Committee (Vicarage)			
72	2.30	pm	Mothers' Union - Mrs. Skinner from Belmont			
			Baptist Church			
	8.00	pm	Home Bible Study at 63 Hurst Road			
13	8.00	pm	NEAC 77 ACTION (Home Groups) "Unity" -			
- 35			(members of the Baptist Church have been			
			invited to each group)			
7	SIXTH	SUNI	DAY AFTER TRINITY			
	-10.30	an	Family Communion - followed by Families			
	5.00		PICNIC at Lullingstone Park			
	6.30	mcı	Evening Prayer			
3	7.45	100	Parochial Church Council (Vicarage)			
9	8.00		Evening Meeting Point (Vicarage) Desert			
	0100	Pill	Island Discs - Robin & Eileen Balch			
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. 1	SEVENT	H GI	JNDAY AFTER TRINITY			
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	10.30		Family Service			
,	6.30	-	Lord's Supper			
6	8.00	- 1	Home Bible Study at 148 Bedonwell Road			
7	2.30	pm	Women's Fellowship Garden Party at 32			
	***		Lesney Park Road - in aid of St.			
	a m	****	Christopher's Hospice			
	8.00	Du	Meeting for Prayer and Fellowship (Vicarage)			

30 Arrival of Team

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

10.30 am Family Service

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

8.00 pm S.A.M.S. Prayer Focus

BIBLE COSTS HALF A MAN'S MONTHLY WAGE!

WE HAVE RECEIVED AN S.O.S. to help in providing Scriptures for Eastern Europe, South America, Asia and Africa. In some countries a Bible really does cost half a man's monthly wage! For this reason the British and Foreign Bible Society is launching Bible-a-Month Club. It's a book club with a difference - instead of receiving a book each month you give one!

The membership subscription of £1.50 per month provides someone, somewhere with a Bible or Testament in their own language. Membership is welcome from all groups or individuals who feel they wish to contribute. Each member receives a monthly project card and a quarterly news letter telling you how you have helped folk in the last three months.

If anyone requires further information on the Bible-a-Month Club there are leaflets at the back of the church. Should you be interested in forming a group membership where the £1.50 per month is divided by the members please <u>contact John</u> or <u>Jean Bennett</u>.

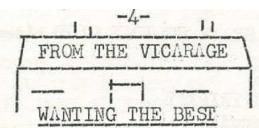
NB A very important part of the project is the prayer focus and we hope that if you are unable to support us practically you will include the scheme in your prayers.

THANK YOU!

ALAN'S FIRST

ALAN GLASBY WILL preach his first sermon at St. Paul's at the 10.30 am Family Communion Service on Sunday, July 17th. PLEASE REMEMBER ALAN, KAY and SIMON and JOANNA in your PRAYERS during the early days with us. I am sure it will not be long before they are well known to all of us!

GLAD YOU ARE HERE - IT IS GOOD TO HAVE YOU!



My dear Friends,

I have been impressed and thrilled by the tremendous effort that has gone into providing street parties for our children, that they may thoroughly enjoy the Jubilee celebrations. Well done! I am sure our children had a really lovely and memorable time.

Of course, we want the best for our children. We take trouble and spend time and money to give our children what we consider is good for them. Certainly at St. Paul's we very much share this conviction. We have deliberately committed ourselves to do our best to help parents. We now have our own Playgroup run by churchmembers. We support and encourage the Mothers' and Babies Club that uses our premises. We have introduced Family Worship to enable families to come to church together on a Sunday morning. Our worship is designed to help children enjoy and learn in our services, and also for parents, who previously had lost contact with the church, to come and immediately feel at home. Meeting Point on Tuesday afternoons enables nothers to bring their children, knowing they will be ared for as they think about issues that involve their Camilies.

Perhaps the highpoint of our effort for many is our moual Holiday Club. In spite of a change of clergy and the losing of the original leader, we have prepared with mainly local leadership to produce the week as usual aug. 1-6). We hope that you will allow your children to some.

