

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



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# First Words...

- **New Service For Children And Families – Living Stones**

I'm pleased to announce the launch of a new Service in Church for children and families. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month we'll be running the "Living Stones" Service at 4.00 p.m., starting on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July. The Service will be geared towards children and will involve plenty of fun activities, alongside songs and prayers. The Service will last about 45 minutes and there will be refreshments served afterwards.

Please let your relatives and friends know about this service and come along and support. Although it's geared towards children, everybody is welcome!

- **Spiritual Spam Filter**

If you use email you'll be aware of the "Spam Filter". It gets rid of "Junk Emails", things that you don't want and that slow you down. So often in our Christian Faith we can become bogged down by spam and junk of a spiritual nature. Some people tell me that you can be a Christian without engaging in the collective worship of the Church. I disagree. Collective worship is the time when we are drawn close to God and renewed in our faith and commitment. It enables us to sort through the junk and begin each week a fresh

*Daniel Hartley*



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## Stewardship Prayer

Almighty God, we thank you for all the gifts You have given us: our lives, our loved ones, all that we have and all that we are. Most of all, we thank You for Jesus, your Son and our Redeemer, who came among us to show us the way to eternal life. Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts, showing that complete trust in You is necessary, and that giving of self is a most important part of following Him. May the offerings of our time, our talents, and our material resources be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by His life and death for us.

**Amen**

Front Cover – St Marys - Summer  
Back Cover – May Queens

# The Vicars' Letter - Gentle Generosity

On Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June we began a four week stewardship reflection and campaign. During these four weeks I have invited all of us to pray, to think and to act on stewardship. To look at how we give, both financially and in other ways, to the Church and also to look at what we give. But first we need to ask another question – why do we give? We give because we, as the people of God, are invited to fund the mission and ministry of the Church in this place. Whenever we talk of money in terms of stewardship and giving we are, in fact, talking about the mission and ministry of the Church. The Church in Ecclesfield is reliant solely on the generous giving of our members and on the fund raising carried out in its name. We need to raise nearly £2000 every week to fund the mission of the Church in this area, to support the mission of the Church in more deprived areas, and to maintain our beautiful and historic Church building.

So what are we praying about and thinking about during these four weeks? We're looking at both how we give and what we give.

## **How we give**

The first thing I'm inviting you to look at is the way in which you give. Our giving needs to be regular and efficient. In other words we need to plan to give at regular intervals, either weekly or monthly. This can be done by Standing Order (direct from your bank) or by Giving Envelopes. The easiest and most efficient way is by Standing Order, but this doesn't suit every one. As long as we are committed to a pattern of regular giving then the method is of secondary importance. Regular giving enables you to know where you are as a giver and the Church to know where it is as a fund raiser.

Giving also needs to be efficient. If you pay UK Income Tax then you can complete a Gift Aid Declaration and enable the Church, as a charity, to claim an extra 25 pence for each £1 that you give! If you haven't done this then please do so.

## **What we give**

We also need to pray and think about what we give. We need to think about our circumstances and ask whether or not we are able to give a little more to the Church. A regular review of our giving should be part of our general Christian life, but if you're anything like me then you'll tend to forget to do this in the midst of the business of life. That's why we have stewardship reflections and campaigns.

*Continues overleaf*

The point of this campaign isn't to demand that you increase your giving. It's simply a chance for all of us to prayerfully reflect on where we are in our financial lives and to ask whether or not we are able to increase our giving.

Finally, some words from the Second Letter of St Paul to the Corinthians, words that can lead us in our reflections (2 Cor. 8. 1-7)

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints— and this, not merely as we expected; they gave themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

*Daniel Hartley*

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MU 5<sup>th</sup> June 2013

### **Adopted and accepted by our Father above**

The afternoon started with a short service of worship and prayer led by Pauline Bown. Congratulations were offered to Joan Nesbit for her 90th birthday and Pauline and Richard Leach's Golden wedding anniversary, unfortunately, Richard was unable to attend.

Margaret Heath was the meeting's speaker; she gave an informative and heart-warming talk about her pathway to adoption. She began with a reading from the Bible, Romans Chp.8: v. 15 and asked us, 'what did it mean to us to be adopted into God's family? Margaret became adopted into God's family as a child when she became a Christian in 1964 after hearing the word of God.

Unable to have a family of her own she set about exploring adoption. It was three years before she had her first interview by Social Services (SS), which she described as probing and intrusive. She was asked 'would she consider a child from an ethnic background, or one with a disability. She replied that it did not matter to her, at the same time thinking to herself, that we are all loved by God. They did not know she was a Christian. Despite not hearing anything from the Social Services, her faith kept her strong.

In 1982, whilst talking part in a play performed at church, a line something like 'the old things are passed away, behold old things are made new'. She felt these words were meant just for her and as a result set about preparing for a new arrival buying a pram, cot etc. A while later she was told that on the day of the play that a baby had been born and the only stipulation of the mother was that her child was brought up in a Christian household! This was the first child that she adopted. She later adopted a further two children all of whom are from an ethnic background, however, the third one was more dramatic which nearly went to court but thankfully, the child's mother at the last minute decided to not to pursue the case.

