

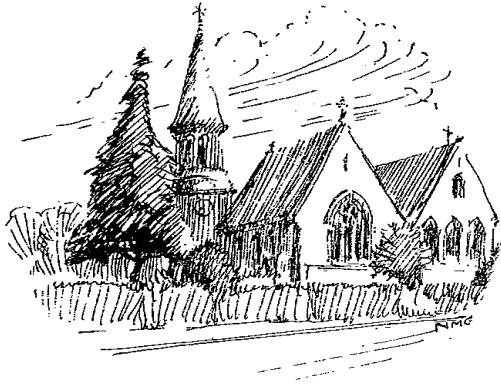
All Saints' Croxley Green

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- 8 am Holy Communion
9.45am Parish Communion
11.30am Family Service (third in month only)
6 pm Evening Service

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- Tuesday - Morning Prayer
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at Croxley House
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February 2011

Revd. Miriam writes:

Dear Friends

On Saturday 15th January the Churchwardens and I were invited as representatives of our church, to a service at St Albans Abbey for the launch of the Diocesan vision *Living God's Love*. Bishop Alan quoted Matthew 22 v 37-39 ' Jesus said " You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind..... and you shall love your neighbour as yourself"' and wrote in the foreword to the service ' Giving ourselves to God and to other people is the heart of the Good News that Jesus lived and proclaimed.'

Living God's love calls each parish to grow by:

- Going Deeper into God
- Transforming Communities
- Making New Disciples

At the service in the Abbey we reaffirmed our faith and renewed our baptismal promises, we were commissioned to take the Vision back to our parishes and we prayed that we might be faithful witnesses to Christ. At the end of the service we processed out of the church carrying a lighted candle to symbolise us taking the light of Jesus into the world. The following morning we brought these lighted candles into our 9.45am service and lit the special candle given by the Diocese representing the Diocesan vision and our commitment to it.

An important part of *Living God's Love* is the development of a Mission Action Plan in each parish. We are fortunate here at All

Saints' as we have our Vision for Action plan which will form the basis of our Mission Action Plan, however we do need to revisit this in the coming year and review our plans for the development of our church.

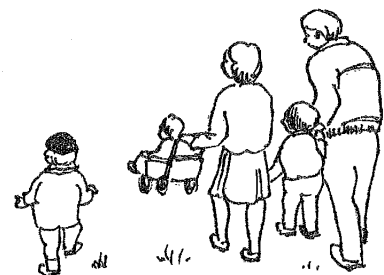
Living God's Love links in very well to another important process which is gathering momentum here at All Saints' which is called *Giving in Grace*. You may have already heard a little bit of what this is about and there is an article further on in the magazine giving some information about the Lent course which will be focussed on this theme. *Giving in Grace* is a programme which enables us to recognise through scripture and understand God's great generosity to us in all that He has given us. This understanding will assist us in our growth in faith and commitment to God and how we respond to His generosity in both financial and practical ways.

Both of these initiatives are challenging and require everyone's commitment. At the first Parish Day after my arrival at All Saints' people affirmed that they wanted this church to grow in faith, in outreach and in numbers. Much work has been done from which we are seeing very positive fruits, but the work has only just begun. The fabric of the church and hall will continue to require a significant financial input to enable them to be maintained and developed for future use. Our mission to the people of this community needs to be further developed to enable us to confidently witness to the love and presence of God to a broader range of people across all age bands.

This year will be challenging and I hope that you will be prepared to rise up and meet the challenge in the name of Jesus Christ and as witnesses to His love and presence in your hearts and in our church.

With my love and prayers

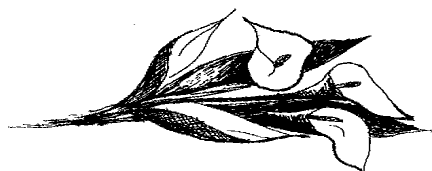
Miriam



Parish Register and Records

FUNERALS

- 7th January 2011 Agnes Dorothy (Doll) SIMMONS (aged 93)
of Rugby Way
- 11th January 2011 Marguerite Kathleen GARDNER (aged 80)
of Fuller Way
- 19th January 2011 Arthur Michael BARNES (aged 85) of
Dickinson Avenue
- 20th January 2011 Sheila Phyllis McCARTEN (aged 87) of
Croxley House



A Message from Michael Lee

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all at All Saints' who sent cards, letters of support and prayed for Lynda during her illness and following her subsequent death. Her unexpected and premature death was a terrible shock for the whole family and all who knew her. Thanks also to Diane Galloway, who as churchwarden represented All Saints' Church at Lynda's funeral and to our other friends from Croxley who attended.

