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Dear Friends,

This morning I listened to an article on the radio about how the North-West Passage, the sea route westwards around northern Canada, is becoming passable for ordinary shipping (not only ice-breakers) for the first time since Europeans began exploring the Americas centuries ago. The sea ice is melting today and the rate of its disappearance is much more rapid than anyone had expected.

Such news items giving evidence of the frightening rate of global warming are legion. The impacts on humanity and the wider world are difficult to predict in any detail, but we can all see that they threaten to be considerable. In 2002 the authoritative Red List of Threatened Species identified 11,167 animal varieties in danger of extinction because of a combination of climate change and destruction of natural habitats. As for humans, over 40% of the world's population lives in areas of water scarcity and this proportion is believed to be growing; again, climate change is not the sole cause, but it is a major contributory factor.

How should the Christian Church react to this potential crisis? Traditionally most of us believed that the Church's main duties were to either the souls or the physical needs of our fellow humans, or usually some combination of the two. As the human race faces up to the risk that just going about its normal business could wreak major destruction on the planet, we wonder what further responsibilities this may imply for us. After all, if we claim to have a close, loving relationship with the Creator of the Universe, we can hardly stand idly by whilst our bit of Creation is put at ever-greater risk, in part because of our own lifestyles!

For a Biblical insight, I have based the following on ideas in an article by Ruth Valerio in the Scripture Union's "Encounter with God" Bible study series. In the Creation account in Genesis we read that, "God said, 'Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule... over all the earth, and over all the creatures...'"': In the thinking of the time, this presents the idea that humans are to be God's representatives on earth,

taking care of creation and enabling it to fulfil its purpose of existing for God's glory. There is a kind of harmonious triangle – God, humanity and non-human creation. Human failings, symbolised by the Fall, break this harmony. In subsequent scriptural teaching we see some glimpses of how God is at work restoring this broken relationship. For example, in Colossians, “For God was pleased... through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross”, or in Romans, “The creation waits in eager expectation for the sons of God to be revealed... in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God”.

Creation, then, is not expendable, it has an important role in God's plans and so we cannot ignore its needs. Much of this Konvikt magazine is to be given over to thinking about this issue. The Diocese of Europe has taken a first step in raising awareness of our role in climate change by asking all its Chaplaincies to take part in a carbon footprint audit linked to the Anglican Church's “Shrinking the Footprint” campaign. This involves responding to a questionnaire including questions about the church's own energy consumption, clergy's forms of transport and use of “green” energy. The Chaplaincy Council will be looking at this, perhaps together with more directly practical policies, in its forthcoming meetings.

Wishing you every blessing,

Simon Norcross
(Churchwarden)

A call for photos/memorabilia

Do you have any photos of past church events or people?
As part of the Church's historical anniversary David Heal is compiling our church's history and he is especially interested in receiving photos at least 20 years old. If you can help, please contact David directly on: Tel/ Fax: +352 331160

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Caring for Creation

In his foreword to 'Sharing God's Planet', the Archbishop of Canterbury, Rowan Williams, encouraged us to take a walk to remind ourselves that we are part of wider creation. The current climate change situation is such that it will be a long walk – simply to restore the world's balance we need to cut carbon emissions worldwide by 60% of current levels by 2050. Not only is this a daunting goal but its end lies at least two generations in the future. For individuals and institutions alike, taking action (however simple and obvious that action may seem) and sustaining it will require considerable effort. But act we must.

Shrinking the Footprint is the Church of England's campaign to help its members and institutions to address – in faith, practice, and mission – this vital issue of climate change. It aims to challenge, encourage and support the whole body of the Church to shrink our environmental footprint to create the "The 40% Church". At the 2007 Diocesan Synod in Cologne, there was overwhelming support for the creation of the post of Diocesan Environmental Officer and Brian Morgan of the Berne chaplaincy was appointed to this urgent task. To start this initiative Brian will be sending out in September a questionnaire to all diocesan offices and chaplaincies in order to audit the impact that we as a diocese have on the planet. I earnestly request that you all help Brian by completing the questionnaire – disappointingly in the UK only 25% of parishes have done so to date – I hope that we can do much better than that!

In addition, please visit the Shrinking the Footprint website, which is full of suggestions and downloadable booklets on how to reduce the carbon footprint of your chaplaincies and homes (www.shrinkingthefootprint.cofe.anglican.org). You will all be aware that inevitably the bishops must often use flights to cover this vast diocese, but we can still soften the blow by using low energy hybrid cars, high speed rail and off-setting as much as possible.

