

# News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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## First Words...

- **Easter Day** – on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April we meet for our Easter celebrations at 8.30 am., 10.00 am. and 6.30 pm. Come along and celebrate the Lord's Resurrection.
- **Daniel's Farewell and Licencing In Devon** - Daniel's last Sunday with us will be Sunday 12th April and his final service will be at 4.00pm on that day, followed by a Bring and Share in Church. Please join us. His licensing in Devon will take place on Sunday 26th April at 5.00pm in Loddiswell Church

*Daniel Hartley*



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### Prayer for Month

### Collect for Easter Day

Lord of all life and power,  
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son  
overcame the old order of sin and death  
to make all things new in him:  
grant that we, being dead to sin  
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,  
may reign with him in glory;  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be praise and honour, glory and might,  
now and in all eternity.

**Amen.**



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**Editor's Note:** Due to larger than average articles this month there is no **Our Page** for younger readers this will return next month

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# The Vicars' Letter - A Goodbye

Easter 2015 will be a bittersweet time for me. It is always a joy to celebrate the resurrection of Christ. It is always a joy to be surrounded by music, flowers and colour. It is always a joy to journey from the desolation of Holy Week to the alleluias of the empty tomb. This year, though, it marks the time of my final festivities as the Vicar of Ecclesfield. My final weekend is the weekend after Easter. But, in many ways, Easter 2015 marks the culmination of my time at St Mary's.

These past four years has been a time of change and growth for the Church and a time of change and growth for me. Many things have been achieved by many people in this time. I will take away many happy memories and many funny memories. But, for me, life is not really measured in such memories. Instead it is measured in achievements and in lessons learnt. What have I achieved? What have we achieved? What I have learnt and how will this change me for the future? For me, life is an unfolding story in which we learn about the people that we are through the things that we do. It is a process of continual change and development. It should never be about treading water or making do. It should be about discovering new challenges, new goals and new ways to serve God.

In sending his Son into the world, God seeks to unlock our humanity. He seeks to show to us what is possible if we harness the power of the Holy Spirit. This doesn't mean abandoning family and responsibility by going off and "finding ourselves" nor does it mean filling our heads with unrealisable fantasies. It means growing in our capacity to know God, to know humanity and to know ourselves. It means seeing life, in all its complexity, as an opportunity. It means to stop making excuses and to embrace even the most difficult times as occasions for the showing forth of God's grace.

As I prepare to say goodbye to Ecclesfield I know that there will be sadness. But there will also be excitement and opportunity as my family and I prepare to begin the next chapter of our lives. As I have grown and changed in Ecclesfield so I will grow and change in Devon. That's what life is: a continual process of change, conversion, development and opportunity. As I leave St Mary's Church, so a new chapter begins in your life. In time a new person will arrive to help you grow and change afresh. A future faced in fear is no future at all – it's simply a reliving of the past. So my final words are word of encouragement. Face the future trusting in God and then God will trust in you.

*Daniel Hartley*

# On why you should never encourage your congregation

The Rectory  
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

There are times when I indulge you too much; why I ever let you run your course “Taking Responsibility for your Church” among our congregation, I am now unable to understand. I had hopes that it might encourage a few more people to volunteer for the flower rota, or to give occasional help mowing the churchyard. I even had a vague fantasy that someone might turn detective, and discover who was eating the chocolate biscuits between Sundays, condemning the rest of us to munch on Rich Tea after Services.

Unfortunately, your course turned out to be inspirational, and has fired up our members to take on all sorts of new initiatives. Enthusiasm in a congregation can be a very dangerous thing, especially if people start making decisions on their own.

Those who formed a welcoming group are admittedly well-meaning – although it was more than a little traumatic for those coming through the door the next Sunday to be greeted with frenzied hand-shakes, big toothy smiles, and even hymnbooks. That is unheard of in this church – we always ignore people and leave them to find hymnbooks – if they can.

Naturally, all those offering to take the prayers, produce new orders of Service and even to give the occasional sermon have been booked on the appropriate training courses. By the time they have been completed, I can only hope they will have gone off the idea.

But it was the group which decided to “beautify” the church who have proved the most tiresome. Hanging the Christmas tree lights round the altar made it look as if I was standing behind a fairground stall, waiting to invite people to throw hoops round teddy bears – although I would have rather enjoyed making winners sit for the rest of the Service holding a polythene bag containing a goldfish.

