

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



Church Magazine for July 2015

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First Words....

- **Prayer Breakfast** – Our next prayer breakfast is on Saturday 18th July at 9.00am in Church and all are welcome.
- **Living Stones Service** – The next Living Stones Service will be on 19th July at 4.00pm in Church. Children can hear the stories, join in the singing and are encouraged to feel at home in church with family and friends.
- **Ignatian Prayer Meeting** – This is on the last Monday of the month, the 27th July at 7.30pm in Church, and offers space in the week for a quiet time to prayerfully reflect on the Word of God.

Please continue to pray for all at St. Mary's as we continue in interregnum, awaiting the appointment of a new vicar.

Stephanie Dale



Prayer for Month

Almighty and everlasting God,
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church
is governed and sanctified:
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,
that in their vocation and ministry
they may serve you in holiness and truth
to the glory of your name;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen

Front Cover – View of Ecclesfield Priory and Hall Chapel (East) Window and gable
taken from the ‘old vicarage’ garden June 2015.
Back Cover – “Mad Hatter’s Tea Party”

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Thought for the month

July already here, and half the year has gone by so quickly. Schools are soon to close for the summer holidays, and many of us are making some sort of plan for a summer break from the routine, perhaps a holiday if we can afford it, or just some pleasant days out, or time at home just pottering. We all need a break, a change of routine sometimes, Jesus often took time out to get away or stay with friends.

In summer I'm sure we all appreciate God's world, our lovely countryside and all the opportunities we have to enjoy it. We can appreciate the simple pleasures of the outdoors, sharing time and space with people we care about and those who enjoy our company too. It is good to realise that we don't need much to enjoy 'time out'.

I have a confession to make. Many years ago I used to enjoy listening to a Cliff Richard cassette in my car, and one of my favourite tracks was called 'Travellin' Light'. I can still recall some of the words. Now, over 20 years later, I rarely travel light! We seem to have so much that we think we need, when actually it's mostly excess baggage, and at least half of what we think we will need is quite unnecessary.

We do tend to hoard and get too attached to things which then take on too much importance in our lives. Jesus said ***"How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God! Indeed, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."***

Luke 18:25.

Today it would be 'It is easier to fly a Jumbo jet through the Channel tunnel than it is for a rich person to enter the Kingdom of Heaven' Meaning we value our 'things' too much.

This summer may I encourage you to take a real break from routine if you can. Try to avoid consumerism for a little while, (I shop, therefore I am), Forget how to buy and remember how to play. Let's try 'travellin' light' and getting things into perspective for this summer.

Oh, as a matter of interest, someone stole my car all those years ago, but when the Police found it rather worse for wear and in need of serious repairs, my Cliff Richard cassette was the only thing left in it!

Stephanie Dale

Cliff Richard's 'Travellin' Light' - <https://youtu.be/ca800tcy-B8>

On why people complain to the vicar – and how to ignore them

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

So, you have received your first letter of complaint. I am not wholly unsympathetic with your complainant, as attempting to marry the bride to the best man would have created havoc with the seating arrangements at the reception. However, you must learn that receiving letters of complaint is an integral part of the ordained ministry. After 50 years of parish life, the number of such letters I have received are now held in bound volumes.

The anonymous ones you will receive, invariably written in green ink on lined notepaper, can be safely consigned to your waste paper basket, along with all mail, from whatever source, labelled “Urgent”. You will receive letters complaining that you did not pray for someone who was in hospital, regardless of the fact that you knew nothing of it. Probably by the next post, you will receive a letter complaining that you did pray for someone in hospital – when they had wanted to keep their cosmetic surgery secret.

Those who regard themselves as guardians of doctrinal purity will write complaining of the heresies contained in the previous Sunday’s sermon. These can be filed with those letters that complain that your sermons are too short, along with those who complain that they are too long.

The hourly striking of the church clock is a perennial favourite for complaints. I usually reply by saying that we are currently exploring the possibility of getting it to strike the quarters too.

Letters of complaint will arrive in November, complaining that the church is too cold, so making prayer impossible. Others will drop on the doormat in April saying that it is too hot, so making prayer impossible. In Spring, some will write that the churchyard should be mown more often, while others will complain that it is mown too often and ruins it as a habitat for wildlife. The annual Summer procession of witness generates complaints that the brass band ruined the slumbers of parishioners having a Sunday lie-in. Then come Harvest, there will be the letters complaining that they did not receive a Harvest gift, which was particularly unforgivable, as their grandmother had once sung in the choir. Thus the annual round is accompanied by reams of notepaper.

The only letter of complaint I have really treasured came from the bishop, rebuking me for never having attended any meeting when he was present. I have had it framed and hung on the study wall.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

From St Rita to St Barnabas

A number of years ago I was given a book called 'Exciting Holiness', it is a book which has collects and readings for Festivals and Lesser Festivals. The title relates, I think, to the fact that it contains details of Saints Days and a brief description of each Saint. Since then, I have been interested in the Saints. This article was meant to be about a saint I discovered on a recent trip to Bologna, it has developed somewhat into an article about a very significant event in my journey of faith.