Over £400 was donated to a local hospice in memory of Lynda. Your kindness and support at this sad time will help to ease the pain of her passing. Thank you all very much.

Michael Lee

February Readings

6th February 5 before Lent

OT Isaiah 58 v1-9a
NT 1 Corinthians 2 v1-12
Gospel Matthew 5 v13-20



13th February 4 before Lent

OT Ecclesiasticus 15 v15-end
NT 1 Corinthians 3 v 1-9
Gospel Matthew 5 v21-37

20th February 3 before Lent

OT Leviticus 9 v1-2 & 9-18
NT 1 Corinthians 3 v10-11 & 16-23
Gospel Matthew 5 v38-48

27th February 2 before Lent

OT Genesis 1 v1– Ch 2 v3
NT Romans 8 v18-25
Gospel Matthew 6 v25-34

Encouragement for E100 Users!

E100 Bible challenge has been so well received in New Zealand that some 23,000 participated in 2010. Resources had to be reprinted many times to meet the need and they are now planning to launch an *Essential Jesus* as a follow-on resource in 2011.

[SU Prayer Life December 18, 2010]

Pray for one another as you read for insight and growing knowledge of God.

Jo Gardner



Mothers' Union

Abbeys and Monasteries were the topic of our talk by Sue Oxlade, who had developed an interest in the subject through reading the Brother Cadfael detective books written by Ellis Peters.

The monks were hermits who retired in small groups to devote their lives to religious contemplation. It was St. Benedict who later structured the lives of the monks. The monasteries were usually built remote from habitations but with consideration for transport, so that they were often built near rivers. Not only were they a means of transport but also a source of food in the way of fish and water for the needs of the monks.

The monks themselves ate a vegetarian diet to include eggs and some fish, whilst visitors and aged or ailing monks were offered meat. Lay brothers carried out most of the manual tasks while the monks did the gardening and small scale farming as well as the writing and creative work. Pilgrims' donations to the abbeys made them self sufficient, producing income for their needs and communities grew as a result, all hoping to benefit from the pilgrims.

An interesting talk illustrated with slides, certainly made one think about the archaeological remains which one sees about the country and what stories they could tell us.

Dates for your diary:

Thursday 3rd February 10.30am Corporate Communion.

Friday 4th February 2.15pm Annual General Meeting

Friday 4th March 2pm at St. Oswald's. Women's World Day of Prayer.



Dates for your diary continued:

Sunday 4th September 9.45am. We celebrate our 120th Anniversary on this day. Visitors will be invited to join us at the service followed by lunch in the church hall.

Please keep this date free for the celebration.

Elaine Norman

Church Electoral Roll

The annual revision of the Church Electoral Roll will be made between Sunday 20th February and Sunday 6th March 2011 in preparation for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 27th March 2011.

If you are 16 years of age or older and resident in the parish or, if not resident you attend All Saints', you are eligible to be on the electoral roll. If you wish to be included, forms are placed at the back of the church for this purpose.

The revised electoral roll will be available for your perusal at the back of the church on Sundays 13th and 20th March 2011.
For further information, please contact me.

Norma Stone, Electoral Roll Officer
01923 779661

PCC Election

Might you like to stand for election to the PCC at the meeting on 27th March? If so, please speak to Revd. Miriam.



Giving in Grace - Prayer

The work we are wanting to accomplish through *Giving in Grace* depends on our own participation, but also on the Lord and the use to which he will put our efforts. For this we need to be praying for our work of *Giving in Grace* to God and his Church.

To help us a **Prayer Card** will be distributed at all services at All Saints for us to use in our daily prayers throughout the period of *Giving in Grace* (i.e. February to June)

Each month until June a prayer will appear in this Magazine which we encourage you to use on a daily basis.

Here is the prayer for February:

Thank you, Father, for all you provide to meet our everyday needs, through the world you have created in all its complexity, beauty and fruitfulness.

Thank you too for all the people who use their gifts and abilities to bring that fruitfulness to each of us.

May we show our thanks in the way we use these blessings:

For our good

For the needs of others

For the well-being of our planet.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord

We are also asked in our prayers for *Giving in Grace* to remember the needs of the wider community of Croxley Green. This is because our Church exists not just for us but for all the people of our Parish; i.e. who live within our Parish area.

