

# News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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## First Words...

- **Ascension Day Service** – We are once again hosting a joint service at St. Mary's on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30pm, with the churches from Chapeltown, Grenoside and High Green. All are welcome to come and join us for this service of celebration.
- **Ten Days of Prayer** – The Ascension Day service begins the Diocesan wide Ten Days of Prayer, in which we meet for a half hour of prayer in church on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 12.30pm, also for a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May at 9am in church, and again at 12.30pm for a half hour on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Do join us for some if not all of these shared prayer times.
- **Ecclesfield in Bloom Coffee Morning** – This will be held in church on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May from 10am to 12 noon, to raise funds for the hard-working volunteers who help make the village a pleasant place. This is a chance to show our appreciation for their efforts and enjoy time together over coffee and cake!
- **Pentecost/Whit Sunday** – (15<sup>th</sup> May) Pentecost falls earlier than the Spring Bank Holiday this year, but we uphold the traditional celebration in Ecclesfield with a walk from the Co-op at 9.30am, with the Girl Guide May Queens and uniformed organisations, to St. Mary's, where we will have our Whit sing, hopefully in the glorious sunshine outside! Do join us for this joyful celebration.
- **Living Stones Service** – This is also on May 15<sup>th</sup> at 4pm in church, and is a special family friendly service with stories, play and singing for the children.
- **Ignatian** – The Ignatian evening of quiet, reflective prayer is on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.30pm.

*Stephanie Dale*



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## Thought for the month

May is one of my favourite months. It seems full of hope of things to come after the darker winter months and blustery April showers. We now see actual growth with new shoots and leaves, and the promise of abundance.

In the Church calendar Easter is followed by a period of waiting, when we are reminded of the number of times that Jesus appeared to his followers after his resurrection, when he talked with them and ate with them.

On May 5<sup>th</sup> we are hosting a joint service in church at 7.30pm to celebrate Ascension Day, a special Holy Day which, because it always falls on a Thursday, (the 40<sup>th</sup> day after Easter), often seems somewhat neglected. Ascension Day marks the final meeting between the risen Christ and his disciples. It is not the end of the story though, because Jesus told them he would be with them always and promised to send the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Ascension Day is one of the earliest Christian festivals, but for many it may pass unnoticed as it is not a holiday, just a holy day!

Pentecost follows 10 days after Ascension Day on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May this year, 50 days after Easter. The name comes from the Greek 'pentekoste', which means 'fiftieth'. It is also called Whitsun, but as it is a movable feast depending on when Easter falls in the year, it does not necessarily coincide with the now fixed Spring Bank Holiday.

Pentecost is regarded as the birth of the Christian Church, and the start of the church's mission in the world. It falls on the Jewish festival of 'Shavuot', which is why the disciples were together celebrating when the promised Holy Spirit descended on them like a strong wind with tongues of fire. They found themselves speaking in foreign tongues, inspired by the Spirit, and people thought they were drunk. (Acts 2: 1-3). So Pentecost fulfils Jesus' promise of 'the Counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name'. (John 14: 28).

Such a momentous event as that first Pentecost has no social markers like cards, chocolate eggs or a holiday weekend, but here in Ecclesfield we uphold the tradition not with presents but with a presence, with a walk on High Street and St. Mary's Lane starting at the Co-op at 9.30am and ending at St Mary's with much singing and rejoicing in the church grounds, (hopefully in the morning sunshine), praising the Breath of God with our own breath.

So we invite you to join in the spirit of the celebrations at this year's Pentecost, thankful for the gift of the Holy Spirit of our Lord, who is with us always.

May Christ dwell in our hearts through faith,  
that we may be rooted and grounded in love  
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

**Amen**

*Stephanie Dale*

## A Prayer for Pentecost.

And now we give you thanks  
because he breathed upon his disciples  
the power of your Spirit  
to proclaim the good news to all peoples.

**Amen**



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# On Dealing with Summer Fetes

The Rectory  
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

So you are beginning to plan your first Summer Fete in your new parish. That you appear to be looking forward to it shows how little you know about them.

Parishes hold Summer Fetes so that their clergy can preach more meaningfully on purgatory. Their ostensible purpose is to raise money for the church - which is wholly illogical. The parish could double the money raised if the Fete were dropped, none of the endless preparations made, if everyone spent a pleasant afternoon in their own gardens and each person simply donated £20 to the church instead. But we still feel obliged to go to endless trouble, making ourselves miserable so we can show each other what a good time we are having. That it generally pours seems to make the entire event even more grimly satisfying.

