# News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



Church Magazine for September 2011

60p

#### First Words

- Back To School September is the "back to school" month. It's also the month when lots of things get going again in the life of the Church. The changes that were outlined in last month's magazine start to take shape in September. During this month we'll start to think about the shape of our Joint Service. We'll also start to plan our new After School Club.
- **Harvest** This year we celebrate Harvest on 25<sup>th</sup> September with a Joint Service of Parish Communion at 10.30 a.m. Please come along and join with us.
- 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 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first named Vicar of Ecclesfield and the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible. Keep a look out in later magazines for further information.



Daniel Hartley

#### The Collect for Harvest Sunday

Eternal God,

you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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.

Amen

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#### The Vicars Letter - Rioting and Responsibility

The month of August has witnessed some of the most horrendous scenes on the streets of a number of British cities that I can remember. Disturbances, riots, lootings and a wanton disregard for humanity. From certain sections of our society we are now being warned against "knee-jerk reactions". Yet often those who are presenting us with such a warning, legitimate in itself, are the same people lining up to present a catalogue of excuses for the vile behaviour that we witnessed. For seven years in my work as a Prison Chaplain I heard every permeation of the "societal" excuses for criminal behaviour:

I didn't get what I was entitled to... the Government didn't do this... kids on my estate have got nothing to do...

Unfortunately many of these excuses originated not with the prisoners themselves, but with the professionals that were working with them. I'm afraid to say that the Church was often first in line when it came to providing these excuses.

After a number of years I developed a stock starting point in my response to the catalogue of excuses: "stop talking rubbish and grow up. Take some responsibility and stop whining on." And how, you may ask did the prisoners respond? If you listen to many of the "experts" wheeled out on our 24 hour news coverage then you'd almost certainly believe that I would have alienated these young men in my care. This conclusion couldn't have been further from the truth. Challenging and dismissing excuses was a liberating experience as much for the prisoner as it was for me.

So what of our response to recent events? It's time for a message of personal responsibility and family values. Choosing right from wrong isn't a society issue, it's an individual issue. An individual guided by moral values that are primarily learned in the context of the family and strengthened by a healthy sense of fear; fear of shame, fear of alienation, fear of ridicule and yes, fear of the law.

The Christian Faith is a faith of love and of forgiveness, but it is also a faith that requires discipline and submission to Christ. It is fundamentally wrong to see the Christian Faith as some sort of spiritual wing of an embedded culture of excuse making. Love and discipline are intimately linked for the Christian. I love my children more than life itself, but when they step out of line I come down on them like a ton of bricks. "But *this* or but *that*" doesn't wash with me as parent, it doesn't wash with me as a priest and it doesn't wash with me as member of the law abiding majority of the British public.

Daniel Hartley

#### Former South Yorkshire Vicar appointed Bishop

The Bishop of Chelmsford, Stephen Cottrell, has announced that Her Majesty The Queen has appointed the Archdeacon of Wilts, The Venerable John Wraw, to be the Bishop of Bradwell in the Diocese of Chelmsford. John Wraw, 52, has been Archdeacon of Wilts since 2004. He expects to leave the Diocese of Salisbury at Christmas and take up his new post early in 2012.

The new bishop first moved to Sheffield as Team Vicar on Arbourthorne, a large council estate on the south side of Sheffield. It was here that John began his involvement in community development and social justice. He and his family then moved to Rotherham in 1992 where he became Vicar of Clifton, a large Urban Priority Area parish near the town centre. During his nine years there John helped the church develop its buildings as a family centre, working in partnership with the local Further Education College and the Kashmiri community. He also helped the local churches to build up a family support project. From 2001-4 he was Priest-in-Charge of Wickersley.

Through his community involvement John Wraw was invited to join the Board of the Rotherham Strategic Partnership, chairing the Community Involvement and Development Spoke. This was particularly focused on enabling the voluntary sector and local community groups to engage with the Strategic Partnership. He also chaired Voluntary Action Rotherham – the lead voluntary and community sector body in the town. Archdeacon Wraw was appointed Area Dean of Rotherham in 1998 and made an Honorary Canon of Sheffield Cathedral in 2001. Alongside his parochial responsibilities, John chaired the Faith and Justice Committee in the Diocese of Sheffield, taking lead responsibility for engagement with public life, social concerns and wider community links.

