

Triangle

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Message from the Manse

Rev Robert Ely

In my last “message” I wrote about Rwanda, but seven weeks of my Sabbatical were spent on the beautiful island of Iona. I wish I could take you all there to experience something of the life there. I worked as a volunteer in the Iona Community Shop, just 38 hours a week, and enjoyed it so much that it didn’t seem like work at all! As well as tea-towels and postcards and all that, the shop sells lots of fascinating books and beautiful reminders of the island. And I had great people to work with, too!

I lived in a house with up to 13 other volunteers: in a room to myself for much of the time, but sharing with one or two others for the rest. (I got the bottom bunk!) This in itself was a great experience: people of all ages - although I think I was the oldest - and from all over the world, with a very wide variety of Christian outlook. We had some interesting conversations over meals, and I met many fascinating visitors, again from all over the world.

But it is the worship in the abbey that is my strongest memory. Morning and evening we gathered for prayers: fairly formal in the mornings, a wide variety of worship styles in the evening. God was more real to me in that place than anywhere else I have ever been. Perhaps it’s the history of St Columba setting up his community of monks there, so that Iona became the “cradle of British Christianity”. Perhaps it’s the way the Iona Community came into being through the inspiration of Rev. George McLeod, who brought together unemployed ship workers from Govan and men training for the ministry of the Church of Scotland, to renovate the disused buildings. Perhaps it’s the people who live and work there now: the residents and the volunteers and the visitors, too. It definitely is the Holy Spirit of Jesus who reveals to us the things of God. A visit to Iona is simply unforgettable. It’s a long way, but if ever you get the chance: do go!

I haven’t forgotten what season of the year it is: I hope and pray that you and your loved ones will have a truly happy Christmas.

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Springdale Vestry News

Judy Staley, Senior Steward



After the summer break we entered the 'season of mists and mellow fruitfulness', refreshed and ready for every challenge. We said farewell to our pastoral lay worker, Adele Cotterill, during a Service in September. After three years of faithful service we wish her health and happiness in her retirement. We welcomed Richard French who has quickly found his way around his new patch and has already visited many members. The work of pastoral lay workers is much valued in all areas of the Circuit.

Harvest Time brought our services of thanksgiving and the Harvest Supper. Thanks to those who made our church look so beautiful, and those who helped with the supper. The produce was given to the 'Little Brothers' based at Darlington Street Methodist Church. Last year they served 53,913 meals to the homeless of Wolverhampton. The elderly and ill were remembered with flowers. Two ecumenical events were organised during the Autumn. Springdale hosted a 'Teddy Bears Picnic' which was organised by Churches in Penn. Children and adults enjoyed an afternoon of fun and money was raised for Water Aid. 'One World Week' brought a quiz and worship at the U.R.C.. Some of us were sadly lacking in our general knowledge for the quiz!

In October we celebrated the 57th Anniversary of the building of our chapel and the community of God's people at Springdale. There was a *Concert of Many Talents* on the Saturday followed by worship on Sunday. We thanked God for the past, asked him to guide us in present times and looked forward with faith to the future. 2013 is not far away when it will be our Diamond Jubilee.

It is a traditional time of remembering when November arrives. On Remembrance Sunday two very moving and emotional services took place. The evening was a new initiative at Springdale - a Memorial Service. We remembered loved ones who had died in recent times together with those from years gone by. It was sensitively led by Robert and hopefully the Service will be repeated next year. Rev. Arun Arora powerfully

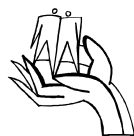
guided our thoughts on the Sunday morning. Arun is an ordained Anglican Priest who is working with the Wolverhampton Pioneer Ministry (W.P.M.). Together with Captain Steve Simmonds (Church Army) they serve young people, mainly in the city centre, and also work with our Circuit Youth Team. Worship, called 'Vitalise', which is in a style geared to the needs of young people, takes place on Sunday evenings and some of our young people attend. Please remember in your prayers the W.P.M., our Circuit Youth Team, and our young people at Springdale and their leaders.

As we face the darkness of winter, we look forward to the light and message of hope that Christmas brings.

May God bless us and the community we serve.