Of course the life of our church is filled with a whole range of urgent priorities and it is easy to be distracted by the most obvious and personal, but the issue of climate change is of such vital importance that in all our activities and initiatives we should constantly seek to lesson the impact that we have on the world we all share. To that end each chaplaincy may wish to follow the lead of Diocesan Synod and appoint its own environment officer who could then liaise with Brian and carry this work forward at a local level.

May God bless you all and may he continue to bless this Earth our home.

+Geoffrey

Shrinking the footprint

www.shrinkingthefootprint.cofe.anglican.org

The Birds and the Bees

September's routine find me listing Christmas present ideas for friends and family. But whatever I buy, and however much they love it, it won't change their life fundamentally. I often wonder what Jesus' mother Mary would have wanted as a gift on the first Christmas. Perhaps a simple shelter or a midwife to help her safely through the birth, or a secure income for Joseph, so he could support his family?

Christian Aid's Presents Aid catalogue allows you and your church to give to people who don't have everything; people confronting the kind of challenges Mary might have faced – refugees fleeing danger or disaster; people struggling to support their families in difficulty or giving birth without access to basic medical care. Whether you choose bicycles, trees, worms, or solar panels, Present Aid means that you are giving a future to those who most need hope and generosity this Christmas.

For example, just €3 could buy a beehive for Wilson Rosel in Bolivia for whom bees are a lifeline. Christian Aid partner organisation, CIPCA, has given him training, hives and equipment so that with the money he makes from the honey he can buy food and clothes, even if the rice crop fails.

Whatever gift you choose, you receive a card for your family and friends showing where their gift has gone. You can even share together as a church for one of the more expensive gifts.

To order Present Aid catalogues for yourself or your church, call 0207 523 2948 or email jsmithchristian-aid.org. You can also see the gifts online at www.presentaid.org.

Jill Smith, from Christian Aid's Europe Desk.





How to shrink our footprint

When the Church Council asked me to look into the issue of shrinking the footprint that our activities leave on the environment, I was amazed, after a little research on the internet, to discover what a big issue this is for churches in the UK. To see what the Church of England is doing, look at

<http://www.shrinkingthefootprint.cofe.anglican.org/index.php>

There is also an interesting initiative called 'Eco-congregation', an ecumenical movement 'encouraging churches to weave creation care into their life and mission'. See

<http://www.ecocongregation.org/englandwales/index.html>

This looks at the whole issue from a much wider perspective, considering not only things like low-energy light bulbs and getting the boiler serviced, but also the way in which ecological issues are incorporated into all our activities, such as worship, educational work with children, use of recycled materials, and choice of a bank with a good environmental policy.

With regard to what each individual can do in their own home, there are some cheap and simple tips at

http://www.energysavingtrust.org.uk/what_can_i_do_today/cheap_and_simple_tips

Some of the things that churches in Britain are doing would be hard to put into practice in our own Church community in Luxembourg. We can't do anything about the poor insulation of the Konvikt chapel because we don't own the building. One suggestion is to use crockery for coffee rather than plastic cups, and this would be difficult unless we had somewhere to store the crockery near where we serve the coffee. We do use a lot of paper, but the leaflets, magazines etc that we produce are an important way of communicating within our congregation and with the wider English-speaking community in Luxembourg. I don't know whether the paper we use is recycled or produced from sustainable sources, but this is certainly something we could look at.

An obvious issue is transport. People come from all over Luxembourg and beyond to our services and other activities, and many of them come by car because public transport from where they live is infrequent, unreliable or non-existent on Sundays and in the evenings. Perhaps we should encourage people to share cars. Maybe there could be a place on the website where people could advertise the fact that they have space in their car to give someone from their area a lift on Sundays. This is perhaps something that could be discussed at the Area Contact Group meetings that will be taking place over the next three months. I hope the meetings will come up with other suggestions as well. It can't be beyond our collective wit and intelligence to think of some solutions.

Philippa Seymour

Confidence and humility in the face of global crisis

As the giant screens focussed on the small dark figure dressed from head to foot in black it was possible to see that behind his long beard His Beatitude Archbishop Anastasios of Tirana and All Albania was smiling. There were no jokes in his address; his smile was the smile of confidence and serenity as he expounded the text “The Light of Christ shines on all” which was the theme of the Third Ecumenical Assembly, which met in Sibiu, Romania from the 4th to the 9th of September.