In February we are asked to remember the up-and-coming generation:

Infants and young children

Children and young people receiving education

Parents caring for their families

Local schools

May we have grace from the Lord as we support *Giving in Grace* through our prayer.

Charles Parry (Prayer Co-ordinator for Giving in Grace)



Giving in Grace

The Small Groups

During the next few months we shall have the opportunity to hear and discuss the nature of God's generosity as seen in passages of Scripture in St. Luke's Gospel, St Paul's 2nd letter to the Corinthians, and the Story of the Exodus. This will take place in small groups meeting informally in homes during the 4 weeks of Lent beginning on 14th March until 2nd April, and a further 3 weeks from 9th - 28th May. The Cell groups will be taking part as well.

These small groups give us an opportunity to meet people in All Saints' Church and enable us to get to know each other better. There is much that we can learn and indeed enjoy by informally sharing ideas and experiences.

We hope that there will be a good response to this opportunity to join one of these ad hoc groups and discover more about God's goodness and provision and consider ways of responding personally to it.

If you interested to join please contact Sally Parry (Tel.771037) before 8th March.



Giving in Grace The Visiting Programme

After Easter (at the end of April) and until the beginning of June, people in the congregation will be contacted by a member of the visiting team. The purpose will be to arrange a visit to you. This will give the opportunity of raising any questions about the booklet, which will present information about the church's work, finance and future plans. You will in addition receive a letter from the Vicar concerning your response to God from the *Giving in Grace* programme, which you can also discuss.

We look forward to making this contact with you.

Sally Parry

Senior Citizens' Christmas Tea

We have to thank many people for the success of this event, organised as usual by Revd. Charles and Sally Parry and held in the church hall on December 16th 2010. Revd. Miriam introduced the proceedings and Revd. Mary did a reading. Charles then read a Christmas message and said a prayer. We sang carols and then the feasting began. About 60 or 70 people had a very pleasant afternoon; thank you to everyone who provided a great variety of excellent refreshments.

We are grateful also to those who provided lifts to and from the hall. For the seating arrangement and for the Christmas decorations we have to thank David Dimmock and Benjamin Weitzmann. For waiting on us with teapots at the ready we thank especially Valerie Kendle, Francesca Sams and Nora Stock.



Jean Walford

Remembering Lynda Lee

We were shocked and saddened to hear of the sudden death of Lynda Lee on 27th December, her birthday, after a short illness. Even her family had only learnt that she was terminally ill very shortly before she died.

Her funeral was on 7th January; the service in Fleet and the burial in Chickerell near Weymouth, where she and Mike have lived since they left Croxley Green nearly nine years ago. The village church was crowded, with many people having to stand at the back and in the porch; she was obviously dearly loved by members of her church and community. The vicar's address included a very loving and touching eulogy by Mike and two of the hymns had been chosen by Lynda: *'Jesu, lover of my soul'* and *'There is a Redeemer'*. Lynda was then buried in Chickerell Cemetery.

Roger Cattermoul, Pat Evett and I were there and we were able to pass on the love and sympathy of all those who were present in spirit but unable to attend. Mike and their children – Sylvia, David and Jeanette – were very grateful for this.

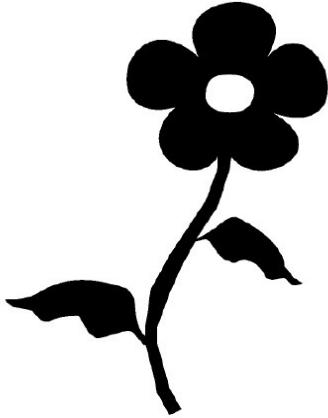
The photo was taken from the cover of the service booklet, showing Lynda after completing a sponsored walk for the local hospice and it emphasises how fun-loving and caring she was. We remember her as quiet and welcoming, a firm support for Mike and a good friend. She was active in their house group, helped with typing for the magazine, and Mike and Lynda founded the Half-crown Club.

