

# *News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield*



*Church Magazine for November 2011*

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## First Words...

- **All Souls Memorial Service**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 4.00 pm in Church.

Please join us for this Service of Remembering. There is a list at the back of Church for you to write down the names of departed family and friends that you would like to be remembered at this Service.

- **Remembrance Day Service**

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 10.00 am.

Please join us on this day as remember those have died in defence of the freedoms that we enjoy today. *We will remember them.*

- **New Pattern Of Services – 10.00 am On Advent Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> November**

I'm pleased to announce that our new pattern of Sunday morning Services will begin on Advent Sunday. We will be worshipping as re-united family at 10.00 am - more information to follow during the November Services in Church and on the Church website.

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*Daniel Hartley*



## The Collect for All Saints' Day

Almighty God,  
you have knit together your elect  
in one communion and fellowship  
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints  
in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those inexpressible joys  
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;  
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.

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## Remembrance

November is the month of remembrance. On 1<sup>st</sup> November the Church celebrates the Feast of All Saints (celebrated at St Mary's, Ecclesfield on the Sunday before, 30<sup>th</sup> October). On 2<sup>nd</sup> November the Church commemorates All Souls Day (a special Memorial Service will be held in Church at 4.00 pm on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November). We then commemorate Remembrance Day on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at a 10 o'clock Service. At all of these services we are remembering the past; we are remembering the Saints of generations past, the lives of the faithful departed and those who have given their lives in defence of our freedom. Yet the act of remembering isn't simply about looking backwards, it is also about connecting our present with that which has gone before.

In today's culture we appear to be somewhat disconnected from our past. The word "tradition" has come to be synonymous with the term "old fashioned". Nothing should be further from the truth. Tradition is not merely about the past, but about the connections between past and present. It is about allowing our present to be shaped, in part, by the telling of past stories and the sharing of past memories. For Christians tradition should always be seen as something that is alive, a "living tradition". Tradition is the rich repository of beliefs and practices that enrich our faith today, but it is also a repository that continues to be added to. Tradition allows us to realise our connectedness with those around us, but also those who have gone before us. I am the 42<sup>nd</sup> Vicar of Ecclesfield, a lineage that stretches back 700 years. When I sit in my Stall in the Church or stand at the altar I feel a profound connectedness with those have gone before me. When I climb that steps to the 135 year old pulpit I feel that same sense of being part of something that is so much bigger than me. Being truly at one with past is an amazingly liberating experience. At times we may need to unclutter our understanding of the past. We do so not to abandon the past but to be enriched by the wood rather than the trees, the bigger picture rather than the clutter of individual events.

So this November as we remember, let us allow the past to speak to us again. Spend time sharing stories and immersing yourselves in the folk memories and traditions of Ecclesfield. You may even want to wander around the Church and notice again the beauty of the past and its ability to move us in the present. Past, present and future connected in the act of remembrance.

*Daniel Hartley*

# The Bishops' Letter, November 2011

## **'Deep tradition of teaching'**

We're working backwards through the Ten Commandments. Can you remember Number Nine? It's the very simple one about telling the truth: "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour" (Exodus 20.16). It's a small commandment with huge consequences.

There is a longing in our national life for people of integrity – people who are on the inside what they claim to be on the outside. Trust is based on truth. The scandals of recent years have undermined public confidence in politicians, bankers, journalists and others in public life.

Telling the truth can be difficult. A commitment to the ninth commandment is more than not telling deliberate lies. It's a commitment to plain speaking and to turning away from exaggeration, flattery and all kinds of deception. In the words of Jesus, it's making sure your yes means yes and your no means no.

For many years our society has been careless with its long heritage of Christian faith. The deep tradition of teaching the Ten Commandments to children as they grow up has been neglected. Christian values have been mocked in the public square. This means, among other things, that people do not learn as they grow up some of the very simple notions of right and wrong. That includes speaking the truth (and the reasons why we should not lie). God himself, the creator of heaven and earth, commands that we be truthful.

If we grow a generation of people who have not learned to speak the truth and who bear false witness over and over again in their lives, what will happen? We will see the breakdown of family life. Truth is essential for long term relationships and especially for marriage. Confidence in public life will be eroded. We will not be able to trust one another or believe what we read in the papers. Business and the economy will be profoundly affected for the worse.

