

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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First Words...

- **School Holidays** – July marks the end of the school year. Please offer a prayer for those who have taken exams this year and await their results in August. Pray too for their families and for their teachers.
- **Celebration Weekend** – A date for your diary. The weekend of 8/ 9 October will be a time of great celebration here in Ecclesfield. We will be celebrating the 700th anniversary of the first named Vicar of Ecclesfield and the 400th anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible. Keep a look out in later magazines for further information.

Daniel Hartley



A Prayer for St Swithun's Day – 15th July

Almighty God,
by whose grace we celebrate again
the feast of your servant Swithun:
grant that, as he governed with gentleness
the people committed to his care,
so we, rejoicing in our Christian inheritance,
may always seek to build up your Church in unity and love;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Legend has it that, if it rains on St Swithun's Day, then it will rain for 40 days.

*St Swithun's day if thou dost rain
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Front cover- The two new bells being cast at the Whitechapel Foundry in London

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The Vicars Letter

Hard work and family values!

I'm always surprised that Church leaders don't often speak out in support of these two things. There are few things in life that are more rewarding than providing for one's family through hard work. As a Prison Chaplain I encountered the prevalent attitude that real work was a "mug's game". In the words of that great sitcom, "why do only fools and horses work?". How did I counter this? I would stand at the front of the Chapel and tell the young men what it means to be a real man, a man who steps up to the mark. It doesn't involve violence or intimidation. It doesn't involve crime. It doesn't involve disrespecting women by sleeping around. What it does involve is looking at yourself in a mirror at the end of the day and knowing that the man looking back at you is providing for his family through honest work. I would tell them that there is no greater feeling than being this man. The man of hard work and family values.

As is so often the case, a prison provides a microcosm of the ills of society. Time and time again we are frightened to speak out for what we believe in just in case we offend others. Yet such timidity leads to a greater erosion of our core values as a society. There is something intrinsically wrong when a society no longer values hard work, commitment, honesty and integrity. The cultivation of these values is not the responsibility of somebody else, be they teachers, social workers or even the clergy! Instead the responsibility begins with the family unit.

Am I old fashioned? I don't think that I am. I speak to many young people with young families who show just this sort of commitment to hard work and family values. Men and women seeking to provide for their families and to cultivate the values of hard work, commitment, honesty and integrity within the lives of their children. I have seen a world where these values have been neglected, the world within the prison walls. Within these walls the staff work hard to address such values, but their task is monumental.

So today I make no excuse for speaking of hard work and family values. I make no excuse for expecting people to value hard work, commitment, honesty and integrity. At the end of most days I can look into a mirror and look with confidence at the man staring back. On those occasions when I cannot then I ask for God's help for the next day. None of us are perfect, but that's not an excuse for us to stop trying!

Daniel Hartley

Bishop Cyril looks back in an Interview

The Bishop of Doncaster, Cyril Ashton, looks back at his time as Bishop of Doncaster in an interview today.

The Bishop of Sheffield, Dr Steven Croft, will say farewell to the Bishop and his wife at a service of thanksgiving in Doncaster Minster on Wednesday 13 July at 7.30pm.

In the interview, conducted by Communications Adviser, Revd Rob Marshall, Bishop Ashton says:

“There have been so many highlights – just before Christmas I did a nativity play with some of the young people from the deaf college in Doncaster. That was one of the most moving events I have ever experienced, seeing these youngsters dressed up in their nativity clothes absolutely beaming with enthusiasm and telling the Christmas story of Jesus. Their handicaps didn’t inhibit them and seeing them full of excitement and enthusiasm I was very moved by that and it stuck in my memory.”

Reflecting on the essence of a bishop’s ministry in the 21st century Bishop Ashton says: “I think the most important thing is people and really loving people into new life. The Church is moving through interesting and difficult phases and it requires more executive skills than it did in the past, but that’s good. The charisma of life and love of pastoral teaching - a bishop should have – and I think these are still the bedrock of what it is all about. Getting around with people, loving them and trying to bring some light into their lives.

