

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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First Words. . .

These really are my first words, as I write it is Tuesday afternoon (26th July) and I am not yet the vicar of Ecclesfield. I am looking forward to the service on Thursday; but I am looking forward much more to Sunday and beginning to get to know the Church family at St Mary's as we worship together and begin to discern Jesus' call as His Body at this time and in this place.

The second thing that I want to say is, 'Thank-you.' Thank you for the warm welcome that we have already received as we have moved in and begun to unpack and begin to make the vicarage our home.

Thank you also to those who have carried the weight of leading the church in its worship, mission and life during the long vacancy: Jeni, Stephanie and Pat and the local clergy who have lead worship, preached, baptised, married and buried. Thanks also to the Wardens and those who have supported them over the long months without a vicar.

Thanks also to those who have faithfully prayed for St Mary's. One of the things that you will often hear me say is that this is Jesus' church and it is His mission. Which means that the key to everything that we do, worship and outreach, fellowship and serving our neighbours, is prayer.

Prayer reminds us that we can do nothing apart from Jesus, it reminds us also that with Jesus, there is nothing that we cannot do (See John 15:1-11).

God bless you over these weeks of summer, and thank you!

Tim.



Front Cover – St Pancras Railway Station - See page 17

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Back Cover – Side Chapel in Santa Maria del Pi (St. Mary of the Pine) a 14th-century Gothic church in Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain.

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Thought for the Month

John chapters 13 to 17 are Jesus farewell and prayer for His disciples. Not just the disciples in the first century, but ‘those who will come to believe ... through their word’ - and that includes you and me!

These words of Jesus on the night of his arrest have been important for me as I have been preparing myself to respond to Jesus’ call to come to Ecclesfield as Vicar of this beautiful and ancient Church.

In particular it is Jesus’ call to ‘abide’ in Him, repeated many times in chapter 15 of John’s Gospel, that has struck me. To abide is to dwell, to remain. The English word ‘abode’ is related. The place where we abide, our abode, is our home. It is the place where we usually live. We go out from our abode to do our work, to visit friends, to engage with the world each day, but our abode, our home is where we go from and where we return to.

Jesus calls us - He challenges us - to make Him our abode, our dwelling place, our home. It is the call and the challenge to engage with life and with the world from the bedrock of Christ and of who we are in Him.

This matters, not just for us, not just for the church, but for the world in which we live, for our neighbours and our nation. The world seems in the past month or so to have gone crazy. We have seen a young MP brutally killed on the streets of a West Yorkshire town, revellers in Nice mowed down, killings in Germany and, just today, an elderly Roman Catholic priest murdered as he celebrated communion in a church in Normandy. Many, many people are engaging with the world from a place of hatred and intolerance; they deal with the stranger as an enemy and with those who are different as people who deserve contempt and hatred.

But Jesus calls us to be salt in a world that is going rotten and light in a world in love with the darkness. Jesus calls us to speak the words that he would speak and to do the things that He would do. This is what it means for us to be the Body of Christ; this is what it means to be the Church. It means speaking words of reconciliation; it means being a community where forgiveness is practised and not just spoken about; it means a welcome to all - friend and stranger.

Jesus has called and chosen us, in this time and in this place to be His Body, to be His Church; His representatives in our homes and places of work, in our neighbourhoods.

I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5).

God bless,

Tim



Prayer for the month

The prayer for the month for August is an ancient British prayer known as St Patrick's Breastplate. I usually pray this every morning as I am out walking the dogs before breakfast. It sets my mind in the right place for the day and it reminds me that my life is in God's hands. It is a prayer of trust in God who is not just a mighty creator, He is also a loving Father.

*I bind unto myself today
the strong name of the Trinity,
by invocation of the same,
the Three in One, and One in Three.
Of whom all nature hath creation;
eternal Father, Spirit, Word:
Praise to the Lord of my salvation,
salvation is of Christ the Lord.*

*Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
Amen.*

Tim



On war between parishes

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

So, now you have enjoyed your first Summer Fete, don't say I didn't warn you. It may be small consolation, but remember that they only happen once a year - although in your case, you still have another 40 to endure before retirement.

I negotiated our own last week. As usual, the band from our neighbouring parish of St. Eusebius played. There has been much bad blood in the past between our two villages. The trouble started on the day that St. James the Least of All never told St. Eusebius that the Vikings were coming up the river. We may have long since buried the hatchet, but both sides remember where they put it.

