

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 22nd March with a Service of Holy Communion and the Imposition of ashes. Please come along.
We'll be holding Lent Reflections in Church on the following Wednesday evenings at 7.30 pm. Please come along and join with us.

29 th February	Praying to God
7 th March	Worshipping God
14 th March	Being still with God
21 st March	Knowing God
28 th March	Sharing God
- **The Dedication Of The New Bells** – This will take place at a special Service on **Saturday 11th February at 4.00 pm**. Join us as we celebrate this new chapter in bell-ringing life of St Mary's, Ecclesfield.
- **New Time For Early Morning Sunday Communion Service** – From Sunday 11th March the early morning Sunday Communion Service will move from 8.00 am to **8.30 am**. This twice-monthly Service lasts about half an hour and uses the traditional *Book of Common Prayer* language. If you want to experience a quiet and reflective start to your Sunday mornings then please come along.



Daniel Hartley

A Prayer for Lent by Edward Hays

May you live these Lenten days
not in purple penitential denial
but in the joyfulness of the
intimate embrace of your Blessed God.

May you hear on the Lenten winds
your Beloved calling you daily
to go apart from your routine time
to spend desert time with your God.

Then your heart can be freshly aflame
with a lover's delight in your God.

May you have a blessed and grace-filled
Lenten season so as to be a new person
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The Vicars' Letter

How quickly the year moves on!

Christmas-tide is barely finished and I'm writing about Lent. The Church's year doesn't allow us to rest too long with the infant Jesus. Before we know it we're thinking again of the journey to the cross. In reality the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus belong together as one single and decisive action. God sent his Son into the world (Christmas) to die for our sins (Good Friday) and to be raised in glory (Easter Day).

This year we'll be marking Lent with our Service of Holy Communion and the Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday (22nd February), our Lent Reflections (see *First Words* for details) and our weekly Lent Lunches – this year on a Friday. These collective acts are the backdrop against which we, as individuals, can reflect on the nature of Christ's journey to the cross and resurrection.

Lent affords us the opportunity for spiritual renewal. It allows us the chance to see beyond the material concerns that so often hinder our relationship with God. But all of this requires discipline. A discipline that puts prayer and the reading of the Bible at the heart of our endeavours. In the busyness of our lives it's all too easy to forget to attend to our spiritual development. It's all too easy to forget to pray and to forget to spend time dwelling with the written Word of God. Prayer is our primary method of communication with God. If we neglect communication in any relationship then that relationship quickly turns stale. It's the same in our relationship with God. God has communicated with us through sending his Son into the world and he invites us to respond in prayer. You may be asking yourself "how?" How do I pray to God? Is he listening? Does he respond? If you're asking these questions (who doesn't) then come along to our opening Lent Reflection on Wednesday 29th February at 7.30 pm in Church. We'll be thinking about what it means to pray and reflecting on our calling to be a prayerful people.

Daniel Hartley

The Bishops' Letter - A different sort of resolution

Record numbers of people will be taking unwanted Christmas gifts back to the shops early in January. That suggests there will be a fair amount of dissatisfaction and unhappiness around us as we begin a New Year.

One of the ways we react to that discontent within us and the sense of new beginnings is to make New Year Resolutions. Normally we resolve to give up certain things or to do things in a different way.

New Year Resolutions can be good and helpful and I will be making some of my normal ones this year and not all of them will be kept.

But here is a different sort of resolution. Try and take more time in 2012 to remember how much God loves you. Understanding we are loved is the key to change.

For many years I worked in a college helping people prepare to be Anglican priests and Methodist Ministers. For everyone their two or three years at the College were years of being changed. I learned to watch carefully what helped that change to happen.

Usually people don't change if we point out what's wrong with them. Most people can work that out for themselves. What really helps change is to understand more deeply how much you are loved and especially loved by God.

When Jesus enters the city of Jericho he spots a man watching him from a tree. Zaccheus is the most hated person in the town yet he is somehow drawn to watch Jesus as he approaches. When Jesus speaks to Zaccheus it isn't to embarrass him, rebuke him or point out his faults. Jesus speaks to Zaccheus to honour him and to ask for his help: "Zaccheus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today".

A rebuke would have sent this lonely man scurrying away to his counting house. Kindness, courtesy and honour do their work in Zaccheus and he is changed for ever.

