

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



Church Magazine for June 2015

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First Words...

- **A concert by Grenoside Singers** is being held in St Mary's on Friday 12 June at 7.15pm. Tickets £5.00 each can be bought from the Church Coffee Shop on a Tuesday or Friday Morning.
- **Bishopscroft Garden Open Day** - Bishop Steven is holding a Garden Open Day on 28 June, 2pm – 5pm. All welcome, entrance £2. All proceeds to be donated to the Cathedral Toddler Group and Archer Project.
- **Prayer Breakfast** - Our next prayer breakfast is on the 20 June at 9.00am in Church. Why not come and join us.
- **Ignatian Prayer** is on the last Monday of each month in Church at 7.30pm the next one being on the 29 June. It offers a quiet space for reflective prayer. All welcome.
- **On Friday the 8th May the 70th Anniversary of Victory in Europe** bell-ringers from all over the Country were asked to ring. St Mary's ringers rang a peal of 5040 changes of a method called Yorkshire Surprise Royal which took 3 hours and 5 minutes. Devised in the 1700's a peal is a special piece of ringing consisting of at least 5000 different changes rung without repeating or stopping. Over the centuries 100 of these have been rung at St Mary's.
- **A Big Thank You** to everyone who supported the **Emley Band Concert** and **Help for Heroes** on 9 May. The Band, as usual, were on top form and we look forward to welcoming them back later in the year.

In this time of change at St Mary's, as we await the appointment of a new Vicar, please continue to hold in your thoughts and prayers our Churchwardens, Ministry team, PCC and all members of our church fellowship.

Pat Clarke

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Back Cover – Grenoside Singers Concert

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Thought for the month

The day of Pentecost came, May 24th, and it rained but did it dampen our spirits, no. The guide May Queen's, their attendances, members of Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, their families and members of St Mary's still walked from the Co-op to church – what a great witness to a great day of celebration. Yes it would have been good to gather outside as usual for our Pentecost service but being inside did not deter us at all as we worshipped and celebrated the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost and the official birthday of the Church. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the helper, the one who Jesus promised, would accompany the disciples and us in life and faith, the Spirit who the disciples describe as a rushing wind and flames enabled insecure and fearful individuals to become powerful and effective witnesses to the Good News of Jesus.

We often describe the Spirit as the way in which God sustains us in our lives. We cannot see him but we know he exists because of his effects – rather like energy. We can't see electricity and yet we know it exists because of what it does. We cannot see love, but we have no doubt that it exists because of the effect it has on us. So it is with the Holy Spirit.

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Thought for the month

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We cannot see him but recognise his presence in many ways - in experiences we have of God that we can't quite explain, or when we feel inspired with the fruit of the Spirit that St Paul described (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, self-control), with creative gifts (music, art, craft, words) or with gifts of healing and teaching.

The Holy Spirit is offered unconditionally to everyone but is only received if we open our hearts and minds to him. As Christians we are challenged to do this and to allow him to take over our lives, to work and to pray in us, so that we become more 'in Christ' and he in us. Only in the strength of the Holy Spirit can Christ's love be made known in the world, overflowing through us as we work for peace and justice, show compassion, mercy, acceptance and forgiveness.

Our God is longing for his church to be alive with the active power of the Spirit. May we have the courage, however old or young we are, in the faith, to be like those early disciples and dare once more to open ourselves to what God has in store for us and for His church through the gift of His Spirit, the Spirit of Jesus. So let's remember to ask God, not just at Pentecost but every day, for a fresh outpouring of his Holy Spirit for us as individuals, our church family and for all people everywhere. Through the Spirit, Jesus will always strengthen our faith, enable us to witness and to proclaim the good news of Jesus.

Holy Spirit,
Giving life to all life,
Moving all creatures,
Root of all things,
Washing them clean,
Wiping out their mistakes,
Healing their wounds,
You are our true life,
Luminous, wonderful,
Awakening the heart
From its ancient sleep

St Hildegard of Bingen

Pat Clarke

On what security cameras in church will tell you

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Much against my better judgement, after a recent series of small thefts, we have installed security cameras here at St. James the Least. At least the suggestion for trip wires that opened the gate to Mrs Poppleroy's garden next door, thereby setting loose her deranged Pekingese, were narrowly defeated – though I had to use my casting vote.

So now we have a complete record of everything that goes on when no one is about. It makes such interesting viewing that I have cancelled my television licence and spend every evening watching the antics of my parishioners. I wonder if there is some niche television channel which would be interested; it could help the tower restoration fund no end.

