

# SAINTS ALIVE!

TO LOVE GOD AND TO USE HIS GIFTS TO HIS GLORY

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## *SUPPLEMENT TO CHRISTMAS ISSUE*

**SAINTS ALIVE!** offers sincere apologies for the major omissions from our Christmas issue which, we know, disappointed our readers. This supplement attempts to rectify the problem.

### ***BIBLE QUIZ***

First, we need to provide the answers to the Bible quiz presented in Volume 3 Number 1, our Advent Sunday issue:

Acts, Amos, Chronicles, Daniel, Esther, Exodus, Genesis, Hebrews, Hosea, James, Job, Joel, John, Judges, Kings, Lamentations, Luke, Malachi, Mark, Matthew, Nahum, Numbers, Peter, Philomen, Revelation, Romans, Ruth, Samuel, Timothy, Titus.

### ***CHR***

Did you know that every time you abbreviate 'Christmas' to 'Xmas', you are writing Greek?

That 'X' isn't the X from XYZ, it's the Greek letter 'chi', pronounced 'kye' and written, in English, as 'ch'.



This is sometimes called a 'PAX Cross', but this is misleading. We have seen that the 'X' is not the 'X' in PAX and the thing which looks like a P is not the 'P' from PAX either!

The Greeks wrote 'R' standing on just one leg and they called it 'rho', so the monogram you will see on the stoles of priests is thus chi-rho, which sounds like 'Cairo' but is written, using our alphabet, as Ch R and stands for 'Christ'.

happy new year!

### ***ALL SAINTS' GALA***

The function started off rather late but, when it did, went off smoothly and splendidly. Held at the Chinese Association in St Ann's on the evening of the first day of December 2007, the Christmas social gathering which has become a landmark of All Saints' parishioners' calendar, was well attended. As usual, a larger quota of ladies was in attendance, all very specially attired for the occasion.

Canon Berkley welcomed the guests and a short prayer was said. Parishioners were glad to have the opportunity to greet Father Andy Moore, visiting from New Jersey, where he is now based. Then tasty and generous helpings of Christmas fare were dished out to the guests.

After the convivial dinner, the talented raconteur, Paul Keens-Douglas delighted the audience with jokes and story-telling. His perfected talent, excellent timing and so-Caribbean sense of humour made for a most enjoyable cabaret, followed by two sets of pleasant musical renderings by the All Saints' Pan Ensemble, who keep sounding better and better. Between the sets, the draw of several door prizes was conducted by Dr Trevor Townsend and the exciting and generously donated gifts and hampers were presented by Judy Chang to the lucky winners.

Only one tactical error seemed to be that General Brown was left to hold the fort, i.e. the bar, singlehandedly; Major Grannum had to come to the rescue and help him cope with the onslaught of thirsty assailants.

An elegantly decorated tree and fairy lights peeping through sheer white muslin on the stage, beautiful centrepieces adorning the tables and good organisation helped to create a festive ambience and to start off the season on the right note with an early Christmas breeze gently blowing through....