

Saturday 3 July David King ordained priest, Guildford Cathedral, 5.30 pm  
 Sunday 4 July Euro 2004 Final on the big screen in Church Hall, 7.30 pm  
 Tuesday 6 July Monthly youth update and prayers, 9.30 am & 7 pm  
 Wednesday 7 July Holy Communion at 11 am, followed by a light lunch  
 Thursday 8 July Jigsaw Coffee morning, in the church foyer  
 Monday 12 July Soul in the City prayers with Stu, 7.30 pm  
 Tuesday 13 July Prayer meeting for Ukraine mission, 7 pm  
 Thursday 15 July Men's curry evening at Claygate Tandoori, 8 pm  
 Saturday 17 July Claygate Flower Show  
 Sunday 18 July Monthly Fairtrade stall in foyer, after 10 am service  
 Sunday 18 July Ecumenical service on Recreation Ground, 5 pm  
 Sunday 18 July Baptism and Confirmation Service at Holy Trinity, 6.30 pm  
 Friday 23 July Start of Ukraine trip  
 Monday 26-30 July Soul in the City Mission at West End Recreation Ground  
 Wednesday 4 August Holy Communion at 11 am, followed by a light lunch  
 Wednesday 1 September Holy Communion at 11 am, followed by a light lunch  
 Thursday 23 September New Alpha course begins

### REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

	8 am	10 am	6.30 pm
1st Sunday	Holy Communion (trad)	Morning Praise	Evening Prayer
2nd Sunday	Holy Communion (trad)	Morning Praise	Holy Communion Ord. 1
3rd Sunday	Holy Communion (trad)	All Age Service	Evening Prayer
4th Sunday	Holy Communion BCP	Holy Communion Ord. 1	Evening Prayer
5th Sunday	Holy Communion (trad)	Morning Praise	Evening Prayer

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monthly on a Wednesday (see diary above): Holy Communion (Prayer Book)

2nd and 4th Wednesdays, at 2 pm: Toddlers' Praise (in the Church Hall)  
 Every Wednesday, at 7 am: Prayers for 30 minutes (in the Quiet Room)  
 Every Thursday, at 3.45 pm: Intercessions (in the Quiet Room)

Monthly on a Thursday, at 11.45 am at Wingham Court: Holy Communion  
 4th Thursday in month, at 11.30 am at the Day Centre: Holy Communion

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## FOOTBALL FEVER COMES TO HOLY TRINITY

The big screen showing of the England v France match from Euro 2004 was a huge success last month. About ninety people gathered in the Church Hall, including a good proportion of guests who are not Holy Trinity members, and there was a great atmosphere for what was an exciting game.

And now it is happening again, for the Euro 2004 final which kicks off at 7.45 pm on Sunday 4th July. Do come, bring your own drinks and snacks - and especially invite your friends and neighbours to join you. It is a good way of breaking down barriers between church and community.

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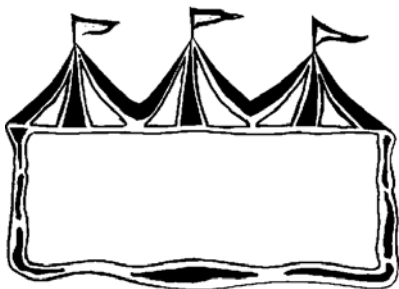
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Holy Trinity will be represented as usual on the Flower Show ground on 17th July, with face painting, cakes and other attractions on offer, including special displays about our visit to Ukraine and the next Alpha course. And, you will specially want to note if it is a hot day, we shall be dispensing FREE WATER. Do encourage your friends to drop by the church tent.

## Bring a guest for a curry

We are taking over the Claygate Tandoori on Thursday 15th July for a second men's curry night. This is another chance to invite your non-churchgoing friends and neighbours for an informal social evening. To book places, or to enquire further, speak to Ian Vale on 467134.

