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- 9:45am Breaking of Bread Service.
- 11:00am Family Morning Service.
- 6:00pm Alpha Prayer Time
- 7.15pm Alpha Course

Monday

- 7:30pm Home Groups. Alternate Weeks, Prayer, Ministry & Bible Study in Bethany side hall.

Tuesday

- 7:30pm Home Groups

Wednesday

- 2:45pm Women's Prayer.
- 6:15pm Children's Good News Club.

Thursday

- 10:00am Women's Prayer Time.
- 7:30pm Bethany Choir Practice.



In This Issue
Matthew Brunt

Welcome to the Easter 2001 edition of the Bethany Magazine.

Over the past 25 years of Bethany we have shared many memories. We have a bumper issue this month sharing just a few of those memories of Bethany. Bob Greenen describes the building of the church. Robert Wills remembers his first experience of Bethany, Mary Greenen has some musical memories and Bob Greenen tells us the history of the Bethany Gospel Singers.

Phil Harris has instructions for finding your way around cyberspace and navigating to the Bethany webpage on the internet.

Howard Hawes brings us an account of the recent Alpha course. There are also some favourite Alpha recipes, supplied by Valerie Wills.

The BEANS group have collectively written a piece about their group.

There is a note from the elders on what we are going to do on Sunday evenings after the Alpha course is completed. And just in case you don't know who the elders are there is a picture of them all so you can identify them!

Norman Thompson tells us of the work of HCJB and the recent visit of Brian and Enid Cooke.

Peter Pilgrem asks us to consider whether we could offer help with the forthcoming Walk Isle of Wight Mission.

Thank you to everyone who provided material for this issue of the magazine. Thanks also to Richard Salmon for the kind use of his photocopier and his time.

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Bethany Church 25th Anniversary

Bob Greenen

Bethany started at the Gospel Hall (two doors away) in the 19th century. This continued in use in parallel with Bethany Hall for Sunday School and Children's Services until the present Church opened. Under terms of Deed, if the building was sold, half its value was to go to St. Mary's Hospital; it actually went to the NHS!

Bethany Hall, Coppins Bridge, Newport was built in the early 30s and used for over 50 years as an Open Brethren Assembly. Due to increasing traffic, (even before the present roundabout), the site became dangerous for pedestrians, setting down and picking up. There were then cottages immediately to the south and vacant land to the north (still there), virtually unusable for extensions or parking. Overall, the building became TOO SMALL for our purposes

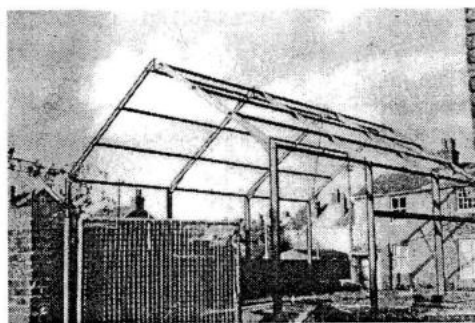
This led to our quest for a new site.. We investigated the newly disused Methodist Church in Lower Pyle Street (now the Apollo Theatre). The Methodist authorities chose to sell the building to the theatre for only £5 more than our offer. No doubt this was a Blessing in disguise, since we escaped a building with large maintenance costs, difficult to adapt to our needs and no off-street parking.

This site came on the market; previously a large house (latterly divided into one room lets) with a large garden fronting Union Street, also derelict

stables/garage and rear access from Trafalgar Lane.

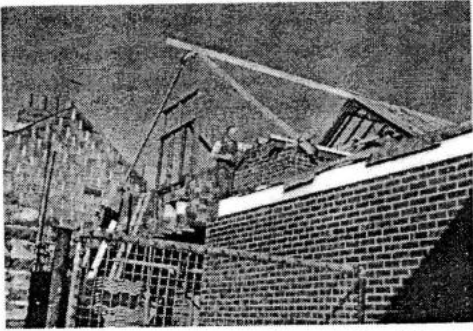
What was needed? A Working party visited a number of new Church buildings around southern England and all features of interest and sizes were noted for someone to put together in to a design solution to suit the site and obtain the necessary Planning and Building approvals. A decision was made for a "self-build" project. The time frame was not critical and we had skilled tradesmen in the Assembly available and willing to work!

