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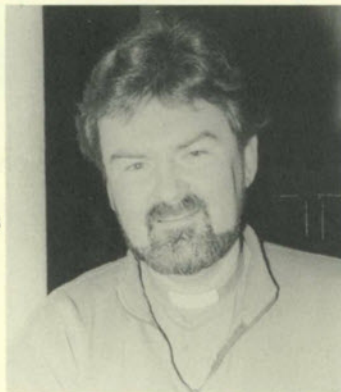
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Welcome to 'Link'

This is our second "LINK" newsletter, and this time it is being delivered free to every home in Heatherside and Cheylesmore. We hope it is a way of keeping you in touch with what's happening at Heatherside, your local church, over Christmas and the New Year. In this edition are details of all our Christmas services, some especially for children, some for adults, some for young and old alike.

And looking ahead to the New Year you'll find news of special events for anyone living in the area, whether or not you're a 'regular' at the church. We're looking forward to welcoming professional singer Marilyn Baker over the weekend 13th/14 February 1993 for a Saturday evening concert and special Sunday morning service with a 'Valentines' theme. There are details, too of our new Youth Nights - "Spotlight" - for teenagers, which happen on Sunday nights every fortnight. If you are a mum with pre-school children find out in here about 'Morning Break' every Thursday; if you are retired or approaching retirement age we hold Afternoon Fellowship on Tuesdays. More information is given later in Link. The Link is also designed to keep you in touch with members of Heatherside Church. Many of these bulletins will be delivered personally by your local 'Link' person, someone who has volunteered to be available to offer help, answer questions - or be a listening ear. Heatherside Church is here for the community and if we can help you please let us know.



Rev John Carter

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Frank Collins was one of the youngest members of the SAS

Who dares finds the truth

Trained to think clear and fast. To make decisions and act on them. Frank discovered the truth about Jesus Christ and made the biggest decision of his life.

Not for him the 'gentle Jesus meek and mild' in the pious paintings. Frank discovered in person the real Jesus as He really is. The One the Bible describes - tough and uncompromising towards the sin that separates Mankind from God. Yet compassionate and caring towards lost and suffering humanity. The awesome image of God in human form. Frank found a hero to follow. In finding the real Jesus, he found the real Christmas. Listen to his own words:-

"I hated the crowds, the artificial jollity. Christmas was an expensive nightmare rather than a celebration. It wasn't until I became a Christian that I could really enjoy Christmas. Now for me it is the King's birthday. Jesus is my king and the Lord of my life - and his love for me is so powerful that I have enough to share.....even with the crowds at Christmas."

Will YOU find the real Jesus this Christmas?



HEATHERSIDE
LINK
A Happy
Christmas
to 'LINK'
readers

Are YOU looking Forward to a **HAPPY** New Year?

by Rev John Carter

But what does 1993 hold? Are you looking forward to new opportunities - or worried about the future? Many are anxious in these troubled times. How can we be sure the New Year will be happy?

Jesus Christ had some very wise words to say on the subject. "Don't worry about tomorrow" he said, instead seek first the Kingdom of God. To those who do so He promises peace, joy and fulness of life.

If we make a resolution to put God first in 1993, then I believe we have cause to be confident in what the future holds. Don't worry - putting God first isn't about putting on our "Sunday Best".

Jesus never intended church to be boring, over-serious or dull. At Heatherside we want people to enjoy services, and have fun in learning together more about our Lord. Whether you're young or old, married, single, rich or poor we welcome you to join us. Every week we have a well-equipped creche for babies and toddlers which runs throughout our main morning service and on three out of four Sundays we have special groups for part of the time where children enjoy activities, games and teaching appropriate to their age.

We invite you to join us in 1993 in this great adventure of the Christian faith - as we discover together the new life God offers and a future to really look forward to.

Break for



Are you stuck at home? Looking for an hour or so of sanity away from the children? Then why not try....Morning Break especially for

Young Mums

Thursday mornings from 10 until midday - meet other young mums over a cup of coffee and enjoy a chat, discussion and topics of interest, while the children play (or sleep!) happily in the well-equipped creche.

Weekly topics include 'Health and Fitness', 'Snacks for Toddlers', 'Hair Care', 'Preparing your Child for School', some led by outside professionals, others more 'home-grown'. **50 pence** per session covers new equipment for the children and refreshments

Call Anne on 20897

QUESTIONS WE GET ASKED

WHAT SORT OF SERVICES DO YOU HOLD?

We have **two services each Sunday: at 10.30 am and 6.30 pm** with more at festivals like Christmas and Easter. These are open to all - whatever your demonination (**Heatherside is joint Anglican and Methodist**) - and we welcome people of all denominations - **or none!** At our larger service, at 10.30 am, we have a well-run creche each week for babies and toddlers. 3 out of 4 weeks each month, Junior Church meets for part of the morning with learning activities tailored to the needs of children and young people from 3 to 15. Once a month we stay together for a family service, and there is monthly Communion, both morning and evening - details of other evening services are given in advance.

HOW CAN WE ARRANGE FOR OUR BABY TO BE BAPTISED?



