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First Words...

- **Prayer Makes A Difference** – During the 10 days between Ascension Day and Pentecost we met to pray at various times and in various places. At one of the sessions we worked with some of our children on the nature of prayer, reminding them of the 4 fold nature of prayer summed up by the acronym ACTS

Adoration – acclaiming the glory and wonder of God

Confession – coming before God to say sorry for our sins

Thanksgiving – saying thanks to God for all that he has done

Supplication – petitioning God for others and for ourselves

A full and healthy prayer life needs to encompass all of these elements. So often we present God with a prayer “shopping list” and we fail to acclaim him, to thank him and to confess how we have failed him.

- **Uniting Against Extremism** – our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Drummer Lee Rigby. In this we are not alone. The thoughts and prayers of the vast majority of Muslims also go out to his family. People of different faiths will never unite around a common belief, why should we? But we can unite around common concerns and extremism is certainly one of these.

Daniel Hartley



Prayer for June

Almighty God,

from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

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Back Cover – The 1st Sheffield Children’s Hospital Scout Group - images

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The Vicars' Letter - Times of Change

Each and every generation bemoans the changing nature of the world around them. It seems natural that, as we reach a certain point in life, we look back with fondness and forward with trepidation. The changes that we feel so intently in our own lives are often small manifestations of much wider reaching social changes, changes that often span decades and even centuries. It is often noted that the changes experienced during the past 60 or 70 years, although not different in essence, are different in speed from changes experienced in the past periods of human history. Various factors have conspired to aggravate the pace of change and many of the values that were necessary to hold together society are no longer required. Social bonds are no longer formed by inherited practices but can be remade from generation to generation.

This constant remaking can cause confusion amongst those of us who would rather see a greater continuity between past and present. All of the “received practices” of our society create what can be referred to as a “social capital”. This capital, this wealth of human experience, forms one generation out of another. The next chapter is being written in the unfolding story of human life. The new generation are formed by the wisdom of the old generation. They learn this wisdom, they appropriate this wisdom and they use this wisdom to make their own contribution.

Times though appear to have changed. The received practices are no longer to be received but to be discovered and if they are not discovered then they fall by the wayside. Instead of the next generation writing the next chapter they have been encouraged to write a new book.

Why does this matter? Am I simply bemoaning the changing nature of the world around me? Maybe I am, but I think it does matter because of one word: values. The social capital that I mentioned above is made up of values, of the right way to behave and the right way to live. We do not remake these values from one generation to the next, although of course they do evolve. A society that fails to learn from all that has gone before, that fails to connect with its past, is a society without values and without value. So do I look forward with a sense of trepidation? Not if we can reconnect our age with the received practices and social capital that has so enriched humanity. Not if we learn the wisdom of the past and engage this with the present. Not if we leave behind our arrogant attempts to write a new book and content ourselves with writing the next chapter. What does fill me with trepidation is the possibility that we will fail at these things. If we fail then the new book that we write will be a book full of darkness. The light of the past can illuminate the present and the future, but if this light goes out then... that's trepidation.

Daniel Hartley

Reflections on the ten days of prayer – Ascension to Pentecost 2013

The ten days of prayer at St Mary's begun with an evening service of Holy Communion on Ascension Day. During the service we were challenged to find out what God is doing in our lives, to invite the Holy Spirit into our lives through prayer, sharing and fellowship. We were reminded the answers to our questions begin and end in prayer.

We are used to praying individually, but there is something special about praying corporately and sharing our thanksgiving and concerns together. The feeling of sharing this time with the whole of the Sheffield Diocese helps us feel we are part of a bigger picture and helps us to focus on ways we can work together to share the great commission Jesus gave us at Ascension.

There were two overwhelming themes that emerged for me during the ten days of prayer, one was keeping our eyes firmly fixed on God and putting prayer at the centre of everything we do. We face many challenges, both personally and as a church, it is easy to be overwhelmed by them, but by placing prayer at the centre, we can discern God's will for the way forward. The other was the importance of praise and thankfulness in our prayers. We are rich in Christ, much we have received through God's grace and we should reflect this in our prayers.

I give thanks for many things during the ten days, for all the people who shared in those times of prayer, young and older alike. We wanted to have times of prayer to explore different ways of praying and giving the opportunity for everyone to find an event in which they felt comfortable. We had daily lunchtime prayer, a prayer breakfast, a midweek prayer service and a prayer walk. We shared times of fellowship, quiet prayer, open prayer, praying with the scripture, explored prayer with the use of images, reflections and music and we walked through the village to pray.

It was such a joy to share breakfast together before our time of prayer – some of our children were involved and they explored ways of praying even writing some prayers for our Sunday Service. It seems so simple, but I felt immensely privileged and blessed by God during that time – a time of fellowship, praising, thanking and listening to God.