I will, however, tell you about St Rita as it is important in the context of the following events. Her feast day is celebrated each year on 22nd May. During our stay in Bologna, I left the hotel at around 5pm to go shopping and I was surprised to see so many people on the street. There were a large number of stalls set up selling roses, but also stalls selling sweets and biscuits. I wondered if they were going to a concert or a football match. There was a lot of excited discussion everywhere and nearly everyone was carrying a bunch of roses. Eventually, I worked out that they must go to an enormous church, I looked in the door and it was absolutely packed. Just as I was wondering what was going on, an Italian man offered me some roses and asked me to go in the church (I think!). Not knowing what on earth was going on I politely declined.

On my way back to the hotel I was left wondering what on earth was going on. Was it some particular festival, was it something to do with Pentecost – I had no idea. The next day, when we passed the church, we decided to go in. It was called the Basilica of San Giacomo Maggiore and inside round a shrine there were thousands of roses. On closer inspection the shrine was dedicated to St Rita. Unsurprisingly, I had never heard of St Rita – modern technology is wonderful in those situations. I Googled her and found a brief synopsis of her life. She was an Italian Augustine nun, widow and saint venerated in the Roman Catholic Church. Rita was married at an early age. The marriage lasted for eighteen years, during which she is remembered for her Christian values as a model wife and mother who made efforts to convert her husband from his abusive behaviour. Upon the murder of her husband by another feuding family, she sought to dissuade her sons from revenge before their calamitous deaths.

She subsequently joined an Augustinian community of religious sisters, where she was known both for practicing mortification of the flesh and for the efficacy of her prayers. St. Rita is venerated due to various miracles attributed to her intercession, and is often portrayed with a bleeding wound on her forehead, which the Roman Catholic Church states she experienced as a partial stigmata.

Ok, so what's the point? Well, on reading further I found At her canonization ceremony, she was bestowed the title of *Patroness of Impossible Causes*, while in many pious Catholic countries, Rita came to be known to be as patroness for abused wives and heartbroken women.

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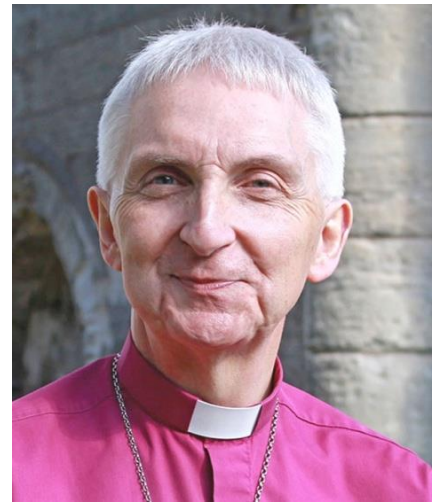


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Bishop's Letter – July

A Multi-Ethnic World

Once again America debates the right to own guns in light of the shocking case of nine people being shot at a historic black church in Charlestown, South Carolina. It has, we are told, sent shock waves across the United States and I would say across the world. Underlying the ongoing debate about gun ownership in America there is a serious issue of racism. Barak Obama expressed hope that the latest American massacre might “shift how we think about the issue of gun violence”. That is true and I hope they do, but they still need to make a fundamental shift in combating racially motivated attacks and killings as we do in many countries.



One would have hoped that in a global society, where most of us live and work in diverse and integrated communities of multi-ethnic and religious groupings from which we are blessed, racism would be a thing of the past. Whether it is in the United States or here in Britain this is not the case. We cannot afford to point the finger at America in the naive belief that we are immune and that includes our local communities. Hate crimes are the curse of the daily lives of many people from Black and Ethnic Minority communities and they stain society which by now should have stamped this out.

UK Churches were largely responsible for the Race Relations Act being brought in. Statements from all Christian denominations show they agree there is no place for racism in Christianity or for that matter any walk of life. The belief that God created everyone in his own image opposes racism. Churches have not always got this right but are trying to change their behaviour, welcoming people from different ethnic backgrounds and we must all try to do the same, it is the mark of a healthy, welcoming and hospitable society that nurtures harmony, support, care and love for all.

In 2004 the General Synod of the Church of England, its governing body, made the following statement in light of the success of the BNP in local elections in parts of Lancashire.

