

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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First Words...

- **Harvest Festival** - This year we are celebrating our Harvest Festival on Sunday 12th October. Come along to our 10.00 am Service.
- **Full Time Christians** - One of the themes this autumn will be to look how we are called to be “full time Christians”. This is about deepening our relationships with Christ and also our commitment to him in time and activity.
- **The Glass Is Half Full** - The declining number of stipendiary (paid) clergy is bringing a challenge to the churches. Challenge can elicit either a positive or a negative response. Let’s make sure that our glasses are half full rather than half empty. I have seen some fantastic examples of people in Ecclesfield coming forward with ideas and initiatives to grow the Church and long may it continue.

Daniel Hartley



Prayer for Month

The Collect for Harvest Festival

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

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The Vicars' Letter

Harvest Time

Throughout late September and in to October it's common for churches to celebrate their Harvest Festivals. We have ours on 12th October and it will be a time of great celebration. We thank God for the gifts of the harvest and for the work of those who have gathered it in. Of course in reality, many of us in suburban and urban contexts do not witness this harvest. We do not plough the fields or scatter and there can so easily develop a disconnect between the growing of food and the consuming of it.

Does this matter? Well I would say that it does. It all too easily leads us to know the cost of food but not the value of it. The value of food is to be found in a deep appreciation of the way in which it is produced and the challenges faced by those who engage in this production. The buying power of supermarkets may drive down the cost of food, but does it potentially rob food of value? If all we are to look out for is cost then who will look out for those whose margins are continually squeezed by our obsession with a bargain.

The problem is partly one of proximity. The large population centres of the UK are, by definition, urban. They are removed from the areas of food production. These urban centres are also hubs of information that contain the media outlets of our country. The BBC may have moved some of its operations to Salford, but that represents a shift from one urban area to another.

Many of us in Sheffield will know of the pitfalls of urban living. We are aware of the work with the homeless that goes on. We are aware of the food banks and of many other strands of urban deprivation. But do we know anything of the challenges facing rural communities and the rural economy?

This Harvest Festival I will be challenging the Church in Ecclesfield to focus on rural matters. To ask where our food comes from and how we can support our farmers in the present and the future. If we are to find meaning in our Harvest Festivals then they need to be more than a romanticised nod to the past. They need to focus on what it means to manage the land and to produce food that feeds a population.

Daniel Hartley

On the perils of being a school governor

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I was interested to hear that from this academic year, your vicar has asked you to take his place as a school governor. A whole new world of exciting meetings is about to open up to you. Naturally, you will have been told that the governors only meet three times a year. You will probably not have been told that you will also be expected to be on at least two sub-committees, where you will be immediately asked to become secretary, as a way of getting to know the job. Add on training days, parents' evenings, sports days, school socials, end of term services, charity events and accompanying classes on days out and you will begin to realise that your vicar's suggestion was not as innocent as you may have thought.

Remember, too, that all meetings require you sit on chairs designed for 5 year-olds. You will then spend countless hours going through a 40 item agenda, trying to look dignified with your knees somewhere round your ears while drawing up school plans as if they were the Normandy landing. Be prepared to receive paperwork measured by the hundredweight; entire rainforests have been obliterated by your education authority sending what they seem to think is vital information; it does, however, make good cat litter.

Most meetings will be so full of acronyms that for the first few years you will have the feeling that conversation is taking place in a language that may bear a passing resemblance to English, but isn't. There is little point in trying to learn what they all mean because before too long, they will all be replaced by another set anyway, which will be equally incomprehensible.

Your computer abilities will be expected to be far beyond what anyone over the age of 30 could ever be expected to achieve; if you sink without trace, ask a seven year-old, who will soon put you right.

You will also be encouraged to attend training days; I strongly suggest you select all-day events, as at least you will get a lunch out of it. You needn't bother to arrive on time, since the first hour will be spent with everyone introducing themselves and you can leave early, as the final hour will go on filling in evaluation forms.

Just keep reminding yourself that your term of office is a mere five years; you may even get remission for good behaviour.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

On yer bike!