Tension between the two communities down the centuries has moved on from occasional slaughter to something a little more refined. Just as I began my opening speech to crown the Rose Queen, the band struck up with the National Anthem. When the hog roast started, they played "smoke gets in your eyes" and when it came to the necessary music for the maypole dancing, they all disappeared into the beer tent.

With great Christian charity, we shall bide our time. In September we have the annual football match between the two churches' Servers. Last year, in addition to winning the match, the St. James' boys sent three of their side off with concussion. Naturally, I visited them in hospital.

Miss Prendergast, as always, played Gypsy Rose Lee. If the tall, dark, dear lady tells me one more time that I am about to find romance with a tall dark lady, while she flutters her eyelashes at me, I swear I shall throttle her with a bell rope. Besides, I already have a beautiful dark lady in my life - and my Labrador is devoted to me.

The only real hiccough came when I bought 12 packets of fudge from Mrs Masheder to present to our choirboys. Yet again, she had misread salt for sugar in the recipe. After I presented the packets at Mattins the following day, a formal complaint was rapidly made by a parent to the police that the Rector was attempting to poison their son. But as I explained to the officer, if I had intended to poison anyone, I would have done it far more discreetly - and infinitely more efficiently.

I toy with that possibility for Mrs Masheder before next year's Fete.

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Bishop's Letter

Bishop Steven's Farewell

19th July 2016

Bishop Steven Croft writes:



Dear Friends

Thank you for all your messages and greetings over the last few weeks at the various “farewell events”. The final service in the Cathedral on 17th July was full of hope and joy. Thanks to those who were able to be there in person and to all who took part in the service. Thank you too on behalf of Ann and myself for the gifts of flowers, the cutlery made in Sheffield and for the very generous cheque. We intend to buy some furniture for our new home in Oxford.

Portraits of the first six bishops of Sheffield hang in the corridor of the Cathedral leading to the chapter house. They are well worth going to see when you next visit the Cathedral. I have said to the Dean and Chapter that I will gladly sit for a portrait if the Diocese would like me to.

However the Diocese is the whole people of God not simply the bishop. It's impossible to take a photograph of the whole Diocese. We are never all together in the same place. But yesterday we tried to do the next best thing.

At the end of the service, all the congregation and clergy gathered in the nave. To the sound of loud organ music, the Cathedral vergers brought in the large scissors lift. The photographer ascended and attempted to take a picture of everyone who was there.

I'm hoping that this photograph can be framed and hang in the Cathedral corridor to mark the time of the seventh Bishop of Sheffield. We hope to have a similar large print in our new house. Originally, I thought I might be rather like a picture from “Where's Wally?” and people would have to hunt carefully through the crowd for the bishop. As it happened, I'm standing at the front so it won't be hard to see me. So I'm hoping that the photograph will be like a team

photograph: a partial snapshot of a massive group of people working hard across the Diocese for the coming of God's kingdom.

My final sermon was on Psalm 96: "O sing to the Lord a new song!".

We are in Sheffield for a few more weeks, sorting out the house for the move and taking some holiday. I will begin "normal" work in Oxford in early September and my inauguration and public ministry there begin on Friday September 30th.

Thank you for all your generosity and kindness. We will think of you often and pray for you with great joy.

In Christ
+Steven



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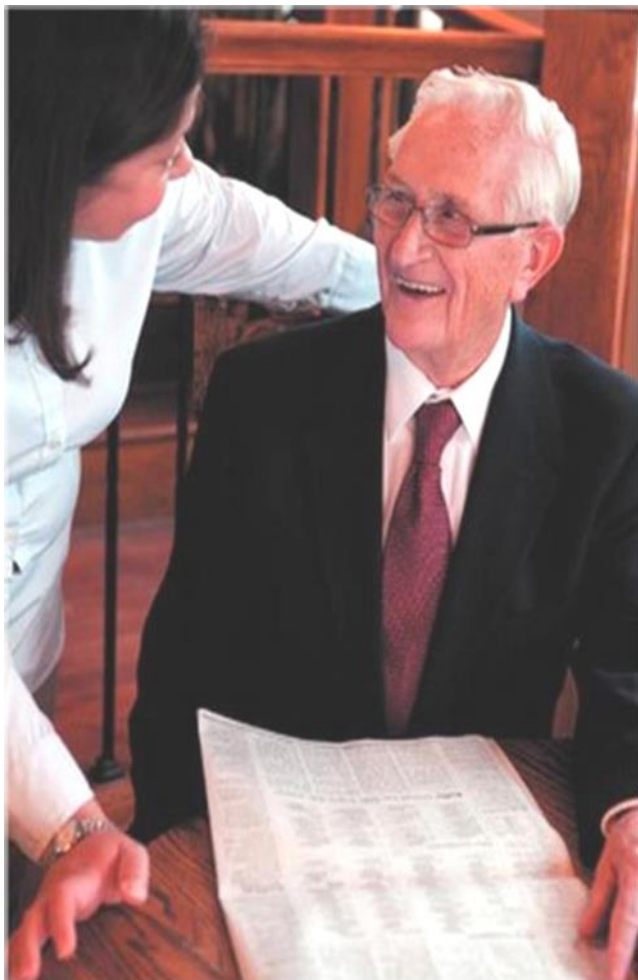
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Will You Remember Them August 2016