So let your New Year resolution be to make this year one in which you come to understand much more fully how long and wide and high and deep is God's love for you. Take time in prayer, in reading the scriptures, in the Eucharist and in Christian fellowship to reflect on that love. And then let God's love and grace work in your life to bring change.

Happy New Year to you and yours

+Steven Sheffield

Service of Dedication - Bells

A service of Dedication for the newly augmented bells will take place in church on Saturday 11th February 2012 at 4.00pm to which all are cordially invited. Refreshments and then Open Ringing by visiting Bell Ringers will follow the service.

This will be a historical event for Ecclesfield church, and occasion that may never happen again. This has been achieved by the generosity, inspiration and hard work by so many people. From all the Bell Ringers, may we say thank you so much to all who have helped in any way.

Ecclesfield Church Tower was awarded a Ringing Centre Status in 2009. This means that the Tower is recognised as being a centre of good practice in the promotion of the teaching of bell ringing. In having a peal of ten bells we now have more scope for teaching new ringers on the lighter bells. If you are interested in learning to ring the bells please come along on Tuesday nights at 7.30 pm or visit www.ecclesfieldtower.org.uk for further details.



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Our new Bishop of Doncaster and Archdeacon of Doncaster

Steve and Heather Wilcockson have now moved into the Archdeacon's House in Doncaster. Please give them the warmest of welcomes to a new town and Diocese and Steve to his new role. Steve will be licensed and collated on Wednesday, 25 January at 7.30 pm in the Cathedral. Please feel free to contact Steve on Archdeacon's business after 25 January. Prior to that date any urgent Archdeacon's business should be directed to the Archdeacon of Sheffield and Rotherham.

Steve's office will be at Church House. His home address is:

Fairview House
14 Armthorpe Lane
Doncaster
DN2 5LZ

And the email remains the same:
archdeacons.office@sheffield.anglican.org.

Peter and Jane Burrows will be moving to the new Bishop of Doncaster's house in Fishlake on 16 and 17 January. Again please make them very welcome. Peter will begin normal work as Bishop of Doncaster following his consecration on Thursday, 2 February in York Minster.

Peter has already appointed his new secretary, Dominique Horsfield, and Dominique will take up her post around 10 February.

Telephone and email details will be circulated as soon as they are set up.

The postal address is:

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I know you will join me in thanking God for our new Bishop and Archdeacon and praying for them and their families in these weeks of transition.

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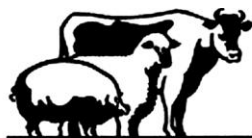


