

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



Church Magazine for November 2015

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First Words...

- **Memorial Service** – Our annual service for those who have lost someone recently takes place on **Sunday 1st November at 4pm**. All are welcome at this service as we remember those we love but see no longer and treasure their memory.
- **Remembrance Sunday** – We look forward to welcoming our village uniformed organisations as we give thanks for those who have given their lives in the cause of peace and justice over many years. The service begins at **10am** and we process outside for the ceremony of **Remembrance and two minutes silence at 11am**. Do feel free to come to any or all of this worship.
- **Gardener's Lunch** – It is with such a grateful heart that we walk along the church pathways and enjoy the beautiful gardens which are so faithfully and imaginatively tended by quite a small group of people. The team are always looking for new members to join them and if that sounds like something which you would like to do then do come along and join them. You will be made very welcome – Tuesdays 2pm to 4pm and Saturdays 9am to 11am. To say a big thank you to them from the church we are giving them lunch on **Saturday 14th November at 12 noon**, so if you are one of our gardeners, don't miss it!
- **Confirmation** – Some of our church members are being confirmed at **The Newton Hall on Sunday 29th November at 4pm**, do support them if you are able.
- **Advent Sunday** – The churches New Year begins on **29th November with our service at 10am**. Why not start a new way of being by joining us there? You will find a warm welcome.

Jeni Fryer



Prayer for the month

See the prayer on page 9

Front Cover – Oriental Poppies – (Papaver Orientale) in the
Old Vicarage Garden 2015

Back Cover – Christmas Craft Afternoon

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Thought for the month

In a car park, many years ago, I passed by someone who I thought I knew but wasn't sure, so I looked where my rear view mirror would have been had I been in the car, to get a second look. Of course it didn't work, I was walking and without the benefit of my rear view mirror! Thinking of looking back seems to fit with the month of November. November seems to be a time of looking back, taking stock and remembering before the busyness of Christmas takes us over.

We have our two services of remembering in November, remembering our loved ones who have died and also remembering the fallen in the many wars – both mentioned in First Words and both very evocative about life, the shape it takes, our power and our powerlessness as human beings. Both services bring memories, joy and sadness, both personal and as a nation. Jesus's mother Mary remembered, as we are told in Luke's gospel, she "treasured all these things in her heart". It is what we do as human beings isn't it? She was building a picture of her son Jesus's life on earth which she could hold on to as it progressed and finally came to such a sacrificial end. Her heartbreak and her coming joy at his resurrection tie us in to the human experience of death so vividly. Mary knew God's loving care, as we all can, not taking away the pain but giving help and comfort. I feel sure that both those services would have a personal meaning for anyone who attended them. Interestingly, no one else knows what our treasured memories are, so it is one area of our lives that we can keep private if that is our wish.

Again on the theme of looking back, I am delighted and amazed by what we as a church family have achieved since our last vicar Daniel left in April. So many of the congregation have worked practically and tirelessly to keep things not just going but flourishing. We have had such help from visiting clergy and enjoyed meeting with old friends and making new connections too. October seems to have been a particularly busy month for fun and sharing – through the harvest supper and service and the schools services, a huge amount of food was sent to the Archer Project for the homeless. Emley Brass Band is always such a winner and this October was no exception. The Autumn Fair hasn't taken place as I write this but I say with sure confidence that I am sure that this too will be a wonderful community event enjoyed by all. Add the bi-weekly coffee mornings in church and..... I could go on – all happening simply because of the hard work of so many people. So many Thank Yous needed.

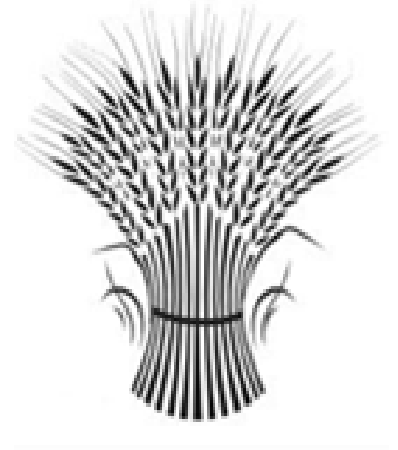
So whatever happens in November, treasure it in your heart and give thanks to God for his loving care.

Jeni Fryer

Ecclesfield Primary School Harvest

It was a joy to welcome the children their teachers, parents and grandparents into church on the 16th October for Ecclesfield Primary School Harvest Festival Celebrations.

Key stage 1 were very enthusiastic as they sang their harvest songs with actions, said their harvest poems and rounded off their time in church with one of their favourite harvest songs, Big red combined harvester, chug, chug, chug, chug, chugging away.



Key stage 2 began by singing Autumn Days with the chorus
So I mustn't forget
No, I mustn't forget.
To say a great big
Thank You
I mustn't forget.