We live in a society which is neglecting God's commandments. We have unleashed the forces of greed and abandoned the simple notion of truth. The consequences are all too plain.

Our task as a church is to speak the truth, together and as individuals and to bear witness to Jesus Christ who himself claims to be the Way, the Truth and the Life.

Telling lies is wrong and against God's law. And we should say so.

*+Steven Sheffield*



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## A Week of Accompanied Prayer

What is a week of accompanied prayer? It is one week in which the participants agree to spend a minimum of thirty minutes per day sitting quietly with God, either with a Bible reading, a poem, music or silence and with the help of a companion trying to discern God's plan for each individual's life. So, each person has a very different experience.

It begins with a short service including a meditation on the Sunday at the beginning of the week. Each participant is then given a companion to share with as they meet up each day. You are told that you only have to share that which you wish to share and that everything you say is kept in confidence.

Generally your companion would give you a passage for the next day but, it may be that you have a passage of your own that you wish to sit with. When you come to see your companion on the following day you have thirty minutes to share with them what God seemed to be saying to you – they will not discuss with you but they may prompt you by asking – ‘How did you feel about that?’ ‘Did you feel comfortable with that?’ or other such questions to help you to discern the workings of God in your life. Experiences of the week vary but each person gains from the week.

If you hear of such a week and have concerns about whether you should take part or not - just give it a go and I am sure you will benefit from time with God.

We also have monthly Ignation Evenings in church on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of each month beginning at 7.30 pm – you are very welcome to join us.

### **THE SHELTER OF GOD**

“Lord you are my hiding place  
A shelter from the storm  
A protection from the heat  
I rest under the cover of your wing  
Your love is around me  
Beneath me to support me  
Behind me to protect me  
Before me to guide me  
Around me to shield me  
Within me to strengthen me  
Lord you are my hiding place  
This day and forever.”

**SH**

## ‘Textify’ - A new way of talking about your faith!

Young people across the UK have joined a unique campaign that aims to help them share their Christian faith – they ‘textify’ each other.

The Textify campaign uses mobile phones and texting to start conversations about Jesus. Over 800 young people have engaged with each other on social media networks including Facebook and Twitter (Textify Hope).

Textify is a challenge, from Hope Revolution, to spend a week praying for three friends and then text them each a question or ‘God thought’ as a conversation starter. Participants are encouraged to daily pray for their chosen mates and think through their ‘God’ story and use their friends’ responses to speak about the difference Jesus makes in their life.

Andy Hawthorne, Director of the Message Trust said: “God is looking for people who will step up, take the challenge and be radical for him. Now is the time to go for it, love your friends, pray for them and tell them of the incredible news.”

Hope Revolution is the youth movement of HOPE, encouraging teenagers all over the country to share God’s love with their communities, through words and actions. Over forty youth ministries - including The Message Trust, Soul Survivor, Youth for Christ, Tearfund, Urban Saints and the Redeemed Christian Church of God – are committed to being part of Hope Revolution.

The four simple Textify steps sum the campaign up:

**Step One** Choose: Make a choice and commit to praying for three of your mates;

**Step Two** Textify: Text them a question or conversation starter;

**Step Three** Talk: Go for it and boldly speak about Jesus;

**Step Four** Share: How is it going? Connect on Facebook or Twitter.

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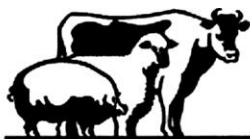
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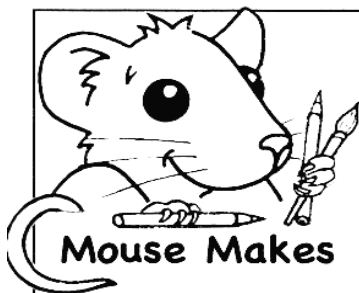
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## REMEMBERING