Margaret's dream of having children came true, although there were times when she was told that there were none to be adopted; but she knew that this was not the case. Margaret stressed throughout her talk that we must be prepared for disappointments but God has a plan for all of us.

Margaret and husband are now further blessed with grandchildren.

'Father God I wonder how I managed to exist without the knowledge of your parenthood, but now adopted I am adopted in your family...' (Mission 128)

***J.G.***

# Funding Your Parish Church

People often look at an ancient church like Ecclesfield and wonder why we still put so much emphasis on finance - after all, the government funds all churches, the Church of England is wealthy and everyone pays Council Tax to Ecclesfield Parish Council.

The simple response to all these statements is **WRONG!** The truth is that the churches receive no money from the Government; the Church of England is no longer genuinely wealthy as much of the wealth is tied up in buildings like Ecclesfield Church and investment income is used to fund clergy pensions; and the Ecclesfield Parish Council is a second level of local government totally separate from the Ecclesiastical Church.

The reality is that money comes from collections at services and planned giving by members of the church plus income from weddings and funerals. Ecclesfield Church costs £100k a year, or nearly £2,000 each week, to run. This is the normal running cost of the church movement which covers all activities, including a major contribution of up to £68k towards the national cost of paying the clergy and providing their housing and typically nearly £20k spent on the building, the security system and electricity and gas. This leaves a very small amount left for everything else.

Ecclesfield is exceptionally fortunate to have one of only 5 Grade 1 listed buildings in Sheffield, but keeping the church running as it is and maintaining the building is an increasing struggle. We do usually have special appeals for any major work to the building, for example like the recent re-furbishment and augmentation of the bells. However, as well as this project, we have carried out other substantial work in the past two years:-

In the past 2 years there have been three main projects, in addition to the work on the bells:-

1. ***General maintenance to the building.*** We are fortunate to have an old building in relatively good shape which is built on rock. However, it does require maintenance and this is usually the result of a survey by the church architect carried out every 5 years – a mandatory requirement for such an old building. This work has cost around £35k.
2. ***New Central heating boilers.*** The church takes some heating and the new more efficient system will help to keep costs under control. The cost has been £15k.
3. ***Improved intruder and security system.*** This now includes recording CCTV cameras and an extended sensor network, connected to the police. The improvements have cost £6k

*So when we work to raise money to keep the church going, please help if you can!*

**ACR**





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# The Bishop's Letter, July 2013

## Diversity

If you managed to read any of my blogs about my visit to Argentina you will know that the Anglican Church there is very small. The Diocese of Argentina, while vast geographically, has only seventeen clergy of which it pays eight a stipend. Yet the seventeen clergy and a handful of parishes reflect the diversity of theological and doctrinal views we have come to expect within the Anglican Church.

The Argentinians are very relational, and getting on with each other - especially between churches and clergy - is important, as is respecting difference. From what I witnessed, they have found a way of ministering in partnership drawn together by an overwhelming sense of the presence and gift of the Holy Spirit, and this is one of the important things I've been reflecting on since my return.

Whether we're big fans of diversity or not, the fact is that we experience it more and more in society and as we look to the future, life is almost certainly going to be more diverse. Some people, like me, are enthusiastic about diversity and want to celebrate the rich benefits it brings. Others are more reserved or hostile and insecure. The old rules with which we're so familiar have been eroded and convictions challenged.

God has something to say about diversity and what he says is partly what I saw reflected in Argentina. What God has to say is – CHURCH. The church is called to be a Christ Centred Community of diversity. Its life proclaims the power of God to overcome divisions that sets people against each other. In his letter to the Galatians, Paul announced "In Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free". The church is, or at least should be, touched by God's grace and no longer defined by the sorts of divisions that plague the world.

Diversity isn't going away so what can we do to live with it in a way that honours Christ and his church? We have to be open to change, which doesn't mean people simply becoming like us, we have to recognise that we don't have the right to judge others and that sometimes there is more than one right way to think and behave. Only as we live for each other, diversity and all, are we whole, healthy and ready to serve God.

The Spirit has made us one and we're called to celebrate diversity yet live in unity and in that unity share the Good News of God's Kingdom.

**+Peter**





# Ecclesfield Bell Ringers at St. Mary's, Bolsterstone

It was a sunny Saturday afternoon in June, and we were sitting on a bench facing the doorway of St. Mary's church, Bolsterstone. The long grass and thickly leaved trees in the old churchyard made it a pleasant place to be sitting listening to church bells. There were six of us, ringers from Ecclesfield, a number of family and friends, whose company and support were most welcome, and a fair number of ringers from other churches in the Sheffield area milling around, too. We watched in amazement as a pair of birds, Nuthatches, kept flying to a hole in the tree trunk in front of us, feeding their babies, whose little heads occasionally appeared into view from inside the nest. Yet why were we all feeling so nervous, in this peaceful countryside setting? We were waiting to ring in the Sheffield and District Branch annual striking competition.