No, the real reasons for a Summer Fete are twofold. First, it gives the entire parish the chance to inspect the Rector's garden. Whatever state it is in, it will cause disapproval. If it is poorly kept, then I am clearly being ungrateful for having three acres of lawn to enjoy. Mowing it each week should be one of my delights; what else would I do with a whole day off each week anyway? The hand mower, kindly given by Colonel French is assumed to be quite adequate - and rumour has it that I need to lose weight anyway. The mower was presented to me when the Colonel bought his own gardener a sit-on motor mower - which is of a size and opulence that makes me assume it has a drinks cabinet and satellite navigation.

The second reason for a Fete comes as a special perk for the organisers. It gives them a chance to inspect the inside of the Rectory. Under the pretence of looking for a little more sugar, they can systematically inspect all the kitchen cupboards and comment on their contents. By the end of the day, the whole parish will know what marmalade I spread on my toast, that I use unnecessarily expensive washing powder, and where I have unsuccessfully tried to hide the gin.

The details of what then happens while the Fete is in progress must wait until my next letter, when we will have had our own. It is now time for Evensong, drinks with Major Mallet and his wife, and then a quiet evening with a good book, while I toy with other possible hiding places for the gin this year.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace





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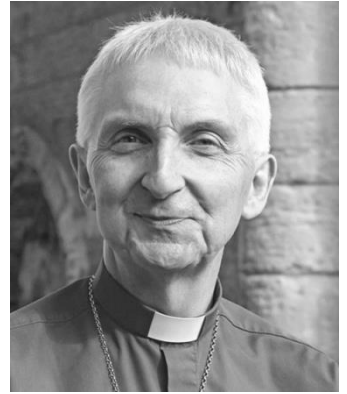


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# Bishop's Letter - Our Junior Doctors

Posted by Bishop Peter Burrows on 25th April 2016

Over the past few weeks, we've heard or read about the NHS strike action by junior doctors. I've followed with interest the considerable debate and even controversy, surrounding the strike action and the possibility of yet more to come.



There have been many different views expressed in the newspapers, TV and Twitter sphere – and even Facebook pages of some junior doctors. The views I've seen have mainly been fully supportive of the doctors with members of the public believing that this strike action is really the last straw for the doctors, with many feeling that they are indeed, overworked and underpaid. Many think that it is unusual that the doctors are striking but support their right to do so and understand the reasons why. Whatever our view about the strike action, it must surely be possible to hold a public debate and express a view without being confrontational. It may not make for such good viewing or listening figures but it will help us be better informed.

I've expressed in my column before that I'm not really a supporter of strike action, but I do defend the right to do so as long as it's peaceful and not endangering life. While the junior doctors are striking, they have made every measure to ensure that patient care doesn't suffer throughout this time. I don't intend to get drawn into the issues surrounding the action or the refusal of the government to pay the recommended pay rise, but I do want to encourage us to support our nurses, doctors, midwives, ambulance drivers, paramedics and all NHS staff who do an outstanding job - sometimes under the most difficult and even dangerous circumstances.

Although we may criticise our health service it is - as we know - the envy of many countries and offers excellent care available to everyone and not dependent on whether one can afford it or not. Medicine and surgical procedures continue to break new ground, enabling many of us to live longer and be cured from illnesses and diseases that only a few years ago would have been life limiting. Many of us have much to be grateful for, in particular those individuals who care for us in hospital or in outpatient care and who do so with compassion and a sense of vocation.

Whatever our view about recent action let us remember to give thanks and support our marvellous, hardworking, dedicated and committed NHS staff without whom many, if not all of us, would be much worse off and at greater risk.

*+ Peter*



# Volunteering in South Africa by Alice Kendall

Last year I was given the opportunity to travel to Cape Town, South Africa to work in a township crèche and Safe House. The conditions surrounding the crèche and Safe House were poor with a lack reliable sanitation services and no sufficient supply of clean water. We spent most days visiting the crèche in the morning, followed by spending the afternoon at the Safe House.

The Jones Safe House is a registered non-profit organization that takes on abused, abandoned, and neglected children and abused/addicted mothers and has existed since 2006. Numbers fluctuate, but the Safe House is currently home to 17 children and 6 mothers. Children are placed at the Safe House by social workers, the police, the courts or the Church. Children stay at the Safe House for anything between a few days or months to, in some cases, years. Whilst I was working there a baby was brought to the Safe House who had been found in the street in the township. The next day the child had been collected by their mother who was around 16 years old and had gone out and simply left the child behind.

