

From the May Registers

Baptisms

May 2nd

Harrison and Zak Edwards sons of Karen Keal and Karl Michael Edwards

May 9th

Connie Grace Lea Coughlan, daughter of Anna Marie Coughlan
Molly Rose Gladwin, daughter of Amy Victoria Gladwin
Jasmine Alexandra Mcnaught, daughter of Sharon Margaret and Duncan Grant Mcnaught

May 16th

Corey Michael Dickinson son of Claire Michelle Booth and Neal Dickinson
Alisha Kathleen Bennett daughter of Susan Louise Harpham and Richard Paul Bennett

Marriages:- None in May

Funerals:-

April 30th

Kenneth Gadie
Anne (Veronica) Turnbull

May 11th

Louise Mcleod

A donation for Church flowers has been received in loving memory of

Walter and Gladys Kerr

MOTHERS' UNION DEANERY SERVICE

On Wednesday May 12th the Mothers' Union Deanery Service was held in St. Mary's Church, Barton. Brigg and Barton banners were placed either side of Trinity Altar. Rev'd Kathy Colwell spoke during her address about "Relationships not Rules" which is the Mothers' Union theme for 2010. Although we need rules in society we sometimes need to put people first as did Jesus, when He healed the sick woman on the Sabbath.

"By living a Christian life we will have God's Kingdom here on earth." The collection raised £54 for St Benedict's at Lincoln. During the last hymn the banners were processed back down the aisle. The fellowship of the service was continued in the hall over refreshments served by Janet Petch and Iris Ward, including some of Janet's delicious homemade scones!!

Brenda Skinner

MOTHERS' UNION NOTES

At the meeting on May 19th our speaker was the Rev'd. Felicity Couch who spoke about 'Responding to God's call'. We opened the meeting by singing 'I the Lord of sea and sky' followed by Val Dukes reading from Matthew 10 v 5-14. Sheila led us in prayers and gave out notices. Felicity explained that between the age of two and four and a half whilst attending Sunday school she enjoyed singing and reading about God. Those early years gave her a good grounding in the bible. 'If we ask Jesus into our lives as a child, He should be there for the rest of our lives'. At eleven years old she walked 2 miles each way to her parish church where she felt something in the atmosphere and started to pray for fulfilment and was confirmed. At seventeen she slipped away from church life 'as we sometimes do'. In her late twenties after spending a long time in hospital during which the hospital chaplain visited her regularly she felt her faith returning. After a Franciscan retreat she joined the Order visiting lots of different places. She then felt led to attend church one Christmas and stayed after the Christingle service, feeling an overwhelming call to the ministry. After recommendation by the vicar she fought for three months for permission to train because of a health concern. Eventually she was ordained and is now at Ulceby where she looks after 6 villages.

Felicity was thanked by Val Dukes for showing 'how perseverance and Faith can win in the end'.

Brenda Skinner

JUNE 2nd - 9.30a.m. **Corporate Communion** - Reader Sylvia Chambers

JUNE 16th - 2pm. Speaker - Vern Liles

JUNE 23rd - 2pm 'Prayer Time' - Leader Linda Bromfield

Flower Rota JUNE 13th - Sylvia Chambers

JUNE 27th - Angela Henson

The church goes green.....
.....or, volcano disrupts Europe!

No, the old man hasn't lost **all** his marbles, yet. Neither has the Church of England, as far as I'm aware, got into bed with the new Green Party MP for Brighton. Nor am I extolling the virtues of a holiday in Iceland, volcano-watching.

We've had several months now of "Times and Seasons", from Advent through to Trinity Sunday, when we've heard the continuous story, and watched the church colours change. Now in June we begin that seemingly interminable period through till November, the "Sundays after Trinity", when we use green vestments. Even the Harvest Thanksgiving services are green! When we had got used to the specifics of Lent or Pentecost, we now have a series of apparently random Sundays taking us through various aspects of Jesus's life and ministry.

Natural phenomena like the unpronounceable and unspellable Icelandic volcano come as a complete surprise; the eruption shows how dependant we are on modern means of travel – planes grounded, imports affected, trains and boats overcrowded. Undoubtedly what was a major problem for some was also a happy blessing for others.

