

MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear friends,

Advent is here

Yes it is! Last Sunday we had Christ the King service. And what an argument there between Jesus and Pilate as to whether He (Jesus) had actually called himself 'King of the Jews'. Well hard to tell who won, or is it. Jesus turns the heat on this roman Ruler by calling him a puppet of others who cannot ask a question from his heart but as a proxy of others (the Jewish High Priests). So the question turns to who is on trial here, Jesus or the rulers of the day. For they were the ones hindering the multitude from experiencing the full benefits of God's kingdom on earth.

Nothing has changed much today. Jesus came to proclaim the good news to the poor. Yet they are hindered from accessing this good news of the God who has provided enough for everybody in the world by the greed of the rich. We have a world divided into two halves: the have-nots and the haves. The haves are out to jealously guard their ill-gotten wealth. They continually use their big limos and machines to pollute the air, spark wars which are fought by the poor and they harvest the spoils. Jesus comes to announce that the time for this exploitation is running out. He comes to transform the oppressed and the oppressor.

Indeed he comes to set all of us free from our prisons. You need not look very far to see that many of us are in jail of our appetites or past actions. We refuse to distance ourselves from the many dark areas that fill us with guilt. This Christmas is your time. Just let the burden off and accept his relief. He can carry it for you and me. Our church has organised many activities to help us access this invitation. Please look up in this issue and invite others to come with you. He is the reason for the season.



A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'John'.

Resisting the Advent of Ads

Like me you must get really upset and worried about the sneaky adverts that have little to do with the consumer and everything to do with the producer. In particular the abuse of religious festivals like Christmas and Easter by these cons is despicable to say the least. I bumped on the article below on the cyber highway and would like to offer it to you to ponder. Anything we do, however little can make a difference.

John Nyota

In the Western world we've built up resistance to the visual, aural, and mental pollution of advertising. We doubt, we laugh, we turn off. The advertisers counter with brighter colors, louder noises, wilder images. We close down our senses.

Eastern Europeans had no chance to harden up before their ideological wall fell and multinational advertisers rolled over their borders. Almost overnight intrusive ads sprouted everywhere. A tram line in Budapest was painted pink and dubbed the "Barbie Line." Barges began to chug back and forth on the Danube, smack in the middle of the most scenic views of the city, dragging chains of floating billboards.

If you aren't toughened against that kind of hype, it can make you furious. So activists in Budapest bicycle around every night spray-painting billboards. According to the InterPress Service, about 20 percent of the cigarette ads in the city are scrawled with the word "Cancer." Other ads are covered with graffiti saying "Don't be fooled," or "All ads lie." McDonalds posters are hit with a pre-printed, glued-on banner reading "Filth of the West."

The young people responsible for this desecration call their group Anti-Ad Action. They say that advertisements "subtly brainwash you" and "encourage consumerism and, as a consequence, pollution." Their sprayed-on or glued-on commentary includes a post office box, so volunteers can join them.

Last February in the Czech Republic 6628 schools received a colorful leaflet, which read, "Dear parents, dear children, one of the main priorities of the Procter & Gamble company is sponsorship of education by supporting the school system. P&G, in cooperation with Apple computers, and under the patronage of the Ministry of Education, is organizing a competition with the name: School and Computer -- the Basis of Life." For a school to enter, each student must collect at least 10 coupons from P&G products -- more than that, if they want to win. The 20 schools collecting the most coupons per student will each receive five Apple computers.

Milan Caha, of the National Center for Environmental Education in Prague, calculates that the average price of products listed in the competition is 90 Czech crowns (Kc). Every student then would have to buy P&G products worth on average 900 Kc. If all schools participated, P&G would gross at least 3 billion Kc -- about 600 times the retail value of the prize computers.

A good, old-fashioned corporate scam, I thought, when I heard about it. I can remember scrambling for coupons as a child, on behalf of my school, my church, my Girl Scout troupe. But the National Center for Environmental Education, along with other environmental organizations, was less tolerant. It published an open letter to the Minister of Education. It is immoral to use the schools to promote products not related in any way to education, it said. It is even more immoral for the Ministry to promote the idea of consumption as the way to success.

Clearly these people have a long way to go before they become properly cynical consumers.