Because of our concern that children should have the set, we long that they should have a Christian Upbringing. revious generations in this country have automatically seen viewed as Christians, and have come to church for saptism (or Christening) for their children. Today many parents find themselves uncertain of what they believe, and are unsure of what they want for their children. We sarmly welcome families for Baptism, but also take care to teach parents and godparents what this means for them. They make solemn and serious promises before God to bring up their children as Christians in the life of the church. They parents today make these promises, so that their shildren will not be denied the church's blessing, but

have little knowledge of what they are saying, and little intention to fulfil these promises. We are conscious that we may be causing many honest people to act dishonestly before God, for the sake of their children. Many parents feel that there ought to be another service that gives thanks for the lovely gift of a child, and asks God's blessing upon their little one, without themselves having to make such promises. We, of course, will baptise children if parents are sure that this is what they want. However we now have an alternative service of Thanksgiving and Blessing for them. This may mean the beginning of a sincere and honest re-examination of the faith, that will lead to firm belief, and the reality of genuine commitment.

We are here to help you, for we too want the best for your children.

Yours most sincerely,

CONTINUE YOUR JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

with us at

ST. PAUL'S JUBILEE GARDEN PARTY

on

SATURDAY, JULY 9th, 1977 at 2.30 pm

at

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The Perfect Saturday afternoon for the Family proceeds go to Charity

CHURCH FAMILY PICNIC

THE WHOLE FAMILY is welcome to the CHURCH PICNIC on SUNDAY
JULY 17th, leaving after the Family Service.

VENUE - LULLINGSTONE PARK. Please sign your intention to be with us, and let us know if you require transport.

NEW TO THE AREA - COME AND MEET US ON OUR PICNIC

ON THE FABRIC FRONT

MAKING A CLEAN START.....

Regular users of the Church Hall will notice changes taking place - for the better. Cleansing and redecoration is the order of the day. Over the past years of constant wear, certain deterioration has taken place, and the need for action has been evident. This has led to the reconstitution of the Church Plant Committee, and since the Annual Meeting it is under the chairmanship of Brian Thatcher. The Parochial Church Council have now approved Brian's appointment as the Church Hall Manager. He will have general supervision of all matters concerning the use and maintenance of the Church Hall. Mrs. Pat Manley will still be the Hall Secretary, and she should be approached when the hire of the Church Hall is required. Their addresses and telephone numbers can be found on p. 1.

The Church Plant Committee began its new term of service by recommending the purchase of new tables, and then the acquiring of an industrial cleaning machine for the floors. Although this equipment is expensive, the immediate result of this purchase is clearly evident. We shall now be able to keep the floors in first class condition. The next phase of the work is the redecoration of the Hall. This is a major operation, as we shall need to use volunteer labour, with limited available finance. However, an excellent start has been made with the smaller rooms! If there are any willing and able decorators who have time to help over the holiday period, could they please make contact with Brian Thatcher who will be delighted to hear from them! The ladies of the Committee are also making plans to produce new curtains throughout.

A D MAKING VESTRY IMPROVEMENTS

I com the estate of the late <u>Jack Waddup</u>, money has been I ft to make a permanent memorial to the Waddup family. A scheme submitted by the P.C.C. for refurbishing the Choir stry, was thoroughly approved as a worthy memorial. At the time of writing work is well ahead, and new wardrobes and cupboards are taking shape. The improvements include a sh-basin, and in time, a new table.

ACKER, CHARLES SAWYER and ARCHIE MILLS for such splendid rk - which will be much appreciated by both choir and agregation.

(Monday, August 1st -DOWN TO HOLIDAY CLUB (Saturday, August 6th

HERE WE COME AGAIN!! - HOLIDAY CLUB

Once again the doors will be open to the children of the Heath during the first week of August. Problems have been overcome, with the Vicar in general leadership, and each department led by a local leader, green lights are flashing. The Team is staffed with increasing numbers from the churches on the Heath, and reinforced by our faithful Bristol contingent.

Who Can Come? ANY YOUNGSTER on the Heath (and beyond) of three

years and upwards to 15 is welcome.

3-11 years 10.30 am - 12 noon and 2.15 - 3.30 pm

11-15 years 7.00 pm - 8.15 pm (at the Baptist Church)

How Are We Going To Know The Details?

Publicity will be distributed through local schools and church organisations early in this month. There will be invitations available in both churches. Make sure that you know where and when your meeting is.

How Can Parents And Others Help?