What made his discourse so captivating was not only his obvious charisma – eyes twinkling with enthusiasm behind his silver rimmed spectacles – but the blend of classic Orthodox theology and modern science with which he addressed the condition of Europe at the beginning of the 21st century. For Anastasios “The proper attitude of Christians within Europe should not be one of conflict with those who do not share our hope, nor should we seek a dominant position for the Church within society as a whole. The obligation of the disciples of Christ, whom He Himself assured that they were “the light of the world” (*Mt 5:14*; cf. *Jn 12:36*) is bold witness, brotherly and sisterly service, and therapeutic assistance”

This tone of solidarity with *all* our fellow European citizens, characterized nearly all the addresses. This assembly of some 2,500 Christians gathered from all the churches in Europe was determined to engage with the real issues and difficulties, issues such as global warming, migration, racial, ethnic and religious discrimination, faced by all the peoples in Europe.

What struck me, as a veteran of many church conferences, was the way in which delegates found confidence in the deep spiritual and theological resources of the Christian tradition. That was mediated through the different emphases which different confessions place on the tradition, but each contribution was offered as a resource for all to draw on as they engaged seriously with the complexities of the Europe of today.

Of course the church continues to be divided, as the French Protestant Pastor Jean-Arnold de Clermont indicated in a challenging address at the start of the conference. He spoke as President of the Conference of European Churches the body that groups together 124 non-Catholic denominations in Europe. “In spite of the mission command given to us by Christ,” he said “we often remain enclosed in our own chapels without being able to recognize and welcome God’s work that is going on around us.”

This assembly had no hard decisions to make, no budget issues to wrestle with, no policy to hammer out: it wasn’t that kind of gathering. At its simplest, and most profound, it was an opportunity to meet, grow and find strength and encouragement. It was also a chance to listen, (through personal headsets offering simultaneous translation in five languages) as church leaders, men and women, shared not only their theology but also their humanity. As each exchange worked its way through the translations, one of the most moving experiences was watching the smile of understanding ripple through the audience, a moment to glimpse the light of Christ shining on all.

(As written by Chris Lyon for the Luxemburger Wort)

INTRODUCING...



Ulrik, Lena, Elin, and Rebecka Ashuvud

1) What nationality are you?

Swedish, although being born and bred in Ethiopia, and having lived more than half of my life outside Sweden, I feel I have one leg in Europe and one in Africa.

2) We understand you have just returned to Luxembourg after a period in South Africa? Tell us a bit about life in South Africa.

Life in South African is, like most places I guess, a mix of good and bad things. Some of the good things are the climate, all the very different, interesting places you can visit, people (we found it so easy to make friends, even among the locals - rather unlike Luxembourg), the positive energy especially in the working environment where South Africa is truly the power house of primarily Southern Africa, but to an extent of the whole continent.

The bad things are Crime, Crime and very violent Crime. This affects your daily life in a number of ways. It limits your movements and ability to socialise with people without being afraid of the drive back, even if it isn't very late. It also forces you to close yourself in behind bars, cameras, electric fences etc. We found this especially worrying since we have children. The crime is very violent and children are not spared.

3) Why did you return to Luxembourg and how long have you spent in Luxembourg now in total?

I had a three year contract which would have been up at the end of 2007. We wanted to return for the European school start and therefore chose between this summer and next. Our main reason for going earlier rather than later was the feeling of being sitting ducks waiting for our turn to be affected by the crime and not knowing if we would be lucky when it happened. With the children growing up it also became important for us to feel that they would be able to move around more freely with bikes, buses etc., which is completely unthinkable in SA.

We returned in July. Since we lived here for five years+ before leaving for SA we have been here almost six years in total by now.

4) Tell us a bit about your family.

My immediate family consists of my husband Ulrik, who is also Swedish, and two daughters - Elin who is 9, and Rebecka, who is 4. Elin was a year old when we first came to Luxembourg and Rebecka was born here in Luxembourg before we went to SA.