Our pulpit has also been given a makeover, with the various panels painted in contrasting colours; I am sure the sixteenth century Flemish woodcarvers would be delighted with the result, although the next time any medieval historians come to view it, I shall take the day off – probably travelling abroad.

My dear Darren, your course took the stopper out of the bottle; would you please run another to put it back?

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

# What has an 8km Obstacle Course got to do with Lent?

This is question I have found myself reflecting on over the last few days. Last Saturday, I competed in an 8km Endurer race. This consisted on running up hills, through mud, over obstacles, through freezing cold water and crawling through tunnels. It was exhilarating, frightening, hard going, exhausting and at times brutal but emerged at the end of it still smiling with an immense sense of achievement. I reflected it was a bit like my journey through Lent (and I suppose my journey of faith generally). It required self-discipline, not only to reach the start line in reasonable shape, but to overcome the obstacles which as they were coming up seemed absolutely impossible.

The race started downhill and we were soon knee deep in mud – it seemed to grab your feet, sap your energy and you feel like you are getting nowhere fast. Sometimes it feels like that in Lent – a serious time of year, a time to journey to the foot of the cross which is hard going at times. Then you come to a wall, there are your team-mates waiting to help you over, you look up and think it's impossible and you untidily haul yourself over grateful for help you have been given. Like the fellow pilgrims on the journey with you, encouraging you on, giving you a hand and picking you up when you stumble and you know in your heart 'nothing is impossible with God'.

We took the wrong path, concentrating on team ahead, not focussing properly on the correct way – on we ran thinking maybe we'd gone wrong but not sure what to do about it. Then we came across a marshal who told us we'd gone wrong, pointed us in the right direction and told us we'd run about 5km but were only at the 1km mark on the correct path. I often choose the wrong path but eventually God sends someone to gently point me in the right direction.

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# Bishop's Letter - April 2015

## Who is my neighbour?

Less than two thirds of the population cast their vote in the last General Election in 2010. Less than half of under-25's turned out to vote. People feel detached from politics.

Our society needs fresh vision. We face different threats and problems at home and across the world. An election campaign is an opportunity for us to think hard, to debate and to have a conversation about what kind of world we want to build, about what kind of society we want to see.



On Shrove Tuesday, the House of Bishops issued a Letter to the People and Parishes of England for the General Election 2015. The full text is available online here: Who is my neighbour?

[http://www.sheffield.anglican.org/UserFiles/File/Bishop\\_Steven/whoismyneighbour\\_pages.pdf](http://www.sheffield.anglican.org/UserFiles/File/Bishop_Steven/whoismyneighbour_pages.pdf)

I want to commend it for careful study and reflection in every parish.

The purpose of the letter is not to tell people how to vote. The purpose is to encourage all Christian people to engage with the election and to use our votes thoughtfully, prayerfully and with the good of others in mind.

The letter is also an appeal to politicians of all parties to raise the quality of the debate. We need our politicians to be people of integrity and to offer real leadership in uncertain times. Politics needs to rise above a series of promises to one or other part of the electorate to deliver a slightly better deal to some in terms of wealth creation, welfare or tax relief.

There are big issues at stake in this election: Britain's role in Europe and in the rest of the world; the fairness of our society; the protection of the vulnerable; the size of the state, our care of the environment and the role of public services.

There are 16 Parliamentary constituencies within the Diocese of Sheffield including the seats of two of the current party leaders. The churches and other faith communities form a significant part of the electorate. We are present in every single community, we are engaged with urban and rural issues, with rich and poor, together we are making a vital contribution to the common good.