A timely reminder to us at Harvest time that we have much to be thankful for. Reflections followed. Firstly a reminder that the dictionary meaning of the word “Harvest” means result, as shown in the examples shared with us, if you knit, your harvest would be a jumper, if you play football your harvest could be a goal, if you work on the land, your harvest could be food.

How lucky we all are, the children said, never to have known what is like to go without food for a long time, to have such a wide variety of foods to choose from. A reminder again of how we should always say a great big ‘thank you’ to God for all the wonderful things that he gives us, but most importantly to stop and think about how we share what we have so that no one goes hungry. Their generosity in the gifts brought for the Cathedral Archer Project, who work on a daily basis with homeless people, showed just how much they appreciated all they had and their concern for those who are less fortunate. Tim, the Manager of the Archer Project, came to thank the children personally and tell them a little about the project.

The afternoon closed with the following prayer -

Loving Father, you give us so much – our food, our homes and health and the love of those who care for us. Help us to remember that many people are hungry or homeless, and help us to show them your love by caring for them. Amen.

PC

On what it takes to be an ordinand

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I was intrigued that you have been nurturing someone called Dave who is considering ordination. Since Dave had never travelled outside the city, your decision to send him to me was understandable. Sadly, I don't think he is cut out for the ministry.

We did our best. In a fit of hospitality the Colonel invited this Dave to stay at the Lodge, and to join his Saturday pheasant shoot as a beater. But Dave said firmly that he was against beating any kind of bird, and abhors all kinds of murder. It seems young Dave is a vegetarian! You might have warned us. The Colonel is now concerned that Dave is connected in some way with the Green Party. You cannot be too careful these days.

Then Miss Saxby and Miss Tarby stepped in. They enjoy mushrooming, and kindly took young Dave off to the woods. It is not their fault that they are a bit deaf, and did not hear his cries of distress when he lost them among all the trees. They just assumed he had gone back to the Colonel's, and so of course they did not organize a search party until much later. Fortunately, the church warden's spaniel has a keen nose and found Dave before midnight. During all that time, Dave seemed to have had nothing better to do than slide about on fallen leaves and trip over hidden logs in the dark. He was even babbling about having heard a crying ghost. We feared he might be delirious, but then realized he meant the local owl. He also seemed surprised by the darkness, and asked how we manage without any streetlights at all in the parish. We explained the obvious – we simply follow the example of the well-refreshed when leaving the pub - and feel our way along the walls.

On Sunday morning Dave rushed into the church to warn me that there were several loose sheep in the churchyard. I decided then that he should return to the safety of the city. There was no point in letting him near most of our church ladies, who would have savaged him on sight.

The visit only proves the obvious: potential ordinands should be carnivorous, cricketing fly-fishers, most at home in well-worn tweeds and preferably accompanied by a muddy dog. How else will they get along with normal folk?

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Bishop's Letter – November

Remembering

Posted by Bishop Steven Croft on 20th October 2015

Just over a hundred years ago, Sergeant John Raynes, from Heeley in Sheffield, was serving on the Western Front. On 11th October, 2015, his battery was bombarded by armour piercing and gas shells. Sergeant Raynes ran out from his own battery not once but three times - a distance of 40 yards - to assist and then bring back a wounded colleague, Sergeant Ayres.



The following day, John saw action again. The house he was in was knocked down by a heavy shell. Eight men were trapped inside. The first man rescued was Sergeant John Raynes. He was wounded in the head and leg but insisted on remaining under heavy shell fire to assist in the rescue of the other men. He then reported for duty with his Battery which was again being heavily shelled.

For his courage on those two days Sergeant Major Raynes (as he became) received Britain's highest military honour, the Victoria Cross.

Last Monday, 12th October, 2015, exactly one hundred years after these actions, John Raynes was honoured in his home city of Sheffield. Civic leaders gathered with officers from his former regiment, members of the Royal British Legion, children from local schools and the general public. As Bishop of Sheffield, I dedicated a special memorial paving stone to his memory in Barker's Pool. A piper played a lament. We kept silence. A bugler sounded the Last Post and Reveille. We remembered.