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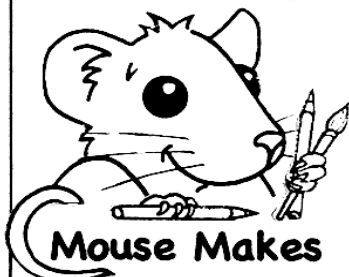
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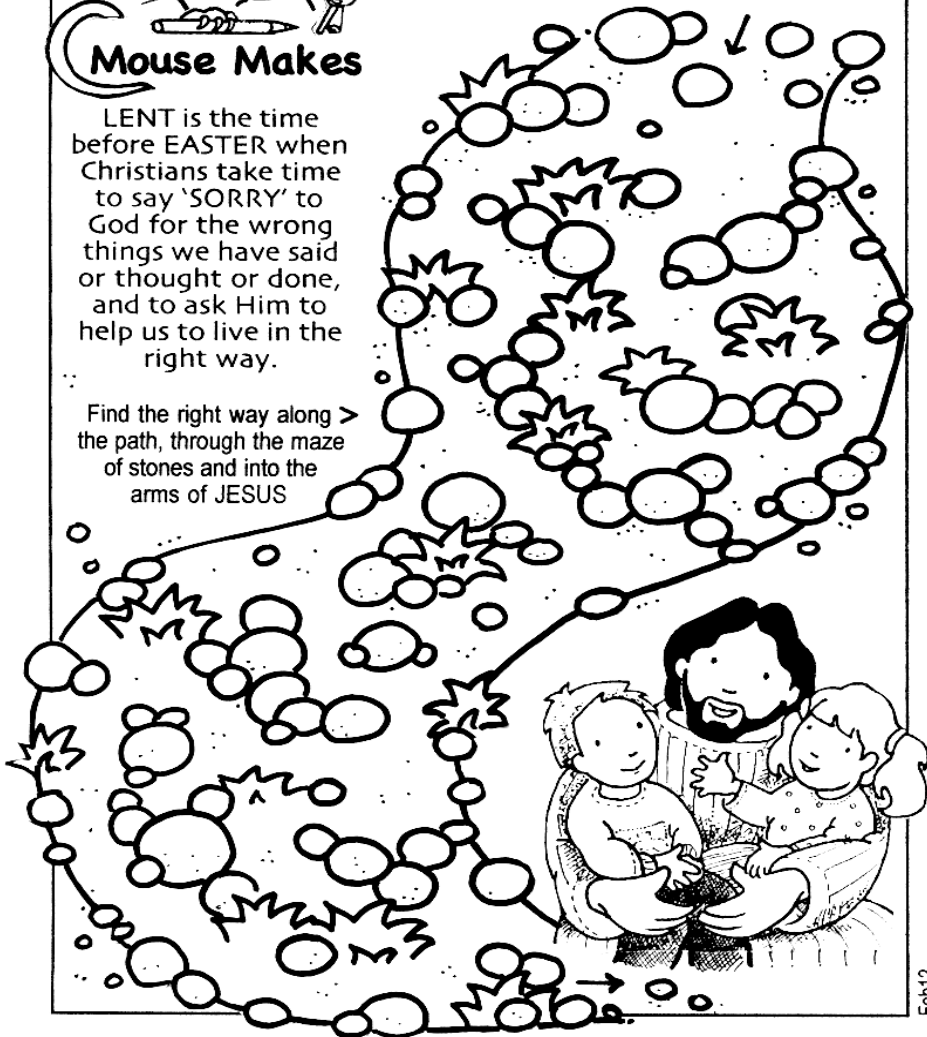


"Teach me how to live,
O LORD.
Lead me along
the right path..."

Psalms 27:11

LENT is the time
before EASTER when
Christians take time
to say 'SORRY' to
God for the wrong
things we have said
or thought or done,
and to ask Him to
help us to live in the
right way.

Find the right way along >
the path, through the maze
of stones and into the
arms of JESUS



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Will You Remember Them - February 2012

Nigeria – Waves Of Violent Attacks On Christians Continue After Christmas Day Bombing.

Reports have just been received of a further fatal attack by gunmen on a church in north-east Nigeria in which at least six people are known to have died.

This comes only days after a suicide bombing on Christmas Day in St Theresa's Church in Madalla, Plateau State, by the Islamic extremist group Boko Haram. At least 45 Christians died and a further 73 were injured in the attack, 50 seriously. Three of the dead were policemen on guard duty at the time of the attack but most of those who died were members of the church. The Rev. Joseph Akor explained, "The shock of the incident has been very traumatic for the people who were at the scene, and it is going to be difficult for them to recover from it – we are all still in mourning.

Families have been torn apart. One widow who is a member of the church lost her only son. Another woman lost her husband and all their children in the attack. A small girl lost her parents. President Goodluck Jonathan has attempted to stem the violence by holding urgent meetings with Muslim and Christian leaders, and other spiritual and political leaders have condemned the attacks. In December Kaduna state saw at least around 30 killed and dozens more injured in attacks by local Islamists on Christian communities. Asabe Bulus, the daughter of a murdered village leader, said "As Christians, we have been living peacefully with these Muslims and we do not understand why they should now attack us.

Please Pray:

- For wisdom for the President and the government of Nigeria, as they try to bring peace to the troubled region.
- For comfort for the children and family members traumatised as a result of the violence.
- That Christians will stand strong and be able to forgive despite the provocation.

JD

Back to basics

About eighteen months ago I got a speeding ticket (I was doing 35 in a 30 limit). I was on my way to a service in Doncaster; I had plenty of time and was in no particular rush. I was quite indignant about it and made excuses, it was quiet at the time, I was driving safely for the conditions and many others too numerous to mention here (ask Peter!!)

When the ticket actually arrived I was given a choice of a fine and three points on my licence or pay to go on a speed awareness course. Unsurprisingly, I didn't want points on my licence so I opted for the speed awareness course.

