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First Words...

- **All Souls Memorial Service** – This will take place on Sunday 4th November at 4.00 pm. All our welcome, particularly if you have lost a loved one this year.
- **Remembrance Day Service** – Our traditional Remembrance Day Service will take place at 10.00 am on Sunday 11th November. Please come along and remember all those who have given their lives in the defence of this nation and pray for the brave men and women who continue to serve in the armed forces.

Daniel Hartley



The Collect for Christ the King

Eternal Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord and King:
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Front Cover – St Mary's – Autumn Sunshine October 2012
Back Cover – New Ecclesfield Industrial Heritage boards

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The Vicars' Letter - The Kingdom Season

Sunday 4th November is given the inconspicuous title of the 4th Sunday before Advent. The Sundays after Trinity have come to an end and we begin to look forward to the birth of Christ at Christmas. We begin our time of preparation. It also marks the beginning of what is sometimes called the 'Kingdom Season', a four week period that ends with the Feast of Christ the King (25th November).

The Feast of Christ the King is a recent development in the Church's calendar. It was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 and, in recent years, has begun to be widely observed in the Church of England. The original intention of the Feast was to celebrate the universality of Christ's rule, sharply contrasting with the particularity of the emergent nationalist and secularist governments of the 1920s and 1930s. This year, as always, it acts as a challenge to the over ambitions of the nationalism and secularism in our world today.

So what is secularism? Secularism is not so much the absence of religion or of faith, but the removal of religion and faith from the public sphere. Religion and faith become matters of private opinion: unworthy of public debate and unwelcome in public spaces. Yet for Christians, as for people of other religions, faith is not merely a private matter – it has a public dimension. If I believe something to be true then this something has an impact on more than my opinions. It has an impact on the way in which I live my life.

The relationship between our beliefs and the way in which we live our lives can be complex. When I worked for the Prison Service I was required to abide by the Prison Service's policies on diversity and inclusion. I was not free to say simply say what I liked. Of course this can lead to tension, but a creative tension. My own beliefs were constantly tested in the real-life setting of an organisation that had its own understanding of what constituted acceptable behaviour. I wasn't required to surrender by beliefs at the gate, but I was required to exercise these beliefs in a thoughtful way.

So do we live in a secular society? Well, yes and no. It's certainly more secularised that it was a generation ago, but it would be wrong to say that faith and belief have been banished from public spaces. The relationship between faith and the public space may have got more complicated, but there is still a place within our society for the public discussion of faith and belief. The Feast of Christ the King challenges us to find ways to speak of the universal message of Christ. It challenges us to bring that message into the public spaces of our society as much today as it did nearly a century ago.

Daniel Hartley

The Bishops' Letter - November 2012

‘Beyond the door there is peace I’m sure’

Most would agree that Eric Clapton is one of the world’s greatest rock guitarists. One of his most heart wrenching songs is the one he wrote about the death of his four year old son who fell from a 53rd story window. Clapton took nine months off and when he returned his music had changed. The hardship had made his music softer, more powerful and reflective. The song he wrote was one of poignant hope:



“Would you know my name if I saw you in heaven?
Would it be the same if I saw you in heaven?
I must be strong and carry on
Cause I know I don’t belong here in heaven.
Would you hold my hand if I saw you in heaven?
Would you help me stand if I saw you in heaven?
I’ll find my way through night and day
Cause I know I just can’t stay here in heaven
Time can bring you down, time can bend your knees
Time can break your heart, have you begging please
Beyond the door there’s peace I’m sure
And I know there’ll be no more tears in heaven”

The song also reminds us of the hurt and pain we feel at the death of a loved one, a hurt that isn’t intellectual but a very deep heartache, a crying of the heart. Even Jesus in the midst of his suffering asked the question why. He felt alone and abandoned, his soul was overwhelmed with sorrow. His disciples felt alone when Jesus died, they didn’t know what to do, which way to turn, they were fearful and afraid, but God was with them in those moments.

Similar feelings will be shared by many who celebrate All Souls and Remembrance Day in November, days when the church remembers and prays for all those who have gone before us in death. Many of us will recall particular loved ones with deep and fond memories that are touched by sadness and grief. At those moments we too can be assured of God’s presence. Our faith will help console us and strengthen us because we believe in eternal life. Jesus died on the cross for our salvation. He has been raised in glory. He is the first fruits of the glory which awaits all of us and herein lays our joyful song of hope.

+ *Peter*

Tears In Heaven - www.youtube.com/watch?v=AscPOozwYA8
Eric Clapton 1999 live at Madison Square Garden, New York.



St HILDA

St Hilda was born a princess on November 17th 614 and was christened at the age of 13 with her uncle, King Edwin of Northumbria. When she was 33 she became a nun and in time she became the abbess (or leader) of a double monastery (where both monks and nuns lived) at Whitby in Yorkshire. And it was at Whitby, under St Hilda's leadership, that a famous conference was held to decide the date of Easter.