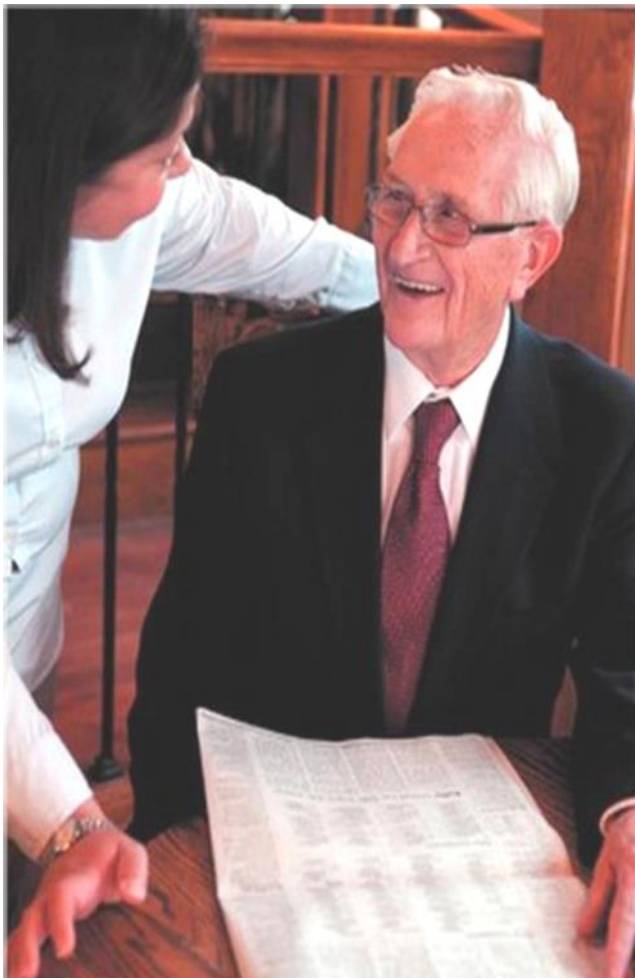
There will be similar ceremonies all over the country over the next few years. The paving stone for John Raynes was one of over four hundred to be dedicated to all those who received the Victoria Cross in the Great War in each person's place of birth all over the United Kingdom. There will be two further ceremonies in Sheffield in 2016.

For me and for many present, the ceremony was very moving. It was a good to reflect and remember the sacrifice and bravery of so many at the beginning of this season of remembering when we will wear poppies and look back. It was good to pray for the safety of British forces stationed overseas, many from this Diocese. It was good to remember the courage of a remarkable man and many like him. It was good to pray for the peace of the world and for all caught up in the conflicts of nations.

This is the prayer I wrote for the dedication of the paving stone to:
Sergeant Major John Crawshaw Raynes, VC:



Almighty God,
You are our light in the darkness,
Our strength when shadows fall
We dedicate this stone today
In memory of a brave son of this city,
John Crawshaw Raynes.
May it serve always as a reminder of his courage
Of the sacrifice of the men of this city
And of the dangers faced daily by
Our armed forces.
Grant to our world we pray,
Peace and freedom and justice
And grant to each of us
The courage to defend our fellow men and women
In your holy name we pray
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Will You Remember Them – November 2015

Pakistan honour attack leaves Christian husband dead after wife renounces Islam

After Nadia renounced Islam and became a Christian, she married Aleem Masih, during 2014. Her decision to convert had enraged her Muslim family members, so the newly-married couple fled their home city of Lahore, in Pakistan, to a town around 31 miles away, in fear of attacks.

In July this year (2015), the couple returned to Lahore and as they waited in a rickshaw, Nadia's father and brother and one other person got into the rickshaw with them and, at gun point, forced the driver to take them to a farm. "They took us to a big field in Khaliq Nagar where they beat us and then fired the gun at Aleem," said Nadia. "I jumped in front of Aleem to save him and they fired at me too.

Returning to their village, the attackers declared how they had avenged the shame of Nadia's conversion, and Nadia's brother handed himself in to police, confessing to having murdered his sister and her husband. When police arrived at the scene of the attack, they discovered Aleem's body but found that Nadia, though shot, was still alive. "I have lost my beautiful brother, "mourned Aleem's brother, Naaem Masih. "Now the same family threatens us all daily but we will not give up and will seek justice.

Please Pray

- For Nadia and for Aleem's family; that they will not come under renewed attack from local Muslims.
- That Nadia will be completely restored after suffering a gunshot wound to her abdomen.
- That violent attitudes towards Pakistan's Christians, and especially Christian converts, will be publically challenged at every level of society, so that violence is brought to an end and the righteous are made secure.

[Psalm 7:9.] Bring to an end the violence of the wicked and make the righteous secure-- you, the righteous God who probes minds and hearts.

Mothers' Union

At our meeting on Wednesday 7th October Maureen Lambert read thank you cards out from Norma Priest and Janet & John Daniels. Notices were given out: The dinner will be held at the Garrison Hotel, Hillsborough at the end of January 2016, and that cakes were required for the Autumn Fair. We were also reminded about praying baptism families.

Maureen presented a certificate to Norma to mark her 50 years of membership. The Mothers' Union in Ecclesfield, the Deanery, the Diocese and nationally would have been a poorer organisation without Norma's enthusiastic membership!