“We believe that any political movement that seeks to divide our communities on the basis of ethnicity is an affront to the nature of God revealed in creation and scripture and is a grave danger to harmonious community relationships;

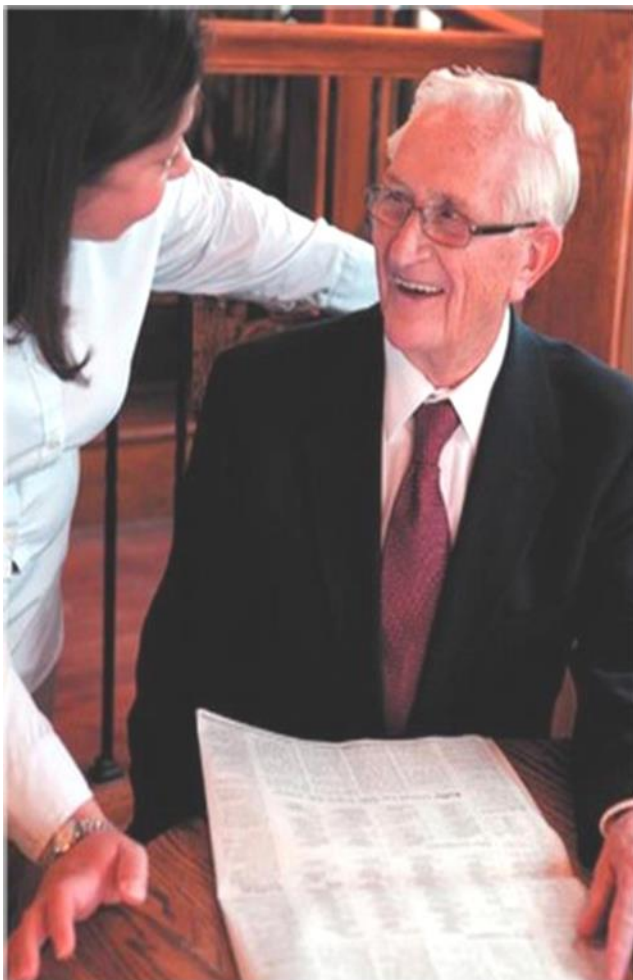
consequently voting for and/or supporting a political party that offers racist policies is incompatible with Christian discipleship.

Secondly, we call on all Christians in England to nurture a loathing of the sin of racism and to model the teaching of Christ in loving all our neighbours.

Finally, we commit the Church of England to work in partnership with our ecumenical partners, other faith groups, voluntary and statutory organisations, mainstream political parties and all people of good will, in building cohesive communities and affirming our multi-ethnic, culturally and religiously diverse society.”

Christian and faith groups are working to promote these values today and I appeal to everyone to be people of goodwill, to combat the shameful sin of racism and help build a multi-ethnic and religious society/world in which everyone can flourish, be valued and be safe.

+ *Peter - Bishop of Doncaster*



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Will You Remember Them? - July 2015

India

Indian village leader says four Christian families “outcasts” for following Christ

According to a report published by the Evangelical Fellowship of India on 19th May, four Christian families in the Indian village of Charama, Kanker, in Chhattisgarh state, were summoned to appear before a public meeting on 7th April where the village leader declared that these Christians are outcasts. Announcing a social boycott, he warned that anyone who spoke to, or sold any goods to them would be punished.

Similarly, in Mokhpal, Dantewada, also in Chhattisgarh state, Hindu radicals have said that anyone who mentions the name of Christ will be banished, socially boycotted, and their farmland will be seized. The local church, they said, would be burned down if anyone continued to worship Jesus.

Following a recent spike in attacks against Christians in Madhya Pradesh state, Christian leaders have met with the country’s Home Minister pleading for federal help to end “continuous anti-Christian attacks”. The appeal came after a night of violence on 12th May when three churches and one Christian centre were attacked.

“The tiny Christian community is shaken by these incidents and there is “a feeling of insecurity” within the Christian community with the almost daily occurrence of attacks against them”, said area church leader Sam Francis.

Please Pray

- That these persecuted believers will know the strength and grace of God at this difficult time.
- That the leaders of local communities and national government will follow the Indian constitution as it applies to freedom of belief.

JD

Ecclesfield Ladies Group.

On the Thursday evening of the 11th June we had a return visit from the Leader Brothers. Surprisingly it was 16 years since they had last visited us, and Leo held up the letter we sent to them as confirmation of this somewhat lax attitude with half a smile on his face. They bring with them items from the past, rather like interesting antiques and we have to guess what material they are made of or what they were used for and even who would use them and where they were made.

We were handed paper and pen and they would pass round the objects one by one. With this you get a look back in history and an amusing insight into the working past of many industries. One of my favourites was the brass mould in the shape of a flower with a beautiful polished handle, it came from Macclesfield and we had to guess what Macclesfield was famous for – Silk. The mould would make flowers in expensive silk material to enhance the exquisite dresses of the 18th and 19th centuries. My next favourite was the shape of a small wine glass, except that the top of the glass was only ½ in deep, the glass was almost solid, you couldn't drink anything out of it, it was in fact simply to hold a very small portion of Ice Cream which at that time was very expensive indeed.

There were many more items to guess at and needless to say we failed miserably at pretty much all of them. However, we enjoyed the evening immensely and it would be 16 years before we see them again.

