

# News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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## First Words....

- **Crossroads** - Sheffield is shortly to be blessed by visits from many of the Northern Bishops for a few days in early September. We are lucky to have been chosen to welcome Bishop Paul Butler, who is the Bishop of Durham, and his team to Ecclesfield. The highlights of their visit will be an event at the Primary School on High Street on Saturday 12th September, 7pm to 9pm when we will be encouraged to 'Grill a Bishop', enjoy refreshments and music and chat together - and where else can you go on a Saturday night that won't cost you a penny? All are very welcome to this event and also to a Celebration Service for the whole village on Sunday 13th September at 10am. Do put these dates in your diary and keep alert for whatever else will be happening locally and pray that we may show our visitors a real Yorkshire welcome as we listen to them and receive from them something more of the God who loves us all so very much.
- **Harvest** – Another date for your diary. Harvest this year will be celebrated on Sunday 11th October. The charities we intend to support this year will be the Archer project and Farm Africa. More details in the September magazine.

*Jeni Fryer*



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## Prayer for Month

Loving God, This world you love stands at the crossroads.  
Help us help others to discover your Way  
to know your Truth and to share your Life  
in your dear son Jesus Christ  
Inspire us by your Spirit  
to sow the good seed of the gospel  
throughout this Diocese  
with imagination and compassion, that many will come to know you  
and many will be strengthened in their faith.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

Front Cover – Flowers in Porch – From Last Flower Festival

Back Cover – Grill a Bishop Poster

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# Thought for the month - Crossroads

The Crossroads Mission came about because the Northern Bishops were with Archbishop Sentamu on retreat at Lindesfarne and, as they prayed together in their time apart, the Bishops came up with the desire to come to the Sheffield Diocese on mission. We in Sheffield have been chosen to be their first mission as they begin this new venture. So in early September they will flood the city's churches. There will be lots of different events and, as reported in First Words, we in Ecclesfield are included. How exciting is that?

Talking of this the other day someone asked me "Why are these Bishops coming? Do they think we are all heathens in Sheffield?" Good question I thought and worth answering. The answer is – they do not think this at all. They have no real knowledge of any of us unless we are known to them personally. We in Ecclesfield are certainly not heathens, although an anecdote in Dr Gatty's book 'A Life at One Living' which describes Dr Gatty's experiences as vicar of Ecclesfield from 1829 to 1902 might give a very different impression!

I quote "My parishioners, as a rule are fond of sport; and some will trespass in pursuit of game, with whom the law must deal. But when some twenty witnesses falsely swear to an alibi, out of neighbourly regard for the poacher in the dock, and the Hon. Edwin Lascelles, the chairman of quarter sessions, asks, "Who is the clergyman of the parish from whence these witnesses come?" it stings the conscience of the new-made vicar."

So it is now as it was then, Sheffield, and Ecclesfield within it, is made up of a mixed bag of folk. Each one unique and irreplaceable. And this is exactly who the Bishops expect to discover on their visit to us.

They come to bring us the good news of Jesus Christ whoever we are. What God offers each one of us is a relationship of love that will be totally fulfilling. He asks of us only that we trust him and walk this journey of life with him.

For some people that might be a complete and utter surprise, they never having contemplated the reality of God and his deep and enduring love for each one of us. For some people it might touch into something that they already know at a deep unexpressed level, and it may well give them a sense of coming home to a reality into which they have already touched.

For some people it might refresh and reawaken a faith in God that has grown dusty and stale through neglect or weariness, doubt or grief or many other reasons. For some people it might simply be a time of celebration, of sharing with others the liberating truth by which they try to live their lives. The knowledge of God's forgiving, sustaining love bringing such gratitude and wonder.

**Why not come along, meet with friends, and see for yourself?**

***Jeni Fryer***

# On why the parish goes to war over pumpkin-growing

The Rectory  
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Anyone who thinks that the English are a peaceful race has obviously never organised the annual pumpkin growing competition. Very regrettably, one of the Pilgrim Fathers sent a handful of pumpkin seeds to a relation in this parish in the 17th century and ever since, the church has been obliged to hold an annual competition to see who can grow the largest. I suspect some of the original recipients of those seeds still compete. There is a certain irony that the church, which is supposed to promote peace and harmony, sponsors the most war-like activity in the annual calendar.