When I arrived at the course, I listened to thirty other people's excuses, some similar to my own, some completely different but all with the same sense of indignation I had. The instructor had heard them all before, but went over the reasons for the speed limits, especially the twenty and thirty limits. It really reminded strongly that we are all responsible for our own actions and excuses don't cut it. This equally applies in every aspect of our lives especially as Christians and it absolutely applies to abiding by speed limits.

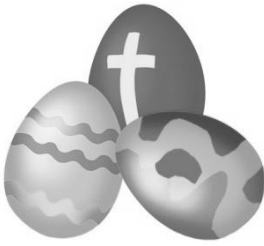
I was also struck by the impact going 'back to basics' had on me. We were asked to draw a 'Stop' sign and a 'Give Way' sign and hardly anyone in the room drew them correctly – why? I asked myself – because we take things so much for granted, we mainly drive on the same routes and don't really take notice of the signs because we know or we think we know what they say. We watched films of driving down roads and had to pick out the potential hazards. We talked about the things we were taught when we learnt to drive but which we now take for granted or have forgotten or how easy it is to be distracted.

Am I safer driver now? I would categorically say yes. It got me to thinking about my Christian life and whether this equally applies to that too. I believe in some ways it does, that I sometimes 'take my eye off the ball', that I sometimes take God's superabundant love for granted. Then, it is worth sometimes to go back to basics and unpack what we believe and discuss it with other people. To look again at those bible stories we have heard so many times before and to explore again the layers of meaning, to make sure we are not doing things in our own strength but God's and to really appreciate the power of prayer.

Bishop Steven has done a road show to Deaneries talking about the value of nurture courses – I didn't think I needed a speed awareness course but I am grateful I went on one – I know I would benefit from a nurture course in the Christian faith.

At St Mary's we are going to run some nurture courses later in year. It's worth reflecting that no matter how much we think we might know or understand – it's good to go back to basics and maybe you'll be surprised how much you learn.

Katharine Lonsborough



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Humour - Now that I'm older, here's what I've discovered:

- I started out with nothing and I still have most of it
- My wild oats have turned to prunes and All Bran.
- I finally got my head together, now my body is falling apart.
- Funny, I don't remember being absent minded
- All reports are in... life is now officially unfair.
- If all is not lost, where is it?
- It is easier to get older than it is to get wiser.
- Some days you're the dog, some days you're the tree.
- I wish the buck stopped here... I sure could use a few ...
- Kids in the back seat cause accidents; accidents in the back seat cause kids.
- It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
- Only time the world beats a path to your door is if you're in the bathroom.
- If God wanted me to touch my toes, God would have put them on my knees.
- When I'm finally holding all the cards, why does everyone decide to play chess?
- It's not hard to meet expenses ... they're everywhere.

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Diary for the Month of February

Wednesday 1 st	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	1.00 pm	MU – Pam Prior/Heather Johnson -Rwanda
Thursday 2 nd	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Church
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group –Coffee Evening / Book Sale
Sunday 5th		3rd Sunday before Lent
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	12 noon	Baptism Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Monday 6 th	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting in Church
Wednesday 8 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 9 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	2.00 pm	Service at Hartwell House
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group – Pauline Leach/Memories
Saturday 11 th	4.00 pm	Bell Dedication Service
Sunday 12th		2nd Sunday before Lent
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Wednesday 15 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 16 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group – Coffee Evening
Sunday 19th		Sunday next before Lent
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Evening Service with Prayer for Healing
Tuesday 21 st	7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting in Church
Wednesday 22 nd	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	7.30 pm	Ash Wednesday Service
Thursday 23 rd	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group – George Gillott
		Short Stories & Poetry
Friday 24 th	12.30 pm	Lent Lunches in Church

Sunday 26th**1st Sunday of Lent**

	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Monday 27 th	7.30 pm	Ignatian Prayer in Church
Wednesday 29 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House

From the Registers***Baptisms***

4th December	Annabelle Foster-Smith
4th December	Jake Mellor
4th December	Ellie Cole
8th January	Megan Wood
8th January	Oliver Beadsley

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

Funerals Burial

11th November	Graham Fleetwood	74
25th November	Kenneth Wright	76
28th November	Joan Siddaway	86
21st December	Catherine Hartley	88
23rd December	Amelia Slinn	Baby
29th December	Leonard Hodgson	74
17th January	Barbara Sworowski	83

Funerals Cremation

14th November	Mavis Whawell	86
5th December	Mary Winder	90
20th January	Alan Sutton	67

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

Flower Rota

5th February	S. Dale & P. Blackburn
12th February	<u>Vacant</u>
19th February	C. Wright & S. Johns
26th February	No Flowers



The Gardening Year – February 2012.