The following Thursday the 18th saw us boarding a Coach in the village in the morning on our annual Summer Outing, this time to Springfields, near Spalding. This is rather like Meadowhall without the roof, but it felt that you were stepping back in time as the shops although very modern gave the feel of streets of a pretty town with lovely shop windows, café's spilling out onto pavements and at the end a lovely garden area with fountains and streams. It also had a Wetland with plenty of ducks, moorhens, and a resident heron, who kept flying off and back into land. There was a Train for the children and one for the adults which was ideal if you were tired with all that shopping and you could then see the grounds in comfort.

Of course you couldn't forget to sample the special afternoon cream teas available in the lovely 'Kitchen Café'. It was heaven to escape for the day and just enjoy the outing with friends.

PB

From St Rita to St Barnabas - continued

It is said that near the end of her life, Rita was bedridden at the convent. While visiting her, a cousin and asked if she desired anything from her old home. Rita responded by asking for a rose from the garden. It was January, and her cousin did not expect to find one due to the season. However, when her relative went to the house, a single blooming rose was found in the garden, and her cousin brought it back to Rita at the convent. St. Rita is often depicted holding roses or with roses nearby. On her feast day, churches and shrines of St. Rita provide roses to the congregation that are blessed by the priest during Mass.

I rather liked discovering a saint who was Patroness of Impossible Causes, thinking it was very appropriate for me and wondered if the man who offered me roses thought I was an impossible cause as I did myself.

A couple of weeks later, I was on my way to the Diocese of Sheffield Diocesan Conference and was telling this story in the car on the way – little did I know my whole thinking around self-esteem was going to be challenged and changed over the next few days.

In his opening address of the Conference, Bishop Steven talked about us coming together, staying together for a while to be nourished and to be with our risen Christ, then, sent out. He posed the question when we look in the mirror, how do we see the Diocese of Sheffield? He suggested we see it through a distorted mirror, we see low self-esteem, which is not a common distortion in churches. He pointed out that one of the dangers of low self-esteem is fear takes over and we lose faith, hope and vision. He said the Diocese is loved by God, it is imperfect yes, but it is also generous and committed. He said we need to rediscover our identity in Christ and believe that God loves this Diocese.

One of the keynote speakers was Paula Gooder, who is a theologian and New Testament lecturer and writer. She spoke about the biblical view of discipleship. We looked at three significant stories in St Mark's Gospel.

The first was Jesus Stilling the Storm. She unpacked the story by talking about how it was translated from Greek. In particular, the use of the word afraid, 'deilos' in Greek meaning – why are you always getting frightened, why are you so timid? We explored together how we could become people who weren't 'deilos', what it would look like, deeply and profoundly if we weren't 'deilos' and what we need to do to help disciples be people of faith without being timid.

Much discussion ensued, and there was a feeling that everyone 'got it', of course we didn't have all the answers, but the right questions were being asked.

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Diary for the Month of July

Wednesday 1 st	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	1.00 pm	Mothers' Union meet in the Gatty Hall/ Angela Scarfe – Well Women
Thursday 2 nd	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group meet in the Gatty Hall / Tom Dixon – 'Sweet fifties'.
Friday 3 rd	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing (Silent Ringing)
Sunday 5th		The Fifth Sunday after Trinity
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	12 noon	Baptism Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Monday 6 th	7.30 pm	PCC meet in Church
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 meet in the Gatty Hall / Coffee Evening
Friday 10 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing (Silent Ringing)
Sunday 12th		The Sixth Sunday after Trinity
	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Service of the Word
	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 Summer Party
Friday 17 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing (Silent Ringing)
Sunday 19th		The Seventh Sunday after Trinity
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	4.00 pm	Living Stones Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Monday 20 th	7.30 pm	Mission Team meets in Church
Tuesday 21 st	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 22 nd	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 23 rd	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Friday 24 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing (Silent Ringing)
Sunday 26th		The Eighth Sunday after Trinity
	8.30 am	Holy Communion

	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Prayer & Praise Service
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
Friday 31 st	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing (Silent Ringing)

From the Registers

Baptisms

7th June	Scarlett Goodson
7th June	Lola Ella Barker
7th June	Jenson Talbot Murray

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

Weddings

30th May	Peter John Brown & Lindsay Victoria Garfitt
30th May	Thomas Alan Goodwin & Lauren Middleton
30th May	Patrick O'Hagan & Leanne Barrott
6th June	Nicholas Bell & Emma Kathryn Jamison
6th June	Gareth Christopher Leitch & Jade Louise Barker
7th June	Stephen Lee Devine & Naomi Perrie Bell
13th June	Jonathan Paul Easton & Kerry Louise Longden
20th June	Joden Michael Kaine & Kayleigh Patricia Rhoda Howden
20th June	Jeffrey Hookway & Caroline Eyre

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

Funerals

1st June	Laura Evelyn Speight	96
20th June	Robin Michael Otter	29
23rd June	Margaret Betty Mappin	89

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

Flower Rota July

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The Gardening Year July 2015