Springdale Pastoral News

Jane Rawlings, Pastoral Secretary



Well, here we are again and who can believe that we are only five weeks away from Christmas, which is a magical time of year for most of us. However, for some this time of year holds memories of past years and family members no longer with us. Let's all take comfort that God is with us throughout this festive season, sending out his beacon of light and hope across the world.

There are many within our Springdale family who have not been well and who have had to attend hospital for tests or treatment. We remember you all, praying the Lord will give you all strength, and assure you that you are all remembered in prayer.

At this time we think especially of Sheila Thompson and Zherron Ferriday who continue to struggle with ill health. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families at this difficult time. We pray that God will bless you with the strength to cope with whatever lies in store in the belief that you are not alone.

On the 12th September we welcomed the family and friends of Tigan Jackie Cooper Hill, brought for her baptism. May God bless her as

she grows in grace and the knowledge and love of God and of his son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

To any who have celebrated a birthday, especially if it was a "Big 0" one, or an anniversary since my last report we send our love and very best wishes.

As we enter the time of Advent let us enjoy together the time of anticipation and prepare for the coming of Christ, the light of the World.

Wombourne Vestry News

Brenda Shuttleworth



Firstly, a huge apology from me because I missed the deadline for the September Triangle so we were unable to share our summer news. Having said that, it was a quiet summer, more so than usual with Robert away on sabbatical. On a Saturday morning in August members of the choir organised a coffee morning in aid of support for cancer sufferers. All was prepared outside when the heavens opened, but when the storm had passed, friends gathered in good numbers to support this most worthwhile cause.

We decided to celebrate *Back to Church Sunday* on our Harvest Festival morning and were pleased that regular attenders at worship were joined by friends, many of whom stayed for a bring and share lunch. Our harvest produce went to the Little Brothers' work for the homeless who were, as ever, grateful for our contribution.

The Christmas bazaar was a great success and we are all very grateful to Gill Worrall who worked so hard to coordinate the preparations, despite losing Graham so recently.

Our Church Council agreed to support the *Friends of Kenya's Children* by donating £300 for the next three years to pay for teachers at their school. *The Oillies* have also held a coffee morning to support our charity. Robert rather rashly agreed to accompany Reverend John Howard on his walk round the district to raise both awareness and funds for our developing

relationship with the Methodist Church in Rwanda. At present we do not know how much he has raised, but he was delighted by peoples generosity. Numbers on the walk were small but the fellowship good, and Robert visited six churches in the district on the way. He claims to have fully recovered from his exertions!

Readers of the Express and Star may have spotted a photo of church members inspecting our new gates which we had to purchase due to vandalism of the old ones. This is just one of the many tasks that our property secretary, Paul Anderson, and his team have to deal with and we are grateful for their hard work in maintaining our buildings.

This October we decided to run a short series entitled 'Bringing Greenbelt Home'. This replaced our monthly Wednesday evening Bible study and was an opportunity to listen to some talks by speakers such as John Bell of the Iona Community. These gatherings were small but we enjoyed good and stimulating conversation.

The work of the church continues, with loyal service given by the leaders of Good News for Kids club which meets monthly on Saturdays and whose work is shared with us on the following Sunday. We were joined at Remembrance by our Cubs and Scouts and are grateful for the work done by their leaders. Our various men's and women's groups continue to offer support and encouragement to members and the wider community.

As Christmas approaches, we pray for peace in our community and trust that we can continue to share with it the good news of 'Jesus with us'.

Springdale Knitters

Eunice Hall



I would like to thank all the ladies of Springdale who knit the blanket squares and to the people who have donated wool. A total of 10 large blankets have been completed in the last 12 months.

Many thanks!

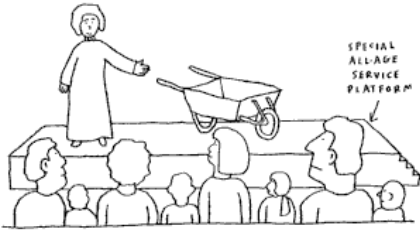
Café Church

Robert Ely

Let's try something a little different! On Sunday 30 January at Springdale we're going to have our morning service "Café Style". This means we'll meet in the hall, and have a cup of tea or coffee while we worship in a more informal way. I expect I shall have something to say, and there will probably be a chance for you to share your thoughts and experiences with others around the coffee table. Many churches have found that people welcome this style of worship, so we shall see if we also find it helpful. Please pray for guidance for those who plan our worship, and for all of us as we enter into it.