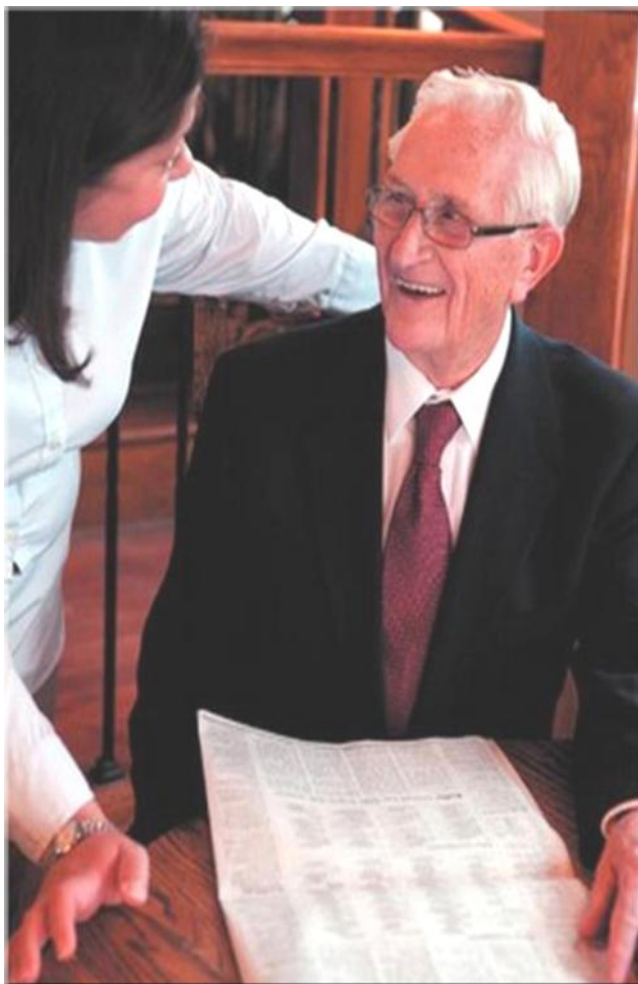
We've certainly had an active term in Beavers at Ecclesfield. As the Grand Depart raced through Sheffield we spent our Monday evenings completing our own cycling challenges! Our first evening was spent in Ecclesfield park completing laps of our specially designed circuit and listening to a cycling master class, learning how to take care of your bike complete an 'M check' and even how to pump up your tyres. A couple of weeks later we put these skills into practice as we cycled to Meadowhall and back, though not as tough as Jenkin Road, a few beavers (and leaders) were certainly out of breath at the end of the night.

Meanwhile back at the Scout Hut our Young Leaders helped to create a miniature version of the Channel tunnel using boxes and benches, helping us to imagine we were travelling to France under the water. In July, both Swallow and Amazon Beavers set off on a very wet Saturday morning to Wheelgate All Action Theme Park in Newark. The children did get soaked, but in the outdoor waterpark, where they went down slides and under water flumes. They also enjoyed the runaway train, tropical animal zones and the 'Land of the Pharaohs' indoor play area. This ended with a very quiet journey back home as I think all the Beavers were tired out! Finally, in the summer, we celebrated the end of another scouting year with a picnic and treasure hunt at Hesley Wood as we said goodbye to four of our Beavers to whom we wish all the best in Cubs.

Over the last few months the other sections of our group have been no less active. In May we held our annual group camp where around 50 members aged from 6-16 stayed out in tents for the weekend. We hoped that the weather would be kind to us and despite a couple of very heavy downpours we had an enjoyable weekend. The Saturday was filled with kayaking, climbing and goes on the zip wire, all topped off with a 'BBQ on the veranda', proving that the rain couldn't get the better of us! The children who had dried off by Sunday morning tackled the obstacle course and attempted to conquer 'The Cube', an indoor, three floored maze. The Scouts had an adventure of their own this summer, after months of hard work and fundraising 15 of our members joined around 50 other young people from around Sheffield to travel to Guernsey.

Along with 10 leaders they travelled, via Brownsea Island, the birthplace of scouting, to a campsite to be their home for the next 8 days. It was brilliant to see children from different groups mixing and getting on so well with each other.

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The Bishop's Letter, October 2014

This Month, Bishop Steven Writes:

Bishops in Mission Together

Earlier this year, all the bishops of the Northern Province went away together to Holy Island to pray together. The Archbishop of York called us to pray for north of England. We read the Bible together and listened to one another's stories. We heard accounts of what God is doing across the north from a dynamic group of young adults who came with us.

But this was not just another meeting. We agreed to do something practical together: to be part of the answer to our own prayers.



The bishops agreed together that once a year the Archbishop would lead us in mission for four days to a single diocese. As bishops we want to lead by example. Sharing the faith is a vital part of the life of the Church. We want to encourage one another and encourage the whole Church.

The bishops also agreed (with one voice) that we should begin this mission together in September 2015 and that we should begin in the Diocese of Sheffield.