The Ministry of Education replied after a long delay, to affirm its support of the competition. Procter & Gamble replied instantly. The company published a defense of its project and invited the environmentalists to its Prague office for a "discussion." In the meeting, Caha tells me, they were offered both carrots and sticks: "Couldn't your organization use a small contribution?" and "You'd better get some good lawyers."

P&G had prepared a letter for the protesters to sign, affirming the

environmentally friendly practices of the company and apologizing for the mistakes of their previous letter. They refused. A "fax war" followed. It continued, without producing any agreement, until the end of the school year.

Meanwhile the National Center for Environmental Education approached the schools with an alternative competition, entitled "Less Consumption -- Chance for Life." It suggested that teachers and students organize discussions about advertising, consumption, and environmental protection at the level of a school, a family, and an individual, and that they send their conclusions to the school management, parents, the Ministry of Education, and P&G, with copies to the National Center.

P&G never announced how many schools entered its competition, or who won. The National Center received letters from 62 schools.

Two teachers in Bezno reported: "We distributed materials about both competitions among the students, explaining to them the impact of P&G products on the environment. We let the students decide which competition to enter. Not one of our 176 students chose to participate in the competition promoting high consumption of the harmful products of P&G."

A sixth grade class from Hradec Kralove said: "Our class decided not to participate in the P&G competition. We don't like polluted water, sea, and air. We don't like that the forest around our town is dying. We would like to contribute to saving the Earth."

A teacher from Postolprty wrote to P&G: "We are sorry for your underestimation of the work and attitudes of teachers. The P&G leaflet, which came to our school, went directly into the box for used paper. Do you really think we are ignorant of environmental education?"

It's not easy to be a sophisticated modern consumer, but we're sending our experts over there. They'll learn.

Donella H. Meadows

Donella H. Meadows is an adjunct professor of environmental studies
at Dartmouth College

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH - DECEMBER 2006



We are almost at the end of another year. It used to be older folk who felt that time passes quickly but this year I've heard more and more younger people making the same observation.

Traditionally the year's end is a time for looking back. Weather-wise it's been an unusual year. I saw a lady sitting in the sun enjoying her packed lunch on a seat in a local park a week or so into November. Records have been broken throughout the year as far as weather has been concerned. But how has the year been for you personally? It's strange in a way that when we look back the past soon becomes blurred. We find it difficult to pin-point exactly when things happened unless they had a special importance for us.

But the year has been different for each one of us. We may have started new friendships which have started to grow. We've probably read a book we've enjoyed, seen a film or a play which has been of particular interest, had a holiday which was a high spot in our year. We may have experienced the trauma of bereavement and then known the loving support of family and friends which is so important at such times.

A whole mixture of things comes together to make our lives different and in the true sense of the word, unique. No two lives are exactly the same. There's an old adage, "Variety is the spice of life" and we know from our own experience how true that is. We take it for granted yet we should thank God for it. How dull life would be if every day was exactly the same! Some days are easy to cope with; others are just the opposite but as someone once said, "Lord, help me to remember there's nothing going to happen to me today that you and me together can't handle."

Bill Cox

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LOOKING FOR DECORATIONS?

The material, bows and flowers in glass vases, which were used at our wedding, are available to borrow if anyone wants them. I will keep them in our attic and put a note on the Flower cupboard in the Coffee Lounge to remind people.

Abby Herring

SUNDAY CLUB

There are two important dates for the Sunday Club. The first is **Sunday 3rd December** when we will be holding the annual Gift Service. This year gifts will be sent to Christian Care. All children are invited to bring a toy to the morning service to place under the Christmas tree. Although all toys will be much appreciated, particularly games, model kits, books etc for boys, we have been told that Christian Care has an abundance of soft toys so are not in great need of these.



The second important date is **Sunday 17th December** when the Sunday Club invites you to enjoy and reflect on their Christmas presentation to be performed during the morning service. This year there will be poetry, songs and Bible readings to remind us of the true meaning of Christmas.

We hope as many as possible will be able to join us on both **3rd and 17th December**.

Janet Fernando
(On behalf of the Sunday Club)

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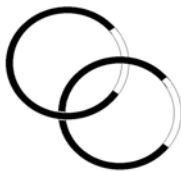
CAROL SINGING



It's that time of the year that we serenade the commuters of Morden. Once again we will be raising money for the National Children's Home and would welcome as many people to come along and join in the singing of carols at Morden Underground Station. We will be meeting at the Station on Friday 15th and Tuesday 19th December and plan to start singing at 5.00pm on both of these days.