It had come as a bit of a surprise to me to be taking part, but I was standing in for Janet Gledhill, who wasn't feeling very well with a stomach bug. I am still quite an inexperienced ringer, having only started to learn in February 2011, and most of the other people taking part were much more experienced. It felt strange to think that someone was going to be listening to us ring, and marking us on how accurate our striking was.

The afternoon started pleasantly, with the Bolsterstone ringers providing tea, coffee and biscuits for us. We had had the procedures explained to us: we got a chance to try our ropes in turn, and then we had a three minute practice as a team. After this, the treble ringer rang their bell twice, to indicate that we were about to start our test piece. I was most appreciative to have a chance to try my bell before we started, as my experience is that every bell you ring feels different, and some are more difficult than others. I was lucky that I got on well with mine: I was to ring number two of six, in a method called Plain Bob Doubles.

We seemed to ring very well, and no one made any major mistakes. It was a relief when we had finished, but then we had to wait for the results! In the meantime, there was some general ringing, and a chance to try a different bell, and different methods.

I think that we were a bit disappointed with the result, as we came fourth out of five teams, despite having tried our best. It was encouraging that one of the other teams mainly included learners with less experience than myself, yet they were willing to have a go and take part. We found it quite amusing when one of our team spotted that the Bible on the lectern was open at Matthew chapter 7, verse 1: "Judge not, that ye be not judged"! The meeting ended well for us, with two of the Sheffield Branch "100 Club" prizes being won by Ecclesfield ringers.

We finished off the evening with a meal in the Castle Inn, just next door to the church, and the food was excellent. Some of the ringers from the other teams did the same. It was also nice to be able to celebrate Jennifer Armeson's birthday, which fell that day. We hope to continue to work on improving our skills, and in helping our own new learners to progress, so that next year, and in years to come, we might possibly improve on our result.

**YR**

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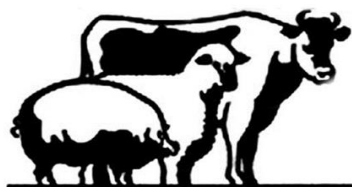
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# Will You Remember Them - July 2013 - Syria

As the civil war threatens to spill over into a regional sectarian conflict, there is growing evidence that Christians in Syria are being specifically targeted. Christians feel particularly vulnerable to the threat of kidnapping for ransom. Many are convinced that their community is targeted simply because of their religious identity.

Marcus and his family are just one of about 700 Christian families from the city of Al Qamishli who have fled the country. “Christians are afraid, especially after the kidnapping of the two bishops recently,” he says. “These two men were working for peace and still got kidnapped”.

“Most kidnapped people were Christians, I think some 90%”. “For our children it was very hard to leave,” he adds, his eyes filling with tears. “They left their friends, university, school – our eldest was about to get a job. All of a sudden their world is turned upside down.” The family is now staying in a monastery near Beirut.

“We’re praying daily to God, to save Syria from this disaster. We pray for peace for our country. We trust God that by prayer things will change; that things in Syria will get better.”

## **Please Pray:**

- For Christian workers partnering with Syrian churches to provide relief to thousands of Christian families who, like Marcus’ family have been forced to flee their homes.
- For protection for Christian leaders who are particularly vulnerable to kidnap. Praying for the release of Bishop Ibrahim and Bishop Yaziji, kidnapped in April.
- That the people of this and other countries will pray for an end to the tragedy that grips Syria

“Give Peace In Our Time O Lord, For There Is No Other That Fighteth For Us But Only You O Lord”

***JD***

# Silver Acorn Award

Earlier this year I was astounded to receive a letter from Scout HQ telling me that I had been awarded a Silver Acorn Medal in the 2013 roll of honour. I was happy, thrilled, delighted and proud. The Acorn is seldom awarded for less than 20 years' service, which should be especially distinguished and appreciably better than outstanding. I have achieved this due to my recent work and the success of the 1st Sheffield children's Hospital Scout Group, this year I have completed 30 years in the Scout movement.

The medal was given at a County presentation evening at Hillsborough Golf Club, with Phil and my Mum as my guests. I then had the medal re-presented at the hospital in front of the children and leaders.

Members of the Movement who receive this Award are invited to attend the St George's Day Parade at Windsor Castle. I was so excited, but I could take one guest, obviously it could only be my Mum.

We travelled down Saturday 20th April, with Phil as chauffeur and had an enjoyable afternoon in Windsor. The flag was flying over the Castle, the Queen was in residence. Mum was already giddy!

Sunday 21st dawned bright and sunny. I was in full uniform and Mum was wearing a new coat. The first event of the day was Mattins in St George's Chapel. We entered the chapel and could hear the choir singing. The service began, the Military Knights of the Windsor entered the Nave looking splendid, followed by the Choir and Clergy. After the service we were asked to leave by the Great West door. But I said to Mum that I wanted to look at the Quire and the stalls for the Knights and Cannons, so we went forward, asked if we could go through and WOW, what a sight the carvings are stunningly beautiful. Mum then wanted to walk down the famous steps outside the West door (like Royalty) so we glided out.