We often pray within the church building, to pray for the village as we walked through was a moving, humbling and liberating experience. We walked past Eva Radcliffe House and then along the High Street praying for the various services, people and business along the route. At the end of the High Street we prayed for the rest of the community for which we hadn't prayed during the walk. There were quite a few of us, it was a real joy that we were asked what we were doing and we were able to tell them we were praying for the community. I think the fact that we were outside the church building and visibly praying is a great witness to the community.

We were very blessed individually and as a church during the ten days – of course it doesn't stop there, we are already looking at ways we can keep the momentum going. Maybe coming together for corporate prayer more often and exploring different ways of praying. If you have any ideas for this please let us know.

Katharine Lonsborough

Mothers Union – May 1st 2013

My Parachute Jump - Sheila Barnes

Our meeting began with a short service led by Glenys Loxley, and then Maureen introduced our speaker Mrs Sheila Barnes.

Sheila attended the M.U. Annual Conference 2010 in Preston trying to think of ways to raise the profile of the M.U. On overhearing a conversation about sky diving Sheila decided to make enquires about it.

Having got the approval of the M.U. president, Sheila went ahead and booked her flight then informed the family. A doctor has to approve and sign a form to say that Sheila was fit enough.

On September 19th Sheila went to Hibaldstow, Lincoln for her jump, Hibaldstow is the highest place in England to jump from, some three miles up. Sheila donned a jumpsuit, gloves and helmet, she then met her partner Noel, who put her through her paces and explained about the different positions (mostly banana shape) she would have to put her body into.

Putting all her faith in God and Noel, Sheila curled her body into a banana shape and jumped from the plane, as you leave the plane you have to scream so that Noel would know that Sheila was breathing.

Then spread eagle and falling at 126 mph they descended to the ground and with her feet tucked up Sheila made the perfect landing. Sheila said it was a brilliant experience, and she raised £2,500 for A.F.I.A. (Away From It All) the M.U. Holiday Project for Families.

Well Done, what a brave thing to do. Sheila certainly got the Tee Shirt.

We also celebrated Betty Mitchell's 80th birthday, and although Jean Beevers could not be with us, we toasted her for her 90th birthday.

So a very enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

IP



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Bishop's Letter for June

'A powerful and helpful prayer'

Every once in a while I come across a prayer which helps me pray. I normally stay with it for a while, trying to use it every day. Sometimes I paste it into the prayers I say each week.



A few months ago, I came across a prayer of St. Augustine in a copy of a sermon someone handed me to read. It spoke to me very powerfully. I don't remember seeing the prayer before. I think it deserves to be better known.

Augustine of Hippo (354-430) was a Bishop in North Africa. The prayer is a beautiful prayer of dedication to God. I think I would rank it alongside the Methodist Covenant Prayer for the power of the words and the honest dedication to God's cause. Perhaps Augustine's prayer influenced John Wesley.

The English translation I was given didn't really flow so this is my attempt at a revision: (Printed on next page)

Jesus, Master,
May I know myself and know you.
May I desire nothing if not you.
May I forget myself and love you.
May I do everything because of you.
May I humble myself and exalt you.
May I think of nothing if not you.
May I die to myself and live in you.
Whatever happens may I accept from you.
May I renounce myself and follow you
and always long to follow you.
May I flee myself and fly to you.
May I be worthy to be defended by you.
May I fear myself and fear you,
that I may be among those chosen by you.
May I mistrust myself and trust you.
May I be willing to obey because of you.
May I cling to nothing if not to you
And may I be poor because of you.
Look upon me that I may love you,
Call me that I may see you
And in eternity may I delight in you.
Amen.

The prayer is full of Christ: every line ends in “you”. It is also very self-aware. As you read it, think about which lines help and challenge you. Several of the lines have already challenged me deeply. Several have made me think. The final three lines are especially beautiful and worth learning as a short prayer in their own right.

If you like the prayer, cut it out and keep it for the future. Like all good prayers, this one is a call to holiness. It's a prayer for quiet days and retreats, for moments of special dedication or seasons of pondering the way forward.

+*Steven*



Update on Stephen & Marit Impey's Journey with God

With lots of prayer and guidance the decision has now been made that Stephen, Marit and the family will go to Ethiopia in 2014. 80 different languages are spoken in Ethiopia with Amharic being the official language and so they are busy learning as much Amharic as they can in the next months.

Now that plans are being made finance is becoming more important and so if you can help in any way (however small) please speak to me.