So if you can spare an hour please come and join us, or if you use the station and hear us singing please put a donation in the bucket!

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CHRISTMAS BEGINS.....

*When the song of the angels is stilled
And the star in the sky is gone
When the kings and the princes are home
And the shepherds are back with their flocks*

The work of Christmas begins:

*To find the lost
To heal the broken
To feed the hungry
To release the prisoner....*

Can you help the Christian Care Association to continue the 'work of Christmas' in 2007, our 40th anniversary year? The needs in Merton are many and varied:

"I have been diagnosed with cancer and have to go into hospital. My son is in prison and I am so worried about him. Please visit us." Mr D

"I am being evicted and have to go into B&B accommodation. I am pregnant and have no money to buy food. I need help badly." Ms A

My daughter has died suddenly. She was only 11 years old and her twin sister is distraught. Can you help us with the funeral arrangements?" Mr S

"I am about to be evicted. Please speak for us and help us to find somewhere to go. Can you move our furniture? It will all be so disturbing for my handicapped son." Ms M

With your support we can run our office/contact centre and our furniture project, we can offer a family holiday and send young people to camps, we can run the children's party and outings for children and teenagers, we can deliver food parcels.....above all we can offer a befriending service.

*If you can volunteer as a befriender, a driver or a receptionist, or if you can make a donation contact: Christian Care Association, Main Office, St. Barnabas' Community Centre, Thirsk Road, Mitcham, Surrey SM4 2BD
Phone: 020 3044 0093 Email: christiancaremerton@gmail.com
or contact Bert Hyde 020 8648 0302*

THANK YOU !

Thank you! Such small words but they mean so much! I enclose the words of two of the letters that were sent to me from those who received donations in Ted's memory, thank you to everyone.

Grace Ashwood

Crowhurst Christian Healing Centre

What kindness! What an encouragement your gift offering in memory of Ted has been. That was so thoughtful of you, providing us with a real sense of God's powerful hand in all things.

It is lovely to think that these monies are in Ted's memory. He meant so much to this place as this place did to him. It has been very exciting seeing renewal take place here over the past twelve months, building on what's gone before.

In the meantime every Blessing to you and yours in this special time for you. I do hope we will see you again very soon. In the meantime my kindest regards and warmest appreciation with all our prayers,

In His name.

Sincerely

Peter McIntosh (Senior Chaplain)

MCW Rafiki Trust

I am writing to acknowledge, with grateful thanks, the cheques handed to me by Bruce Hamworth, manager of the Funeral Directors in Morden.

What a splendid response in memory of Ted to a cause which he always supported in many different ways. This will enable us to continue to help orphaned and disadvantaged children in Kenya.

We do appreciate your request that donations in Ted's memory should be for this cause.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

John G Butland (Hon. Treasurer)

NEW VISION STATEMENT



Yes, we have at last revisited our Mission Statement, last drawn up in 2000 and long overdue for a review. It is now a Vision Statement and based around the four easily remembered principles of **Worship**, **Grow**, **Serve** and **Share**, which are outlined below.

The Leadership Team presented it to Church Council last month and won approval to proceed with its implementation. This will mean looking at the way we currently do things, our current committees and our organisation in order to work out the best way to achieve our vision.

Worship by being a Christcentred community where everyone worships God through a variety of worship styles that are relevant to the needs of all people and the challenges of our times.

Grow by being a safe community that enables everyone to have a personal daily relationship with Jesus through worship, study and prayer as well as providing a place where everyone can reach their full potential, whether it is through performing arts, social gatherings or other activities or callings.

Share by being a safe hub of social and community life where an open and friendly welcome invites everyone to share in the excitement and challenge of the Christian journey in a loving and supportive environment; by providing good quality meeting facilities and community activities for different age groups; by exercising pastoral care to the housebound and those who come onto our premises for whatever reason; and by providing a quiet welcoming space for healing rest, reflection, renewal, meditation.

Serve by being a place where Christians growing in their faith are engaging in mission by looking beyond our walls and, working alongside other churches in the neighbourhood, opening our hearts and homes for people to share the love of God.

MARTIN WAY METHODIST CHURCH



This Banner, which hangs in the church, was made for the church's 70th Anniversary that was celebrated in 2004.

Each panel represents one of the many things that go on within the Martin Way Methodist Church.