Looking to the future, the Bishop confesses that he is looking forward to pursuing his interest in classic cars even more: “I hope so yes, I’m looking forward to that. Over the years I have been a biker and interested in classic cars. I’ve never really been able to get into the culture because most things happen on a Sunday and I’m usually quite busy on a Sunday. Two of my sons are bikers and we plan to do some touring in this country and across Europe over this next year or two.”

Bishop Ashton is keen to extend thanks to everyone in the Diocese and beyond: “Yes, thank you, it’s been an enormously enriching experience. I never actually worked in South Yorkshire before I came here. It’s been a marvellous experience with some challenges to face....people have been kind and open on the whole and refreshingly blunt which is good for a bishop to hear! ”

The interview is available to view on line at St Mary’s website www.stmarysecclesfield.com



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What does it mean to be a Christian at work?

This is a question that I regularly ask myself. I have found the workplace is a difficult environment to express yourself as a Christian, whether it is dealing with colleagues and customers, managing people or standing up for what you think is right and just. Personally, I have had some difficult situations to handle and decisions to make. I believe the more I have learnt of the scriptures the better I am able to express my faith in the workplace. A long time ago someone gave me a card it said on it: 'I know the plans I have for you' says the Lord - Jeremiah 29 v 11. That has always helped me in my work when things aren't going according to plan. Another helpful verse I've found is Colossians 3 v 23 'Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.' I try to live this out at work.

A few years ago a colleague felt God was calling him to set up a group for Christians in my workplace. It is a small group which meets once a week, to read the bible together, to discuss various issues, to support each other in our witness in the workplace and most importantly to pray for each other and our colleagues within Aviva.

This group has become a great support to me and it is a very important time in my week. It is only a small group, but there are a number of denominations represented Anglican, Methodist, Pentecostal, House Church, Baptist and Free Church. This makes for some very interesting discussions. When Daniel spoke about unity in diversity on Trinity Sunday it made me think of this group. There is a true respect for each other's views and opinions. Personally, I have learnt a lot from the time we spend together.

What is fascinating is the diversity of the teachings of the various denominations and what each individual feels is important to them. Some of them very strictly adhere to the word of the scriptures, others put the Holy Spirit as central to the way they live their lives. It is strange that some of the dominations do not observe the seasons as we do in the Anglican Church; for example when we were discussing Lent others said that they did not observe in the same way as we do. I often go away from these discussions, asking myself questions about where I stand on various issues and why – which is great for my personal Christian growth.

But the strength of it is that we all learn from each other and we are all united in prayer for each other and our colleagues. We will though keep grappling with the question what it really means to be a Christian at work.

Katharine Lonsborough

SAY IT WITH BELLS

If you have a special occasion (a wedding anniversary, birthday, engagement, birth, christening or other event) and you want to make it even more special why not have the bells of St Mary's rung for 45 minutes just for you.



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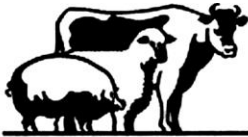
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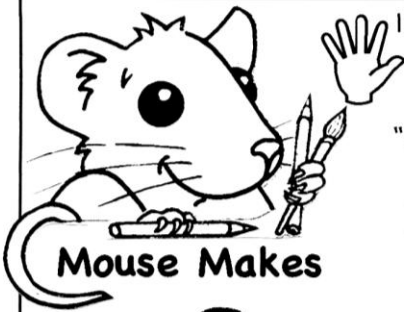
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READ Matthew 6:9-15



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July 11

Will You Remember Them

NEPAL – Proposed new laws criminalise evangelism

Five years after it abolished Hinduism as the state religion, Nepal is working on a new criminal code forbidding a person from one faith to “convert a person or help him to change his religion “.

Article 160 of the proposed code says no one will be allowed to do anything or behave in any way that could cause a person from a caste, community or creed to lose faith in traditional religion or convert to a different religion. The proposal would also prohibit conversion “by offering inducements or without inducement,” and preaching “a different religion or faith with any other intent”.

If found guilty, offenders could be imprisoned for a maximum of five years and fined up to 50,000 Nepalese rupees (£420) – three and a half times the national average wage. If the offender is a foreigner, he or she would be deported within seven days of completing the prison sentence.