If you would like to send a donation in Lynda's memory, the address is:

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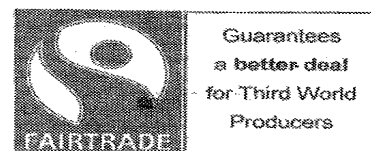
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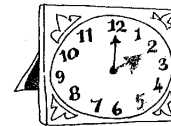
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| 1 | Tues | 5.30pm | Coach leaves All Saints' for the Choir
Outing to Phantom of the Opera |
| 2 | Wed | | Presentation of Christ in the Temple (Candlemas)
(transferred to Sunday 30th January) |
| | | 11am | Cell Church at 19, Chalmers Court |
| | | 2pm | Cell Church in the Committee Room |
| | | 8pm | Cell Church at 4, Old Barn Lane |
| 3 | Thur | 10.30am | MU Corporate Communion |
| 4 | Fri | 2.15pm | MU – Annual General Meeting |
| 5 | Sat | 2pm | Jumble Sale |
| | | |  |
| 6 | Sun | | 5 before Lent |
| | | 8am | Holy Communion (CW) |
| | | 9.45am | NO service at All Saints' but |
| | | 10am | Joint Service at St. Oswalds |
| | | 6pm | Evensong (BCP) |
| 7 | Mon | 8pm | Cell Church at 107, New Road |
| 9 | Wed | 11am | Cell Church at 19, Chalmers Court |
| | | 2pm | Cell Church in the Committee Room |
| 10 | Thur | 9.30am | Holy Communion |
| | | 7.45pm | Deanery Synod Meeting at All Saints'
open to all to discuss the issue of women
bishops |

- 13 Sun 4 before Lent**
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.45am Parish Communion
12 noon Midday Communion, followed by lunch in the hall
6pm Evensong (CW)
- 16 Wed 11am Cell Church at 19, Chalmers Court
2pm Cell Church in the Committee Room
8pm Cell Church at 4, Old Barn Lane
- 17 Thur 9.30am Holy Communion
- 20 Sun 3 before Lent**
8am Holy Communion (CW)
9.45am Parish Communion
11.30am Family Service
6pm Evensong (BCP)
- 21 Mon 8pm Cell Church at 107, New Road
- 22 Tues 12 noon ‘Who’s For Lunch?’ at the Red House
- 23 Wed 11am Cell Church at 19, Chalmers Court
2-pm Cell Church in the Committee Room
- 24 Thur 9.30am Holy Communion
- 27 Sun 2 before Lent**
8am Holy Communion (BCP)
9.45am Parish Communion
6pm Service of prayer for healing
- 28 Mon Fairtrade fortnight begins



Dates for your diary in March:

- 3 Thur 10.30am MU – Corporate Communion
- 4 Fri 2pm Women’s World Day of Prayer at St. Oswald’s
- 9 Wed Ash Wednesday – Lent begins
8pm Holy Communion and Imposition of Ashes
- 13 Sun Lent 1
12 noon Midday Communion followed by lunch in the hall
- 16 Wed 6pm Evening Pilgrimage to St. Albans Abbey
- 20 Sun 11.30am Family Service
- 27 Sun British Summertime begins
(clocks go forward one hour)
11.15am Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting



Announcements

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS: Please note that the church has a new email address: office@croxleygreenallsaints.org This will cost us less than the old address.

CRECHE : Our crèche will continue on the first Sunday of each month during the 9.45am service, with the following two exceptions: 6th February when we will be having a joint service at St. Oswald’s and 3rd April (Mothering Sunday) when there will be a children's service in church. *Jane Colbourne*

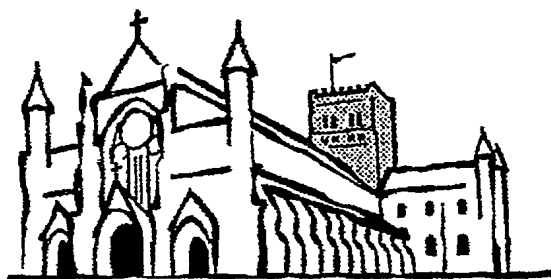
CHILDRENS’ SOCIETY: Thank you to everyone who has been donating during the year. This year I will be collecting the boxes during April. *Jane Colbourne*

JUMBLE SALE: Saturday 5th February 2011 at 2pm. The Social Committee would appreciate help in providing 'good' jumble, in sorting the jumble from 9.30am and especially in selling from 1.45pm. 25 helpers needed, newcomers welcome. Please bring your jumble to the hall in the morning or phone for collection . No mains electrical goods, thank you. *Lyndon Palmer 01923 720856*

WOMEN BISHOPS will be the subject of an open discussion meeting of the Deanery Synod, to be held in our church on Thursday 10th February at 7.45pm. All are welcome to attend.