If you are interested in finding out more about any of the many activities or becoming involved in any of them just speak to one of the Stewards or John Nyota, our Minister.

Youth Clubs

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Sunday Club

Frogs Club

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Lunch Club

Uniformed Organisations

Church Worship

Men's Supper Club

The Monday Fellowship

Midways

House Groups

Coffee and Chat

Time for Prayer

Church Music

GREETINGS FROM DEVON!!



We have been in touch with lots of individuals, but we decided that this was the best way of thanking everyone for their gifts and good wishes when we moved. I'm sorry it has taken me so long to get organised! We really appreciated all the cards and messages. We have been very blessed to have such good friends and at the moment there's a big gap in our lives! In some ways it seems months since we left, but in others it feels like only yesterday. You are all very clear in

our minds and we miss Martin Way and the circuit hugely.

Thank you, too, for the totally unexpected gift of money! We have bought a large picnic table to go in the little courtyard at the side of our new house. It will have a little brass plaque on it saying, "from our friends in the Wimbledon Circuit" and we hope that in time, many of you will come and sit round it when you visit us. There was just



enough left from that to buy two music copies of the hymnbook which Kingsbridge Methodist Church uses – highly appropriate!

Thank you all very much indeed.

The unpacking and sorting is steadily going on! Moving three houses into one has been no joke and we have a garage full of furniture and

boxes with nowhere to go! Unfortunately our house in Raby Road has not yet sold - we are in a chain which is completely stuck! – so we have been unable to begin any extensions to the house here. Consequently we are still rather on top of each other, but the rooms we have in use are fine and Mum and Auntie Bet are finding their way around!

The position of the house is a real bonus and the views across the surrounding country are spectacular! We have a very big garden and are hoping to grow vegetables and fruit bushes. Bob's returning to his agricultural roots!!! The garden includes a fenced paddock, which currently hosts our neighbour's sheep and since we've been here we've been left in charge twice and had a steep learning curve! We are now shepherd and shepherdess in training !!! We are also looking after three pet chickens and persuading Basil that they are not tasty pigeons! We can now reply to John's "How are your chickens?" greeting with experience and understanding!!

We have been made very welcome at Kingsbridge Methodist Church, which is an active community. There are a lot of things going on here but the age profile is very different to Martin Way and Sunday Worship is very formal. The range of music is limited and we miss the spontaneity and responsiveness we enjoyed at Martin Way. However, they have recently introduced a café worship slot once a month and the children are involved in leading worship about every six weeks. Both these occasions have a more relaxed feel to them. The circuit consists of Kingsbridge, which has a large membership, and several small village congregations. We have one minister and a pastoral assistant who is actually an ordained minister of the Congregational Church. They are a good team! There also seem to be a good number of local preachers, but we have yet to go to a meeting. We have asked to be left off the plan until after Christmas.

We thought we knew the area well, but we're finding lots of new places to go to and it is much easier without a town full of holiday-makers. Now I know how the locals felt about us! The main road across Kingsbridge has been closed for engineering works (3 men with spades and a small mechanical digger!!) for several weeks so

we've found all sorts of different routes we should never otherwise have discovered. It's a very beautiful place to be.

We do hope that anyone who is anywhere near will call and see us. We welcome visitors at any time. Until we have done some extensions we can't really offer accommodation, but can offer food and a lovely view! As I said at our farewell service, whatever we were able to give to Martin Way, Martin Way has given back to us many times over and we really miss everyone. If you can't come and see us, send us your news by e-mail or letter. We will reply!

Thank you again for all your love, support and prayers.

Blessings,
Bob and Janet

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Churches Together in Merton Park

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 18th to
25th January 2007



The main Service will be held on Sunday 21st
January at St Mary the Virgin at 6.30pm

There will be a Prayer Service at each of the four
other churches in the area throughout the week.

Please make a note of the times and venues in your diaries.

18th January at Merton Park Baptist Church in the afternoon
(time to be confirmed)

19th January at St John Fisher RC Church at 8pm,

23rd January at Martin Way Methodist Church at 8pm

25th January at St James Merton at 8pm

PUZZLE CORNER

12 Days of Christmas Word Search

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The Twelve Days of Christmas!

The Twelve Days of Christmas start with Christmas Day and finish with the eve of Epiphany on 5th January. The Twelve Days of Christmas song dates back to English origins in the sixteenth century although the music is reputed to be French.