We then welcomed Sylvia Charles from Chapeltown Branch who gave us a talk entitled: The Suitcase, The Leopard and The White Stones. The suitcase represented all the baggage we carry around with us. The difficulties, the insults and putdowns we receive in our younger days and influence us as we grow into adulthood. Sylvia seemed to have had more than her fair share of these!

The leopard showed how by letting God into our lives he could change us completely and radically, remembering the transformation of St Paul on the road to Damascus. She also showed us a photograph of an IRA terrorist who is now an ordained priest.

The white stones come from a verse in Revelations Chapter 2 verse 17. When we truly find God he gives us a white stone with a new name on it, known only to him. We can then leave behind all the baggage in the suitcase and live a new life.

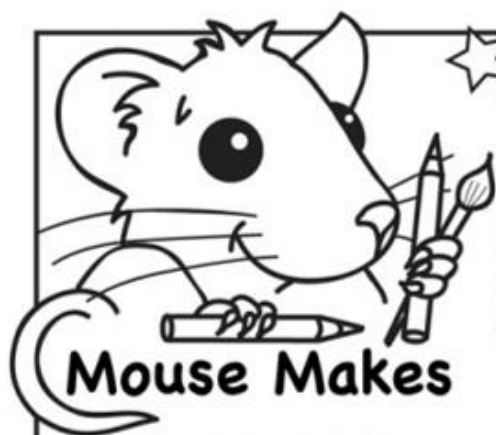
Thank you Sylvia for sharing your thoughts with us.

The meeting then drew to a close with several members taking the opportunity to speak with Sylvia a little more.

Creation

Why did God create man before woman?
He didn't want any advice.

Why did God create man before woman?
Because it's always good to have a rough draft before you create your masterpiece.



THE FOUR CANDLES OF ADVENT

The **Prophecy** Candle reminds us God's prophets foretold Jesus' birth. The **Bethlehem** Candle reminds us Jesus, our Saviour, was born in an ordinary town among ordinary people. The **Shepherd's** Candle reminds us that the first to worship Jesus were the Shepherds. The **Angel's**

candle reminds us that it was the angels who announced the birth of Jesus and will be with Him at his return.

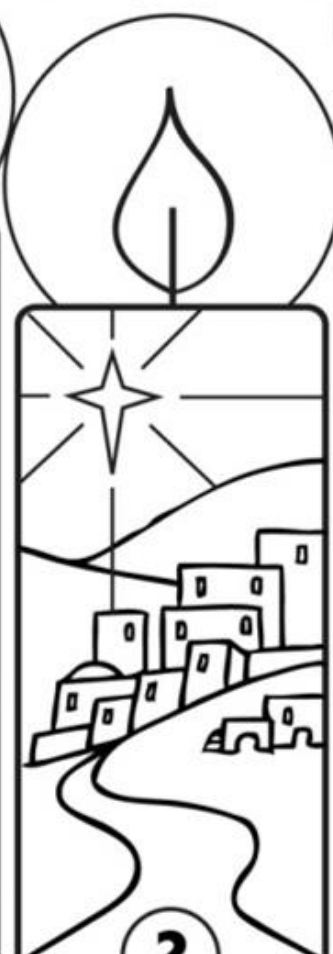
ADVENT starts this year on 29th November, it is the time before Christmas when we celebrate the arrival of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.



1

THE
PROPHECY
CANDLE

Isaiah 9:2-7



2

THE
BETHLEHEM
CANDLE

Micah 5:2-4



3

THE
SHEPHERD'S
CANDLE

Luke 2:15-20



4

THE
ANGEL'S
CANDLE

Luke 2:8-14



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Diary for the Month of November

Sunday 1st

All Saints Day

	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	12 noon	Baptism Service
	4.00 pm	All Souls Service
Monday 2 nd	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting in Church
Tuesday 3 rd	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting in Church
Wednesday 4 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	1.00 pm	Mothers' Union meet in the Gatty Hall
Thursday 5 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group meets in the Gatty Hall / Melvyn Cooke – Around the World in 30 days.
Friday 6 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)

Sunday 8th

The Third Sunday Before Advent

	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Service of Remembrance
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Tuesday 10 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 11 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 12 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	2.00 pm	Service at Hartwell House
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group meet in the Gatty Hall / Maureen Greaves
Friday 13 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)

Sunday 15th

The Second Sunday Before Advent

	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	4.00 pm	Living Stones Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Monday 16 th	7.30 pm	Mission Team meets in Church
Tuesday 17 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 18 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 19 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group meets in the Gatty Hall / Celebration Cake and Wine.
Friday 20 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)
Saturday 21 st	10.00 am	Ecclesfield in Bloom Coffee Morning