Once the only Hindu monarchy in the world, Nepal was to have unveiled a new constitution on religious freedom on 28th May. But the Prime Minister negotiated a three month extension after parliament failed to reach agreement.

Public anger is growing against politicians in Nepal’s mammoth 601-seat parliament who are regarded as corrupt and power hungry. In June, eight Hindu organisations enforced regional general strikes for three days, which paralysed parts of the country. Nepal’s Christian minority is closely watching the upsurge in Hindu protests.

“From the very beginning, certain groups have been trying to cause instability and lawlessness, so that religious tolerance develops cracks in Nepal,” said Lokmani Dhakal of the Nepal Christian Society. “It is because our politicians don’t have vision and have been propagating religion and community- based politics. Many of them are not happy that the number of Christians is growing in Nepal.

Please Pray ---

- That the proposed new code and the current laws prohibiting proselytising will be overturned.
- That Christians will have a greater awareness of the potential threats against them and rise up in prayer to defeat any plans that could harm them.
- Thank God for the numbers of people becoming Christians in Nepal and pray for a continuing increase in their faith and numbers.

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A Moment when History becomes the Future.

Can you remember where you were, and what you were doing at 2.40pm, on Friday 3rd June 2011? There are at least ten people from Church, who could tell you exactly where they were and what they were doing. At approximately 9.15am, a group consisting of Bell Ringers, the Vicar and Churchwardens left Ecclesfield, to travel to Whitechapel in London. Their objective was to see the two new bells that were going to be cast for St Mary's Church at the Church Bell Foundry in Whitechapel Road. It is at least 166 years since bells were cast at this foundry for our church.

We decided that we would travel to London in two cars and meet at the foundry at 2.15pm. in time for the casting at 2.30pm. The journey to London was uneventful, and we had time for a couple of refreshment and comfort stops. We arrived, so we thought, in plenty of time, but that is where trouble started. Where could we park? There were no signs for car parks (well five of us did not see any) the street parking places were full, or for residents only. We drove round the streets, and the time to meet the others at 2.15pm. at the Foundry got closer and closer. Several arrow prayers and a few more streets later we then saw a space on a meter bay. It was about a quarter of a mile from the foundry, but a fast walk, and we arrived at 2.20pm, just as the other group thought that we might miss the casting. What a relief. We were all there, safe, and sound, and although we were a little late, we were just in time.

One of the management team was there to meet us, and he took us into the entrance hall of the foundry, where he gave us a brief talk on the foundry's history. We were then taken through the yard at the rear of the premises which was full of pre-made bells to be sold to churches who were only having one bell, and then into the actual foundry. It surprised me how many foundry workers there were involved in the process. They all knew what to do, and did it without rushing. You cannot be too careful when there is molten metal about. Some of the techniques that the workmen were using had been handed down over hundreds of years, and they continue to use them today.

Before we arrived at the Foundry, the workers had a lot of work to do prior to the bells being ready to be cast. The manufacture of the bell starts with the making of the cope,(outer mould) The moulding loam is then mixed and applied by hand inside an iron bell- shaped flask, and is then smoothed to the exact profile of the outside of the bell using a strickle, or moulding gauge. The inner mould (core) is then made by using loam over a hollow brick foundation, and is shaped by using the inner edge of the same moulding gauge. When it is almost finished, any names or inscriptions are impressed into the cope (in reverse) so that when the bell is cast, these will stand out in relief on the surface of the bell. When the two moulds have dried they are coated with graphite so that they have a smooth finish and then they are firmly clamped together leaving a space between the two for the precise shape, size and thickness of the bell to be cast.

Continues overleaf

Once we were in the Foundry, it was at this point that we started to take photographs. No one wanted to miss that moment when the bell metal was poured into the mould. We only had a few minutes to wait before the signal was given that the molten metal had reached the correct temperature and was then ready to be poured into the moulds. The two moulds for our bells were directly in front of us, and only a few feet away, so we had a very good view. The furnace was tapped, and the bell metal was poured into the ladle. At 2.40pm the molten metal was poured into the moulds, and we all witnessed a part of history for our church taking place, and the start of a new beginning for the future that should last for several hundreds of years. It is difficult to explain what our feelings were at that time, but we have many photographs to remind us. Most of all we have the vision of being there when it happened. When you consider that the last time bells were cast for St Mary's was in 1845 and before that in 1745 it is reasonable to assume that no one from Ecclesfield travelled to the foundry to watch the bells being cast. If that is correct then all those in the group who travelled to London are the only ones from Ecclesfield ever to see bells cast for Ecclesfield Church.