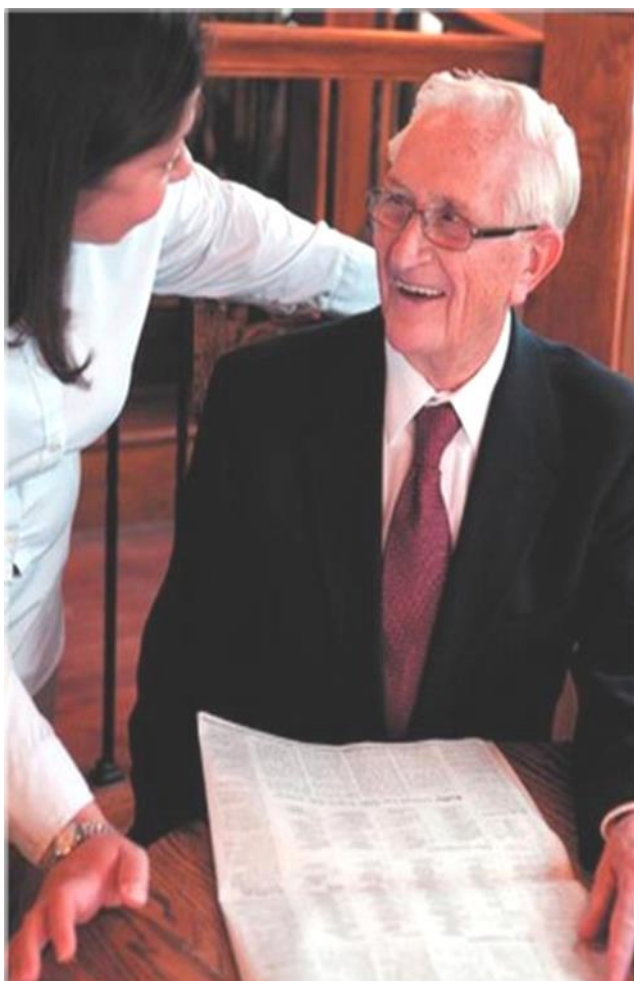


I will be writing to all the candidates in every constituency in the Diocese with a copy of the Bishop's Letter and encouraging them to engage with the churches and faith communities and the issues they bring.

Please pray for the candidates and for the General Election. Please engage with the debate and conversation which the Bishop's Letter has begun before and after 7th May. Please vote and encourage everyone you know to vote as well.

The Bishops' Letter asks the question: "Who is my neighbour?" and holds out a vision that we will not build a society of strangers but a community of communities. That vision for our world is at the heart of the scriptures. Jesus himself teaches us to pray: "Your kingdom come". Let us not neglect our responsibility as citizens and as Christians to engage with the debate around us.

+*Steven Sheffield*



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# Will You Remember Them? April 2015

## Lahore (Pakistan)

At least 17 people have been confirmed dead in twin suicide bomb attacks against two churches in the city of Lahore, Pakistan, on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March, and over 100 more were injured. A Taliban splinter group carried out the attacks. The blasts occurred in the morning when around 2,000 Christians were meeting together to worship in the two churches.

At both sites, the bombers were prevented from entering the church buildings by security guards posted at the gates. At Christ Church a local witness to the attack said, “I saw a young boy approaching the church entrance while aiming at everyone in front of him with an automatic machine gun. He shot the policeman standing outside the church, killing him instantly.” One church member, acting as a volunteer security guard, died alongside the policeman while another overpowered the boy and dragged him away from the entrance. He blew himself up killing the guard and two others, one of whom was a pregnant woman.

At St. John’s Catholic Church the suicide bomber attempted to scale the church boundary wall, but a volunteer security guide pulled him down. He blew himself up killing the guard and several others. The brave actions of the guards at both churches prevented many more deaths.

The Catholic Herald reports that church leaders in Pakistan have led a day of fasting and prayer for the victims of the bombings. They also urged Pakistanis to stop violent reprisals in response to the bombings. “Today, we kneel before the Almighty in fasting and prayer for peace, forgiveness, mercy, grace, patience and tolerance.” (Monsignor Ruffin Anthony, Catholic Bishop).

Please Pray

- For peace to be restored in Pakistan
- For god to give Christians the strength to forgive their attackers and not to seek revenge.
- For comfort for the families of those killed.
- For healing for those who have been injured.

*JD*

# Finding a new vicar

We enter April with mixed feelings, sadness at the execution of Christ on the cross, joy at His resurrection. This year we also feel sadness because our vicar and friend Daniel will be leaving us but with happiness for Daniel and his family as they move on to a new life in Devon and pride at what has been achieved in just over 4 years - and all the experience Daniel will take with him.

Many are now asking, what happens next? Some are asking if we have the name of Daniel's replacement. Well, the direct answer is 'No, not yet'. The process to find, select and appoint new incumbents is laid down in both church and UK law with some elements reflecting a long lost era. An example is the role of "Patron", which goes back to the days when most parishes had a nobleman, member of the aristocracy or Bishop to appoint and pay for the vicar or rector. The Patron still has an important role although generally, that does not include paying the salary; for Ecclesfield this is an interesting one as quite unusually, we are our own Patron!