Sunday 22nd

The Sunday Next Before Advent

	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Prayer and Praise Service
Monday 23 rd	7.30 pm	Ignatian Prayer in Church
Tuesday 24 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 25 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 26 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Church
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group meets in the Gatty Hall / The Revd. Jeni Fryer
Friday 27 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)

Sunday 29th

The First Sunday of Advent

10.00 am	Service of the Word
6.30 pm	Evening Service

From the Registers

Baptisms

4 th October	William James Swift
4 th October	Thomas John Hawley
4 th October	Sonny James Slack
18th October	Arianne Maisie Hawley

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

Weddings

09 th October	Richard Antony Broadbent & Kim Kathleen Ackerley
24 th October	Carl Pearce & Michelle Louise Cutts

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

Funeral

23 rd October	Joan Cresswell	87
26 th October	Peter Marshall	74

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

Flower Rota November 2015

1st	Z Colton	22nd	D Banham
8th	P Leach & O Robinson	29th	Advent 1 - No Flowers
	Remembrance Sunday		
15th	J Cooper & R Nutbrown		

Book Quiz

Friends of Ecclesfield Library

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The Gardening Year – November 2015

A Summary of the Month's Work - Hardy herbaceous plants. Finish digging new beds and borders for winter weathering. Plant tops cut off now may be composted take precautions against slugs. On heavy soil that needs winter weathering begin winter digging between plants in the middle of the month provided the weather is mild and the ground is not sticky. The frost will reduce the rougher surface and restore it to a good texture by the spring. On a still day towards the end of the month collect fallen leaves which are laying about use them for rotting down into leaf mould. Lilies though late summer is the ideal time for planning lilies, many lily bulbs are not received from the nurseries until November. If the weather is still good and the ground in an easily worked condition –plant the bulbs now, if winter has set in early preventing outdoor planting pot bulbs in John Innes potting compost No1. in trays with just the top of each bulb above the surface. Although the lily is a bulbous plant it has no outer tunic of tough skin to protect it against damage or drying. Losses will be minimised if it is treated like a dormant herbaceous plant. Keep the pots or trays in a frost proof greenhouse or shed.

Flowers from Seed – If winter weather has not yet set in, hardy perennials raised from seed can still be planted in their final positions in the border. Dig the beds to be used next year for hardy and half-hardy annuals, working in a dressing of well-rotted manure or compost.

Alpines – Complete any outstanding trimming and dead heading saving the seeds if desired. Shrubs, heathers and pot grown alpines can still be planted. This is a good time to place a layer of small shingle or stone chippings 1/2 to 1in deep on clean level ground between the plants. The covering will suppress most weed seedlings, but will also preclude the use of a hoe.

Fruit – November is usually the best month for planting fruit. The soil is still workable and is warm enough for roots to establish themselves before winter. Prepare the holes for the trees immediately before planting so that water cannot fill them and keep the topsoil and subsoil separate. If the roots are dry soak them for a few hours before planting and cut off any broken roots with secateurs. Large roots only anchor the plants, which depend on the new fine roots to absorb water and food.

Herbs – clear basil, chervil and dill and fennel and parsley which have grown for a second season. Dig over cleared ground before the end of the month. Lift fuchsias, begonias, geraniums and other tender plants. Dig vacant ground this month. The winter frost will break down the soil and in spring it will only be necessary to rake it over for sowing or planting. A dressing of lime 1/2 lb. per sq. yd. will help the breaking down process.

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14th November 2015 (Saturday) - 2.00pm to 4.00pm

An Evening with Howard Middleton

25th November 2015 (Wednesday) - 7.30pm

Book Quiz Evening with Julie Wood

30th November 2015 (Monday) - 7.00pm

Children's Christmas Event

5th December 2015 (Saturday) - 2.00pm to 4.00pm



Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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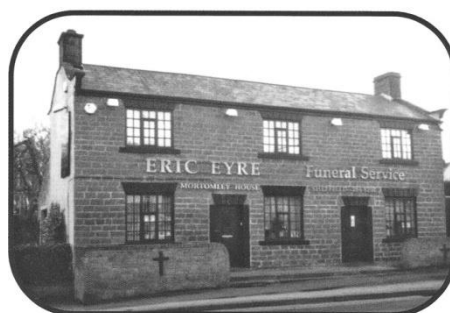
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Saint/s of the Month – The Martyrs

The first martyrs – the ‘seed’ of the Christian Church - November 1st

The first martyrs of Rome are recorded in the old Roman Martyrology, which states that:

‘At Rome, the birthday is celebrated of very many martyrs, who under the Emperor Nero were falsely charged with the burning of the city and by him were ordered to be slain by various kinds of cruel death; some were covered with the skin of wild beasts, and cast to the dogs to be torn asunder; others were crucified, and then when daylight failed used as torches to illuminate the night. All these were disciples of the apostles and the first fruits of the martyrs whom the Holy Roman Church sent to their Lord before the apostles’ death.’

