

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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First Words...

- **LENT** – As talked about in the Vicar’s Letter, the season of Lent begins on 9th March with a Service of Holy Communion and the Imposition of ashes. Please come along.
We’ll be holding Lent Reflections in Church on each Wednesday evening between 16th March and 13th April at 7.30 pm. Again, please come along.
- **THE FUTURE - HAVE YOUR SAY** – Please feel free to talk to the Vicar about how you’d like to see the life of our Parish develop over the coming months and years. It’s an exciting time in the life of St Mary’s, Ecclesfield and it’s time for us to think about the direction in which we’re heading.
- **CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND FAMILIES** - one of our priorities is to look at our work with children, young people and families. If you’re reading this as a parent and you keep thinking that maybe one day you’ll take your children along to Church, then make the “one day” happen this Sunday. Come along to our 11.15 Service and enjoy this informal act of worship.
- **GOING FOR GROWTH** – Tell people about us! Let’s all do what we can to bring new people into the life of our Church. 8 o’clock, 9.30 am, 11.15 am, 6.30 pm - that’s just a Sunday. Coffee shop, Thursday morning Communion Service and much more. There really is something for everyone. Talk to your neighbours, talk your friends, talk to your colleagues. Let’s make “going for growth” a priority for 2011.

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The Vicar's Letter

After a long and very snowy winter, the month of March brings us into Spring. A new season and the movement towards the warmth of summer. Spring itself is a season of new growth, of new birth. In the darkest days of winter we know that spring is just around corner, but we don't *feel* that spring is just around the corner. In the midst of the winter cold and darkness it can seem to us that winter will go on forever.

This year March also marks the beginning of a new season in the life of the Church. On the 9th March we begin Lent with Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is a day set aside for fasting, for works of penance and for the examination of our consciences. In many ways our observance of Ash Wednesday sets a pattern for our observance of Lent.

During Lent we are called to look at who we are and whether our relationship with God is in the right place. The reason for fasting and for acts of penance isn't so that we can tick boxes on a list of "pious things to do". We undertake these tasks, and others, as the backdrop against which we ask the question "who am I?" All of Lent leads towards the cross of Good Friday and the desolation of Holy Saturday, but we need to ask ourselves why Jesus *had* to die on the cross. The answer lies in our sinfulness, the times that we have fallen short of way in which God calls us to live. It was the sins of a fallen humanity that drove Jesus to the cross, and it is our sins today that continue to make the cross a living sign of God's redemptive power.

If the cross is to have any meaning for us we need to spend the season of Lent looking at the things that we don't like about ourselves and our relationship with God. As we dwell on these we find ourselves brought down in spirit and all that we can do is fall on our knees before God. It's precisely at this point that we're ready to approach the cross on Good Friday and to be raised to our feet in songs of joy on Easter Day.

So, back to Ash Wednesday. Come along to Church at 7.30 pm on Ash Wednesday for our Service of Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes and start as you mean to go on. In next month's magazine I'll talk about Holy Week and Easter. This month I'll finish with a promise: if you throw yourself into Lent this year I promise that you'll experience the true meaning of the resurrection on Easter Day. Come along on Ash Wednesday and on the Sundays of Lent. You've got nothing to lose and absolutely everything to gain!

Daniel Hartley

Prayer for the Month

Almighty God
we give thanks for the season of Lent
and ask that you may give us the courage
to confess our sins before you.

As we confess our sins,
so we seek your forgiveness and a new birth in the power of you Spirit.

We commend the life of our Church to the same Spirit
and ask that you will inspire, guide and lead us into a bright and exciting
future.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

[illegible]

- God became man to turn creatures into sons; not simply to produce better men of the old kind but to produce a new kind of man. **CS Lewis**
- The best way to succeed in this world is to act on the advice you give to others. **Anon**
- The great thing in the world is not so much where we stand as in what direction we are moving. **Anon**
- Success does not depend so much upon external help as on self-reliance. **Abraham Lincoln**
- Be not a shrub but a cedar in your generation. **Sir Thomas Browne**
- He who is happy is rich, but it does not follow that he who is rich is happy. **Singhalese Proverb**
- Happiness is more than a grin on one's face, it is the glory in one's heart. **R. Parlette**
- Perfect love sometimes does not come until the first grandchild. **Welsh proverb**
- An hour with your grandchildren can make you feel young again. Anything longer than that, and you start to age quickly. **Gene Perret**
- The best baby-sitters, of course, are the baby's grandparents. You feel completely comfortable entrusting your baby to them for long periods, which is why most grandparents flee to the south coast. **Dave Barry**
- Although we leave Your house, we don't leave Your Presence. **Anon**
- You're getting old when you enjoy remembering things more than doing them. **Anon**



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Say again?