In addition to this I have two parents and two in-laws (all still very active at ages around 75), four siblings, two sisters in law, a brother in law and eleven nieces and nephews, so when we all meet it is quite a crowd. My parents worked in Ethiopia between 1961 and 1976/77, and all of us, except my oldest sister, were born there. After the family returned my parents have been working in Ethiopia, Somalia, Lebanon and Tanzania at different times, making development work very much part of my family life when I was growing up.

5) What are your interests and are you able to continue these in Luxembourg?

Outdoors activities and music are my main interests. I have started biking to work, although at present it is a bit far so I only do it about once a week. Skiing / trekking will be some of the things we will do more of now that we are back - the "fleche bleue" walks are a great way of discovering different parts of the country. I hope to find some activity in the field of music that will also fit into the family schedule, which is already quite full.

6) Has your impression of the Anglican changed at all by being away and if so, why?

We have been irregular visitors in the Anglican church before leaving for SA. Down there we gradually started going to the Anglican church a couple of blocks from our house. With the children getting involved in the Sunday School and Junior Church our visits became more regular and it was fairly easy to take up the habit of starting in the Anglican church again when we returned. The warm greeting we got by a number of the people in the congregation has really made us feel like coming back was a bit like coming home!

7) Do you attend any non-Sunday church events? (e.g. Young adults group, choir etc....)

Not me. My oldest daughter has started in the Junior choir and is taking this very seriously so we hope that it will grow and thrive.

8) Is there anything else you would like to see happening within the Anglican Church?

My background, from a church perspective, is an evangelical one, where activities involving children and youth, and participation by these groups, have been an important part of church life. I don't have any clear idea of how this could be done in the Anglican church, but for my childrens' sake I would want to see a development in this direction.

9) What is your favourite hymn and why?

There is a Swedish hymn where the first verse starts with the phrase "Rest in me, you will see that you'll have peace". We all try so hard in our different roles in life - professional, family, "being a good Christian" - that I think we sometimes lose our peace of mind and our foot hold. It is great to be reminded to stop trying sometimes and simply sit down and just listen both to the Lord and to the people around us.

10) If you had a day free, how would you choose to spend it?

The last six months have been very hectic, with our move, renovating a house, new school and some changes at work. I would spend free a day just "being". Take a long walk or go for a long bike ride without necessarily having a goal. Go to a café, and read a newspaper over coffee. Lie on a sofa with some good music and read a book without feeling that I should really get up and finish that wall in the hallway or other chores...



SUNDAY SERVICES

9.30 am

Holy Communion (said)

11:00 am

Holy Communion (sung)
with hymns and sermon.

During this service a crèche is provided.
There is Sunday School for all ages and
Junior Church.

Tea, coffee and juice are served after the service.

6.30 pm

Choral Evensong

(usually 1st Sunday in month except January & August)

Sunday 11th November Remembrance Sunday

9:30 am

Holy Communion

11:00 am

(with laying of wreath, no Holy Communion)

Advent, Christmas and New Year
Special Services

Sunday 2nd December

6:30 pm

Advent Carol Service

Sunday, 16th december

11:00 am

Family Carol Service

(This service is followed by Christmas Lunch in the Hotel Parc Belle Vue.)

Christmas Eve

Monday 24th December

4:00 pm

Christingle service
(for children)

Christmas Eve

Monday 24th December

11:30 pm

Minight Holy Communion

Christmas Day

Tuesday 25th December

10:30 am

Holy Communion

Sunday 30th December 2007

9:30 am Morning Prayer

11:00 am Morning Prayer

Sunday 6th January 2008

6:30 pm

Epiphany Carol Service



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Advance notice for your diaries of our traditional Christmas lunch. This will take place on Sunday 16 December directly after the 11am morning service in the Parc Belle Vue restaurant next to the church. We look forward to welcoming our Seasonal Special Guest. More details to follow with menu choices nearer the time.

For any further information contact moira.hogg@europarl.europa.eu.



Fiftieth Anniversary Celebrations

Some months ago, I appealed in this magazine for ideas and volunteers to help us celebrate the chaplaincy's golden anniversary. The response was poor – one idea (see below) and four volunteers. This is very disappointing, especially from a congregation as diverse and talented as ours.

David Heal has now completed the History (fascinating, and very revealing!) and I believe that the Carlisle setting of the Communion service is coming along nicely.