**The Interregnum** - It's not our first, and it won't be our last!

It's the time, literally, "between reigns", and it's the time between Daniel leaving to start his new role and a new vicar taking over the reigns.

**What happens next?** - A few weeks before Daniel leaves, the PCC prepares a detailed document known as a "Parish Profile" with details of the parish, the church, its traditions and details of the key roles a new vicar would carry out and the key qualities of the ideal person.

The named Patron (the PCC) also needs to appoint a representative and the Church Council two representatives. These people will work with the Bishop, Archdeacon and Area Dean in the selection process. For St. Mary's - Ecclesfield, this work is well under way and the Patron's Representative Andrew Robinson and the Parish representatives Pat Clarke and Michael Waldron have been chosen by the PCC.

Shortly after Daniel has left, a meeting will take place with the Archdeacon and Area Dean to discuss the requirements.

In modern times, with many church congregations in decline (but not in Ecclesfield), with insufficient people coming forward into the ministry and



limited funds to pay full-time priests, decisions have to be taken about whether a full-time paid priest should be appointed. So, the Diocese will need to decide whether a full time replacement will be appointed or whether the parish will need to share with one or more other parishes.

Only if a full-time person is authorised or a new person is required for a sharing arrangement will adverts be posted; these can be limited to the Sheffield Area or be published nationally.

The process to appoint from then onwards is similar to that for filling any vacancy although the job is a special one with a range of qualities and skills which are very much to do with the key role of being a parish priest. Shortlisting and then interviews follow.

Realistically, the time to carry all this out is at least six months so the earliest that we would see someone new is going to be Christmas 2015.

In the meantime, rather than being a problem, not having a vicar should be seen as a time for self analysis and an opportunity for growth. What do we really want, what skills do we already have within the congregation and the village? The church depends on many more people than just those who are ordained.

St. Mary's - Ecclesfield will continue to run more or less normally, services will continue as scheduled with visiting priests to cover Holy Communion, baptisms and weddings. Funeral services will continue with the help of our licensed readers, the bi-weekly coffee shop and all other church activities will carry on as normal. This is an opportunity for members of the congregation to get involved when previously they may have felt inhibited about volunteering.

Our mission as a church will continue, we are here to help people love and worship God, we aim to be, and encourage others to become, committed and active disciples of Jesus.

So please keep St. Mary's and those working to keep it going and those involved in finding a new vicar in your prayers; may God lead the right person to come to Ecclesfield and also guide us through the Interregnum.

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# **Ecclesfield Civil Parish *Past & Present Archiving***

**Project Launch 25<sup>th</sup> April at Chapeltown Library – 10am to 3pm**

Ecclesfield Parish Council's *Past & Present Archiving Project* launch event is taking place on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April at Chapeltown Library. Everyone is welcome to drop in between 10am and 3pm to look at the local history exhibition and find out more about the project. A formal welcome will take place at 10.30am.

There will be displays by Chapeltown & High Green Archive, Ecclesfield Conservation & Local History Group, Grenoside & District Local History Group and Heritage High Green covering different aspects of life in the area. And, as well as a display looking at the history of the Civil Parish Council & Wortley Rural District; information from Sheffield Archives & Local Studies; and a selection of the local history material available in Chapeltown Library.

We will be asking people to help identify some 'mystery' photos and add their 'I remember when...' memories to the *Archiving Project*. There will also be more information on how to get involved with the project and a chance to talk to local history group volunteers and local history experts. Please note: we won't be able to accept large amounts of new material at the launch but will collect contact details so we can talk to people later.

To follow on from the launch, on 21<sup>st</sup> May, there will be a talk 'Exploring Local History' by Christine Handley (the project officer) at Chapeltown Library starting at 2pm.

For more details of events and training sessions, and to get involved, please contact, Christine, at the Council Offices, Mortomley Lane, High Green, Sheffield S35 3HS.