THE ALL-AGE SERVICE

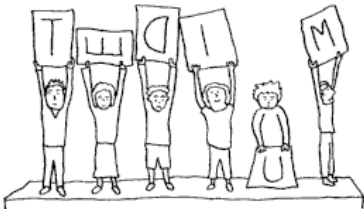
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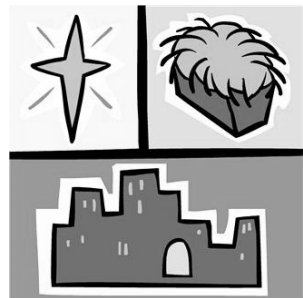
This CartoonChurch.com cartoon by Dave Walker originally appeared in the Church Times.

Christmas Present (A Poem for Everyone)

Bernard Davis, Springdale

Christ, the true Messiah, promised in the Old Testament,
He was sent by his Father to be the Light of the World.
Rules and regulations were subverted by his teaching,
Israel, unhappily, still causes Jesus to weep.
Son of the Father, stable-born for our redemption,
Time to rejoice and remember our calling to service.
Mary and Joseph found room only in a bare stable;
Angels appeared to frightened shepherds - with very good news;
Shepherds, rejoicing, went to Bethlehem and found Jesus.

Palestinians need sympathy and practical help;
Righteous men and women grieve over the Holy Land.
Eastern Magi followed the star to Bethlehem;
Saviour Jesus, we want to follow your lead,
Everyone needs to be saved and can be saved.
Noel! Noel! We rejoice for Jesus is born today!
Treasure Jesus because he is the best present ever!



Come to the Manger

Robert Ely

We are joining in a new venture with the Anglicans of Holy Cross Church, Bobbington, this year - a carol service with a difference, in the old barn at Whittimere Farm. The barn is about 400 years old but has been wonderfully restored, and will provide the ideal setting for our Christmas carols. You are advised to dress warmly, though you will have neither mud around your ankles, nor wind around your knees! We start at 6.30pm on Tuesday 21 December. An event not to be missed!

Relationships

Bernard Davis



I believe that love should be the basis of all relationships.
If I love my wife I respect her and value all her talents
Loving her means being affectionate and truly supportive.
How can I love God, whom I can't see, if I don't love my wife?

For the believer the relationship with God is paramount.
Hindus, Sikhs, Muslims, Jews and Christians would agree I am certain.
But, for me, I settle for the wonderful teaching of Jesus
He invites me to follow him through love, there is no coercion.

His love for us was costly and our love for him is costly too.
"Take up your cross daily and follow me" is so realistic.
Life is a succession of challenges which Jesus helps us face.
Spiritual, moral, emotional and physical hurdles to leap.

We must be tough: Mary and Joseph were when fleeing to Egypt.
They lived as strangers in a foreign land. Where did Joseph find work?
How did they cope with different customs, language and religion?
Were they the victims of discrimination where they settled?

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Jesus, Mary and Joseph were a decent normal family.
Mary and Joseph supported each other at times of great stress.
Almost a teenager Jesus was beginning to ask questions.
What was his Jewish faith really about? Did it give certainty?

As they grow up our children need to be given scope to question.
We, like Mary and Joseph don't always understand our children.
Happily we are not asked to witness a dear son abused.
We won't see a son executed like a common criminal.

We have the joy of the resurrection and what that event means.
We have the promise that one day we shall all be raised from the dead.
Old and New Testaments to enrich our hearts and minds.
But the key is the Father's love in sending us his only son.

This I Believe

Jean Spragg, Wombourne URC

This I believe - that You are true,
And may be trusted to the end of time,
And then beyond to whatever is when time is no more.

This I believe - that You are love,
Love that goes with me through the joy and pain,
Through faith and doubt and all the tangled threads
That make my days and hold me fast.

This I believe - that You are the way for my feet,
Goal for my journeys end.
And although my faith may be marred by doubt,
My living scarred by sin;
And I know I have no claim on You,
Yet your love is such that you have promised
That You will be with me always,
And this I believe.



