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You will no doubt be surprised to receive this month's issue of the magazine, in view of the fact that I informed you that there would be no January issue. Geoffrey Woollard's Secretary has very kindly done the typing. Very many thanks to her. As this is a skeleton issue, and also because some people have not contributed thinking there was no issue, there will be very little material this month. I am holding back one article received until next month.

Mr. Arthur Bell has recently had a spell in hospital, as have two village children, Sarah Robertson and Paula Reeves. I wish them all a speedy recovery.

Good wishes to you all for a Happy New Year.

Kay Pote.

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FROM THE VICAR

Despite all the manifold ways in which our lives are directed, pressurised, canalised, battered, bent and twisted by forces beyond our control, we still retain a freedom of action whose true extent is only realised when attempts are made to control us absolutely. The Go-slow was an early discovery in this particular area. And even the most tyrannical dictatorships realise with dismay how powerless they are to control our thoughts, even when our outward behaviour is conforming impeccably to the formal rules they lay down. Hence, even Queen Elizabeth I, formidable though she could be, accepted it as a first principle, that 'men's thoughts are not to be enquired into, what they are'.

Christianity accepts this. Jesus himself lays astonishing emphasis on the real extent of the freedom we still have to dispose of our deepest allegiance as we choose. Indeed, much of his preaching and teaching is meaningless without it. His very first word, 'Repent, for the kingdom of God, the rule of God, is at hand', is addressed to it. He was hinting that with his appearance in the world the Word, the authority, even the very being of God had broken decisively into it: so decisively that to refuse allegiance was virtually to turn one's back on the source of one's own being, and to set off down the road that leads ultimately into the dreadful land of Nowhere. Without remotely suggesting that we are 'captains of our own salvation', or anything so absurd, Jesus, along with all the New Testament writers, is saying that the offer of mental, moral and spiritual renewal through acceptance of his own life and truth is so inescapably obvious that refusal leaves us without excuse, though, of course, never without mercy, unless we commit the final horror of calling good evil.

So here we stand at the threshold of yet another year. What shall we do with it? Time is a neutral thing, like the canvasses of the rugs we make in winter: all manner of patterns may be woven on it, or out of it; for time is not measured by the clock but by the intensity and depth at which we live its hours. Jesus even went so far as to say that to know, love and obey God was to begin to live in a totally new dimension, as it were in a vertical dimension cutting right across horizontal clock time. St. Paul called it becoming a new creation. Thomas a Kempis, in the Imitation of Christ, which he wrote long ago in the 15th century, said 'in the morning fix thy good purpose, and in the evening examine thy ways'. But that kind of purpose can be fixed on the scale of a year as well as a day;

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and it was our own Jeremy Taylor, who died as Bishop of Down and Connor in 1667, the year in which the two parishes of St. Mary's and St. Cyriac's were amalgamated, who said 'it is a vast work a man may do if he never be idle'. Jesus himself was never idle; his meat, his obsession, if you like, was his Father's will, and by that obedience, pushed to the length of his own destruction he remade our nature.

So may this new year lead you into a new knowledge of the vast issues at stake beneath the deceptively trivial aspect of our everyday lives.

J.K.B.

FROM THE CHURCHES

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Worship in January: St. Mary's and Reach

- 1. THE CIRCUMCISION and NAMING of JESUS
 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St. Mary's)
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 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion (Reach)
 9.30 a.m. Matins & Eucharist (St. Mary's)
 6.30 p.m. Evensong (Reach)
- 6. The EPIPHANY
 7.30 p.m. Holy Communion (St. Mary's)
- 10. EPIPHANY I
 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's)
 11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)
 6.30 p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)
- 17. EPIPHANY II
 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's)
 11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)
 6.30 p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)

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Worship in January: St. Mary's and Reach

- 24 EPIPHANY III
- 9.30 a.m. Children's Eucharist (St. Mary's)
 - 11.00 a.m. Children's Eucharist (Reach)
 - 6.30 p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)
- 25 The CONVERSION of ST. PAUL
- 7.00 a.m. Holy Communion (St. Mary's)
- 31 EPIPHANY IV
- 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion (St. Mary's)
 - 11.00 a.m. Family Communion (Reach)
 - 6.30 p.m. Evensong (St. Mary's)

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THE STAINE HUNDRED

The next meeting of the Staine Hundred - the local history society - will be on Wednesday, 13th January, when Mr. Roger Fairclough, head of the Map Room at Cambridge University Library, will talk about 'Maps and local history'. The meeting will be in the Lecture Room at Bottisham Village College at 7.30 p.m.

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FROM THE PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF THE SCHOOL

100 Club Winners

Week 46	No 96	Mr. D. Day	£10
Week 47	No 77	Linda Sheldrick	£20
Week 48	No 73	Marie Newman	£10

The first draw of the 1982 100 Club will take place on Friday, 8th January. The new tickets will be distributed to those people who have applied for them before that date.

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Cover the Pool Bulletin

The Christmas Fair run by the PTA was a great success, raising £1,550 (before expenses were deducted) for the Appeal. The Committee thank everyone connected with it, and particularly the PTA itself for its generosity in donating the proceeds.

The Appeal now needs £8,000. Events are planned which will bring in some of this, but we still need help. Ideas are always welcome.

Don't miss the SCOTTISH EVENING provisionally booked for the 30th January at Bottisham Village College, Hilda Buchanan's 3rd North-of-the-Border celebration on an evening near Burns Night. If you've been before you'll know this is not to be missed!

BIG DRAW: Tickets at £1.00 each are now on sale for a splendid chance to win £500, £75, or £25. Only 2,000 printed. They are available at the moment from James Fitch 15 Tunbridge Close, Bottisham. Tel. 811425.

Felicity McMahon.

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The meeting arranged for 11th December at Burwell unfortunately had to be cancelled, due to the very bad weather, which also made it impossible for the principal speaker, Clement Freud, to arrive from London in time. However we hope to arrange another Liberal - S.D.P. Alliance meeting in the New Year.

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BOTTISHAM VILLAGE COLLEGE MUSIC SOCIETY

FRIDAY 8th January 1982 8 p.m. at the College

Annual General Meeting followed by a musical entertainment, wine and cheese.

Everyone is welcome. There will be a small charge for refreshments.

FUTURE CONCERTS

FRIDAY, 5th February - A clavichord recital by Martin Farrar.

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