## A Vicar's birthday

If you notice something golden about Julian this summer, it's one of those big birthdays. This is advance notice that if you would like to join with Julian in a parish celebration there will in due course be an opportunity to sign up for lunch in the Church Hall on Sunday 5th September.

## Insight online

The appearance of Don Andrews, Holy Trinity's webmaster, on the opposite page prompts a reminder that you can read not only this but any of the last 18 months' issues of the Parish Magazine on our website - [www.holytrinityclaygate.org.uk](http://www.holytrinityclaygate.org.uk)

## The Marriage Course

On 14th September Holy Trinity will be starting this much acclaimed course on marriage. It will be run by Roger and Jill Marsden, Barry and Jan Winsler and Tom and Ruth Hostler, who did the course earlier this year and thoroughly recommend it. It is an eight week course on Tuesday evenings, includes a meal each week, and offers the opportunity to explore what makes for a good and strong marriage. Anyone interested in finding out more, whether married for a short or long time, should talk to Roger Marsden who will be coordinating the administration. You can phone on 01372 462090 or email [rogandjillmarsden@ntlworld.com](mailto:rogandjillmarsden@ntlworld.com)

## A new parenting course

A course for the parents of pre-school children will be starting in September, running on Monday evenings. If you'd like more details, please contact Valerie Bagley on 464243.

## ...and Alpha too

September also sees the start of our next Alpha course. It begins with supper in the church foyer on Thursday 23rd September. Details from Dudley Sloggett on 469453.

## FINANCE REVIEW

All church members should by now have responded to Julian's letter by completing and returning their pledge forms for 2004/5.

But, if you haven't, please don't think it's too late. Kim Aitchison, our Pledge and Gift Secretary, would still like to hear from you - even if you're planning no change this year.

If you have mislaid the form, you can get another from the rack on the 'Welcome' table in the church foyer.

## Holy Trinity's work among teenagers

After Easter it was decided to hold two separate meetings on a Sunday night for teenagers. Stuart Wright, our Community Youth Worker, would run a group called Trinity for those with whom he is working, and Asa Humphreys, our Church Youth Worker, would run the Church Youth Fellowship in Church House. Both would run concurrently on a Sunday night but in different venues.

This plan has been in operation for a couple of months now and is working well. Please keep on praying that these new arrangements provide the best for all teenagers in the parish.

## Christian Aid tops £5000

In this year's house-to-house collection around Claygate during Christian Aid Week, Holy Trinity's members gathered a harvest of £5019.80. This represents a significant increase over last year's total of £4389, and thanks are due to all those who gave their time to the effort.

## PCC appointments

At the meeting of the Church Council on 24th May, Michael Webb-Peploe was formally elected as Vice-Chairman, Jem Salter as Treasurer and Andrew Stroud as Secretary. The Chairman is Julian.

It was reported that Sarah Quest is taking over as Church Accountant, but that no progress had been made in finding a choir trainer (is there anyone out there?).

## New data projector now in use

A replacement for Holy Trinity's failed video projector has been acquired by the church, and one of its first uses has been for the Euro 2004 presentations. The projector was fully paid for by the use of restricted funds (those left to the church for specific purposes), topped up from the Vicar's discretionary fund, rather than from the normal proceeds of members' voluntary giving.

## Risk Assessment now completed

At its last meeting, the Church Council considered a detailed report on the result of the assessment we are required to make of the risks the church faces in a multitude of ways. Clive Finniear, its author with help from Brian Howells, explained that the objective should be to have measures in place which resulted in problematical issues being classified as low risk, and for Holy Trinity, that appeared to be the case.



*It all began when someone suggested we might introduce the 'Kiss of Peace' at the main service!*

# The final stages of planning for Holy Trinity's visit to Ukraine

*Before the group flies off on 23rd July, here's the latest report on progress*

Those in church on 13th June will have heard a brief update on the planned trip to the Ukraine at the end of July. About 30 people from Claygate and further afield make up the team and will spend 8 days in two poor and isolated villages in the southern tip of Ukraine, very close to the Romanian and Hungarian borders. This working holiday, paid for by those going, will focus in three areas of work.