Miss Margison seems to imagine she is now part of some theatrical performance every time she cleans the church; her body language as she wields a feather duster is of operatic proportions, as is her final bow to the cameras as she leaves.

I have at last found the several hiding places where Mr Prentice secretes his bottle of whisky every week when he comes to wind the tower clock.

Colonel Wainwright, who served for some time in the security services, is now worried that pictures of him cleaning the brass will be circulated in Russia. He fails to appreciate that his disguise as a French onion seller, with striped jersey, beret and waxed moustache does tend to make his presence rather more interesting than he imagines – to us, if not to the KGB.

The flower arrangers seem to imagine that we are recording sound as well as pictures and so whenever they are in church together, all gossip is written down and passed round by hand as they work in total silence. So far, they have remembered to take their pieces of paper home with them. One slip and I shall probably learn more about my parishioners in five minutes than I have done in the last five years.

The cameras have also solved the mystery of who has been pilfering the items - and even the nest where they have hidden it. If only I could teach the magpies to extract money from pockets and place it on the collection plate.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Finding the next Vicar of Ecclesfield

The good news is that the process is now well underway.

A formal meeting with the Archdeacon of Sheffield and Rotherham has resulted in authority being granted to fill the vacancy on a permanent basis and the post is being advertised nationally. The deadline for applications has been set for 19th June and visits and interviews will be held on the 7th and 8th July.

Providing a suitable person applies, and taking into account the normal notice period of at least 3 months, there is hope that we may have someone in place before Christmas. In the meantime, the church is carrying on with services, baptisms, weddings and funerals being run as normal.

Please pray that the right person will be called to come to Ecclesfield.

Andrew Robinson



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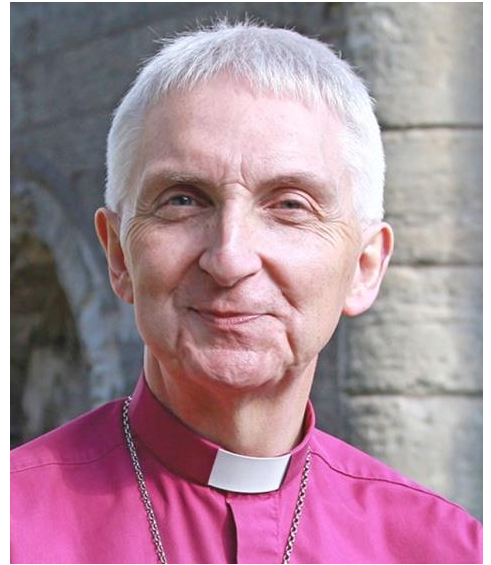
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Bishop's Letter - June 2015

Family Life

Last weekend I spent a very enjoyable time with 21 other members of my family, celebrating three significant birthdays and the engagement of my nephew to his girlfriend - hence the reason there was no regular article. Like many families, we don't get together as often as we should partly due to the fact that we live considerable distances from each other and, finding the time in already busy diaries that revolve around work commitments, ferrying children from one activity to another and the day to day chores that have to be done mainly over the weekend.