You know that Easter falls on a different day each year, but do you know that at that time the Celtic churches (in Ireland, Scotland and some of England) used a different way to the Roman Church (in the rest of England and Rome) to work out the date. This meant that in some kingdoms one group of Christians were still keeping the fast of Lent while others were celebrating Easter. The debate went on until finally it was decided that everyone would follow the Roman pattern.

CELEBRATION DAYS

The words hidden in this word search are names of holidays and seasons in the Church's calendar. The words go up, down, backwards, forwards and diagonally and some letters are used more than once.

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Christmas Easter Ember Day
Epiphany Eve Festival Lent
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Whose parrot said 'Pieces of four, pieces of four'?

Short John Silver.

What is a ghost proof bicycle?

One with no spooks in it.

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Saints - All Saints' Day - 1st of November

All Saints, or All Hallows, is the feast of all the redeemed, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. When the English Reformation took place, the number of saints in the calendar was drastically reduced, with the result that All Saints' Day stood out with a prominence that it had never had before.

This feast day first began in the East, perhaps as early as the 5th century, as commemorating 'the martyrs of the whole world'. A Northern English 9th century calendar named All Hallows as a principal feast, and such it has remained. Down the centuries devotional writers have seen in it the fulfilment of Pentecost and indeed of Christ's redemptive sacrifice and resurrection.

The saints do not belong to any religious tradition, and their lives and witness to Christ can be appreciated by all Christians. Richard Baxter, writing in the 17th century, wrote the following:

He wants not friends that hath thy love,
 And made converse and walk with thee,
And with thy saints here and above,
 With whom for ever I must be...

As for my friends, they are not lost;
 The several vessels of thy fleet,
Though parted now, by tempests tost,
 Shall safely in thy haven meet...

The heavenly hosts, world without end,
 Shall be my company above;
And thou, my best and surest Friend,
 Who shall divide me from thy love? ⁽¹⁾

1,255 ancient English churches were dedicated to All Saints - a number only surpassed by those dedicated to the Virgin Mary.

Notes 1:

[Maurice Frost editor - Historical Companion to Hymns Ancient and Modern London: Clowes, 1962], No. 274, verses 1, 3, 6.

Ecclesfield Ladies Group.

On Thursday 27th September the Ladies Group were entertained by Ray and Barbara Wragg and what an amusing evening it proved to be.

Ray and Barbara were the lucky recipients of a lottery win, quite a considerable one actually £7,600.000 whew! First they described the night in question, Barbara mentioned they had four lucky numbers, which Ray dismissed as fantasy, then she shrieked that they had five numbers and then six where upon Ray promptly retired at five minutes passed nine o'clock.

What Ray had always wanted however, was a lovely white 4 x 4 car he had seen in a sales room at the enormous price of £54.000 and as he could wait to take delivery he persuaded Barbara to come with him to purchase it. Imagine the sales assistant's horror when an ordinary couple asked to see the said vehicle, in the end of course the longed for car was duly delivered.

The days that followed were nail biting, waiting for Camelot to confirm the win and coming to terms with having so much money when they had never won a raffle in the past. There were interviews to get through where Ray said he would do all the talking and it finished that Barbara never shut up for twenty minutes much to her surprise, this is what we found so amusing at Ladies Group the banter between them was infectious.

This all happened twelve year ago and Barbara said straight away that they wouldn't be keeping the money. After the family were comfortable and they had moved to a bigger house themselves, Ray and Barbara set about helping the charities close to their hearts. Sheffield Children's Hospital, Bluebell Wood Hospice, Childline, St. Lukes, and the school they helped by taking the children to the Pantomime at the City Hall on five coaches which unfortunately were blocking the road outside. Suddenly a policeman came along to enquire just who was responsible for causing this state of affairs only to discover that was his own mother-in-law, which didn't upset Barbara at all. Barbara has had one or two health problems over the past few years and after a scan she asked if she could help financially and the department in question added another scanner to the Mammogram Project.

Most of the bulk of the money has gone to charities now although their accountant has kept enough for their retirement. They still give small donations like a Hamper every Christmas to raffle off.

The fact is that the Lottery win couldn't have happened to a nicer couple.

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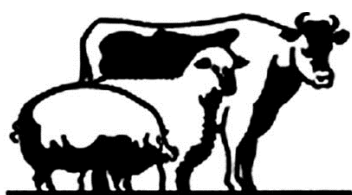
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Will You Remember Them - Egypt.

10,000 Young People Gather to Worship.

Against a backdrop of continued political turmoil, 10,000 Christian young people from across Egypt have gathered to worship the Lord and to seek God's blessing for their country. The worshippers met from 10am to 8pm and travelled from all over the country to meet at a conference centre in the desert north of Cairo. 'To sit among over 10,000 young people, worship with them in a roaring holy noise, listen to powerful and challenging messages and pray for God's powerful presence in our lives; really, it is hard to describe in words' said one Christian leader.