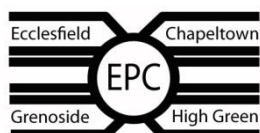
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***Christine Handley - Project Co-ordinator***



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# Diary for the Month of April

Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	1.00 pm	Mothers' Union meet in the Gatty Hall/ The Revd. Jeni Fryer
	7.30 pm	Holy Communion
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	12 noon	Good Friday Vigil and Prayer
	2.00 pm	Good Friday Liturgy
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup>	6.30 pm	Holy Saturday Vigil and Prayer

<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Easter Day</b>
	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Easter Liturgy
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	2.00 pm	Service at Hartwell House
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)

<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>The Second Sunday of Easter</b>
	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	12 noon	Baptism Service
	4.00 pm	Farewell Service for Daniel
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies Group meet in the Gatty Hall/ Pat Osbourne 'Norman Wisdom Story'
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)

<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>The Third Sunday of Easter</b>
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	4.00 pm	Living Stones
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Outreach Team meet in Church
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> 10.30 am Prayer Meeting in Church  
 Between 1 and 5 pm Gas Meter Reading  
 7.30 pm Finance Team meet in Church  
 7.30 pm Ladies' Group meet in the Gatty Hall /  
 Coffee Evening  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)  
 Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am Coffee Morning in Church

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>** **The Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
 8.30 am Holy Communion  
 10.00 am Parish Communion  
 6.30 pm Prayer and Praise  
 Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice  
 Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House  
 Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> 9.30 am Holy Communion  
 7.30 pm Ladies' Group meet in the Gatty Hall/  
 Trevor Page – 'Cathedral Cannon & The  
 Theatre Manager'

### From the Registers

#### Baptisms

1<sup>st</sup> March Jake Harry Cockburn  
 1<sup>st</sup> March Joseph Patrick Palmer  
 1<sup>st</sup> March Alfie Gordon Straw

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

#### Weddings

21st March Shaun Steven Cawthorne & Terran Loraine Peacock

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

#### Funerals

23rd January	Ivy Gray	
23rd February	Carol McCambridge	72
16th March	Ronald Humberston	90
30th March	David Edward MoAkes	71
31st March	Terence Spencer	78

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

### Flower Rota April 2015

5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Flowers	19 <sup>th</sup> April P. Hawley & J. Hawksworth
12 <sup>th</sup> April	Vacant	26 <sup>th</sup> April J. Gittens

# The Gardening Year April 2015

**Herbs Continued – Borage** - The young leaves of Borage, an annual herb, are used to flavour salads and wine cups. When bruised or shredded the leaves taste like cucumber. The flowers can also be used to garnish salads. The plant which grows 1.1/2 – 3 ft. high and has a similar spread carries bright blue star shaped flowers from June to September. It is therefore suitable for planting near the front or the centre of a flower border or in clumps at the top of a sunny bank as well as the herb garden. Borage like balm is attracted to bees. Borage will grow in almost any type of soil, but it does best in well drained ground in a sunny position. About six plants will provide plenty of leaves throughout the summer. **Burnet** – the cucumber flavour of burnet or salad Burnet as it is often called makes it a useful addition to soups, butters and salads. The plant is a hardy perennial and grows wild in Britain. Here it has for centuries provided grazing for sheep throughout the year, although the wild plants are stunted compared with grown in gardens. Burnet has been grown in herb gardens since roman times and in this country was once valued for a variety of medicinal properties – real or imaginary. It was also planted between paving slabs along with such herbs as Thyme and Camomile for the pleasant scent that it gives when trodden on. The plants grow to a height of 1.1/2-2.1/2 ft. if allowed to flower with a spread of 9-12 ins one or two plants should provide sufficient leaves. **Chervil** – This hardy biennial herb generally grown as an annual is a native of south-eastern Europe and western Asia, but has long been naturalised in Britain and elsewhere. It is grown mainly for its bright green feathery leaves. The fresh leaves are chopped for adding to salads, garnishing soups and delicately flavouring fish, sprinkling over new potatoes and using in fine herbs, frozen leaves can be used for the same purposes. By successional sowings and growing under glass in winter a year round supply of fresh Chervil leaves can be obtained. The plant grows to a height of 12-18 ins. and bears clusters of white flowers from June to August. In general appearance it is not unlike parsley. **A Summary of the month's work – Irises** cut blooms of bearded irises early in the morning and stand in hot water before transferring to cold. Remove flower stems from early flowering plants after blooming. **Heathers** – Complete planting this month. Cut back all heathers that have finished flowering. **Fruit** – keep a watch for pests on apples, pears, plums and cherries and spray if necessary. Do not spray when in flower as this will kill bees. **Vegetables** – plant main crop potatoes, carrots, cabbage, cauliflowers and main crop peas.