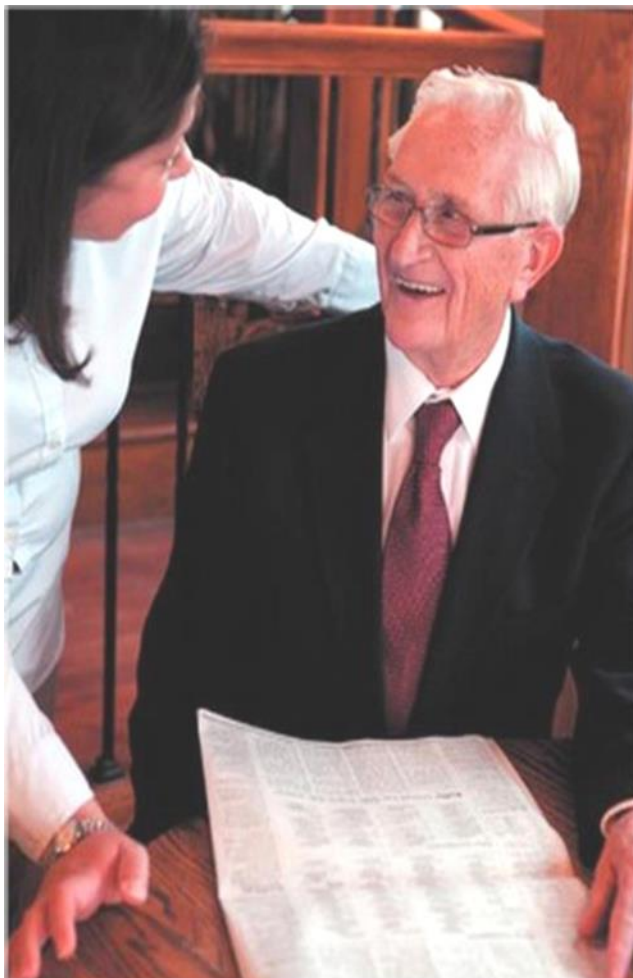
As well as having a great time together in a large converted barn in North Yorkshire, it was an opportunity to reflect on the importance of the family and the value of spending time together. In our society, many families face new and challenging pressures. The danger is that the frenetic nature of life interrupts quality time that helps build healthy family relationships and values. We all - and children in particular - thrive, grow and develop within the love and safeguarding of a family. Within the family we care for the young, the old and those with needs. Families should be able to offer each of their members commitment, fun, love, companionship and security. This was borne out in a survey carried out by Barrett Values Centre a few years ago. 4000 people across the UK were asked to pick the 10 values or behaviours that most reflect who they are. Equal and high quality relationships were shown to matter; friendship, compassion, honesty and humour were listed in the top ten - but the top two were caring and family. So family still matters and that's why many politicians and other leaders choose to focus on this as a key issue. However, I worry that further changes to the benefit system will impact most negatively on families already in the greatest need.

From a Christian perspective life is a gift from God and that life includes the family. The church itself should be a model of family life with members of the Church united like a family. The church still teaches that marriage is given, that husband and wife may comfort and help each other, living faithfully together in need and in plenty, in sorrow and in joy. It is given that they may have children and be blessed in caring for them and bringing them up in accordance with God's will.

Most Christians believe that the best foundation for the family is marriage, and they will begin to support families as they prepare for marriage by expressing their intention to support the couple throughout their married life.

However, whether you have a Christian view of family life and marriage or not, the reality is that family life matters and lays foundations that impact on our health and wellbeing as we grow and mature into adults. I had a sharp reminder of this over the weekend as I think all those gathered did. We promised not to let it be so long before we got together again and that we wouldn't let the pressures and demands of busy life get in the way. I was reminded in a school just recently that the most important thing about a promise is keeping it, and I hope we will. But as our lives get ever busier and stressed I encourage us all not to forget the importance of family and even those who, for one reason or another don't live in a family unit, to remember there are qualities and values that we can share in all our relationships.

+Peter Doncaster



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Will You Remember Them? - June 2015

Christians and other religious minorities mentioned in Pakistan school textbooks for first time.

In a landmark triumph for the country's religious minorities, Pakistan's history school textbooks will include the role of Christians, Hindus and Sikhs in the formation of the country in the years following independence. According to Breitbart News, Anjum Paul, president of the Pakistan Minorities Teachers' Association (PMTA), complained to Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif in 2013 that text books frequently cited Islamic prayers. However, "these books are for all the students regardless of any creed," he said. In its 2015 report, the US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) slammed the country's stance on religious minority populations. It concluded that Pakistan is one of the worst environments for Christians and other religious minorities that is not currently listed as a "country of particular concern" (CPC).

Responding to the charge, Pakistan's Minister of the State for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony, Pir Hasnat, said that several measures have been implemented to protect religious minorities. These include workshops and seminars promoting tolerance and co-existence which are set to be held in the city of Lahore later this month. He also promised that an additional 10 million Rupees (£63,000) will be added to public spending on development for minority groups. This would involve financial aid, scholarships for children, and the celebration of religious festivals.

Pakistan is not the only country to respond to the latest USCIRF report. Last week India's politicians angrily rejected the document's damning conclusions, saying that it "appears to be based on limited understanding of India, its constitution and its society".

Christians in Pakistan are in serious danger as a minority population, deprived of religious freedom and victim to mob attacks. The Pakistani extremist group Jundullah, a splinter group of the Pakistan Taliban have recently issued death threats against Christians.

Please Pray

- Give thanks for a greater fairness within the textbooks used in the schools.
- That Christians will be kept safe despite the threat of physical persecution and that a greater equality may develop in Pakistan.