Egypt - “Reconciliation” Meetings Threaten Justice for Victims of Recent Attack on Christians

Lift up in prayer the Christian community in Egypt’s Qaryal Al Bayda village who, following an attack on them by a 1,200 mob of Muslims, fear they may be pressurised into so-called “reconciliation” meetings. Such meetings generally end with the Christian victims surrendering more of their rights while their attackers escape without punishment. At least two people were injured and a number of Christian houses and buildings vandalized in response to false rumours that a Christian man was planning to turn a house undergoing construction into a church.

Both Christians and Muslims have been charged with “rioting” and Christians are concerned this charge will be used to pressure them into agreeing to reconciliation sessions which-if they follow the normal pattern of such meetings - will see the perpetrators go unpunished. Such meetings are often used in Egypt, especially in rural areas, as an alternative to judicial procedures, after Muslims have attacked Christians or Christian owned property. The way in which the issues are solved at such meetings is usually to insist that the Christian victims relinquish some of their rights in order to pacify their attackers.

Christians are extremely wary of such meetings, and would much prefer a proper legal process, but as a weak and powerless minority they dare not reject the decisions, for fear of further violence against them.

Please Pray

- For justice and peace in Egypt
- That the words of Psalm 37: 6 will be true for the Christians caught up in this recent attack: “He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.”

JD

Editor: The Pew Forum on Religion & Public Life ranks Egypt as the fifth worst country in the world for religious freedom. The United States Commission on International Religious Freedom, a bipartisan independent agency of the US government, has placed Egypt on its watch list of countries that require close monitoring due to the nature and extent of violations of religious freedom engaged in or tolerated by the government.



TELEVISION

When did television start? I bet you didn't know that it started on 22nd August 1932 when the British Broadcasting Corporation introduced its first regular TV service in the London area. By the summer of 1949 television began to be available outside London and 1954 saw the first daily news bulletins and weather forecasts. Colour pictures arrived at the end of 1969.

Lots of people moan about what is on television and what a waste of time it is, but there are good things to say for it too. Without the news reports of famine in Africa would we have had Live Aid? And what about Comic Relief and Children in Need?

TV entertains and educates. It helps us to relax, and it can also help us to pray by showing us the world. We see the natural disasters of weather like tsunami and hurricanes. We see people hurt and made homeless by war. And we turn to God and ask Him to help those who suffer and we pray for them, remembering that we are God's hands here on earth.

EYE SEE YOU

All the answers to this Bible quiz are to do with eyes and seeing. Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. What is the name of the village where Jesus healed a blind man? (Luke, chapter 8)
2. What eye can a camel go through more easily than a rich man? (Matthew, chapter 19)
3. Joseph talks about his eyes and the eyes of which one of his brothers? (Genesis, chapter 45)
4. What did Moses see in the desert at Horeb? (Exodus, chapter 3)
5. Where did Jesus send the blind man to wash his eyes? (John, chapter 9)
6. What are the eyes like of the one who rides a white horse? (Revelation, chapter 19)

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- Answers: 1. Bethsaida
2. the eye of a needle 3. Benjamin
4. a burning bush 5. the pool of Siloam
6. like a flame of fire.

Not the Railway Station

It is amazing what you can discover if you keep your eyes open. On a recent trip to Barcelona, I learnt about St Pancras. To be honest I'd never really considered St Pancras as a saint – just the name of a railway station.

We were staying at a hotel near Placa del Pi in the Gothic Quarter of Barcelona. The name of Placa del Pi has its origin in a pine tree that was planted in the square in 1568, and which stood there until it was damaged during the war with France, when it was replaced by another pine tree. Since then, whenever the existing pine dies it is replaced by another one.