The first publication date for The Twelve Days of Christmas was 1780. Each of the The Twelve Days of Christmas has a religious significance and are symbolised following the lyrics of The Twelve Days of Christmas.

One True Love refers to God

Two Turtle Doves refers to the Old and New Testaments

Three French Hens refers to Faith, Hope and Charity, the
Theological Virtues

Four Calling Birds refers to the Four Gospels and/or the Four
Evangelists

Five Gold Rings refers to the first Five Books of the Old
Testament, the "Pentateuch", which gives the
history of man's fall from grace.

Six Geese A-laying refers to the six days of creation

Seven Swans A-swimming refers to the seven gifts of the Holy
Spirit, the seven sacraments

Eight Maids A-milking refers to the eight beatitudes

Nine Ladies Dancing refers to the nine Fruits of the Holy Spirit

Ten Lords A-leaping refers to the ten commandments

Eleven Pipers Piping refers to the eleven faithful apostles

Twelve Drummers Drumming refers to the twelve points of
doctrine in the Apostle's Creed

Try and find the following words from the song in the grid opposite.

partridge

geese a-laying

pipers piping

turtle doves

swans a-swimming

drummers drumming

french hens

maids a-milking

pear tree

calling birds

ladies dancing

twelve days

gold rings

lords a-leaping

christmas

On our return from our Greek holiday we brought the following words entitled the Paradox of Time back with us. They have been written by our friend Julia, an Australian-Greek lady, who has been going through troubled times. Her English-speaking friend, Eleanor, perfected her grammar. We just wanted to share them with you, for Julia's "thoughts" have become the very meaningful words now printed below.

Derek & Mary Heaton

THE PARADOX OF TIME

The paradox of time in history is that we:

Have taller buildings, but shorter tempers
Wider highways but narrower viewpoints
We spend more, but have less
We buy more but enjoy it less

We have bigger houses and smaller families
Bigger churches and smaller congregations
A multitude of prayers but very little faith
A blessed life but lack of gratitude
A loving God for our blemished hearts

We have more conveniences but less time
We have more degrees but less sense
More knowledge but less judgement
More experts but more problems
More medicine but less healthiness

We have multiplied our possessions
But reduced our values
We talk too much, love too seldom and hate too often
We've learned how to make a living but not a life
We've added years to life, not life to years

We've been all the way to the moon and back
But we have trouble crossing the road to meet a new neighbour
We've conquered outer space but not inner space
We've split the atom but not our prejudice

We have higher incomes, but lower morals
We've become long on quantity but short on quality

These are the times of tall men and short characters
Steep profits and shallow relationships
More leisure but less fun
More kinds of food but less nutrition
These are the days of two incomes but more divorces

It is a time when there's so much in the window
And nothing in the stock room
A time when technology can bring this letter to you
And a time when you can choose to make a difference
Or just press delete!!!

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THOUGHT OF THE MONTH - JANUARY 2007

Six years ago there was great excitement about a new millennium beginning. Generally speaking things have not gone well throughout the world since then. We may even wish that we could turn the clock back and start the new century all over again, but life is not like that. We have to live with the mistakes we have made and, hopefully, learn from them.

But what has 2007 in store for us? We just don't know, do we? By the very nature of things we have to plan ahead but when we do so we should add consciously or subconsciously, "God willing." We have to plan holidays well in advance but we can not guarantee that something won't crop up to prevent us taking that holiday. God has wisely decreed that we can not see to far ahead and it's just as well that we can't. The older we get, the more we realize that we can only live one day at a time and we must make the best we can of it.



The thought with which we ended last year is just as applicable as we begin the new year - "Lord, help me to remember that there's nothing going to happen to me today that you and me together can't handle."

God bless you in the year ahead.