Mobilisation starts at the beginning of the year when seeds are planted. From that moment on, every other potential entrant is regarded as the Enemy. Once seedlings are planted out, then heavy armaments are placed at boundaries to deter possible invasion. By late Spring, paranoia has taken over and rumours begin to circulate of espionage and sinister undetectable herbicides. Anyone in the village with a beard is looked on with deep suspicion.

In the weeks before the competition, homes, partners and children are abandoned, as contestants talk to their pumpkins by day and snuggle up with them at night. Should bad weather arrive at this point, then I am blamed for not having prayed sufficiently fervently for sunshine and light rain. If only I had such influence.

On the day before the show, tables are put out and woe betide anyone who places their cake stand where Mrs Cholmondeley has put her tea urn for the past 25 years; she now believes she has squatters rights to that place and any challenge to her claim would probably result in litigation.

I find this competitive spirit a little bemusing, as for the last 25 years, the Earl of Stowe has always won first prize. That his mother, the Dowager Countess, is the judge, is, I am sure, pure coincidence. That she has arrived for the past three years with a white stick and accompanied by a golden Labrador does, however, raise doubts.

To award the Earl any prize at all does seem a little unfair, when the only time he ever gets mud on his boots is when he falls off his horse while hunting.

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I suspect he would be hard pressed to find where the kitchen garden is on his estate. But to give any credit to his gardening staff would be seen as bad form, so we all keep quiet.

It has been tentatively suggested that another judge should be appointed, but no one has so far had the courage to step forward. They may have the privilege of nominating the winner, but would also have to face a twelve month period of hatred from all those who were not successful. Christmas card lists will be amended. Families may have sat next to them in church for generations, but would suddenly find it more congenial to worship in another part of the church. Letters would be strangely miss-delivered and the butcher's boy would suddenly deliver lamb when pork had been ordered. Who could dare to take on such a poisoned chalice?

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace



## A prayer with technology in mind

The Lord is my programmer,  
I shall not crash.  
He installed His software  
on the hard disk of my heart.  
All of His commands are user friendly.  
His directory guides me to the  
right choices for His name's sake.  
Even though I scroll through the problems of life,  
I will fear no bugs, for He is my back-up.  
His password protects me.  
He prepares a menu before me  
in the presence of my enemies.  
His help is only a keystroke away.  
Surely goodness and mercy will  
follow me all the days of my life  
and my file will be merged with His  
and saved forever.

**Amen**



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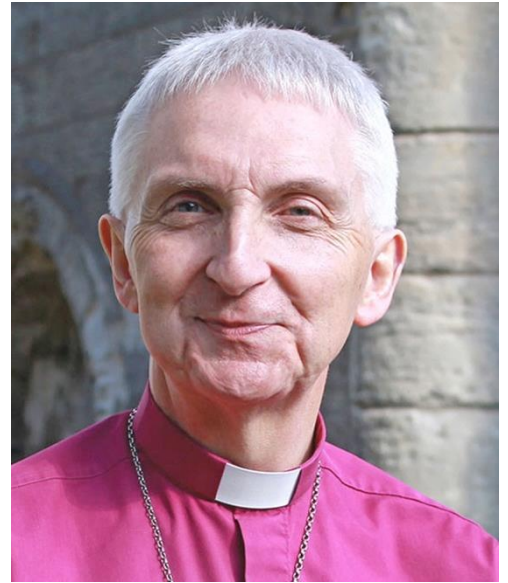
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# Bishop's Letter – August

## Cuts hitting most deprived can't be right

We all know how important it is to listen and how difficult it is to do. Listening is a skill of critical significance in all aspects of our lives. Listening involves much more than just hearing the words that others speak. It's an active process by which we make sense of things and respond appropriately to what we hear.

Experts tell us that the listening process involves five stages – receiving, understanding, evaluating, remembering and responding. Engaging with all five stages of the listening process lets us best gather the information we need from the world around us.



We need to practice what is called active listening which involves confirming what the listener has heard and the understanding of both parties. It demonstrates sincerity; it takes nothing for granted and reduces misunderstanding and conflicts. It strengthens cooperation and understanding.