The square is surrounded by old decorated façades antique shops and old bars, restaurants, and the most amazing shop selling knives, scissors in fact anything you need to cut with. There is also a little artisan market of selling mainly cheeses, bread and local honey. The square is dominated by the church of Santa María del Pi with a huge multi-coloured rose window.

On the second day as we sat enjoying a drink at one of the bars on the square, we noticed there was a small stall in the square selling sanctuary candles and another stall at the entrance selling yet more sanctuary candles. We were intrigued so we decided we would take a look inside. One of the lovely things about the church of Santa María del Pi is that the doors are left wide open. To me, this is a wonderful demonstration of welcome. As the doors were open, we felt we could investigate without being intrusive into what was clearly a special and spiritually important day for the Spanish people.

When we went inside – what a sight! I have never seen so many lit candles – what a truly awe inspiring sight. There were literally hundreds of lit candles by the high altar and by a small chapel (see back page) there were many more. One of the saints the chapel is dedicated to is St Pancras. I was very moved by the experience and I really wanted to know the significance of St Pancras.

At that moment, I realised a service was about to start. A very old priest was being helped up the steps to the altar. He began singing with a beautiful voice which belied his years. I felt I was intruding even though I was respectfully sitting quietly. I got up to leave, but a man nearby gestured for me to stay and smiled. I think somehow he sensed I felt something of the spirituality in church and in some way wanted to connect with me.

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2nd Sunday of the month - Service of the Word with music group

3rd Sunday of the month - Parish Communion with organ, choir and music group

4th Sunday of the month - Parish Communion with organ, choir and music group

5th Sunday of the month - Sunday Celebration Services

12:00 pm Baptism Service

Baptism Service 1st Sunday of the month – (Except: August no baptisms)

4.00 pm Living Stones Service

An interactive service for children and families 3rd Sunday of the month

6.30 pm Evening Service

Except: 2nd Sunday of the month Holy Communion and 4th Sunday of the month
Prayer and Praise

Midweek Holy Communion – Thursdays at 9.30 am

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Friday 7.30 pm Silent Bell ringing practice

Choir Practice

Friday 7.30 pm Choir practice in choir vestry

Music Group Practice

Thursday 7:30 pm Music group practice in church

Wedding Bookings

Thursday 7.15 pm to 8.45 pm wedding booking evening

Church Diary Items to Note for August 2016

Day and Date	Time	Item
Wednesday 3 rd	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Wednesday 10 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 11 th	2.30 pm	Service at Hartwell House
Wednesday 17 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Wednesday 24 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 25 th	7.30 pm	Finance Meeting

From the Registers

Baptisms

3rd July	Harris Liam Mitchell
3rd July	Archie James Deakin
3rd July	Scarlett Isobelle Burkit

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

Weddings

25th June	Jonathan Richards & Amy Greenacre
1st July	Thomas Nash & Lauren Crawley
2nd July	Christopher Galfskiy & Chantelle Gray
8th July	Troy Lucca & Gemma Workman
23rd July	David Booter & Sarah Baldwin
23rd July	Jamie Shepherd-Lang & Emma Brumhead

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

Funerals

30th June	George Earnest Simmonite	92
12th July	Colin Hobson	92
12th July	Julie Ann Heron	57
20th July	Edna May Ellis	95
25th July	Joan Nesbitt	93

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

Flower Rota August 2016

7 th	W. Brunt & V. Brunt	21 st	Vicki & Michael Grey
14 th	Vacant	28 th	M. Siddy

Saint Pancras

You may well be wondering why there is a picture of St. Pancras railway station on the front cover of this month's magazine – well read on...

Saint Pancras was a Roman citizen who converted to Christianity, and was beheaded for his faith at the age of fourteen, around the year 304. His name is Greek and literally means "**the one that holds everything**".

So why feature a railway station – railways stations are places where journeys start and finish aren't they. No they are much, much more - they are places where people meet their loved ones, families and friends as they journey through life. Train stations are undeniably romantic, a place where greetings and farewells have occurred over countless decades. Churches can sometimes be a bit like that, people come and go for weddings, for baptisms and for funerals, and sometimes people join the family of the church, coming weekly, monthly or just when they feel the need. So perhaps St Pancras - "the one that holds everything" is a very apt name for both a cathedral like railway station and a church.