A quick dash, out of the castle for a drink, before the afternoon's events.

The National Scout Parade started in 1934. Adult Scout volunteer Award holders are invited to watch the parade of Queen's Scouts, which takes place in the Quadrangle.

The Castle was closed to the public and we made our way up through various security checks to the Quadrangle. A friendly chat to a steward secured us an exceptional 'viewing' spot. The Band of the Irish Guards entered first, playing amongst other tunes 'Happy Birthday' for the Queen. A scout & guide Band,

and a corps of drums joined them, and the parade started. The Colour Party entered. The sun was shining.

Bear Grylls walked round talking to people and stopped to talk to me!

HRH The Duchess of Cambridge came out of the Castle ( my Mum was floating) she was met by the Chief Scout Bear Grylls and the Chief Executive Derek Twine, they took the salute and reviewed the parade. The Duchess then spoke to recipients of Gallantry and Meritorious Conduct Awards.

The Duchess looked lovely in peppermint green, and her trademark nude LK Bennett heels, with a little baby bump showing. She chatted naturally with everyone and the program ran over time. The Duchess and Bear then stood on the dais for the march past by the entire parade, what a magnificent sight.

The Duchess and Bear then followed the parade and walked through the Castle grounds to St George's chapel for the National Scout Service.

We strolled through the grounds to the gift shop.

Our day finished with afternoon tea in the Castle Hotel with the South Yorkshire County Commissioner and the other South Yorkshire award holders and one Queen's Scout.

It was very grand and a very fitting end to a once in a lifetime day.



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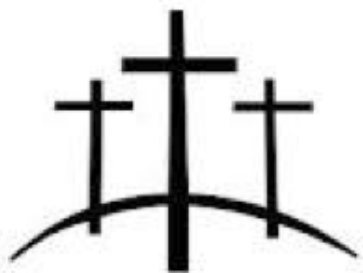


## FREEDOM

Today, in this country, it is quite safe to talk about religion. If you want to go to church or Sunday School you can, and if you don't want to, you are not forced to go. Some people at school or work might poke fun at you for being a Christian but that is all. We can all read the Bible in our own language and are free to ask questions. But it hasn't always been like this.

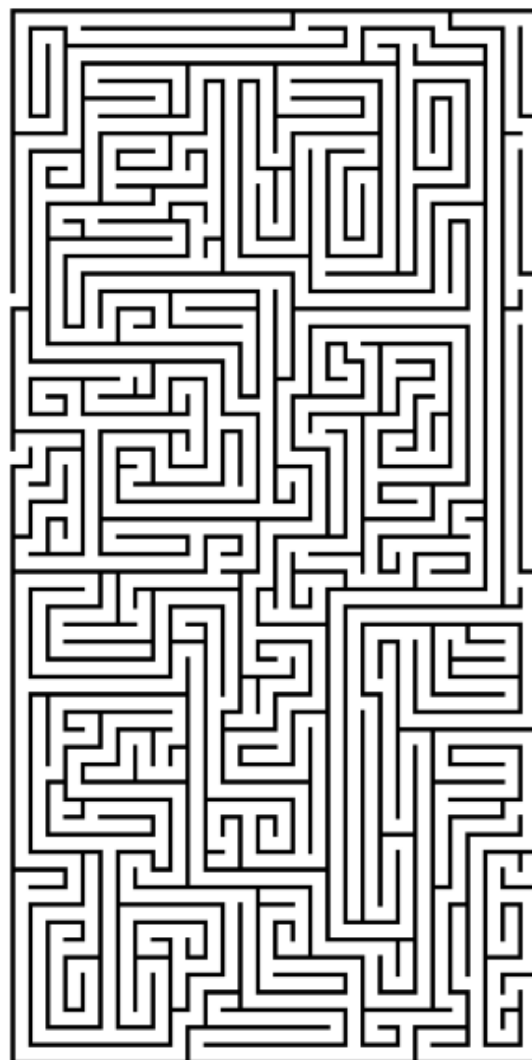
Over the centuries many men, women ... and children suffered for their beliefs. Christians were killed by other Christians who argued that their way was the right way and everyone else was wrong.

Jesus told us that we must love one another – isn't it good that today all Christian churches are working together for peace? And isn't it about time? Nearly two thousand years ago Jesus died for all of us.



## A-MAZING

Can you find your way through this maze? Both the exit and entrance on the left hand side.



Adam and Eve are sitting around Eden when a leaf floats down from a tree. Eve points and says, excitedly: "Look Adam, an invisible man."



What's green, curly and religious?  
Lettuce pray.

# Diary for the Month of July 2013

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	1.00 pm	Mothers' Union Garden Party
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group
		– Gerry Kersey /40 years in Broadcasting.