Herbs continued – Lovage a many-purpose perennial herb, is believed to have been brought to this country by the Romans. From the middle ages its leaves have been used in medicines and for giving a musky lemon like flavour to soups, stews, sauces and salads. A cordial made from this herb and called by the same name was served in Inns up to the last century. Lovage grows best in a well-drained soil in a sunny position or in partial shade. It reaches a height of 4 ft. Two or three plants will provide sufficient fresh and dried leaves for occasional flavouring of dishes. **Marjoram** – Two types of this herb marjoram are grown for their aromatic leave and flowers which are used to flavour a wide variety of dishes. One, called sweet or knotted Marjoram us usually grown as a half-hardy annual it is generally considered to have a finer flavour than the other type, Pot Marjoram which is a hardy perennial. Like most herbs Marjoram grown best in full sun and in well drained fertile soil. Two or three plants of each type of Marjoram will provide a plentiful supply of leaves all the year. **Mint** – one of the features of this indispensable herb is the extraordinary range of flavours and scents provided by its many varieties. Ginger mint. Spearmint, peppermint, Eau-de-cologne mint, pineapple mint, bergamot mint and penny royal the latter with an odour so pungent that it was said to drive fleas away – all of these were grown in the old fashioned herb garden and several are still available today. But the most important varieties to the modern housewife are those which when freshly picked are famed as accompaniments to a wide range of dishes from roast lamb, new potatoes, or young peas to cream cheese sandwiches, jellies, and chutneys. The mint most often used in this context is the common green spearmint. However, the round leaved apple mint with its more subtle flavour is also rapidly gaining popularity. Both types and indeed all mints are grown in the same way and need the same conditions, the only difficulty lies not in obtaining a crop but in preventing it from spreading to surrounding areas.

A Summary of the months' work – dig up and divide dwarf, intermediate and bearded Irises that have been undisturbed for three years. Remove old flower heads from annuals to keep them flowering. **Fruit** – Summer prune trees grown in restricted form, support heavily laden plum branches. Prune trees after picking. Tidy up strawberry beds and discard plants which have given three year crops. **Vegetables** – sow turnips, dwarf beans and spinach beet. Pinch out side shoots from tomatoes, except on bush varieties. Keep tomatoes well-watered in green houses, if you are growing them in pots or growbags, if you do not you will get blossom end rot caused by not enough water.

Colin Williams

Colin Williams

Whitley Hall Cricket Club



We will start with our junior teams first this month. The Under 11s, 13s and 15s are all having an excellent season and all three teams are in with a good chance of becoming league winners this season. And the under 13s have won the Sheffield and District Cup by beating Wickersley in the final and the under 15s have matched this by also winning the Sheffield and District Cup by beating Hallam in their final. So congratulations to all our young players. In the senior leagues, The Colts, our third team, are in 2nd place in South Yorkshire Division 5 and the 2nd XI is comfortably in mid-table in Division 1 following a comprehensive win over Norton Woodseats on 27th June. The 1st XI

has had an excellent season so far and was 10 points clear at the top of the league table as well as getting through to the semi-final of the Whitworth Cup and the South Yorkshire Twent/20 finals. Then came the league match against arch rivals Treeton on 27th June. Treeton bowled us out for 126 which they then proceeded to knock off very quickly with no fall of wicket. Oh dear – so Whitley's lead at the top of the table is now down to 3 points – it's going to be an interesting 2nd half of the season!

Selected senior home matches at Cinder Hill Lane

July 4	1 st XI	v	Sheffield Hallam
July 11	2 nd XI	v	Aston Hall
July 18	1 st XI	v	Wickersley
July 25	2 nd XI	v	Sheffield Collegiate
August 1	2 nd XI	v	Norton Oakes
August 8	1 st XI	v	Houghton Main

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Mothers' Union June Meeting

The Mothers' Union had a very interesting talk from Ruth Maughan who is the Overseas Correspondent for the Sheffield Diocese and she helps us keep in touch with our members overseas who are linked with our Diocese. It has become easier to keep up a correspondence since the advent of email - no more waiting for months for letters to arrive. Of course it does depend whether or not the link has access to email or knows someone with a computer (usually a Bishop and his wife might be the Diocesan President). We do have some members who can't read or write so we learn little from them but we still write to them and hope a visiting priest or nurse can tell what is in the letter.

Hopefully with the expansion of the Literacy and Numeracy Project more women will learn to read and write. Where correspondence has flourished it is good to hear how members are doing - how their crops and animals are providing them with money so they can feed their families and send the children to school. We are sometimes asked to pray for specific projects or people and in this way we can support them.

We have recently changed our link dioceses as the MU continues to grow in number so we shall be getting to know many others with Ruth's help. It was a very enjoyable meeting because Ruth was able to bring us many stories about the people she had been writing to and she made it seem very personal.