The building team was led by Dr. C.S.Hudson O.B.E. recently retired from the Royal Aircraft Establishment Farnborough who with the assistance of



John Poigndestre had recently completed a new self build modern house at Alverstone Garden Village. The 2nd. hand cement mixer which was used at Alverstone was pressed into service here and heavily used throughout.

The main workforce included Cyril Morris, Bill Stotesbury, John



Poigndestre, Henry Evans, Fred Drayton and Charlie Eveniss as skilled men assisted (or hampered as may be) by lesser mortals including Fred Greenen, Joe Dawson, Alan Thompson, Dave Thomas, Peter McCullagh, yours truly etc. and others from the Young Peoples group. The only subcontract work was for the design and erection of the steel Portal frame built on foundations accurately prepared by the building team. Saturdays were the times the labourers moved bricks, mixed concrete, swept up, etc. The workers were always pleased when nammit time came with plentiful cakes supplied by Vera Greenen, Elsie Lines and Pat G. In volunteering, Fred G. said he couldn't lay bricks but could mix concrete and make tea!

The building programme probably lacked urgency in the later stages since the Assembly was still using Bethany Hall, if cramped. Building, fitting out, demolition of stables and laying the concrete car-park continued for some 4/5 years. All building costs including site purchase were met by the Assembly.

At the stage of commissioning in March 1976, the assembly was

numerically strong including a sizeable contingent from the Ventnor area. So much so that a new assembly was formed using the disused Parish Hall in Alpine Road, Ventnor.

At Newport, various administrative arrangements were discussed, leading to a change of name to BETHANY EVANGELICAL CHURCH but no change in purpose to develop a growing Christian Fellowship and an evangelical witness. Looking back over 25 years we have much for which to praise God. Many of the stalwart workers and members have been called Home and we are encouraged by many new members, particularly the good proportion of young Christians developing into new pillars of the Church.

We appreciate the scripture which reminds us that unless the Lord builds the House, they labour in vain that build. The Church of God is not a building however beautiful or plain, rather it is a company of committed Christians meeting together in worship and witness; an ever changing community of believers.

We recall with gratitude the input of so many now called home to Glory and thank God for present leaders and the evidence of growth in our present community – not forgetting the testimony of other Churches in the Town and throughout the Island, not least the former Bethany Hall at Coppins Bridge, still in use as a place of Worship in spite of site limitations.

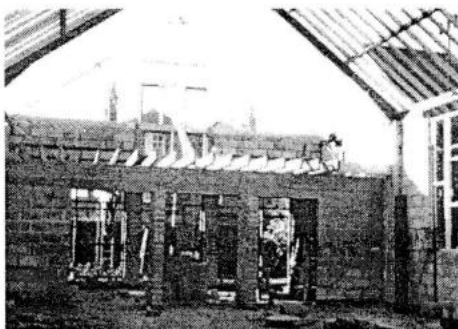
The original house on the site, the "Homestead", has fulfilled various needs; first as a base for the building work and

since then for ancillary Sunday School and Young People's accommodation. It is well used but with further improvement could be an even better resource for church activities. Perhaps this can be our next project!

It is interesting to note that our last service at the Bethany Hall, Coppins Bridge was the funeral of Mrs. Thomas. The first service in this church was a double wedding of Pam & Margaret, daughters of Henry and Nancy Evans.

Today, (1st April), we are pleased to renew fellowship with Henry Evans and Mary, once active in this Church

but now busy in retirement at Minehead, Somerset (from where he can see his native Wales!) He too will have many memories connected with the construction and opening of this Church and we look forward to his



Bethany Evangelical Church Web page

Phil Harris

How to click with the Net.

Everywhere you look these days you see people talking about the Internet, how it's the biggest thing since sliced bread and how it is going to completely change our lives. Like a lot of new things it may seem a bit hard to get to grips with, especially since it's surrounded by so much jargon and media hype. But the truth is anyone and everyone can become a confident Internet user.

You too could be using terms like World Wide Web, search engines and ISP (Internet Service Provider) like all the other computer people and like most things once you get into "the new thing" the jargon is not nearly as complicated as it initially sounds.

Anyone can use the Internet. You don't have to be a computer expert or even a teenager! All you need is a phone line, a compatible computer and a guide book to help you learn.