They have asked for prayer as follows:

Give thanks for;

- ❖ A clear decision for Ethiopia for our first assignment
- ❖ All four children have settled back in to school here in Germany, and with the help of a DVD about their future school in Addis Ababa are more open to the idea of attending school in Africa

Ask God for;

- ❖ His help and guidance in preparing each one of us, especially the children, for the process of change we'll be going through until next summer
- ❖ Good communications with SIL in Ethiopia as preparations are made both here and there.
- ❖ His bringing us together with those who want to be a part of this work in the areas of prayer, practical and financial support
- ❖ Wisdom and blessing in discussions between Steve and his boss and the personnel department at Airbus in preparation for leaving the company.

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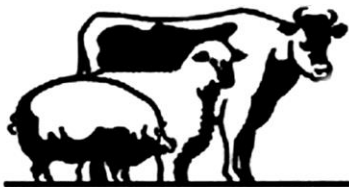
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Will You Remember Them

Christian Education in Bethlehem

Saint Aphrem's is a remarkable work of God's grace: an unashamedly Christian school in an area with a Muslim majority where Islamism is growing steadily. The school day starts with morning devotions in the playground, when all the children praise God, sing songs and recite the Lord's Prayer in Aramaic, the language of Jesus Himself.

Life continues to be tough for Christians in Bethlehem. The size of the Christian population has been in free fall for the last two decades, as a result of unemployment, poverty and inflation. Another factor behind the decline is Islamic extremism; radical Muslims frequently intimidate, harass and attack Christians, boycott their businesses or seize their property.

At government schools Christian children would probably experience discrimination and hostility because of the strongly Islamic environment. But thanks to support from a Christian aid agency, children from even the neediest Christian families are able to attend St. Aphrem's for the payment of only minimal fees. The Ministry of Education is very impressed with the quality of the school and is supportive and helpful to it. Every year more parents want to send their children there. The roll for 2012--13 contains 341 children aged 3-11.

This school is a shining witness to Christ in the place of His birth. It provides an outstanding Christian education in a safe setting and helps to preserve a Christian presence in Bethlehem in the face of poverty and Islamist oppression.

Please Pray:

- Give thanks for the popularity of the school and the favour it enjoys from the Ministry of Education.
- Pray for wisdom and discernment for the head and senior staff as they govern the school in a climate of increasing hostile Islamism.
- Pray that the children attending the school will be blessed by the Christian instruction and environment and grow up to be strong Christians.
- Pray for the provision of more school places for Christian children.

JD

1st Sheffield Children's Hospital Scout Group

I recently gave a talk to the Ladies group about my role as Group Scout Leader at the Children's Hospital Scout Group. The group started in September 2007 after a leader from Sheffield met a leader from Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital Scout Group. It took 18 months from initial contact with the Hospital to the first meeting, there were lots to discuss, lots of paper work and the Scout Leaders had to undertake extra training specified by the hospital.

At a normal group the children come from the local area and know at least one or two of the other children. The leaders and children over the weeks get to know each other, leaders learn about the children's individual personalities, strengths and skills. This is invaluable when working with children. As a normal group Beavers starts at 6 years old. The Sheffield Children's Hospital has children from birth to 18 years old, from all over the world.

I have a team of about 10 Scout leaders who come whenever they can, we need at least four, and the more leaders at each meeting means we can work with more children.

We never ask a child what is wrong with them or when they are going home, and we never have any food or drink even at our parties. A child who comes to one of our meetings is a member of our group for "one night only". If they are in Scouting or Guiding we give them a 1st Sheffield name tape and a group badge to sew on their own uniforms.

We have a room that we use where we store our equipment, away from the wards. Each week we have a theme, the obvious ones such as Christmas, Easter but mostly factual such as Space (anniversary of first landing on moon) Egyptians (discovery of Tutankhamen Tomb) coins, flags, we have recently celebrated World Earth Day.

We go onto the wards talk to the children and ask if they want to come to Scouts and tell them what it's all about and take them to our meetings. We welcome siblings and any visiting children, patients who are well enough to leave the wards, which can mean coming in a wheelchair, bringing drip machines to be plugged in or nurses popping in during the meeting. Leaders go to do the same work with children on the wards if they can't come to us.

So, until the leaders come back with the children we don't know, how many there will be, how old they will be, how poorly they will be, or if English will be their first Language – is that a problem, no. We are now 'experts' at adapting what we are going to do to suit just about everyone.

Parents are encouraged to have a break and let the children come alone, but the ones who do come are invited to join in, and it's amazing how many parents have said how relaxing it is to make a space rocket or a flag, and take their mind off why they are there!