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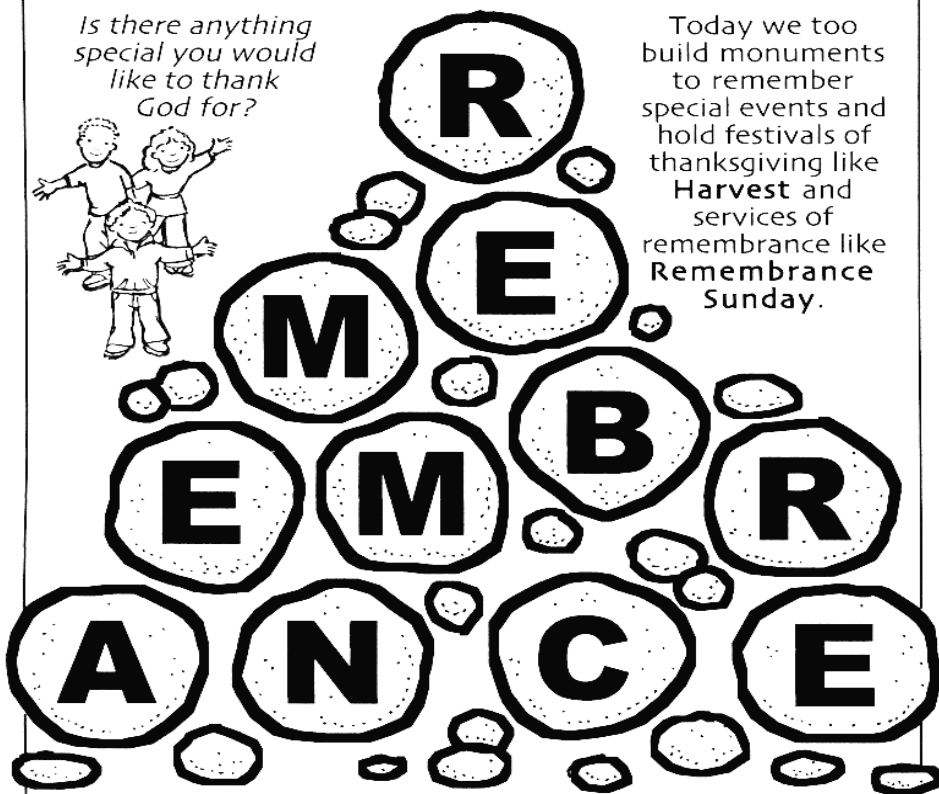


*Read Joshua 4:1-9 and Exodus 12:1-14*

*Is there anything special you would like to thank God for?*



Today we too build monuments to remember special events and hold festivals of thanksgiving like **Harvest** and services of remembrance like **Remembrance Sunday**.



Cut out each letter stone and move around to spell the word **REMEMBRANCE** then see how many other words you can make...

...here's one to start you off:



# Will You Remember Them - Egypt November 2011

November 6<sup>th</sup> is a special day known around the world as IDOP, **I**nternational **D**ay **O**f **P**rayer for Christians who are persecuted for their faith. Please continue to pray as you are able for these believers. This month we ask that we might once again remember the difficulties of Christians in Egypt learning to love and forgive in face of deathly atrocities.

Christians across Egypt have been shocked by the recent violent attack on a peaceful demonstration organised by Christians protesting over the destruction of a church in Aswan on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept. Official figures cite that 24 people were killed and a further 250 injured in the violence.

Open Doors contacts in Cairo said that the violence was initiated by the security forces, while other Christians told us that excessive force was used against people who were protesting peacefully. An Egyptian pastor told Open Doors of a powerful prayer time during these events. Eye witness reports told how military vehicles deliberately and indiscriminately ran over protesters. An Orthodox priest described how he protected the driver of one vehicle which had killed a number of people. As the vehicle was turned on its side and caught fire, the priest told the soldier that if he came out, he would protect him from the angry mob. The priest put his arms around the soldier's head and asked the people not to hit him. He covered the soldier with his body as he laid him on the ground. As the angry mob saw what their pastor was doing to protect the 'killer' soldier, they agreed to spare him in Jesus' name. The priest brought the soldier to his commander and told him, "Christ died for you, and he has given your life back to you. He alone can save you." The priest also described how he prayed with those who were fatally injured. He said that many of the young people around him were willing to die for Christ and asked for him to pray a prayer of absolution over them. There is a growing feeling among the Muslim community condemning what has happened and showing public support for the Christian community in Egypt.