The weather has been very mild up to now (last autumn and this January) in comparison to the last two years. If you have a greenhouse, sowing seeds under glass and indoors can be started now. Most vegetable seeds are sown directly in the ground, but there are two major groups that are sown in pots or trays – either in a frame or a greenhouse or indoors. One group comprises vegetables such as French and Runner Beans, which can be given an early start under glass and then planted outdoors when the danger of frost is past. They will mature several weeks earlier than crops sown outdoors.

The other group are the seeds of more tender plants that need relatively high temperatures to germinate. These include aubergines, cucumbers, melons, peppers and tomatoes. The plants may be grown in a greenhouse or like beans moved outside when all danger of frost is past. Plants of both groups are easy to grow if you have an electrically heated propagator which produces the right temperature and humidity. The propagator may be used in a greenhouse, so saving fuel costs because the rest of the greenhouse need not be heated, or it may be placed on a sunny window sill in the house.

If you have no greenhouse or propagator, you can get seeds of hardy plants to germinate on a window sill, but it is essential to pay attention to sowing times and to provide plenty of light to make sure that the seedlings are sturdy. Seeds that need a fairly high temperature to germinate such as cucumber and melons can be started in an airing cupboard, but again the timing must be right so that subsequent growth of the seedlings is not checked at any stage.

Risk of a check are minimised if you use a garden frame or cloches for hardening off, or acclimatising plants before they are put in their positions in the garden. If you have neither you will need to carry the plants outside on mild days and bring them in at night.

It is a waste of effort to sow seeds so early that seedlings either grow too spindly indoors to be of any use, or die in the cold outside. If sown too late they may not have time to mature, and the fruits to ripen before autumn. Always use fresh sterilised compost, which can be bought from garden shops. Garden soil contains weed seeds and possibly fungal spores that will infect seedlings, most garden soils have the wrong texture for use in pots and boxes and will become baked and compacted after a short time.

Colin Williams

Prayers for Healing

The ministry of prayers for healing continues within the life here at St Mary's. It will now take place on the third Sunday of the month. In January at 10.00 am, February at 6.30 pm and alternating throughout the year (excluding August and December). Details can be found in each month's Parish Magazine Diary and online at

http://www.stmarysecclesfield.com/Diary_for_Month.html

At the 6.30 pm services, the whole theme of these services will be one of healing.

The times of ministry are when all are invited to come forward and receive God's blessing and healing touch, for themselves and for others for whom they pray. A short set prayer is said by members of the healing team. There is no need for anyone to share or disclose any personal details. God understands and knows our every need and the needs of others.

An Invitation to Healing

Is this true? Is this real?
We have a God and he can heal.
Yes, He's there for all to see,
He's there for you, He's there for me.
To trust and not to have to say,
to just come, and be, and pray.
It's more than just what we may feel,
yes here's a God who longs to heal.
To heal the hurts we hang on to,
the things in life that we've gone through.
To give us hope, to give us strength,
throughout our lives, whatever length.
As we ebb and flow, just like the tide,
we can be sure, God's at our side.
And when He shares his healing touch,
we are aware we're loved so much.
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what God can do for you, for me.

Jo Hawksworth

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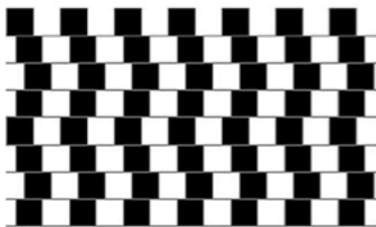
Born the seventh of 10 children in 1593, George Herbert grew up to be well known as a scholar and became a Member of Parliament. In 1630 he became a parish priest and spent the rest of his life in a small Wiltshire village. He preached, wrote poetry, helped rebuild the church and cared deeply for his parishioners who called him the 'Holy Mr. Herbert'.

He died aged 40 of tuberculosis, and perhaps we would never have heard of him were it not for his poems. He hid patterns and puns in his poems: in one called 'Easter Wings' the printed words look like the wings of birds soaring into the sky. A number of his poems became hymns, such as 'King of Glory, King of Peace', 'Let All the World in Every Corner Sing' and 'Teach me, my God and King'.