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Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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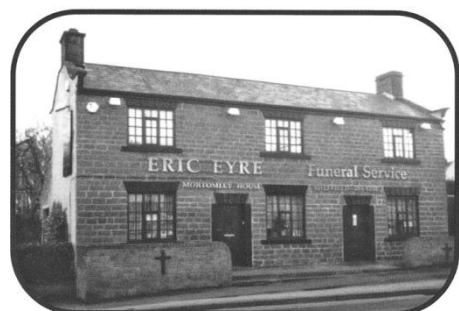
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From St Rita to St Barnabas - continued

The Bible study for me was an exciting experience, reading familiar passages but with a different interpretation. I felt a bit like the disciples in Luke's Gospel on the road to Emmaus: 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'

I now have a desire and enthusiasm to read and to study Mark's Gospel again but maybe with different 'eyes of my heart'.

Later that evening, there was a service of Evening Prayer with Anointing for Healing. It was a beautiful service which included Taize chants. When, it came to the anointing, I was not intending to go for anointing and somehow there I was in the line waiting to be anointed. I thought that I would not be expected to say anything. To my horror, as I went up, I was asked for what I needed healing. At which point, emotion took over and I was in tears. I simply said for my low self-esteem – it just came out. I was then anointed and prayed for and I was given a brief and privileged glimpse in the mirror of how others see me. It was one of the most humbling moments of my life.

I could not make sense of what happened and as the conference had quite a packed agenda, we moved on. It was only later, when I was in my room that I gave it all to God and worked out what was going on. I have always tended to have low self-esteem and somehow I thought it was alright, because I was being humble. I realised that it is absolutely not ok, because in doing that I am limiting the possibilities of God and not trusting Him enough and the anointing had been had been my repentance of that behaviour – I know I will need to do a lot of repentance in the future, but it, I believe is one of those 'disclosure' moments from God.

The next day, I felt a lightness of spirit which I hadn't felt for some time – I felt different.

On the closing day, Bishop Steven told us it was St Barnabas Day. He was keen to refer to ourselves as a St Barnabas fellowship encouraging one another (for which St Barnabas was known). I felt very emotional. I realised that in 2007 when we had our Mission at St Mary's, I was asked by one of the team, Mary Gregory, to lead Morning Prayer one morning, which happened to be St Barnabas day and I remember mentioning about all the encouragement I received. Afterwards, I was able to tell Mary what I remembered!

I feel like I felt after that Mission, still dancing in the whirlpool of my confusion, but with a new purpose and attitude.

Was it life-changing maybe, but a game-changing certainly. I can now joyfully identify more with St Barnabas than with St Rita.

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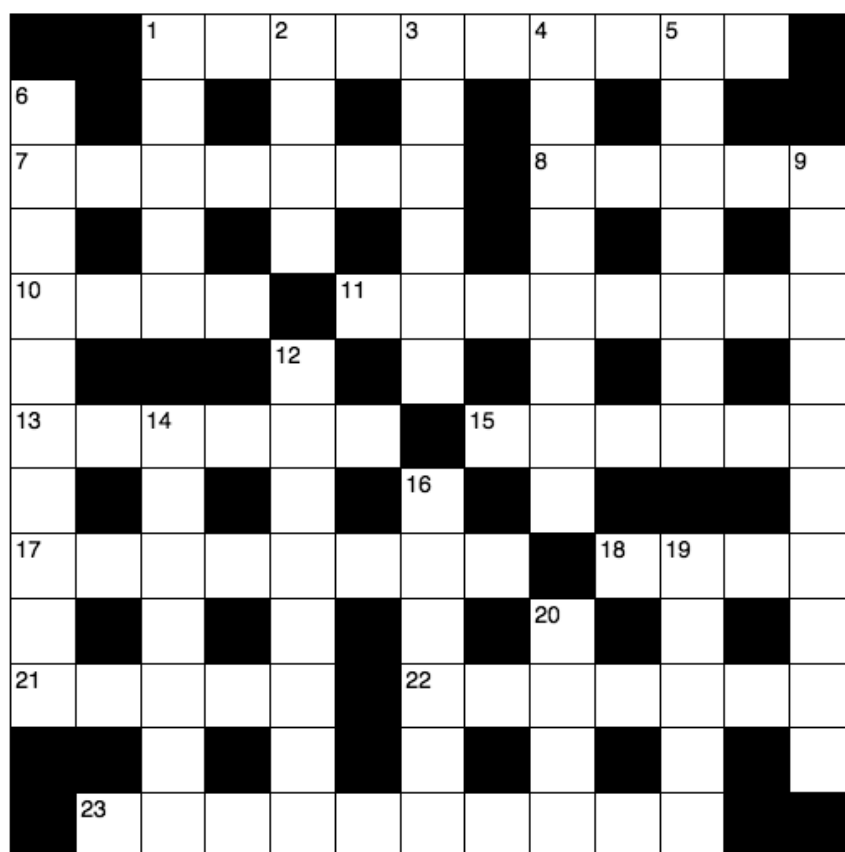
Clues Across