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup>** **The Sixth Sunday After Trinity**

	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	12 noon	Baptism Service
	1.00 pm	Bell Peal
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Christmas Tree Festival Meeting
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting in Church
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group Summer Outing

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>** **The Seventh Sunday After Trinity**

	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
		Mothers' Union outing to Sledmere House
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group Summer Party

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>** **The Eighth Sunday After Trinity**

	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	4.00 pm	Living Stones – a new Service for children and families.
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30 pm	Ignatian Prayer in Church
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	7.30 pm	Fabric Team Meeting
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>**

**The Ninth Sunday After Trinity**

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm Evening Service

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>

10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House

Monday 1<sup>st</sup>

7.30 pm PCC Meeting

### **From the Registers**

#### **Baptisms**

14<sup>th</sup> May

Isla Hunt

14<sup>th</sup> May

Harry Percival

2<sup>nd</sup> June

Harley Furniss

2<sup>nd</sup> June

Joshua Agus

2<sup>nd</sup> June

Emmy-Jae Atkin

9<sup>th</sup> June

Ethan Holmes

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

#### **Weddings**

7<sup>th</sup> June

Jak Woodliff and Kimberly Nicholson

14<sup>th</sup> June

Joel Turner and Katie Hotchkiss

22<sup>nd</sup> June

Lee Wallace and Danielle Falkner

22<sup>nd</sup> June

Darren Grayson and Dawn Simmons

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

#### **Funerals**

18<sup>th</sup> March

Margaret Dyson 97

18<sup>th</sup> May

Harry Allison 91

5<sup>th</sup> June

Dora Bailey 94

12<sup>th</sup> June

Zoe Chapell 93

17<sup>th</sup> June

Rita Caley 81

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

#### **Flower Rota**

7<sup>th</sup> July

K. Thompson & B. Fisher

14<sup>th</sup> July

M. Lambert & S. Smith

21<sup>st</sup> July

S. Hartshorne & J. Fryer

28<sup>th</sup> July

Pat Clarke & P. Brown



# The Gardening Year July 2013

**Flowers – Roses** – Cut blooms for home decoration and remove dead heads as they appear. After the first flush of bloom feed rose bushes with rose fertiliser and hoe it into the soil continue to spray against greenfly black spot, mildew and rust. **Hardy Herbaceous Plants** – continue cutting back early flowering plants and dead heading where there are still flowers. Remove dead flowers from peonies, cut Lupins and delphiniums to ground level in mild districts to encourage a second display. Hoe in a further application of fertilizer around Michaelmas Daisies lacking in colour and vigour and dust those liable to mildew with flowers of sulphur. Cut off and dispose of leaves of Campanula infested with rust fungus. Plan position and shape of new beds to be made in the autumn choosing an open site away from trees and fences, begin preparing beds for autumn planting. **Dahlias** – continue tying young stems to their stakes, feed plants which are slow to grow with a liquid fertiliser once a fortnight. Disbud at least some of the stems to obtain longer stems and better flowers, regularly remove faded flowers. **Chrysanthemums** – reduce the number of shoots per plant to five, except on pompoms and spray varieties. Water plants thoroughly and attend to tying and supporting once a week, apply a balanced fertiliser in the middle of the month, disbud early flowering varieties if they show buds spray regularly to control pests. Reduce large exhibition varieties to three stems, exhibition incurves and decoratives to four. **Fruit** – pick soft fruits, summer prune trees grown in restricted form, support heavily cropping branches of apples, pears, and plums. Spray apples, pears, blackberries, loganberries, plums and damsons continue thinning apples and pear fruits. Check that ties on trained trees are not too tight, train in new blackberry and loganberry shoots check weeds growing around trees and bushes growing in cultivated soil. Pick black currants fruit and prune bushes. Tie in replacement shoots on peaches and nectarines, support heavily laden plum branches. Prune trees after picking, pick raspberries cut down old canes and remove weak new shoots, tie in new shoots and control weeds. Tidy up strawberry beds and discard plants which have given three crops. **Vegetables** – plant leeks choosing the thickest seedlings cutting the tops back by about a quarter of their length and the roots by about half making holes with a dibber and simply dropping the plants in to the tip of the leek do not firm them into place, but water the plants immediately so that soil is washed over the roots, that's it. Pinch outside shoots on cordon grown tomato plants do this regularly do not pinch out the side shoots on bush varieties, but cover the ground beneath with straw to keep the fruits of the soil.

*Colin Williams*

# Whitley Hall Cricket Club



The 1<sup>st</sup> XI remain unbeaten in the league so far this season and have had some excellent matches. They had a fine win on 8<sup>th</sup> June at home against Elsecar, with a score of 320 for 4. South African Jaco Castle had an excellent innings with 148 not out with 10 sixes and 12 fours. The following day, the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI had a comprehensive win over Thorncliffe in the President's Trophy and Matt Milburn also scored 148 not out! The double 148 made headlines in all the local sports papers. Whitley 1<sup>st</sup> XI continued to make progress in the Whitworth Cup with a defeat of Elsecar the week after the league win and victory over Wath on 24<sup>th</sup> June takes them to the final. In the league, a very close match on 23<sup>rd</sup> June against Treeton was just won in the final over leaving Whitley at the top of the league, just 1 point above Wickersley and with Hallam chasing just 5 points adrift.