We see most children once, occasionally twice. We have regulars such as children with Cystic Fibrosis who we see every couple of months. And we have those who are in for months and months who we build up wonderful relationships with. We have worked with over 1650 children since we started. Every child is given a hand knitted teddy bear, this idea started by the wife of someone I work with one Christmas sending a bag full and the children loved them. We sent a handmade thank you card, the knitting group she belonged to knitted some more, I told some other ladies, who told some other ladies... We are now famous for our bears, we will never have enough (ask me for a pattern). Our Group name tape is sewn on the left leg.

When we first started we did only take children from 6 years but, if your little brother is visiting you and he's four years old, we couldn't leave him behind, so now we don't have an age limit.

On one ward the Sister asked me if I'd take a Mum and a Nan, their 18 month old was a long term patient and they were "bored". So they started coming taking it in turns to do the activity or watch the toddler.

We only invest children as Cubs, Scouts or Explorers under very special circumstances. My first was a 14 year old with a very severe eating disorder, one was a very special child who's sibling was in a coma for a year, by coming to scouts each week we became a 2nd family. I invested another child who will always be a regular in and out of hospital. Megan was 10 when I first met her and very poorly, last year aged 14, through Scouting she was awarded the Medal for Meritorious Conduct and met the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh, for her battle against a rare liver tumour. My most recent investiture is an Explorer Scout, a long term patient, who proudly carried our flag for the District St George's Day Parade.

I feel very proud to be GSL of the 1st Sheffield. Being a small part of the journey through the hospital with a child is a privilege.

Kay Thompson

We have our own individual flag, which is a customised Cub flag. I made it and we keep it in the Hospital Chapel where it was blessed.

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JUSTICE

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The blindfold is there to show that nothing affects the decision except the scales. The scales show that justice is only

right when both sides weigh the same and that all are equal before the law. The sword is there to show that the good are protected and the wicked punished.

All through Jesus' teaching is the idea of judgement – that we all shall stand before the throne of God and answer for what we have done. And when we do, the judge will be Jesus because he lived on earth as we do. St Matthew's Gospel, chapter 25, verses 31 to 46 tells us about this judgment.

Will you be a sheep or a goat?

SHEEP & GOATS

The answers to these are all animals in the Bible. Answers below.

1. 400 young men escaped on these (1 Samuel 30:17).
2. They eat under the table (Mark 7:28).
3. They live in the high mountains (Psalm 104:18).
4. One was lost and 99 were safe (Luke 15:6).
5. Benaiah killed this animal in a pit on a snowy day (1 Chronicles 11:22).
6. There were 4 of them, coloured white, red, black and pale green (Revelation 6:1-8).
7. Jesus rode this into Jerusalem (Matthew 21:21).
8. Their dung is used to bake bread (Ezekiel 4:15).



What did the cloned sheep say to the other sheep?

I am ewe.



What do you call a sheep with no head or legs?

A cloud.



Answers: 1.camels 2.dogs 3.goats
4.sheep 5.lion 6.horses 7.donkey 8.cow

Diary for the Month of June 2013

Sunday 2nd

The First Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Parish Communion

12 noon Baptism Service

6.30 pm Evening Service

Wednesday 5th

10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House

1.00 pm Mothers' Union in the Gatty Hall /Margaret Heath speaking on Adoption

Thursday 6th

9.30 am Holy Communion

7.30 pm Ladies' Group in the Gatty Hall /Coffee Evening

Sunday 9th

The Second Sunday after Trinity

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm Holy Communion

Wednesday 12th

10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House

Thursday 13th

9.30 am Holy Communion

2.30 pm Service at Hartwell House

7.30 pm Ladies' Group in the Gatty Hall/ Ken Bell – Living with our Neighbours

Sunday 16th

The Third Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm Evening Service

Monday 17th

7.30 pm Outreach Team meet in Church

Wednesday 19th

10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House

Thursday 20th

9.30 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Prayer Meeting in Church

7.30 pm Ladies' Group in the Gatty Hall / Coffee Evening

Sunday 23rd

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm Evening Service

Monday 24th

7.30 pm Ignation Prayer in Church

Wednesday 26th

10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House

Thursday 27th

9.30 am Holy Communion

7.30 pm Finance Meeting

Thursday 27th

7.30 pm Ladies' Group in the Gatty Hall / Coffee Evening

Sunday 30th

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm Evening Service

From the Registers

Baptisms

5th May	Zak William Weatherer
5th May	George Edward King
5th May	Robyn Jaye Crawford
12th May	Charlie Stuart-Michael Garratt

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

Weddings

4th May	Robert Willoughby and Nicola Burbridge
5 th May	Nigel Pilkington and Ruth Perryment
19 th May	Stewart Ducker and Catherine Hughes
26 th May	Christopher Fogg and Sarah Wright

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

Funerals

2nd May	Peter Liversidge	80
8th May	Freda Moore	92
29th May	Nina Coe	85

Corrigendum.