Bell metal is an alloy consisting of approximately 77% copper and 23% tin. The metal is then melted inside the furnace, and when it has reached the required temperature, the furnace is tapped and the metal runs off into a ladle, skimmed to remove any impurities, and then poured into the moulds. When the metal has cooled, which in this case would be on the Monday morning, the cope is lifted off to separate the mould. The bell is then removed, to allow the breaking away of the loam, and is then cleaned so it is ready for testing, drilling and tuning.

Our time at the foundry was almost completed, but not before the tuner came to speak to us and answer our questions. The thought of having our new bells, and a full re-tune of the old ones was now closer to reality. With this thought in mind, and everything else buzzing around in our ears, we decided to go for a pub meal, and a well earned drink. After allowing the Friday afternoon London Rush Hour to settle down, we started on our journey home, to arrive tired but full of anticipation and excitement.

We are hoping that by the time you are reading this, both bells will be on display at the rear of the church. So why not come along and see them close up. Once the bells have been removed from the church; and put into the Bell Tower, it may be that you will not be able to see them again.

All the Bell Ringers would particularly like to thank Janet Gledhill, who was a bell ringer at St Mary's for many years but is now retired, for her gift of these two bells. Without her generous donation, we would still be a long way from our target. We appreciate her gift, which has brought a dream of many years closer to reality.

Our Peal Appeal is to continue, although this will be the end of the first stage, there is a lot more work to be done before we can say that the job is finished.

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Diary for the Month of July

Sunday 3rd

2nd Sunday after Trinity

- 9.30 am Parish Communion
- 11.15 am Family Service
- 12.45 pm Baptism Service
- 6.30 pm Evening Service
- 7.30 pm PCC Groups in Church
- 10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
- MU Trip to Castle Howard
- 7.00 pm Ecclesfield Deanery Synod in Church
- 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 10.30 am Prayer Meeting in Church
- 7.30 pm Ladies' Group – Coffee Evening

Monday 4th

Wednesday 6th

Thursday 7th

Sunday 10th

3rd Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am Holy Communion
- 9.30 am Morning Prayer
- 11.15 am Family Communion
- 6.30 pm Holy Communion
- 10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
- MU Garden Party/ Bring & Buy
- 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 7.30 pm Ladies' Group
- 2.00 pm Hartwell House Service

Wednesday 13th

Thursday 14th

Sunday 17th

4th Sunday after Trinity

- 9.30 am Parish Communion
- 11.15 am Family Service
- 6.30 pm Evening Service
- 10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
- 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 7.30 pm Ladies' Group – Summer Party

Wednesday 20th

Thursday 21st

Sunday 24th

5th Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am Holy Communion

	9.30 am	Parish Communion
	11.15 am	Family Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Monday 25 th	7.30 pm	Ignatian Prayer in Church
Tuesday 26 th	7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting in Church
Wednesday 27 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 28 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion

Sunday 31st

6th Sunday after Trinity

9.30 am	Parish Communion
11.15 am	Family Service
6.30 pm	Evening Service

From the Registers

Baptisms

5th June	Lainey Andrews
5th June	Honey Stringer
5th June	Oscar Jake Fowler

May they know the love of God in their lives and may all things of the Spirit live and grow in them.

Weddings

18th June	Robert MacMurtrie and Kelly Gurney
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May each be to the other a strength in need a comfort in sorrow and a companion in joy.

Funerals

Burial

10th June	Jemma Jessica Louise York	21
13th June	Iris Wheat	75

Grant them, O Lord, refreshment, light and peace.

The Way I See It - Is it really ALL Nick Clegg's fault?