- 1 Relating to the Jewish day of rest (10)
- 7 Point of view (Matthew 22:17) (7)
- 8 20th-century Brethren philanthropist whose construction company became one of the UK's biggest, Sir John — (5)
- 10 Girl's name (4)
- 11 Peter was accused of being one in the courtyard of the high priest's house (Luke 22:59) (8)
- 13 The fifth of the 'seven churches' (Revelation 3:1–6) (6)
- 15 'Now the famine was — in Samaria' (1 Kings 18:2) (6)
- 17 Banned by the seventh Commandment (Exodus 20:14) (8)
- 18 Insect most closely associated with itching (1 Samuel 24:14) (4)
- 21 Bantu tribe which gives its name to tiny landlocked country in southern Africa (5)
- 22 Familiar material in churches that use an overhead projector (7)
- 23 Last book of the Bible (10)

Clues Down

- 1 The young David's favourite weapon (1 Samuel 17:40) (5)
- 2 'Your vats will — over with new wine' (Proverbs 3:10) (4)
- 3 Once yearly (Exodus 30:10) (6)
- 4 Milled it (anag.) (3-5)
- 5 Region north of Damascus of which Lysanias was tetrarch (Luke 3:1) (7)
- 6 Comes between Philippians and 1 Thessalonians (10)
- 9 Lake where the first disciples were called (Luke 5:1–11) (10)
- 12 Abusive outburst (8)
- 14 Are loud (anag.) (7)
- 16 Printing errors (6)
- 19 'Take my yoke upon you and — from me' (Matthew 11:29) (5)
- 20 Jacob's third son (Genesis 29:34) (4)

Solution is on Page 21



Saint of the Month – St Helier - Day 16th July

Losing a loved one to violence

Take the book of Samuel in the Bible, add a bit of Luke Skywalker father/son conflict from Star Wars, stir in a dash of Pirates of the Caribbean, and you sort of have the story of Saint Helier – the first saint and martyr of Jersey.

According to the legend, it all began in 6th century Tongeren (now in Belgium). A pagan couple badly wanted a child, but the wife was barren. In desperation they sought the help of a local Christian, Cunibert. He advised them to pray to the Christian God, and to promise that any child born would be ‘given back’ to God. So they did, and then the wife fell pregnant and gave birth to a son, Helier.

The parents were delighted – at first. But as the baby grew into a boy, it became clear that Helier was different from other children – he was precociously intelligent and could perform miracles. Helier’s father found this unsettling, and grew jealous of Cunibert’s influence over his son. Finally he plotted to have Cunibert murdered.

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Prayers and Poems Page

Prayer to God, our Foodbank

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By Daphne Kitching

The Great Commission

Come, you Christian men and women
Come you to the harvest now!
Gather now the souls, forgiven
Those who hear their Saviour's vow!
In this world of sin and sorrow
Jesus shines His saving light
Promise of a bright tomorrow
For those living in His sight!

From Him comes the strength and power
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He will lead you every hour
He'll inspire your every deed!
He will be your inspiration
He'll provide your every breath
As you go throughout the nations
Telling how He's beaten death!

Go you into all the nations
Preach the gospel of His love
Tell, throughout the whole creation
How He came from God above;
Tell them how His love flowed freely
On the Cross of Calvary -
Tell them that they're loved so dearly
They can live eternally!

By Nigel Beeton

God's Handwriting

To the top of the mountain Moses is called
As on tablets of stone God's finger writes,
They are given to Moses containing the Law
To show man how he can live aright.

Belshazzar is feasting with all of his court
When a hand appears and writes on the wall,
The writing reveals he's been weighed in the
balance
Foretelling this night that his kingdom will
fall.

A woman is caught in adultery,
The Master stoops down and writes on the
floor,
He tells those who are sinless to throw the first
stone
Then forgives her and tells her to sin no more.

God writes again in a book kept in heaven
The names inscribed there solely by grace,
For those written down in the Lamb's Book of
Life
Will one day behold their Saviour's face.

By Megan Carter

Editor: Nigel Beeton observes: Usually a person's last words are considered to be among the most important words that they speak. At the very end of Jesus' time on Earth, He uttered these words: "All power has been given to me in Heaven and in Earth. Go you, therefore, into all the world, teaching, preaching, and baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost." Perhaps we should take more notice. If you want to sing this, it goes to Blaenwern (Love divine)

Saint of the Month – St Helier *Continued from page 27*

In horror at such treachery, Helier fled. He wandered far, eventually reaching a monastic community in Normandy, run by Saint Marculf. Here he settled, seeking a life of contemplation, but it was not to be. Marculf had received pleas for help from the very few residents of an island called Gersut, or Agna (now called Jersey). They, too, had had bitter experience of violent men who killed their loved ones without warning: the Vikings and Saxons and Vandals had each visited the island in turn. Now they sought some comfort from the Christians: would someone bring them the gospel? They had no one to shepherd them.