It would not be possible to give full web instructions in a few paragraphs in our Bethany Magazine. To do so would take many pages and I'm sure most people would get the yawn factor before the second page. So for those of you who are determined to start surfen' here is a "quick guide" to finding the Bethany Web Page.

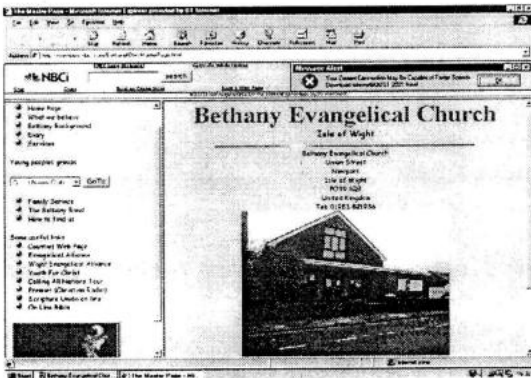
Your computer needs to communicate with the web in its own language, so it will need a software

interface (this is normally Microsoft Explorer or Netscape Communicator) the interface allows you to talk directly with the WWW (World Wide Web). When you have the interface on-line (connected via the telephone line) you will notice an address box or location box. Type in the following exactly as it is written because some web addresses are case sensitive:

<http://members.xoom.com/Bethany1OW/MasterPage.html>

When you have typed in the web address for the Bethany Web Page just press return and click your mouse pointer on the links on the page. (Links on the Bethany WebPage are either the blue buttons down the side of the contents page or are words in blue and normally underlined.

Hope you enjoy the webpage – if you have any comments or suggestions please let me know.



I'm sure some of you will have noticed that there is a direct analogy

with the above explanation for getting onto the Web and becoming a Christian!

Becoming a Christian will completely change your life. To none-church people becoming a Christian and the "rules" and jargon used do sound difficult to come to terms with – other Christians should help to make it easier not harder to help people to see the truth behind the jargon. Anyone and everyone has the opportunity to become Christians and with the help of the Bible as our manual we can learn how God wants us to live our lives once we have asked him into our lives.

Jesus is the interface between God and us. The telephone line could represent our faith.

With the connection made, the software in place and the manual to follow there's nothing stopping you from making the move which will change your life.

P.S.

Back to the web Bethany does not yet have it's own domain (that is a direct www address). Our web site is part of a free domain called xoom.com. I am however investigating the purchasing of our own www address, this should help other web users when searching for the Bethany Web Page.

Happy surfin'

Sunday Evenings From the Elders

Shortly the *Alpha* course will finish and we will have to decide how to use our Sunday evenings. This was discussed in the AGM on the 10th March, and by the elders in their meeting on the 17th. Here we want to describe the plans which have been formulated so far.

The elders were encouraged by the general agreement at the AGM, that all wanted to build on the success of *Alpha* and try to use a similar format for our own meetings. We do not think it will be appropriate to run another *Alpha* course immediately following this one, and therefore we need to scale down and adapt the evening programme. Another *Alpha* course could be run later in the year, and a decision on whether it should be on Sunday evening or another time (maybe in a house group) would depend on the numbers interested.

At present the elders have decided not to take up the suggestion at the AGM, of forming a special working group for planning Sunday evenings. We see this planning as one of the most important issues we have had to deal with for some time and feel that it would be ducking the issue to pass it over to another group now. However, we do intend to take into account all the comments at the AGM, and we encourage further comments and suggestions from anyone who wants to

offer them. The changes from *Alpha* outlined below are motivated partly by the need to make the evening finish earlier and partly by a wish to restore an element of worship for Christians. We want to make the young people feel welcome, retain the group discussions around tables which many people find helpful, but at the same time recognise that "discussion" doesn't suit everyone. Regrettably it doesn't seem possible to provide the level of catering we have enjoyed in *Alpha* on a continuous basis!

Our suggested "format" for Sunday evening is as follows, although there could be individual variations and changes will probably be made to this in the future.

- 6:45 - 7:00 Worship by singing hymns or choruses. Possibly old/new and different kinds of music on different evenings.
- 7:00 - 7:25 A message. Special visiting preacher, local preacher with subject, or video. The speaker should not only inform and instruct, but raise questions for later discussion.
- 7:25 - 7:45 Break: tea, coffee, cold drinks & biscuits. We want to retain the "drinks trolley" which is popular with the young people, but other refreshments will be scaled down. At the end of this "fellowship" period, those who really don't enjoy

discussion in groups are free to leave.