JD

Summer

What joy to wake to a bright and blooming day
When summer sun shines gold with burning light
With vivid flowers blossoming in brilliant ray
And the whole world seems happy and bright.

Sizzling steamy summer sun
Sending shards of shimmering rays
Over the misty distant horizon
Dazzling your screwed up eyes.

The splash of colour from a child's T-shirt
Echoes the hues of luscious summer flowers
And splashes the day with memories bright
Of days spent under soft shady bowers.

Wild energy flows through bodies burning
With excitement and children run wildly round
Catching the sun's UV rays and shouting
To each other in the school playground.

Summer holidays loom ever closer with fun ahead
Day trips to the seaside or further afield
To far off foreign climes where we are led
To venture to another culture and find abroad

A yet hotter sun shining down on covered crowns
While we take shelter under shady trees
To avoid blistering skin and burning ground
And ask the waiter for more drinks please.

Watching the creeping shadows made by the sun
As it crosses the sky on its orbital trail
Another long lazy day has begun
Taken at the pace of a worn out snail.

Oh if only these halcyon days could last
As in our minds they always do
But summer sun has soon gone past
And another season is waiting too.

So savour each day fully as it rises high
Make it count in all you do and see
Summer sun too swift will fly
Though memories stay for you to keep.

We must cherish these days as special ones
And they will revive when we look through
Photos, videos and all mod cons
And imprints remain as memories for you.

Sheila Johns



Journey of the Spirit

This poem was found in an old copy of the "Suez News" and I found it in another St Mary's Magazine. Thought it was worth sharing.

The journey of the spirit is one we
make alone
a journey needing fortitude
the pathway quite unknown.
Though loving thoughts go with us
each mile that we begin
we need new courage, faith and hope
to warm us deep within .

No-one knows how steep the road
and no one knows the length
but as we travel on our way
we grow with inner strength.
The journey of the spirit
continues day and day
beyond the darkness and the pain
to reach eternal light.

Pat Clarke

A Special time in the Lakes

Very early on Monday 16th March at 7.15am to be precise we scrambled the last minute bits and bobs together as the doorbell rang, our feeder mini bus had arrived to transport us to the main coach in Sheffield on our way to 'Shap Wells Hotel' in the Lake district for the following five days. On the way we stopped at a lovely Garden Centre, near a Canal Basin for 'Soup and a Roll'.

As we drove up the M6 the weather was misty. We really didn't know what to expect as we neared our destination all we could see was moorland for miles and miles with streams running through it, at last we turned into the top of a very long drive down into a valley surrounded by trees and in the middle stood the Hotel it looked impressive. The inside didn't disappoint it was beautiful, the furnishings were of the top quality from a different era. There were stained glass windows inside the partitions with pictures of the hotel in its heyday and a lovely dining room with pillars. The Hotel is famous for its Red Squirrels in the wood close by, and guests can watch them being fed in the mornings. It had been a spa, where people came for the waters and also during the Second World War German Officers who were prisoners of war were billeted there in luxurious surroundings much to the dislike of the Guards who were in Army accommodation.

Later after the War many of the Germans returned with their families for holidays. Our room and the food we enjoyed all week were first class, and it was lovely and warm inside. Tuesday we were off to Cockermouth where William Wordsworth lived as a child and attended the Grammar School, this is opposite the Church and both are still standing today. Another scholar was the infamous Fletcher Christian of Mutiny on the Bounty. Keswick was our next stop with a gentle boat ride on Derwent water. We had left the cold weather behind and the water was like a mill pond, unbelievable.

Wednesday saw us in Grasmere where Wordsworth's cottage is located, it was warm and sunny with clear blue skies even though you could see snow on the tops of the hills, much to our amazement though we were talking to the lady in the local Café and she told us they had not had any snow in the winter at all. We walked up to the Church and back along by the river. In the church yard they have planted a garden of daffodils and as you walk along the path flat stones have been placed with the names and towns of people who have each sponsored them i.e. Sheffield, Rotherham, Maine, U.S.A. etc., it was lovely.