Donovan and Bernadette Jones are the founders of the Jones Safe House and together with their family provide a stable, loving home where these at-risk children and their mothers can grow and be safely re-integrated into their families and society. Both Donovan and Bernadette provide for the children as if they're their own. Without any formal drug rehabilitation training, and believing



Working with the children in the township crèche

that maternal addiction was at the root of many of the horrors they saw, they begun taking in mothers suffering from addiction as well in order to prevent further damage to children.

Ithemba, one of the older girls at the safe house, is a confident 20 year old who was placed with the Jones family in 2009 at the age of 13. Bernie described her state at the time of her arrival at the house as “the worst we have ever seen” after been routinely faced with the horrors of child abuse. Ithemba was raised by her great-grandmother in the Eastern Cape where she was raped and molested by her uncle from the age of 5. She moved to Cape Town to live with her mother when she was 11, where the violence towards her only intensified.

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# Will You Remember Them – May

## News from Pakistan and India

### Pakistan - Christian Women and Children Targeted In Easter Day Attack.

Pray for the Christian and other victims of a suicide attack that took place on Easter Day in a public park in Lahore, killing 74 people and injuring more than 370 others. Christians had gathered to celebrate Easter when, at around 6-40pm., explosives packed with ball bearings ripped through the crowds near a children's play area. Women and children were high in number among those affected. Jamaat-ul-Ahrar, a Pakistani Taliban splinter group, has claimed responsibility for the deadly suicide attack, saying Christians were their target and that they will continue to attack Christians, among other groups.

#### **Please Pray**

- For all the injured and bereaved from this bombing.
- That the government of Pakistan will recognise the specific threat Christians face and provide adequate security.

### India - Falsely Accused of Black Magic and Burnt To Death.

Pray for the three daughters of a Christian couple, whose parents were burnt to death after village elders in Andhra Pradesh state, falsely accused them of causing the death of a young boy in the village by black magic. The village elders, together with witch doctors, accused the couple of being black magicians. The couple, devout Christians stated they would never be involved in black magic. Hired men beat them with sticks and burnt them to death.

#### **Please Pray**

- That God will give the three daughters strength to cope with their loss.
- That all those involved in the attack will be brought to justice and to faith in Jesus Christ.

**JD**

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# Ecclesfield Scout Group

Ecclesfield Cubs have been working towards their Personal Challenge Award and part of this Award is Creative Writing. A Leader wrote the first paragraph then the Cub continued with their story. We THINK the Cubs made up their tales about their camps, but who knows!!!!!!

**First part written by a Leader...** It was the first night at Cub Camp. All the Cubs were in their tents and the woods were dark and silent. Suddenly something very strange started to happen. **Continued by a Cub...** All the tents dispersed into a sparkly tunnel. It took them to the magic space computer. They could do anything they wanted. Some went to Minecraft. He turned into a Zombie. Some built a big house on Minecraft then a unicorn came and changed the zombie back into a Cub. They all cheered and the unicorn took them to twitter and they all wrote "We want to go home" and then it took them to the sparkly tunnel and they all got to sleep but then the unicorn went with them and turned into a marshmallow and they ate him for tea with hot chocolate.

Written by Jake.

**Second story continued by a Cub...** I got up to go to the toilet and I saw animals on the rocks, climbing up the rocks and the weirdest thing was they were all wearing safety helmets and harnesses to climb the steep rock face. On the way back I looked up and they were all parachuting down making silly noises and laughing. I daren't tell anyone because they wouldn't believe me. Outside we all found three safety helmets and three harnesses and three sets of footprints belonging to a hedgehog, a beaver and a squirrel. How strange!!!! Written by Lincoln

**Third story continued by a Cub...** A Cub was heard getting out of his tent. He came out of his tent and into the darkness of the night. For hours on end he was searching for the toilets. Little did he know the toilets were at the opposite end of the campsite. Suddenly out of nowhere an Alien grabbed the Cub and dressed up in his clothes. The Alien Cub went back to the tent. This Alien was called Adam. By morning Adam had killed and eaten everyone in his tent. He carried on killing and eating Cubs in all the other tents until only he was left. When the parents started to arrive they were killed and eaten. The end Written by Samantha.