Jackie Wilkie suggested the terrific idea of a “how-to” book. This would be a slim but functional volume explaining the mechanics of providing coffee after the service, co-ordinating the Church Fair, running a stall, editing “The Konvikt”, organising the Church Walk, drawing up rotas and all the other activities involved in making the Chaplaincy the dynamic organisation it is. (The book will be of great value in about ten years' time, when all the middle-aged and retired folk currently doing most of the above are forced to retire therefrom and Other People will have to take over!) Jackie and I will be compiling this together.

I am appealing this time, therefore, for everyone involved (now or in the past) in any aspect of running church activities, however small, to write a detailed

description of how it is done and send it to Jackie (wilkiejackie@hotmail.com or call 35 95 32 for her snailmail address) or me (Thomson@pt.lu or call 25 30 37). Please do it NOW!

Although we don't yet have a firm date for the big Church service, we ought to start informing previous members of the Chaplaincy of our plans. Please trawl through your address books and let us have the details of our old friends, so that we can create a mailing list (email addresses would be good, too).

Offers of accommodation (bed and breakfast) would be gratefully received (as a start, I can offer three beds, four if I ever get round to fumigating my youngest son's quarters).

The 50th Anniversary Committee consists of myself, MoiraHogg(moira.hogg@europarl.europa.eu) and Rani Roloff(ranisubaiya@yahoo.com), and we would all be very happy to hear from you with other ideas.

Barbara Thomson.

Area Contact Groups

Very shortly, there will be a knock on your door and you will be handed an invitation. This will be your Area Contact Person inviting you to a social gathering of the people who live near you who are also members of our congregation. Each area has a Host and the gatherings will be held in their house. The meetings will be spread over November, December and January. If you are unable to make your own Area meeting, there will be a list available, at church or on the website, of other meetings which you would be very welcome to attend.

Once a year we hold a round of Area Contact Group meetings as a social evening, to help us to get to know each other a little better and to discuss some issues which are current in the life of our congregation. This time, the issues include "Shrinking our Footprint" the very topical and relevant issues of our own response to climate change; our new Welcome Pack, our 50th anniversary celebrations, and an update on issues discussed last year.

Chris or Joan will attend every meeting and look forward to this more informal and relaxed occasion when we can have more time to meet up together again and to talk.

For further details, please contact our newly appointed Area Contact Group Coordinator, Moira Hogg on 34 70 42 .

The Christmas Tree Singers

Nineteen years ago three members of the English Speaking church in Luxembourg met for supper on the Glacis (at one of the cafés not the car park) one warm sunny evening. All three had found themselves in Luxembourg from the UK via Brussels and had participated in differing degrees in the expat life in the Belgian capital. That evening they exchanged some fond memories of Christmas and in particular one tradition the annual Suppressed Songsters Christmas concert. The concerts were graced with special guests such as the Kings Singers and accompanied by the Antwerp youth orchestra. The definition of a “Suppressed Songster” was one who enjoyed singing ~ especially in the bath or shower ~but for one reason or another was discouraged from doing so.

At the end of the meal an idea had taken form and the Christmas Tree Singers was born. Six months later the first concert was performed in the Studio of the Théâtre Municipale to raise money for the Great Ormond Street hospital. Several years later the British Ladies Club persuaded them to perform at the Christmas market and this has now become the Singer’s principal platform.

The Christmas Tree Singers has in the past supported three main Charities, St Joseph’s Hospice, Break holiday home for the disabled and the Church of England Children’s Society.

If you would like to join the Singers this year, please contact either Liz Turner tel: 770744 e-mail: et6910@yahoo.com or Stuart Alexander tel: 26 26 19 402 or 333069 e-mail 106657.1035@compuserve.com. We normally begin rehearsals after the All Saints holiday and rehearse on Monday evenings.



Anglican Church of Luxembourg
and the English Speaking Roman Catholic Church (Paroisse européenne)

Two Weeks of Guided Prayer during Advent

An Introduction to the Way of St Ignatius

- Have you felt that you need to pray more than you are doing?
- Have you felt that you would love to be closer to God?
- Have you felt that you never seem to have enough time to pray?
- Have you felt that it would be helpful to share your prayer with someone else?

This time of Guided Prayer might be what you need.