'Have I Got News for You' has made its living out of ridiculing our politicians, who are all, apparently, cheats, idiots, liars or philanderers. Margaret Thatcher was the 'milk snatcher', Tony Blair was B. Liar, Gordon Brown was a Muppet. And now Nick Clegg, who isn't even Prime Minister, has become the subject of the most cruel and persistent tsunami of political ridicule that I can remember. You would think that single-handedly he had cut our wages, barred thousands of young people from university and put up the price of petrol and food. Oddly, the 'real' prime Minister seems to have escaped most of this opprobrium. It's all Nick Clegg's fault.

Several commentators, noting this phenomenon, have described Mr Clegg as the 'scapegoat' for the nation's ills. They mean by this that he is bearing blame that should rightly be apportioned more widely - that he is being abused so that others can be spared abuse.

However, that's not quite what happened to the original scapegoat - the word, of course, comes from the book of Leviticus in the Bible (chapter 16). On the annual Day of Atonement, when the people of Israel mourned for their sins, two goats were brought before the high priest. He laid his hands on them, confessing all the sins of the people. One of them was then taken away and offered as a sacrifice. The other one was taken out into the desert where it was set free. That was the 'scapegoat'. It was the first goat that bore the sins of the people. The second one was a picture of forgiveness. As the Psalmist says, 'As far as the east is from the west, so far has (God) set our sins from us'. The scapegoat ran free. Like the Lamb of God, Jesus, it 'carried away the sin of the world'. Between them, the two goats represent the process of forgiveness - a price paid, and a life set free.

I suspect that in our present feverish political climate Nick Clegg might feel a bit more like the goat that was sacrificed. The scapegoat runs free, a picture of freedom and escape, not of ridicule and scorn. In the strange ways of the world, only history will make clear which of the two he is eventually destined to be.

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The frog spoke up again and said, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a beautiful princess, I will tell everyone how smart and brave you are and how you are my hero." The man took the frog out of his pocket, smiled at it, and returned it to his pocket.

The frog spoke up again and said, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a beautiful princess, I will be your loving companion for an entire week." The man took the frog out of his pocket, smiled at it, and returned it to his pocket.

The frog then cried out, "If you kiss me and turn me back into a princess, I'll stay with you for a year and do ANYTHING you want." Again the man took the frog out, smiled at it, and put it back into his pocket.

Finally, the frog asked, "What is the matter? I've told you I'm a beautiful princess and that I'll stay with you for a year and do anything you want. Why won't you kiss me?"

The man said, "Look, I'm a computer programmer. I don't have time for a girlfriend, but a talking frog is cool."



The Broken Coffee Cup Holder - a true story.

A man came into the computer shop and asked for a replacement part to his computer. Service Engineer: "What kind of replacement part?"

Customer: "the cup holder!"

Service Engineer: "the what?"

Customer: "the cup holder!"

Service Engineer: "computers don't have cup holders. Did you get some kind of accessory somewhere else?"

Customer: "no - it came with the computer!"

Service Engineer: "well, I have to assure you that there are no cup holders on these computers!"

Customer: "oh - yes there is! For goodness sake - I've been using it ever since I took it home. Mighty good cup holder too, I might add!"

Service Engineer: "sir, I have been working around computers all my life. I know every computer in this store. There is no such thing as a built-in cup holder!"

Customer: "and, darn it... I've been using the darn thing for my coffee cups for a good five months now. I'm not imagining it!"

Well, they went back and forth like this for a good long time. Finally, the supervisor had to be called in before it got out of hand.

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MARY MAGDALENE

22nd July

Mary Magdalene is one of the most important women associated with Jesus during his ministry.

Mary, who came from the village of Magdala on the shore of the Sea of Galilee, was a devoted follower of Jesus, part of the close group of those taught by Jesus during his ministry. Jesus had healed her of seven devils. She was with Jesus during his travels and followed him to the end, witnessing his crucifixion when others had fled, and his burial. According to all four Gospels, she was the first person to see the Risen Christ in the garden on the very first Easter Day.



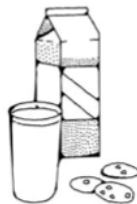
She is often shown in pictures holding a pot of ointment because she was among those women who brought ointment and linens to the tomb of Jesus. For this reason, in the

Eastern Orthodox Church she is called a Myrrhbearer.

M-WORDS

All the answers to this quiz begin with the letter M. Which M is...