## **Please Pray:**

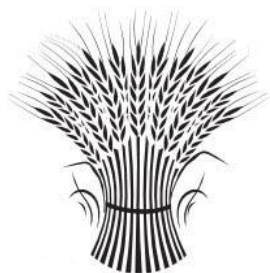
- That God would raise up champions of peace to exhibit calmness and forgiveness in their communities.
- That Christians would respond in a true Christian way when confronting persecution and mistreatment, and continue to show love to their attackers.
- That Christians would come together in unity to ask God to intervene in their situation.

*JD*

## Harvest - A chance to say “Thank you”

It was a joy to welcome the children their teachers and ever increasing numbers of parents and grandparents into church on the 19 October for Ecclesfield Primary School Harvest Festival Celebrations.

Key stage 1 were very enthusiastic as they sang their harvest songs with actions and shared harvest thoughts and prayers.



Key stage 2 began with... “Today we would like to give everyone the time to reflect on the ways that they are lucky, the ways in which some people are not quite so fortunate, and the ways in which we can all work together as friends to share what we have” followed by reflections on the word harvest.

**H** stands for our homes and we thank God that we have homes that are warm, clean and comfortable, homes where we can be part of a loving family.

**A** stands for advice and we thank God for good friends who can offer us advice and help when we have difficult choices to make.

**R** stands for rest and we thank at harvest for the times we play together as friends, for relaxing times, games, holidays, having fun and enjoying ourselves.

**V** stands for vegetables and we thank God at harvest for the food we eat. At Ecclesfield we often have lots of fruit and vegetables to enjoy. They keep us healthy.

**E** stands for Education and we thank God at harvest for our education. We are proud to belong to Ecclesfield Primary School. At harvest we thank God for our education and for all the people who are part of our school community.

**S** stands for share and at harvest we try not to think of ourselves. We try to think of ALL people everywhere. We try to think of those who have no homes, who don't get the chance to play because they are ill, of those who do not ever have enough to eat and of those who have no schools to go to.

**T** stands for THANKS – Thank you is a phrase most important to us. It gives us a way of showing how much we value things that have been given to us or done for us. It is a way of saying how much we value the people around us. At harvest we come to say a big thank you for all the wonderful things in our lives.

Closing prayer:

Loving Father.

you give us so much-our food, our homes,  
our play and the love of those who care for us.

Help us to remember that many people are  
hungry or homeless, have no schools or play.

Help us to show them your love by caring  
for them. Amen.

As a church we want to say a big thank you for the many harvest gifts brought for the Archer Project in Sheffield who care on a daily basis for homeless people, and pennies to support one of the many projects to aid people in Africa.

*PC*



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## Diary for the Month of November

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	1 pm	MU in the Gatty Hall – Jeni Fryer
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group – Coffee Evening/Book Sale

**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>**

## The Third Sunday before Advent

	9.30 am	Parish Communion
	11.15 am	Family Service
	12.45 pm	Baptism Service
	4.00 pm	Memorial Service
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting in Church
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Church
	2.00 pm	Service at Hartwell House
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group – Jeni Fryer
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup>	1.00 pm	Autumn Fayre in the Gatty Hall

## Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>

## The Second Sunday before Advent

Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Service of Remembrance
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group - Christmas Party

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup>**

## The Sunday before Advent

	9.30 am	Parish Communion
	11.15 am	Family Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group – Christmas in the Dales
Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Ecclesfield in Bloom Coffee Morning



## **Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>**

## **Advent Sunday**

8.00 am Holy Communion  
10.00 am Parish Communion -  
Launch of the new Joint Service  
6.30 pm Evening Service

Monday 28<sup>th</sup>

7.30 pm Ignation Prayer in Church

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>

7.30 pm Prayer Meeting in Church

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>

10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House

## **From the Registers**

### ***Baptisms***

2<sup>nd</sup> October Kody Scott Gregory  
2<sup>nd</sup> October Daniel George Ridge  
2<sup>nd</sup> October Oscar James Hudson

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

### ***Weddings***

15<sup>th</sup> October Mark Jackson and Catherine Ruddlesdin  
22<sup>nd</sup> October Paul Bradley and Claire Flower