Traidcraft Update

Teresa Ely



TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

The Traidcraft stalls have been busy this autumn. We have sold nearly £1000 worth of goods in stalls after worship and at various church events. The Open House in October was well supported, with nearly £800 in sales and £200 for Traidcraft Exchange.

On a Circuit basis the fashion show was the highlight of the *Just Fayre* at Darlington Street with some accomplished models adding to the entertainment! Plans are already underway for next year's *Just Fayre* to be held at Beckminster on 15 October, 2011.

Wolverhampton Fairtrade continues to supply many groups with its Sale or Return Service. Volunteers are always needed to staff the shop so if you would like to help have a word with us.

We are all Fairtrade Churches, committed to serving Fair Trade tea and coffee at all events, and promoting Fairtrade, especially in Fairtrade Fortnight which is 28 February – 13 March, 2011 with the theme 'Show off your label'.

Thank you for all your support and custom – please continue it into 2011.

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Wombourne Civic Carol Service

Robert Ely

On Thursday 9 December the annual Civic Carol Service in Wombourne will be held in the Civic Centre. This is a really good chance to join with others in a celebration of our Christian faith - do come if you can!

Gelliwig, October Half-Term

Lizzie Philpott, Springdale Junior Church

At Gelliwig the Springdale 'J-Team' had a great time, with each member taking away new experiences and good memories. Olivia Cooper, for example, "loved the Aldi and Lidl across the road", and enjoyed the numerous trips there with Sam and myself, to stock up on discount sweets which, of course, were completely necessary! Along with "strawberry lace races", "fun on the beach", and "playing Pictionary" she had a great time.

Another member, Emily, also enjoyed the beach, where she learnt about new and interesting things. She also found a very unusual fish spine. Holly, along with others, loved the beach, and was also rather partial to taking a dip in the pool at Water World, as well as racing down the swirling and twisting slides with her friends and, of course, Liz Dooley, the famous apple-pie genius.

I, on the other hand, enjoyed the appearance of a certain minister in the form of a badger puppet during our portrayal of *The Good Samaritan* on the beach.

From all of us we would like to thank the leaders - Sarah, Liz, Lesley, Helen, Ju, James and Rachel for putting up with us for a whole weekend!



Wi'am wins World Vision 2010 International Peace Building Award

Denis Beaumont

Wi'am, the Palestinian Conflict Resolution Centre in Bethlehem, which has links with Wombourne Methodist Church, has been awarded the 2010 International Peacebuilding Award by the Christian charity, World Vision. Last year Wombourne gave their Christmas collections to Wi'am to support their children's work in Bethlehem, and in 2007 Zoughbi Zoughbi, the Director of Wi'am, preached at a (Trinity) circuit service at Wombourne on the occasion of Phil Summers' farewell. Wi'am has also received grants from the International Peacemakers' Fund to which the circuit has contributed.

The Wi'am Palestinian Conflict Resolution Centre opened in March 1995. World Vision was one of the three founding partners for Wi'am. Wi'am is also one of the constituent groups of Fellowship of Reconciliation, Palestine. "Wi'am" means "cordial relationships" in Arabic and the development of these is at the heart of Wi'am's mission. The Centre helps to resolve disputes within the Palestinian community by implementing the traditional Arab form of mediation known as 'sulha', as well as Western models of conflict resolution.

Zoughbi Zoughbi said, "Our work at Wi'am is the epitome of agape where commitment, perseverance and sharing with others on all levels is at the utmost; we have found that conflict transformation is the art of working and sharing ourselves, our resources, our minds, and our hearts with others. World Vision International's award is like holy water that re-baptises our work and commitment."

When I was in Palestine and Israel with Christian Aid I arranged for the group to visit Wi'am. What impressed the group most was that this was the only group we visited which was dealing with intra-communal as well as inter-communal violence.



Denis Beaumont (FoR England) and Zoughbi Zoughbi (FoR Palestine) at the recent meeting of the International Fellowship of Reconciliation Quadrennial Council in the Netherlands.

Christmas Cake Recipe!

Not to be taken too seriously!

2 cups flour, 1 stick of butter, 1 cup of water, 1 tsp baking soda, 1 cup of sugar, 1 tsp salt, 1 cup of brown sugar, lemon juice, 4 large eggs, nuts, 1 bottle wine, 2 cups of dried fruit.