Thousands travelled from cities located in southern Egypt and stayed on site, while others were transported each day from Cairo, Alexandria and other nearby cities in a fleet of buses. According to the church leader, another two million followed the event on internet and live satellite transmission. The event was called 'One Thing', taken from Psalm 27:4: "One thing I ask from the Lord, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple." "The worship music was loud, the lights were attractive and the entire setting of this large youth conference was quite impressive," states our contact.

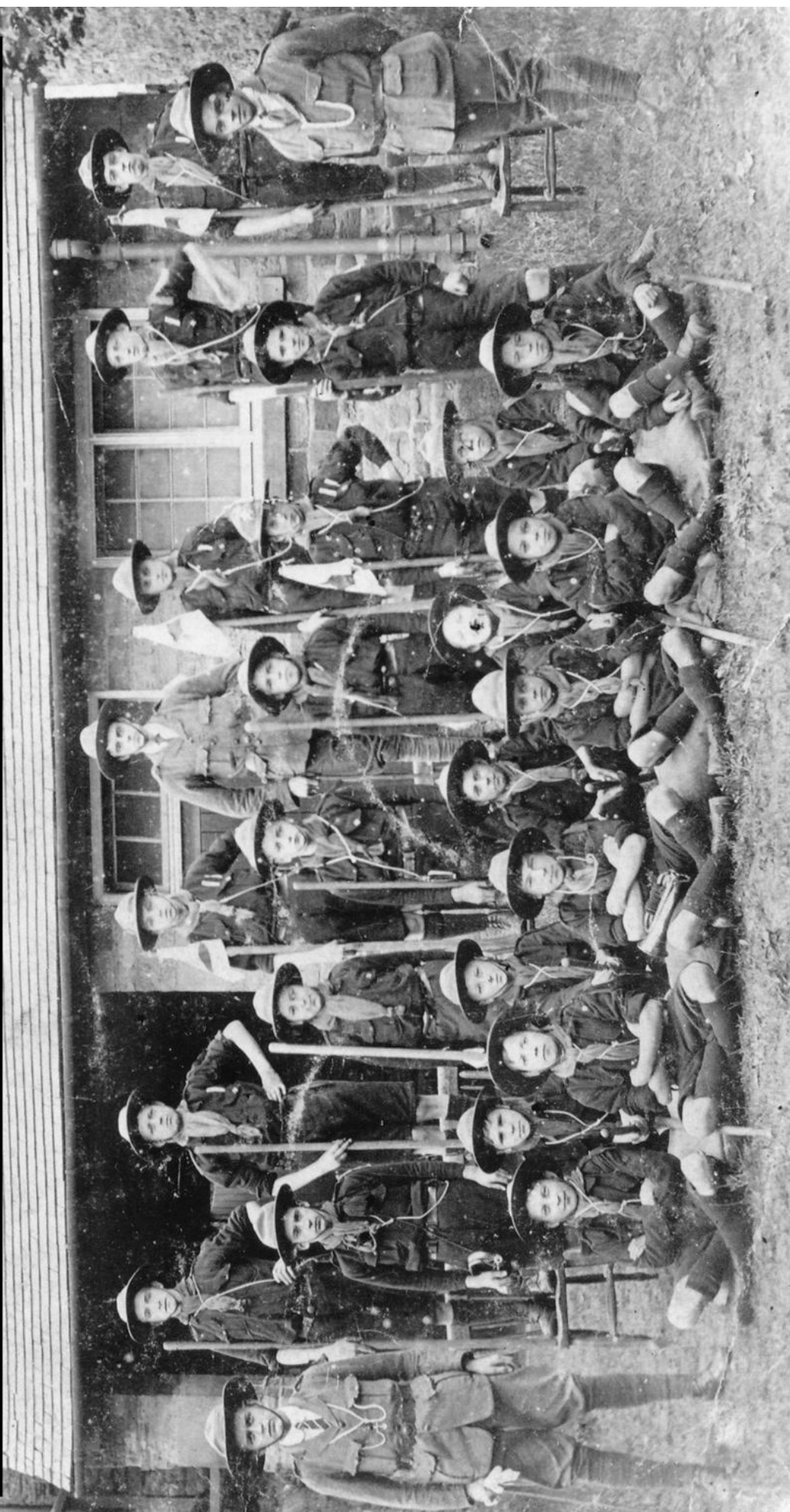
"However, what was really more impressive and touching were the tears coming down the cheeks of the young people and the shouts of the name of the Lord that echoed across the silence of the desert, proclaiming that our Father God is the Lord and Master in the hearts of a generation of Christian youth in Egypt. "Imagine the empowering, heavenly force that those crowds of young people have taken back with them, as they flooded back into their cities, towns and villages all across Egypt, assured that God Himself is living within them, determined to make them a blessing for the nation! God is at work in Egypt, no doubt!"

