

WORLD WAR TWO POSTER ZONE
(for no particular reason)



Yes, it does indeed. This is one of the most gappy pages to have ever been featured in Youth News. A couple of its usual writers were unable to do their stuff this time, and the editor had nothing else to fill this space, other than these words which even he's finding a bit boring as he writes them...
So, if you have any news, thoughts, jokes or quotes etc that could appear in a future issues, please ring the Editor at 01933 316927 or e-mail youthnews@whitefriarschurch.org.uk



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Your roving reporter finds them – ready for action

The procession moves off, towards its destination ...



... outside the Wes. Technically, the "Jesus is Alive today" sign was three days too early. Even though it was actually just as true on Good Friday as any other day...



Auntie Agnes's Advice

Question: Not long ago, there was a big disturbance caused by teenagers outside a pub in Kettering which was said to have been advertised on 'social networking websites' such as Facebook and Myspace. But the person claiming that didn't seem to have any evidence that it was even true. How fair is that? Surely such sites are good things, which bring people together in a fun way.



Answer: Not very. As you've probably already found out, some people seem to have it in for teenagers, usually for no good reason – and things like Facebook just provide another thing to complain about. That's not to say that such websites are totally good – as they can contain some very unpleasant images and words, and be used by some quite nasty people. But hold on a moment? – isn't that true of the world outside Facebook too? Yes, it is (to answer my own question). There's no single 'correct' Christian view on whether it's good to use such websites. On one hand, we are meant to live good and holy lives (as mentioned in Ephesians chapter 4, in the Bible verses 29 to 32) and so we might be inclined to try to switch to a new Christian version of Facebook if communicating in a safe environment with like-minded people is our top priority: the Streetband Magazine Community online forum (details at <http://www.christiantoday.com/article/streetbrand.launches.social.networking.site.for.christian.youth/22476.htm>). On the other hand, we might want to focus more on using Facebook as a way of making contact with people who aren't Christians – in line with the Great Commission in Matthew chapter 28. On this basis, Facebook and similar sites provide ways of saying positive things, encouraging people and sharing your faith (e.g. by what you include in your status line, and details of your religion and interests). Either way, it's also good to try to use a bit of wisdom when deciding what to do – and parents and church and youth leaders should be good people to get some of that from, if you're a bit unsure about something yourself.

LOOKING AHEAD...

May's Passion & Glory will be from 7 to 9pm on **Sunday 3rd**, at Rushden Mission Church as usual. **June's will be on Sunday 7th.**

Friday 22nd May is when the next **DEN – live music event** – is due to take place at Park Road Baptist Church Hall in Park Road, Rushden. Details from Rosie at r.ford05@tiscali.co.uk or on 07817 291738.

Sunday 31st May, 6pm: **United Church Service for Pentecost** at Highfield Baptist Community Church. All welcome!

H3 Festival: 3rd to 5th July at the Bradwell Abbey venue at Milton Keynes – details from Keith Sanders of (Rushden Mission Church) on 01933 314377 or at www.h3festival.co.uk.

To submit items to *Youth News*, or ask for it to be e-mailed to you each month, e-mail youthnews@whitefriarschurch.org.uk or ring 01933 316927.

WHAT A WEIRD & WONDERFUL WORLD!

Forgotten papers of the month: ever forgotten your homework? That's nothing. In 1869, Northamptonshire man George Ward Hunt (from Wadenhoe) arrived at the House of Commons to give the Budget speech – only to find that he'd left it at home. He was Chancellor of the Exchequer at the time, in case you were wondering.



Weird superstitions – At a Church of England church when a new vicar is inducted they are asked to ring the bells (if the church still has them) the number of times they ring the bell is the number of years they will stay at that church! It seems weird that as Christians we go along with such stuff.

Wonderful - Laminin is a protein that is used in the body to hold things together. It is in the shape of the cross. In Colossians it tells us that Jesus holds the body of the church together.



Hardcore explorer challenge of the month: the BBC decided that, even though Sir Ranulph Fiennes is one of the world's most experienced explorers, he, round-the-world yachtsman Sir Robin-Knox-Johnston and war reporter John Simpson couldn't be trusted to light a gas stove for a BBC TV series without supervision and going on a 'hostile environment course'. It's likely that Rushden would turn out to be quite a hostile environment if the person with such a common sense deficiency turned up here.

79% of Muslims say that British laws should be based on Christian values. 74% of Hindus agree – but only 70% of Christians. (from the *Daily Telegraph*)

Names of the month: all are real, according to the BBC website:

Justin Case
Barb Dwyer
Stan Still
Terry Bull
Paige Turner

Mary Christmas
Anna Sasin
Doug Hole
Hazel Nutt
Annette Curtain

Tim Burr
Rose Bush
Anna Prentice
Iona Pyle