In the May issue of the magazine we quoted Burt Booth as being aged 87, he was actually aged 96 our apology for this error.

Grant them, O Lord, refreshment, light and peace

Flower Rota

2nd June	Vacant
9th June	S. Johns & S. Dale
16th June	J. Adam & G. Loxley
23rd June	C. Ambler
30th June	Vacant



The Gardening Year June 2013

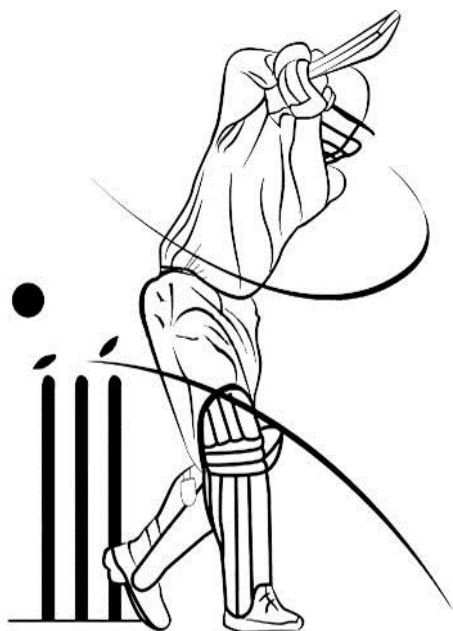
Lawns – Britain is famed the world over for its green lawns, and scarcely a garden in the British Isles is without a lawn of some size. The average lawn is not merely a collection of similar plants; there may be half a dozen types of grass in each and obviously some grasses are more suitable for certain districts and soils than others. In the main however, the lawn of the small garden is made on the same principle wherever it may be. Lawns from turf, the advantage of using turf for lawn making is that an established lawn suitable for rough use, sports etc., can be made more quickly than when seed is sown disadvantages are that the turf is generally costly and very seldom obtainable free from weeds. Fertilisers, to keep the grass in healthy condition it needs the ordinary plant foods in correct proportions i.e. nitrogen, phosphates and lime. The Lime itself is not a food but it assists the decomposition of the vegetable matter in the soil and is therefore an essential for most plants. Sulphate of ammonia in small frequent doses during the growing season will discourage clover if the weather is dry water it in. Special lawn fertilisers are of course sold and these are excellent for the small garden owner. Established lawns, between June and October regulate the height of mower blades according to the weather. During drought raise the blades and cut without the box the clippings will help to retain the moisture. Summer drought can cause significant damage to a lawn so spike well in June to enable rain or hose water to penetrate deeply to the roots, do this when the soil is soft after rain or watering. If your lawn is full of weeds use a lawn weed killer such as verdone, or lawn feed and weed but do not put your cuttings on your compost heap for the first two cuts.

Flowers – at the end of the month or early in July seed of wallflowers and sweet Williams can be sown in drills in their flowering positions, this is a convenient method if they are to be used for cutting the following spring, sow thinly, later remove surplus plants. Trim dead flowers from Saxifrages to prevent self-seeding, dead heading of other plants is not essential but clipping with a small pair of shears keeps the rock garden tidy, at the same time trim back excessive growth on trailing plants. In the case of alpines which root as they spread trim back with an old knife thrust vertically into the soil then pull or fork out the severed portions.

Vegetables – continue to plant out all winter greens. Marrows, cucumbers, courgettes and pumpkins can now be planted out safely. If you are growing potatoes especially main crop they must be sprayed this month if you want to prevent potato blight. The most serious of potato diseases, potato blight also attacks tomatoes. Spray the plants before they meet in the rows with fungicide at 10-14 days intervals, if you do not spray for the disease you have a good chance to lose all your potatoes. Last year I had the fungicide but was so busy I forgot to spray until late June by then it was too late, in three days I lost 8 rows 30' long of my main crop potatoes.

Colin Williams

Whitley Hall Cricket Club



The club has made an excellent start to the season and early in May, all three senior teams had each won four league matches and were at the top of their respective league tables. However, the weekend of 18th May brought an old foe into play – the weather. Only one match in the whole league was cancelled, the 1st XI away at Houghton Main, then bottom of the premier League with no points, a match we reasonably expected to win! But heavy rain on the Friday night made the outfield extremely wet and the match was cancelled, so rather than 7 points, Whitley ended up with just 2 for a ‘drawn’ game. Following a crushing defeat of Wath at the end of May, the 1st team is still unbeaten, lying joint second with Elsecar, 2 points behind the joint leaders Wickersley and Whiston. And in spite of losing to Oughtibridge 1st XI, the 2nd XI remain in top spot in Division 2. The junior teams have also been in winning form so let us hope that the weather is kind to us and that we can have a great summer of cricket.