Sample the wine to check quality. Take a large bowl, check the wine again. To be sure it is of the highest quality, pour one level cup and drink. Repeat. Turn on the electric mixer. Beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl. Add one teaspoon of sugar. Beat again. At this point it's best to make sure the wine is still OK. Try another cup... just in case. Turn off the mixerer thingy. Break 2 eggs and add to the bowl and chuck in the cup of dried fruit.

Pick the flippin' fruit up off floor. Mix on the turner. If the fried fruit gets stuck in the beaterers just pry it loose with a drewscraver. Sample the wine to check for tonsisticity. Next, sift two cups of salt. Or something. Check the wine. Now shift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one table. Add a spoon of sugar, or some fink. Whatever you can find. Greash the oven. Turn the cake tin 360 degrees and try not to fall over. Don't forget to beat off the turner. Finally, throw the bowl through the window. Finish the wine and wipe counter with the cat.

Merry Xmas & Bingle Jells! xxxx

Change Your Thinking

Two men, both seriously ill, occupied the same hospital room. One man was allowed to sit up in his bed for an hour each afternoon to help drain the fluid from his lungs. His bed was next to the room's only window. The other man had to spend all his time flat on his back. The men talked for hours on end. They spoke of their wives and families, their homes, their jobs, their involvement in the military service, where they had been on vacation.

Every afternoon, when the man in the bed by the window could sit up, he would pass the time by describing to his roommate all the things he could see outside the window. The man in the other bed began to live for those one hour periods where his world would be broadened and enlivened by all the activity and colour of the world outside. The window overlooked a park with a lovely lake. Ducks and swans played on the water while children sailed their model boats. Young lovers walked arm in arm amidst flowers of every colour, and a fine view of the city skyline could be seen in the distance. As the man by the window described all this in exquisite details, the man on the other side of the room would close his eyes and imagine this picturesque scene. One warm afternoon, the man by the window described a parade passing by. Although the other man could not hear the band he could see it in his mind's eye as the gentleman by the window portrayed it with descriptive words.

Days, weeks and months passed. One morning, the day nurse arrived to bring water for their baths only to find the lifeless body of the man by the window, who had died peacefully in his sleep. She was saddened and called the hospital attendants to take the body away.

As soon as it seemed appropriate, the other man asked if he could be moved next to the window. The nurse was happy to make the switch, and after making sure he was comfortable, she left him alone. Slowly, painfully, he propped himself up on one elbow to take his first look at the real world outside. He strained to slowly turn to look out the window besides the bed.

It faced a blank wall.

The man asked the nurse what could have compelled his deceased roommate who had described such wonderful things outside this window. The nurse responded that the man was blind and could not even see the wall. She said, 'Perhaps he just wanted to encourage you.'

Epilogue:

There is tremendous happiness in making others happy, despite our own situations. Shared grief is half the sorrow, but happiness when shared, is doubled. If you want to feel rich, just count all the things you have that money can't buy. 'Today is a gift, that is why it is called The Present.'

The Three Camels

Dorothy M Loughram

One camel said, "I've got the hump,
This king is such a heavy lump.
I've carried him both night and day,
And now I think I've lost my way."

The next one said, "Then follow me,
A shining star ahead I see,
And I will come from bear and far,
Led onwards by that guiding star."



"They're searching for a newborn King,"
The third one said, "And peace he'll bring.
And in a stable, so 'tis said,
They'll find him in a manger bed."

A Mixed Bag

A mix of articles submitted by Jackie Neilson

Did you know - “Goodbye” is the shortened version of the old expression “God be with you”, and farewell comes from “May you fare well”.

Did you know - the River Jordan runs through Sefton Park in Liverpool.

Words of Wisdom from Archbishop Desmond Tutu - “Do your little bit of good where you are; it’s those little bits of good together that overwhelm the world.” “If the rule of ‘an eye for an eye’ dominated the world, the whole world would soon be blind.”