Many of us will have had the experience of speaking to someone and know they aren't paying attention. That can be annoying and frustrating. These feelings make genuine communication difficult. Even allowing for the fact that 85% of communication is nonverbal such as posture, eye contact and physical movements hearing what someone is really saying is crucially important, the old adage that God gave us two ears and only one mouth shows how important it is to develop real listening skills.

It must be really frustrating for those already living in poverty and on low wages to once again feel their voice is not being listened to following this week's budget. Even expert organisations such as the Institute for Fiscal Studies, Oxfam, Save the Children, appear to be ignored or their views sidelined because it doesn't cohere with what the government want the general public to hear and believe. It isn't unusual for successive governments to ask for reports and enquiries and then ignore what is being said or object to the outcomes drawn from them.



Following last week's budget the IFS said that there would be more losers than winners in the budget and that 3 million households would be £1,000 a year worse off as a result of tax credits, with low incomes workers hit hardest. I saw other figures that indicated those earning over £75,000 a year would be no worse off. It would seem therefore that once again those already hardest hit are hit hardest.

I'm delighted that the minimum wage is to rise though only for those over 25 and I recognise that this will put some small and even large employers in some difficulty, but it is generally agreed that cutting the amount workers are allowed to earn before benefits begin will impact on the poorest.

It can't be right in a fair and just society that we constantly appear to pick on the most deprived and vulnerable and so we should ask the government to listen carefully to the stories being told and the experts who have worked out the financial if not the welfare implication of the changes proposed rather than as we heard again this week these being dismissed and rejected by senior politicians.

*+Peter Doncaster*



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# Will You Remember Them - Iraq

## Child Abducted By Islamic State Missing

It will be Christine's fourth birthday on July 18<sup>th</sup> 2015 but she won't be celebrating it with her family – she was abducted by the self-proclaimed Islamic State (IS) almost a year ago, and she's still missing. Her family now lives in a refugee camp in Erbil, supported by a Christian aid agency with food and hygiene kits. Her mother, Ayda, says "Please tell everyone to pray for Christine and for us, as we are living in the hope that someday Christine will come back. Christine is just one of many who are being held captive by IS - it is estimated that 5,000 women, mainly Yazidis as well as some Christians, have been captured by the militants. Aid organizations are providing trauma counseling for those who escape.

### **"He took my little girl from my arms"**

Christine's family is from Qaraqosh. They were unable to flee when IS militants invaded on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2014 as Khader Abada the father of the family is blind. On 22<sup>nd</sup> August the family was taken for a 'medical check', along with other Christians who had remained in Qaraqosh, which proved to be an excuse to rob the Christians of any valuables they had. Ayda noticed that she was pointed at several times while holding her blonde daughter.

Finally they were ordered to get on a bus which was to take them towards Erbil. Ayda says: "One of the Daesh [Arabic acronym for IS] came and inspected the people on the bus. He walked up to us. He took my little girl from my arms and just walked away. That was the last time I saw her." The bus drove off. All the time Ayda kept looking back, desperately hoping to get a glimpse of Christine.

### **Please Pray**

1. For Christine's protection and safe return.
2. For comfort and hope for Christine's family.
3. For freedom for the many others who are also held captive
4. For wisdom for church leaders and all aid workers in Iraq who are working to support traumatized families like Christine's.

**JD**

Psalm 39: 12 "Listen to my cry for help; do not be deaf to my weeping."