*May each be to the other a strength in need a comfort in sorrow  
and a companion in joy.*

### ***Funerals***

#### ***Burial***

12<sup>th</sup> September William Jenkinson  
27<sup>th</sup> October Dennis Stringer

### ***Cremation***

18<sup>th</sup> October Bernard Lunt

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

### **Flower Rota**

4th December Advent 2  
11th December Advent 3  
18th December Advent 4  
25th December Christmas Flowers (Alice Hinchliffe)

## The Gardening Year November 2011.

**Flowers** complete planting of tulips, hyacinths etc., in doors and under glass, examine pots and bowls of bulbs and move inside any with 1ins. shoots placing them in cool conditions not exceeding 10°C (50°) give sufficient water. Sweet peas, prepare next seasons planting site by double digging apply 3-4 handfuls of bone meal per sq. yd. to the top spit, if you want to grow exhibition sweet peas next year trenches should be dug 18in. deep loosen the bottom soil and leave the trenches open. Fill the trenches with garden refuse such as leaves, weeds, vegetable waste and manure this is especially necessary on land that has a tendency to dry out. Fill the trench in again in January and give a good dressing of lime. Roses, plant out roses after preparing a planting mixture containing bone-meal and peat or other humus forming material. For standard roses drive in a stout stake and secure near the head of the rose. Dahlias, examine stored tubers and plunge them in a bucket of tepid water overnight if they have shrivelled, cut away portions of tubers that have rotted and dust with flowers of sulphur. Gladioli- clean the corms some time between drying off and planting, store cormlets separately if they are to be grown on, discard corms diseased with dry rot, hard rot, fusarium rot or botrytis. Select the site for next years gladioli, dig it over and incorporate manure or compost and some bone meal. Carnations and pinks, plant border carnations and pinks in mild weather, test soil for lime content and add lime if below PH 6.5 in mild spells firm soil around plants loosened by frost. Clear rubbish from around stems and make sure stakes and ties are secure. Protect plants against birds using black cotton.

**Lawns** – new lawns, try to complete laying of turf this month though laying can continue during the winter if the weather remains favourable. Prepare the ground for sowing a new lawn in the spring, ideally, the site should be dug over two spits deep, but the area covered by the average lawn and the need to press on with other jobs makes this hardly feasible. Thoroughly dig the ground turning clods of old rough grass face downwards, and remove the roots of perennial weeds leave the ground for the frosts to break it down and wait until spring for making the final seed bed preparation.

**Fruit** clear weeds from the soil round established trees and bushes, so that they will be tidy through the winter. Winter pruning generally stimulates growth from close to where cuts are made and dormant shoots can be cut away at any time between leave-fall and bud-burst in spring except during periods of hard frost. Shading the tree, prune only enough to shape the tree and encourage shoots to grow where they are required, particularly when the main

framework branches are being formed. In the early years remove branches growing at a narrow angle to the trunk, as they are weak and split easily at the junction with the trunk when bearing fruit. Cut just above a bud which points in the direction that a shoot is required. Winter pruning apples and pears generally stimulates too much growth on restricted trees; but winter prune dwarf pyramids and espaliers for one or two seasons to establish the basic shape and lightly prune cordon tip bearing varieties such as Worcester Permain, which produce fruit from buds at the tips of the shoots. Prune established trees by tipping leaders or shoots which have been selected to extend the branch framework; by removing badly placed shoots; and by thinning out spur systems on older trees, after four or five years stop tipping leaders. Thereafter, cut out crossing and rubbing branches.

*Colin Williams*



## Up-date on St Mary's School, Bangalore.

There has been a change in circumstances regarding children of primary school age continuing their education at St. Mary's School. This has arisen due to political change in Bangalore; both the Bangalore Municipal Corporation and Karataka State is now ruled by the BJP. This is a Hindu anti-christian political movement and their officers were demanding a large bribe for permission to use the School for Primary Education, which obviously Sr. Thankamma Varkey refused to pay. The School has therefore reverted back to being a Kindergarten School and at present there are 30 children there.