Do come and support your local club at Cinder Hill Lane. You are all very welcome to use the facilities in the pavilion on match days.

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Senior matches at Cinder Hill Lane

1 st June	2 nd XI	v	Thorncliffe 1 st XI
2 nd June	Colts	v	Sheffield United (cup)
8 th June	1 st XI	v	Elsecar
15 th June	2 nd XI	v	Sheffield Collegiate
22 nd June	1 st XI	v	Treeton
29 th June	2 nd XI	v	Frecheville 1 st XI
6 th July	1 st XI	v	Coal Aston

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200th Anniversary of the Birth of Rev. Dr. Alfred Gatty (1813 to 2013)

“The name and memory of the Rev. Dr. Alfred Gatty, D.D., is so much revered among us both in the village proper of Ecclesfield, in the wider area of the old Parish, and beyond, that it would not have been fitting to let the centenary anniversary of his coming to Ecclesfield pass without some special recognition.”

These words, written in 1939, were used to introduce the centenary of Alfred Gatty’s arrival in Ecclesfield. This year, 74 years on, there was another anniversary of Rev. Gatty’s to celebrate – two hundred years since his birth on 18th April 1813. To mark the occasion, a group of Ecclesfield bell ringers gathered to ring the bells in his memory. The anniversary fell on a Thursday, not on a usual practice night, so we met at 7.30pm that evening to ring.

Alfred Gatty was vicar of Ecclesfield for 63 years, from 1839 until his death in 1903. He was very influential in the development of the church in Ecclesfield, which underwent much renovation and improvement during this time. He and his wife, Margaret had ten children (two died in infancy). The family were very talented. Alfred, his wife Margaret and several of their children achieved literary success; Margaret and her daughter Juliana Horatia Gatty (later Ewing) were the most famous, primarily as children’s authors.

Alfred Gatty did seem to have a particular interest in the bells in this church. He was the vicar in 1845, at the time when the number of bells at our church was increased from six to eight. This may have helped inspire him to write “The Bell: It’s Origin, History and Uses”, which was published in 1848. He has left several examples in his books describing how much the sound of church bells meant to him. For example, he once remarked that “so great is the power of bells to create emotion, that we doubt whether even the voice of a mother would so immediately subdue to tenderness the worst criminal in Norfolk Island, as the sudden sound of the peal in his native village! Not remonstrative in its tone, to stir the pride – not complaining, to wound anew the harassed spirit – but by its very unaltered sweetness and irrepressible revocations, utterly overpowering to his guilt-laden heart.”

We hope that our ringing on Thursday 18th April 2013 was a fitting tribute to this influential former vicar of Ecclesfield.

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Just For Fun

The answers to the following clues are surnames of people who regularly come to Church. Can you work them out? A little "phonetic licence" has been allowed here and there and the spelling may be a bit different but they are not too difficult!

- 1 Male offspring of the redbreast
- 2 Prohibit the meat of a pig
- 3 A worker in metal, one who shapes metal
- 4 Previous, earlier
- 5 One who fries
- 6 One who is employed to do correspondence in an office
- 7 A Stag's antlers
- 8 Famous Jam making family
- 9 One who manages the affairs of another
- 10 Player of a stringed musical instrument
- 11 One who fashions articles of wood
- 12 Two for one with this answer - Up ---- and down ----
- 13 A person having the authority to perform and administer religious rites.
- 14 A fastening made by tying together lengths of material, such as rope
- 15 Trees give you this
- 16 To make a hole or opening in, to perforate.
- 17 Bet you definitely have to use the Dictionary for this one! The unit of brightness in the centimetre-gram-second system, equivalent to the brightness of a perfectly diffusing surface that emits or reflects one lumen per square centimetre
- 18 Archaic name for a Fisherman
- 19 Former name of Aroma Park in Illinois
- 20 A weaver of cloth
- 21 A hunter of wild birds for food
- 22 The first name of the actor who plays Han Solo and Indiana Jones

SH

Answers on Page 27

Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

ACROSS: 1, Wickedness. 7, Harpist. 8, Teach. 10, Side. 11, Impostor. 13, Encamp. 15, Saddle. 17, Ignorant. 18, Tent. 21, Grass. 22, Olivier. 23, Wrongdoers.

DOWN: 1, World. 2, Crib. 3, Entomb. 4, National. 5, Started. 6, Whispering. 9, Harvesters. 12, Imprison. 14, Centaur. 16, Unload. 19, Evils. 20, Give.