# Mothers Union - 'Wellbeing of Women'

Our speaker for July was Angela Scarfe who came to speak to us about the charity 'Wellbeing of Women'. This is a charity dedicated to improving the health of woman and babies across the UK. Each year the charity invests in special research and projects and allocates funds towards the training of specialist doctors and midwives. In 1964 Professor Will Nixon an obstetrician set up the 'Childbirth Research Centre' after witnessing the grief of a young man whose wife died in childbirth. He gathered together leading members of the medical profession to help him. Their objective was to reduce the number of woman and babies who died during pregnancy and childbirth. A donation established that a deficiency in folic acid was a factor in malformed babies. Pregnant women across the world now take folic acid supplements; the Charity also funded research in epidurals. In 1972 the charity was named 'Birthright – the National Fund for Childbirth Research' this reflected the national activities of the charity in terms of fund raising and research. An artificial surfactant was developed which helps babies to breathe until their lungs develop. In 1975 Birthright worked in partnership with the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists to improve woman's health and broadened its remit into medical research topics such as the menopause, and looks to understand why and prevent pregnancies ending badly and work which may lead to new therapies for gynaecological cancers. In the late 80's early 90's the charity was honoured to have the support of HRH Diana Princess of Wales as patron, during her time as patron the charity funded work into I.V.F. and investigated the causes of cervical cancer, leading to the cancer screening programme. The then Prime Minister's wife Sarah Brown became patron in 2007. 2000 - 2004 the charity became 'Wellbeing of Women' and sought to work across a huge variety of projects, These included research into low birth weight, postnatal depression, treatments for cervical cancer and the prevention of brain damage in new born babies. Also researching genetics of pregnancy and related conditions including cerebral palsy and miscarriages. 'Wellbeing of Women' was one of the beneficiary charities of the Lord Mayors Appeal in 2008, when Prince Williams was patron of the appeal. Funds raised from the appeal enabled the establishment of the 'Baby Bio Bank' the world's first. This is an international resource storing data which will facilitate ongoing research into the persistent complications of pregnancy and birth. In over 51 years 'Wellbeing of Women' has invested millions of pounds into research, training and education with many generous contributions. An Annual Women Lunch Debate, A Celebrity Cricket Day in honour of the late David Frost and his many years of supporting the charity. Vintage Teas, Marathons, A Recipe Book (which some of us purchased) including contributions from Michael Vaughan, Rt. Hon David Blunkett, the T.V. presenter Janet Ellis and others. Angela finished by saying 'Wellbeing of Women' has improved the lives of women and babies across the UK and beyond, but there is still a long way to go.

# News from the Impey family in Addis Ababa

Stephen, Marit and the children have now been in Ethiopia for a full school year and have just broken up for their summer holidays. It is the rainy season there.

Stephen and Marit have been working hard at learning the language and now they are putting it into practice in the work they are doing. Stephen is now doing a lot of reading and learning how the different areas of Wycliffe work.

Marit will be spending some of the children's holidays giving them home tuition so that they keep up with their German language home schooling. – They intended to do this alongside their school work in Ethiopia but as you can imagine this was quite difficult to achieve. Obviously the German language will be very important for their futures – maybe University or other venture in Germany.

Stephen says we recently read a verse in Joshua chapter 24: “It was the Lord our God ... He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we travelled.” We haven't been travelling through many nations like the Israelites who are speaking here. But looking back on our journey of the last four years in coming to work here, we can clearly see how the Lord our God has equipped us, protected us and led us “on our entire journey”. Thank you Father.

The children have had to work with the English curriculum which has been a challenge but they all see different benefits from it. It seems that friendships are quite difficult and changing all the time with new students coming and others leaving.

Please pray for

- Give thanks for the peaceful elections in May – almost unprecedented in Africa
- Ben and Lisa will be in Germany for four weeks from mid-July through mid-August. Please pray for them as they travel and in their working through the cultural differences they now face
- guidance in the role of Language Programs Director
- continued financing of current educational projects
- the right balance of work and relaxation over these “summer months”

Warmest greetings are sent to you from Addis Ababa from Stephen, Marit and the family.

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# Diary for the Month of August

## **Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>

Friday 7<sup>th</sup>

## **The Ninth Sunday after Trinity**

- 10.00 am Parish Communion
- 6.30 pm Evening Service
- 7.30 pm PCC Meeting
- 7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice
- 7.30 pm Prayer Meeting in Church
- 10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
- 2.00 pm Mothers' Union Garden Party
- 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)

## **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup>**

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup>

## **The Tenth Sunday after Trinity**

- 8.30 am Holy Communion
- 10.00 am Service of the Word
- 6.30 pm Holy Communion
- 7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice
- 10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
- 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 2.00 pm Service at Hartwell House
- 7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)
- 9.00 am Prayer Breakfast in Church

## **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>**

Monday 17<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup>

Friday 21<sup>st</sup>

## **The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity**

- 10.00 am Parish Communion
- 4.00 pm Living Stones Service
- 6.30 pm Evening Service
- 7.30 pm Outreach Committee meets in Church
- 7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice
- 10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
- 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)

## **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>

## **The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity**

- 8.30 am Holy Communion
- 10.00 am Parish Communion
- 6.30 pm Prayer & Praise Service
- 7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice
- 10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
- 9.30 am Holy Communion