Three elderly church ministers, all hard of hearing, were playing golf one sunny spring morning. The Methodist minister observed, “Windy, isn’t it?” “No,” the Baptist pastor said, “it’s Thursday.” The Anglican vicar agreed: “So am I! Let’s go get a pint.”

The Bishop's Letter for March

This month Bishop Cyril writes:

God sees the inner reality



In a recent talk Cardinal Walter Kasper quoted a German proverb, “Who I am greets sadly who I should be.” I can relate to that. Lent is traditionally a time of reflection and self-examination where we can more effectively fashion our lives on the teaching and example of Jesus. Hopefully, this provides the incentive to bring closer together the reality of who we are with the longing to become more Christ-like. Many of us throughout Lent will look for times of quiet when we seek to face our inner demons and dispel their hold on us. Jesus himself was made to face his fears during the forty days in the wilderness.

After Shakespeare, John Donne, in my view, is one of the greatest English poets. During a serious illness in 1623 he wrote the famous ‘Hymn to God the Father.’

‘Wilt thou forgive the sin where I begun, which was my sin, though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive the sin, through which I run, and do run still, though still I do deplore?
When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.

Wilt thou forgive that sin which I have won others to sin, and made my sin their door?
Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun a year or two, but wallow’d in a score?
When thou hast done thou hast not done, for I have more.

I have a sin of fear, that when I have spun my last thread, I shall perish on the shore;
But swear by thyself, that at my death thy Son shall shine as he shines now, and
heretofore;
And having done that, thou hast done; I fear no more.’

Facing our fears may require great courage. The harm we have done, and are capable of doing; the messes and complexities of life lived behind the masks we wear. What if we were able to face our fears and discover, as Donne did, that God sees the inner reality of deceits and arrogances, habits and inheritances, the entire tangled bundle that makes us who we are – and loves us with an utterly generous, utterly forgiving grace - would we believe it?

Don’t be afraid to acknowledge the discrepancy between who you are and who you could be. For a time this Lent find space to face fear and discover again the boundless love of God offering forgiveness and healing. It is no accident that the commonest greeting of God and of Angels is, “Do not be afraid.”

+Cyril Doncaster

Disturb us Lord

At a Deanery Meeting last year, the person leading the worship used the following prayer. Since then I have read it and pondered on it many times. Although it's a prayer dedicated to the English navigator and seaman Sir Francis Drake, who is said to have written it as he departed the west coast of South America, it has, I believe, much to say to us in 2011.

Sir Francis was the first Englishman to circumnavigate the globe and was instrumental in defeating the Spanish Armada. The son of a Protestant preacher. Sir Francis, like all human beings, had strengths and weakness. But, as you can see from the prayer below, he was passionate about his faith in Christ.

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves,
When our dreams have come true
because we dreamed too little,
when we arrived safely,
because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when
with the abundance of the things we possess
we have lost our thirst
for the waters of life!!

Having fallen in love with life,
we have ceased to dream of eternity
when in our efforts to build a new earth,
we have allowed our vision
of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,
to venture on wilder seas
where storm will show Your mastery;
where losing sight of land,
we shall find the stars.

We ask You to push back
the horizons of our hopes;
and to push us into the future
in strength, courage, hope, and love. Amen.

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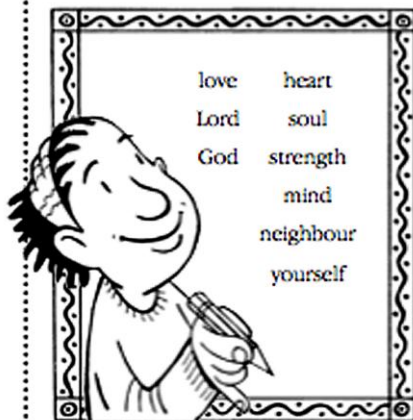
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 _____, with all your _____ and love your
 _____ as _____.

Luke 10:27



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Mothers' Union 2nd February 2011

Where does our money go? – Norma Priest

33 members met, some for lunch and others later. The meeting opened with a short service and prayer.