St. Albans Abbey

St Albans Abbey, following their successful launch of special evening pilgrimages to the Cathedral in 2010, are continuing with the programme in 2011. We as a Parish have managed to book a pilgrimage for Wednesday 16th March.



The evening starts with a welcome with a sandwich and cake buffet; followed by a Pilgrimage Prayer Trail around the Cathedral ending with Compline by candlelight in the Quire. This is followed by a silent procession to the Shrine of Saint Alban.

Please sign the list at the back of Church if you are interested in going; the cost will be around £5 a head and we hope that between us there will be transport available for those without cars. The evening starts at 7pm and we will need to leave Croxley at 6pm.

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My Ups and Downs of Christmas Services

First the DOWN. In my adult life I can't remember ever being prevented from going to church on a Sunday by the weather. Before I came to All Saints' I could walk to St Paul's Chipperfield so the snow didn't stop me. This year the Sunday before Christmas brought enough snow to prevent safe travel to All Saints' and I missed both Parish Communion and the Nine Lessons service which was very disappointing.

Now the UP. For the first time in many years I decided to attend the Christmas Eve Crib Service – always the most popular of the Christmas services. For the children, in number about 100 and more than half the congregation, there was never a dull moment. As they entered the church they were each offered a costume to wear and a role to play: Mary, Joseph, innkeeper, angels, shepherds, sheep, wise men. As the Christmas story was told, scene by scene the actors took their place on the stage (the chancel space between the choir stalls). Between each scene an appropriate well known carol or Christmas hymn was sung by us all. As each succeeding scene was narrated the new players took their place until all had gathered on stage together.



My own experience is that when I have been involved – taking part in the action – the experience has stayed in my memory and I hope it was so for all who took a part in the unfolding drama. I was uplifted to see so many children taking part and in such good costumes (all donated by Mary Jane Atkinson for which we must thank her). We are promised something a little different next year, so come along – an easy date to remember – 4pm Christmas Eve.

David Williams

Smile Lines



With Valentine's Day in mind...

Romance, love, marriage and all that stuff

The way children see it...

What is the right age to get married?

23 is the best age because you have known the person FOREVER by then – Camille, age 10.

What do most people do on a date?

Dates are for having fun, and people should get to know each other. Even boys have something to say, if you listen long enough. – Lynnette, age 8.

Sometimes women are overly suspicious of their husbands...

When Adam stayed out very late for a few nights, Eve became upset. “You’re running around with other women,” she charged.

“You’re being unreasonable,” Adam responded. “You’re the only woman on earth.” The quarrel continued until Adam fell asleep, only to be awakened by someone poking him in the chest. It was Eve, “What do you think you are doing?” Adam demanded.

“Counting your ribs.” said Eve.

Unhappy in love

I think my girlfriend's hallucinating. She keeps telling me she's seeing other people.

Parish Pump

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Leprosy Mission

Thank you everyone who supported the Leprosy Mission (by collection boxes or donation) during 2010. 30th January 2011 is World Leprosy Day.



In many countries leprosy is still misunderstood, which leads to isolation and late diagnosis. This is a great shame, because with early diagnosis much can be done to cure or alleviate this crippling disease, allowing sufferers to lead a fulfilling life.

The mission is thankful for our support and if anyone would like to help by having a collecting box, please let me know.

Norma Stone

Rameshwa's Story

Rameshwa, a small boy at Naini hospital, is there for surgery on his left hand. Being rural farmers, his mother is too poor to be able to leave work and stay in the hospital with him, and so he has been staying there on his own. This has been hard for him, but he is determined to have the surgery he needs.

When he first heard his diagnosis it came as a big shock. 'I was sad when I heard; I didn't have my food that day. I was thinking, "Will I be alright or not? Will I be cured or not?"' Apart from the worry of having the disease, it had already begun to limit him.

As is common in many leprosy patients, the disease affected his nerves, so that his fingers started to tighten and bend over. 'When I started having leprosy I lost all my strength,' he says. 'I was not active in all my activities, like in going to school; I was losing interest because of my problem.' But there was hope for him and his family through the Leprosy Mission's Naini hospital. Rameshwa received the cure for leprosy at Naini hospital. If he had received a diagnosis earlier, he would not have suffered from the physical disabilities,

but unfortunately he and his family only realised there was a problem once the disease had affected his nerves.