St Pancras railway station also known as St Pancras International, is a Grade I listed building located on Euston Road in the London Borough of Camden. Widely known for its Victorian architecture, the station stands between the British Library, King's Cross station and the Regent's Canal. It was opened in 1868 by the Midland Railway as the southern terminus of its main line which connected London with the East Midlands and Yorkshire. When it opened, the arched Barlow train shed was the largest single-span roof in the world.

After escaping planned demolition in the 1960s, the complex was renovated and expanded from 2001 to 2007 at a cost of £800 million with a ceremony attended by Queen Elizabeth II and extensive publicity introducing it as a public space. A security-sealed terminal area was constructed for Eurostar services to continental Europe via High Speed 1 and the Channel Tunnel, with platforms for domestic trains to the north and south-east of England.

St Pancras is often termed the "cathedral of the railways", and includes two of the most celebrated structures built in Britain in the Victorian era. The train shed, completed in 1868 by the engineer William Henry Barlow, was the largest single-span structure built up to that time. The frontage of the station is formed by the former Midland Grand Hotel, designed by George Gilbert Scott, an example of Victorian Gothic architecture, now occupied by the five-star Renaissance London Hotel and apartments.

The terminal is one of relatively few railway stations in England to feature multilingual signage; all notices are written in English and French. Ashford International station has similar bilingual signs.

Editor

Some text courtesy of Wikipedia

The Gardening Year – August 2016

Dahlias – Inspect the plants for mottling or discolouration of the foliage. This may indicate the presence of virus disease, especially if the plants growth is stunted. Mark any suspected plants so that they can be destroyed in the autumn and not kept for producing cuttings the next year, such cuttings would themselves be affected by disease. Feed with liquid fertiliser and keep the plants carefully tied to avoid wind damage.

Gladioli – cut gladioli for indoor decoration when first flower on the spike is just opening. Leave at least four or five leaves when cutting a flower spike otherwise the new corm will be deprived of its source of nourishment. Be alert for signs of gladioli thrips and spray if necessary.

Chrysanthemums – buds will form very rapidly during this month on outdoor flowering varieties. If large blooms are required disbud the plants to the one flower per stem, disbudding is sometimes called securing the bud or taking the bud. It entails removing the side shoots which appear where each leaf joins the stem; they appear at the same time as a bud forms at the tip of the stem. Complete the disbudding of outdoor flowering varieties by August 21 to ensure blooming before autumn is too far advanced.

Sweet Peas – mulching and if necessary, feeding and watering encourage flowering over a long period. Hoe regularly if you have not applied mulch. Cut the blooms regularly which ever system of growing you have adopted. Never allow blooms to fade and drop on the plants or to form seed pods otherwise the flowering period will be reduced dramatically.

Vegetables – as the first crop are harvested, early in the month sow seeds of spring cabbage 1/2 in. deep in drills 6in. apart, first dusting the drills with garden lime, also turnips, early carrots and autumn cauliflowers to produce head next March and April. Continue to pinch outside shoots from outdoor tomatoes, thin the lower leaves remove any that are turning yellow and when the plants have made four or five trusses of fruit pinch out the tips. Greenhouse tomatoes grown in grow-bags or pots need to be watered two times a day morning and evening. If your tomatoes have a brown sunken patch on the bottom of the tomato this is called blossom end rot, and is caused by lack of water during the day.

Fruit – Blackberries, loganberries, raspberries and blackcurrants – when harvesting has finished, cut out shoots that have fruited, Keep the leaves on blackcurrants healthy so that they continue to feed the present seasons shoots as long as possible. Peaches and Nectarines – when the fruit has been picked prune the shoots that have borne fruit, leaving in the currant seasons growth that has been selected to replace them.

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Observations on our Christian faith

If God maintains sun and planets in bright and ordered beauty, he can keep us. *F. B. Meyer*

Faith is not idle; it works while it waits. *Ronald Dunn*

Whatever our trust is most in, that is our God. *Richard Sibbes*

If God forgives us, we must forgive others. Otherwise it is almost like setting up ourselves as a higher tribunal than him. *C. S. Lewis*

What we can know about God is so great and glorious that we can confidently trust what we do not know about him. Our God is a good God. *Frank Retief*



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Not the Railway Station - Continued

So who was St Pancras. St Pancras was a Roman citizen who converted to Christianity and was martyred for his faith around the year 304. During the persecution of Christians by Diocletian, around 303 AD, St Pancras was brought before the authorities and asked to perform a sacrifice to the Roman gods but he refused. Diocletian was impressed by Pancras's determination and promised the boy money and power, but he still refused. Diocletian ordered that Pancras be decapitated on the Via Aurelia. He was 14 years old.