You may want to mark the date in your diary now. From Thursday 10th-Sunday 13th September next year, the Archbishop of York will lead a four day mission in the Diocese of Sheffield. The mission team will be the Bishops of the Northern Province. Final details are still to be worked out but we hope that each Bishop will bring a team of half a dozen young people. We are hoping that there will be bishops in every deanery.

Our aim in the summer of every year is to sow the seed of the gospel in all kinds of ways. That is what we will be aiming to do next year as the Bishops join us in mission together. The teams will work in partnership with parishes, mission partnerships and deaneries in schools, in community ventures, in a range of different events.

We're committed as a Diocese to moving forward in mission together. Please pray that as the Bishops of the North come to join us in God's mission that we may see good fruit in every part of the Diocese.

+Steven Sheffield



On yer bike! - *Continued*

For some it was the longest they had spent away from their parents, however there was plenty to take their mind off of that; hiking, climbing and swimming to name a few. Also on offer, for those that wanted to, was the opportunity to go Coasteering, which involved jumping off rocks, up to 10m high, into a freezing cold English channel. The week was concluded by a shopping trip to the capital St. Peters Port, before a very choppy crossing back to England felt by both the children and some leaders. I'm sure this was a holiday that the children won't forget easily and will be keen to do again when we have our next district camp next year.

As we begin meeting again after the holidays, the group is once more expanding! Now with over 120 members, the Scouts are following the lead of the Beavers and Cubs by opening a second troop, on a Thursday night. Both troops will be following a similar program, starting off with the community badge, so watch out Ecclesfield. The group is looking forward to the coming months with the Cubs annual trip to Castleton and our Swimmers badge at Hillsborough not too far away. And with 2015 just around the corner I'm sure there are many more exciting adventures and challenges that await us!

Ben Steel AGSL

What is Coasteering?

Coasteering is an exhilarating combined rock and water activity that can be delivered to every individual level which makes this activity suitable for those with no fear of heights or water as well as those who may not be quite so confident. During a Coasteering trip you will learn rock climbing and scrambling techniques as well as how to jump from great heights safely. Wearing sturdy footwear, wetsuits, buoyancy aids and helmets, participants travel along a section of coastline; sometimes swimming in the sea, sometimes scrambling on rocks and jumping from rocks into the sea.

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Will You Remember Them – October 2014

Uganda –Christian teenager killed in machete attack by Muslims

An 18-year-old Christian woman was hacked to death and three others, including a one-year old baby, were injured in a machete attack at a church in Uganda. Around 20 Christians were gathered at Chali Born Victory Church in Kyegegwa district for their regular Friday-night prayer meeting when armed Muslims burst in.

The pastor was preaching when he noticed somebody peeping through a window; shortly afterwards men shouting “Allahu Akhbar” (Allah is great) stormed the church, brandishing machetes and beating worshippers. The assailants later escaped to a nearby mosque, and police surrounded the building and arrested two suspects. A police officer was killed when one of the assailants opened fire.

The church has had problems with a group of Muslims in the area who had unsuccessfully tried to convert members of the congregation to Islam. A church member said that the attackers threatened to kill anyone who refused to convert and said they wanted to transform Uganda into an Islamic nation.

Anti-Christian attacks by Muslims in Uganda remain relatively rare, but they are becoming more frequent.

Please Pray

- For the bereaved family of Beatrice Mukashaka, who was killed in the attack, and ask the Lord to comfort them in their distress.
- For the Lord’s healing for the three others who were injured.
- That vulnerable Ugandan believers will seek the Lord at this time and take refuge in the shadow of His wings (Psalm 57 verse 1)

JD

Psalm 57 verse 1

Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me,
for in you my soul takes refuge;
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge,
until the destroying storms pass by

Across the Sea to Ireland.

We left home on Sunday morning early to catch the Ferry from Holyhead, Anglesey to Dun Laoghaire, Dublin, the small ferry did the slightly unsteady crossing in just under two hours. We travelled to our Dublin hotel by way of the River Liffey with its lovely architectural buildings and swans on the water. Next morning we headed for Waterford the oldest town in Ireland and famous for its crystal, amazingly the two Cathedrals Catholic and Protestant were both build by the same man in soft pale grey coloured stone. Some young students were sketching on the waterfront and we chattered to their teachers, who were happy to talk to us. Next on to Blarney Castle, and no we hadn't time to kiss the stone, but we spent time in a lovely park.