- 7:45 - 8:15 Discussion in groups on questions raised in the message. Groups would have to be more ad-hoc than the organised *Alpha* ones; it should probably be a case of "sit where you like". Young people will probably want to have their own group.

The first few of these evenings are determined by speakers already booked. On Easter Sunday we will have Stephen Gillham speaking to us: he will be briefed on our new format and asked to enable us to follow this plan. On the 6th May, since it is the first Sunday of the month, we may try the further experiment of having a short "Breaking of Bread" at 6:45pm, lasting about 15 minutes.

25 Years Ago

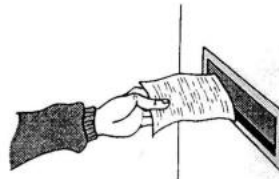
Robert Wills

I became a Christian on 29th February 1976, through the witness of the Christian Union when I was a student in London. I began going to church in London, but with the "Easter Vacation" approaching I was cautioned that a lot of new Christians "fall away" in the first holiday period away from college and Christian friends. Therefore it was imperative that I find a good church to go to on the Island! I made this a matter of prayer, that God would show me the right church to go to, as I didn't have a clue about different kinds of churches.

It was therefore quite remarkable to arrive home in Newport and find that Ken Fry had left an invitation card. Ken had been a friend of mine since junior school, and we had often debated about Christianity. The debate wasn't always taken seriously on my side, but Ken never gave up. He didn't yet know that I had become

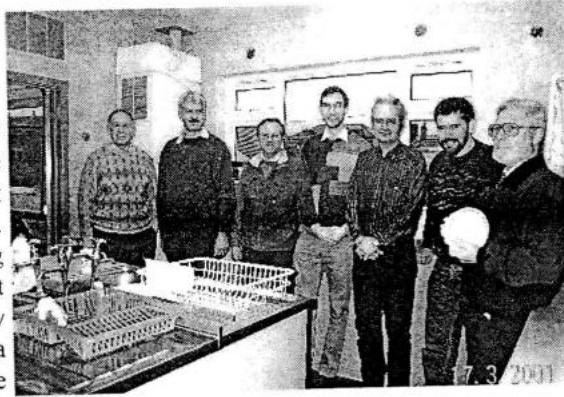
a Christian in London, although in fact his past persistence had had more than a little to do with it. But as part of his policy of never giving up he had sent me an invitation to the opening of the "New Bethany"! Could one have a clearer answer to prayer?

I remember that time too because it was the first Easter which had really meant anything to me. It brought home to me the amazing event of the Resurrection of Christ, which I had heard of but never seen the significance of for myself. Also at the time, I remember the Bethany Gospel Singers dramatising it for me by singing their cantata "No Greater Love".



Introducing The Elders *Robert Wills*

The question "But who are the elders?" is still heard occasionally! By way of an answer, here they are in the accompanying picture, at their recent 7am meeting. At these early morning meetings, we have a short prayer time, then enjoy cooking and eating a breakfast together, before getting down to work.



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: PETER HARRIS; PETER PILGEM; JOHN PECK;

HCJB World Radio *Norman Thompson*

On Monday 12th February we thoroughly enjoyed the annual visit of Brian and Enid Cooke of HCJB World Radio and their special interest in mission in Ecuador, South America.

They had prepared a very informative lecture on OHP of coloured photographs of a recent visit to that country with a working party of 15 or so.

Their task was to go right into the jungle by very rough road and canoe, to dig wells to improve water supply, preventing disease from communal river conditions.

They described eating, sleeping and toilet conditions. Enid quoted the Missionary's Prayer: "Lord, if I get it down, please keep it down!"

It is the custom for all the villagers, including the mayor, to sit around and watch the visitors enjoy the meal before they eat. This was put on in appreciation for all the work the visitors had done for them. On the menu was "Entrail Soup"! Colour photographs showed all this going on.

While there, the party visited the site at "Palm Beach" where the missionaries were killed by Aucas in 1956. We saw photos of this spot and also the little chapel beside the grave of Rachel Saint, sister of Nate Saint who worked there years later.