Unfortunately, we have lost our two year All Yorkshire Champions reign following the visit of Bradford League Champions, Woodlands, on 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Woodlands score of 208 looked achievable but some outstanding bowling from Sarfraz Ahmed who took 5-9 in 8.1 overs saw Whitley all out for 179 in reply.

## Contacts:

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Andrew Robinson, Publicity and Fundraising: 0114 246 3646

Website: [www.whitleyhall.play-cricket.com](http://www.whitleyhall.play-cricket.com)

## Senior matches at Cinder Hill Lane

29 <sup>th</sup> June	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Frecheville 1 <sup>st</sup> XI
6 <sup>th</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Coal Aston
13 <sup>th</sup> July	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Hallam
20 <sup>th</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Hallam
27 <sup>th</sup> July	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Rotherham Phoenix
28 <sup>th</sup> July	Whitworth Cup Final - 1st XI against either Hallam or Wickersley at Hallam Ground		
3 <sup>rd</sup> August	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Houghton

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# Humour

## Heaven help me

One Sunday in church a little boy was ‘acting up’ during the morning worship. His parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew, but it was a losing battle. Finally, an exasperated father picked up his son and strode sternly down the aisle. Just as the church doors closed behind them, the little boy cried loudly to the congregation: "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

## Wortley Rotary Club Vintage Vehicle Rally

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## Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

**ACROSS:** 1, Wife. 3, To battle. 8, Obal. 9, Disciple. 11, Bitterness. 14, Niacin. 15, Attain. 17, Passionate. 20, Tertiary. 21, Meet. 22, Weakness. 23, Deer.

**DOWN:** 1, Woodbine. 2, Feast day. 4, Orient. 5, Accusation. 6, Type. 7, Eyes. 10, Dedication. 12, Gadarene. 13, Ancestor. 16, Esdras. 18, Stew. 19, Area.

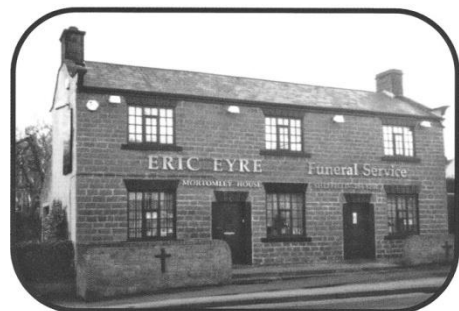
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# Revitalising Ecclesfield Park

As a result of the Ecclesfield Village Plan Survey (2008) several community groups were formed in a bid to improve Ecclesfield as a place to live and be proud of.

One of the groups formed was the Revitalising Ecclesfield Park and Pavilion Group (REPAP) whose members are enthusiastic local residents with a commitment to improving and regenerating Ecclesfield Park and Pavilion.

The Group's aims are to create a focal point for the expanding village ensuring a safe, tranquil and fun environment for sports, leisure and other community activity. The group members actively work in a voluntary capacity to raise funds to improve the facilities in the Park including new benches, bins, and playground equipment and to deliver activities and events which have included Easter Crafts, Bulb planting, Halloween Crafts and carol singing round the Village Christmas Tree.

REPAP have also raised funds to create a Community Garden in the Park on the site of the old tree nursery (located between Ladycroft Stream / Bridge and Bowling Greens) transforming a derelict part of the Park into a space devoted to Community Growing. It is going from strength to strength. After several months planning we were able to start gardening on site in May 2012. The site has several raised beds which have been filled and crops produced last summer included potatoes, tomatoes, courgettes, broad, runner and French beans, different salad leaves, carrots and more. Veg boxes have been put together and sold to members of the public including the Bowlers and visitors to Ecclesfield Gala. During last autumn we have sown broad beans, garlic and onions to overwinter. We are hoping to raise further funds in order to purchase a poly-tunnel and more raised beds.

The Community Garden is exactly what it says: a place for any member of the local community to take part whether it's to grow fruit, vegetables or flowers; or to learn how to grow from seed, or how to make compost; interested in wildlife and able to help set up our bog garden; willing to help with a bit of weeding or cutting hedges or just to visit and have a cuppa with us. The local schools are also participating in the Community Garden as it is an opportunity for young people to learn where their food comes from. Over the coming months Group members will be on site on Wednesdays and Saturdays 10am to 12pm. We are also holding an 'Open Garden' Event on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2013 between 1pm and 3pm. Why not drop in to see what we're doing, and find out more. Tel: 0795 7066 404.

The Group is always looking for new members for the Management Committee, the Activity Group or the Community Garden Group. If you are interested in finding out more or if you want to come and make a difference to your local Park then please either contact Angela on 0114 2461095 or Kate on 07914 357839.