1. A Canadian police person in a red jacket?
2. A mixture of water and earth?
3. A type of pasta?
4. A black and white bird?
5. A white drink?
6. A hairy, extinct elephant?
7. What you do with a ruler?
8. A wall painting?
9. Not the beginning or the end?



What did the monster say to the grand piano?

Darling, you've got lovely teeth.

What do moths study in school?

Mathematics.



What is a dog's favourite musical?

The Hound of Music.

Answers: 1.Mountie 2.mud 3.macaroni
4.magpie 5.milk 6.mammoth
7.measure 8.mural 9.middle

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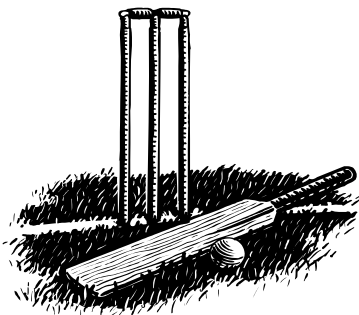
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All Welcome

Whitley Hall Cricket Club



A good start to the season for all the senior teams with the 1st XI 7 points clear at the top of the Premier League as we go into the second half of June and the 2nd XI in a good position in Division 2. The new team, Whitley Colts has also achieved a string of wins with the junior teams all performing well. Come and join us.

The pavilion is open on Saturdays from 11am through to 11pm with hot and cold refreshments, salad teas and a bar. All are welcome.

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Forthcoming Matches at Cinder Hill Lane

Date	Time	Match Details		
June 25 th	1.30 pm	2 nd XI	v	Thorncliffe
July 2 nd	1.30 pm	2 nd XI	v	Hallam
July 9 th	1.00 pm	1 st XI	v	Elsecar
July 16 th	1.30 pm	2 nd XI	v	Conisbrough
July 23 rd	1.00 pm	1 st XI	v	Houghton M
July 30 th	1.30 pm	2 nd XI	v	Warmsworth
Aug 6 th	12.30 pm	1 st XI	v	Barnsley

Andrew Robinson

The Gardening Year – July 2011.

Flowers – Sow seeds of stocks, which are best treated as biennials, sow the seeds in the open border or in the cold frame and when they are a few inches high transplant them to their permanent position leaving 8-12 in. between plants. Chrysanthemums require attention, tie disbud and keep a watch for green fly, feed dahlias, layer carnations, and water if necessary. Perennial flowers like delphiniums, phlox and anemones will give a second crop if faded blossoms are removed. Ivy cuttings inserted in the cold frame will root readily this month. Towards the end of the month clumps of irises can be lifted and replanted, if the soil is moist, gathered sweet peas regularly to prevent seed pods forming, pick in the evening or early morning before the sun has dried the dew, after a hot day, syringe the sweet peas with water, hoe the soil round the plants. Attend to the staking of autumn flowering plants such as sunflowers, heleniums, Michaelmas Daisies. Pansies may be sown outdoors in boxes. Feed roses with a liquid feed, unless fed they will not give a satisfactory second crop of flowers, increase pinks by cutting or “pipings” i.e. short pieces pulled out at a joint and inserted as cuttings, insert in sandy soil and keep moist until the roots have formed. Take cuttings of all the early flowering carpet plants such as Arabis, Aubretia etc, pieces pulled off and inserted in sand with no trimmings or other preparation will root readily if kept moist overhead, shade them if a cold frame is not available. Sow seeds of summer flowering perennials such as chrysanthemum maximum, Lupins etc and transplant when large enough to handle leaving 6-12 in. between plants.

The Rock Garden – Remove faded flowers from the Rock Garden. This is a good month to increase early flowering rock plants by means of cuttings. Find silver sand is a good medium to strike cuttings and a cloche is advisable. Shade cuttings under glass from the effects of sunshine by covering the glass with lime wash. As soon as the cuttings are rooted, remove the glass and transplant into pockets in the rock garden. The bright pink of the catchfly ‘silene compacta’ is very useful in the new rock garden, where colour is desired and more permanent plants have yet not spread to their full extent. Seeds sown now on any bare patches in the rockery will make a mass of blooms next summer. Iceland poppies are fine plants for rock gardens and flourish as true perennials in pockets of warm sandy loam. To avoid possible complete loss of plants during the winter sow seeds now.