In 2004 John Wraw was appointed Archdeacon of Wilts in the Diocese of Salisbury. He leads on health and prison issues across the Diocese. He also chairs the Learning for Discipleship and Ministry Council, responsible for training clergy and Licensed Lay Ministers and for lay learning programmes. He was a board member of the County Local Strategic Partnership for four years and, when it was re-launched as the Wiltshire Assembly in 2008, was invited to become the first Chairman.

In 2009 Archdeacon Wraw was crew in the first leg of the Clipper Round the World Yacht Race. Never having sailed before, the 6,000 mile leg from Hull to Rio de Janeiro proved an exhilarating and challenging experience. His other interests include the theatre and walking.

John is married to Gillian and they have four children.



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#### The Man Who Planted Trees – An inspirational story.

A few years ago, at a Deanery Synod Meeting, Martyn Snow, who is now Archdeacon of Sheffield but was then Area Dean of Ecclesfield Deanery, showed a short animated film called The Man who Planted Trees. It was based on a story by Jean Giono. The film is beautifully but simply animated by the famous Canadian animator Frederick Back. It made a really big impression on me.

It tells a very powerful but unforgettable story and is a parable for modern times. In the foothills of the French Alps the narrator meets a shepherd who has quietly taken on the task of planting one hundred acorns a day in an effort to reforest his desolate region. Not even two world wars can keep the shepherd from continuing his solitary work. Gradually, this gentle, persistent man's work comes to fruition: the region is transformed; life and hope return; the world is renewed.

The introduction it says: In order for the character of a human being to reveal truly exceptional qualities, we must have the good fortune to observe its action over a long period of years. If this action is devoid of all selfishness, if the idea that directs it is one of unqualified generosity, if it is absolutely certain that it has not sought recompense anywhere, and if moreover it has left visible marks on the world, then we are unquestionably dealing with an unforgettable character. This sets the scene for the whole film.

When we watched the film at the Deanery Synod, I think some people thought it was a bit of a strange choice to show in that context. I remember Martyn asking us what we thought of the film, at the time I wasn't very comfortable contributing to such discussions, but the content of the film inspired me so much, I remember commenting it was amazing what people can do with vision and passion. I was surprised by the impact an animated film could have on me.

I subsequently bought the film on DVD, as it is only a short film I often watch it as it is also a story of hope. I even showed it to the team I was managing at work at the time.

Of course, the shepherd was in touch with God, and I guess inspired by God in the silence and tranquillity of his life. This film has inspired me, to try and listen to God better and I believe that with God and with vision and passion we can do things that we never thought we were capable of – and I don't think I would now be the Lay Chair of the Ecclesfield Deanery if I hadn't watched this film.

I commend this film to you and if you'd like to borrow it, please ask me.

Katharine Lonsborough.

# Ecclesfield Priory Players Excerpts from the Newsletter - Summer 2011.

An evening of bowling was thoroughly enjoyed at Thorncliffe Bowling Club. This was followed by Tom and Carol's Barbecue where the weather was reasonably kind and thanks go to everyone for their hard work.

- Does anyone have access to a van for collecting and returning furniture for our plays? We usually need to collect things on the Saturday before play week, and return them on the Sunday immediately after the Saturday performance. In this case Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October and Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October. It would be a very big help to us if there is anyone out there with such transport. Please get in touch with Carol or Tom Tel: 2457431.
- **Ecclesfield School** The school has used our theatre yet again for a production as part of their Arts Festival. I'm not sure what the new head thought of some of the language in the play, which was written by the students and former students, but it was a good production.
- Set building for our next production starts Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Please come along and help if you can and please make a note of this date.
- Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September is also a social evening, with a Beetle **Drive.** Starting at 7.30.p.m. and £3.50 per head, refreshment pizzas with salad, bring your own drinks. Please let Sheila know if you are coming.