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Diary for the Month of June

Monday 1 st	7.30 pm	P.C.C. meets in Church
Tuesday 2 nd	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 3 rd	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	1.00 pm	Mothers' Union meet in the Gatty Hall / Ruth Maughn – Letters to Overseas
Thursday 4 th	9.30 am	Service of Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Church
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group meet in the Gatty Hall / Coffee Evening
Friday 5 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)
Sunday 7 th		The First Sunday after Trinity
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	12 noon	Baptism Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Tuesday 9 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 10 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 11 th	9.30 am	Service of Holy Communion
	2.00 pm	Service at Hartwell House
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group meet in the Gatty Hall / Leo Leader – Touch of the past.
Friday 12 th	7.15 pm	Concert in Church by the Grenoside Singers
Sunday 14 th		The Second Sunday after Trinity
	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Service of the Word
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Monday 15 th	7.30 pm	Outreach Team meet in Church
Tuesday 16 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 17 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 18 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
		Ladies' Group Summer Outing
Friday 19 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)
Saturday 20 th	9.00 am	Prayer Breakfast
Sunday 21 st		The Third Sunday after Trinity
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	4.00 pm	Living Stones Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Monday 22 nd	7.30 pm	Ignatian Prayer in Church

Tuesday 23 rd	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting in Church
Wednesday 24 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 25 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Finance Team meets in Church
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group meet in the Gatty Hall / Coffee Evening
Friday 26 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)
Sunday 28 th		The Fourth Sunday after Trinity
	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Service of Prayer and Praise
Tuesday 30 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice

From the Registers

Baptisms

3rd May	Faith Olivia McLachlan
3rd May	Jacob Cassius Rose
3rd May	Heidi Alice Whittaker

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

Weddings

15th May	Craig Mawhood and Holly Webster
23rd May	Scott Whittington and Francesca Ward
24th May	Gary Hewitt and Katie Hill

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

Funerals

21st April	John Eckhardt	74
30th March	David Moakes	71
31st March	Terence Spencer	78
20th May	Stanley Graham	95
22nd May	Winifred Daley	91

Grant them, O Lord, refreshment, light and peace

Flower Rota June 2015

7th J Adam & G Loxley	21st C. Ambler
14th Vacant	28th K. Lonsborough & P. Clarke

The Gardening Year June 2015

Herbs continued – Garlic – Originating probably from the Kirghiz Desert in central Asia; garlic has been cultivated in Mediterranean countries since the earliest times and in Britain since at least the beginning of the 16th century. Its chief use is as a culinary herb whose spirited flavour has gained in popularity with the British in the past few decades probably as a side effect of the continental holiday boom. The juice of the garlic is also a powerful antiseptic, and was used as such by the French Army during the First World War. Its unique flavour is powerful and in cooking should be used with caution. Nevertheless, it is indispensable in the modern kitchen and is little trouble to grow. **Horseradish** – originally a native of south-east Europe this hardy herb is now established in many parts of Britain, whether or not it occurs naturally in your area it is a good idea to grow a few plants in a corner of the garden as an accompaniment to roast beef and to some fish dishes, a sauce made from freshly grated horseradish root has no equal. The fact that horseradish is easy to grow has its drawbacks since if it begins to spread it is difficult to get rid of. The roots are deep and tough, if even a small piece is left in the ground a new plant will grow. Grow horseradish in any old corner of the garden, but preferably one that is sunny or in only partial shade. **Hyssop** – Hyssop a hardy evergreen herb was once widely grown for its minty leaves which were used to flavour stews, soups, meat stuffing and salads. Nowadays it is rarely grown, possibly because many people find it too bitter, but it is still used in making the liqueur Chartreuse, From July to September Hyssop bears spikes of blue, pink or white flowers according to variety so it can make an attractive low ornamental hedge round a herb garden. It grows to 18in. or more in height. Unless you are growing Hyssop for decorative purposes a single plant is sufficient since only a few of the pungent leaves are needed for each dish.

A Summary of the month's work – Bulbs – start lifting spring bulbs whose foliage has turned yellow, place bulbs in shallow boxes and dry in a well ventilated shed. When dry remove dead leaves, roots and skins. **Fruit** – the eventual size or most fruits can be improved by thinning, but many types of fruits have their own method of limiting the crop by dropping fruit in June or July so allow for this by thinning in several stages. **Vegetables** – plant winter greens like Brussels sprouts, cabbage drumhead, January King and Savoy, also white and purple sprouting broccolis. All tender plants can be put out in June such as marrows, courgettes and outdoor tomato plants. Pest and diseases can be even more troublesome than in April or May. The aphids multiply more quickly and moulds or mildews spread very fast. If you are growing potatoes and tomatoes they will need to be sprayed with a fungicide against potato blight. Start spraying in mid-June and continue weekly until the second week in July. Potatoes and tomatoes are of the same family so you must spray tomato plants at the same time as your potatoes.