**Green houses and Frames** – in sunny spells, shade young seedlings and newly potted plants and keep the house well ventilated. Sow seeds of tomatoes to be planted outdoors, also sweet corn.

*Colin Williams*

# Whitley Hall Cricket Club



The new season starts on the 18<sup>th</sup> April and we are hoping for some decent weather this year, following three seasons of matches cancelled or postponed on Saturdays. There are still opportunities for any adult interested in being trained as an umpire and also for anyone interested in joining the under 13 side or juniors aged 9-12 interested in learning about cricket. Please contact Steve Fletcher in all cases about these opportunities. We are publishing all the home matches this month to give a flavour of the level of activity although normally, only the senior matches are included.

## Selected Home Matches at Cinder Hill Lane

18 <sup>th</sup> April	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Millhouses
19 <sup>th</sup> April morning	Under 15	v	Bradfield
20 <sup>th</sup> April evening	Under 13	v	K.O. Thorncliffe
21 <sup>st</sup> April evening	Under 13	v	Collegiate
22 <sup>nd</sup> April evening	Under 15	v	K.O. Treeton
24 <sup>th</sup> April evening	Under 11	v	Rotherham
25 <sup>th</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Wath
26 <sup>th</sup> April	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	National K O. Goole Town
27 <sup>th</sup> April evening	Under 11	v	Thorpe Hesley
28 <sup>th</sup> April evening	Under 17	v	Collegiate
29 <sup>th</sup> April evening	Under 15	v	K.O. Eckington or N. Oaks
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Kexborough

Please come and support your local club. 1<sup>st</sup> XI Saturday/Sunday matches commence 12.30pm, morning matches at 10.00am and weekday evening matches at 6.00pm.

For the full list of games, please call in for a fixture card

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## Continued

It all seems to be up hill and I scramble on hands and knees up the muddy banks, through the tunnels, through the tyres and just when you feel you can go no further, God sends an angel. In my case it was a guy called Alex, he could see I was exhausted and we still had about 4km to go. He helped the team get over some of the obstacles and gave me some water and a Mars bar to give me some energy. When the going gets tough, in my experience, God sends someone to be alongside us.

Finally we get to the 6ft deep pond we have to traverse – it's freezing!! But if you take the plunge quickly and haul yourself through on the rope, it's not so bad. Sometimes God encourages us to take the plunge into something and when we do, we realise He is there with us and it's not as frightening as we thought!

The team reach the finish line in 3hrs 19 minutes and cross together holding hands and all the pain, cold and wet is forgotten as we celebrate our victory of completing the course. It feels a bit like the joy of Easter after Lent.

We are grateful for your support in sponsoring us. We have managed to raise nearly £2000 for Weston Park Hospital.

*Katharine Lonsborough*

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## Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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## Mother Union

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Bobbie Walker came to talk to the M.U. about her work with Street Pastors in Sheffield.

This was truly an eye opener, and not for the squeamish. They are all Christian volunteers from various churches and also the Salvation Army.

It started in 2010 with three Pastors now there are 16 altogether. They meet in the Peace gardens around 10.30pm and start with a prayer. Everyone has to wear the uniform which they purchase themselves, this consists of a heavy coat and weather proof hat as it is often very cold.

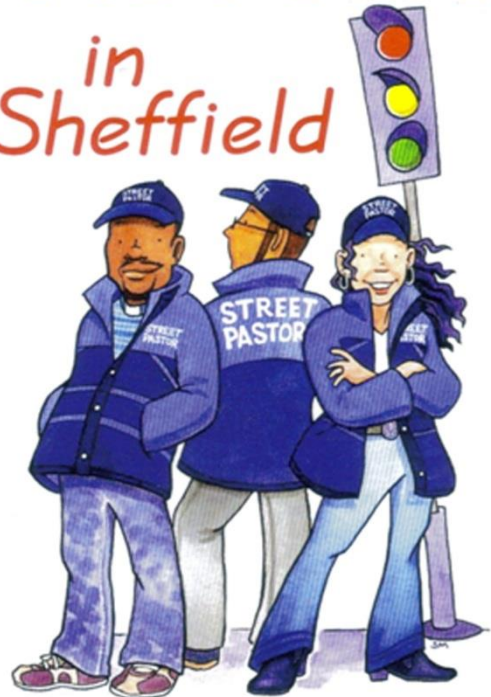
They have a large Bag containing the needs of the revellers in Sheffield on Friday and sometimes Saturday nights. They have flip flops, Water bottles, foil blankets, and of course First Aid, especially as the Ambulance may take anything up to one and a half hours to arrive. They also have sick bags as Taxi drivers will not take anyone home without it. They work closely with the Police, Bouncers and Ambulance service.