The Shrubbery – Now is the time to clear up this part of the garden, prune back shrubs that have flowered except those varieties which flower on stems growing from the tips of old shoots, clean the soil by hoeing and forking keeping a sharp

Continued overleaf

watch for self-sown seedlings of foxgloves, honesty or other woodland plants, such seedlings can be left where they are or transplanted in groups where ever desired. Keep climbers trained, quick growing climbers like clematis and roses need attention as least once a week.

Fruit – Fruit of all kinds make rapid growth this month. Trained trees can have a number of the surplus shoots removed, where summer pruning is practiced this should be done this month. Espalier and cordon trees must be attended to or they will lose their shape. Reduce the shoots to induce the formation of fruiting spurs.

Vegetables – Continue to plant out winter greens, make sowings of spring cabbage, early carrots and globe beetroot, lift early potatoes as the tops turn yellow, and spray main crop potatoes against potato blight. Water runner beans if the weather is dry. Watch newly-sown French beans for the appearance of red spider mite plenty of water over and under the leaves will cure this trouble. Keep that hoe constantly going.

Colin Williams



Advance Notice - Holiday Club

“Champions”

A Holiday Club for 5 to 11 year olds

In the Gatty Hall

Week August 15th to 19th 2011 - Times 10.00 am to 12.00 noon

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The Revitalising Ecclesfield Park and Pavilion Group

Will be holding a '**FOOD FOR THOUGHT**' event in Ecclesfield Park (near the Bowling Pavilion) on Sunday 10th July 2011 between 1.00 pm and 4.00 pm. The event is part of the Sheffield Food Festival Week and will promote the new Community Garden, currently under construction in Ecclesfield Park.

There will be food related activities, for all ages, so come along and have some fun. Our aim is to encourage the community to develop healthier eating habits and promote growing your own Fruit and Vegetables.
All welcome.

The event starts at 1.00 pm and finishes at 4.00 pm
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MU 1st June 2011 Speaker The Rev'd. 'Tricia Impey

A Pilgrimage to Turkey - Istanbul and The Seven Churches of the Revelation Led by Rev'd. 'Tricia Impey and Rev'd. Richard Impey

'Tricia was warmly welcomed to our meeting and after some 'catching up' began her talk by explaining the meaning of a pilgrimage. They started around the eleventh century and brought business to towns showing relics to visitors, for penitence, healing, company, holidays and making connections.

We began our pilgrimage in Istanbul by visiting the imposing Hagia Sophia, the last Christian service being held there in 1453 when the Turks took over; the underground Justinian Cistern with the fish swimming around; the Blue Mosque – its sheer grandeur lifting our eyes so that heaven meets earth and the Topkapi Palace – a museum showing the sumptuous wealth of the Ottoman Empire.

Free time in Istanbul was turned into a delightful day by our guide Demir as he took us on an adventure visiting the Greek Orthodox Church of St George where the Patriarch was presiding over a conference. Demir presented 'Tricia and Richard to him as leaders of our pilgrimage. We called at a mosque in Eyup where we all removed our shoes and the ladies covered their heads to sit and listen to Demir quietly explain their customs and teachings. A boat trip on the Bosphorus completed our visiting for that day.

Our final day in Istanbul was to St. Saviours in Chora, now an incredible museum showing wonderful mosaic murals and frescoes depicting the life of Christ. The most startling being one of the resurrection, showing Christ pulling Adam and Eve out of their tombs. Another was of Jesus turning the water into wine. It is worth noting that during years of Ottoman rule the scenes were kept in such good condition by being covered in whitewash when the church became a mosque.

After a short flight, followed by a long drive, we arrived at our hotel in Izmir (Ancient Smyrna). The following day we visited the church of St Polycarp. Set amidst the hustle and bustle of a busy modern town this truly tranquil place of worship symbolises the site of one of the seven churches; adorned with pictures and statues, an unusual one being of Joseph with Jesus.