First, there is a mission team, which will work alongside the church in the villages, visiting local people, holding special meetings and leading and speaking at the services on our final Sunday there.

Secondly, there is a medical team, made up of four doctors, two dentists and a nurse, who will offer a free medical service in both villages.

Thirdly, there is a language team, who will run English Language lessons for children and adults, as well as a sports and crafts programme.

The team is learning some basic Hungarian, though it is not an easy language to learn, and we shall therefore be relying on translators to help us communicate during our stay.

Those not able to join the team, but wanting to be involved, can pray (on Tuesday 13th July at 7 pm there's a special prayer meeting at church), can write cards to the residents of Akli and Gyula, the two villages we're visiting (to be left in the foyer during the next few weeks), and/or make a financial contribution to help resource the project (there are envelopes in the foyer).

What began as a tiny seed of an idea has developed into an exciting adventure requiring a lot of careful preparation and planning. May it prove to be for the benefit of those we go to serve and to the glory of God.

*Julian*

## Considering what care really means

At Anchor's last meeting of the summer, Dr Michael Webb-Peploe gave a challenging talk on "The Meaning of Care".

In today's society there is a danger that people can be valued for their usefulness or be considered as just an animal species - but Michael directed us to God's creative, incarnational, and redemptive love - a love which values each person on earth beyond measure.

Michael felt that the role of the physician was "To cure sometimes, to relieve often, to comfort always" - and he pointed us towards Jesus, the great Physician. When an ill man was lowered down through the roof to Jesus

for healing, not only was his physical need met, but also his emotional and spiritual needs. Michael told some very moving stories about dying individuals whose last days and months on earth had been completely transformed when they had accepted Jesus into their lives.

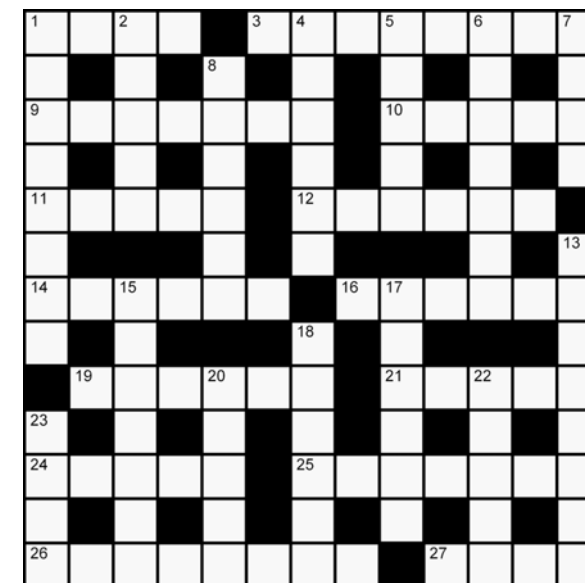
There was a lively question session with great interest being shown in the meaning of care in relation to the forthcoming expedition to the Ukraine.

A new Anchor series will start in September when Julian will be the inaugural speaker.

## A CROSSWORD FOR THE HOLIDAYS

### Clues Across

- 1 Husband of Jezebel (4)
- 3 A person engaged in retail trade (8)
- 9 Seaport capital of Ionia where Paul addressed the elders of Ephesus (7)
- 10 Language of ancient Rome (5)
- 11 Of a kind not seen before (5)
- 12 Home of the Tabernacle before Solomon's temple (6)
- 14 Ancient Greek city (6)
- 16 Father-in-Law to Moses (6)
- 19 Early name for the land of Palestine (6)
- 21 A young person (5)
- 24 A Moabitess, daughter-in-Law of Naomi (5)
- 25 A married man (7)
- 26 A depository where wealth and precious objects are kept (8)
- 27 Forced service (4)