WE NEED tins of food and other goods to help feed the Team. Please bring these as soon as possible to the boxes at the back of the church. URGENTLY NEEDED are craft materials, cartons, plastic containers, paper, cardboard, packets - in fact anything that will be useful in the craft sessions. Last, but certainly not least, DO PRAY REGULARLY for the SUCCESS and SAFETY of the CLUB. That everybody will have a super time, and also learn more about the FAITH OF JESUS. The last prayer letter is available this month in church.

What's Going To Happen? Ask any child who has been during the last few years. We shall have the programme of music, drama, quizzes, painting and craft work - all to help the children enjoy themselves and discover something of the Christian Faith.

For the Juniors

An outing to the

The Team are led as follows:

Primaries (3-6) by Peggy Stubberfield

Juniors (7-11) by Vi Blacker Bluebell Railway is Inters (12-15) by David Frampton planned on Saturday WHY DO WE DO IT? Simply because the Churches on the Heath are

vitally concerned for our children. We know that many are bored through the Summer Holiday, and this facility is appreciated. We believe some families have lost contact with the church, not deliberately - sometimes because they do not feel the church has anything to offer them. We believe that we have much to offer them. Not only a good time, but to put them back in touch with living Christianity, and a chance to find God in their lives.

ST. PAUL'S PEOFLE

We are thrilled to announce a new arrival in Ightam Road. Our congratulations go to Philip and Carol Hall, on the birth of a daughter, Kendra, a sister for Simon and Duncan, and also to the Morris family of Beechcroft Avenue on the birth of Stewart James, brother for Karen and Adam, on June 15th.

Congratulations to Archie and Thelma Mills on becoming grandparents again. They are delighted with their grand-daughter, Louise Elizabeth, as are Les and Eileen Mohrman on the birth of their grand-daughter, Rebecca Hope, on June 13th. The first of the recent crop of expectant church grandparents. Well done!

Several of our churchmembers have been in hospital recently. Len Weeks was taken to hospital at the end of May. It was decided that he should have a minor operation. We are pleased that he is progressing very well. We are now discovering how much we owe to Len. in all that he does around the church. We want him to be really fit before he comes back to full duties. We are grateful to the Brownies for agreeing to help with flower beds around the car park. Get well soon - we have certainly missed you!

We were very sad to hear of the death of <u>Vida Grinham's</u> father. Many of the congregation remember him, as Vida's parents used to look after the Vicarage while the Grinhams were on holiday. We send our deep sympathies to Vida and her mother, and pray that God may grant them His special comfort and love at this time. The service was held at St. John's Church, Penge, where he had been a member for many years. We also convey our deep sympathies to <u>Edith Rose</u> on the death of her sister, <u>Pat Horwood</u>, after a distressing illness that she bore with great patience and increasing faith. We assure Edith and Pat's family of our prayers at this time of their sad loss.

Miss Knowles was taken to Erith Hospital, and suffered a set-back while there. We continue to pray for her complete recovery. Mrs. Godding is in St. Nicholas Hospital recovering from an operation. We remember her, and trust she will soon be back home. We are delighted that Gertie Newlyn is home and gradually improving, after a very troublesome complaint. She gives thanks for the Church's prayers and asks that we ourselves give thanks for her gradual healing. It was lovely to see her back in church recently.

After thoughts of leaving the Heath, we are very glad that George and Anne Clarke have decided to stay. However, Mrs. Clarke has felt she should hand over some of her jobs to others. After many years faithfully caring for the Flower Rota she has handed over to Nora McGill. We are so grateful for these years of service, and to Mrs. McGill for taking on this work. We know from her lovely display on Jubilee Thanksgiving Sunday that we are in good hands.

WHEN I WAS asked to write this I was at somewhat of a loss to know what to say. How far is what I do here in Immingham relevant to you in Erith? In any case your preacher will tell you all about the work of the Society. But perhaps the fact that as you celebrate Sea Sunday at St. Paul's, Northumberland Heath, we shall be doing the same in St. Andrews, Immingham underlines the fact that we are all part of one Church - something which I believe we are often in danger of forgetting.