Baptism Service in The Centre

Commonly called 'christenings', we hold Baptisms on the first Sunday of the month in the 10.30 morning service. Leading up to that are a couple of preparation evenings usually held at Heatherside Church House at 61 Goldney Road. If you want to find out about baptism, either for yourself or your child, talk to the vicar, **John Carter** after a morning service and ask for the special leaflet on baptism, Or phone our administrator **Mary Severn**, on **Camberley 682673**.

Nothing to do on a Sunday Night?

Chill out on a scene that's well wick - go on, give it a kick.....because from the New Year.....

...SPOTLIGHT

is hip hop and happening every fortnight on Sunday at the Heatherside Community Centre. For all you secondary school dudes! Give us a try guys and bring your mates!!!
-phone 'Fuzz' Harlow on Camberley 61170 for info.

Christmas Quotes

Hercule Poirot alias popular actor **David Suchet** was asked recently to solve the mystery of Christmas. He comments:

*"Without the birth of Christ there would be no Christmas. He claimed to be the Son of God, a claim dramatically proved **when he rose from the dead**, an act backed by proof and witnesses. A modern judge has been quoted as saying that he wished so much proof could be available in many of the trials over which he presides....."*

With the last minute shopping for food and presents, we easily forget that Christmas is all about the birth of Jesus, who without the aid of modern media changed the face of the world".



And another quote:-

In the past God spoke to the people through the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us through his Son. He is the One through whom God created the universe, the One whom God has chosen to possess all things at the end. He reflects the brightness of God's glory and is the exact likeness of God's own being" - The Bible



Singer **Gloria Gaynor** will be hosting a Christmas Day show on BBC Radio 2.

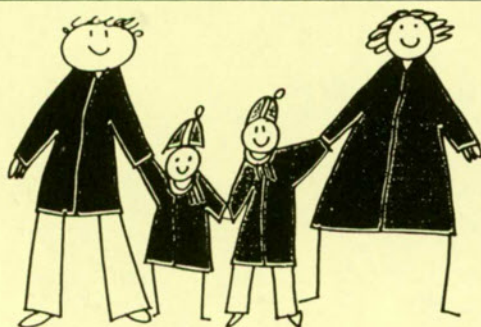
She says:

"Christmas to me is a special time of celebrating the birth of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is a time when people are most introspective, reflective ...and many are lonely. Christmas is a time to share the love and knowledge of the Lord by word of mouth, action, music and song"

What does it all mean?

Puzzled by the Christian Faith? Have you questions you would like answered? Interested in talking to somebody to find out more? At Heatherside we have several ordinary members of the church who are prepared to visit on request and chat with you about the basics of the Christian faith. 'Good News' is a helpful, informal course for those who want to know more, but may not go - or even want to go to church. There are no strings attached and it takes place in the convenience of your own home when you want it - and over about six sessions. Topics include questions about God, the Bible, Jesus and the relevance of faith today. Interested? Then give **Geoff Taylor** a ring on **Camberley 21402**.





GIVE JESUS A BIRTHDAY
PRESENT.
✠ WRAP UP THE KIDS AND
BRING THEM TO CHURCH.

REMEMBER WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT.
COME TO CHURCH THIS CHRISTMAS

★ Invite

We welcome you to a special Valentine's
Day Guest Service:-
"TRUE LOVE"

a service of music and conversation with
Christian singer/songwriter
♥ **MARILYN BAKER**
Sunday 14th February at 10.30 a.m.
at Heatherside Church.
ADMISSION FREE



.....and the previous evening, Saturday 13th
February, you are invited to a special
VALENTINE'S BUFFET & CONCERT
MARILYN BAKER ♥ IN CONCERT
7.30 p.m. Heatherside Community Centre.

♥ Tickets @ £4.00 available from:-
Mary Severn tel: Camberley 6782673
or Keith King tel: Camberley 27986

SEASONAL SMILE...

A country vicar and his wife had left for a conference abroad, forgetting to give instructions for a banner which was to decorate the hall at the Christmas Carol Concert.

The secretary of the Mothers' Union was astonished to receive a telegram from France which read simply:-

"UNTO US A SON IS BORN. NINE FEET LONG
AND THREE FEET WIDE. REV & MRS JOHNSON"

Christmas Services at Heatherside Church

Sunday 13th December

10.30 am Gift Service:- Please bring a gift for London's homeless men from the following: blankets, scarves, hats, socks, gloves, underwear or sleeping bags.

Sunday, 20th December

10.30 am Junior Carol Service

- a service for the whole family- carols and Christmas music led by our Junior Church.

6.30pm Carols by Candlelight - the popular service of readings, traditional carols and Christmas music.

Thursday, 24th December (Christmas Eve)

5.00pm Christingle Service- a service especially for children during which they receive a decorated Christingle - gifts to the Children's Society.

11.15pm Midnight Communion Service.

Friday, 25th December

10.30am Christmas Day Celebration followed by
at 11.45am, a shortened Communion service.

We invite you to put Christ at the centre of Christmas
and join with us in celebrating the Saviour's birth.

Midweek Meetings

Discovery Group/Christian Basics - fortnightly on
Tuesday evenings

Afternoon Fellowship - Tuesday 2.30-3.30 pm

Morning Break - Thursday 10am - 12 noon

House Groups - Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday
evenings - or Wednesday mornings.

Youth Fellowships - Friday Evenings 6pm 10-13
years. 7.00pm 13 years plus.

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