Norma then addressed the meeting on the subject of where the money goes. It was a very appropriate subject as it is the time of year when we all pay our annual dues.

All monies raised are used in accordance with the 5 objectives of the MU. 1/ Nature of Marriage, 2/ Children to be brought up in faith, 3/ Worldwide fellowship of prayer, 4/ Good conditions for family life and 5/ For families in adversity. A lot of money is raised – nationally £500,000 was raised for overseas, our Diocese put £10,000 into this fund. Of our subs half goes to Mary Sumner House and this helps in giving grants, lobbying parliament. Some of course has to be spent on Administration. Diocese also needs funds to run local events – e.g. IMPC, Faith & Policy, Prison Crèche training etc. The Deanery doesn't receive much money - £8 per branch and this year 3 branches have closed.

In 1999, 89% of monies spent by Mary Sumner House came from our subscriptions – in 2010 it was 18%. They have been able to find other ways to bring in monies and still expand our work worldwide without substantially increasing our subscriptions. We need to be proud that only 3pence in every pound is used for management, admin and expenses.

Examples of actual projects overseas are – **Relief fund**. In 2007 a grant was given to the Solomon Islands to buy sheeting, blankets, food etc. after the tsunami. In 2009 monies for maize and rice for families affected by famine in East Africa. Worldwide Grants e.g. 150 paid workers across the world, all local women speaking the language of those among whom they work. Significant proportion of the Overseas fund goes to pay their salaries and expenses – this year this has been severely affected through loss of investment income and the grants have had to be cut by 60% **Literacy project** – this is now 10 years old and deemed to be one of the most successful in the world.

This is only a quick flavour of where our money goes and how effective the work of the Mothers' Union is across the world.

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A Pilgrimage to Turkey

Istanbul – Hagia Sophia and The Sultan Ahmed or Blue Mosque

Hagia Sophia

Hagia Sophia (The Church of the Holy Wisdom) is a former Orthodox patriarchal basilica (church), later it became a mosque, and it is now a major museum and visitor attraction for tourists in Istanbul.

From the date of its dedication in 360 until 1453 it served as the cathedral of Constantinople. In 1453 following the capture of Constantinople by Mehmed the Conqueror the building was re-dedicated as a mosque, in 1934 it was secularized (de-consecrated) and it was opened as a public museum on 1st February 1935.

Famous in particular for its massive dome, it is considered the epitome of Byzantine architecture and is said to have "changed the history of architecture." It was the largest cathedral in the world for nearly a thousand years, until Seville Cathedral was completed in 1520.

The current building seen right was originally constructed as a church between 532 and 537 on the orders of the Byzantine Emperor Justinian and was the third Church of the Holy Wisdom to occupy the site, the previous two having both been destroyed by rioters.



View of Hagia Sophia



The church was richly decorated with mosaics throughout the centuries. They either depicted the Virgin Mother, Jesus, saints, or emperors and empresses. Other parts were decorated in a purely decorative style with geometric patterns. During the Sack of Constantinople in 1204 the Latin Crusaders vandalized valuable items including the golden mosaics of the Hagia Sophia. Many of these items were shipped to Venice, whose Doge, Enrico Dandolo, had organized the invasion and sacking of Constantinople.

Seraphim (angel) mosaic

Most of the remaining mosaics were plastered over or painted over during the time the building was in use as a mosque, some very high quality mosaics do however remain and many have been revealed for the public to gaze on. These include four large seraphim (angel) mosaics one of which is shown above.

Continued overleaf

The Sultan Ahmed Mosque - Popularly known as the **Blue Mosque** for the blue tiles adorning the walls of its interior.

The mosque was built between 1609 and 1616, during the rule of Ahmed I. Like many other mosques, it also comprises a tomb of the founder, a madrasah (school/s secular and religious) and a hospice or hospital. While still used as a mosque, the Sultan Ahmed Mosque has also become a popular tourist attraction.

The mosque was built on the site of the palaces of the Byzantine emperors, facing the Hagia Sophia (at that time the most venerated mosque in Istanbul) and the hippodrome, a site of great symbolic significance. Large parts of the southern side of the mosque rest on the foundation and vaults of what was the Great Palace.

Architecture - The design of the Sultan Ahmed Mosque is the culmination of two centuries of both Ottoman mosque and Byzantine church development. It incorporates some Byzantine elements of the neighbouring Hagia Sophia with traditional Islamic architecture and is considered to be the last great mosque of the classical period.