Please pray:

- Give thanks for the passion and love for God that these young people have, pray that God would reveal Himself to them in a new way
- Praise God that these young people were able to meet in relative freedom and pray that this freedom would increase
- Ask God to raise up a new generation of Christian believers in Egypt, a witness across the Arab World.

JD

Back Row - H. Crookes - J. Chivers - E. Brooks - R. Nesbit - L. Webster - R. Pilkington - N. Glover
 3rd Row - D. Hayes - R. Greaves - R. Mawson - F. Night - S. Howath - P. Duncan - W. Glover - W. Beard
 2nd Row - J. Oxley - B. Flather - F. Fox - J. Pilkington - L. Greaves
 1st Row - A. Crossland - H. Higgins - W. Marsden - W. Briggs - D. Lister - K. Gregory



25th Sheffield (Ecclesfield) Scout Group 1912 – 2012

This photo is of the first scouts taken in 1912 outside their first H.Q. which we understand was at the bottom of Wordsworth Ave where the Ecclesfield Support Unit centre now is. The young man on the right is Wilfred Beard whose name is on the Cenotaph in St Mary's churchyard and whose life we have researched.

Wilfred Beard - Assistant Scout Master in the first Ecclesfield Scout Troup, 27th January 1912 to 1914. He was born in 1891 and lived at 23 High Street Ecclesfield with his parents.

He worked in a local coal mine as a trammer (pushing tubs of coal from the coal face).

In 1914 he joined the 6th King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (KOYLI) as Private 3/3120. The Battalion moved to Woking and then on to Witley in November 1914, (with no arms or equipment). Reached Aldershot in February 1915 and landed in Boulogne on the 21st May 1915. Their move to the front was delayed due to lack of rifle and artillery ammunition. First action was at Hooze, where they were attacked by flame throwers. In 1916 Wilfred was convalescing at Alnwick – Northumberland where he wrote two short poems in Mary Young's autograph book.

1. *Let them go unhurt Lord*

*By the sight that they have seen
Guard their dreams from Shell and Sword
Lead them by the Pastures green*

*Pte. W. Beard 3120
23, High St.
Ecclesfield Nr.*

*Sheffield
Yorkshire
6th KOYLI*

2. *Oh, if the Sonless Mother's weeping*

*And Widow Girls could look inside
Of the faith of them in keeping
Who went to the Great War and Died.*

In 1917 he was sent with the 1st. KOYLI to Salonika (Greece) to fight the Bulgarians and was stationed in the Lake Doiran Area. He was wounded on the 17th May 1917 and died the next day.

Wilfred is buried not far from where he fell, and the Karasouli Military Cemetery near the village of Polikastro (formally Karasouli) in plot no. B366.

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ACROSS: 1, Jehoiachin. 7, Endured. 8, Eased. 10, Rash. 11, Startled. 13, Easier. 15, Rubric. 17, Impurity. 18, Feet. 21, Eye at. 22, Ready to. 23, Holy Spirit.

DOWN: 1, Judas. 2, Harm. 3, Is duty. 4, Cheerful. 5, Insular. 6, Jezreelite. 9, Dedication. 12, Secretly. 14, Supremo. 16, Stir up. 19, Egypt. 20, Hair.

25th Sheffield (Ecclesfield) Scout Group 1912 – 2012

Continued

Private Wilfred Beard 3/3120 was awarded 3 medals: -
The 1914-15 Star, the British War Medal and the Victory Medal.
Un-officially known as Pip, Squeak and Wilfred.

He is remembered on the War Memorial in St. Mary's Churchyard, Ecclesfield.

Editor's Note: The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (KOYLI) was a regiment of the British Army. It officially existed from 1881 to 1968, but its predecessors go back to 1755.

“SMART ECCLESFIELD PARADE”

The following is from a cutting in a local newspaper on Remembrance Day 1946

For Ecclesfield remembrance service on Sunday one of the smartest turn-outs seen for a number of years opened the proceedings. A contingent of ex-servicemen and all other social workers met at St Michaels Rd. and with Ecclesfield Silver Prize Band paraded to the parish church for morning service.

The vicar, the Rev C.R.J. Hayes, preaching his first sermon in his new church dealt with some important problems facing the country today.

He Said; “There are far too many thinking that the State is going to give them a grand new world without putting their own effort towards it. Don't live in a fool's paradise, but let us all realise the difficulties which control our country. Europe is a seething region of hatred and bitterness, and it is no easy task to put that matter right. No one politician can make this a grand new world on such a foundation. It is up to us all to play our part if the society of tomorrow is to be better and nobler, and make the sacrifices so nobly made not made in vain.”