Colin Williams

The Crossroads Mission

Early this autumn, an historic event will take place across South Yorkshire ...

The Archbishop of York is bringing a team of 21 bishops to engage in four days of mission across Sheffield Diocese 10-13 September 2015. Bishop Steven comments:



'As far as I know, it's the first time so many bishops have worked together in mission in this way in a single diocese in the long history of the Church of England'

Why have such an event? The vision for it came from a retreat of bishops on Lindisfarne, that great Celtic centre from which the gospel spread across the North of England. The bishops sensed a call from God to evangelise afresh in this generation, many of whom have very little knowledge of the Christian message. Specifically they decided to offer to work together to serve one diocese a year in a short concentrated period of evangelistic mission. Sheffield is the first diocese to host such a mission.

How can we get involved locally? Each deanery has been allocated one or more bishops. Churches are invited to plan 1-2 events each to be part of the overall programme, which is being coordinated by the Area Dean with a small team. More details of the outline of the event & preparation resources can be found at: www.sheffield.anglican.org/crossroads-mission

Individuals in churches have a very important part to play. This could be in helping to plan and put on events. But there are two even more basic needs in a mission that need as many people as possible to be involved. Firstly there is prayer – for the plans but particularly for people to be open to the gospel message. Then, alongside this, Christians need to pluck up courage and invite their friends to events; 'good news' needs an audience that includes those who **haven't** yet discovered it.

John Hibberd

Whitley Hall Cricket Club



The 1st XI has made a good start to the season with 5 wins and 1 cancelled match so far.

The team sits at the top of the Championship table after the match on 23rd May with Treeton 3 points behind. The 2nd XI is in mid-table in Division 1 with the 3rd XI 2nd in Division 5.

Remember 2015 is a critical season for the 1st XI and the cricket club with the top three teams in the current Premier League gaining a starting place in next year's new Yorkshire Premier League system.

Forthcoming Senior Games at Cinder Hill Lane

30 th May	1st XI	v	Aston Hall
6 th June	2nd XI	v	Shiregreen
13 th June	2nd XI	v	Tickhill
20 th June	1st XI	v	Coal Aston
27 th June	2nd XI	v	Treeton
4 th July	1st XI	v	Hallam

Please come and support your local club – you are all welcome. 1st XI Saturday matches commence 1.00 pm.

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Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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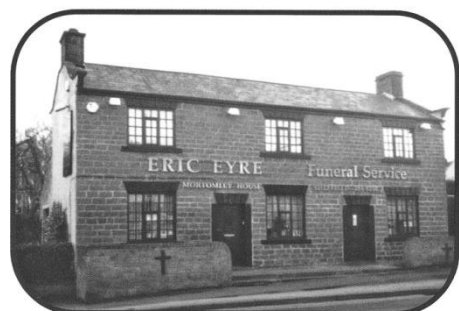
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A Special time in the Lakes

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Next to the church is 'The Grasmere Gingerbread Shop' where we purchased 'Rhubarb and Ginger Preserve' as well as the Gingerbread. At Lunch time we left for Ambleside, and as we walked up to the main street everyone turned left for the shops, but we spied a sign saying '1 mile to the lake' and so turning right we followed Mums with prams and families to the Head of Lake Windermere, it was magic and we spent a happy hour watching the Boats and the Ducks on the water. Picking up a sandwich and cake from the bakery and Satsumas from the Market at Ambleside we continued on our journey to Bowness on Windermere. This had altered since our last visit thirty years ago but had not been spoilt, there were plenty of walks around the park with even more Boats and places to eat, and although a little more cloudy it was still warm and dry.

We returned via the Kirkstone Pass with its narrow winding roads, which was definitely a short cut to our Hotel though. After the usual lovely breakfast we set off for the town of Penrith and very pretty it is too, it's also the home of the Pencil Museum where the first pencils were made from Graphite mined nearby. There's a story of WW2 intrigue, in 1942 Charles Fraser Smith arrived at the Cumberland Pencil Factory with a request to make a pencil which would conceal a tiny compass and a map for the use of agents in Europe. We loved the visit to the Museum and all the special machinery and exhibits on display.

