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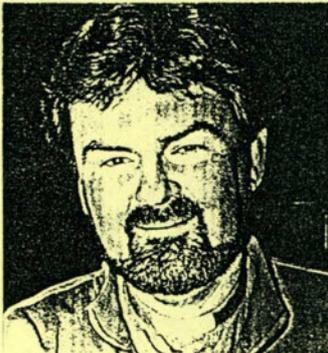
Harvest Festival Number

## Welcome to 'Link'

Welcome to The Link. Not quite a parish magazine, more than a letter, the Link is a bulletin delivered to Heatherside and Cheylesmore estates keeping you in touch. In touch with what? Well, first of all in touch with a variety of services and events in the next 2 months to which we hope you will come and enjoy. You'll find details of events over Harvest Weekend (Oct 3/4), a special night of fun for the family on 'All Saints' eve (Oct 31), Special Social events we hold regularly up at the Centre on Martindale Road and midweek groups especially for you, such as Afternoon Fellowship (for those of retirement age), Morning Break (for mums with young children) and the Youth Fellowship.

Secondly, The Link is designed to keep you in touch with members of Heatherside Church- many of these bulletins are being personally delivered by your local 'link' person, someone who has volunteered to be available if you have any questions or need any advice about church, or if you are lonely or anxious and would like a listening ear.

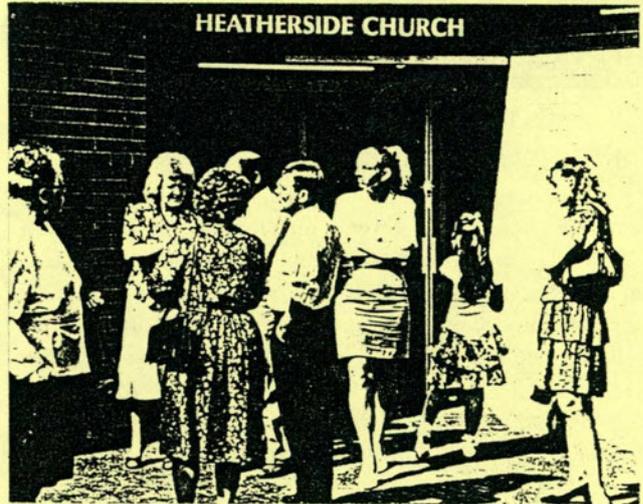
The Church is here for the community. Tell us if we can help you. If you would like to talk in confidence about any problem or worry, you can talk to me, **John Carter** or, if you prefer, one of our trained 'pastoral assistants.' My address and phone number are given later in this news letter.



Rev John Carter

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Nobody wants to go home!

## Heatherside Church - the church in the centre

'Do you actually have services there?' is the question often asked. The answer is emphatically 'yes' - every Sunday throughout the year a team of volunteers transforms the main hall or Heatherside Community Centre into a church, and each Sunday more than 150 people gather to worship together. Of course it can still be a little nerve-wracking for visitors, especially if you have children - perhaps you are worried that they might make a noise and disturb others....worry no more! There are lots of children and young people at Heatherside Church already. Every week we have a well equipped creche for babies and toddlers which runs throughout the service (which is relayed to the creche). And on most Sundays for part of the service we have special groups where children enjoy activities, games and teaching appropriate to their age. Heatherside Church **really** is a church for the whole family.



# HEATHERSIDE LINK

More about how the 'LINK' scheme works: see inside pages.

# Watch out for the 'Saints Alive' Celebration

## \*SAINTS ALIVE CELEBRATION - AN ALTERNATIVE TO HALLOWE'EN

**31st OCTOBER, FROM 6 pm - 8.30 pm  
at St Paul's Church, Crawley Ridge.**

Over the past few years there has been increasing concern about the apparently innocent and 'harmless' fun of Hallowe'en. Many parents and some teachers groups are concerned it gives children an unrealistic and naive view of the occult at a time when there is an upsurge of activity and interest in the 'dark arts'.

We continue to read disturbing reports of 'ritual' abuse - 'trick or treat' activities have sometimes lead to criminal damage and may upset and frighten particularly the elderly and very young. Even some who believe that spirits and witches are nonsense are asking why we should cultivate an unhealthy interest in an old pagan festival which celebrates evil.

**So is there an alternative? the answer is YES.**

On the Saturday evening of 31st October families are invited to "Saints Alive", an 'All Saints' eve celebration taking place at our 'sister' church, St Paul's. There will be games, food and party activities then an all age celebration event with lively music, drama and dance, special guest author and broadcaster, **Adrian Plass**. Tickets at **£2 per adult, £1 per child** from our administrator, **Mrs Mary Severn (phone Camberley 682673)**



**Junior Church teaching - busy 'Climbers' at work  
We have groups for all ages at Heatherside Church.**

## 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. These are open to all and there are different services to cater for different needs. 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 service of Communion, both morning and evening - details of other evening services are given in advance.