A photograph of which Enid is most proud is of her standing next to Dayoma, now in her seventies, mentioned in the book "Through Gates of Splendour" and of course

"The Dayoma Story".

Brian and Enid also spoke of the radio work, explaining the expansion into satellite etc.; all explained in the literature they had brought with them. The photos were excellent on our newly painted white wall with the two-powered OHP.

Altogether a very informative and interesting evening. Unfortunately there were only 24 present including Mr. & Mrs. Cooke; the average attendance at alternate home Bible study groups is twice this, and at Alpha courses approximately 70.

Walk Isle Of Wight 15th to 30th September 2001

Peter Pilgrim

The Walk Isle of Wight Mission is planned to take place in September. It is organised by Through Faith Missions, formerly known as Walk of 1000 Men. The elders of Bethany would like to support this mission and inevitably some work is involved.

We can invite a team of either Walkers (10 men) or Walk Associates (5men, 5 women) to be based at Bethany. A team of Walkers would be prepared to sleep in the Homestead, but would need to be provided with meals. A team of Walk Associates would need to be put up in homes. The team would be with us for either four or eight days.

The team would conduct meetings and outreach, which could include door-to-door work; special meetings; visits to pubs, clubs and work places; coffee mornings. If the church would like to offer daily opportunities for preaching then an experienced evangelist would be assigned here with the team. The whole church programme for the four or eight days

would be involved with the Mission.

Other Newport churches, and indeed others throughout the Island, will be involved. There is a launch service on 23rd April, to be conducted by the Bishop of Portsmouth.

We hope to start our next Alpha course in September, and it might be possible to combine the first invitation evening with the Walk Mission, making it an evangelistic event with invitations to join the Alpha course the following week.

In order to be involved we need a Co-ordinator to work with Through Faith Missions, and ideally another person to act as prayer and follow-up co-ordinator. If you think you could fulfil one of these tasks please see Peter Pilgrim. It would be a shame if the mission came to the Island and Bethany were not involved. This is an urgent need and if nothing else please pray about it.

Favourite Alpha Recipes

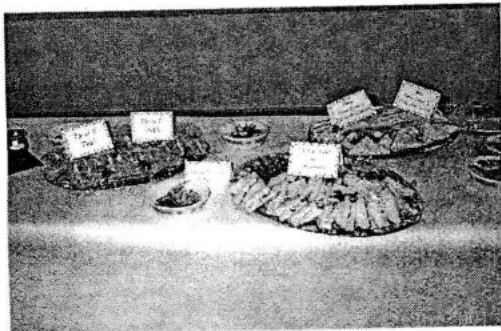
Valerie Wills

Hot fruit punch

Two 2 litre bottles ginger beer
1 litre red grape juice
1 litre apple juice
Two 1 litre boxes of raspberry juice
Rind and juice of one lemon
Three cinnamon sticks
A small piece of root ginger peeled
and chopped small
3/4 pint water
2 to 3 oz. sugar

- 1 Simmer cinnamon, root ginger, lemon rind and sugar in the water for ten minutes.
- 2 Strain and add the juice from the lemon.
- 3 Combine with fruit juices and heat gently.
- 4 Add ginger beer (no sooner than twenty minutes before serving as it loses its fizz) and continue to heat without boiling.

Makes 70 - 80 glasses



Chocolate Chip Cookies

3oz or 75gms margarine
3oz or 75gms brown sugar
1 egg
A few drops vanilla essence
A pinch of salt
6oz or 150gms self-raising flour
4oz or 100gms plain chocolate
chopped small or chocolate chips

- 1 Cream margarine and sugar.
- 2 Beat in egg and essence.
- 3 Stir in flour, salt and chocolate.
- 4 Place in small spoonfuls on greased baking tray.
- 5 Bake at 180 degrees Centigrade or 350 degrees Fahrenheit or Gas Mark 4 for approx. 10 -15 minutes.

Chicken Tikka Sandwiches

1 brown or white sliced loaf
4-5 cooked chicken breasts diced small
1 tablespoon tikka masala curry paste
1/2 a medium jar mayonnaise or more if liked
Watercress

- 1 Mix mayonnaise and curry paste together then add chicken.
- 2 Spread bread with flora or butter.
- 3 Fill sandwiches with chicken tikka and watercress.