Our main destination was Killarney in County Kerry where we were staying for four nights. The next morning we awoke to glorious sunshine and a trip in a water boat on Lough Leane in the 25,000 acre Killarney National Park. The lake was like a mill pond and we spent a happy hour touring the many islands round the Lough which was incredibly beautiful and listening to the Irish stories about the early settlers. This was followed by a ride on a



'Jaunty', one or two of us wondered how we would cope with a horse and carriage they didn't really look safe. However once we climbed up the steps into the carriage we were fine and although there were seven of us including the driver, the horse set off at a cracking pace through the forest with tantalising glimpses of the lake on the way. His name was Tommy and he was about ten years old, it takes three years to train a horse, and he was more than capable of finding his own way back.

The next day we toured 'The Ring of Kerry'. This is a lovely drive mostly by the coast and with the unusually named 'MacGillycuddy Reeks' which are hills on the other side. We called at the 'Peat Bog Village' a Museum where you can learn about the potato famine in the mid-1800s and had an Irish coffee with cream delicious. As the coach climbed the hills the view of the sea and the islands was spectacular, we pulled into a lay by where a lady was playing a harp accompanied by a guitar. Our next stop was the seaside village of Waterville where we enjoyed an ice cream cone as we walked along the Prom. That night was a real cultural experience from a group called 'Celtic Steps', who are famous in Ireland. They play Guitar, small drums, accordion and violin with four Irish Dancers one of whom is the Irish Dance Champion. At the end of the show they were given a standing ovation. The weather continued fine and warm for the remainder of this perfect of holidays.

P Blackburn

Hymn: The story behind ... Just As I Am

The hymn 'Just As I Am' must be one of the most famous in the world. It has been sung by tens of millions of Christians at Billy Graham Crusades the world over, just for starters! Yet it was not written by a professional who was 'aiming' at a specific market, as many songs seem to be written today. Instead, it was written by an artist in Victorian times.

Her name was Charlotte Elliott, and she was born in Clapham in 1789. She grew up in a well to do home, and became a portrait artist and also a writer of humorous verse. All was well until Charlotte fell ill in her early 30s, and slid into a black depression. A minister, Dr Caesar Malan of Switzerland, came to visit her. Instead of sympathising, he asked her an unexpected question: did she have peace with God? Charlotte deeply resented the question and told him to mind his own business.

But after he left, his question haunted her. Did she have peace with God? She knew that she did not, that she had done some very wrong things. So she invited Dr Malan to return. She told him that she would like to become a Christian, but would have to sort out her life first.

Dr Malan again said the unexpected: "Come just as you are." The words were a revelation to Charlotte. She had assumed that she would have to put her life in order before she could hope to be accepted by God. Instead, she realised that Jesus wanted her just as she was - and he would take care of the sin. Charlotte became a Christian that day.

14 years later, in 1836, Charlotte wrote some verses that summed up how it had been between her and Jesus that day. They ran:

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bids't me come to Thee
O lamb of God, I come! I come!

Just as I am, tho tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt
Fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

Charlotte could not have dreamed that 150 years into the future, her verses would be sung by millions of people all over the world, as they responded to the Gospel presented at many great Billy Graham crusades, and made their way forward to do just as the hymn describes - to come to Jesus Christ, despite sin and fear and doubts, to come 'just as I am.'

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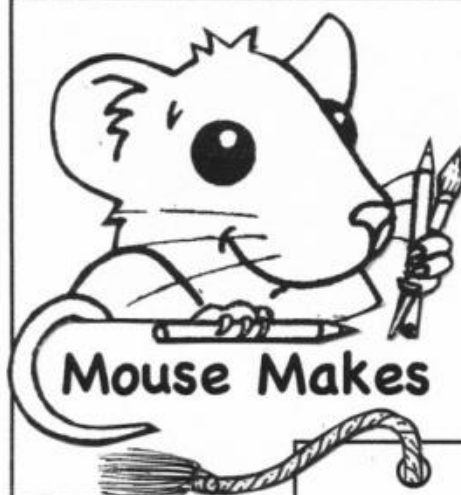
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2 Timothy 3:16-17



READ
Psalm
119:105
Proverbs
30:5,6

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Diary for the Month of October