Our last stop was Carlisle, with its magnificent Cathedral which reflects its Cities turbulent past of the disputed border between England and Scotland, a wonderful end to the holiday. Er! Not quite as we set off again we made a special stop at 'Gretna Green' to toast Desmond and Margaret's 60th Wedding anniversary with wine and cake. We teased our two dining companions on our return to the Hotel with 'We've been to Scotland'. Next morning we packed quickly as this was our last opportunity to see the squirrels in action as feed was put out for them. It was wonderful watching them cross the stream to climb the trees extracting the nuts from the boxes.

On the way home we called at Carnforth – where 'Brief Encounter' was filmed, you could still watch the film in a small cosy cinema, and also see the old railway station in all its past glory, including tea out of a large teapot, it was loose tea not forgetting the strainer, complete with scone and jam.

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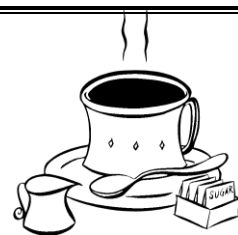
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Crossword Puzzle (Solution is on page 21)

Clues Across

- 1 See 23 Across
- 3 Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (Luke 23:43) (8)
- 8 Invalid (4)
- 9 Blasphemed (Ezekiel 36:20) (8)
- 11 Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6) (10)
- 14 Shut (Ecclesiastes 12:4) (6)
- 15 'This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God' (Luke 12:21) (6)
- 17 Mary on Isis (anag.) (10)
- 20 Agreement (Hebrews 9:15) (8)
- 21 Native of, say, Bangkok (4)
- 22 Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3)
- 23 and 1 Across 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it' (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)

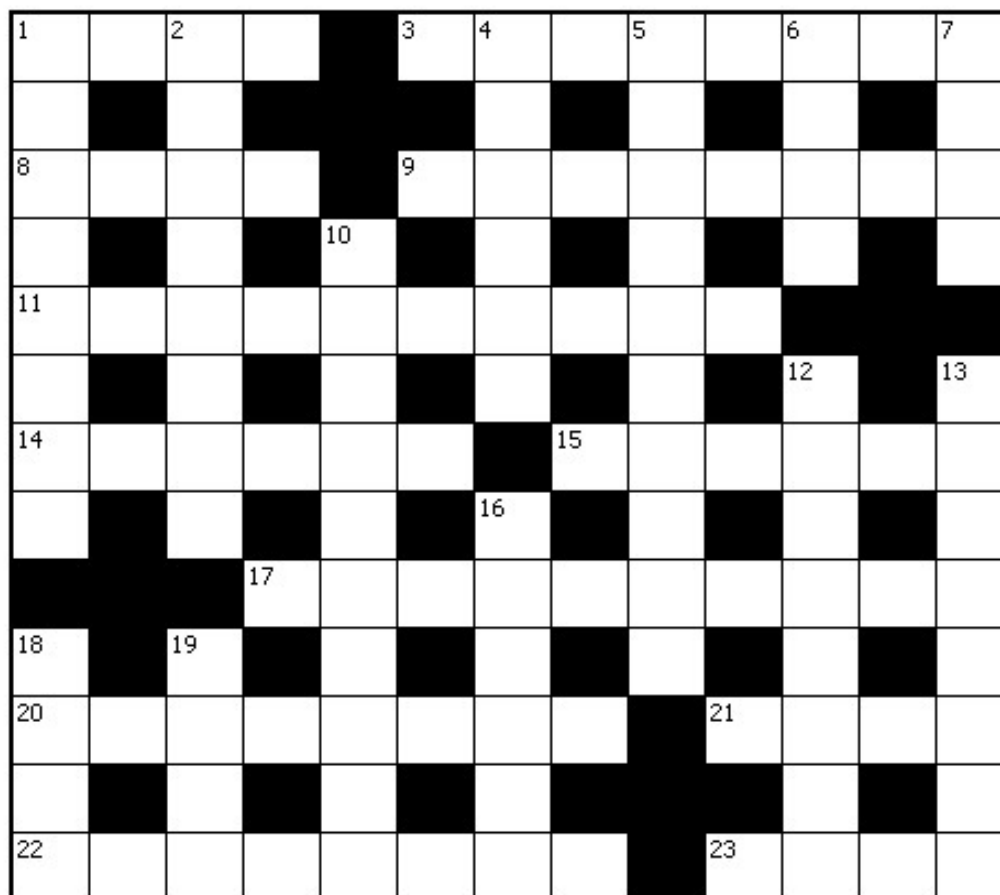
Clues Down

- 1 Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8)
- 2 James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (James 1:27) (8)
- 4 'The one I kiss is the man; — him' (Matthew 26:48) (6)
- 5 'Be joyful in hope, patient in — , faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (10)
- 6 St Columba's burial place (4)
- 7 Swirling current of water (4)
- 10 Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10)
- 12 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was — , to save those who believe' (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8)
- 13 Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (2 Kings 19:35) (8)
- 16 'There is still — — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet' (2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2)