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>** **The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity**  
10.00 am Parish Communion  
6.30 pm Evening Service

**From the Registers**

**Baptisms**

5th July Oliver Ryan Harrison  
5th July Ethan John Spooner  
5th July Ryder Jon Rowlands

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

**Weddings**

4th July Dean Martin Troy Scarborough & Diane June Chapman  
25th July Brett Atkin & Lynette Marie Hempsey  
26th July Damien Paul Thompson & Sarah Finlay

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

**Funeral**

30th June	Susan Rippon	69
16th July	Ruby Low	95
24th July	Doreen Stringfellow	89
27th July	David Maskery	72

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

**Flower Rota August 2015**

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9th	W. Brunt & V. Brunt
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# The Gardening Year – August 2015

**Herbs Continued – Parsley** – Parsley had widely different reputations among the ancient Greeks and the Romans. At Banquets, the Greeks wore sprigs of parsley on their heads in the belief that it created both gaiety and a good appetite the Romans however, planted it on graves. This association with death persisted until the middle ages and people believed that to transport parsley invited and crop failure. Today parsley is widely used for garnishing hot and cold dishes and for flavouring sauces and stuffing's. It is also an essential ingredient in fine herbs and a bouquet garni. Although a biennial parsley is best grown as an annual, since fewer and smaller leavers will be produced on the flowering stems during the second year. To ensure a constant supply make two sowings – one in March for Summer and Autumn use and another in July for Winter and Spring. Parsley can also be grown in a pot indoors for winter use. In the garden parsley need not take up space in the vegetable plot, instead it can form an edging to a path or add an attractive splash of greenery to a flower border. **Sage** – The wrinkled grey/green leaves of the hardy sage can be picked all the year round for making stuffing to flavour such rich meats as pork, duck and goose. The attractive evergreen plants, growing up to 2.ft high produce spikes of small violet blue flowers in June and July. Sage is therefore suitable for growing in the flower border as well as in the herb garden. Sage grows best in a warm dry position. It thrives ion any well drained garden soil except the most acid. One or two plants will provide sufficient leaves for the kitchen all through the year, although you may choose to grow more for their decorative value. **A Summary of the month's work** – Roses, do not apply fertilisers after the end of July, as they would encourage late, soft growth that would not mature before winter. **Hardy herbaceous plants** – remove supports from plants which have finished flowering, and cut off the weak stems. Dig over an old bed that needs a complete overhaul because of weeds or because the plants have grown too large. **Fruit** – watch early maturing varieties carefully and pick them while slightly under-ripe, because they retain their best flavour for only a short period. Test fruit for near ripeness by lifting and twisting gently: when it is ready it parts easily from the spur, continue to prune restricted trees. Pruning a peach when the picking is finished, prune the shoots that have borne fruit leaving intact the new growths selected as replacement shoots. **Vegetables** – tomatoes growing indoors, to speed development of the top trusses pinch out their growing points at five trusses. If you are growing out door plants stop at three or four trusses. Start to remove the lower leaves as this will help to ripen the fruit quicker.

*Colin Williams*



# Whitley Hall Cricket Club



Following the excellent start to the season, the 1st XI has definitely had a mid-season wobble. In the league, the defeat by arch rivals Treeton was followed by a defeat at home by Hallam, a win away at Wath but then a home defeat to Wickersley. A strong win at Conisbrough on 25th July with Neil Longhust making a fine 213 has undoubtedly steadied the ship. The team still stands in 3rd place in the League, a single point behind Aston Hall and 3 points behind leaders Treeton with 4th placed Wickersley 11 points adrift. The 2nd XI has also suffered the wobbles with consecutive defeats by Aston Hall, Kexborough and Collegiate moving them to a

lower mid-table position. The Whitworth Cup Final, due to have been played on 26th July was postponed because of the weather and will now be on 16th August.