Wednesday 1 st	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House	
	1.00 pm	Mothers' Union in the Gatty Hall /Joy Turnbull – Armchair Keep Fit	
Thursday 2 nd	9.30 am	Holy Communion	
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group in the Gatty Hall /Norma Priest - Kids	
Friday 3 rd	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)	
Sunday 5th		The 16th Sunday after Trinity	
	10.00 am	Parish Communion	
	12 noon	Baptism Service	
	6.30 pm	Coffee Shop Service	
Tuesday 7 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	
Wednesday 8 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House	
Thursday 9 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	
	2.00 pm	Service at Hartwell House	
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group/ David Templeton –Lady Arabella Stuart	
Friday 10 th	6.30 pm	Harvest Supper	
Sunday 12th		Harvest Festival	
	8.30 am	Holy Communion	
	10.00 am	Parish Communion	
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion	
Tuesday 14 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	
Wednesday 15 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House	
Thursday 16 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion	
	10.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Church	
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group / Visit to the Library Theatre	
Friday 17 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)	
Sunday 19th		The 18th Sunday after Trinity	
	10.00 am	Parish Communion	
	4.00 pm	Living Stones	
	6.30 pm	Evening Service	
Monday 20 th	7.30 pm	Outreach Team meets in Church	
Tuesday 21 st	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice	
	7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting in Church	
Wednesday 22 nd	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House	
Thursday 23 rd	9.30 am	Holy Communion	
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group in the Gatty Hall / Hartshorne – Inspection	Stephanie

Friday 24 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)
Saturday 25 th	10.00 am	Children's Society Coffee Morning in Church
Sunday 26th		The Last Sunday after Trinity
	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Prayer and Praise
Monday 27 th	7.30 pm	Ignatian Prayer in Church
Tuesday 28 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 29 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 30 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group in the Gatty Hall/ Shoe Boxes
	7.30 pm	Finance Team meet in Church
Friday 31 st	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)

Diary for the Month of October

From the Registers

Baptisms

7th September	Joseph Frank Tingle
7th September	Jacob Oliver Whitehead
7th September	Kennedy Beal
21st September	Anahita Zhaleh-Mehri Pourreza

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

Weddings

23rd August	Liam Carl Reece & Stephane Ellen Holland
23rd August	Mark Alan Falstead & Sally Marie Clayton
24th August	Adam Robinson & Tanith Sarah Bamford
6th September	Joseph Robert Hindmarch & Kerry Louise Roberts
27th September	Gavin Burkitt & Tara Kilworth

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

Funerals

5th September	Joan Evelyn Indge	94
12th September	John Hart Gowers	86
11th September	Dr. Dennis Mackinder Parker	85

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

Flower Rota

5th October	J. Adams & G. Loxley	19th October	M. Siddy & J. Gittens
12th October	Harvest Flowers	26th October	C. Wright & S. Johns

The Gardening Year – October 2014.

Soils and Manures

More than any other factor, the quality of your soil will determine how successful you are growing fruit and vegetables. Fortunately practically every type of land can be made to yield good crops, but to make the most of your garden you should first understand the nature of the soil you are dealing with.

Getting to know your soil

Soils fall into five general groups, clay, loam, sand, chalk and peat, but only a minority of gardens can be classified so distinctly. Most gardens have a mixture of soils though often with one type predominating. To make your own classification note first the reactions of the soil to extreme weather conditions, such as drought or prolonged heavy rain. If puddles take hours or even days to disappear after heavy rain and the soil bakes rock hard in a drought you have a clay soil. If water drains away fairly quickly after heavy rain but the ground stays unworkable for a day or two you have a loam soil. When water from even a heavy thunder shower drains away within minutes your soil is probably light and sandy. In a drought, such soil must be constantly watered or heavy mulched. However, if speedy drainage is combined with a surface that appears dusty white or grey during a drought you have a chalky soil. As well as classifying the soil in your garden you should learn when to cultivate it and when to leave it alone. Cultivation on clay soil in particular needs care timing. Where a choice is possible grow the crops best suited to your soil and within any particular crop select the most suitable varieties, grow long carrots in a light soil and stump rooted varieties on heavy soil. Grow scab resistant potatoes on chalk soil. Bear in mind that whatever the type of soil in your garden you will get out of it only as much as you put into it. To sustain and improve fertility you must manure and fertilise your garden every year. Heavy or clay soils are the hardest to work because they are difficult to dig at any time and impossible to cultivate during rainy spells. Their growing season is shortened because spring sowing and planting must be delayed until the wet soil becomes warmer and drier. However, clays have the advantage in summer of not drying out as quickly as sandy soils and when well cultivated they yield heavy crops of good quality.

Vegetables

Summer crops can be cleared away and the plot prepared for the next crop. Bring un-ripened tomatoes on stems indoors and hang up to ripen. String dry onions up and hang them in the shed out of the way of frost.