Monday 15 November, 2010 - God’s Wonderful World aka Penn - Haven’t we had a wonderful display of autumn colours this year? It’s made up for a mediocre summer. Even though we had some heavy rain and strong winds last week, some trees are still giving us spectacular colours. Roses are still in bloom; my forsythia has produced some flowers. We’ve had some early frosts, and lots of berries on shrubs and trees; and the mahonias are in flower and smell wonderful. Walking around Penn is a delight - the smell of autumn, some glorious sunsets, sound of bird-song, and that childish pleasure of scuffing through those autumn leaves. All these simple pleasures missed by those who always whizz around in cars. I wonder what delights winter will bring? Rest assured I’ll be recording it with my camera.

I’m sure everyone knows the story of **Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody**. “Everybody was sure Somebody would do it, Anybody could have done it but Nobody did. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.” As we start The New Year perhaps we should ponder on these words?

I read in a magazine in the summer that **singing and praying**, and a sense of community are all recognised defences against stress. Loma Linda, California, has the most centenarians in the USA, and most of them are Seventh Day Adventists. A study found that those who attended religious services weekly were 35% more likely to live longer than those who didn't. Food for thought. But I'm sure all Christians find nourishment and well-being after talking and praying to their Lord. He's there in good times and bad, but manages to comfort and reassure in times of stress. I'm sure he's content when we remember to thank him when life jogs along nicely as well. John and Charles Wesley's teachings keep us sustained still today.

Consider these points I found in a book - **All I need to know about life I learned from trees** - It's important to have roots; in today's complex world it's good to branch out; if you really believe in something don't be afraid to go out on a limb; be flexible so you don't break when a harsh wind blows; sometimes you have to shed your old bark in order to grow.

As we **journey through Advent** to the birth of Jesus, remember this anonymous quote - "A birthday is a time to thank God for life, with all its endless store of great new experiences."

Out of the mouths of babes - A class of six-year olds were preparing for the school Nativity play, and to get them thinking about it the teacher asked them to draw some ideas of what the scene should represent. One lad drew Joseph as a carpenter with lots of tools, including an electric drill. The teacher saw it and said what a good picture it was, but told him that electricity wasn't around in olden times. The little boy said, "But this is a cordless one!"

Psalms 147, verse 1 - It's good to sing and praise to our God; it is pleasant and right to praise him.

Commitment

Jackie Neilson

Edwin John Dunn, died September 1884, aged 72.

I'd never heard of him; however, he was a veteran local preacher from Saltwells, near Dudley; a chain-maker by trade, but dedicating his life to our Lord. He appeared on the Wesleyan Plan for 51 years - he started at the age of 19, leading a Sunday morning class at Mount Pleasant Chapel. Imagine working long, hard hours as a chain-maker and being a preacher, too! He was a man with a remarkable memory. He was well versed in the Scriptures and could sing the bulk of the hymns from The Connexional Hymn Book by heart. His father and grandfather had been committed Wesleyans. It is said that his grandfather invited John Wesley to preach at Cradley forge in the open air, afterwards offering a meal to the great man; however, this may not be strictly true, but certainly Dunn was one of Wesley's staunchest supporters. It is also said that Edwin Dunn was a man of simple habits and way of life, and was noted for the observances of Christian ordinances. He had a thoughtful preaching style, and never repeated the same text at a particular chapel unless it was requested. He was a faithful servant, and preached until just before his death, although his health and memory had deteriorated prior to that. His wife was buried with him when she died in 1905, at Quarry Bank Cemetery. The inscription on their headstone reads "Blessed are the dead which lie in the Lord".

School Bloopers!

●What was Sir Walter Raleigh famous for?

He is a noted figure in history because he invented cigarettes and started a craze for bicycles.

- What did Mahatma Ghandi and Genghis Khan have in common?
Unusual names.
- Name one of the early Romans' greatest achievements.
Learning to speak Latin.
- Name one measure that can be put into place to avoid river flooding in times of extensive rainfall (e.g. in Mississippi).
Flooding in areas such as the mississippi may be avoided by placing a number of big dames into the river.
- Name six animals which live specifically in the Arctic.
Two polar bears, ~~three~~ four seals.
- How does Romeo's character develop throughout the play?
It doesn't, it's just self, self, self all the way through.
- Name the wife of Orpheus whom he attempted to save from the Underworld.
Mrs Orpheus.
- Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed?
At the bottom.
- What happens during puberty to a boy?
He says goodbye to his childhood enters adultery.
- What is the meaning of "varicose"?
Very close by.
- What is the highest frequency noise that a human can register?
Mariah Carey.
- Where was Hadrian's wall built?
Around Hadrian's garden.
- Steve is driving his car. He is travelling at 60 ft/second and the speed limit is 40 miles per hour. Is Steve speeding?
He could find out by checking his speedometer.
- What is a vibration?
There are good vibrations and bad vibrations. Good vibrations were discovered in the 1960s.