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Prayers and Poems Page

Afloat, afield

God and Jesus and the Spirit so pure,
Possess me, and shield me, assist me sure,
Order my path and before my soul go
In hollow, on hill, and on plain below,
Afloat, afield, the assisting Three sure.

An ancient Celtic prayer

The Sun

A hail to thee, thou sun of each day,
As the skies on high thou dost pass;
Strong on the wing on high is thy way,
Thou glorious mother of stars.

In swallowing sea thy resting lies
All scatheless and all unafraid;
On a wave of peace up thou dost rise
In fresh bloom like a queenly maid.

An ancient Celtic poem

The Travellers

They travelled together sad and forlorn
With all their dreams shattered and torn.
It started so well, their hopes were high
Never to guess that He would die.

The man joined the two as they walked along
He asked why their faces were sad and long
“Have you not heard” disbelieving they cried?
“How the One we followed was crucified?”.

Opening the scriptures He began to unfold
How the Christ should suffer as written of old,
It was not a disaster, but all of God’s plan
That one should come as Redeemer of man.

They listened enraptured as slowly they saw
The purpose of God revealed in the Law
The Prophets and Psalms, it’s all about Him
The One who should come and rescue from sin

O that eyes should be opened and scripture
made plain
To see Christ in its pages again and again.
That just like the travellers I too should see
The Master, the Saviour dying for me.

By Megan Carter

A Wedding Prayer

*May Jesus wind throughout your lives
May Jesus bind your hearts as one
Two hearts entwined in Jesus’ love
In marriage find God’s loving Son.*

On this the day that you are wed,
O may we pray, who hold you dear
That you would stay within His love
And that He may hold you both near.

Not two we see here joined today –
Two cords won’t be a cord as strong
As when there’s three, bound like a plait
A trinity your whole life long.

The Father, Son, and Sprit, three
Yet fully One in Trinity
Their work begun, to grow and shine
Bright as the sun your love will be.

Go hand in hand your whole lives long
And understand what Christ can do
For He has planned your lives for you
The promised land he’ll bring you to.

*May Jesus wind throughout your lives
May Jesus bind your hearts as one
Two hearts entwined in Jesus’ love
In marriage find God’s loving Son*