This is Rameshwa's third operation at the hospital. The first problem he had was badly inflamed nerve abscesses which he needed to have removed. Then he had his first clawed hand operated on, and now he is having his other hand corrected. 'I'm able to do everything now with the hand I've had surgery on,' he says.

Dr Premal Das is the hospital's chief surgeon; he has a great deal of experience in reconstructive surgery. Dr Das says he was amazed that Rameshwa requested surgery for his other hand himself. He was so pleased with the results the first time, and so brave, that he had no qualms about coming back.

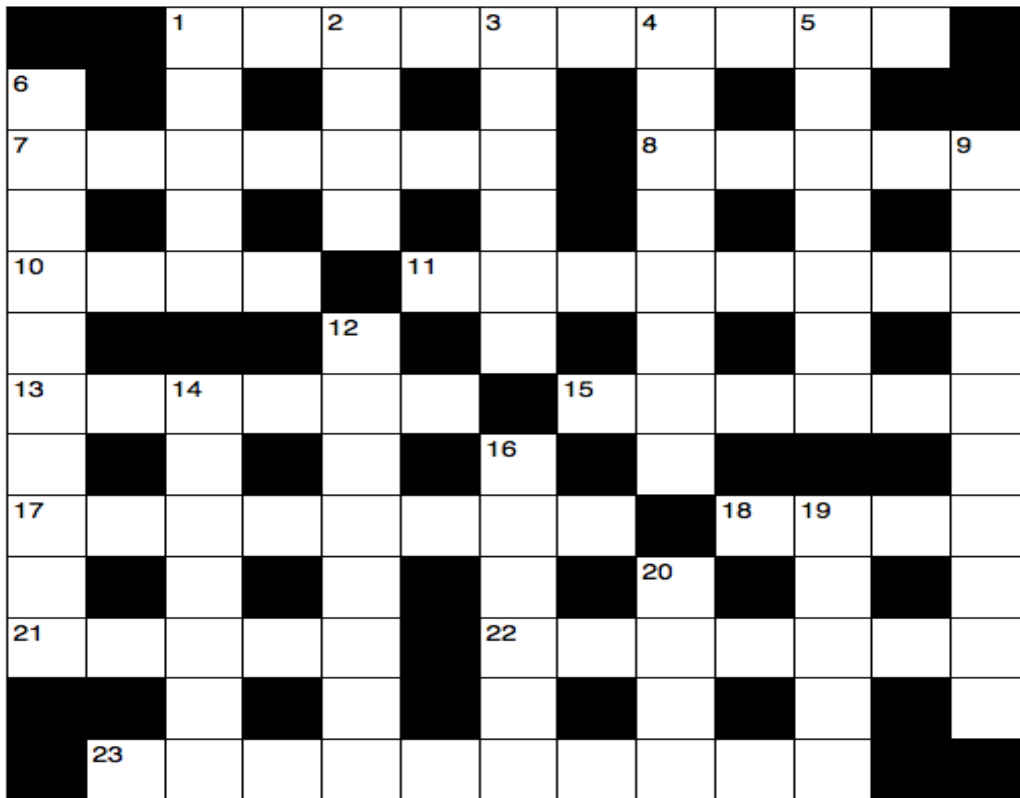
In fact, he even counsels the other patients on the men's ward who are worried about surgery. 'I encourage them, and say there's no reason to be afraid, it's a very small operation. If you're worried it's your loss only, so don't worry.'



Although he has weathered his stay and surgery so well, he is clearly delighted when his mother comes to collect him. He can return home until it is time for his cast to be removed. Then, three times a day, he will practise the hand exercises he learned at the hospital.

From the Leprosy Mission website

Crossword



Clues across:

1. Success (10)
7. Dried fruit (7)
8. Concede (5)
10. Look at (4)
11. Used after weddings (8)
13. Condense (6)
15. Breakwater (6)
17. Steer (8)
18. Pentecost or. .. Sunday (4)
21. Male Hebrew name (5)
22. Trampled (7)
23. Role of Miriam and Deborah (10)

Clues down:

1. Arrogance (5)
2. Roman poet (4)
3. Minister (6)
4. Declare again (8)
5. Paul's fellow worker (7)
6. Foresight (10)
9. Traditional form of Roman Catholic Mass (10)
12. Status of a royal ruler (8)
14. Rescuer (7)
16. Stone effigy (6)
19. Abode of the dead (5)
20. Italian city (4)

Parish Pump (amended)

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