In Spain St Pancras is venerated as the patron saint of jobs and health. It made me think that in these times of recession and economic hardship in Spain, St Pancras brings the hope of Jesus through the pain. We were given a privileged glimpse into an important saint's day.

Keep your eyes open and you will be blessed by what you see, learn and experience.

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Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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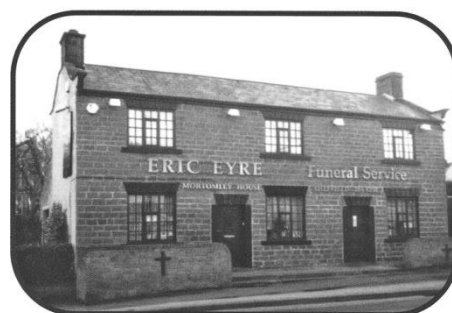
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Saint of the Month - Mary Sumner 9th August

Mary Sumner – founder of the Mothers’ Union

This month the Mothers’ Union celebrates its 140th anniversary. It has a lot to celebrate, what with four million members doing good work in 83 countries. That is a far cry from the modest circle of prayer for mothers who cared about family life, which is how it all began with a rector’s wife, Mary Sumner.

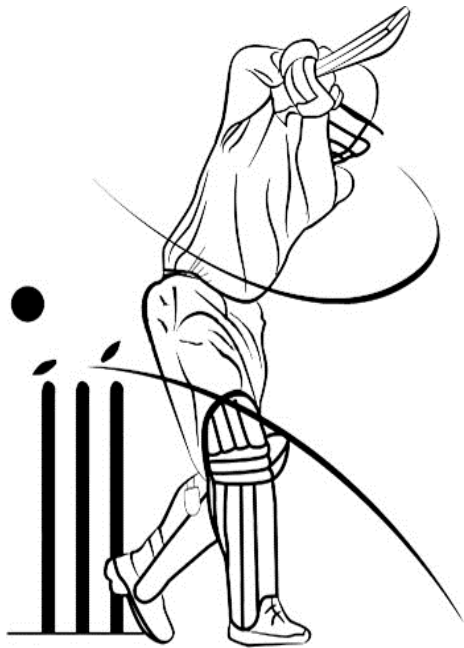
Mary was born in late 1828 in Swinton, near Manchester. When she was four, her family moved to Herefordshire. Mary’s father, Thomas Heywood, was a banker and historian. Her mother has been described as a woman of “faith, charm and sympathy” – qualities which Mary certainly inherited. Mrs Heywood also held informal ‘mothers’ meetings’ at her home, to encourage local women. Those meetings may well have inspired Mary’s later work.

Mary was educated at home, spoke three foreign languages, and sang well. While in her late teens, on a visit to Rome she met George Sumner, a son of the Bishop of Winchester. It was a well-connected family: George’s uncle became Archbishop of Canterbury, and his second cousin was William Wilberforce. Mary and George married in July 1848, soon after his ordination. They moved to Old Alresford in 1851 and had three children: Margaret, Louise and George. Mary dedicated herself to raising her children and supporting her husband’s ministry by providing music and Bible classes.

When in 1876 Mary’s eldest daughter Margaret, gave birth, Mary was reminded how difficult she had found the burden of motherhood. Soon she decided to hold a meeting to which she invited the local women not only of her own class, but also all the village mothers. Her aim was to find out if women could be brought together to offer each other prayer and mutual support in their roles as wives and mothers. That meeting at Old Alresford Rectory was the inaugural meeting of the Mothers’ Union.

For 11 years, the Mothers’ Union was limited to Old Alresford. Then in 1885 the Bishop of Newcastle invited Mary to address the women churchgoers of the Portsmouth Church Congress, some 20 miles away. Mary gave a passionate speech about the poor state of national morality, and the vital need for women to use their vocation as mothers to change the nation for the better. A number of the women present went back to their parishes to found mothers’ meetings on Sumner’s pattern. Soon, the Mothers’ Union spread to the dioceses of Ely, Exeter, Hereford, Lichfield and Newcastle. By 1892, there were already 60,000 members in 28 dioceses, and by 1900 there were 169,000 members. By the time Mary died in 1921, she had seen MU cross the seas and become an international organisation of prayer and good purpose.