They are taught how to handle any incidents, they are also non-judgemental and listening is important in keeping young people and themselves safe, they will assess a situation very carefully before they intervene. Sometimes young girls get separated from their friends they may miss the last bus or the mini bus they have come into town on. The young thank them for their help and have got used to having them around.

On certain week-ends in the summer like ‘Carnage Night’ everyone is on duty because of the large number of people in the City. At the moment they are thinking of extending out of the city to places like London Road/Eccleshall Road and even Chapeltown areas.

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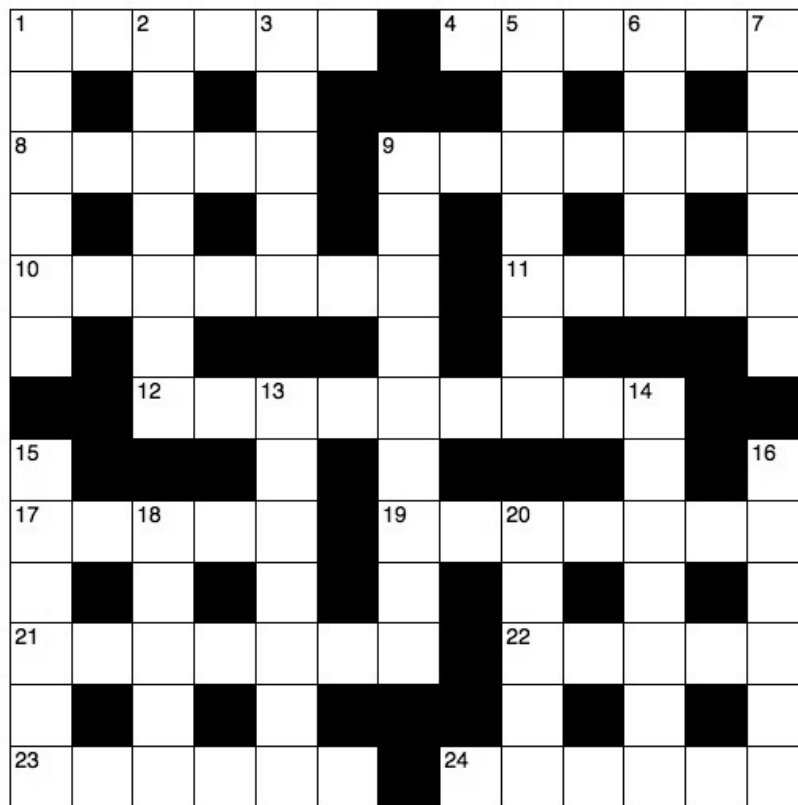
## Clues Across

- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- 9 He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message  
(Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- 10 Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry — (7)
- 11 'Look, here is — . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- 12 Repossessed (Genesis 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3–4) (5)
- 19 'Moses was not aware that his face was — because he had spoken with the Lord' (Exodus 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the — apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- 24 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in — and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

## Clues Down

- 1 Coastal rock faces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- 5 For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- 13 Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- 14 They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)

- 15 The human mind or soul (6)  
 16 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is — ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)  
 18 'We played the flute for you, and you did not — ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)  
 20 Bared (anag.) (5)



## Ecclesfield Guide May Queen

Ecclesfield Guides, Brownies & Rainbows are busy practicing hard for their 71st Annual May Queen concert which will take place on 14th, 15th, 16th May. This year nearly 100 Guides, Brownies & Rainbows will be taking part in the show where they will be singing, dancing & acting throughout the evening.

During the second half of the show our New May Queen will be crowned. This year we are pleased to announce that India Buckley will be crowned as Queen Periwinkle. India has chosen Rachael Hibbert, Samantha March, Ruby Emmett, Tia Jackson, Izzy Touhey & Georgie-Leigh Waldron to be her attendants.

**Tickets for the show are now available from any of the Leaders  
 Or by phoning Claire on 2461289**

Come & join in the fun

# Prayers and Poems Page

## Lord, our Hearts we lift to Heaven

Lord, our hearts we lift to Heaven  
and this joyful song we sing;  
Lives made new and sins forgiven,  
Praise the love of Jesus our King.