The roll of honour for the 1914-1918 and the last World War was read and at the close of the service the company assembled at the village War Memorial for a further short service, during which wreaths were laid.

A number of individuals placed flowers on the Memorial, and the British Legion, Girl Guides, Scouts and the Druids also placed floral tributes.

R & P Marsland

Diary for the Month of November

Thursday 1 st	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.00 pm	Ladies' Group Outing
Saturday 3 rd	10.00 am	Children's Society Coffee Morning
Sunday 4th		All Saints Day
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	12 noon	Baptism Service
	4.00 pm	All Souls Service
Monday 5 th	7.30 pm	PCC Meets in Church
Wednesday 7 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	1.00 pm	MU – Mary White / Stations of the Nativity
Thursday 8 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	2.00 pm	Service at Hartwell House
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group /G. Clarke – The History of Wortley
Sunday 11		Remembrance Day
	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Service of Remembrance
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Wednesday 14 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 15 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group – Coffee Evening
Sunday 18th		2nd Sunday before Advent
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Evening Service with Prayer for Healing
Monday 19 th	7.30 pm	Mission Committee meet in Church
Wednesday 21 st	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 22 nd	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Church
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group
Sunday 25th		Christ the King
	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Monday 26 th	7.30 pm	Ignatian Prayer in Church

Wednesday 28 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	7.30 pm	Fabric Committee meet in Church
Thursday 29 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group – Revd. Jeni Fryer

From the Registers

Baptism

7 th October	Lewis James Mellors
7 th October	Tilly Violet Stocks
7 th October	Mia Louise Siddall
21 st October	Jacob Sean Otter
21 st October	Lottie-Rae Otter
21 st October	George Broomhead

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

Weddings

6 th October	Daniel Boldock and Caroline Moody
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May each be to the other strength in need a comfort in sorrow and a companion in joy.

Funerals

29 th August	Jean Humberstone	83
12 th September	Pauline Angus	86
12 th September	Audrey Hague	87
17 th September	Ann Hartill	64
3 rd October	David Emery	46
5 th October	Cyril Butterick	91

Grant them, O Lord, refreshment, light and peace

Flower Rota

4th November	Z. Colton
11th November	P. Leach & O. Robinson (Remembrance Sunday)
18th November	D. Banham & A. Southern
25th November	Advent 1



The Gardening Year November

Red and White Currants – These delicious fruits are related to black currants but do not have the same growing habit. They are therefore cultivated in a different way. They can be grown as bushes or as cordons, the latter being ideal for the small garden as they occupy much less space and can be grown as an ornamental edging or divider. For the space they occupy, red and white currants produce a large amount of fruit from mid-June to late July, like black currants, they are long-lived plants.

Planning the Crop – an open site in full sun or semi shade is best for currants, but cordons can be grown successfully against walls of any aspect. Whatever the position it should not be subject to late frosts, because the plants flower early. Red and white currants grow well in any moisture retaining soil, as long as it is not liable to become waterlogged. Red and white currants, like gooseberries, are susceptible to a deficiency of potash. Before planting, apply a general fertiliser at 4oz per square yard together with a dressing of well rotted manure or compost if the soil is low in Humus. The best month for planting is October, but any time until March is suitable provided the soil is not frozen. After planting a bush, cut back all the branches to four buds above the base of the stems. The top bud should point outwards. Before planting cordons, stretch support wires between end posts or along a fence. Set the bottom wire 18in. from the ground and two more spaced 2ft. apart above the bottom wire. Canes tied to these will support the cordons. After planting a cordon, choose the strongest shoot to become the leader and eventually constitute the main stem. Cut off all others to within 1in. of the base. Prune lateral shoots that grow from the main stem to two buds. Secure the cordons to the cane with string, and fasten the cane to the wires. Mulch the bushes and cordons with a layer of compost or well-rotted manure in winter and feed them with 1oz. of sulphate of Potash. In spring, a further feed of 1oz of Sulphate of Ammonia will promote growth. Every third year apply 2oz. of Superphosphate to the plants.

Raising new plants – Red and white currants can be raised from cutting of the current year's growth. In October cut off some well ripened shoots, trim the soft wood off the top just above a bud and some wood off the bottom just below a bud to produce cuttings 10in. long, rub off all except the top four buds. Dig a V shaped trench 6in. deep put grit, sand and compost in the bottom and put the cuttings in this with the top four buds above ground. Then carry out the procedure described for black currants in the October issue.

Colin Williams



JESUS IS COMING!



ADVENT is the time before Christmas when we celebrate the arrival of **JESUS**, God's Son, our Saviour. In Advent we also look forward with **HOPE** to the time when Jesus will return to us again. We give thanks for God's **LOVE** for us, the **PEACE** we have with God through Jesus and our **JOY** at being His children.



To make your Advent wreath cut out the strips of holly, colour, glue together and glue around a glass jar. Colour and cut out the candles. Glue one candle onto the jar on each Sunday in Advent.