Whitley Hall Cricket Club



July saw a tight win at home against Collegiate, a narrow defeat against Wakefield followed by a strong win against Rotherham. The match away at Aston Hall on 23rd July was a disappointing defeat meaning that the 1st XI enter the final quarter of the season in quite good shape just above mid-point in the ECB Yorkshire Premier League South.

However, with 12 points for a full win, a closer look at the table shows that nearly half the teams in the middle of the table can easily change places before the end of the season, an example being the match on 23rd July when the teams started 8 places apart and finished 2 places apart. So there remains a great deal to play for. The 2nd XI are currently mid table in the South Yorkshire Division 1 with the 3rd XI just above the relegation zone in Division 4.

Remaining Senior Home Games at Cinder Hill Lane

30 th July	2 nd XI	v	Thorncliffe
6 th August	1 st XI	v	Appleby Frodingham
13 th August	1 st XI	v	Sheffield and Phoenix Utd.
20 th August	2 nd XI	v	Millhouses
27 th August	1 st XI	v	Barnsley
3 rd September	2 nd XI	v	Sprotborough
10 th September	1 st XI	v	Wickersley

All matches start at 12.30 in August. 1st team start at 12.30 and 2nd team at 12 noon in September

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Crossword Puzzle (Solution is on page 21)

Clues Across

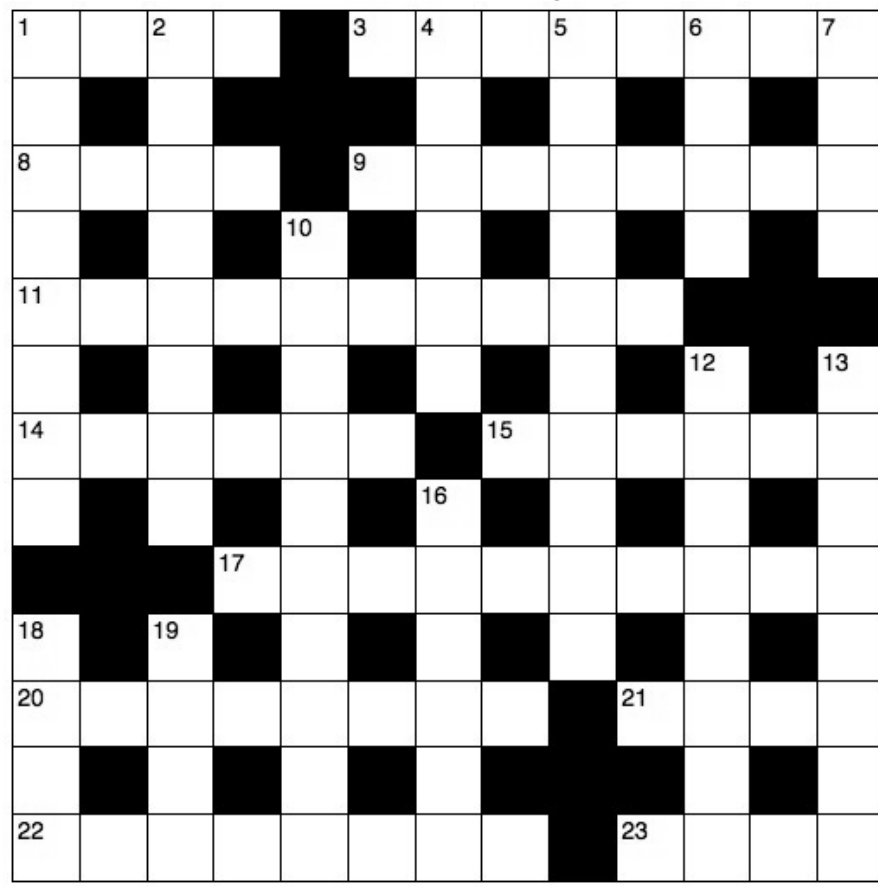
- 1 and 3** Two of the disciples who witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus (Luke 9:28) (4,3,5)
- 3** See 1 Across
- 8** 'Let us draw — to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith' (Hebrews 10:22) (4)
- 9** O Simon is (anag.) (8)
- 11** Form of government under the direct rule of God or his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