There is a window honouring George Herbert in Westminster Abbey, but he lives on in the words of hymns that are still sung today.



PUZZLES BEFORE YOUR EYES...



Do these lines go straight across or do they slope? Check them with a ruler to get the answer.



Roses are red
Violets are blue
Some poems rhyme
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Our last meeting of 2011 was on Wednesday 7th December for a Christmas lunch, where to our surprise, we had an unexpected visitor. Our very own wise man!



As you can see we embrace all and you don't have to have a hat!

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A Happy New Year from the Mother's Union

The Snow

The snow, in bitter cold,
Fell all the night;
And we awoke to see
The garden white.

And still the silvery flakes
Go whirling by,
White feathers fluttering
From a grey sky.

Beyond the gate, soft feet
In silence go,
Beyond the frosted pane
White shines the snow.

By F Ann Elliott

Dearest

D is a diamond, like starlight it gleams,
E is an emerald, like fields of our dreams,
A is a amethyst, a rich purple robe,
And **R** a red ruby, the suns setting globe.
E's one more emerald, a vivid, bright green,
S a blue sapphire, like skies seldom seen,
T is a topaz, it glows as pure gold.

Each stone by itself our feelings unfold;
But when in a gold ring united they be,
They spell out my DEAREST, what you
mean to me.

By Nigel Beeton

Seek the Lord

Seek the Lord, and in his ways persevere.
O faint not, but as eagles fly;
For his steep hill is high;
Then striving gain the top, and triumph ever.

When with glory there thy brows are
crowned,
New joys so shall abound in thee,
Such sights thy soul shall see,
That worldly thoughts shall by their beams be
drowned.

Farewell, World, thou mass of mere
confusion,
False light, with many shadows dimmed,
Old witch, with new foils trimmed,
Thou deadly sleep of soul, and charmed
illusion.

I the King will seek, of kings adored;
Spring of light, tree of grace and bliss,
Whose fruit so sovereign is
That all who taste it are from death restored.

By Thomas Campion (1567-1620)

Laodicean Lyrics

*If Charles Wesley had been a Laodicean, would
he have written these words?*

O Thou who camest from above,
A lovely warm good mood to impart
Kindle a sense of selfish love,
And warm the cockles of my heart!

There let it for my glory burn
Through self-congratulatory haze,
Then shall we to each other turn
And name good works with fervent praise!

Thus I confirm my heart's desire,
To work, and speak, and think for me
O let me sit by cosy fire
And think of what I'll get for free!

O please gloss o'er Thy Holy Word
As I with blinkered eyes ignore
The poor, the sick, the sore disturbed -
Yet who, in fact, is really poor?