But isn't life like that? Wouldn't life be dull if everything were the same, regimented and neatly packaged? I imagine it would be like Russia or China in their dark days in the mid 20th century – people not being able to have an opinion, people with their lives mapped out for them.

Randomness is what makes us fully human beings. Sometimes we have the ability to choose a direction to go in – but will we choose the correct one? Sometimes options are limited, and we have to bite the bullet. Sometimes events overtake us, and there is only one way. However hard it may be at the time and however little we realise it, God's hand is there, helping us and guiding us.

God bless you through these "Green" weeks.

Rev Alan Wright

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| Tues June 1 st | 7.00 pm | | Said Eucharist |
| Wed 2 nd | 9.30 am | | Said Eucharist (MU corporate) |
| | 7.30pm | | Ladies' Group |
| Thurs 3rd | 9.30 am | - 11.30am | Open Door |
| | 12 Noon | | Said Eucharist for Corpus Christi |
| Fri 4 th | 5.00 pm | | E1W meets in the Hall |
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| Sunday June 6th | | Trinity 1 | |
| | 8.00 am | | Said Eucharist |
| | 9.30 am | | Parish Eucharist |
| | 12 noon | | Marriage Blessing |
| | 2.30 pm | | Service at the Willows |
| | 6.00 pm | | Choral Evensong |
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| Mon 7 th | 10.15 am | | Toddler Time |
| | 8.00 pm | | Prayer and reflection at 82 W.Acridge |
| Tues 8 th | 1.30 pm | | Children's meeting (Birchdale) |
| | 7.00 pm | | Said Eucharist |
| | 7.30 pm | | Outreach & nurture com'tee (Vestry) |
| Wed 9 th | 9.30 am | | Said Eucharist |
| | 7.15 pm | | Ministry Team (Birchdale) |
| Thurs 10 th | 9.30 am | - 11.30am | Open Door |
| Fri 11 th | 5.00 pm | | E1W meets in the Hall |
| Sat 12 th | 1.00 pm | | Wedding |
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| Sunday June 13th | | Trinity 2 | |
| | 8.00 am | | Said Eucharist |
| | 9.30 am | | Parish Eucharist |
| | 4.00 pm | | Baptisms |
| | 6.00 pm | | Evening Prayer |
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| Mon 14 th | 10.15 am | | Toddler Time |
| Tues 15 th | 2.15 pm | | St. Peter's School Headteacher Service |
| | 7.00 pm | | Said Eucharist |
| Wed 16 th | 9.30 am | | Said Eucharist |
| | 2.00 pm | | Eagle House service |
| | 2.00 pm | | Mothers' Union meeting |
| | 7.30 pm | | Ladies' Group |
| Thurs 17 th | 9.30 am | - 11.30am | Open Door |
| | am | | Home Communion |
| Fri 18 th | 5.00 pm | | E1W meets in the Hall |
| Sat 19 th | 1.00 pm | | Wedding |
| | 3.00 pm | | Wedding |

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| | 7.00 pm | | Barton Junior Town Band |
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| Sunday June 20th | | Trinity 3 | |
| | 8.00 am | | Said Eucharist |
| | 8.30 am | | Prayer Breakfast at Sally Anna's |
| | 9.30 am | | Family Worship and Baptisms |
| | 6.00 pm | | Parish Eucharist |
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| Mon 21 st | 10.15 am | | Toddler Time |
| | am | | Home Communion: St. Peter's Court and Victoria House |
| Tues 22 nd | 7.00 pm | | Said Eucharist |
| Wed 23 rd | 9.30 am | | Said Eucharist |
| | 2.00 pm | | Mothers' Union prayer time |
| Thurs 24 th | 9.30 am | - 11.30am | Open Door |
| Fri 25 th | 5.00 pm | | E1W meets in the Hall |
| Sat 26 th | 12 noon | | Wedding |
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| Sunday 27th June | | Trinity 4 | |
| | 8.00 am | | Said Eucharist |
| | 9.30 am | | Parish Eucharist |
| | 6.00 pm | | Barton Arts' Week Songs of Praise |
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| Mon 28 th | 10.15 am | | Toddler Time |
| Tues 29 th | 7.00 pm | | Said Eucharist |
| Wed 30 th | 9.30 am | | Said Eucharist |
| | 2.00 pm | | Service at Beech House |
| Thurs July 1 st | 9.30 am | - 11.30am | Open Door |
| Fri 2 nd | 5.00 pm | | E1W meets in the Hall |
| Sat 3 rd | pm | | Garden Party |
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| Sunday 4th | | Trinity 5 | |
| | 8.00 am | | Said Eucharist |
| | 8.45 am | | Coach leaves for Gainsborough |
| | 10.30 am | | Liz's ordination at G'borough |
| | 6.00 pm | | Arts' Week Choral Evensong |
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SCULPTURE AND PLANTS 2010