As I write this the liturgical theme for today's services is "The People of God" and it is because we are, or should be "The People of God" that what I and my staff at the Seafarers Centre here do is relevant to you. Not in detail, but in the general task of preaching the Gospel - which should be the whole work of the people of God. This is what the work of the Missions to Seamen is all about. By various means, with a mixture of men, women and buildings we endeavour to bring the Gospel into the lives of those who serve us at sea. This is why you will come together on Sea Sunday as will thousands of other churches all round this country and overseas as well, to pray for this work and for our seafarers. On behalf of those of us who work in the ports and on behalf of the seafarers, thank you for those prayers. They are the most valuable thing which you have to offer.

God bless you all.

EDWIN NEWLYN

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP speakers for July

6th....Rev. Fred Butler

13th....Mrs. Roberts - Trinity Baptist Church

20th....Miss F. Poll - Queen Street Baptist Church

27th....Garden Party at 32 Lesney Park Road - Bring & Buy in aid of St. Christopher's Hospice.
ALL WELCOME.

MEETING POINT

Afternoons: 2.00-3.15 pm in the Church Hall
(Playgroup for Toddlers, Creche for Babies)

July 5 Welcoming the Glasbys

12 Sunning ourselves at the Vicarage

19 Day in the Life of a Solicitor - Mr. Tim Nunns

28 (Thursday) Outing to Margate

Evenings: 3rd Tuesday each month in the Vicarage at 8 pm.

July 19 Desert Island Discs - Robin and Eileen Balch

MOTHERS! UNION .

July 1st...Wave of Prayer

12th...Mrs. Skinner, Belmont Baptist Church

1 20th...Corporate Communion

ALICE TWITCHEN

July 2nd Mrs. Clarke " 9th Mrs. Sawyer " 16th Mrs. White " 23rd Mrs. Smith " 30th Mrs. Hedger August 6th Mrs. Mohrman

CHRISTIAN AID RESULT

MANY THANKS TO ALL those who helped with the distribution and collection of Christian Aid envelopes during May, and to the young people who helped to sell rolls on the Heath on Saturday, 21st May. The house-to-house collection amounted to £146.27, and the sale of rolls £8.30, which made a TOTAL of £154.57 - well up on previous years.

J. Forrester.

WS ON NEAC! "One of the best series of mid-week meetings have ever had!" was the comment of one church member. The significance of these NEAC 77 ACTION meetings has become apparent to the Parochial Church Council, and they ever apart a whole evening to discuss the findings of coups. A paper will be produced, which will be available, of only for the P.C.C. but for all church members. The C.C. meeting set aside for this discussion will be on expression of the paper published at the end of July. The filmstrip of NEAC "The Evangelicals" is available for lowing to any group in the life of the church. Please oply to the Vicar.

RECORDED IN THE REGISTERS

We welcome into the fellowship of the Church in Baptism:

May 22 Karen, daughter of Edward and Anastasia Watts

29 Robert Terence, some of Terence and Theoska Jeffery Ian Charles, son of Charles and Pamela Travers

We congratulate on their wedding:

May 21 Colin John Pauley and Jill Rutty

June 4 Leslie John Probert and Serena Sarah Atkinson

We extend our sympathies to the relatives of:

May 25 Archibald Percy Wood of 49 Fairford Avenue (75 years)

26 Gladys Mary Earl of 68 Plaxtol Road (69 years)

June 8 Gladys Violet Lowen of 24 Heath Way (75 years)

Frederick James Bridge of 266 Brook Street (67 years)

15 Edward George Miller Dry of 6 Camrose Avenue (77 years

COLLECTIONS AND COMMUNICANTS

	Total for the I	Day
May 1	124.91	(12)
8 (South American Missionary Society £80)	139.67	(13)
15	100.15	(97)
22	120.63	(81)
29	112.47	(18)
Mid-week	2.75	
	£600.58	
Mid-week	2.75	· Attack

YOUR FAVOURITE HYMNS......According to the custom of St. Paul's, you have the opportunity to have the hymns of your choice during the Sundays of August. You will find a sheet in the back of the church. Please put the name of the hymn, the tune you would like, and the day and service in which you would like it included. We will do our best to see that your request is granted!

ALL MATERIAL for the AUGUST magazine to reach VICARAGE by JULY 3 - Thank you.

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