Bill Cox

CHURCH DIARY



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| Sun | 3 | 10.30 am | All Age Worship led by Rev John Nyota incorporating Toy and Gift Service |
| | | 6.30 pm | Communion Service led by Rev Faith Nyota |
| Mon | 4 | 2.45 pm | Fellowship |
| Tue | 5 | 10-12noon | Coffee and Chat |
| | | 8.00 pm | Time for Prayer |
| Fri | 8 | 12.30 pm | Luncheon Club - <i>Christmas Meal</i> |
| Sun | 10 | 10.30 am | Communion Service led by Rev Michael Meech |
| Mon | 11 | 2.45 pm | Fellowship - <i>Bill Cox</i> |
| | | 8.00pm | Taizé Christmas 'Shared Meal' |
| Tue | 12 | 10-12noon | Coffee and Chat |
| | | 7.30pm | Men's Supper Club Meal |
| | | 8.00 pm | Time for Prayer |
| Weds | 13 | 7.45 pm | Midways Group - <i>Christmas Meal</i> |
| Fri | 15 | 5.00pm | Carol Singing for NCH at Morden Station |
| Sun | 17 | 10.30 am | Morning Service led by Rev John Nyota |
| | | 5.00pm | Carols by Candlelight |
| | | 8.00pm | SIGMA presents ANGEL'S COUNCEL - <i>A Magical Christmas Play by Rosi Morgan Berry</i> |
| Mon | 18 | 3.45 pm | Fellowship |
| Tue | 19 | 10-12 noon | Coffee and Chat |
| | | 5.00pm | Carol Singing for NCH at Morden Station |
| | | 8.00 pm | Time for Prayer |
| Sun | 24 | 10.30am | Carol Service led by Rev John Nyota |
| | | 5.00pm | Cristingle Service |
| | | 11.30pm | Midnight Communion |
| Mon | 25 | 10.30am | Christmas Day Service |
| Sun | 31 | 10.30 am | Morning Service led by Brenda Cannon |

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| Sun | 7 | 10.30 am | All Age Worship led by Rev John Nyota |
| | | 6.30 pm | Communion Service led by Rev John Nyota |
| Mon | 8 | 3.45 pm | Fellowship |
| Tue | 9 | 10-12noon | Coffee and Chat |
| | | 8.00 pm | Time for Prayer |
| Weds | 13 | 7.00 pm | Midways Group - <i>An Egyptian Experience</i> - Derek & Mary Heaton |
| Sun | 14 | 10.30am | Communion Service led by Rev John Nyota |
| Mon | 15 | 3.45 pm | Fellowship |
| Tue | 16 | 10-12noon | Coffee and Chat |
| | | 8.00 pm | Time for Prayer |
| Fri | 19 | 12.30 pm | Luncheon Club |
| Sun | 21 | 10.30am | Praise Service led by Rev John Nyota |
| | | 6.30pm | United Service at St. Mary's, Merton Park for <i>Week of Prayer</i> |
| Mon | 22 | 3.45 pm | Fellowship |
| Tue | 23 | 10-12noon | Coffee and Chat |
| | | 8.00 pm | Time for Prayer, incorporating a short service for <i>Week of Prayer</i> |
| Weds | 24 | 7.45 pm | Midways Group - <i>Quiz</i> - Janet Laker |
| Sat | 27 | 9-12 noon | BIG BRUNCH - profits will go towards SPRING HARVEST expenses |
| Sun | 28 | 10.30am | Morning Service led by Rev Michael Meech |
| | | 6.30pm | Bible Study |
| Tue | 30 | 10-12noon | Coffee and Chat |
| | | 8.00 pm | Time for Prayer |

Please refer to the Website (www.martinway.org.uk) or Weekly Notice Sheet for any additional information

We wish all of those who celebrate a birthday
in either December or January a very

Happy Birthday

and especially to:



Natalie Johnson on 2nd December
Christopher Sweby on 23rd January

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THANKS AND A PLEE FOR HELP

Thank you to Andy (and Jane) Smith for filling in while I was away. He did a really good job of putting this quarter's Rota together. There are a few jobs that need more people to volunteer please. If I can't find people to fill them then some weeks **there may not be anyone to welcome you or there will be no coffee after the service.** If you can help please see me so I can add you to the Rota. I list below an example of who you can ask to tell you about the various jobs:

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| Coffee | Lesley Mortley |
| Door Steward | Derek Heaton |
| Counting Money | John Butland |
| Car | Graham Currie |
| Communion Steward | Graham Currie |
| Readings | Mike Mortley |
| Crèche | Maralyn Loft/Lesley Mortley |
| Intercessionary Prayers | Tony Loft/Brenda Cannon |

Abby Herring (Tel: 8543 9093)

Items for the **February Newsletter** should be with Andrew Fox,
(email: roife@hotmail.co.uk) by **Sunday 20th January** at the latest