Elaine is helping out at the open day at Bluebell Wood Hospice at the beginning of October and wondered if anyone could donate **small** knitted or crocheted items for her stall. If you have anything to spare, then please bring your donations along to any coffee morning in September.

**Coffee Mornings** at the Theatre every Saturday 10.00 am to 12.00 pm.

PB

## Songs of Praise Evening

Sunday 25th September at 6.30 pm

Come along and sing your heart out in this celebration of Hymns from Moody & Sankey's Collection

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# Children's page



#### Will You Remember Them - Senegal

**Senegal** (West Africa) Religions 94% Islam, 5% Christian & 1% Indigenous beliefs.

#### **Churches Looted and Torched**

Christians have been attacked and eight churches looted and torched in Dakar, the capital of Senegal, as aggressors took advantage of political unrest in the country to vent their hostility. The churches were targeted over a two- week period following a declaration of war by Muslims against "new churches". A church leader said this was because of the visible growth of these churches in Dakar.

The anti Christian violence broke out as rioters took to the streets to protest against President Abdolaye Wade's controversial plans to change the country's constitution. With tensions already high in the city, one neighbourhood erupted, and the crowd took out their anger on the Christians. One church was set upon by a group of men and young people during the morning service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June. The worshippers were driven out and pelted with stones as they escaped before the steel-structured building was fire bombed. The following day, the mayor ordered that the building be "cleaned up", the steel and scrap iron, valuable commodities in Senegal, were taken away by truck, leaving nothing but a raised concrete platform where the pulpit had been. The building had seated 400 people.

- **Pray** For those congregations that have lost their church buildings. That they will find an alternative meeting space so that they can continue to worship our Lord and Saviour.
- **Pray** That the Lord will provide the resources for the rebuilding of damaged churches and that Senegalese Christians will be protected from any further attacks.
- **Pray** That this incident will not set a precedent for further attacks on the Christian community. Such anti-Christian violence is almost unheard of in Senegal.

JD

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#### Peal Appeal – What next for the bells?

Over the last couple of months you will have seen the reports on the casting of the new bells and their delivery and display at the back of the church. But – you may be asking - what happens now? This month will see some big changes in the bell tower.

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September will be the last time that the existing 8 bells will be rung as they are now. The next day, work will commence on the framework and refurbishment part of the project. Although the project for augmenting the ring of bells at St Marys involves adding two new bells to the existing ring of 8, there is much more to it than just having two new bells cast. The main part of the work (and the cost!) is associated with altering the steel framework in which the bells are hung, and refurbishing the existing bells to improve their sound quality to match that of the new bells.

Initially this will involve contractors moving in to open up the floor of the belfry (where the bells are hung) and the ringing chamber (where the ringers ring from). This is necessary because the only way to get the existing bells out of the tower and the new bells into the tower is straight down into the body of the church.

Once the access for the bells has been opened up it will be time for Whitechapel Bell Foundry, who are undertaking the hanging and refurbishment of the bells as well as casting the new ones, to move in. Helped by the local ringers, from 26<sup>th</sup> September they will start the job of removing all of the existing bells from the tower.

Removing the bells from the tower is necessary because they all, including the newly cast ones, will go to the foundry in London for the refurbishment to take place. This will involve breaking up and recasting two of the existing bells and retuning all but one of the others (including the new bells) to provide a better matched quality of sound. But why not retune all of the bells you may ask. The reason being that the oldest bell in the tower is protected and therefore we don't have permission to alter the main body of the bell in any way. (Strictly, this is also true of the tenor bell, although we have been given permission to retune it because the alteration to the bell will be minimal).

Continued overleaf

This process will take several weeks, during which time the new components of the frame to accommodate the new bells will also be fabricated by the bell foundry.

Whilst the bells are out of the tower the opportunity is being taken to do some other structural maintenance and repair work. The tower louvers are going to be replaced with new oak louvers. The ladder access to the tower roof and flagpole will have to be moved to accommodate the new bell frame. There will also be structural maintenance carried out as identified in the last quinquennial survey.