This event combines the best in contemporary sculpture at one of Lincolnshire's well established show gardens. Hall Farm nursery and garden at Harpswell, near Gainsborough, provides the ideal setting for large and small scale artworks with intimate garden "rooms" alongside open vistas.

This year's event will be held from June 12 – 20 and will be open from 10.30am to 5pm daily. Entrance is £4 for adults with under 16's admitted free of charge.

There will also be refreshments served in aid of local charities and performances by local musicians. As well as the exhibition in the garden, there will be a large marquee where visitors can see some of the sculptors at work demonstrating their skills. Fools and Angels (a group of artists and craftsmen from in and around Lincoln) will also be taking part and selling their work which will include glass, jewellery, textiles, ceramics, paintings and other craft work.



PRAYER AND REFLECTION GROUP

Here is a description of a recent Prayer and Reflection Group. It was on the theme of "The Ascension". If you are at all interested in this approach to Prayer and have not already "tasted" it, there is a warm welcome to you to come to 82, West Acridge, usually on the first Monday of the month at 8.00pm, a moveable feast because of other events needing that particular night. We try to give advanced notice news of that happening.

We began by saying "The Grace" together. Then we listened to a piece of Celtic Christian music "He is Exalted". We try to be inclusive in the kind of music we play because not everybody warms to the same style or sound and can be a barrier to people.

Then we had an introduction to the theme of the Ascension, asking the question, "Where does such a story fit into today's world?" We heard that it was important for our Christian life and understanding to make sure that philosophy, science, and theology should be travelling companions because of the kind of world in which we all live.

We affirmed that the Ascension is the climax to the Easter story. It is a story about a spiritual body leaving a material world, saying "Goodbye" at the same time to the disciples of Jesus. Then we paused for thought; a silence to enable people to think about their interpretation of the meaning of the Ascension.

Then we listened to "Ascension" stories from Mark, Matthew, Luke, and the Acts of the Apostles, noting the differences – quite important ones – in each Gospel. We also bore in mind that the story in Mark is part of what many people regard as an additional ending to the Gospel. There was a time of quietness between each reading to give us time to "take it in".

Then we prayed. We thanked God for the significance of the cloud in Scripture – a sign of God's presence in the world. We said thank you for the person of Jesus, and the new era that was initiated by the symbolism of the Ascension story. And we prayed to the Holy Spirit of God, bearing in mind that Pentecost follows on the "heels" of Ascension. You may have seen that picture of the Ascension where all you see is the cloud with the heels and ankles of Jesus sticking out of the bottom. The Christian story does have its funny moments –

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probably to make sure that the Church doesn't lose its sense of humour!

Then we listened to Vaughan Williams' "Lark Ascending" – lovely and appropriate.

Then we thought about what our response should be to the Ascension story, living in the world of 2010.

We said that Luke was a good story-teller and had had a big influence on the Christian Year and its themes. We agreed, bearing in mind the cloud that symbolism was important to remind us visually what the Christian Faith is all about. We realized afresh that it is up to us now, whoever we are, to share the significance of the Gospel with others, and we don't have to know everything in order to do that, or give the impression that we do know everything – dangerous path to go down really! We also remembered that the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church was uniquely important for the mission of the Church.

A time of silence followed to think about all that, and then we had a chat about it.