### Clues Down

- 1 Descendant of the son of Lot (8)
- 2 Give permission (5)
- 4 A military standard (6)
- 5 Accompanied Joshua as he reconnoitered the land of Canaan for Moses (5)
- 6 Ancient capital of Syria (7)
- 7 Portable shelter (4)
- 8 Deprive of food (6)
- 13 First day of the week (5,3)
- 15 Punishment intended as a warning to others (7)
- 17 A defense of failure to keep a promise (6)
- 18 Fix firmly and stably (6)
- 20 The residue that remains when something is burned (5)
- 22 A visual representation (5)
- 23 Related to a sheep but having a beard and straight horns (4)

### Hole for one

*A golfing priest, after having been beaten by an elderly parishioner, returned to the clubhouse somewhat depressed. "Cheer up," said the layman. "Remember, you'll be burying me some day." "Yes", said the priest. "But even then it will be your hole!"*

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### THE *Insight* CAPTION COMPETITION

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Eunice insisted Cedric show her just where in the Bible it said men couldn't do the washing up.

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All kinds of influences create the perspectives we hold of life.

Sometimes our understanding can be very parochial, limited to our immediate surroundings and arising out of local experiences. How good it is when we are stretched and have to see things from the angle of a young couple like the Charleses who visited Holy Trinity at the end of May and spoke of their life as Christians in China. Or take the group of thirty from Holy Trinity who are heading off to the Ukraine at the end of July for ten days and will live with people of a totally different culture and lifestyle. Or take the members of General Synod meeting from 9th to 13th July to grapple with the issues of being the Church of England in an increasingly secular environment. In engaging with the bigger world in all its variety and complexity we gain a new angle on life that is much richer and more balanced.

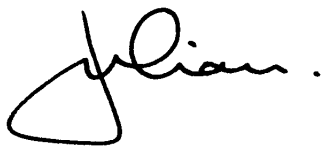
Sometimes our understanding can be rather complacent. Life just seems to carry on and we rarely stop to consider what it is all for and where it is heading. While things are fine, we think that tomorrow will be much the same as today and we simply get on with living, caught up in the rat race of pressures from those around us. And it takes something to wake us up to the reality that life is often very uncertain and precarious. A healthier perspective may arise from a serious illness, a family crisis, a bereavement, financial concerns, or the loss of a job. Only then, when our back is against the wall, do we see life here on earth for what it really is, and we begin to make the most of each day and complacency loses its hold on our way of thinking.

Sometimes special anniversaries and birthdays make us stop to appreciate the nature and direction of our lives. My 50th birthday this summer is a sobering reminder of the passing of the years! As is also the 25th anniversary of my ordination in the Church of England this Autumn. Where the years go and what has been achieved during them are good questions that focus the mind. We do well if we make sure time is not wasted or frittered away, but rather creates the greatest impact for good and the spread of the Kingdom of God as is possible. I find myself so grateful for all that God has filled my life with, its demands as well as its joys, and hope as many as possible will be able to come for lunch in the Church Hall on Sunday 5th September at 1 pm to celebrate 50 years. Further details will follow, but please keep the date clear.

But important as these things are, as Christians our understanding of life is fashioned by more than the events of our lives, our circumstances, or the input we receive from other people, our education. Our way of thinking is constantly being drawn into line with the thoughts of God, so that we see life as He sees it. We find His way and will revealed in the teaching of the Bible and as we read and study its message, so our minds are renewed (Romans 12.1-3) and we gain a God-centred view of life and time. What could be more important than knowing how God sees life here and embracing that mindset for ourselves.

I like the anonymous quote: It is not how long but how well we live that matters. I pray that God will help us all to live well, which means including Him in the living of what He graciously gives to us.