Musical Memories

Mary Greenen

Among many memories of music at Bethany are the Bethany Gospel Singers' performances of John Peterson's Christmas and Easter Cantatas, and latterly, the involvement of young people and children with voice and orchestra producing a mixed and varied programme.

The choir had annual parties at Bethany with hilarious games; were we all that much younger then!?!?

There was the visiting Gosport male Voice Choir,)Dave Hank's tall slender wife with long flowing hair used to play a Double Bass, I believe in a group. Their busy programme included the prisons, Bethany, Alpine

Road and Ventnor Bandstand, all in one Sunday! The I.W. Male Voice Praise practised and performed at Bethany under the baton of Ernie May, Fred Hollis and today with Eric Snow.

The lively Bethany Band focused on the talent here, which was then channelled into Christian worship led by Phil Harris and Phil Edwards, Peter and Sue Young etc.

The accompanying picture shows Alan Thompson, Bob Greenen and Peter McCullough as "Wise Men", accompanied by Christine and Joy Dawson, Mary Greenen and Margaret Thompson, in 1978.



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The Alpha Course

Howard Hawes

Anticipation. It was like planning a strategic attack (And I suppose that is what, in truth, it was): an attack on Enemy territory.

Here one and then another came, under cover of darkness, to Dairy Lane to pray and to plan. If metaphor became reality, then the plans would be ringing wet as all strategies and logistics were liberally soaked in prayer.

Realisation. All too soon Sunday, January 14th, 2001 was upon us! That first 6 p.m. prayer meeting engendering a tangible feeling of the presence of the Lord, and of expectation. Things began and ran as if by clockwork: tables erected; chairs in place; badges and fruity punch given out. The Catering Corps arrived; each assured; each knowing the part they had to play. The food was delicious and the accompanying camaraderie full and real. Then getting-to-know-you-better of group dynamics swung into action.

Suddenly we were into the video, listening intently to the impressive Nicky Gumbel. Marshalling his congregation, with his relaxed style he took us gently and yet authoritatively to a meeting with his Lord and Saviour, the knowledge of whom he so earnestly longs to share. The illustrations and power of the word frequently touched our hearts.

Before we knew it, time was gone. We stood at ease. Relief and

satisfaction, with a feeling of accomplishment co-mingled together as we wended our way homeward. (Most of us that is.) Some lingering awhile to spend a little time and money, purchasing books at the *-for me-* magnetic bookstall!

Augmentation. The necessary preparation and the discussion around God's word has encouraged interest, augmenting and extending our knowledge a little more with the passing of each Alpha week. Within each group has come the satisfaction of getting to know our gracious Lord, and one another, better.

Confirmation. The contraction of the 'Weekend Away' to one 'Away Day' in no way hindered the work. Neither did the walking restrictions impose the result of the outbreak of foot and mouth disease. How parable-rich, those words: *foot* and *mouth*, speaking as they do of our walk and talk with Him! But they are more apposite than at first appears. The disease affects cloven footed animals and was it not cloven tongues of fire which fell when the Holy Spirit came upon the waiting Jews in Acts 2:3 ? (See also Acts 1:4 and 4:31), scriptures we studied on our Away Day!

The slaughtering of affected and unaffected animals, particularly the latter, in the U.K. at this time, reminds us of the Old Testament laws and sacrifices, which could never take

away sin. "The law was our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith." (Gal. 3:24).

Despite the cold and blustery sand-laden winds, St., Rhadigunds was a day to be remembered. It was a spiritual education in the things concerning Himself, the giver of spiritual gifts, and the One whom the Lord Jesus promised, (John 14). Who, after Jesus' ascension, came to be our Counsellor and in so doing, confirms (strengthens) us in our faith.

Authorisation. Several of the group leaders felt the 'How can I resist Evil' Alpha evening to be one in which the Enemy seemed to be especially active. His domain was under attack, so this should not have surprised us. C. S. Lewis' rejoinder still rings in our ears when he said we are not to be numbered among those who disbelieve in devils; neither ought we to have an

unhealthy interest in them. We should, however remember that Jesus' disciples are given authority (are authorised to have authority) over them. (Luke 9:1)

The military metaphor, seen above, was continued with the teaching on the whole armour of Christ, as part of the Alpha Course, in Ephesians 6. (See also 2 Corinthians 10:4). What a wondrous blessing this is as we recognise our need, in an age when the Enemy's attacks come in many forms and guises.

