

Dear

1993 has proved a fruitful year at All Saints' - Sunday School has grown immensely and attendance at the monthly Family Service has improved as well; Wednesday coffee mornings are still proving popular with the local community and a pleasing result is that a number of people have joined our congregation. Mothers and Toddlers' is still going with a swing and the Bible Study Group number has increased. Michael has started to hold Healing Services on a monthly basis alternating between an afternoon and evening service.

In January Jem gained his 10 metre swimming badge and Andy received the results of his City & Guilds Radio Amateur Exam which he took in December '92. He passed and was issued with the call sign G7OCS. He has bought himself a handheld transceiver which he uses in the car during his 45 minute trip to and from work.

After his 9th birthday in February, Jeremy began serving at the local church and also that month went on Cub camp. The dormitories were double booked and so they had to sleep under canvas - well wrapped up!

In April, Kath played the organ for local choral group performances of Faure's Requiem and Nick had a trip to the Scilly Isles by helicopter. They all spent a week holidaying in Mudeford. As he is Mayor's Chaplain this year, Michael and Joy were invited to attend the "Mayor-making" ceremony in May followed by a marvellous lunch at a local hotel.

Jem played 5-a-side football for the Cubs in May - scoring a hat-trick! Also that month Kath and Nick bought a new television set - only to have it stolen after just one week! Luckily the culprits were caught and one sent to jail for 18 months.

In June, Andy and his girlfriend Melanie, spent 2 weeks on the island of Corfu. It was their second trip to a Greek island having visited Rhodes in 1991. They had a marvellous time and came back (tanned and relaxed) to a typical British summer! It was Tim's 7th birthday on June 16th and he did well at the Beaver's sportsday. He helped out the Cubs by running a 100m leg in the relay when they were one short! A long way for such little legs. Later in June Tim had a wonderful time on school camp. At their school sports day in July, Tim ran in the obstacle race and Jem did very well at hockey. The boys are both now dinosaur mad after seeing Jurassic Park at the cinema.

Mel's Uncle has bought the florist where she works and she now has more responsibilities. Using his desk-top publishing skills, Andy designed the new company logo which is displayed on their van and stationery.

Michael, Joy, Colin and Fiona spent a week's summer holiday in the country in East Sussex at a little place named Sedlescombe 4 miles from Battle (of Hastings fame). Their cottage was situated at the end of a country lane, very secluded and surrounded by fields and woodland, with wild rabbits occasionally appearing in the garden. Those of you who are devotees of Christopher Robin, Winnie-the-Pooh and friends will surely be envious to hear that they actually played "Poohsticks" from "Poohsticks Bridge" in Ashdown Forest ("the forest"). As it was only 42 miles away they visited Canterbury Cathedral; other trips included Bodiam Castle, Battle Abbey, Sheffield Country Park, a model museum in Lamberhurst, Kent, walking for what seemed like miles through cornfields (read about in books but never actually experienced until then!), seeing hops growing, wine tasting..... but the highlight of the holiday for all of them was a visit to Crowhurst Healing Mission to attend Holy Communion with laying on of hands.

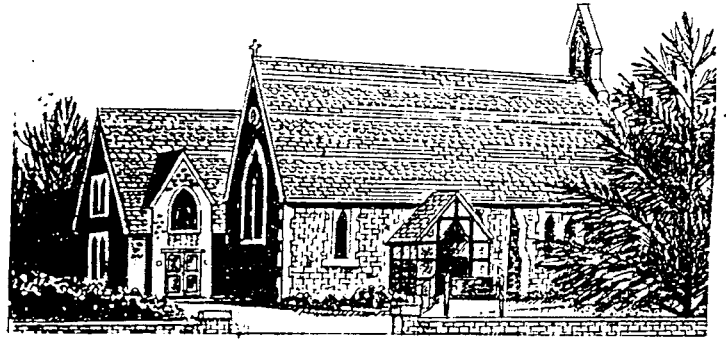
A friend of his took Nick up in a 2-seater plane which was quite a hair raising experience. Jem went on camp again in August and has now earned himself 3 badges. Andy was promoted to Supervisor at work. He is now in charge of 6 people and responsible to one Manager. It is his job to oversee the advertising copy and production of the Exchange and Mart and Motoring Exchange and Mart magazines. He is thoroughly enjoying his new role and has

also welcomed the corresponding pay increase!

The boys went back to school in September with Tim moving up to the juniors. Kath started at Teacher Training College and so the boys spent half-term in Mudeford in October. During a lovely week, Fiona and Joy took them on outings to an Owl Sanctuary, "Alice in Wonderland" maze, croquet and adventure playground (not far from us), the Dinosaur Museum in Bournemouth, "Crazy" golf, besides which Colin and Fiona took them swimming at a local sports centre. As we write, Kath is spending 5 weeks teaching in school as part of her coursework. Andy got a "new" car (a Peugeot 205 Diesel) at the end of October which is proving very economical.

With love and best wishes for Christmas and the coming year,

Michael, Joy, Colin, Fiona, Andy, Mel,
Nick, Kathy, Jem and Tim.



*All Saints' Church,
Mudeford 1993
showing the building
extension in the
background.*

God bless you at Christmas