Once all of the work at the foundry is completed, the bells will be brought back and installed in the tower, again coming in through the body of the church. Although we haven't got a fixed completion date it is hoped that the 10 bells will back and ringing in time for the Christmas celebrations.

The bell ringers are of course very excited about these developments and are building up their expertise so that they can take the step from 8 to 10 bells. Having the extra bells will also make it easier for new ringers to learn how to handle a bell. Anyone wanting to have a go will be welcome to join us in the bell tower on Tuesday evenings. Watch this space for further information.

In the meantime the fundraising activities are continuing to make a contribution to the cost of the structural repairs and for some of the ancillary costs such as new ropes for the bells. We are grateful for the support that continues to be shown by the church members and parishioners of Ecclesfield in this exciting project.

Phil Hirst





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### Diary for the Month of September

Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion	
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>		11th Sunday after Trinity	
	9.30 am	Parish Communion	
	11.15 am	Family Service	
	6.30 pm	Evening Service	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting in Church	
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House	
	1.00 pm	MU AGM in The Gatty Hall	
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion	
	7.00 pm	Celebration Meeting in Church	
	2.00 pm	Hartwell House	
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group – Coffee Evening	
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>		12 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	
·	8.00 am	Holy Communion	
	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	
	11.15 am	•	
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	•	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion	
·	2.00 pm	Service at Hartwell House	
	7.30 pm		
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>		13 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	
·	9.30 am	Parish Communion	
	11.15 am	Family Service	
	6.30 pm	•	
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	-	
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion	
·	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group	
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>		14 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	
-	8.00 am	Holy Communion	

Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>		Continued
	9.30 am	Parish Communion
	11.15 am	Family Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Ignation Prayer in Church
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Church
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.0 am	To 12.00 noon Macmillan Coffee Morning

#### From the Registers

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7<sup>th</sup> August Layla-Lu Ducker

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

Weddings

23<sup>rd</sup> July
Thomas Rice and Lydia Chittenden
6<sup>th</sup> August
Richard Vines and Samantha Carr
Christopher O'Connor and Janine Wilson
Richard Steel and Catherine Southern
19<sup>th</sup> August
Aiden Reed and Amy Kirk not till Friday

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

Paul Clark and Leanne Wainwright

#### Funerals

20<sup>th</sup> August

Burial

15<sup>th</sup> August John Stent

22<sup>nd</sup> August John Bradshaw

Cremation

11<sup>th</sup> August Kathleen Fisher 15<sup>th</sup> August Jamie Stuart

Grant them, O Lord, refreshment, light and peace

#### Flower Rota

4th September P. Prior and H. Rollins 11th September K. Fisher

18th September J. Baynes 25th September Z. Colton



# Celebrating 700 Years of Vicars at Ecclesfield & 400 years of the King James Bible Saturday 8th October

Activities start at 10.00 am and finish 5.00 pm

#### **Morning activities:**

Coffee, Tea and Cake available in the morning.

A Lunch menu will be available around midday.

Records & Registers will be on display in the Church Office together with various items of Silverware.

During the morning there will be a series of readings from the

#### **Afternoon activities:**

King James Bible.

In the afternoon there will be opportunities for young and the 'young at heart' to enter the challenges of: -

Taking on the role of a monk
Playing games through the centuries,
A Treasure hunt.

#### **Evening Event:**

7.00 pm Mel Jones will give a talk on the History Parish of Ecclesfield over the last 700 years.

Ticket includes refreshments

Tickets are **sold out** but you can still be put on the cancellation list.

Please call Ian Hartshorne (0114) 294 5381

# Mothers' Union **AFIA** - Away From It All holidays

The Mother's Union is mostly associated with overseas activities, but we also are involved in helping underprivileged families in this country.

AFIA provides holidays for families who have not had a holiday for several years and may have a family member with a disability. This is usually in a chalet or caravan by the sea but could be where ever the family would like, and not only in the summer. One family wanted to be away from home at Christmas as this held unpleasant



memories. The holiday costs £500 to £600 and a hamper of food is also provided.

St Mary's branch has sponsored a family this year. Two members of the family have medical problems and struggle on a day to day basis. Dad had a job but home pressures were more than he could cope with, he is now the carer for a family of 5.