With my prayers and best wishes,




### From the Parish Registers

*We welcome into the  
family of the Church:*

**James Cameron Garlick Nicholas  
Benjamin Anthony Maher  
(Both baptised on 6th June)**

*We offer congratulations  
on the marriage of:*

**Robert Ian Leonard Newland and  
Gemma Louise Goodall  
(married on 29th May)**

**Simon Robin Tesselment and  
Carolyn Tracey Bell  
(married on 5th June)**

*We offer sympathy to the  
relatives and friends of:*

**Sheila Anne Atkey (28th May)  
John Saville (30th May)  
Betty Joan Shuter (30th May)  
Frank Stevens (31st May)**



### Will Verney at 100

Congratulations to Will on the celebration of his 100th birthday next month. We are hoping that Will, until very recently living in his own home in Vale Road and a regular member of the 6.30 pm congregation, might be able to join us for the 6.30 pm service on Sunday 29th August, the Sunday following his birthday.

## Parish Personalities

**This month Don Andrews faces the  
Insight Inquisition.**

**Where were you brought up?**

The Halfway area in Walton-on-Thames.

**How long have you lived in Claygate?**

We arrived three years ago.

**What do you like most about it?**

The sense of 'village'.

**And if there was one thing you could change?**

The practice some people have of parking on both sides of the Parade.

**Where would you locate your ideal home?**

Taxco in Mexico - although in the tropics, it is 3000 feet above sea level and enjoys a mild spring climate all year.

**What is the least welcome part of your daily round? Cooking for my son and myself each day, though he is learning.**

**Which personal trait do you struggle most to overcome? Organising my time - as a single parent for the moment, I find it difficult to get everything done.**

**What food are you most partial to?**

Ceviche - a Mexican seafood soup.

**And leave on the side of your plate?**

Cauliflower - a throwback to schooldays.

**What do you watch on television?**

News, rugby and detective thrillers.

**What would your desert island book be?**

Almost anything by Selwyn Hughes.

**What is your favourite music?**

The Shepherds' Farewell by Berlioz.

**And your favourite hymn?**

"There is a green hill far away".

**Which passage of the Bible is most telling for you personally?**

I became a Christian on 7 February 2002 and haven't yet travelled from cover to cover - but I am moved by Ephes. 4. 17-32.

**Do you have an unfulfilled ambition?**

I lack knowledge & confidence, but I would love to be able to evangelise effectively.

## A Moment to Meditate

*"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."*

Matthew, chap. 10, verse 28

Matthew tells us that it was the final words of Jesus, after his resurrection and before his ascension, which commanded his disciples to go and make disciples of all nations. This, in the last paragraph of Matthew's Gospel, is known as the great commission, and has been the inspiration behind all the church's mission activity down the centuries, and still today.

It was not the first time that Jesus had urged his disciples to become missionaries. In chapter 10 of his Gospel, Matthew describes how the disciples were sent out on a mission limited to their fellow Jews, ignoring the Samaritans and Gentiles, to preach the message that the kingdom of heaven was near, and to undertake a healing ministry.

Jesus warned his followers that it would not be easy. They were being sent out, he said, like sheep among wolves. So they would need to be on their guard. They would encounter hatred and persecution; they might be arrested and flogged.

But they were not to be afraid. This is emphasised three times in the paragraph formed by verses 26 - 31 of chapter 10. First, they are not to be afraid of speaking out: what Jesus has told them in the dark, they should speak in the daylight; what is whispered in their ears can be proclaimed from the rooftops (verse 27). For there is nothing hidden that will not be made known: what seemed to some to be a mystery would culminate in a full revelation to all mankind.

And they should not be afraid of the consequences for their physical safety. There might be opponents who desire to put them to death, but they could not kill the soul which has acquired new life through Jesus. The real fear should be of judgement, and the possibility of both soul and body being destroyed in hell. But the awesome Judge is at the same time a loving Father for those who trust in him and are faithful.

It is at this point that Jesus introduces some of his best known analogies. Even the sparrows which are sold as food for the poor - two for a penny - do not fall to the ground without the Father willing it. And the Father has numbered the very hairs on our head. Since we are worth more to the Father than numberless sparrows, we can be assured of his concern and care for us. So, Jesus re-emphasises, don't be afraid!