On Christmas Eve light a real candle in the jar to celebrate the birth of Jesus.



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- a vigorous community engagement programme.

Dear Friends,

Many of you will already know from the local press, or the diocesan and Cathedral websites, that the Cathedral has recently been awarded nearly £1.34 million towards our redevelopment project, The Gateway Project. We had already been awarded an extremely generous grant of over £2 million from the Sheffield Church Burgesses Trust. The Cathedral Chapter is now in the very fortunate position of being able to go out to tender for the work, which we hope will begin early next year and be complete in time for the major diocesan centenary celebrations at Pentecost 2014.

My colleague, The Reverend Canon Dr Joanne Grenfell, and I have been charged with responsibility for coordinating the communication of our plans to partners across the city, diocese and region. As a first step in making the details of Chapter's plans more widely available we have prepared a leaflet which I hope will be of interest to you and to the communities you serve and are involved with. Please feel free to copy and to circulate as widely as you wish.

Copies available a back of church

There is a modest display about the Project in the Cathedral, and the Cathedral's website - www.sheffieldcathedral.org - will be kept up to date as the Project progresses.

We value enormously our relationships across the Diocese and ask for your prayers as we move together into God's future. Please do not hesitate to contact either of us if you would like someone to speak or to preach about the Gateway Project in your local church or community.

With warm good wishes,

The Revd Canon Simon Cowling
Chair, Gateway Steering Group

Operation Christmas Child

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Yes Please! We'd love you to choose from each of these 4 categories:

Toys: Bear, soft toy, tennis ball, finger puppet, jigsaw, yo-yo, building blocks, small musical instrument. For boys; trucks and cars, for girls; dolls, clip on earrings, etc.

Educational Supplies: Felt pens, pens, pencils, pencil sharpener, eraser, colouring book, notepad, picture or puzzle book, chalk, pencil case, stickers, etc.

Hygiene Items: Toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, hair clips, bar of soap, flannel, etc.

Other Items: Sweets (sell-by date to be at least March of the following year), gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, hat, bangles, necklaces etc.

All gifts should be new, please include items from each category.

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Choirbook for the Queen

During the wonderful celebrations of Her Majesty The Queen's Diamond Jubilee a project to celebrate her sixty years as Queen has been quietly unfolding in Cathedrals, Churches and Chapels across the Country. www.choirbookforthequeen.org.uk contains 44 anthems written in the last decade. 11 anthems were specially commissioned from leading British composers and are being premiered across the country. Many have been heard on BBC Radio 3's Choral Evensong. The final anthem to be premiered (BBC Radio 3 Choral Evensong on 5th December 2012 from Westminster Abbey) is called 'Advent Calendar'. It is composed by Sir Peter Maxwell Davies and based on a poem by Rowan Williams, who steps down as Archbishop of Canterbury in the New Year. Universally acknowledged as one of the foremost composers of our time, Sir Peter Maxwell Davies has made a significant contribution to musical history through his wide-ranging and prolific output. He lives in the Orkney Islands where he writes most of his music. Maxwell Davies' huge output of work includes operas, two ballets, music-theatre works, eight symphonies and numerous concerti, light orchestral works and large-scale works for chorus. Maxwell Davies has guest-conducted international orchestras at the highest level and retains close links with the St. Magnus Festival, which he founded in 1977. He was knighted in 1987 and appointed Master of The Queen's Music in 2004.



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Prayers and Poems Page

Love Your Enemies

(Matt 5:43-47)

All the pagans love each other
Everybody loves their brother
So don't just for your nearest pray;
But do as Jesus came to tell
And pray for all your foes as well
And do that each and every day.

By Nigel Beeton

The Gates of the Kingdom

O great God, thou who art upon the throne,
Give to us the heart repentance true,
Forgiveness give us of the sin we own, -
The sin inborn and the sin we do.

Give us, O God, a yearning that is strong,
And the crown of glory of the King;
Give us the safe home, God, for which we
long
In thy kingdom's lovely gates to sing.

*From an ancient Celtic prayer from
Benbecula*

Creation

Sun that moves at the Master's word
Moon that lowers her gaze
Tides that ebb and flow for him
And nights that turn to days.

The starry host in heaven above
Too numerous to see
Their orbits and their circuits run
Obeying his decree.

All creation praises him
The wind and waves are calmed
At his voice "Peace, be still"
They bend to his command.

But what of man who stands alone
Amidst such grand display
He turns his head, ignores his Lord
And blindly walks

All creation stands aghast
Too dreadful to behold
That man should turn his back on God
And sin should takes its hold.

Continues over

Creation - continued

The mysteries of God are vast
Who ever could devise
A plan for man's redemption
Where a saviour comes and dies?

A body prepared to do thy will
Not mine but thine be done
On beams of wood raised up to die
A mighty battle won.