**Fourth story continued by a Cub.....** It was the first night at Cub Camp, all the Cubs were in their tents and it had gone dark. Through the night air the Leaders could be heard snoring in their tents, then suddenly three of the campers were sucked through a portal. These campers were Daniel a dumb boy with as much sense as a nail. Isaac – a smart person that kept everyone on track and Chris a.k.a. Christopher – us a cool kid with hardly a care for anyone.

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## **10.00 am Services**

1st Sunday of the month - Parish Communion with organ and choir

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

**Eva Ratcliffe Service** - Wednesday at 10.30am

# St Mary's - Activities & Groups

## **Church Office Opening times**

Tuesday 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Wednesday 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Thursday 9.00 am to 12.00 pm

## **Coffee Shop**

Tuesday 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Friday 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

## **Bell Ringers**

Tuesday 7.30 pm Bell ringing practice

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 May 2016

<b>Day and Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Ascension Day Service
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	12.30 pm	Prayer in Church (10 days of Prayer)
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.00 am	Prayer Breakfast
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	12.30 pm	Prayer in Church (10 days of Prayer)
	7.30 pm	PCC Meets in Church
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	12.30 pm	Prayer in Church (10 days of Prayer)
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	12.30 pm	Prayer in Church (10 days of Prayer)
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	12.30 am	Prayer in Church (10 days of Prayer)
	2.00 pm	Service at Hartwell House
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	12.30 pm	Prayer in Church (10 days of Prayer)
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	Ecclesfield in Bloom Coffee Morning
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Fabric Team Meeting
	7.30 pm	Mission Committee Meeting
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.15 pm	Grenoside Singers
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30 pm	Ignatian Prayer in Church
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

3rd April	Trent Martyn Boot
3rd April	Noah James Francis Boldock
3rd April	Jack Gary Keeble Brown

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

## Flower Rota May 2016

1 <sup>st</sup>	N. Priest & J. Rodber	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Vacant
8 <sup>th</sup>	Vacant	29 <sup>th</sup>	J Adam & G Loxley
15 <sup>th</sup>	A. Briddock & I. Proctor		

## Ecclesfield Scout Group - continued

When they got there a white Owl spoke to them, "Throughout this journey you will unlock your true potential" "Ooookk" all three replied, taken aback. "I shall also be your guide" the owl hooted. "Your task is to work as a team!!!" the owl also hooted. "Who cares about team work?" asked Chris, sarcastically. Then the owl observed "You seem unable to work as a team. Leave, maybe you will learn something from it".

So Chris vanished in a puff of smoke. "Let's carry on, you are on the edge of a volcano with two ways to cross, one of you jump in or build a bridge" the owl said. "see you on the other side, I'll jump in" Daniel decided. "Nooooo!!!!" screamed Isaac. "You may leave" the owl hooted, and like that he was gone. And for some strange reason Isaac went too, and no one was the wiser. Written by Isaac.



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# The Gardening Year – May 2016

In the British Isles during May the gardener can expect all kinds of weather. Late May frosts are the bane of all gardeners. They are especially likely when night skies are clear – which is usually the case for much of the month – and when April has been drier than usual.

**A Summary of the month's work – Lawns**, established lawns, apply sulphate of ammonia, apply fungicides for disease control, continue to apply lawn weed killer.

**Roses** – Spray regularly against greenfly, using a systemic insecticide. Spray with a fungicide against black spot, mildew and rust. Spray with fungicide before these diseases are seen when the young leaves are just forming. **Flowers** – Chrysanthemums, plant out garden flowering varieties. If you want masses of colour all year the bedding chrysanthus (bishop's children) from Thomson and Morgan is a good variety, keep cutting them and you will have vases of cut flowers until the first frosts. Sweet peas frequent hoeing around the plants keeps weeds in check and conserves moisture make it a routine operation throughout the season, whether the plants are grown naturally or on the cordon system. During prolonged dry weather, especially if the soil is on the light side, remove all weeds, water thoroughly and then place a mulch of compost or well-rotted manure around the plants this keeps the roots cool conserves moisture and restricts weed growth.

**Fruit** – There is still a risk of frost damage especially in our area but trees are now making more growth which will protect the flowers and spoil temperatures are rising so that low – growing fruits are less likely to be frosted than in April. Most fruits contain a high proportion of water and will benefit from watering in dry spells. Apart from its direct effect on the size and quality of the fruit, water applied when the trees and bushes are short of it will produce more growth and will result in a larger plant, which will bear bigger crops in later years. To avoid producing too much growth water mainly after flowering during the fruit swelling stage.