### HOW CAN WE ARRANGE FOR OUR BABY TO BE BAPTISED?

We hold baptism services (sometimes commonly called 'christenings') 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**.

### Baptism Service in The Centre



### WHAT IS THE HEATHERSIDE CHURCH 'LINK' SCHEME?

In most areas of Heatherside and Cheylesmore, we now have members of the church acting as a local 'LINK' to the community, delivering this leaflet and keeping you in touch with other information during the year.

But we are also here to help you - perhaps you are housebound, or going through a time of difficulty, or you are anxious and would simply like a 'listening ear'.

Whatever your need your local 'LINK' is available to talk in confidence and if necessary, put you in touch with other agencies who can offer further assistance.

## YOUNG PEOPLE..... BORED?

Nothing to do on a Friday night? Then we invite you to join us for the

### HEATHERSIDE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

We meet in two groups - 10-13's, from 6pm until 7.30, then older teenagers from 7.30-9.45pm. For the Autumn, there is a full programme of outings and events. Come along and give us a try - or phone 'Fuzz' Harlow (Junior Group on Camberley 61170) - or Neal Walker (Senior Group on Camberley 26073).

## ARE YOU RETIRED.....?

Are you retired - or approaching retirement?

Looking to meet others of a similar age? Then join us on Tuesday afternoons for

### AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP.

We meet each week during term time from 2.30 to 3.30 in the Centre. We have a programme of speakers and social activities and a time to chat over a cup of tea. Lifts to and from the meeting can be arranged. More details from Merle Ford on Camberley 684982.

## Calling all MUMS!

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

### \*\*MORNING BREAK\*\*

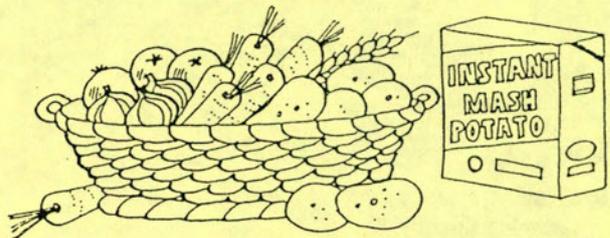
Thursday mornings from 10 until midday - meet other young mums over a cup of coffee and enjoy a chat, discussion and topics of interest, while the children play (or sleep!) happily in the well-equipped creche.

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

**COME AND GIVE US A TRY**

## HARVEST- NOT TO BE TAKEN FOR GRANTED

"The worst harvest for 30 years" - "Heavy rain ruins crops" - recent headlines reminding us that even in this country we shouldn't always take harvest for granted. We invite you to come and **celebrate Harvest** at Heatherside Church on Sunday 4th October at 10.30 am. This is a service for all ages - a family celebration of God's goodness towards us, and an opportunity to pray for those who have less. You can also bring along tinned or non-perishable food which will be received at the service by a representative of the **London City Mission** and which will go to **help the capital's homeless**.



## HARVEST FESTIVAL

## Now for the 'Good News'



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.

## LOVE THY NEIGHBOUR

by ROY MITCHELL



# What sort of church is **Heatherside**?



A typical service at Heatherside Church

## Christmas is coming -REALLY!

Believe it or not this is the time of year when we start planning **Christmas services**. We will have more information nearer the time but for your diary, here are some advance dates:-

### 13th December

10.30 am Gift Service:- Toys, blankets, scarves, soup for London City Mission.

### 20th December

10.30 am Junior Carol Service

- a service for young and old.

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

### 24th December

5.00pm Christingle Service- for children of all ages!

11.15pm Midnight Communion Service.

### 25th December

10.30am Christmas Day Celebration followed by

11.45am shortened Communion.

## TAILPIECE.....

Heard recently during a rather long and boring sermon at another church (definitely not Heatherside!) - a small but distinct voice could be heard at the back of the church asking "Mummy, is it still Sunday?"

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Sunday school teacher: "What does the story of Goliath teach us?" Boy: "To duck"

### WHAT'S IT LIKE THEN - AND WHO GOES ?

We are a lively and growing community church, which began in 1977 meeting at Heather Ridge School - today all our Sunday services and many midweek activities take place in the Heatherside Community Centre and Church in Martindale Avenue.

The congregation includes young and old, families, singles, teens and retired folk. We hold a variety of activities which reflect our growing membership.

**Heatherside is joint Anglican/Methodist church**, but we welcome those of **all** church backgrounds - or none. As the church serving the district of Heatherside and Cheylesmore, we have all the normal responsibilities of a parish church, for example, baptism services take place each month, and Heatherside's minister, the Rev John Carter is available to anyone in the local community for help or advice.

### Sunday Services

#### 10.30am

**1st and 2nd Sunday:-**

Morning worship (with creche and Junior Church)

**3rd Sunday:-** Family Service (with creche)

**4th Sunday:-** Holy Communion (with creche and Junior Church)

#### 6.30pm

**2nd Sunday:-** Communion

(with prayer for healing)

**Other Services** as announced

### 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.

## WHO'S WHO

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