Clues Down

- 1** David's great friend (1 Samuel 20:17) (8)
- 2** 'The Lord... will bring me safely to his — kingdom' (2 Timothy 4:18) (8)
- 4** 'I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; — — or wine touched my lips' (Daniel 10:3) (2,4)
- 5** Seeking to vindicate (Job 32:2) (10)
- 6** Female servant (Isaiah 24:2) (4)
- 7** 'For Christ died for — once for all' (1 Peter 3:18) (4)
- 10** 'Offering spiritual sacrifices — to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Peter 2:5) (10)
- 12** Jesus said that some people had renounced this 'because of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 19:12) (8)
- 13** One of the three men thrown into the furnace for refusing to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image (Daniel 3:20) (8)
- 16** 'You have — of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry' (Luke 12:19) (6)

- 18 'There before me was a white horse! Its rider held — — , and he was given a crown' (Revelation 6:2) (1,3)
- 19 Equipment to Charity Hospitals Overseas (1,1,1,1)

Solution is on Page 21



More Smile Lines

Who's in charge

A child was asked why no man can serve two masters. He promptly replied: 'Because you are not allowed to have two wives.'

Move it

A South London clergyman who was appointed to another living received a letter from a firm of furniture removers. It assured him: "Dear Sir, We would like to remove you. In the last year we have removed 40 South London clergymen, to the entire satisfaction of all concerned."

Yum yum

A notice outside Chichester Cathedral advertised lunchtime concerts with the encouragement that: "Sandwiches may be eaten." Someone had scribbled underneath: "So if you are a sandwich, don't come!"

Prayers and Poems Page

An affirmation of God's presence

As I bow in the quiet room I have made in my heart,
O Lord, let the hush of thy presence fall upon me.

Leslie Weatherhead

God's grace distilling

The grace of God on you distil,
The grace of Christ bedewing fill,
The grace of Spirit flowing still
Each day and night upon you pour
Of this life's share for you in store;
O day and night upon you pour
Of this life's share for you in store.

From Poems of the Western Highlanders

Editor: Nigel Beeton was amused by the recent story from the Parish Pump that only 2% of people surveyed considered that a sense of humour was important in a sermon. It inspired the following...

No Joke!

The Vicar thumped the pulpit
And the sermon, in his rage -
He thumped them quite ferociously
And crumpled up the page.

He ranted about morals;
He raged about the young.
His congregation listened well,
But left feeling very glum.

He waved his fists up in the air
His finger he did poke;
His congregation said a prayer -
That he might make a joke!

By Nigel Beeton

A Strong Hold

Should I slip and lose the way
The Lord will hold me fast,
Should I chose to walk away
I'm firmly in His grasp.

Though I walk through death's dark vale,
His rod and staff are there
I would not dare to walk this path
Without His loving care.

Although my hold on Him is light
His loving arms are wide,
What He's begun He will fulfil
Till I am safe on Canaan's side.

What God is this who loves us so?
Our future He has planned,
We're ever safe in His embrace
And none can snatch us from His hand.

By Megan Carter

Prayer to our Always-Good Father

Father, Thank you that you are our Father and that you love us, whoever we are, wherever we go, whatever we've done, however we feel.

No matter what life brings, you never change. You are always good and always there for us, if we just turn and talk to you.

Thank you for Jesus who died to make that possible. We pray in his name.

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

The Mothers' Union – Wednesday 6th July

At this meeting we had a speaker from Cavendish Care Sheffield.

Cavendish Cancer Care is a local Sheffield charity dedicated to improving the quality of life for people living with cancer in South Yorkshire, North Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. They believe no one should face cancer alone, so they provide emotional support through counselling and complementary therapies to the patient, their carer and their children. Their services are provided free of charge and they rely on donations from supporters and help from volunteers to continue their work. They provide the support that local families deserve.

Each year they provide care to more than 1,500 people who are faced with the impact a cancer diagnosis can have on their lives. They are there to listen, offer counselling, therapies and physical support.

The lady who came to speak to us had suffered from Cancer herself and been referred to the Centre. She could not speak highly enough of the care she had received from them and is now a volunteer.

Patients are encouraged to refer themselves and on doing so quite quickly get an appointment when they look at therapies available and which will suit each individual patient.

Their children and young people's service offers supportive care to children and young people up to the age of 18, including those who are experiencing bereavement.

The service is delivered by a team of therapists, with experience of working with children and young people in a variety of settings.

The organisation is always looking out for volunteers so if you think this is for you please contact them on 0114 2784600

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Contact Numbers for Local Groups ☎

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Leader - Mrs B Travis
Tel: TBA

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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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2nd Pack 6.30 pm to 8.0 pm
Leader - Mrs A Hancock
Tel: 0114 245 2780

Ecclesfield Beavers

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

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