18 David Livingstone was one (4)

19 Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)

Solution is on Page 21



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Prayers and Poems Page

Prayer of hope

Father, Thank you that nothing is impossible with you. When circumstances seem to conspire, when situations are entrenched, when relationships feel fragile, help us to remember that you are the God who breaks through barriers, who opens eyes and transforms lives of even the most unlikely people. Help us to remember Paul - who he was and what he became – to be encouraged and full of hope and thanks, In Jesus name, **Amen.**

By Daphne Kitching

The Tale of Gideon Part 2 Three Hundred Men

Gideon called up quite a crowd
Thirty-two thousand strong!
But God then called his name aloud
“You’re doing it all wrong!”

“You have a lot too many men
“I know your unbelief!
“So send those men back home again
“Who tremble like a leaf!”

Ten thousand, that was all who stayed
Outnumbered now, they were.
But God’s next words left him dismayed –
“There’s still too many there!”

“Take them to the riverside
“And let them have a drink
“They lap like dogs – they go inside!
“The rest we’ll keep, I think.”

Once this was done, three hundred men
Were all the soldiers left!
In shock, pale Gideon counted them
The poor man was bereft!

But God was faithful to His word
And when the trumpets blew
“For Gideon and for the Lord!”
The foe each other slew!

A rout it was, O what a lift!
For that small band of men
The Lord can make the smallest gift
Do wonders in His name!

By Nigel Beeton

Cash Machine Cheers and Tears!

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You can stand with a grin
So don’t tie yourself in a knot!

Yet there are times when your teeth come to
gnash
And you’re tempted by sackcloth and ash
For it’s just the tin lid
When it charges two quid
For a tenner in crisp ready cash!

And well may you stand and complain
As you stand in the cold wind and rain
For, yes, it is hard
If it swallows your card
When your PIN has clean slipped from your
brain!

By Nigel Beeton

Editor: *This June brings many prestigious anniversaries, but one, perhaps lesser one, that caught Nigel’s eye was the fact that on 27th June 1967, 48 years ago no less, the world’s first cash machine was installed in Enfield! That has led to joy and sorrow in nearly equal measure:*

Saint of the Month – St. Barnabas - Day June 11th

Paul's first missionary companion

Are you going to Cyprus on holiday this year? If so, spare a thought for the Cypriot who played such a key role in the New Testament.

He was Joseph, a Jewish Cypriot and a Levite, who is first mentioned in Acts 4:36, when the early church was sharing a communal lifestyle. Joseph sold a field and gave the money to the apostles. His support so touched them that they gave him the nickname of Barnabas, 'Son of Encouragement'.

Barnabas has two great claims to fame. Firstly, it was Barnabas who made the journey to go and fetch the converted Paul out of Tarsus, and persuade him to go with him to Antioch, where there were many new believers with no one to help them. For a year the two men ministered there, establishing a church. It was here that the believers were first called Christians.

It was also in Antioch (Acts 13) that the Holy Spirit led the church to 'set aside' Barnabas and Paul, and send them out on the church's first ever 'missionary journey'. The Bible tells us that they went to Cyprus, and travelled throughout the island. It was at Lystra that the locals mistook Barnabas for Zeus and Paul for Hermes, much to their dismay.

Much later, back in Jerusalem, Barnabas and Paul decided to part company. While Paul travelled on to Syria, Barnabas did what he could do best: return to Cyprus and continue to evangelise it. So if you go to Cyprus and see churches, remember that Christianity on that beautiful island goes right back to Acts 13, when Barnabas and Paul first arrived.

In England there are 13 ancient church dedications and not a few modern ones. Barnabas the generous, the encourager, the apostle who loved his own people – no wonder he should be remembered with love.

Editor: Although the date, place, and circumstances of his death are historically unverifiable, Christian tradition holds that Barnabas was martyred at Salamis, Cyprus, in 61 AD. He is traditionally identified as the founder of the Cypriot Orthodox Church.

Barnabas is usually identified as the cousin of Mark the Evangelist on the basis of Colossians 4. Some traditions hold that Aristobulus of Britannia, one of the Seventy Disciples, was the brother of Barnabas.

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