By Nigel Beeton

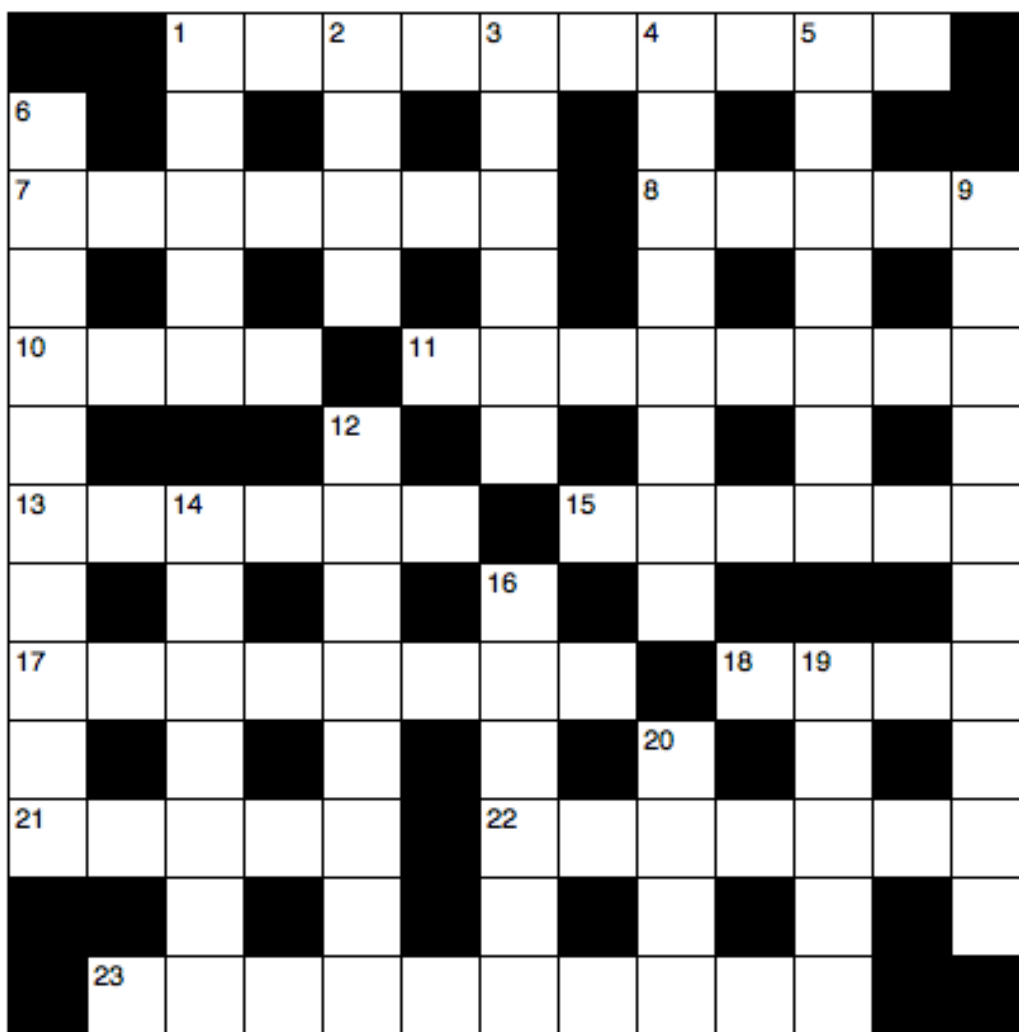
Crossword Puzzle

Clues Across

- 1** Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
7 Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
8 The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
10 'We are hard pressed on every—' (2Corinthians4:8)(4)
11 Fraud (2Corinthians6:8)(8)
13 'His troops advance in force; they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
15 Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
17 'Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
18 Nomadic dwelling(Genesis26:25)(4)
21 'As for man, his days are like—,he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
22 Or I live (anag.)(7)
23 Those guilty of 1 Across(Romans13:4)(10)

Clues Down

- 1** 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
2 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)
3 Mob ten (anag.) (6)
4 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
5 Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
6 Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
9 Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10) **12** Put in jail(Acts22:19)(8)
14 Aceturn (anag.)(7)
16 Discharge(Acts21:3)(6)
19 'All these—come from inside and make a man "unclean"' (Mark 7:23) (5)
20 'Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!'(Revelation19:7)(4)



Crossword Puzzle - Solution is on page 22

River and Sky

A prayer of Gilbert of Hoyland, (died c.1170, Abbot of the Cistercian monastery of Swineshead in Lincolnshire)

Move our hearts with the calm, smooth flow of your grace. Let the river of your love run through our souls. May my soul be carried by the current of your love, towards the wide, infinite ocean of heaven. Stretch out my heart with your strength, as you stretch out the sky above the earth. Smooth out any wrinkles of hatred or resentment. Enlarge my soul that it may know more fully your truth.

Just For Fun – Answers
 1: Robinson 2: Banham 3: Smith 4: Prior 5: Fryer 6: Clarke 7: Hartshorn
 8: Hartley 9: Proctor 10: Fidler 11: Wright 12: Hill and Dale 13: Priest
 14: Knott 15: Wood 16: Pearce 17: Lambert 18: Fisher 19: Waldron
 20: Webster 21: Fowler 22: Harrison

Saint of the Month

9th June Columba of Iona (c. 521 -97) – 1450 years on

This month marks the 1450th anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in the UK. It was brought by St Columba from Ireland to Iona – a tiny island off Mull, in the Western Highlands.

Columba was born in Donegal of the royal Ui Neill clan, and trained as a monk. He founded the monasteries of Derry (546), Durrow (c.556) and probably Kells. But in 565 Columba left Ireland with twelve companions for Iona, an island off southwest Scotland. Iona had been given to him for a monastery by the ruler of the Irish Dalriada.

Why would a monk in his mid 40s go into such voluntary exile? Various explanations include: voluntary exile for Christ, an attempt to help overseas compatriots in their struggle for survival, or even as some sort of punishment for his part in a row over a psalter in Ireland. Whatever the reason, Columba went to Iona and spent the rest of his life in Scotland, returning to Ireland only for occasional visits.

Columba's biographer, Adomnan, portrays him as a tall, striking figure of powerful build and impressive presence, who combined the skills of scholar, poet and ruler with a fearless commitment to God's cause. Able, ardent, and sometimes harsh, Columba seems to have mellowed with age.

As well as building his monastery on Iona, Columba also converted Brude, king of the Picts. Columba had great skill as a scribe, and an example of this can be seen in the Cathach of Columba, a late 6th century psalter in the Irish Academy, which is the oldest surviving example of Irish majuscule writing. In his later years Columba spent much time transcribing books.

Columba's death was apparently foreseen by his community, and even, it seems, sensed by his favourite horse. He died in the church just before Matins, and it is a tribute to this man that his traditions were upheld by his followers for about a century, not least in the Synod of Whitby and in Irish monasteries on the continent of Europe.

Here is a prayer of St Columba:

Christ With Us

My dearest Lord,

Be Thou a bright flame before me,

Be Thou a guiding star above me,

Be Thou a smooth path beneath me,

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