Colin Williams

Whitley Hall Cricket Club

Colts - Promotion Winners 2014

2014 has been an extremely good, almost an exceptional season for the club. Achievements include a runners-up title, promotion for two teams and two knock-out trophies! The 1st XI team was



successful in winning the Whitworth knock-out cup for the 5th time in 6 seasons and came within a hair's breadth of taking both the league and the Yorkshire titles. Maybe a slightly slow start hindered progress in the league and there was certainly more than a fair share of matches cancelled or abandoned because of rain. In the end, a 7 point win on the last day against Wickersley was not quite enough and the team finished runners-up to champions Treeton, 3 points behind. In the Yorkshire Council Championship, the team steamed through the first two rounds against Elsecar and Treeton before meeting Townville from Central Yorkshire in the final at Tickhill. A Whitley score of 167 proved to be insufficient in the end. At the end of the season, Captain Alex Fletcher indicated that he would be standing down after 10 years during which the club has won every possible honour – thanks Alex.

The 2nd XI had a brilliant finish after a slow start and beat Wickersley at their ground on the final day of the season to gain promotion to Division 1, immediately below the Premier League. And then, playing well into the autumn on September 27th at Stainforth, near Doncaster, The 3rd XI 'The Colts' defeated Tinsley to achieve their third successive promotion and will compete in the Premier Division of the South Yorkshire Alliance next season. The Colts have regularly featured up to 8 of our junior players but all our junior teams have again done us proud, especially the under-13 side who won the junior league cup in the final against Sheffield Collegiate.

So well done to all, remembering that indoor nets start early in 2015. Anyone interested in joining the club to play cricket should contact Steve Fletcher in the first instance. Best wishes for a happy Christmas and a successful New Year from all at the club.

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Quotes of the Month

- Exercise daily - walk with the Lord.
- We don't change God's message - His message changes us.
- The human race seems to have improved everything except people.
- In giving until it hurts, some people are extremely sensitive to pain.
- Affliction is God's shepherd dog to drive us back to the fold.
- Some people are born great, some achieve greatness, and some just grate.
- God's biggest problem with labourers in his vineyard is absenteeism.
- God works in us and with us, not against us or without us.
- God always provides a light through every one of his tunnels.
- Necessary evil: one we like so much we refuse to do away with it.
- The need of the world is to listen to God.
- If Christians praised God more, the world would doubt him less
- The Bible has a great deal to say about suffering and most of it is encouraging.

Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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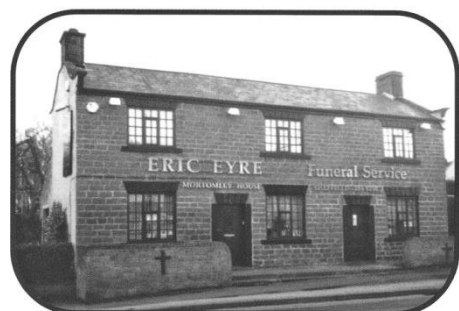
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Tints of Autumn

The buzzing of wasps amongst the ripe fruit trees
Heralds the start of the falling leaves
A season past and yet there begins
A new and colourful time and place.

The land prepares itself for this time of change
It drops the vivid hues of spring and summer
To succumb to the softer season of autumn
With hints of mist and gentle breezes.

Buzzing bees have left the flowers now
And these drop there fading heads
So that once more they prepare themselves
In readiness for a time of rest.

The tired trees droop their bare boughs
And draw back there sap to sunken roots
Their energy stored once more
Ready for a new begging in spring.

The land settles down and hardens
Itself against the onset of colder climes
And we can tell that a change has begun
To cover the whole of nature.

Birds follow the flights to warmer lands
Leaving their homeland until next year
When spring will awaken to new begging's
A land ready to thrive once more.

Rivers slow their rapid rush to sea
Sluggish soft sounds echo their regression
Wildlife disappears amongst the rustling reeds
To find safer havens in burrows deep.

This is the autumnal time of year
When colours of glittering gold and bronze
Softer fading green and hints of yellow
Proclaim the season's swan song.

What gentler way of giving a fond farewell
To the land than this glorious goodbye
That stays in the memory with warmth and joy
And remains there forever strong.