The message is that discipleship might entail a cost, but if we have the perspective of faith, that cost will count as nothing as we are sustained within the assurance of God's providential care for his people.

- Scribatus

### Confidence in God

Alone with none but Thee, my  
God,  
I journey on my way.  
What need I fear, when Thou art  
near  
O King of night and day?  
More safe I am within Thy hand  
Than if a host did round me  
stand.

St Columba

## Young people today....

Well, the summer is here at last and we have had the last four Youth Fellowships outside, even having a bumper picnic on Winey Hill, complete with Kinder Eggs and Frisbee! A good time was had by all seventeen young people who turned up. It is the exam term at the moment and I expected a drop in numbers, but we should all be encouraged that this has not really happened. A considerable number of our young people are prepared to turn up to YF even though they have exams the next morning. Indeed, turnout for the morning service, although there is much room for improvement, is nonetheless improving. Please be praying that this trend continues!

For July we are enjoying a back to basics four week short 'survival' course for the summer holidays. As a leadership team we shall be teaching prayer, the Bible, quiet times and church so that each member of YF can practise over the summer these crucial disciplines of the Christian faith. Then, come the autumn, we shall review how the summer went and learn from our mistakes. As someone famous once said, "failure is always the best way to learn," so, whilst recognising that we aspire to be Christ-like, we will be focusing on the gift of forgiveness at every stage so that YF can emerge encouraged by God's grace and not disheartened or broken by falling short of a false standard set from unsuitable cultural reference points.

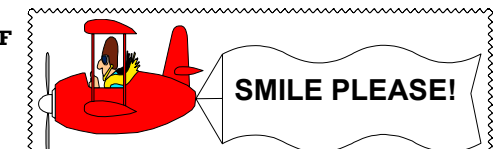
This is a tough challenge but within the environs of YF, where a growing trust and applicable teaching of prayerfully chosen priorities are beginning to show fruit, we are confident that our young people can learn how best to see their feet and walk the path that God's word lights for us all.

July also sees our young people getting involved in 'Soul in the City'. This will be a chance for our young people to serve our

local community and enjoy the fellowship of other youth groups in the vicinity. Hannah Mason from YF has been instrumental in bringing this event and its benefits to the attention of the church and is yet another example of how our church Youthwork is for the young people, but increasingly being instigated by the young people.

This is, I feel, indicative of a sea change that has happened since Christmas whereby YF have started to take more responsibility for their own faith. This is backed up by the fact that our young people are beginning to invite friends to events at church on a regular basis. The football, YF revision sessions, New Hall and even YF itself have all been deemed 'cool' enough to invite your school friends and family along to. This is due to a change in attitude in YF and not necessarily to any change in event presentation or choice. This is the most encouraging indicator of a developing maturity in YF and the high point that I shall end on!

- Asa



### Dear Vicar....

I liked your sermon on Sunday. Especially when it was finished. Ralph, Age 11

How does God know the good people from the bad people? Do you tell Him or does He read about it in the newspapers? Sincerely, Marie. Age 9.

I would like to go to heaven someday because I know my brother won't be there. Stephen. Age 8.

# New opportunities open up in West Africa

## NEW READERS START HERE:

*Martin Brown, who was brought up in Claygate and Holy Trinity, has been in Niger for nearly twenty years, working for SIM (the Society for International Ministries), and is based at the Centre Biblique in Niamey. His wife Lucie, formerly the station nurse for SIM missionaries, is now deputy director for SIM Niger, and their daughter Naomi is at school there.*

*Niger is the largest state in West Africa (though two-thirds of it is desert!) and is predominantly Muslim; only a small minority of the 8 million population is Christian. We have followed in the past Martin's work to establish the Alliance of Evangelical Churches, enabling a more coherent Christian voice to be heard in an Islamic environment, to coordinate a project for Pastor Book Sets (providing Christian ministers throughout francophone Africa with low cost resource material, by guaranteeing publishers larger print runs in return for discount prices) and to set up a Bible school.*