## Senior home matches at Cinder Hill Lane

August 1st	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Norton Oakes
August 8th	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Houghton Main
August 15th	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Rockingham
August 16th	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Treeton - Whitworth Cup Final at Wickersley Old Village
August 22nd	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Elsecar
August 29th	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Tickhill
August 31 <sup>st</sup> (1.00pm)	3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	v	Caribbean

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**We receive more than we can ever give;** we receive it from the past on which we draw with every breath, but also – and this is a point of faith – from the source of the mystery itself, by the means which religious people call GRACE.  
*Edwin Muir*

**Every morning** after I have cleaned my cell and polished my tins, I read a little of the gospels... It is a delightful way of opening the day. Everyone, even in a turbulent, ill-disciplined life, should do the same. *Oscar Wilde*

**The greatest happiness** of the greatest number is the foundation of morals and legislation. *Jeremy Bentham*

**The whole point of this life** is the healing of the heart’s eye through which God is seen. *Augustine of Hippo*

**I am a man of hope,** not for human reasons, nor from any natural optimism, but because I believe the Holy Spirit is at work in the Church and in the world even when His name remains unheard. *Cardinal Suenens*

**We are not made to rest in this world.** It is not our true native land. *Fr Andrew SDC*



## Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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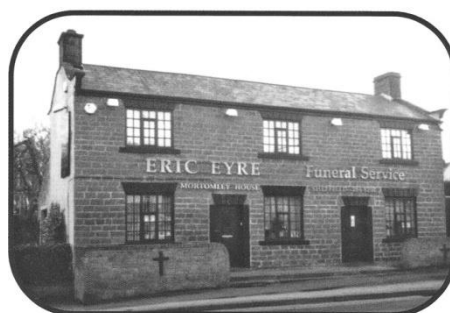
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# Saint of the Month – St Aidan – August 31st

## **Aidan - the man who brought Christianity to England**

31st August is the feast of St Aidan, who brought Christianity to northern England. He is a strong contender for the title of the first English bishop. Not that honours meant a great deal to this austere but captivating character.

In 635 he came to Northumbria at the invitation of the local ruler, Oswald. Oswald had spent several years of his childhood on Iona, and when he succeeded to the throne of his northern kingdom he was shrewd enough to realise that the Christian faith would be an ideal unifying force to pacify rival tribes of warlords.



Oswald's invitation was not immediately successful. The first missionary from Iona returned in despair, claiming that the barbarity of the Northumbrians made them unconvertible. But as Aidan listened, he felt the unmistakable call of God to try again.

"Perhaps you were too harsh on them," he found himself suggesting to the travel-stained missionary. Shortly afterwards, Aidan found himself at the head of a party of brothers heading for Northumbria. He was never to see his beloved Iona again.

The monks made the long journey to Northumbria on foot, singing psalms as they went. Their need to ward off the powers of evil with prayer was genuine, for these were dangerous times to travel through remote country unarmed. They arrived safely at Oswald's castle in Bamburgh, where he offered them lavish hospitality and assumed that they would found their community there.

However, the brothers realised that to live under the king's protection would make it difficult to avoid the world's temptations and establish a rapport with the local people. They saw the tidal island of Lindisfarne on the horizon and chose it as their base. The rest, as the saying goes, is history.