Sheila Johns 7th October 2013



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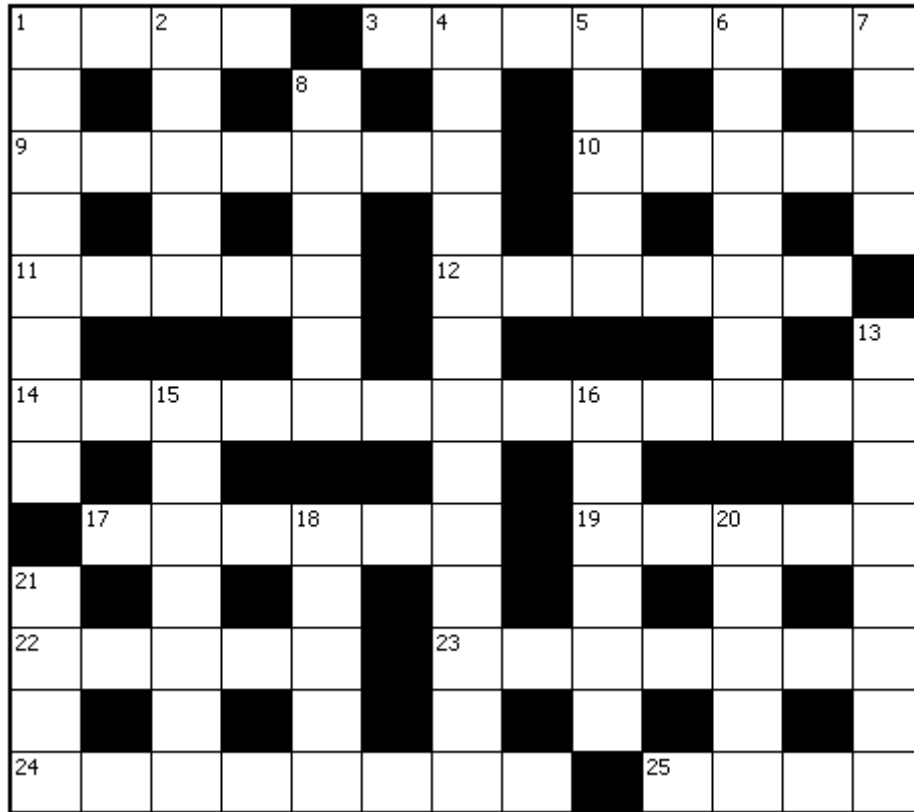
Clues Across

- 1 ‘Those who were standing near Paul said, “You — to insult God’s high priest?”’ (Acts 23:4) (4)
- 3 They were assigned to guard the tree of life (Genesis 3:24) (8)
- 9 ‘Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of — , the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite’ (1 Samuel 1:1) (3,4)
- 10 Surrender (Joshua 24:23) (5)
- 11 Where American livestock can be reared (5)
- 12 Listen (anag.) (6)
- 14 Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (2 Samuel 6:2) (6,2,5)
- 17 He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)
- 19 Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
- 22 Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (Esther 1:3) (5)
- 23 Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
- 24 Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
- 25 Note (anag.) (4)

Clues Down

- 1 Give an account of (Mark 4:30) (8)
- 2 ‘I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free’ (Psalm 119:32) (3,2)
- 4 ‘He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image’ (Judges 18:20) (9,4)
- 5 ‘You are a chosen people, a — priesthood’ (1 Peter 2:9) (5)
- 6 The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (Matthew 5:4–5, 7) (7)
- 7 Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
- 8 He was the son of Nun (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 13 ‘Let the little — come to me’ (Matthew 19:14) (8)
- 15 ‘About three thousand were — — their number that day’ (Acts 2:41) (5,2)
- 16 In John’s vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (Revelation 21:18) (6)

21 Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)



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Prayers and Poems Page

Christ's healing ministry

Father all-Holy, all-merciful; always ready to act in our weakness
Through your agents who bring Christ's healing ministry to our aid.
Help us to recognise the presence and activity of Christ at work
In doctors and nurses, medical science and technology:
In family members, friends, neighbours and all who in their special way
Maintain your reservoir of care in which we bathe and from which we drink.
Bless, encourage and help us remember that the life we live is your gift of love:
In the same way that it comes from you
And is sustained on its course with all things necessary for our greater good,
So too its end is fixed in a love beyond our imagining
Where all things necessary for our wholeness and fulfilment are held secure -
And where you, Our Father, are overjoyed as we return.

By Sam Doubtfire

How Majestic

How majestic, Lord and Father
Is thy name in all the earth!
Glorious above all heavens
Children praise thee from their birth!
Thou hast triumphed over evil
So shall we sing of thy worth!

See, above thy glorious heavens
Stars and moon set in their place
What is man, of whom you're mindful?
How can we sing of thy grace?
Yet you set us little lower
Than the great angelic race!

We, thy creatures have dominion
Thy created beasts to tame
Sheep and cattle, birds and fishes
Wild, domestic, farmed, and game.
How majestic, Lord and Father
Is thy universal name!