*More recently, Martin has been engaged in efforts to found a Christian radio station in Niamey, was accepted by the University of Utrecht as a candidate for doctoral studies on Islam and Christianity among the Hausa people, and found himself obliged on returning from study leave in America in 2002 to step into the breach in leading his local church on the departure of its pastor.*

## NOW READ ON....

**We've got it!**

**A strange way to begin, but after months of waiting, we finally have the final (provisional) papers for the radio station in Niamey - Radio Espoir FM 101.**

**The provisional paper means that we now have three months to start to transmit before the licence runs out - rather like L plates for drivers. Once we are up and running officials will come and look at our studio to see if it meets the norms. We now have the papers, the studio is ready and we have the basic equipment. The next stage is to order the transmitter from Belgium. I received a phone call from the director of the company who says that he will be in Niamey in the next few weeks and, if we ordered by that time, is willing to set up the transmitter free of charge ... a wonderful offer, so we are moving fast to get our order in. The only problem is that we are about £3,000 shy of the amount we**

*It is 18 months since we last gave space to the activities of Martin and Lucie Brown, our mission links in French-speaking Africa. Here we reproduce extracts from Martin's latest report on developments in Niamey, the capital of the Republic of Niger.*

**need to equip the studio properly. Pray with us that God would provide the necessary funds.**

**The whole project has been remarkable in that we have never had too much money (a sense of security) but every time we have reached the end of our finances, just enough money has been given. So Radio Espoir has been covered by prayer right from the beginning.**

**Confessional media stations are not legal in Niger, so we have set up a station that will bring the Good News in many ways. We will touch such issues as family life, agricultural development, a Christian approach to medicine and so on. Our motto is "Radio that makes a difference".**

**We thank God for Diataga Damiba, who is the new pastor of our church and also director of programming for the radio. He was born in Burkina Faso but his wife was born in Niamey. He is in the process of moving to Niamey with his family. He is a trained pastor, a radio producer of many years' experience and also a marriage guidance counsellor. After so many years running a church without a pastor, it is great to have someone with vision and energy.**

**Until recently Diataga had a 60-minute programme on national television in Burkina giving advice on marriage. A minister from the government in Niger was recently in Burkina and was so impressed by his advice that she contacted him and asked him if he could do a similar programme in Niger. We praise God for such openings.**

**There are so many opportunities in Niger that we are not sure where to focus our energies. Not to overburden you with details, I will give one example.**

**It is clear for all to see that the education system in Niger is gradually running out of steam. Strikes follow strikes and the dream of most students is to go somewhere else. One of the great roles that Missions played through much of the twentieth century was in education. It has been estimated that in 1960, when most countries in Africa had gained independence, 60 per cent of education was in the hands of Missions.**

**In the following decade much of the education system was nationalised but, with the massive growth in population in the following years, governments couldn't or wouldn't invest in education and so class sizes increased (I have seen classes with over 80 students in one room), and books were in short supply. Certain students get to university still struggling with French. Can we as the church allow such a situation to continue?**

**We hope to open a department of Christian education here at the Centre Biblique that would train a future generation of Christian teachers. This in turn would feed both private Christian schools and eventually the public system. The Church in Niger has the reputation of getting the best results of national schools (both in Niamey and the department of Maradi, the top schools were Christian). This is a long term plan that will take years to bring to fruition, but we need to start somewhere. When we presented the idea to Church leaders, the only criticism that we received was "why didn't you do this ten years ago?"**

**Lucie as the deputy director for SIM Niger has been involved in increasing discussions with SIM-related churches (those churches that were planted by SIM and are now independent). We all feel a new sense of urgency as we look to the future. As we move ahead, however, there are always attacks, and as such Lucie has spent quite a lot of her time dealing with the justice system. Pray for wisdom and patience and that such things will not deviate us from our primary goal.**

**Pray with us that we might meet the opportunities that God has placed before us with wisdom and joy, and that the name of Jesus might be lifted high.**