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## Clues Across

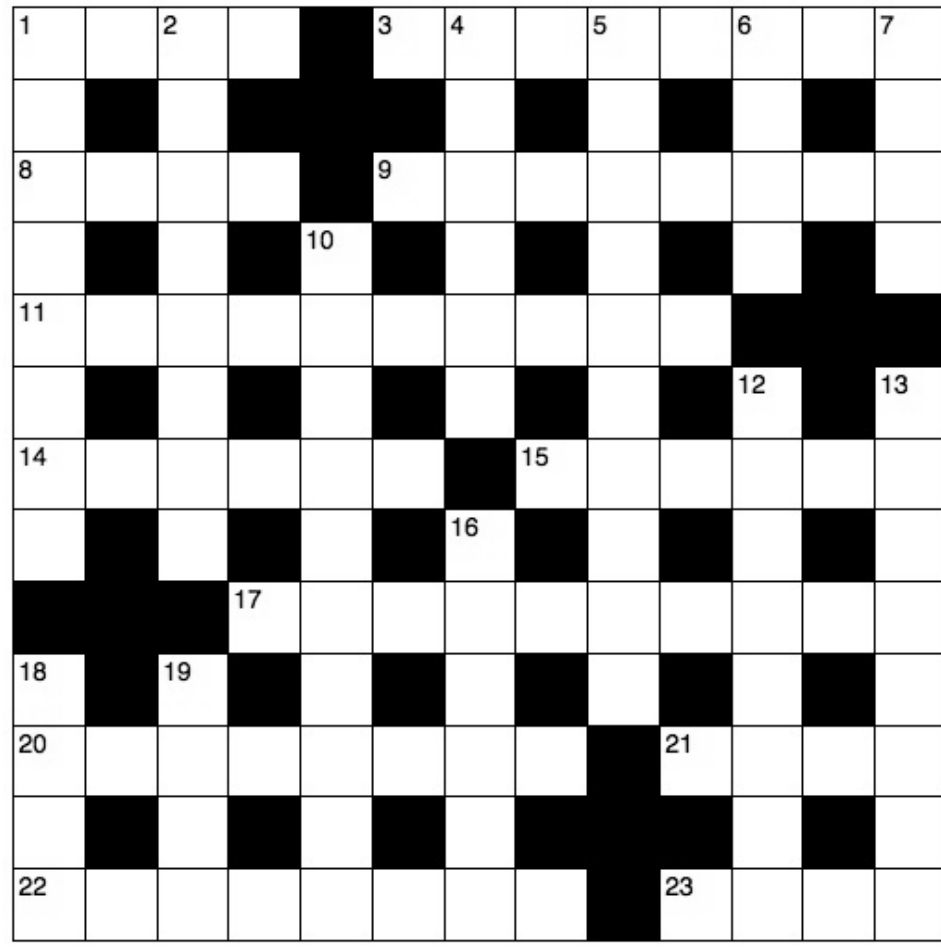
- 1 and 3** Two of the disciples who witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus  
Luke 9:28) (4,3,5)
- 3** See 1 Across
- 8** 'Let us draw — to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith'  
(Hebrews 10:22) (4)
- 9** O Simon is (anag.) (8)
- 11** Form of government under the direct rule of God or his agents (10)
- 14** How Jesus found his disciples when he returned to them after praying in  
Gethsemane (Luke 22:45) (6)
- 15** In The Pilgrim's Progress, the name of the meadow into which Christian  
strayed, which led to Doubting Castle (2-4)
- 17** Glad sin rat (anag.) (10)
- 20** Spinal column (Leviticus 3:9) (8)
- 21** Valley of the Balsam Tree with a reputation of being a waterless place  
(Psalm 84:6) (4)
- 22** 'The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one — — sees clearly'  
(Numbers 24:3) (5,3)
- 23** Adam and Eve's third son (Genesis 4:25) (4)

## Clues Down

- 1** David's great friend (1 Samuel 20:17) (8)
- 2** 'The Lord... will bring me safely to his — kingdom' (2 Timothy 4:18) (8)
- 4** 'I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; — — or wine  
touched my lips' (Daniel 10:3) (2,4)
- 5** Seeking to vindicate (Job 32:2) (10)
- 6** Female servant (Isaiah 24:2) (4)
- 7** 'For Christ died for — once for all' (1 Peter 3:18) (4)
- 10** 'Offering spiritual sacrifices — to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Peter 2:5)  
(10)
- 12** Jesus said that some people had renounced this 'because of the kingdom of  
heaven' (Matthew 19:12) (8)

- 13 One of the three men thrown into the furnace for refusing to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image (Daniel 3:20) (8)
- 16 'You have — of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry' (Luke 12:19) (6)
- 18 'There before me was a white horse! Its rider held — — , and he was given a crown' (Revelation 6:2) (1,3)
- 19 Equipment to Charity Hospitals Overseas (1,1,1,1)

Solution is on Page 21



With holidays in mind...

**Holiday:** an all-expense tour

**Holiday:** something you take when you can't take what you've been taking.

**Holiday Resort:** where you go when you are worn out and from where you come back a complete wreck.

**Travel:** an experience that fills the mind and empties the purse.

**Summertime:** when you don't pay the bills and your creditors think you are on holiday.

# Prayers and Poems Page

## Lord

Help me to live this day  
    Quietly, easily,  
To lean on thy great strength  
    Trustfully, restfully,  
To await the unfolding of Thy will  
    Patiently, joyously,  
To face tomorrow  
    Confidently, courageously.

*St Francis of Assisi*

## Asking

I never go forth to meet a new day  
Without asking God as I kneel down to pray  
To give me the strength and courage to be  
As patient with others as He is with me!