By Nigel Beeton

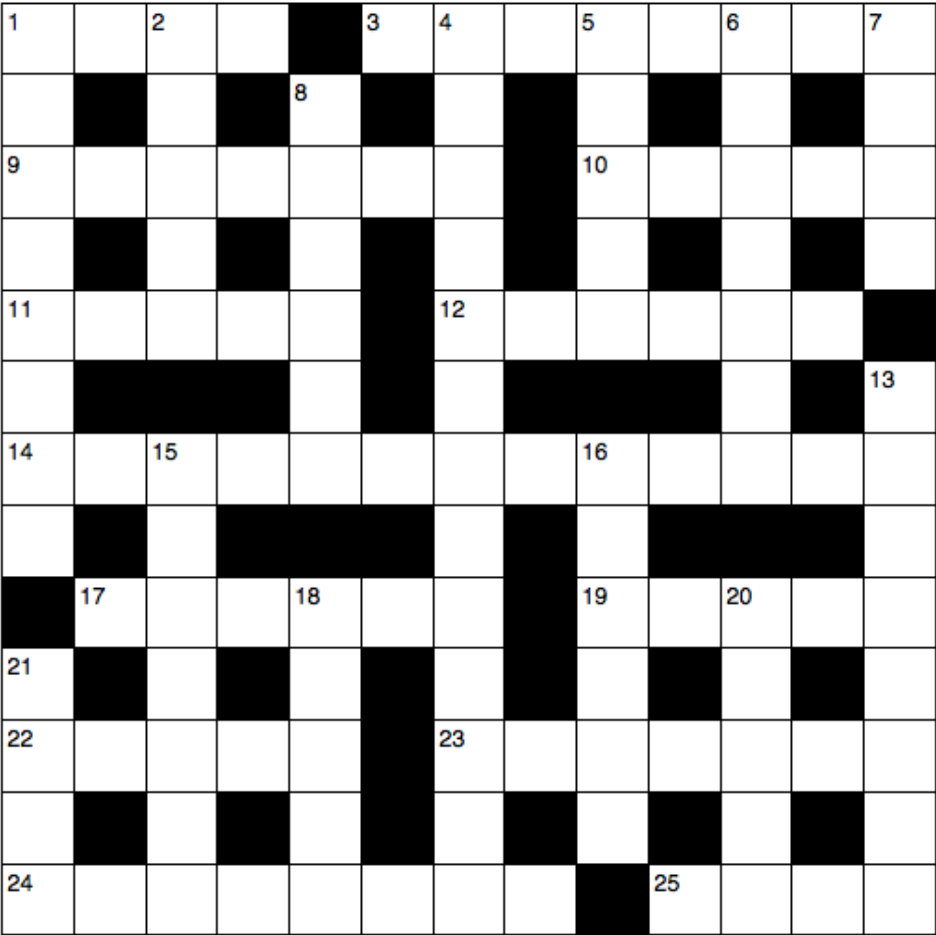
Crossword Puzzle

Clues Across

- 1** Salary (Isaiah 19:10) (4)
- 3** Question Jesus asked of those healed of leprosy, 'Were not all ten - ?' (Luke 17:17) (8)
- 9** Wide, elevated level area of land (Joshua 13:9) (7)
- 10** 'So you also must be - , because the Son of Man will come... when you do not expect him' (Matthew 24:44) (5)
- 11** '[He] said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He - , and his hand was completely restored' (Luke 6:10) (3,2)
- 12** 'Who has gathered up the wind in the - of his hand?' (Proverbs 30:4) (6)
- 14** Not born again (13)
- 17** 'Again and again he — the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins' (Hebrews 10:11) (6)
- 19** Mails (anag.) (5)
- 22** 'He - - here; he has risen' (Matthew 28:6) (2,3)
- 23** Defeated (Judges 20:43) (7)
- 24** Soldiers' quarters (Acts 21:34) (8)
- 25** 'Pillars of marble' were how the Beloved described those of her Lover (Song of Songs 5:15) (4)

Clues Down

- 1** Totally destroyed (Genesis 7:23) (5,3)
- 2** What the Philippian jailer was told to do with his prisoners Paul and Silas (Acts 16:23) (5)
- 4** Object of ridicule (Job 12:4) (8-5)
- 5** In most years, the month in which Easter falls (5)
- 6** For example, Caesarea, Joppa, Tyre, Sidon (7)
- 7** '[Jesus] was in the desert for forty - , being tempted by Satan' (Mark 1:13) (4)
- 8** 'Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power - to our God' (Revelation 19:1) (6)
- 13** Mend dots (anag.) (8)
- 15** Purifier (Malachi 3:3) (7)
- 16** Attacked (1 Samuel 27:8) (6)
- 18** The good Samaritan to the innkeeper: 'When I return, I will reimburse you for any — expense you may have' (Luke 10:35) (5)
- 20** How Matthew described the crowds who followed Jesus (Matthew 4:25) (5)
- 21** For example, one of 25 Across (Judges 19:29) (4)



Answers

ACROSS:
1, Wage. 3, Cleansed. 9, Plateau. 10, Ready. 11, Did so. 12, Hollow. 14, Unregenerated. 17, Offers. 19, Islam. 22, Is not. 23, Overran. 24, Barracks. 25, Legs.
DOWN:
1, Wiped out. 2, Guard. 4, Laughing-stock. 5, April. 6, Seaport. 7, Days. 8, Belong. 13, Oddments. 15, Refiner. 16, Raided. 18, Extra. 20, Large. 21, Limb.

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Gatty Hall
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Leader - Mrs M. Myers
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Gatty Hall
Tuesday 6.15 pm to 7.45 pm
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Gatty Hall
Thursday 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm
Leader - Mrs C Topham
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Secretary: Garry Leigh
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A History of Ecclesfield Scout Group – Centenary Year 2012.