We then listened to "Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring" followed by prayers, having the "Veni Sanctus Spiritus" (Come Holy Spirit) playing quietly in the background, said the "Our Father", and had a final prayer of Blessing.

If you think this is your "cup of tea" (and we have one of those as well) do come. If it isn't, come anyway because we also have coffee and as we don't fast for Ascension we also have cake and biscuits!

David Redrobe, Kathy Curate and Wesley, the 'ecumenical' collie dog.

'Local interest', 'audience involvement' and 'generation wide' are the buzz words for this year's Barton Arts' Week.

Ted Lewis' art work and readings, an illustrated lecture on Percy Grainger in Lincolnshire, toe-tapping music from the Ancholme River Jazz Band and a concert by award-winning Barton Town Band and their guest international tuba player Shawn Crowther.

Songs of Praise led by the New County Choral Society at the beginning of the week and Choral Evensong with St Mary's Choir at the end.

There is a competition for poets, budding or otherwise, at our Poetry Slam and a workshop entitled 'So you think you can't sing!' to prove you wrong. Come and have a go!

Blunderbus Theatre brings Giraffes Can't Dance, an interactive puppet theatre performance for the under 10s. Illyria returns with their outdoor performance of the passionate tragedy of Romeo and Juliet. Bring hankies as well as your usual chair and picnic.

Schumann and Chopin are amongst the composers featured in our classical music concert and The Oxford Waits, dressed in period costume explore the seedier side of 17th-century English life in words and music with Rakes, Rogues & Bouncing Doxies

Full details can be found in our Arts Week leaflets or by visiting our website www.bartonarts.co.uk. For other information please telephone 07934 561556 or email bartonarts@hotmail.co.uk.

HOLY TRINITY BARROW

Dave Bilbrough, Christian singer and songwriter will be appearing in concert on Saturday June 19th at 7-30pm. Dave has written many hymns and songs in a career spanning 30 years including Abba Father. Tickets £5 each available from Annette Cherry 01469 531613 or Sue Girtchen 01469 530357

Hot Gospel Choir from Hull will be in concert on Saturday July 10th at 7-30pm. They have a varied and exciting programme. Tickets £5 each from Annette Cherry 01469 531613 or Ray Wardell 01469 530234



ST. MARY'S LADIES GROUP MAY 2010

Peace Garden Visit

This turned out to be a successful outing combining shopping at 'Down Town' with the garden. Everyone thought they could have spent much longer walking around or sitting contemplating the beauty and peace to be found there. The Buddha Matraya made everyone welcome and his famous home-made scones (for which he will not divulge the recipe) were enjoyed by all. A further visit to see it by lantern light is being considered.

As a complete contrast a coach party of our members went to see '**Calendar Girls**' at the New Theatre.

It is bitterly ironic that the story of the Calendar Girls, that has generated so much pleasure and enjoyment, should have opened with the kind of shattering news which we all dread. John Baker, an apparently fit and healthy 53 year-old "who'd never had a day's illness in his life" according to his wife, Angela, was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma in February 1998. John's many friends in the close-knit picture postcard village of Cracoe were shell-shocked and they rallied round Angela and her family, determined to do something positive to help. Tricia suggested that they do their own calendar in the style of the Pirelli one and all discussed which months they would be. So they went back to the idea, thinking that it would raise funds for the Leukaemia Research Fund and entertain John at the same time. Not that he believed they would do anything about it. 'You're all talk', he'd say. 'It will never happen.'" In the event, the rapid decline in John's health – he died only five months after receiving the diagnosis – added to the sense of unreality which Angela felt. Then one day, a few weeks after the funeral, she received a visitor. 'There was Tricia, armed with her clipboard. "Come on", she said. "Are we going to do this calendar – or not? Even if we don't sell any, at least we'll have tried to do something."'

The whole village wanted to do its bit and Tricia and Angela recruited volunteers from the WI. All that remained was for 11 good women and true to bare all in a noble cause. Accordingly, on a dark October night in 1998, ten shadowy figures arrived at the home of local artist Terry Logan and his wife Lynda, who was due to pose as Miss July. Although Terry was better known as a landscape painter, he knew precisely what was required. "I'd set up everything in advance and had worked out what I wanted from each photograph. I tried to match each lady to her strengths. Angela played the piano, for example, and so I shot her at a piano. If the lady had good legs, I made sure that we saw her legs. At first the ladies stood around in their dressing-gowns, drinking red wine and I knew that if I waited any longer, some of them would try to bottle out. So finally I said to them. 'This is it, ladies, let's get to work.'"