**Vegetables** – be ready to cover potatoes if frost is forecast. Sow main crop carrots if not already done. During the second half of the month sow runner beans plant the bean with the two eyes on the concave side down in the soil about 2-3in. deep as this is where the roots emerge from. If you wish to grow outdoor crops of marrows, squashes, pumpkins or courgettes, prepare the ground by digging in well-rotted manure early in the month. At the end of the month sow three seeds on each site, later removing two of the seedlings and leaving the strongest to grow on.

*Colin Williams.*



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# Mothers Union – April Meeting

Audrey led our meeting with Prayers. This was followed by a talk from Saskia Peet on 'Sheffield Safe Places'. This is to help vulnerable people feel safe when they venture out into the City. A good example she spoke about was the fact that the Management and Staff of Crystal Peaks Shopping area were very helpful at displaying the 'Sheffield Safe Places' Logo, though some of the Shops themselves were not as happy to do so. If the people in need have a Safe Places help card they can get help where the sign below is displayed.

*'Supporting people with Dementia, Mental Ill Health, Learning disabilities and other disabilities disorders in the Community.'*

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The safe place scheme is supported by Sheffield City Council in conjunction with Heeley city farm and is in place across the city.

Saskia gave out Literature telling people about this Scheme in the City.



## Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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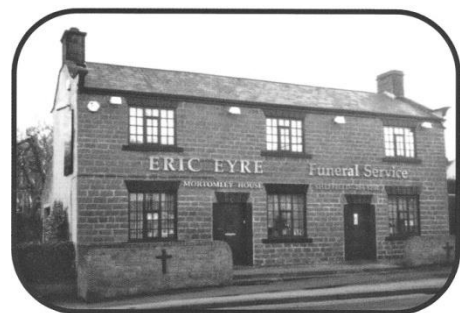
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# Saint of the Month – Holy Days

## **5th May: Ascension Day - 40 Days with the Risen Christ**

40 days after Easter comes Ascension Day. These are the 40 days during which the Risen Christ appeared again and again to his disciples, following his death and resurrection.

The Gospels give us little of Christ's teachings and deeds during those forty days. Jesus was seen by numerous disciples: on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, in houses, etc. He strengthened and encouraged his disciples, and at last opened their eyes to all that the Scriptures had promised about the Messiah. Jesus also told them that as the Father had sent Him, He was now going to send them - to all corners of the earth, as his witnesses.

### **More notes on Ascension Day**

Surely the most tender, moving 'farewell' in history took place on Ascension Day. Luke records the story with great poignancy: "When Jesus had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands - and blessed them."

As Christmas began the story of Jesus' life on earth, so Ascension Day completes it, with his return to his Father in heaven. Jesus' last act on earth was to bless his disciples. He and they had a bond as close as could be: they had just lived through three tumultuous years of public ministry and miracles – persecution and death – and resurrection! Just as we part from our nearest and dearest by still looking at them with love and memories in our eyes, so exactly did Jesus: "While He was blessing them, He left them and was taken up into heaven." (Luke 24:50-1) He was not forsaking them, but merely going on ahead to a kingdom which would also be theirs one day: "I am ascending to my Father and to your Father, to my God and your God..." (John 20:17)

The disciples were surely the most favoured folk in history. Imagine being one of the last few people on earth to be face to face with Jesus, and have Him look on you with love. No wonder then that Luke goes on: "they worshipped Him - and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God." (Luke 24:52, 53)

No wonder they praised God! They knew they would see Jesus again one day! "I am going to prepare a place for you... I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am." (John 14:2, 3) In the meantime, Jesus had work for them to do: to take the Gospel to every nation on earth.

# Whitley Hall Cricket Club



Strong winds from the east, rain, sleet, hail and snow – must be the start of the cricket season! Our matches planned for the weekend of 16/17 April were all cancelled due to waterlogged pitches; the following weekend produced bitter weather but some interesting cricket. The 1st XI were comprehensively beaten by Wakefield Thornes on 23rd July, the match eventually shortened due to rain and the Duckworth/Lewis formula used for the first time at Whitley. The team made up for this the following day in the re-scheduled heavy Woollen Cup with a fine win over East Bierley. The 2nd XI beat Rockingham on the Saturday but then lost to East Bierley in the Heavy Woollen Crowther Cup.