It is said that the architects used the design of Hagia Sophia's basilica dome as a starting point for designing the dome of the new mosque.



Decorations - At its lower levels and at every pier, the interior of the mosque is lined with more than 20,000 handmade ceramic tiles in more than fifty different tulip designs. The tiles at lower levels are traditional in design, while at gallery level their design becomes more flamboyant with representations of flowers, fruit and cypresses trees.

The mosque gets its nickname the Blue Mosque from the blue tiles used to decorate the main dome.

Minarets - The Sultan Ahmed Mosque is one of the two mosques in Turkey that has six minarets. The other one is the Sabanci Mosque in Adana. When the number of minarets was revealed, the Sultan was criticized for being so presumptuous, since this was, at the time, the same number as at the mosque of the Ka'aba in Mecca. He overcame this problem by ordering that a seventh minaret to be built at the Mecca mosque.

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Diary for the Month of March 2011

Wed 2 nd	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	1.00 pm	MU in the Gatty Hall – John & Janet Daniels/Travelers Tales
Thursday 3 rd	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Church
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group – Coffee Evening

Sunday 6th **The Sunday before Lent**

	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	11.15 am	Family Service
	12.45 pm	Baptism Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Tuesday 8th	6.00 pm	Ecclesfield Feoffees in church
Wednesday 9 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Ash Wed 9 th	7.30 pm	Holy Communion
Thursday 10 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	2.00 pm	Service at Hartwell House
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group

Sunday 13th **1st Sunday of Lent**

	8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	9.30 am	Morning Prayer
	11.15 am	Family Communion
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Monday 14 th	7.30 pm	Baptism Preparation in Church
Tuesday 15 th	7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting in Church
Wed.16 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 17 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group – Coffee Evening

Sunday 20th **2nd Sunday of Lent**

9.30 am	Holy Communion
11.15 am	Family Service
12.45 pm	Baptism Service
6.30 pm	Evening Service

Wednesday 23 rd	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 24 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group – Annual Dinner
Sunday 27th		3rd Sunday of Lent
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	11.15 am	Family Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Service with Prayers for
Monday 28 th	7.30 pm	Ignatian
Tuesday 29 th	12.30 pm	History Group Visit
Wed 30 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 31 st	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group –Roy Platts

From the Registers

Baptisms

6 th February	Olivia Mae Mitchell
6 th February	Jasmine Ronica Lumley

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

Funerals

Burial

2 nd February	George Worth	63
7 th February	Stanislaw Moj	84

Cremation

7 th December	Margaret Anne Keir	74
24 th January	Norman Hudson	93
25 th January	Eric Gregory	86
28 th January	Brian Barry Milton	68
14 th February	Harry Marsden	87

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

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Bishop's Challenge - **Canon John Thomson Video Interview**

The Diocese of Sheffield has set itself a target of finding 50 people who can resource themselves for ministry by assisting the Church of England locally in its task of serving communities in parishes.

In a wide ranging video interview published recently on the Sheffield Diocesan website www.sheffield.anglican.org Director of Ministry, Canon John Thomson, believes that different types of people are now being called to various forms of ministry.

In the interview Canon Thomson says: “When I look at the sort of issues about resourcing ministry one of the key things is that we’re facing double whammy of retirements; people who started 40 years ago as vicars, people who started in mid-life 20 years ago seem to be retiring roughly at the same time, so we have a capacity issue and one of the ways we’re trying to address that is by responding to the Bishop of Sheffield’s challenge to find 50 people who resource themselves in ministry; rather than be resourced by the church, but nevertheless are available in different ways to be of service to the Christian community in this area.

But it is not just building up the ranks of the clergy which is on the mind of the Diocese: “The other area we’re looking at, of course, is building up lay ministry, those are people who don’t have the dog collar, but are working as collaborators in ministry and also what we call some fresh expressions initiatives - that’s new ways of exploring the church.”

Canon Thomson reveals that there are lots of people already working towards realising a vocation: “At the moment we have about 76 people training on our school of ministry for that, we’re about to take some new opportunities for people to join up. We’ve got some ‘count me in’ events on the 10th and 12th February, people might say “I can do that”, we would love to see them and bring them onto our training program for that.