It was lovely to see the look on the youngest child's face when they took delivery of the hamper.

The family were also helped with the cost of train fares to Cleethorpes from money raised at the Garden Party.

This year the Sheffield Diocese have provided 12 holidays for families. To find out more about the work of the Mother' Union or to join this wonderful organisation contact Maureen Lambert Branch Leader 2469690.

Heather Johnson

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At their designation goods are distributed by local organisers of proven trustworthiness who are accountable to the Trustees. CART requires written and photographic evidence of fair distribution of its relief.

Almost anything is acceptable, at the moment plastic mugs and plates are being asked for along with scissors, please dig in your cupboards for them.

Tools of all kind, computers, bicycles, burnt candles (these are melted and re-modelled by a Women's group as tax must be paid on new ones) toys and educational items.

The warehouse is packed with goods awaiting transportation are packed into boxes by the volunteers who surprisingly know where everything is. Last time I visited there was even a toilet waiting to be sent. If you are remodelling your bathroom bear this in mind!

I go to Huddersfield about once a month (or when the car is full) if you have anything that you no longer need please think about CART and contact me Heather Johnson 2463104 or come with me and see for yourself.

Heather Johnson

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#### THANK YOU

The beginning of autumn and Harvest time is here again, a time when we come together to thank God for all of his blessings.

Harvest is a popular time of the year with special school and church services. Baskets of fruit and vegetables, tins of baked beans and sliced mangos – all offerings from our garden or kitchen cupboards to be given to the sick or elderly or sold to raise money for those in other places who go hungry.

We thank God for all his gifts at Harvest. In the words of the harvest hymn we sing 'All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above, then thank the Lord... for all his love.' So even the humble tin of beans becomes a symbol of God's love and care

for us.

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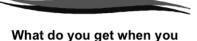
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put three ducks in a box?
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#### Whitley Hall Cricket Club



Black Sheep Yorkshire Champions
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It is becoming a really exciting finish to the season. Following the retention of the Whitworth Cup last month, Whitley challenged for the Black Sheep Yorkshire Champions Trophy playing in the final on  $21^{st}$  August against Wrenthorpe – and won! As Yorkshire Champions, they go into the fourth week of August once again leading the South Yorkshire Premier League with 93 points, a slim margin of just 1 point above Elsecar with Treeton only 5 points behind. The run in is going to be very tight and with 3 home matches in the last four, you can watch it all at Cinder Hill Lane. With Elsecar playing Treeton on the final day of the season, the title may not be decided until the last match. Whitley are also in the Yorkshire Council Championship which will be played at the end of August and early September. The  $2^{nd}$  XI have had an improving season and stand mid-table in the  $2^{nd}$  Division and should safely retain their place in the Division for next season.

#### **Final Senior Matches at Cinder Hill Lane**

Date	Time		Match Details	
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	12.30 pm	1st XI	v	Bradfield
Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1.00 pm	2nd XI	v	Whiston
Sept 10 <sup>th</sup>	12.30 pm	1st XI	v	Wath
Sept 17 <sup>th</sup>	12.30 pm	1st XI	v	Hallam