Celebration. It is not yet over; there is more work to be done before we partake of our Celebration Supper. What a picture (type) that is of the Bride's (the faithful Church's) future with Him! (Rev. 19:9)

Let us praise Him who is the **Alpha and Omega** of our faith!

Onward then ye people... Until He come!



Hospital Services

Sunday Services in the former Workhouse (House of Industry) and for young people with learning difficulties were commenced under the leadership of Mr. Ernest Thompson in the early 30's. This work has continued for nearly 70 years and regular services are still held in the elderly person's wards at St. Mary's. These visits were supplemented by mid week visits by the Male Voice Praise choir led by

Fred Hollis and latterly Eric Snow.

The times of hospital services are now as set out in the monthly diary & prayer sheets. Services of this kind are greatly appreciated and provide an interest and topic of conversation on the wards for days afterwards. Those who go to the hospital are always pleased to welcome new volunteers for this work.

B.E.A.N.S.

Co-written by all the members of Beans

B.E.A.N.S. stands for Being Educated And Nurtured in Scripture. It is the 'Sunday school' class for ages 13+. Run by Phil and Angie Harris, it consists of 8 regular members (Bonnie H, Esther C, Esther M, Holly B, John C, Judith F, Katie E, and Stephen W) and has a near perfect attendance rate.

Here are what some of it's members would like to say about it:

- + Beans is a place for young people to gather together on a Sunday morning to learn more about God. We read the Bible and use dramas to help us understand the context of the passages.
- + Beans is not like a normal Sunday School. We don't just talk about people in the Bible, but we also apply their situations and attitudes towards God to our own lives as teenagers.
- + Beans is a group of Christian friends coming together to have fun, share our faith and satisfy our need for prayer. We also remember each other in prayer during the week.
- + Phil and Angie are an inspiration to everyone in Beans and always seem to be there whenever we need them.

Without all the time, hard work and effort that Phil and Angie put into Beans, it would never be possible.

- + Beans has really helped me to stand up for what I believe in in my own life .
- + I like Beans, because I sometimes don't know answers to questions, and Angie usually explains them very well. Also, after a long week at school, Beans is a nice place to meet up with some Christian friends and learn more about God. Oh, and not forgetting Phil who adds the humour to lessons!
- + Beans isn't a Sunday school at all. It is a group for young adults, which means that we can discuss the issues that really matter to us. While many services and church activities can sometimes be dull, Beans can always be relied on to cheer us up. Despite what you may hear about homeworks and punishments, Beans is easily the best Sunday school group at our church. :-)

Thankyou for being interested, and if any more young people would like to move up, we'd just like to let you know that you would all be welcome, no matter what anyone says.

Bethany Gospel Singers

Bob Greenen

This choir began as a ladies group at the former Bethany Hall, Coppins Bridge, under the leadership of Muriel Thorne. Its members are drawn from a number of local churches, now a mixed choir, though most members are from Bethany. We practice at Bethany every Thursday from 7:30 to 9pm.

We have enjoyed a succession of leaders including Margaret Dawson, Jim Hayter, Mary Evans and now Louise Davies assisted by Margaret Piper with Lilian Jarvis as secretary.

Men singers are in short supply, particularly tenors, and there is always a welcome for new members both male and female who want to sing out their Christian faith.

Over the years we have been privileged to sing in various churches and other venues throughout the Island and occasionally on the mainland, where friendships have continued. It has been enjoyable to join with other choirs for special musical events.



Thank You

Peter and Pat Harris

Pat and I would like to record our grateful thanks to Almighty God and our Lord Jesus Christ, for the marvellous way He has sustained us in a prolonged illness over the past year and for the good outcome so far, due no doubt, to His mercy and the prayers of the church here and in many places. The nursing care we have received and the skill of the surgeons fills us with gratitude.

We, therefore, would like to thank you all for your loving support in so many ways and encourage those who are passing through trials, that our Heavenly Father cares and by His Holy Spirit will help all who call upon Him.

Our love to you all,
Peter and Pat.

I am the resurrection and
the life. He who believes in
me will live, even though
he dies; and whoever lives
and believes in me will
never die.

Do not be afraid. I am the
First and the Last. I am
the Living One; I was
dead, and behold I am alive
for ever and ever!