

## **Luncheon Club**

First and foremost I would like to thank all those who have been involved with "The Lunch Club". Without cooks, table layers, washers and customers, we could not have existed so long.

Times have changed – we now need certificates and insurance for everything!

Hopefully when the new kitchen is completed we will reopen. I am trying to recruit as many helpers as possible so the burden is not left on the faithful few. The ideal situation would be four teams and a float for emergencies.

If you can help in any way for just a short time on Wednesdays between 9.30am and 2pm, please let either Gill in the Parish office (020 8464 5244) or Margaret Writer (020 8460 7444) know.

Thank you.

*Margaret Writer*

**Lunch club gave a gift of £101.50 to 'Crisis' in July and received a letter of thanks from the Director of Fundraising Chris Askew, requesting that we pass on "sincere thanks to all those associated with this gift."**

## **An Atheist's Tale**

An atheist was taking a walk through the woods. What majestic trees! What powerful rivers! What beautiful animals!" he said to himself.

As he was walking alongside the river he heard a rustling in the bushes behind him. He turned to look. He saw a 7 foot grizzly charge towards him. He ran as fast as he could up the path. He looked over his shoulder and saw that the bear was closing in on him. He looked over his shoulder again, and the bear was even closer. He tripped and fell on the ground. He rolled over to pick himself up but saw the bear right on top of him, reaching for him with his left paw and raising his right paw to strike him.

At that instant the Atheist cried out: "Oh my God!..."  
Time stopped. The bear froze. The whole forest was silent.

As a bright light shone upon the man, a voice came out of the sky:  
"You deny my existence for all of these years, teach others I don't exist, and even credit creation to a cosmic accident. Do you expect me to help you out of this predicament? Am I to count you as a believer?"

The atheist looked directly into the light, "It would be hypocritical of me to suddenly ask You to treat me as a Christian now, but perhaps could you make the BEAR a Christian?"

"Very well," said the voice.

The light went out. The sounds of the forest resumed. And then the bear dropped his right paw, brought both paws together and bowed his head and spoke: "Lord, bless this food, which I am about to receive from thy bounty through Christ our Lord - Amen."