Robert Baden Powell started the Scout Movement in 1907 with the first camp, which was held on Brownsea Island in Dorset.

The Ecclesfield Scout Group started in January 1912 so it seems quite probable that we are one of the oldest Groups in Sheffield who are still active and thriving. We were registered as the 25th Sheffield (Ecclesfield) Scouts. The first officers as they were then known were F. Nesbitt (Scout Master) D. Hayes and W Beard (Assistant Scout Masters). We have recently realised that this young man W Beard is on the Cenotaph in the churchyard and after a lot of research we have discovered quite a lot about his life both in Ecclesfield and during the First World War. His story will be told later in the year.

From 1912 to 1914 the Group took part in Rallies in Birmingham and at Windsor. At the outbreak of the war, assistance was given in guarding the dams at Redmires and several of the “old scouts” joined the colours. At the time the Group owed much to Mr A. Robinson who was treasurer until his death and Mr. Mawson who was Vice Chairman to the Group. During the years 1915 and 1916 little could be done owing to the lack of Officers. In 1917 the Group was restarted and only last year we had the find of the century when we were given the original log book of the minutes of every meeting from 1917 to 1937. The following are snippets from this log book.

Meeting held in the Gatty Memorial Hall on Tuesday September 18th 1917 at 7.45.pm. Major P.G.Smith in the chair. A Committee was elected as follows. Chairman. Major P.G. Smith, Vice Chairman. Mr W.P.Green, Treasurer Mr A Robinson, Secretary and Scout Master F.N. Green. Reverends F.W. Pawson, A.H.Stacey and S Walsh. Messrs W. Nesbitt, F. Heeley, H. Jones, A Mawson and C.H. Lingard all Assistant Scout Masters.

A room in a building opposite the Ball Inn, High Street was suggested as a clubroom. The secretary was instructed to write to the Council. It was understood that a tent and a trek cart belonging to the Scouts were being stored at Rainstorth and the secretary was instructed to write to Mr W.N. Drew on the matter.

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It was decided that each Scout should pay 6d (in old money) per week towards his outfit and that when he has three quarters towards the cost of Staff, shirt, hat and colours the committee should advance the remainder, which is to be paid off by the boys before any further article is purchased, the committee retaining the 7½% discount.

The treasurer reported that there was a balance of over £2.00 in the bank.

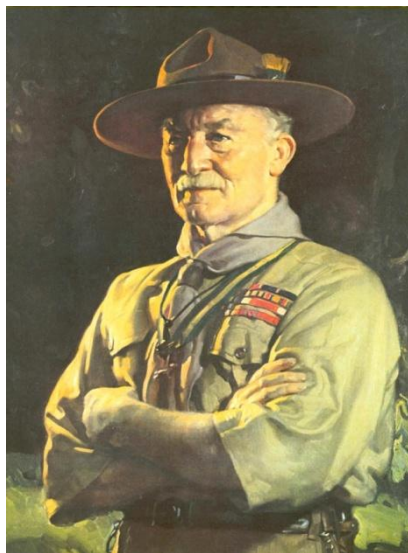
It seems some serious fundraising was obviously needed. Oh well, some things never change.

To be continued

Robert Stephenson Smyth Baden-Powell

1st Baron Baden-Powell, Bt, OM, GCMG, GCVO, KCB (22 February 1857 – 8 January 1941), also known as B-P or Lord Baden-Powell, was a lieutenant-general in the British Army, writer, and founder of the Scout Movement.

After having been educated at Charterhouse School, Baden-Powell served in the British Army from 1876 until 1910 in India and Africa. In 1899, during the Second Boer War in South Africa, Baden-Powell successfully defended the town in the Siege of Mafeking.



Several of his military books, written for military reconnaissance and scout training in his African years, were also read by boys. Based on those earlier books, he wrote *Scouting for Boys*, published in 1908 by Pearson, for youth readership. During writing, he tested his ideas through a camping trip on Brownsea Island with the local Boys' Brigade and sons of his friends that began on 1 August 1907, which is now seen as the beginning of Scouting.

After his marriage to Olave St Clair Soames, Baden-Powell, his sister Agnes Baden-Powell and notably his wife actively gave guidance to the Scouting Movement and the Girl Guides Movement. Baden-Powell lived his last years in Nyeri, Kenya, where he died and was buried in 1941.