Key elements:

- Commit to daily private prayer over a two week period
- Come to an initial, middle and final meeting with other participants – see over for dates
- Individual prayer guidance

Introductory meeting: Thursday 29 November

Second meeting: Thursday 6 December

Final meeting: Thursday 13 December

8pm in The Vicarage, 89 rue de Muhlenbach
L-2168 Luxembourg

One-to-one meetings as arranged within the fortnight with either Steve McCarthy or
Joan Lyon

For further information or to register, please send your details (Name, address, tel no
and email)

either by post or email to:

Joan Lyon, 89 rue de Muhlenbach, L-2168 Luxembourg (joan.lyon@anglican.lu)
or Steve McCarthy, 21 rue de Luxembourg, L-5364 Schrassig (sjmc@pt.lu).

Spaces will be limited.



The Harvest Supper
'Big Curry Party'
was held on the 14th of October
to raise funds for an *Anglicans in World Mission* project,
the Ahmednagar Hostels in India,
which provides children with education and a route out of poverty.
It was a sell out with over 60 people attending and
€ 800 approx. was raised.
Many thanks to all who helped with this event.

SALVATION

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the son of the god, that you may know that you have eternal life.[John5:13].

The salvation of our souls rests on the efficacy of the work of atonement of Jesus Christ on the cross. As believers we are saved through the grace of god, that appeared in Jesus Christ and which we laid hold on by faith. We have to believe what God has said: By grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God [Ephesians2:8].

But satan does all in his power to hinder people from grasping the salvation offered, and if he does not succeed, he sows doubt in the heart of the believer, persuading him that he can lose or has already lost his salvation.

Let us rather heed the voice of the Good shepherd who said of his sheep: I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish'[read John 10:27-30].

Now believers may stumble on life's pathway, hindering the enjoyment of their fellowship with God, but their salvation is never at stake.John1:9 tell us that sins that are confessed are forgiven. Now we may think lightly, as I cannot be lost, I need not take sinning so seriously. God never says to whoever thinks thus, 'Don't worry but rather, whatever a man sows, that he will also reap'[Galations6:7].

A father , seeing his child running towards a precipice, shouts,' You will kill yourself even if his own saving hand prevents the accident. The same grace teaches us 'that denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously and godly in the present age' [Titus 2:12].

Whoever surrenders to Jesus Christ, confessing his sins, has fellowship with him and with God. In that fellowship the Lord gives his **own inner peace and true joy** in their hearts. The almighty God is Lord of the whole creation and the saviour at the same time. On account of his holiness and righteousness he must condemn the sinners, but he himself opened up the way for sinful persons to come to him. He sent his own son, Jesus Christ, to suffer death at Calvary for our sins. Whoever puts his faith in that work is saved.

[Mark 2:1-12] A crowd had gathered in a house in Capernaum to listen to the words of Jesus. Outside a paralysed man was carried on a stretcher by four others to see the saviour. It was an opportunity not to be missed. But there was no chance of entering the house with that dense crowd. The difficulty did not discourage them. They uncovered the roof and let down the stretcher through the gap right in front of Jesus. Seeing their faith, Jesus immediately said,' Son your sins are forgiven'. Thereupon murmuring voices were heard, 'who can forgive sins but God alone?'

It is true that no earthly court has such power. But the one present on that occasion was the son of God, Jesus, who came to this earth to pay our debt of guilt and save those who believe on his name. He is the one who has been offended by our sins and he

it is who has the power to forgive them. Simply confess your wrongdoings to him and lay hold on his divine pardon.

Points to Ponder:

‘Go into the all world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned’ [Mark 16:15, 16].

This is God’s given work to us. God has plans and purposes for everyone’s life. Why have we been created in this world? Have you ever thought about that before? Our lifespan is very short. Are we spending it only to eat, drink, and live happily? There is some purpose more than that. And everybody should submit a note of our work what we did on earth for our saviour in the day of judgement. Could you stand in front of God with brave heart on that day? If not, don’t worry. You still have gracious time...

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NEW ARRIVALS

Jill and Antoine Fleming-Basso, a son Rory

Katalin and Attila Gemes-Nagy, a daughter Jagveda

Samantha and Jonathan Grocock , a son Joshua
born on 30 September

Ian and Amanda Munn, a daughter Rachael

Ingrid Keller and Jose Miranda, a son Nils Alberto
born on 5 October

Eyi and Daniel Geers, a son Paul
born on 11 October

BAPTISMS

Elma Gwendolyn Tippin 23 September 2007

WEDDINGS

Karine Maurer and John Baker 11 August 2007

FUNERALS

Billy (Tom) Thompson died 2 September 2007

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