Peace shall be upon the mountains,  
dried-up wells be living fountains,  
sight restored through parted curtains;  
Look, for the Kingdom of Heav'n is near.

Lord, our hearts we lift to Heaven  
and this yearning song we sing;  
Beyond the Cross the Son is risen,  
come and rule Lord Jesus our King.

Prince of Peace be our peace making,  
Wine of life be our partaking,  
Light of all be radiating;  
Shine in our darkness and banish our fear.

*By David Williams*

## An adaptation of Hymn No. 249

Saviour be my light, in the day and in the night.

Through the times when I am lonely,  
let me feel thy Spirit,  
only let thy glory shine,  
in this heart of mine.

Prince of life and peace,  
Thou thy watch will keep.  
Let me hear thee softly speaking,  
When the silence I am seeking in my  
spirit's ear, whisper I am near.

Blessed Lord above, fill me with thy love.  
Word of life most pure and strong,  
Lord for thee the nations long.  
Saviour all the day, lead us in thy way.

*By Ann Pearce*

## The Eagle

An eagle soaring in the mist makes my heart sing  
for joy.  
They fly so high they touch the feet of angels  
gathered there.  
Their golden cloaks drifting.  
Strong voices ringing clear remind us of our Lord  
above.  
Who came to heal and save  
and gave to all his love.

My heart so longs to feel the glory,  
that rush of wind that makes hearts quake with  
fear,  
the gentleness of feathers touching hands held out  
for forgiveness.

The Lord is with everyone, inside the soul,  
waiting and waiting for the word to come.  
Be still and listen and you will hear him calling  
deep within.

*By Ann Pearce*

## The Crossroad

The road was hard, no turning back,  
The way ordained by mighty God.  
'Your will, not mine' was all He said,  
As humbly down that path He trod.

The crowd that cheered Him once with  
palms  
Began to shout for Him to die,  
They chose Barabbas in his stead  
And with one voice cried 'Crucify!'

Between two thieves on either side  
They put to death the Prince of Life.  
One cried for help, the other cursed -  
The first was promised Paradise.

This promise now is for us all:  
Christ gave His life to set us free.  
The Cross divides, it always will -  
The question is: what side are we?

*By Megan Carter*

## Saint of the Month

### Richard of Chichester (1197-1253) - 3<sup>rd</sup> April

#### **Wanting God more clearly, dearly and nearly**

Ever wonder where the prayer ... ‘May I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly, day by day’ comes from? Richard of Chichester, a bishop in the 13th century, wrote it.

He began life as Richard de Wych of Droitwich, the son of a yeoman farmer. But Richard was a studious boy, and after helping his father on the farm for several years, refused an advantageous offer of marriage, and instead made his way to Oxford, and later to Paris and Bologna to study canon law.

In 1235 he returned to Oxford, and was soon appointed Chancellor, where he supported Edmund, Archbishop of Canterbury, in his struggles against King Henry III’s misuse of Church funds. After further study to become a priest, Richard was in due course made a bishop himself. He was greatly loved. He was charitable and accessible, both stern and merciful to sinners, extraordinarily generous to those stricken by famine, and a brilliant legislator of his diocese. He decreed that the sacraments were to be administered without payment, Mass celebrated in dignified conditions, the clergy to be chaste, to practise residence, and to wear clerical dress. The laity was obliged to attend Mass on Sundays and holy days, and to know by heart the Hail Mary as well as the Lord’s Prayer and the Creed.

Richard was also prominent in preaching the Crusade, which he saw as a call to reopen the Holy Land to pilgrims, not as a political expedition. He died at Dover on 3 April 1253. In art, Richard of Chichester is represented with a chalice at his feet, in memory of his having once dropped the chalice at Mass! One ancient English church is dedicated to him.

And, of course, he is author of that famous prayer, now set to popular music, which runs in full:

“Thanks be to thee, my Lord Jesus Christ for all the benefits thou hast given me, for all the pains and insults which thou hast borne for me. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly and follow thee more nearly, day by day.”

Read more @ [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard\\_of\\_Chichester](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_of_Chichester)



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Thursday 7:30 pm - Contact: Andrea Whittaker		246 0746
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Contact: Maureen Lambert		246 9690
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