Andrew Robinson

#### The Gardening Year – September 2011.

The Flower Garden – remove all seed pods and dead flowers. This is the best month for planting peonies, they should be planted in soil that is deeply dug and contains plenty of manure as well as some lime. If lime is absent or insufficient, the soil should be dressed before planting and well mixed as digging is done, the manure should be well rotted and should not be allowed to come into direct contact with the roots. Pansies and violas for spring bedding could be planted Hollyhocks, lupins, coropsis and other now in their permanent quarters. perennials raised from seed should now be ready for transplanting to the borders. New herbaceous borders should be prepared this month by digging deeply incorporating manure at the same time. Manure and prepare new rose beds for planting in November. Divide and replant strong roots of primroses, polyanthus and border auriculas. Plant out biennial and perennial seedlings that were sown in early summer into their winter or flowering quarters. They can now be transplanted again in spring if necessary. Rooted cuttings of pinks may be planted in their permanent position, preferably as an edging beside a long path. Keep beds and borders tidy my removing exhausted annuals and cutting down withered perennials. Lift gladioli that have done flowering, tie in bunches and hang up in a shed to dry. Plant Rockery bulbs - The following bulbs are specially suited for cultivation on rock gardens and should be planted in small groups in any available pockets. Anemone, crocus, chionodoxa, sardensis, erythronium, denscanis, fritillaria meleagris, snowdrop, muscari, winter aconites, narcissus bulbeodium, narcissus minimus, tulipa clusiana, tulipa greigii, tulipa kaufmaniana. For rock gardens that lack colour, plant either pink, red and white drifts using dianthus pink, phlox ameona for red and pink and arabis white. Fruit - most of the fruit is gathered this month and a new year of operations commences in the orchard. Do not however, gather the fruit unless it parts readily from the tree when lifted from the palm of the hand. Clean up the orchard and fork or hoe the soil between the young fruit trees and soft fruit bushes. All superfluous strawberry runners should be removed these may be replanted if new plants are wanted. Raspberry canes that have fruited should be cut down and the young growths thinned out to three or four. Shoots of gooseberries should be pruned and thinned on mature bushes. **Vegetables** – use the hoe very frequently in the kitchen garden to keep down the weeds. Clear off crops as they finish composting the rubbish to decay. Onions which are ripe should be lifted dried and hung up in a cool dry place. Potatoes should be lifted when the haulms decay or keel slugs will attack them. The soil between sprouts and broccoli plants may receive a light dressing of nitro-chalk or nitrate of soda. Hoe the ground between the plants after application.

Colin Williams

#### Prayers and Poems Page

#### **Presence**

Expecting him, my door was open wide:
Then I looked round
If any lack of service might be found,
And saw him at my side:
How entered, by what secret stair,
I know not, knowing only he was there.

By TE Brown (1830 -97)

#### Lord of the Winds

Lord of the winds, I cry to thee, I that am dust, And blown about by every gust I fly to thee.

Lord of the waters, unto thee I call, I that am weed upon the waters borne,
And by the waters torn,
Tossed by the waters, at thy feet I fall.

By Mary Coleridge (1861 – 1907)

#### God, The Source And Goal Of Being,

In whose love we trust our lives, Help us seek , and so discover pathways new which faith provides; Give us knowledge, give us insight and fresh visions of your light.

God, whose touch brings hope to people,
Who are lost without your love,
Hear the prayers and praise we offer
From our dark to light above;
Teach us how to share your glory
that your presence all may see.

God of love, of pow'r and action, From our bondage set us free; Take our lives and in them fashion what you destine each shall be; Live in us who stand before you And through us your world renew.

God the Father, God the Saviour.
God the Holy Spirit - One;
While we sing your praise to heav'nward
May on earth your will be done;
Let the world accept our offering
of your song of love we bring.

Author unknown

#### The Difference

I got up early one morning and rushed right into the day; I had so much to accomplish that I didn't have time to pray.

Problems just tumbled about me, and heavier came each task. "Why doesn't God help me?"I wondered. He answered, "You didn't ask".

I wanted to see joy and beauty, but the day toiled on, gray and bleak, I wondered why God didn't show me. He said, "But you didn't seek"

I tried to come into God's presence; I used all my keys at the lock. God gently and lovingly chided, "My child, you didn't knock

I woke up early this morning, and paused before entering the day, I had so much to accomplish that I had to take time to pray.

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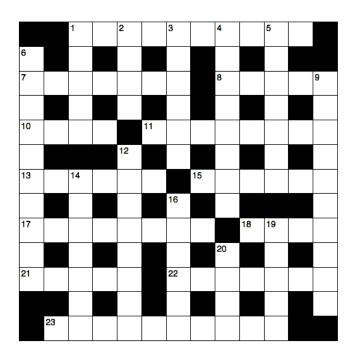
#### **Crossword Puzzle**