However, the good news is that, many years ago Sr. Thankamma was given premises in the Governor of Kanataka's residency in Bangalore, to use as a School. This School has been in existence for about 12 years and is in a position to take St. Mary's children when they reach the age of 6. The name of the School is Raj Bhavan and at present 41 of our primary students are studying there. As Raj Bhavan School is about 15kms from St. Mary's School, it has necessitated the purchase of a bus to take the children to and from School each day.

There are now 26 children of primary school age being sponsored both by individuals and organisations. If you would be interested in sponsoring a child or are interested in hearing a talk about the Schools, then please contact either Heather Johnson (0114 2463104) or Pam Prior (0114 2463482).

## Ecclesfield Priory Players

For their final production of the year Ecclesfield Priory Players are to be congratulated on their choice of play – “**Secondary Cause of Death**” a comedy thriller. It proved to be hilarious, how Inspector Pratt managed to remember the wrong words is beyond believe. The action takes place in the home of Colonel Craddock, Bagshot House which had been turned into a hotel for the discerning visitor. Enter Cynthia Maple to organise a murder mystery evening, and its not long before Pratt’s visit turns into a chaotic nightmare. With bodies all over the place except the one everyone is trying to kill off the Inspector himself. It really was wonderful entertainment, well done.

This production was dedicated to the memory of our society’s President Les Bell who died in August.

Les was a society member for forty years and was the inspiration behind converting the building into the theatre you see today. He has been responsible for the majority of the sets on which we have been fortunate to perform, many of which have gained awards within the amateur theatre. Les always played a huge part in the society and will be much missed by us all.

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Carol singing accompanied by crafts, cakes etc.,

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

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## REMEMBRANCE: Cenotaph

Every year, on Remembrance Sunday, the television will show pictures of the Queen, politicians and those who have served in the armed forces at the Cenotaph in Whitehall. They stand in silence for 2 minutes to honour those who have given their lives for others.

But do you know what the word 'cenotaph' means? It comes from two Greek words 'kenos' meaning empty and 'taphos' which is a tomb. The cenotaph is a monument to people whose bodies are somewhere else. Have you ever seen a war cemetery? They have rows and rows of simple tombstones and while there are flowers and the grass is carefully mown there is such a sense of sadness.

The Cenotaph was unveiled in 1920, the same year that the body of an unknown soldier was buried in Westminster Abbey. So many people have had their lives taken in wars and each one matters, not just to their families, or us, but to God.

## WORK IT OUT?

The drawer where you keep your socks has five pairs of grey socks and five pairs of black socks. If you can only take one sock from the drawer at a time and you can't see what colour sock you're taking until you've taken it, how many socks do you have to take before you know you will have at least one matching pair to wear to school?



Answer at the bottom of this page.

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## Who always goes to bed with his shoes on?

A horse.

There is a girl who lives in a bungalow. Everything in her home is pink. The lamp is pink, the bed is pink, the television is pink, the computer is pink, the mirror is pink, the kitchen is pink, the windows are pink, even the plants are pink. What colour are the stairs?

There are no stairs – it is a bungalow.

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Answer: Three. At worst, the first two socks you take out will be one black sock and one grey sock. The next sock you take out will match one or the other.

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## Extract from the Parish Magazine of March 1902

### Re-Hanging of the Bells.

“On examining the ring of 8 bells in Ecclesfield Parish Church we found all bells in their present condition unfit for change-ringing purposes, the old fittings either been worn out or wrongly constructed.”

The contractor's specification, and terms, as follows: -

To fit up and properly fix 8 new pairs of bracket steel gudgeons, bolted firmly to their respective places on their present headstocks, 8 new pairs of pedestals fitted up with hard gun metal brasses, and hinged lid grease boxes, bolted, levelled, and squared to the present bell frame, 8 new oak framed bell wheels of the best design, fitted in place of the wheels, 8 new oak framed hard wood pulley boxes, pulleys all bushed with hard gun metal and properly fixed and levelled to their respective heights. 8 complete new settings, including new stays, sliders and slider boards, and all the necessary new bolts and plates for fixings. 15 large bolts threaded through the frames entire depth, and the necessary large washer plates. 8 new clapper joints fitted to the present old clappers, including all bolts etc. The cost of this to be £67. 10s.