Visits followed in the next few days to the other Churches of the Revelation. Pergamum set on a steep acropolis and with a dedication of healing; Thyatira – the home of Lydia – the inhabitants criticised for tolerating 'that Jezebel'. We moved on to Sardis – a town said to be impregnable but twice invaded and told 'Wake up, you are dead.' Later we saw the Temple of Artemis, a Roman Gymnasium and mosaics in a synagogue. From there to Philadelphia where the residents were urged in Revelation to hold on to what they had. During a brief stop-over we saw the spectacular calcium springs at Pamukkale which means 'Cotton Castle' and yet also

resembled clouds of settled snow. On that day we went on to Heiropolis and Laodicea where the people were told to ‘use their gold to improve their lives.’

On our last day in Turkey we visited Ephesus where Paul had lived and addressed the people. The city was already, then, a centre for travel, trade, politics and religion. Now, partly restored and truly impressive, it was easy to visualize its role and status as one of the Seven churches.

Journeys back to our hotels in the evenings sometimes included stops to visit marble and carpet makers where we were shown the skills and products of the people working there. We also took in the grand Bazaar and Spice Market in Istanbul and leather jackets were admired in Kusadasi (and bought!)

Every evening, at some point, the group would gather together for Evening Prayers, readings, a hymn and a reflection of the day. These times were invaluable, bringing our day to a meaningful close and holding us together as a happy band of pilgrims. The final dismissal on the final day was:-

*God be the road on which you travel;
He the mountains
on which you are tested and challenged,
the wells
at which you find healing and peace.*

*Christ be the light by which you travel;
he the vision
which informs and enlarges you,
he the lodestar
shining in your darkest nights.*

*The Spirit inspire you as you travel:
she the restlessness
driving you onwards,
she the stillness
leading you to the heart of God.*

*The Trinity the Three,
go with you as you travel:
and may your journey
begin continue
and end in Them. Amen*

So our travelling came to an end. Clearly, a twenty first century pilgrimage still fulfils the criteria of the Middle Ages. Thank you ‘Tricia for coming to talk to us; also Richard and Demir for guiding us through Istanbul and The Seven Churches of the Revelation.

PAB

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Ecclesfield Rainbows

Gatty Hall
Tuesday 4.45 pm to 6.00 pm
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Ecclesfield Brownies

Gatty Hall
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Leader - Mrs M. Myers
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Ecclesfield Brownies

Gatty Hall
Tuesday 6.15 pm to 7.45 pm
Leader - Mrs A. Kendall
Tel: 0114 2468866

Ecclesfield Guides

Gatty Hall
Thursday 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm
Leader - Mrs C Topham
Tel: 0114 2461289

The Grenoside Singers

Practice Monday in St Mark's
Church Hall at 7.30 pm
Secretary: Garry Leigh
Tel: 0114 2464714
www.grenosidesingers.co.uk

Ecclesfield Cubs

Scout Hut (off Yew lane)
Wednesday 4:45 pm to 6:15 pm
2nd Pack 6.30 pm to 8.0 pm
Leader - Mrs A Hancock
Tel: 0114 2402398

If you would like your local group advertised please contact:

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Ecclesfield Priory Players

EPPIC Theatre
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Wednesday 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm
Secretary –Carol Travis

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Ecclesfield Guide May Queen

Ecclesfield Guides have recently performed their 67th Annual May Queen concert. This year nearly 100 Guides, Brownies and Rainbows took part in the show and they all took the audience on a journey around the World. The Rainbows visited Europe (stopping off at Holland, France and Spain), Brownies went to Asia (celebrating a Chinese New Year and Bollywood dancing in India), the Guides toured America, Queens & attendants went to the African Jungle & the Leaders rode Ostriches in Australia!!

During the second half of the show our New May Queen was crowned. This year we are pleased to announce that Charlotte Whitham was crowned as Queen Amaryllis. Charlotte chose Emily Campbell, Rebecca Hibbert, Hannah Siddy (petal thrower), Kassia Sedgwick (cushion bearer), Eve West and Codie Middleton (train bearers) to be her attendants.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who came to support us and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.



Emily Campbell

Charlotte Whitham
(Queen Amaryllis)

Rebecca Hibbert

Codie Middleton
(train bearer)

Kassia Sedgwick
(cushion bearer)

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