#### **Clues Across**

- 1 'You are no longer --- and aliens, but fellow-citizens with God's people' (Ephesians 2:19) (10)
- 7 'Religion that God our Father --- as pure and faultless is this' (James 1:27) (7)
- 8 'Do you want a ---? Signal then to Jesus' (5)
- **10** Throw (Exodus 9:8) (4)
- **11** We rank it (anag.) (8)
- **13** Encourage (Isaiah 59:13) (6)
- **15** 'Then Jesus --- from Galilee --- the Jordan to be baptized by John' (Matthew 3:13) (4,2)
- **17** Coming to rest (Matthew 3:16) (8)
- **18** Provisional decree in divorce proceedings (4)
- **21** Long earnestly (Psalm 84:2) (5)
- **22** 'Put these old rags and --- clothes under your arms to pad the ropes' (Jeremiah 38:12) (4-3)
- 23 'He defends the cause of the --- and the widow, and loves the alien' (Deuteronomy 10:18) (10)

#### **Clues Down**

- 1 Self-evident truths (Acts 19:36) (5)
- 2 'Open your eyes and look at the fields! They are --- for harvest' (John 4:35) (4)
- 3 'Your great learning is driving you ---' (Acts 26:24) (6)
- 4 'Spring of water' on the borders of Judah and Benjamin (Joshua 15:9) (8)
- **5** Rile Eve (anag.) (7)
- **6** 'Remember, O Lord, how I have walked before you --- and with wholehearted devotion' (Isaiah 38:3) (10)
- **9** Paul was mistakenly suspected of leading 4000 of these into the desert (Acts 21:38) (10)
- 12 Relationship of an omer to an ephah (Exodus 16:36) (3,5)
- **14** Galilean home town of Mary, 'from whom seven demons had come out' (Luke 8:2) (7)
- **16** 'If I tell you, you will not believe me, and if I asked you, you would not ---' (Luke 22:67–68) (6)
- **19** Fetters (Mark 5:4) (5)
- **20** 'No good bears bad fruit' (Luke 6:43) (4)



#### Answers:

ACROSS:

1, Foreigners. 7, Accepts. 8, Pilot. 10, Toss. 11, Knitwear. 13, Foment. 15, Came to. 17, Lighting. 18, Nisi. 21, Yearn. 22, Worn-out. 23, Fatherless. DOWN:

1, Facts. 2, Ripe. 3, Insane. 4, Nephtoah. 5, Relieve. 6, Faithfully. 9, Terrorists. 12, One tenth. 14, Magdala. 16, Answer. 19, Irons. 20, Tree.

#### Church Jumble Sale

#### 2.00 pm on Saturday 10th September

Sale will take place in The Gatty Hall, Priory Road, Ecclesfield Admission 20p.

### **Contact Numbers for Local Groups**



#### **Ecclesfield Rainbows**

Gatty Hall
Tuesday 4.45 pm to 6.00 pm
Leader - Mrs B Travis
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#### **Ecclesfield Brownies**

Gatty Hall
Monday 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm
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
2<sup>nd</sup> Pack 6.30 pm to 8.0 pm
Leader - Mrs A Hancock
Tel: 0114 2402398

#### **Ecclesfield Priory Players**

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

#### **Ecclesfield Beavers**

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

#### **Ecclesfield Scouts**

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

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Practices - 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm Seniors - Wednesdays Up to 13 yrs - Thursdays 14 yrs to17 yrs - Fridays Manager - Steve Fletcher Secretary – Joe Webster Tel: 0114 2452518 www.whitleyhall.play-cricket.com

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#### Champions - Holiday Club Week August

The analogy of the Olympic Games was used to explore how Jesus 'ran the race' for God. It encouraged the children to also run that race, running straight towards the goal and finishing the race in order to win the ultimate prize of eternal life. This is the prize that God offers to each one of us through the work of his Son, Christ Jesus, with the realization that **everyone** can be a winner.

Each day covered a different theme using five Bible stories are taken from the life of Jesus - **Direction**: the boy Jesus in the temple; **Distraction**: the temptation of Jesus; **Dedication**: Jesus heals a paralysed man; **Determination**: Jesus' death and resurrection; and finally **Decoration**: Jesus' ascension - alive and victorious!

Below is a collage of pictures from the week.