## Senior Home Games at Cinder Hill Lane

30 <sup>th</sup> April	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Norton Oakes
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Sheffield & Phoenix Utd.
			Yorkshire knockout League
7 <sup>th</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Aston Hall
14 <sup>th</sup> May	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Cleethorpes
21 <sup>st</sup> May	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Aston Hall
28 <sup>th</sup> May	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Sheffield Hallam
4 <sup>th</sup> June	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Doncaster Town

First XI league matches start at 12.30, 2nd XI and cup matches at 1.00.

### Contacts:

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# Crossword Puzzle (Solution is on page 21)

## **Clues Across**

- 1** One who owes money, goods or services (Isaiah 24:2) (6)
- 4** 'A good measure, pressed down, — together and running over' (Luke 6:38) (6)
- 7** Continuous dull pain (Proverbs 14:13) (4)
- 8** This bread contains yeast (Amos 4:5) (8)
- 9** 'But take heart! I have — the world' (John 16:33) (8)
- 13** And the rest (abbrev.) (3)
- 16** What Paul was accused of by Tertullus, the high priest's lawyer, in his trial before Felix (Acts 24:5) (13)
- 17** Rap (anag.) (3)
- 19** Founder of the Jesuits in 1534 (8)
- 24** 'For where your — is, there your heart will be also' (Luke 12:34) (8)
- 25** The first word written on the wall during King Belshazzar's great banquet (Daniel 5:25) (4)
- 26** 'We all, like sheep, have gone — ' (Isaiah 53:6) (6)
- 27** One was given in honour of Jesus in Bethany (John 12:2) (6)

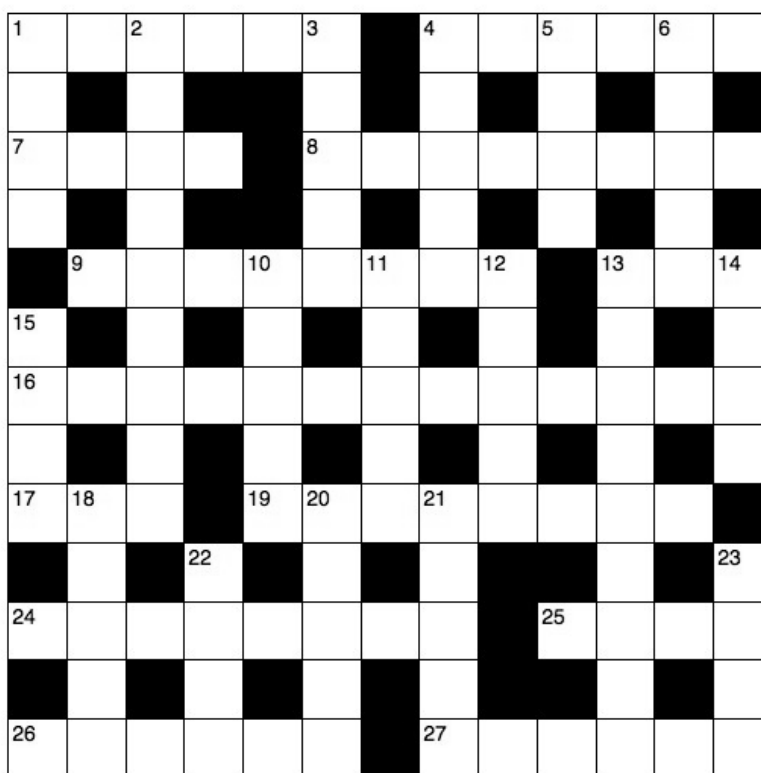
## **Clues Down**

- 1** 'The blind receive sight, the lame walk, the — hear, the dead are raised' (Luke 7:22) (4)
- 2** Conduct (Colossians 1:21) (9)
- 3** In the Catholic and Orthodox traditions, the body of a saint or his belongings, venerated as holy (5)
- 4** 'Like a — of locusts men pounce on it' (Isaiah 33:4) (5)
- 5** Very old (Genesis 44:20) (4)
- 6** In Calvinist theology, one who is predestined by God to receive salvation (5)
- 10** How Nicodemus addressed Jesus when he visited him one night (John 3:2) (5)
- 11** Sea (Psalm 148:7) (5)
- 12** 'I will — you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever' (Psalm 145:1) (5)