Angela sums up the extraordinary story: "I think that we've all coped really well with what has happened. We've done the most amazing things but we've kept our feet on the ground and we've never

forgotten why we did what we did. We didn't do the calendar because we wanted to be famous but because we wanted to raise money in John's memory. It has been the most marvelous experience." **To date they have raised more than 1.5 million pounds for Leukaemia research.**

A.G.M.- July 7th. 8p.m. 'Cheese and Wine' - Subscriptions (£8) for 2010/11 will be payable to ensure a place. No new members - there is still a waiting list!!!!

ST PETER'S SCHOOL EVENTS!

On April 29th the pupils and teachers of Barton St. Peter's primary school gathered together to hold a celebratory picnic for what would have been their late head teacher's birthday. The recommended donation was one pound, of which all was to go to Macmillan Cancer Research. The children each brought one of their favourite teddies to the picnic and Mrs Steward arranged a Barton St. Peter's special birthday cake.

During the picnic the children were each given a biscuit and some juice to keep them going. Sadly towards the end of the afternoon it started raining. (Typical English weather!) So the children and adults had to run inside with their teddy-bears!

The amount raised altogether was £245! All this money went to Macmillan cancer research.

This event was arranged by the school council. Other things the council have been busy with include deciding on five values which represent our church school and designing a new banner which the ladies of the church are busy making as we speak.

And finally some fantastic news for St. Peter's, Mrs Steward has been announced as the new head teacher at Barton St. Peter's Primary School!

You are very welcome.....

.....to come to the **Inauguration service** for the new Headteacher of St. Peter's School in church at 2.15 pm on Tuesday 15th June.

.....to come to the **Barton Arts' week Songs of Praise Service** with the New County Choir on Sunday 27th June at 6.00 pm. and the **Choral Evensong** at St. Mary's Church on Sunday 4th July at 6pm

.....to come to the Garden Party on the afternoon of Saturday July 3rd.

Alan's *still* collecting.....

.....**Tesco, Sainsbury's** and any other vouchers he can lay his hands on.

CONFIRMATION

The Bishop of Grimsby will conduct a confirmation service here at St. Mary's on Thursday October 14th; anybody over 10 who desires confirmation is welcome to have a chat with the clergy.

THANK YOU!

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your prayers and kind thoughts, they have sustained me. Also for all the kindnesses I have received since my fall.

I am doing well now and hope to back in circulation soon.

Annabelle Pounder.



WILDERSPIN NATIONAL SCHOOL

If you'd been down Queen Street in May you might have had to pinch yourself to make sure it was really 2010 and not 1939. Straggling along the pavement was a line of evacuees clutching suitcases, and gas masks. Pupils from St. Peter's School had gone back in time to get a flavour of wartime Britain as part of their work in history.

Having arrived from "the city" they walked the street to see the billets where they'd be living and to find out a little about the fictional residents including the ARP Warden and the local butcher (who might help circumvent meat rationing)! Back in the 1930s classroom the wartime curriculum included some basic geography studying the European map, gas mask drill and a splendid rendition of *Run Rabbit Run* in readiness for morale-boosting singing in the air raid shelter. The children had prepared well for the session in advance and really looked the part, arriving in period costume, wearing their "vacee" label with home-made gas mask cases slung over their shoulder. They had even researched food rationing and came with authentic looking pack-ups wrapped in paper and string – both valuable items as part of make do and mend!

This new *Wartime Schooldays Experience* for school groups is part of the expanding education programme that has also seen the introduction of a session focussing on Victorian school photographs and another looking at the Victorian street scene that link with creative art activities at the Ropewalk.