The way is made, the curtain torn
No longer gripped in sin.
The Maker makes a way for man
Who hid his face from him.

And now to him who made all things
Let all creation sing
Your kingdom come, your will be done
Our great Redeemer King.

By Megan Carter

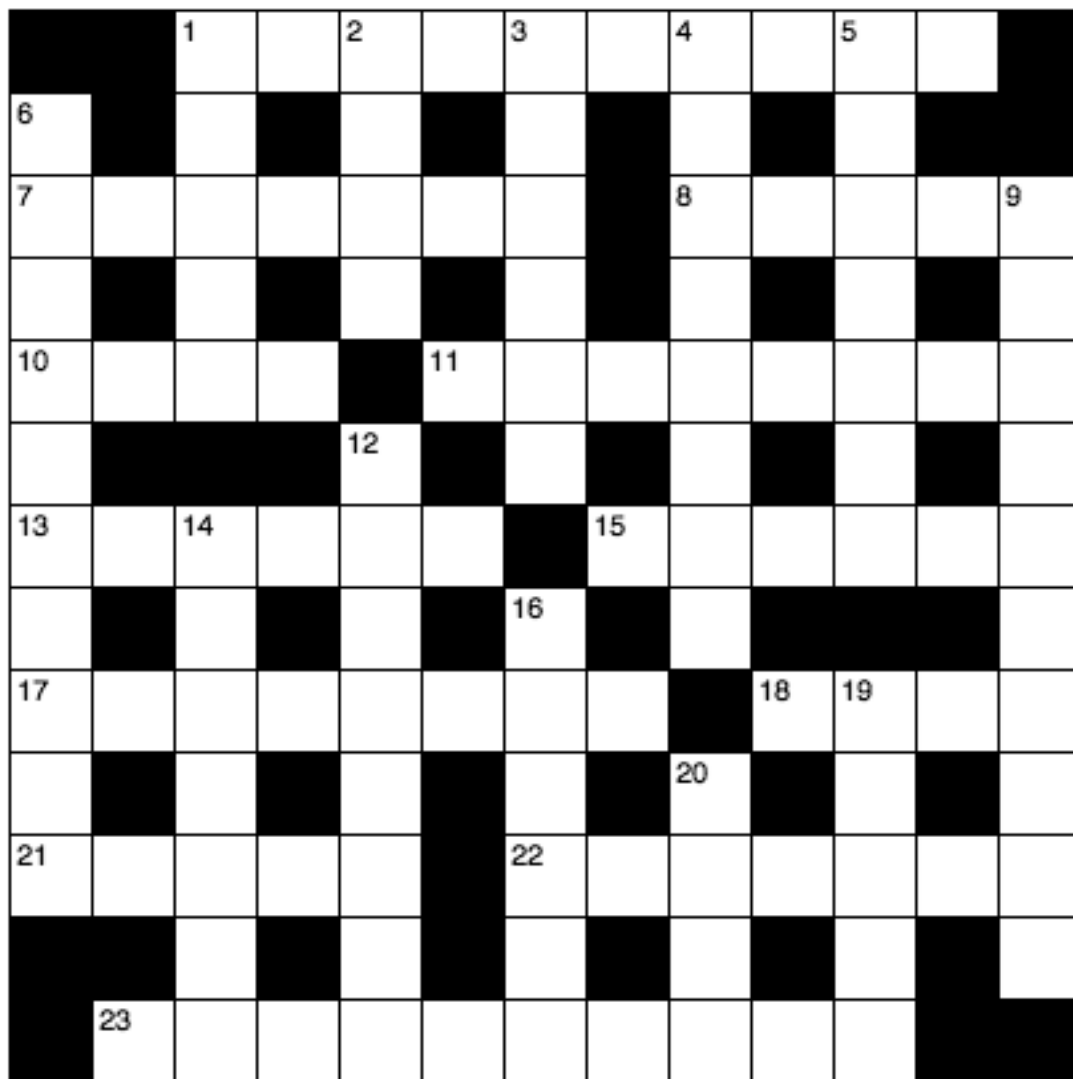
Crossword Puzzle

Clues Across

- 1** He was replaced as king of Judah by his uncle Mattaniah (2 Kings 24:17) (10)
- 7** 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him — the cross' (Hebrews 12:2) (7)
- 8** Relieved (5)
- 10** Impetuous (Acts 19:36) (4)
- 11** Surprised and alarmed (Luke 24:37) (8)
- 13** 'It is — for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God' (Mark 10:25) (6)
- 15** Directions for the conduct of a church service (6)
- 17** One of the acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19) (8)
- 18 and 20 Down** 'She began to wet his — with her tears. Then she wiped them with her — ' (Luke 7:38) (4,4)
- 21** 'We will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an — , — the last trumpet' (1 Corinthians 15:51–52) (3,2)
- 22** 'But he replied, "Lord, I am — — go with you to prison and to death"' (Luke 22:33) (5,2)
- 23** Third person of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:14) (4,6)