He adds “We’ve also got 18 people at the moment training to be vicars in the process and another 16 who we think this year might be possibles and another 41 who are busy saying this might be something for me. So, there are a lot of people around, the key thing is to give them the opportunity, see who’s right for the different roles and then work as best we can to get them out on the field.”

Responding again to the Bishop of Sheffield’s challenge, Canon Thomson says: “What we’re saying is there are people around in our church across this region who ask the question “Could I be of service to the Church in this particular way?” and if you’re interested in that then why not get in touch with us?”

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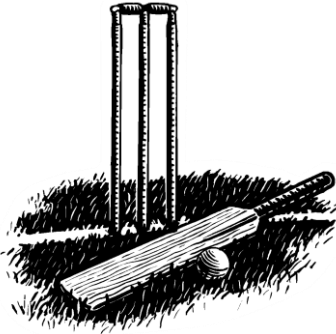
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for the 1st XI winning both the South Yorkshire Premier League title and also the Whitworth Cup. Preparations are now in hand to defend these achievements and to continue growing the club. In addition to the junior teams and two senior teams, a decision has been taken to compete with a 3rd XI to be known as the “Whitley Hall Colts”. Indoor nets will be held for six weeks on Thursday evenings starting on 3rd March at the Bawtry Road Cricket centre. Any new players interested in taking part should contact Steve Fletcher. The first senior matches of the season will be on 23rd April with the 1st XI away at Elsecar and the 2nd XI at home to Norton Woodseats; more details of matches will appear in next month’s magazine together with details of summer practice times. The Annual Dinner and prize giving will take place on Saturday 19th March at Tankersley Golf Club and guests will be most welcome – please contact Joe Webster for tickets. As we prepare for the new season, all are reminded that they are welcome to come to the club and use the facilities – children and even babies are welcome. If you would like to support the club in a tangible way, social membership is available and you can also sponsor the match ball for only £25 each game. Contacts: Joe Webster, Secretary: 0114 245 2518; Steve Fletcher, Director of Cricket: 0114 245 2406; Andrew Robinson, Publicity and Fundraising: 0114 246 3646

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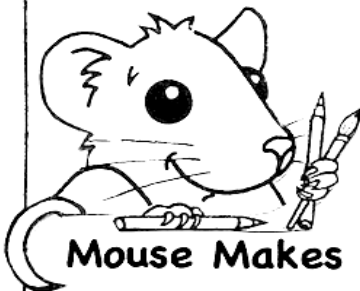
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Children's page



Mouse Makes

ASH WEDNESDAY is the first day of LENT. It is a day for saying 'sorry' to God for any wrong things you have said or thought or done.

THE 40 DAYS OF LENT

When Jesus was 30 years old he was baptised by John in the River Jordan. Before Jesus began to preach and teach he went out into the desert alone. For 40 days he spent time praying and talking to God, preparing himself for what God had sent him to do.

Remembering those days Jesus spent in the desert, the Christian Church set aside 40 days before Easter as a time to think, pray and learn more about God.

This time is called LENT.

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*Eliza Ann (I have her name)
Was my dear Daddies Mum.
She lived with us when she grew old
Some days her face was glum.
We knew when to be quiet,
She'd give us that stern look,
Peering over her glasses
When sat reading a book.
She'd sit in mother's rocking chair
Watching us at play,
Children should be seen not heard
We would hear her say.
When she reached late eighties
She had a walking stick,
I'd have to run beside her
As she still walked too quick.
I never can remember
Sitting on her knee,*

*She loved milk stout and beetle drives
And whisky in her tea.
She slept in the same bedroom
As my two sisters and me,
So when grandma came to bed
Real quiet we would be.
She was always snoring
And talking in her sleep,
Pulling covers over heads
We never dared to peep.
I'm a grandma myself now
But I will never know
If she really loved me
Cos she never told me so.*

Elizabeth Ann Oldknow

Will You Remember Them

Anti-Christian violence is often focused on Christian festivals.

Nigeria In Jos, Plateau State, threats to disrupt Christmas celebrations in the area were realised when seven explosions killed 32 people and injured 74 on 24th December 2010. That same day two churches in Maiduguri were attacked. Five people, including the pastor and two choir members, died at one church when a 30 strong mob of Muslim militants armed with guns, knives and petrol bombs attacked. Violence has continued into 2011 with a brutal assault on two other villages on 11th January Fifteen people, including women and children, died in the attacks.