The Martyrs of Vietnam d. 1745 – 1862 - November 6th

“The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.” The early Church Father Tertullian wrote that in the second century, but he could have been writing about Vietnam from 1745 onwards. For, during the first 200 years of Christianity in Vietnam/Indo-China, a staggering 100,000 Christians are believed to have been martyred for their faith.

We know nothing of most of them; no historical records were kept. But we do know of 117 Christian martyrs in Vietnam, who died in the three Vietnamese kingdoms of Tonkin, Annam, and Cochin China. They included eight bishops, 50 priests, and 59 laymen (among whom were catechists and tertiaries).

The early ones we know of were Spanish Dominicans, who were imprisoned and killed. In 1798 the first Vietnamese diocesan priests, John Dat and Emmanuel Nguyen, were martyred. During the first 20 years of the 19th century the Church grew steadily, only to face dire persecutions under the Annamite kings Minh-Mang (1820-41) and Tu Duc (1847-83). All foreign missionaries were thrown out, and Vietnamese Christians were ordered to renounce Christianity by trampling on the crucifix. Churches were destroyed and all mention of Christianity forbidden.

During those years, Christians in Vietnam died of hunger, thirst, and imprisonment in small cages. They had limbs cut off, were torn apart by hot pincers, drowned, beheaded, burned alive. Christians were marked on their faces with the words ta dao (false religion). But still the Church grew in Vietnam. Finally, in June 1862 a treaty between France and Annam guaranteed religious freedom. This marked the beginning of the end of the persecutions, and today the Church in Vietnam continues its witness.



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Crossword Puzzle (Solution is on page 21)

Clues Across

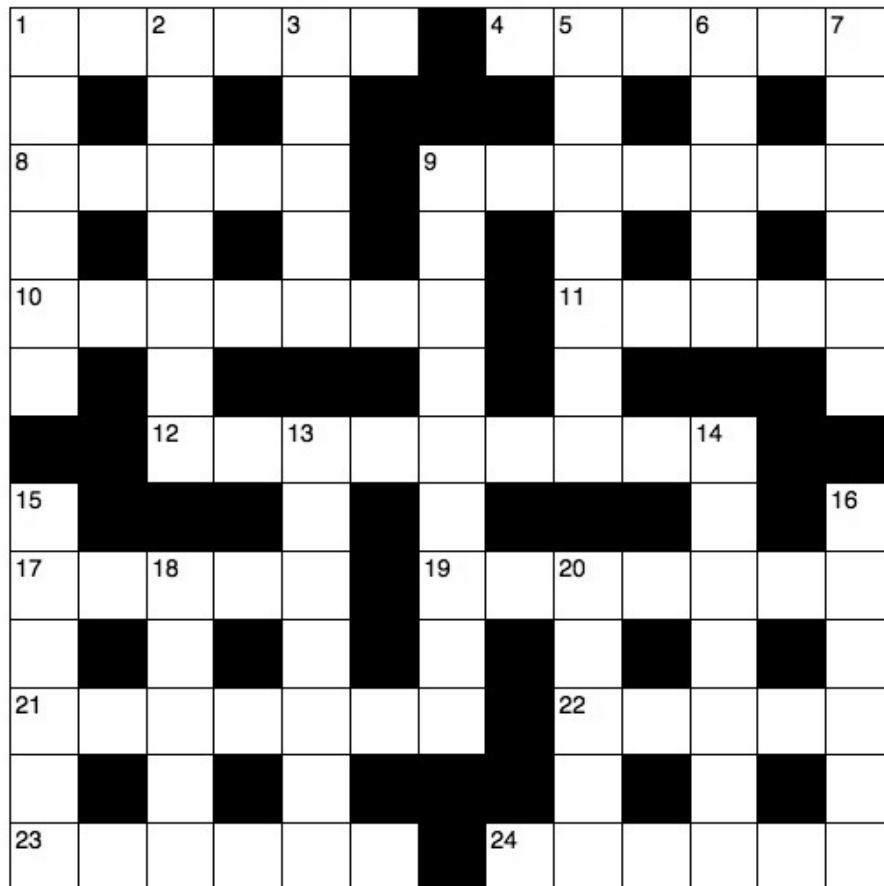
- 1** 'The Lord Jesus... took bread, and when he had given — , he broke it' (1 Corinthians 11:24) (6)
- 4** 'He has taken me to the banquet hall, and his — over me is love' (Song of Songs 2:4) (6)
- 8** Surrey town that hosts the National Christian Resources Exhibition (5)
- 9** Also known as Abednego (Daniel 1:7) (7)
- 10** Liken (Isaiah 40:18) (7)
- 11** A son of Etam, descendant of Judah (1 Chronicles 4:3) (5)
- 12** A part of the temple where the blood of a young bull was to be smeared (Ezekiel 45:19) (9)
- 17** 'They make many promises, take false — and make agreements' (Hosea 10:4) (5)
- 19** Roman province to which Paul returned after evangelizing it on his first missionary journey (Acts 16:6) (7)
- 21** Material used to make baby Moses' basket (Exodus 2:3) (7)
- 22** 'And feeble as — , in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail' (5)
- 23** 'The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep — to his voice' (John 10:3) (6)
- 24** Stalk carrying the sponge of wine vinegar given to Christ on the cross (John 19:29) (6)