In addition to this the SANCTUS bell has been re-hung at a cost of £1.14s., new striking apparatus has been fixed at a cost of £5, and new bell ropes have been provided at a cost of £4. 4s.

The bells have, therefore, been repaired at a total cost of £78. 8s.

*SH*

#### **Editors note:**

Interestingly if you index the total cost given above of £78. 8s to obtain an equivalent value for today it would be £ 7,088, ninety, yes 90 times what it cost back 1902.

#### **Wages in 1902**

A skilled craftsman would earn around £ 110 a year equal to £ 9,945 in today's money and a surgeon would have an income of around £ 265 a year equal to £ 23,958 today.





St Mary's – Ecclesfield

# Autumn Fayre

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## Peace

My soul, there is a country  
Far beyond the stars,  
Where stands a winged sentry  
All skilful in the wars:  
There, above noise and danger,  
Sweet Peace sits crowned with smiles,  
And one born in a manger  
Commands the beauteous files,  
He is thy gracious Friend,  
And – O my soul, awake! –

*Continued on right...*

## Peace

Did in pure love descend  
To die here for thy sake.  
If thou canst get but thither,  
There grows the flower of Peace,  
The Rose that cannot wither,  
Thy fortress and thy ease.  
Leave then thy foolish ranges;  
For none can thee secure  
But one who never changes –  
Thy God, thy life, thy cure.

*By Henry Vaughan 1623-95*

## Talk to Jesus

When all hope is disappearing  
And your spirit is so low  
When your days are full of fearing  
And you suffer blow on blow  
There's a tried and trusted method  
Which will ease all sense of loss  
Just kneel and talk to Jesus  
The one who died upon the cross

When deep shadows overcome you  
And your heart's full of despair  
When your life seems torn and tattered  
And appears beyond repair  
When you suffer great misfortune  
And need lifting from a fall  
Just kneel and talk to Jesus  
Who died to save us all

For when you talk to Jesus  
You'll not even have to ask  
Because he knows your every need  
And gives courage for each task  
With him life's long hard journey  
Becomes easier every day  
For he's the sturdy footwear  
That helps you travel life's highway

*By Colin Hammacott*

## Fellow Travellers?

Be glad that the railway has rules –  
'No Horses, or donkeys, or mules.'  
Thus they took no baloney  
From a chap with a pony  
And banish all similar fools!

When you choose, on some fine sunny day  
To go up to town by railway  
If you've paid up your fare  
You'd rather not share  
Your train with a beast that eats hay.

A dog or a cat may be fine  
As you trundle along a branch line,  
A bunny or mouse  
A domestic red grouse  
But not horses, or cattle, or swine!

As you go, you want nothing to do  
With beasts that grunt, neigh, or moo  
And neither, as well  
Should you put up with the smell  
When they fail to fit in the loo!

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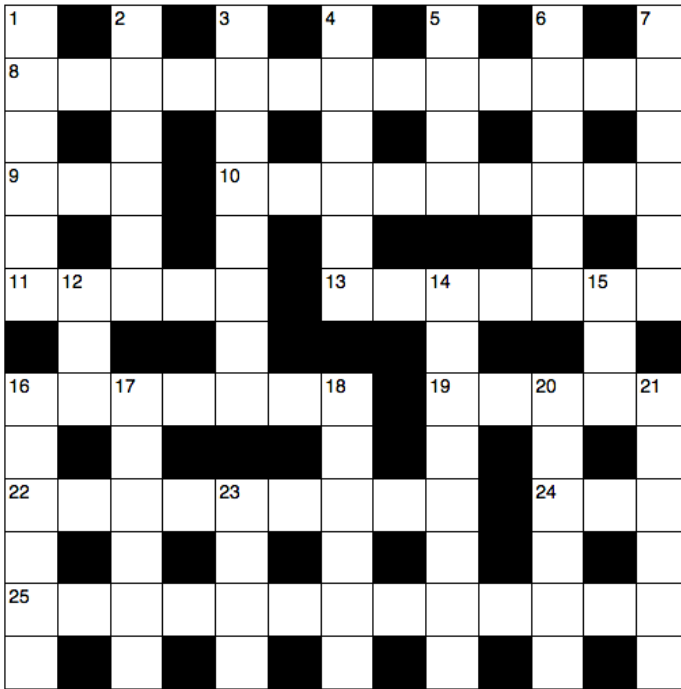
# Crossword Puzzle