Iraq Explosives were left outside at least six homes belonging to Christians on 30th. December Two people were killed and 14 wounded in the targeted attacks. Four days later, Rafa Butros Toma who survived an earlier church attack, was shot dead in her bed.

Egypt A suicide bomber detonated explosives outside a church in Alexandria, killing at least 21 people and injuring scores of worshippers as they were leaving a service on New Years Day. Two Christians were also murdered when an off duty police officer opened fire on Christians travelling on a train on January 11th.

Egypt is experiencing large-scale civil unrest and protests fuelled by economic, social and political grievances, but there are growing fears that radical Islamists may capitalise on the unrest and seize power. Christians are, "praying hard and trusting in God" amid the turmoil.

Pray - That the Lord will comfort all those who lost loved ones in anti-Christian violence in December 2010 and January 2011.

Give Thanks - That arrests have been made in connection with the drive-by shooting outside an Egyptian church that killed six Christians on 6th. January 2010. Pray that the authorities in all three countries will pursue justice for the Christians who have died or been injured so far this year. **Pray** - for peace and religious freedom in Egypt, Iraq and Nigeria and other places where Christians are persecuted. Pray that our Christian brothers and sisters may continue to be a witness to Christ's love even as they face discrimination, harassment and violence.

JD

The Gardening Year – March 2011.

The Flower Garden – all herbaceous perennials should be planted at once. Finish rose planting. Prune, train and tie up climbers. Sow hardy annuals such as larkspurs, mignonette, nigella, Californian poppy etc., during mild weather. Sow sweet peas outdoors. Plant hardy flowers such as carnations, pinks, gladioli etc., Transplant pansies, violas and snapdragons into their flowering quarters. Violas are effective as a carpet under dwarf roses, plant 6 in. apart. Stir the soil amongst wallflowers, forget-me-nots, bulbs and other spring flowers. Remember to sow flowers for cutting these will be valued later on. On a warm south border, roses may be pruned during March. In most districts, the last week is the safest time to prune strong growing kinds lightly and weak one more severely.

The Shrubbery – look over all evergreen shrubs and cut out dead wood, where necessary use the pruning knife to restore symmetry to the bushes. Plant new evergreens if the weather is fine and showery. Rhododendrons get old and straggly in time, cut such plants back severely now. One season's flowering is lost by pruning rhododendrons and only very overgrown plants should be cut back. Azaleas should receive the same treatment.

Fruit – any unplanted fruit trees should be planted this month into their permanent positions. Protect apricots and peaches on walls and fences by the use of fleece. This keeps several degrees of frost from damaging the blooms. As soon as the warm days come, look out for weed seedlings, and hoe between the fruit trees to destroy them, hoeing also makes the soil sweeter allows air to penetrate to the plant roots and brings soil pests to the surface to be eaten by birds. Cut back autumn fruiting raspberries to within an inch of the ground and give a top dressing of well decayed manure.

Vegetables – most of the main crop vegetables are sown this month. When the weather is suitable sow broad beans, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage and Brussels sprouts in boxes for transplanting later. Onion sets can be planted this month also early potatoes, carrots, leeks, parsnips and swedes. Tomatoes and cucumbers seed can be planted if you have a propagator or heated greenhouse. Give adequate ventilation to tomatoes, cucumbers, melons and marrows and all vegetables under glass. The hardier they are kept so long as they are not checked by frosts the sturdier the plant will be, and the better the crop.

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PARISH NOTES: by Rev. E. D. Edwards

The Rev. Arnold Pawson M.A. Vicar of St. James' Scarborough,

Had been appointed Vicar of Ecclesfield and hopes to commence his work here in the early part of October. He is a half-brother of the late Vicar

Rev. F. W. Pawson. Mr Pawson had had a varied experience of church work in both town and country, and so is well qualified to take charge of this parish, which, in some ways resembles a town parish and in other ways a rural parish.

It may possibly interest some of you to know that Mr Pawson had very kindly asked me to stay on here as his curate, and that I have decided to do so. I can only hope that you will be pleased to hear this.

HOLY BAPTISMS.

Aug. 2 – Ethel Mary, daughter of Frederick and Polly Hutton

Nellie, Daughter of Arthur and Margaret Turner (who is the mother of David Tingle).

Lydia, Daughter of Tom and Lydia Turton.