Clues Down

- 1** He betrayed Jesus (Matthew 27:3) (5)
- 2** Paul's assurance to the Philippian jailer: 'Don't — yourself! We are all here!' (Acts 16:28) (4)
- 3** 'Fear God and keep his commandments, for this — the whole — of man' (Ecclesiastes 12:13) (2,4)
- 4** The sort of giver God loves (2 Corinthians 9:7) (8)
- 5** Sun rail (anag.) (7)
- 6** Naboth, the ill-fated vineyard owner, was one (1 Kings 21:1) (10)
- 9** Paul said of young widows, 'When their sensual desires overcome their — to Christ, they want to marry' (1 Timothy 5:11) (10)
- 12** This was how Joseph of Arimathea practised his discipleship 'because he feared the Jews' (John 19:38) (8)
- 14** Mop ruse (anag.) (7)
- 16** Foment (Philippians 1:17) (4,2)
- 19** Where Joseph and Mary escaped to with the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:14) (5)



Crossword Puzzle - Solution is on page 14.

Holy Days – 4th November - Charles Borromeo

The un-ordained archbishop

Why should being a ‘lay’ person stop you from as full a ministry as being ordained? Here is a saint for all lay people who suspect they can do as good a job....

Charles Borromeo was an Italian who lived in Milan from 1538 to 1584. His uncle, Pope Pius IV, made him Archbishop of Milan three years before Charles even became a priest, let alone a bishop. Charles, however, was one of the ablest and most compassionate Christian leaders of his age. He established theological colleges to train future clergy, encouraged children to be taught the Christian faith, and increased the help given to the poor.

Mothers Union – October 3rd 2012.

Our afternoon began with a short service; our speaker was Tim who spoke about the Cathedral Archer Project.

Tim explained that the Archer Project has been running for twenty two years and Tim has been involved for the last seven years,

The Archer Project is based at the rear of the Cathedral and works with the homeless and vulnerable people. The workers try to engage with the homeless by giving them a warm welcome, thus building up trust and hope for the future.

They are encouraged to take part in different activities e.g. walking, fishing, cooking and computers. These are just a few of about eighteen different activities. This helps to build confidence and help them move forward in life. A nurse visits three times a week and a dentist once a week.

After Tim's very enlightening talk we celebrated Athol's 90th Birthday and it proved to be a very informative and pleasant afternoon.

How fortunate we are to have a home, family and friends.

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and Tours of the Bell Tower will be available



Contact Numbers for Local Groups

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Gatty Hall
Tuesday 4.45 pm to 6.00 pm
Leader - Mrs B Travis
Tel: 0114 245 3504

Ecclesfield Brownies

Gatty Hall
Monday 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm
Leader - Mrs J Hutchinson
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Ecclesfield Brownies

Gatty Hall
Tuesday 6.15 pm to 7.45 pm
Leader - Mrs A. Kendall
Tel: 0114 246 8866

Ecclesfield Guides

Gatty Hall
Thursday 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm
Leader - Mrs C Topham
Tel: 0114 246 1289

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 Community Garden

Ecclesfield Park,
off Mill Lane - Church Street
Wednesdays 10.00 am to 12.00 pm
Saturdays 12.00 pm to 14.00 pm
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email: rose@rosetanner.plus.com

Ecclesfield Cubs

Scout Hut (off Yew lane)
Wednesday 4:45 pm to 6:15 pm
2nd Pack 6.30 pm to 8.0 pm
Leader - Mrs A Hancock
Tel: 0114 245 2780

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Leader - Mrs J Steel
0114 246 0218
Thursday 6.00 -7.15 pm
Rachael Otter 0114 246 1752

Ecclesfield Scouts

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New Ecclesfield Industrial Heritage boards

The Ecclesfield Conservation Group has been busy organising the last two heritage boards, ready for their installation in Ecclesfield Park.

Together with their illustrated leaflets, the boards describe the industries that characterised the East and North of the Village, and which lie behind some of its unique buildings.



The group are keen to keep everything under wraps until the 1st of December, but have revealed that the boards cover the areas from Nether Lane to Butterthwaite Dam, and Whitely to Smithy Wood; and include the history of Rollem / ALDI as a water-powered mill.

**The Ecclesfield Conservation Group invite
everybody in Ecclesfield to the unveiling of the new
Ecclesfield Industrial Heritage Boards**

Meet at the entrance to Ecclesfield Park on The Common (opposite to Morrisons) at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday 1st December.

Professor Mel Jones will say something about our Industrial Heritage, before we unveil the second board on Mill Road and then retire to hot drinks and free buffet in St. Mary's Church.

See conservation.ecclesfieldgroups.com for acknowledgments and other details