Clues Down

- 1** Elijah dug one round the altar he built on Mount Carmel and filled it with water (1 Kings 18:32) (6)
- 2** 'I am not — of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes' (Romans 1:16) (7)
- 3** Buddhist term relating to belief in reincarnation (5)
- 5** Damascus disciple who, at God's command, restored the sight of the blinded Saul of Tarsus (Acts 9:12) (7)
- 6 and 16** Horses: their sound (Jeremiah 50:11) (5) and their gait (Joel 2:4) (6)
- 7** A three (anag.) (6)
- 9** Athenian council addressed memorably by Paul (Acts 17:22) (9)
- 13** Abide by (Galatians 3:5) (7)

- 14 Persian princes (Daniel 3:2) (7)
 15 Force (Galatians 6:12) (6)
 16 See 6 Down (6)
 18 Paste (anag.) (5)
 20 How the cedars of Lebanon are described (Isaiah 2:13) (5)

Solution is on Page 21



The new minister

The new minister was visiting in the homes of his parishioners. At one house it seemed obvious that someone was at home, but no answer came to his repeated knocks at the door. Finally he took out a card, wrote 'Revelation 3:20' on the back and stuck it in the door.

When the offering was processed the following Sunday, he found that his card had been returned. Added to it was this cryptic message, 'Genesis 3:10'.

Reaching for his Bible to check out the citation, he broke up in gales of laughter.

Revelation 3:20 begins "Behold, I stand at the door and knock." Genesis 3:10 reads, "I heard your voice in the garden and I was afraid for I was naked."

Prayers and Poems Page

The Promise of Advent

Stir up our hearts, we beseech you,
to prepare ourselves to receive your Son.
When he comes and knocks, may he find
us not sleeping in sin,
But awake to righteousness,
Ceaselessly rejoicing in his love.
May our hearts and minds be so purified,
That we may be ready to receive his
promise of eternal life.

Unknown

The Songs of the Sinless

Hear the sad songs of the sinless
Call across the crystal sea,
Calling out for peace and safety
Calling out to you and me.
Can you hear their voices singing
Even from their ocean grave?
“We are lost but others follow
Others that you have to save!”

“For we left our homes and country
Driven out by war and strife.
Driven out by men of evil
Men who cared not for our life.
So we left the land our fathers
Strove to make a better place;
As we fled our ancient homeland
Tears of sorrow stained our face.”

“All our worldly goods forsaken
Only hope – to that we clung.
Even that was taken from us
Now our final song is sung.
Shall our hopes for a bright future
Sink beneath the ocean blue?
Let our torch of hope and triumph
Pass instead from us to you!”

By Nigel Beeton

Words to Remember

(Jn16:33)

The years of remembering go by,
Accumulating name after name
As wars and conflicts continue
In a world, deaf to the lessons of history.
But through the negativity of November
A different remembering brings hope and
meaning.

Words of the world’s creator,
Words to make sense of chaos
And bring order and peace in the end.

“In this world you will have trouble,
But take heart!
I have overcome the world.”

Words of Jesus.
We will remember them.

By Daphne Kitching

Prayer at Remembrance Time

Loving Father,
When we watch the news or read the papers,
we can feel overwhelmed by the tragedy of
lives lost or affected by war or terrorism.
And our Remembrance Day Services and
anniversaries just seem to emphasize that
continuing suffering.
Help us Lord, to switch our focus from what
self-centred people do in their pursuit of
power, to what you have done in Jesus, who
gave his life so that the brokenness of
creation might be restored to wholeness - and
that we might have your peace in our hearts,
even while the world rages about us. Help us
to remember the important thing – to put our
trust in Jesus, your Son.
In his name, we pray. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Bell Ringers Update

The Ringers have had a very busy summer. We have rung for 24 weddings this season with a few more still to come. Members of the band have also helped to ring for weddings at other churches including; Wortley, Wentworth, Darton, Treeton, Doncaster and Rotherham.

The Ecclesfield Ringers have joined with other ringers in the area in various training and social events, including a BBQ at Norton and an outing to South Shropshire. Also ringing meetings at Whiston and Conisborough.