The History of the World - according to students

●The inhabitants of Egypt were called mummies. They lived in the Sarah Dessert and travelled by Camelot. The climate of the Sarah is such that the inhabitants have to live elsewhere, so certain areas of the dessert are cultivated by irrigation. The Egyptians built the Pyramids in the shape of huge triangular cube. The Pyramids are a range of mountains between France and Spain.

●The Bible is full of interesting caricatures. In the first book of the Bible, Guinnesses, Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. One of their children, Cain, asked "Am I my brother's son?" God asked Abraham to sacrifice Issac on Mount Montezuma. Jacob, son of Issac, stole his brother's birthmark. Jacob was a patriarch who brought up his twelve sons to be patriarch, but they did not take to it. One of Jacob's sons, Joseph, gave refuse to the Israelites.

●Pharao forced the Hebrew slaves to make bread without straw. Moses led them to the Red Sea, where they made unleavened bread, which is bread made without any ingredients. Afterwards, Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments. David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought with the Philatelists, a race of people who lived in Biblical times. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 500 wives and 500 porcupines.

●Without the Greeks, we wouldn't have history. The Greeks invented three kinds of columns - Corinthian, Doric and Ionic. They also had myths. A myth is a female moth. One myth says that the mother of Achilles appears in "The Illiad", by Homer. Homer also wrote the "Oddity", in which Penelope was the last hardship that Ulysses endured on his journey. dipped him in the River Stynx until he became intolerable. Achilles Acutally, Homer was not written by Homer but by another man of that name.

●Socrates was a famous Greek teacher who went around giving people advice. They killed him. Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock.

- In the Olympic Games, Greeks ran races, jumped, hurled the biscuits, and threw the javelin. The reward to the victor was a laurel wreath. The government of Athens was democratic because the people took the law into their own hands. There were no wars in Greece, as the mountains were so high that they couldn't climb over to see what their neighbors were doing. When they fought the Persians, the Greeks were outnumbered because the Persians had more men.

- Then came the Middle Ages. King Alfred conquered the Danes, King Arthur lived in the Age of Chivalry, King Harold mustered his troops before the Battle of Hastings, Joan of Arc was canonized by George Bernard Shaw, and the victims of the Black Death grew boils on their necks. Finally, the Magna Carta provided that no free man should be hanged twice for the same offense.

- The greatest writer of the Renaissance was William Shakespeare. Shakespeare never made much money and is famous only because of his plays. He lived in Windsor with his merry wives, writing tragedies, comedies and errors. In one of Shakespeare's famous plays, Hamlet ratiocinates his situation by relieving himself in a long soliloquy. In another, Lady Macbeth tries to convince Macbeth to kill the King by attacking his manhood. Romeo and Juliet are an example of a heroic couplet. Writing at the same time as Shakespeare was Milton. Milton wrote "Paradise Lost". Then his wife died and he wrote "Paradise Regained".

- Bach was the most famous composer in the world, and so was Handel. Handel was half German, half Italian and half English. He was very large. Bach died from 1750 to the present. Beethoven wrote music even though he was deaf. He was so deaf he wrote loud music. He took long walks in the forest even when everyone was calling for him. Beethoven expired in 1827 and later died for this.

- The sun never set on the British Empire because the British Empire is in the East and the sun sets in the West. Queen Victoria was the longest queen. She sat on a throne for 63 years. Her declining years and finally the end of her life were exemplary of a great personality. Her death was the final event which ended her reign

Winter Prayer

Penny Worth, minister, York South Circuit

God of winter glory,
of pale sunlight cut
to ribbons by bare black branches,
of cut-glass ice
intricately etched
with your imagination,
what desperate love drove you
to the Mary-stable-shepherd idea?
Help us to see in this story of poverty,
struggle, hope and fear,
your most beautiful creation. Amen.



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