Sing the glory of the Father
Sing the glory of the Son
Sing the glory of the Spirit
Glories of the Three in One
Sing the praise of God Almighty
Till eternal time is done!

By Nigel Beeton

God who shows his care

We will hold your hand in silence
Place our arms round you in prayer
That our heart-thoughts may bring blessings
From our God who shows his care
In the suffering of our Saviour
Who faced death upon a Cross

To show all who will but see it
That our death is not the loss
Of the life that comes from heaven
Or the love of every heart
But the journey of a life-time
In which we all play a part

As we share each other's burdens
And ease each other's load
Till angel wings return us
To the state of God's abode
Where our place is well-prepared
And our welcome guaranteed

By the Saviour who lives in us
And through prayer fulfils our need.

By Sam Doubtfire

Saint of the Month - St Luke the Evangelist 18th October

Thank you, Dr Luke! - *By David Winter*

‘Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, bless the bed that I lie on’ - my grandma taught me that one. At least it meant I never forgot the names of the writers of the four Gospels. This month Luke, the writer of the third of them, has his feast day – 18th October.

He was, we learn from the letters of St Paul, a ‘physician’ - an educated man and probably the only one of the writers of the New Testament who was not a Jew. In modern terms he was Turkish. Paul took him as one of his missionary team on a long journey around the Middle East, and they clearly became close friends. Under house arrest later in his life Paul could write, ‘only Luke is with me’.

However, it is his Gospel which has established him as a major figure in the history of the Christian Church. Mark’s Gospel may have more drama, Matthew’s more prophetic background and John’s a more profound sense of the mystery of the divine, but Luke offers us a Jesus who is utterly and believably real. This man turned no one away, reserved his harshest words for hypocrites and religious grandees, cared for the marginalised, the poor, the persecuted, the handicapped and the sinful. His Gospel is full of people we can recognise - indeed, in whom we can often recognise ourselves.

He was also a masterly story-teller. Try, for instance, the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). Read it (this time) not as a sacred text but as a brilliant piece of story-telling: subtle repetitions (‘your son, this brother of yours’), believable characters, drama and profound emotion. There is the older brother, so cynical about his sibling’s alleged reformation, the ‘prodigal’ himself, so hesitant about throwing himself on his father’s mercy after the folly of his earlier behaviour, and there is the father, of course, abandoning the dignity of his role in the family and actually running to welcome his wretched son’s return.

There are more women in Luke’s Gospel than in any of the others, but also more poor people, more lepers, more ‘sinners’ and tax-collectors, more ‘outsiders’ who are shown to be ‘inside’ the love of Christ. This, for many of us, is the great Gospel of inclusion and compassion. Here is a Jesus for the whole world and for every one of us. Thank you, Dr Luke!

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My Nepal Report - By Josh Singleton

We departed for Nepal on our expedition on the 8th July the team was made up of 7 students, a teacher and the expedition leader.

When we arrived we spent the first few days settling in and introducing ourselves into the Nepalese culture and their customs and beliefs, for example we visited Buddhist temples as well as Hindu temples such as the Stupa and the Hindu goddess Kumari which was incredibly humbling. Also it was fascinating how different the Nepalese culture and everyday life is in comparison to ours.

We then moved onto the Tashi Palkhiel Tibetan Refugee camp, which was truly the most amazing experience of my life. Meeting the children and helping the community pull together for a great cause. I am honoured to have met these people and I hope I touched their lives as much as they've touched mine. To help such a fabulous cause has really put what I have and get into perspective, as these people who seem to have next to nothing are so happy and content with their lives is such an inspiration.

Although we only spent a matter of days with the community we as a team managed to achieve building the whole water system for the community and also install the system so they managed to have running water in the youth hostel for the first time and something they were extremely grateful for.



Editor – The Tibetan diaspora

In the years 1959, 1960, and 1961 following the 1959 Tibetan uprising and exile of the Dalai Lama, over 20,000 Tibetans migrated to Nepal. Since then many have immigrated to India or settled in refugee camps set up by the International Committee of the Red Cross, the Government of Nepal, the Swiss Government, Services for Technical Co-operation Switzerland, and Australian Refugees Committee. Those who arrived before 1989 were issued refugee ID cards and benefited from de facto economic integration; however, more recent arrivals have no legal status and cannot own property, businesses, vehicles, or be employed lawfully. Many of these recent arrivals transit through Nepal on their way to India. Currently there are twelve Tibetan Refugee camps in Nepal, each supervised by a representative appointed by the Central Tibetan Administration.