Marculf could not ignore such a plea, and so he sent Helier and a companion, Romard, to Jersey. The two monks found a small community of fishermen on the sand dunes where the modern town of St Helier would later grow. Helier chose to settle on a tidal islet, nowadays known as the Hermitage Rock. Romard, it was agreed, would act as the ‘go between’ between Helier in his hermitage and the fishing village.

Helier had chosen a remote spot for the peace and quiet it would give him as he approached God. But one day he discovered that his tidal islet had another great advantage as well. While looking out to sea and praying, he suddenly saw the sails of attacking pirates, stealthily approaching the island in boats.

Frantically, Helier signalled the shore of danger coming, and the fishermen and their families scattered into the surrounding marshes, beyond the reach of the bloodthirsty, lustful pirates. This happened time and again, and became so well known in island history that even today, small dark clouds on the horizon are still known as *les vailes dé St. Hélyi* (the sails of St. Helier). As if that were not enough, Helier’s prayers and the sign of the cross on another occasion stirred up such a storm that a raiding party was driven clear off the island.

One day the pirates finally caught up with Helier on his tidal islet. They beheaded him. Helier was deeply mourned, and has always been revered in Jersey for having brought Christianity to the island.

When his head and body were sent back to France, a healing spring is reputed to have sprung up on the place where the boat came ashore, and so Helier is better known there as a healing saint. The traditional year of his martyrdom is AD 555. His feast day is still marked in Jersey by an annual municipal and ecumenical pilgrimage to the Hermitage, on 16 July.

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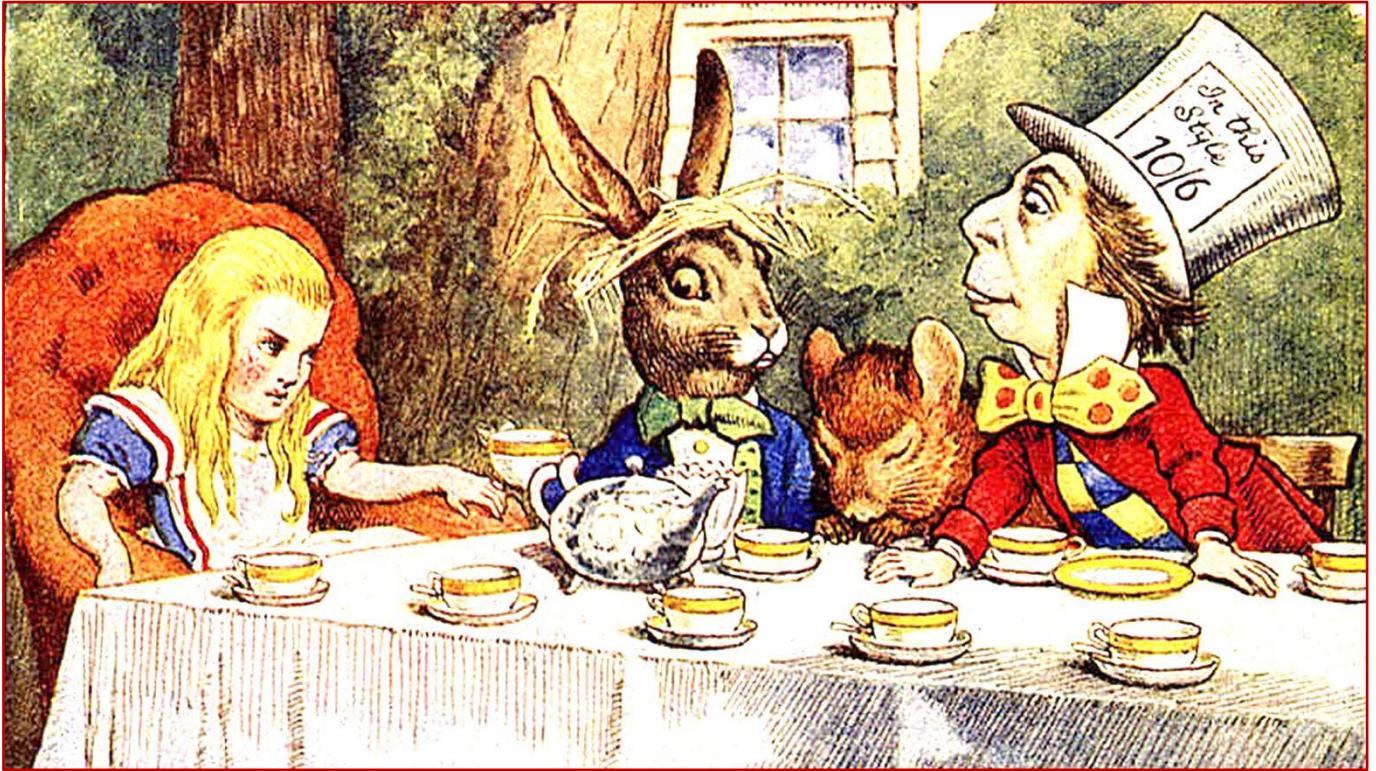
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