7 Kathleen, Daughter of William Thomas and Kate Griffin.

8 Effie, Daughter of Bernard and Effie Ridge.

From: - The Church at the Front – Buying off Fanatics!!

Mr Winston Churchill caused some amusement in the House of Commons two or three months ago by his description of a fanatical sect of Mohammedans, called the Wahabi. To illustrate the sternness of these peoples creed, Mr Churchill said that women had been put to death for going out of doors: to wear silk garments was a penal offence: and men had been killed for smoking cigarettes. These austere and bloodthirsty folk have to be reckoned with, and it has been found necessary to buy off their opposition to the setting up of an Arab kingdom in Mesopotamia under the Emir Feisal by granting them an annual subsidy. Now, I am not going to draw a parallel between this and the attempt to buy off the invading Danes in the olden days- the circumstances are utterly different – nor am I about to dilate on a religious fanaticism that can be placated by a money payment. I wish simply to point out to some good people at home, who profess to admire the simplicity and unity of Islam, that there are almost as many sects in the Mohammedan world as there are in Christendom. And that is saying a good deal.

PB

Contact Numbers for Local Groups



Ecclesfield Rainbows

Gatty Hall
Tuesday 4.45 pm to 6.00 pm
Leader - Mrs B Travis
Tel: 0114 2453504

Ecclesfield Brownies

Gatty Hall
Monday 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm
Leader - Mrs M. Myers
Tel: 0114 2452452

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: Gary Leigh
Tel: 0114 2464714
www.grenosidesingers.co.uk

Ecclesfield Cubs

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

If you would like your local group advertised please contact:

Mrs P Blackburn  0114 2468453

Ecclesfield Priory Players

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

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Scout Hut (off Yew lane)
Monday 6.00 pm to 7.15 pm
Leader - Mrs J Steel
0114 2460218
Thursday 6.00 -715 pm
Rachael Otter 0114 2461752

Ecclesfield Scouts

Scout Hut (off Yew Lane)
Tuesday 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Leader - Mr. E. Buttmer
Tel: 0114 2586935
Group Scout Leader
Rob Kirk Tel. 0114 2209212

Whitley Hall Cricket Club

Practices - 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm
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Up to 13 yrs - Thursdays
14 yrs to 17 yrs - Fridays
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Church Choir Practice in Church			
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Music Group Practice in Church			
Thurs 7:30pm - Contact: Andrea Whittaker		0114	2460746
Mother's Union in Gatty Hall			
1st Wednesday 1:00 pm			
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Continuing Dorothy Robinson's memories of life before the last war

At the new farm the buildings outside were an interesting collection. In the main they were arranged around two rectangular yards. They comprised cowsheds, a large stable, pigsty, henhouse, fodder room and engine house, which drove machinery for cutting mangolds etc for feeding cattle. There were sheds for carts and other farm machinery, and a joiners' shop.

Haystacks and straw stacks were arranged along two lanes on the top side of the other buildings, sheltered in Dutch Barns. Even in those days fire-raisers were sometimes on the prowl, and I remember a time when during an arson epidemic aimed at farms, police were patrolling stack-yards at night- time.



Jack Revitt (front, centre) with other local farmers at the Ecclesfield ploughing competition

Harvesting was different in those days. The combine harvester had not arrived on the scene. There was some mechanisation though - hay was cut by a special mower – horse drawn of course. After lying in the field to dry for a day or two it would need turning over, and then left for another day.

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The 'old way'

the farmer was lucky enough for rain not to come as a set-back it would then be forked into round “cocks” ready for when the dray or “wain” would arrive, and helpers would hoist it by the forkful onto this conveyance. Every load of hay that arrived safely home to the Dutch barn was an occasion for rejoicing, sometimes having undergone several wettings in our uncertain climate. A similar procedure applied to the corn harvest, though the mowing machine was also a “binder” as this machine also bound the cut stems of the corn into sheaves. These would lie to dry for a day or two, and then be positioned into

“stooks”. When completely dry they would also be harvested in a similar way to hay. The first “mod-con” to appear was the elevator which would take hay or corn up to the stack. Then, threshing the corn was a separate occasion. Certain people owned threshing machines. These would be pulled by traction engine from farm to farm and hired to thresh for the farmer. Dates had to be booked for this operation. Several men would come along with this machine and work for two or three days. The work was dusty and dirty – dust from the corn, and dirt from smoke from the engine.



Doe Royd farm in 1935

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