- 13** One of the groups of philosophers that Paul met in Athens, who disagreed with his teaching about the resurrection (Acts 17:18) (9)
- 14** Barred enclosure (Ezekiel 19:9) (4)
- 15** ‘Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in — with the Spirit’ (Galatians 5:25) (4)
- 18** Cares (anag.) (5)
- 20** Garish (Ezekiel 16:16) (5)
- 21** ‘So God said to Noah, “I am going to put — — to all people”’ (Genesis 6:13) (2,3)
- 22** Just (2 Corinthians 6:13) (4)
- 23** ‘The — of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge’ (Proverbs 1:7) (4)

Solution is on Page 21



# Prayers and Poems Page

## Prayer of thanks for promises kept

Generous Father, Life is such a complex journey, with its ups and downs. We can easily go off course, or even feel lost. But you gave us Jesus to be our Way and our guide, and you promised never to leave us or forsake us. And when Jesus came back to you Lord, after His life on this earth, you promised even more wonderfully to send the Holy Spirit to live in our hearts, exchanging our fears and anxieties for your power and peace – a peace which we can't explain, but can experience when we trust you.

Thank you Father, Son and Holy Spirit that you keep your promises, and that in your strength we can move forward, confident in your reality and sovereignty, one step at a time. In Jesus name. Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*

## Christ is All-in-All

We hold you and your treatment  
at the heart of every prayer,  
And we ask our God who loves you  
Just to hold you in His care.

May He make His presence known  
To you in every way He can  
While the healing balm of Christ is placed  
In the hands of mortal man.

So may the good Lord bless you  
As He holds you in His grace;  
And may He ever let His peace  
Be known in every place

Where your journeying will lead you;  
In whatever may befall:  
That you will know in everything  
How Christ is all-in-all.

*By Sam Doubtfire*

## The Seven Churches In Asia

(Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira,  
Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea)

Christ moves amongst His churches  
And sees straight into their hearts,  
Encouraging with promises  
As each one plays their part.

In Ephesus and Smyrna  
There's love, suffering, and pain  
Thyatira and Pergamum are holding on  
Remaining true to His name.

In Sardis and Philadelphia,  
Aware of all their deeds,  
He knows their strengths and weaknesses  
And highlights all their needs.

Laodicea is called lukewarm  
Being neither cold nor hot,  
How sad when purchased with His blood  
Such grace is soon forgot.

So learning from these churches  
Let us long to hear His call,  
As He comes for His bride with trumpet  
sound  
When the Lord will be all in all.

*(He that has an ear let him hear what the  
Spirit is saying to the churches.)*

*by Megan Carter*

## Volunteering in South Africa by Alice Kendall - *continued*

There was on-going sexual abuse by her step-father and emotional abuse by her mother who beat her when she told her about the rape and molestation. This went on for two years, until her aunt could no longer turn a blind eye and reported her mother to the police. Ithemba was removed from her home and placed at the Jones Safe House. She said “for the first time in my life I felt safe, and part of a family that loved me. I could be a child again, and I started believing in myself. I could trust people again, I began to enjoy school and make good friends. I love drawing and painting and would like to study further, but I am also considering studying psychology to help other children who have been through the same things that I have”.

Ithemba also says she has started to forgive her mother. “I don’t want to carry bitterness all my life. I have a future now and won’t let her actions ruin it for me.”



Playing with the children outside in the crèche playground

Each person at the Jones’s Safe House has their own story and from undertaking voluntary work I gained an experience whose value cannot be quantified in monetary terms. I am thankful for those who made it possible for me to experience this opportunity and I feel that I now approach situations differently to before as it has made me appreciate the basic privileges which we enjoy.

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## On Pentecost - That day in Jerusalem when God poured out the Holy Spirit

A Christian may not always be conscious of the Holy Spirit’s presence, but he would not even be a Christian in his absence. **John Blanchard**

Before Christ sent the church into the world, he sent the Spirit into the church. The same order must be observed today. **John R W Stott**

There are churches so completely out of the hands of God that if the Holy Spirit withdrew from them they wouldn’t find it out for many months. **AW Tozer**

## Contact Numbers for Local Groups ☎

### **Ecclesfield Rainbows**

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

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Gatty Hall  
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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**

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

### **Ecclesfield Beavers**

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Leader - Mrs J Steel  
0114 246 0218  
Thursday 6.00 -7.15 pm  
Rachael Otter 0114 246 1752

### **Ecclesfield Scouts**

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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,**

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