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# Prayers and Poems Page

## The Bees

Aha! We hear a well-known hum  
The bees about their business come  
Always active, hour by hour  
As they attend each open flower.

Flowers blue, and flowers gold  
Each their pollen cargo hold  
And tempt the bees about their beat  
With summer scents, and nectar sweet.

In country fields or garden beds  
Unto the bees they bow their heads  
As we look on, enthralled to see  
Insect and plant in harmony.

*By Nigel Beeton*

## Pearl

A gift from the sea  
and precious beyond price,  
mysterious as the moon, luminous  
against my skin.

It captures the light,  
milky iridescence,  
an opaline tear, heavy with forgiveness,  
formed around that original hurt.

Can I forgive, close a wound with a pearl?

*By Megan Smith*

## Charity

Charity or love - what's in a name?  
The King James Bible translates them the  
same.  
Corinthians 13 tells the great theme  
Of love everlasting, everyone's dream.

Loved by all brides on their wedding day  
The verses they all want the preacher to pray.  
The wonders of love that overrules all,  
That holds on believing whatever befalls.

Love always trusting always prevails  
Enduring, protecting, love never fails.  
Faith hope and charity, virtues all three  
But love is the greatest and ever will be

*By Megan Carter*

## Prayer to stay connected.

### Heavenly Father,

Forgive us that we are all so busy. There are so many demands; so many expectations. Emails and Facebook demand instant replies and, if we're honest, they drain away our time as we try to keep in touch with everyone, whenever they contact us. We keep in touch with everyone who demands our attention, Lord, but often, in all the rush to communicate, we don't keep in touch with you, the greatest communicator of all. You communicated all we need to know by sending Jesus. He is your love in person. He makes it possible for us to know you by trusting in him. Thank you for pressing the send button that gave Jesus to us. Thank you that you will never switch off or close down. Help us to spend our precious time wisely and to stay connected to you. In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

*By Daphne Kitching*

# Crossword Puzzle

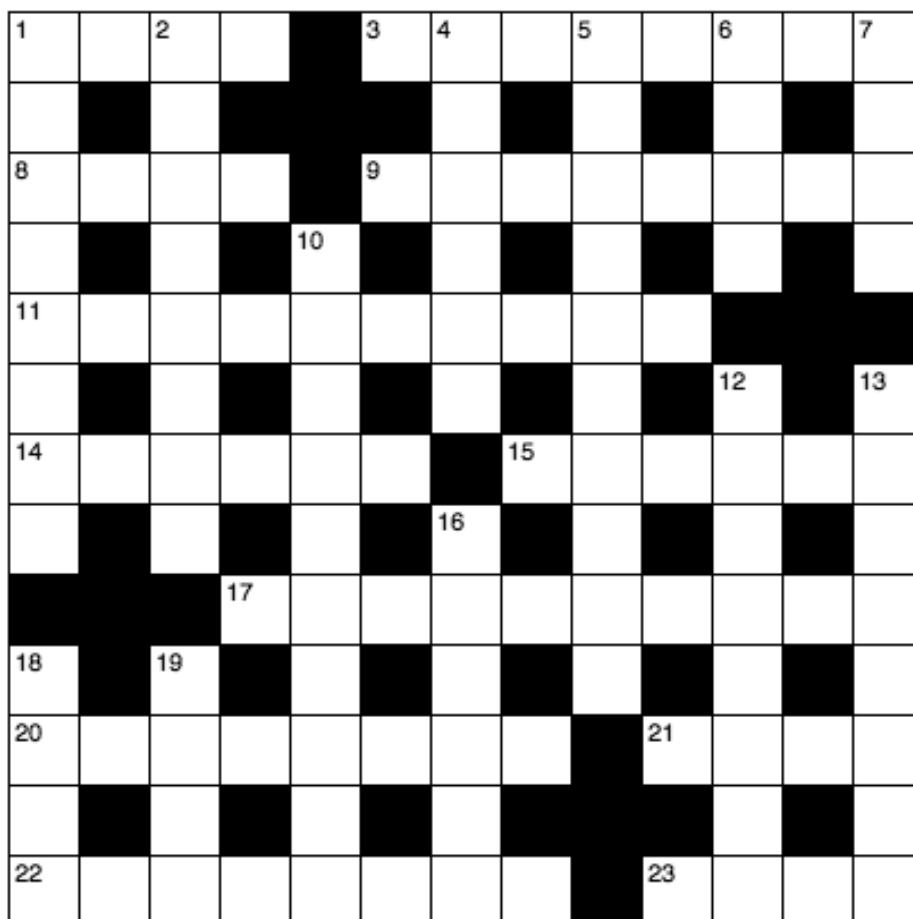
## **Clues Across**

- 1** Proverbs describes her as being ‘of noble character’ (Proverbs 31:10) (4)  
**3** ‘Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?’ (Judges 20:23) (2,6)  
**8** A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)  
**9** ‘Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my — ’ (Luke 14:27) (8)  
**11** Resentment (Ephesians 4:31) (10)  
**14** In Cain (anag.)(6)  
**15** ‘Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to—’ (Psalm 139:6) (6)  
**17** Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5) (10)  
**20** Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church (8)  
**21** ‘At midnight the cry rang out, “Here’s the bridegroom! Come out to — him”’ (Matthew 25:6) (4)  
**22** ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in — ’ (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)  
**23** ‘As the — pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God’ (Psalm 42:1) (4)