*Anonymous*

*Editor:* Nigel Beeton considers the 70th anniversary of the day, 5th August 1945, that a single bomb fell upon a Japanese city, a city hitherto untouched by air raids, and in a moment of incredibly intense light and heat, 80,000 people were dead. Civilians – old men, women and children. Approximately the same number were to die in the following months of burns, blast injuries, and radiation sickness.

## The Day Enola Called

A silver bird, high in a summer sky  
The morning sun is glinting on her wings;  
While, far below, as washing hangs to dry  
A mother rocks her new born babe and sings.

The baby sucks upon his mother's breast  
Partaking of his first meal of the day.  
Then in the sky a simple switch is pressed  
Something large falls out from 'Enola Gay'.

And so it is – a little boy is fed,  
As 'Little Boy' comes hurtling to the ground.  
A second sun! The little boy is dead  
Of him and thousands more no trace is found.

Think on that morning – think, and be appalled,  
That summer morn on which Enola called.

*By Nigel Beeton*

*Editor:* Some people don't feel they can sing loudly in church, as they find keeping in tune difficult (if not impossible). This poem is dedicated to them.

## Sing hosanna!

Praise the Lord in merry song,  
Praise him, praise him all day long.  
But what of me? I cannot sing –  
I have no melody to bring.  
But in the Bible, joy of joys,  
The Lord says: "Make a joyful noise!"

*Anonymous*

## Shady Woods

When the sun is shining overhead  
'Tis nice to make a leafy bed  
    Deep in the shady wood;  
To lie and gaze towards the sky  
Peeping through the leaves on high,  
    Above the shady wood

*By E M Adams*

Editor see [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Enola\\_Gay](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Enola_Gay)



## Saint of the Month – St Aidan – *Continued*

Aidan was much loved as a teacher and evangelist; though stern in his own self-discipline, he was prepared to travel to the most inaccessible villages, where he cared for the local people with compassion and gentleness. In time his influence grew and noble people joined the stream of visitors to Lindisfarne.

After Oswald's death in 642, his brother Oswin succeeded him as king. Oswin was concerned about Aidan's habit of walking everywhere. The saint was ageing rapidly, his body weakened by years of harsh fasting and exposure to the elements. Oswin wondered what would happen to him one day on the road, and also he felt that such a lowly means of travel was not appropriate for a bishop. So he gave Aidan one of his finest horses, complete with a beautifully worked saddle and bridle.

Aidan did not feel able to risk offending the king by spurning his generosity, but he rode out of the palace with a heavy heart. He knew that people would relate to him differently now that he had the trappings of affluence, and that it would be dangerous to stop and rest with such valuable belongings beside him.

The king had intended to give him comfort, but his gesture had had the opposite effect. Aidan had learnt that possessions, and the need to protect them, make it more difficult to follow God with an undivided heart. The story goes that he gave the horse, complete with saddle, to the first beggar he met outside the palace gates.

A more pragmatic Christian might have reasoned that keeping on the right side of Oswin would lead to opportunities that were too valuable to risk. Indeed, the king was angry when he heard what Aidan had done. "That horse was fit for a king, not for some vagabond," he protested. "I could have found you an old nag if you wanted to give it away." Aidan's reply was simply, "What do you think, O King? Is the son of a mare worth more in your eyes than that Son of God?"

There was an awkward silence; then the King removed his sword, knelt at Aidan's feet and asked his forgiveness. When he returned to the banqueting table, it was with a beaming smile. Sadly, he too was to perish in battle shortly afterwards; these were violent times. Yet Oswin, whose culture demanded that he should appear all-powerful in the eyes of his followers, had been publicly humbled by the integrity of a simple monk who had challenged his values.

Editor: See [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aidan\\_of\\_Lindisfarne](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Aidan_of_Lindisfarne)

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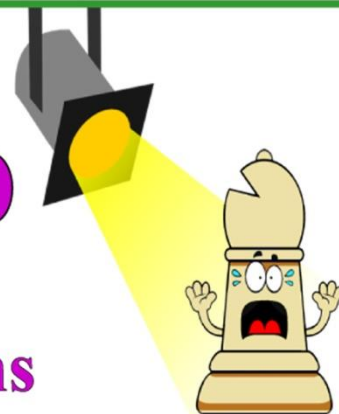
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