## Clues Across

- 8** - 'Thanks be to God for his — gift' (2 Corinthians 9:15) (13)  
**9** - The number of spies Joshua sent secretly to Jericho (Joshua 2:1) (3)  
**10** - 'The Lord detests — — , but he delights in men who are truthful' (Proverbs 12:22) (5,4)  
**11** - Boredom (5)  
**13** - ' — love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends' (John 15:13) (7)  
**16** - 'How long must I — with my thoughts and every day have sorrow in my heart?' (Psalm 13:2) (7)  
**19** - 'He is the — of the invisible God, the first-born over all creation' (Colossians 1:15) (5)  
**22** - Minimalist male clothing (Job 12:18) (9)  
**24** - Drain (Lamentations 2:12) (3)  
**25** - On purpose (Exodus 21:13) (13)

## Clues Down

- 1** - 'Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of — faith," he said, "why did you doubt?"' (Matthew 14:31) (6)  
**2** - Abut (6)  
**3** - For example, David (8)  
**4** - 'But Mary stood outside the tomb — ' (John 20:11) (6)  
**5** - 'He rolled — — stone in front of the entrance to the tomb' (Matthew 27:60) (1,3)  
**6** - Is boot (anag.) (6)  
**7** - Thurible (Leviticus 16:12) (6)  
**12** - 'Neither death — life... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:38–39) (3)  
**14** - Festival (January 6) marking the coming of the magi to the infant Christ (8)  
**15** - 'Which of you fathers, if your son... asks for an — , will give him a scorpion?' (Luke 11:11–12) (3)  
**16** - Archaic word for 'heavens' or 'sky' used by Charles Wesley in the original version of 'Hark! the herald angels sing': 'Hark! how all the — rings' (6)  
**17** - How the writer to the Hebrews described God: 'for whom and through whom everything — ' (Hebrews 2:10) (6)  
**18** - 'I plead with — and I plead with Syntyche to agree with each other in the Lord' (Philippians 4:2) (6)  
**20** - Ancient (Isaiah 58:12) (3-3)  
**21** - By Rome (anag.) (6)  
**23** - Where Nathanael came from (John 21:2) (4)



## Answers:

**DOWN:**  
 1, Little. 2, Adjoin. 3, Psalmist. 4, Crying. 5, A big. 6, Oboist. 7, Censer. 12, Nor. 14, Epiphany. 15, Egg. 16, Welkin. 17, Exists. 18, Euodia. 20, Age-old. 21, Embryo. 23, Cana.

**ACROSS:**  
 8, Indescribable. 9, Two. 10, Lying lips. 11, Ennu. 13, Greater. 16, Wrestle. 19, Image. 22, Loincloth. 24, Ebb. 25, Intentionally.

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## Celebrating 700 Years of Vicars of Ecclesfield and 400 Years of The King James Bible.



We were joined by two former vicars Revd 'Tricia Impey and Rt. Revd David James photographed with Daniel on Sunday

Celebrating the past and focussing our minds on the future, the weekend was packed with various activities based on our shared history.

Saturday started with readings from the King James Bible and in the afternoon there were a number of fun activities, children sampled a variety of games from over the last 700 years, they also had the opportunity to become a monk for a while, making gargoyles, stained glass windows and illuminated script. There was also a treasure hunt to learn more about the church building. A time line had been put up recording the various events of the last 700 years, it was a great visual way to learn about the past whilst adding our shared histories. Many people visited, participated and shared their own stories and memories. As always there was also cake on offer!!! In the evening Mel Jones gave us a whirlwind history of Ecclesfield over the past 700 years.

The Communion Service on Sunday picked up the themes, with a variety of music including plain song. In his sermon Daniel stressed the importance of sharing memories and helping the community to rediscover memories as had been apparent during Saturday, to help be the glue that holds the community together. He asked if we were up to the challenge for the next 700 years through our prayer life and vision of faith and humanity.