The summer events programme links with Barton Arts Week, and in partnership with the Civic Society we will be displaying ten drawings by Ted Lewis, author of *Get Carter*, who grew up in Barton and sketched many of the town's buildings. Graham Saunders will be investigating Percy Grainger's collection of Lincolnshire folksong, and the Blunderbus Theatre Company presents *Giraffes Can't Dance*, a funny, touching and triumphant story, written especially for children

aged 4 – 7, and their adults, too! See the Barton Arts Week programme for full details.

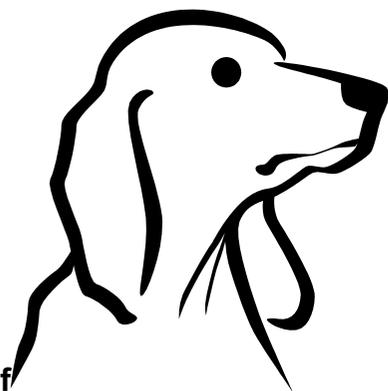
There's a chance to find out more about volunteering opportunities with the School and other local organisations at our Volunteers Week Coffee Morning on Saturday 12 June, 10.00am – 12.noon as part of Volunteers Week 2010.

Ian Wolseley, Wilderspin National School, Queen Street. Tel. (01652) 635172

www.wilderspainschool.org.uk

email: enquiries@wilderspainschool.org.uk





Hearing Dogs for the deaf

A big thank you from Lynn Atkin to all the people who give used stamps for this cause.

Also come along and meet some of the working dogs with their owners at a:-

Coffee Morning- Saturday, June 5th.

10 till 12noon

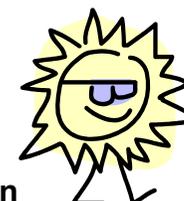
**St. John's Ambulance Headquarters
Fleetgate.**

and meet some of the working dogs with their owners.

OVER TO YOU

Well another month has gone by and it's that time for the magazine again! Not had many messages from you all out there-don't forget your items, letters etc. are very welcome. I can't include puzzles from other publications because of copyright, sorry.

Here are a few 'gems' found by Barbara in a Filey church magazine-real comments made in a survey by a well known travel firm:-



A holiday in the sun

'It's lazy of local shopkeepers to close in the afternoons during siesta time- this should be banned.'

'The beach was too sandy!'

We found that the sand was not like that in the brochure. Your brochure shows it as yellow but it was white.'

'No-one told us there would be fish in the sea. The children were startled.'

'We had to queue outside with no air conditioning.'

'It took us nine hours to fly home from Jamaica to England, but only took the Americans three....do you think that's fair?'

I compared the size of our one- bedroom apartment to our friends' three bedroom one and ours was significantly smaller.'

'We booked an excursion to a water park but no-one told us we had to bring a swimming costume and towels.'

'There are too many Spanish people. The receptionist speaks Spanish. The food is Spanish. Too many foreigners!'

Happy Holidays!!!!

Sue Wright.

BISHOP'S LETTER FOR PARISH MAGAZINES: JUNE 2010

It's the Law!

von Bismark once said that laws are like sausages – you don't want to be there when they are being made.

But being there while laws are made is precisely what will be required of members newly elected to Parliament. And this raises questions about how Christians should relate to legislation and the law of the land.

The standard response is that we do all we can to influence the legislative process by casting our vote, lobbying MPs and making the most of having Bishops in the House of Lords – and then live as best we can with the outcome.

On the other hand, there is a long history of civil disobedience on the part of Christians who refuse as a matter of principle to comply with the law, and are prepared to face the consequences.

Each of these stances finds support in Scripture and the Christian tradition.

But during the last Parliament we became aware of a third way whereby Christians campaigned to be exempted from certain laws because they were thought to conflict with Christian beliefs or threaten religious liberty. Former Archbishop George Carey even argued for cases involving Christian principle to be dealt with by specially chosen Judges who might be expected to understand the Christian point of view.

What do you think?

My own position is that we argue our corner when laws are being made but don't go in for special pleading in order to secure exemptions for ourselves. Civil disobedience remains an option for

Christians when law and faith are in conflict, and many bad laws have been repealed as a result of peaceful protest. But spending less time on securing exemption for ourselves so as to concentrate on making laws which are for the well being of all, would not come amiss.

+ John Lincoln