We have welcomed ringers to Ecclesfield from the Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers, first for a training event in July and then again as part of a General Meeting in September. The RAF Guild of Ringers also rang here as part of their annual Battle of Britain Tour. We've also had a visit from a band of ringers from Somerset. Some of the non-ringers among them took the opportunity to look round the church and were very complimentary about our beautiful churchyard.

We have rung for several special occasions, including celebrating the Queen becoming the longest reigning monarch. Also for the gardeners, to thank them for all their hard work; coffee mornings, birthdays, and wedding anniversaries.

We continue to be a training band. Not only furthering the skills of our own ringers, but also helping to teach ringers from other towers at our silent practices on Friday evenings, and by visiting them in their own towers to offer support and encouragement.

We have recently been given permission to purchase a new set of handbells to replace those stolen and damaged in a theft many years ago. The insurance money from this incident was invested and with money raised by the ringers an order for a replacement set is to be placed shortly. They will be a great aid in teaching change ringing.

Bells are the loudest noise the church can make to declare its living and worshipping presence in a community. Long may this uniquely English art continue here in Ecclesfield.

If you are interest to learn more about us, we have a web site at www.ecclesfieldtower.org.uk.

Contact Numbers for Local Groups ☎

Ecclesfield Rainbows

Gatty Hall
Tuesday 4.45 pm to 6.00 pm
Leader - Mrs B Travis
Tel: TBA

Ecclesfield Brownies

Gatty Hall
Monday 5.30 pm to 6.45 pm
Leader - Mrs J Hutchinson
Tel: 0114 257 8609

Ecclesfield Brownies

Gatty Hall
Tuesday 6.15 pm to 7.45 pm
Leader - Mrs A. Kendall
Tel: 0114 246 8866

Ecclesfield Guides

Gatty Hall
Thursday 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm
Leader - Mrs C Topham
Tel: 0114 246 1289

Ecclesfield Priory Players

EPPIC Theatre
Monday 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm
Wednesday 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm
Secretary –Carol Travis
Theatre Tel No. 0114 240 2624

Ecclesfield Community Garden

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Ladycroft bridge/stream and Bowling
greens. Open Wednesday + Saturday
10 am to 12 noon
Tel : Angela 0114 2461095

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Tel: 0114 246 3651
email: ecclesfieldlib@gmail.com

Ecclesfield Cubs

Scout Hut (off Yew lane)
Wednesday 4:45 pm to 6:15 pm
2nd Pack 6.30 pm to 8.0 pm
Leader - Mrs A Hancock
Tel: 0114 245 2780

Ecclesfield Beavers

Scout Hut (off Yew lane)
Monday 6.00 pm to 7.15 pm
Leader - Mrs J Steel
0114 246 0218
Thursday 6.00 -7.15 pm
Rachael Otter 0114 246 1752

Ecclesfield Scouts

Scout Hut (off Yew Lane)
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Leader - Bryony Hemming
Tel. 07983 719155
Group Scout Leader
John Otter Tel. 0114 246 1752

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Secretary: Garry Leigh
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www.grenosidesingers.co.uk

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Useful Contacts



Vicar Vacancy – we are currently in Interregnum'

<u>Churchwardens:</u>	Katharine Lonsborough	286 4332
	Irene Proctor	246 0373
	Andrew Robinson	246 3646
	Michael Waldron	246 3091
<u>Readers:</u>	Pat Clarke	257 7191
	Stephanie Dale	245 2392

<u>Pastoral Workers:</u>	Pat Wood	246 5086
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Church Office:

Tuesday - Wednesday 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Thursday 9.00 am to 12.00 pm 245 0106

Church Choir Practice in Church

Friday 7:30 pm - Contact: Don Knott 246 8430

Music Group Practice in Church

Thursday 7:30 pm - Contact: Andrea Whittaker 246 0746

Mother's Union in Gatty Hall

1st Wednesday of month 1:00 pm

Contact: Maureen Lambert 246 9690

Ecclesfield Ladies Group in Gatty Hall

Thursday 7.30 pm - Contact: Anne Rostron 245 5492

Bell Ringers meet in Church Belfry

Tuesday 7:30 pm Contact: Phil Hirst 286 2766

Gatty Hall Bookings,

Contact: Margaret Roberts 246 3993

Baptisms: Contact – Pat Clarke 257 7191

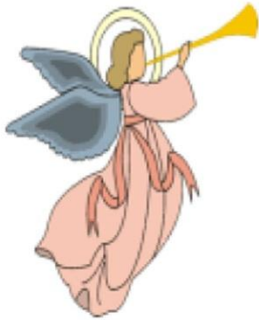
Weddings: Contact – The Church Office 245 0106

“ Or email: ecclesfield.weddings@gmail.com

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