## **Clues Down**

- 1** Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)  
**2** Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)  
**4** ‘We three kings of — are’ (6)  
**5** Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)  
**6** Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)  
**7** ‘Open your — and look at the fields!’ (John 4:35) (4)  
**10** Also known as the Feast of Lights (John 10:22) (10)  
**12** Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)  
**13** Forebear (James 2:21) (8)  
**16** Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha (6)  
**18** Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis 25:34) (4)  
**19** Rear (anag.)(4)





Crossword Puzzle - Solution is on page 21



The choir is thriving and has recently performed in two successful concerts. On 10<sup>th</sup> June, a concert at Grenoside Methodist Church was enthusiastically received and this was followed by a concert with the Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers in Ecclesfield Gatty Hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

**Forthcoming Concert - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July**, 7.30pm at the Alkington and Providence United Reform Church, Middleton near Manchester. There may still be a few seats available on the coach (which will stop off at Salford Keys for a few hours before the concert). If you are interested in coming, please contact me.

The choir has more than 50 members now but we continue to welcome new members, especially men and even more especially, tenors. If you might be interested, please contact me.

Website <http://www.grenosidesingers.co.uk>

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# Saint of the Month - St Christopher - 25th July

## Patron saint of motorists

The legend goes that Christopher was a Canaanite who lived in the 3rd century. He was a giant of a man, of fearsome appearance. At first he decided to serve the devil, but when he discovered that the devil was afraid of Christ and his Cross, Christopher decided to serve Christ instead. A nearby hermit instructed Christopher in the Christian faith, and assigned to him a place near a river: Christopher's job was to help travellers cross it safely.

All went well, and Christopher helped lots of people on their way until one day a child came along, and asked to be carried across. Christopher put him on his back and set off, but was soon staggering under the astonishing weight of this child. The child then told him that he was in fact Jesus Christ, and that he carried the weight of the whole world. The Christ-child then told Christopher to plant his staff in the ground: the next day it bore flowers and dates – confirmation that the child was indeed who he claimed to be.

After some time more of helping travellers cross the river, Christopher went to the city of Lycia, where he preached the gospel with such success that the Roman emperor (Decius?) had him arrested and imprisoned – especially when Christopher refused to sacrifice to the gods. Two women sent into his cell to seduce him came out converted Christians instead. So Christopher was beaten, shot with arrows and finally beheaded.

Christopher has been well loved of the English down the centuries. Many wall-paintings of him have been placed on the north wall of churches, opposite the porch, so that he would be seen by all who entered. There was good reason for this: as patron saint of travellers, it was believed that anyone who saw an image of St Christopher would not die that day. As the ancient saying goes: 'Behold St Christopher and go thy way in safety'.

A kind of daily insurance policy against death – this was so good that St Christopher became in due course the patron saint of motorists. There is even a church in the Javel area of Paris where Citroen cars are made, that is dedicated to St Christopher. In modern times, with the increase in air and motorway travel, Christopher has remained popular. When in 1969 the Holy See reduced his feast day, there was a sharp protest in several countries, led in Italy by a number of popular film stars. If you ever travel in a taxi on the Continent, look out for a little St Christopher hanging from the rear view mirror beside the driver. Now you know why it is there!

*Editor*

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## **Ecclesfield Brownies**

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## **Ecclesfield Guides**

Gatty Hall  
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Leader - Mrs C Topham  
Tel: 0114 246 1289

## **Ecclesfield Priory Players**

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## **Ecclesfield Community Garden**

Ecclesfield Park,  
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Tel: 0114 245 2780

## **Ecclesfield Beavers**

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0114 246 0218  
Thursday 6.00 -7.15 pm  
Rachael Otter 0114 246 1752

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# May Queen

Ecclesfield Guides have recently performed their 69th Annual May Queen concert. This year around 100 Guides, Brownies & Rainbows took part in the show where they all performed songs from West end shows past & present. These included Charlie & the Chocolate factory, Mamma Mia, Shrek, Wizard of Oz, Lion King, Rocky Horror Show, Grease, Fame, Billy Elliot, Joseph, Annie, Hairspray & Seesaw.

During the second half of the show our New May Queen was crowned. This year we are pleased to announce that Bethany Topham was crowned as Queen Purple Orchid. Bethany chose Georgia Walker, Kelly Marples, Sophie Waldron, Katie Ball, Fayth Monkhouse & Emily Goodhand be her attendants.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everybody who came to support us and we look forward to seeing you all again next year.

Chloe Smith - Queen Agapanthus (dressed in blue)  
Bethany Topham - Queen Purple Orchid (dressed in purple)  
Charlotte Whitham - Queen Amaryllis (dressed in red)

