

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



Church Magazine November 2017

First Words

The month of November is often lost in the annual mad dash to Christmas, and some of the events this month at St Mary's have a Christmas flavour about them - particularly the **Christmas Fayre** in the Gatty Hall on **Saturday 25th November** - all are welcome, for more information see the advert in this magazine. Pass on the word to family and neighbours.

One very important date in the calendar is **Remembrance Sunday** on the **12th November**. Our annual service of Remembrance will begin in Church at 10am and will continue in the Churchyard at the War Memorial for the silence at 11am. We meet to remember those whose lives have been lost in war and we dedicate ourselves to be a people of peace. We also pray for those who serve in the armed forces today, giving thanks for the security that we can too easily take for granted.

On the last Sunday of the month (**26th November**) we celebrate the feast of **Christ the King**. This celebration brings the Church's year to completion and reminds us that Jesus is a king like no other; He is the servant king who died for us and rose again.

On the 26th November in the evening we will have the last Prayer and Praise of 2017. If you have never been to one of these services they are an informal time of praise, led by our worship group. There is a not too long, biblically based, sermon and a time of prayer. It is a simple, joyful time of worship that is loved by those who come along every month. If you've never been why not come in November?

Finally looking ahead to December we begin a new Church Year on **Advent Sunday (3rd December)**. In the morning we have our Parish Eucharist, and in the evening a special service of **Advent Carols and Readings**.

God bless,

Tim



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Thought for the Month

A few years ago the Church of England almost introduced a new season into the Church Calendar. It was to have been called 'Kingdom Season' and, falling between the end of the long run of 'Sundays after Trinity' and Advent Sunday, it would have filled the four weeks of November. It was to have been a season characterised by hope; Christian hope - which is not the same thing as optimism!

The theme of 'Christian hope' emerges from the Sundays in November.

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We begin with All Saints (on Sunday 5th November), then Remembrance Sunday (this year on the 12th November); on the Sunday before Advent (26th November) we celebrate 'Christ the King'.

Hope and optimism are not the same thing. An optimist expects things to work out well; a person of Christian hope trusts that God will be with us even when things go wrong in life; that God will sustain us and bring us through.

Christian hope is not founded upon an exaggerated sense of our own abilities and strengths; our hope is not about us - it is based upon God. When the angel announced to Joseph in a dream that his and Mary's child would be the long-awaited Messiah, the angel gave Jesus a secret name, Immanuel, which means 'God with us'. Not simply 'God among us,' but 'God with us.' God with us in the storms and struggles of life; God with us when we feel broken and desolate.

We see what this means when we look at Jesus' Cross. There we see the extent of God's commitment to be with us. In Jesus God comes among us as one of us. God experiences human life from the inside. As one writer said, 'In Jesus God suffered and died as a man.'

A large part of our hope is knowing that we are not alone; that we are not abandoned, but that as we pass through the trials and struggles of life, God, the God who we meet in Jesus is with us. He will never abandon us.

But we do not only look to the Cross; we look to the resurrection too. We see that there is no power in all of creation, not even death itself, that is greater than the love of God that reaches out to us in Jesus.

So in this almost-season of the Kingdom we remember that whether we laugh or weep; whether we rejoice or our hearts are breaking, in Jesus God is with us and He is for us and He will never abandon us.

Paul puts this hope best in his letter to the Church in Rome in the middle of the first century when he writes:

"I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

(Romans 8:37-39)

God bless,
Tim

The Local Carols

One of the special treats about Christmas in Ecclesfield is the tradition of singing 'local' carols. These are Christmas songs which are quite separate from the more familiar 'national' carols usually sung in church services, on TV programmes and in films. The exact origin of the local carols is not completely clear. It is believed that they started as Christmas folk songs, created by local people, and were probably in existence by the 1600s. Like all folk songs, they continued to grow and change over time and were not written down with music until the 1800s.



A number of new ones were created around that time. The vicar of Ecclesfield for much of that century, Dr. Gatty, is known to have composed at least two local carols and arranged several others.

In comparison, many of the better known national carols are in fact international, written by well-known English or European composers. The singing of local carols now seems to be peculiar to North Sheffield and also parts of North Derbyshire and North Nottinghamshire although there are similar songs sung in Cornwall and even parts of Ireland and North America. It may be that some of these have travelled with migrating miners seeking work; it may also be possible that local carols were once common across the whole country but have largely died out, replaced by the national carols.

The carols are quite distinctive; some refer to local people such as Newton and Chambers and many have separate parts for men and woman with refrains very similar to the hymns written by Charles Wesley. And then there are the traditional words of 'while shepherds watched' set to at least 28 different tunes! They are still sung quite widely in the villages of North Sheffield – Ecclesfield, Grenoside, Oughtibridge, Worrall, Bradfield, Dungworth, Bolsterstone, and Ingbirchworth among others, often interspersed with some of the well-known national ones. In Ecclesfield, the tradition of the local carols is well established and it used to be common for them to be sung in church and in homes and also by carollers walking around the village 'wassailing'.

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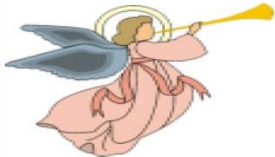
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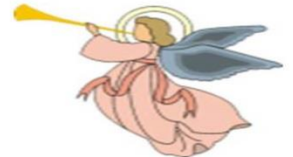
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Did St Paul text the Thessalonians? Or What'sApp the Corinthians?

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My dear Nephew Darren.

No, I do not think it would be a good idea for us to correspond by your wretched 'e-mail' in future – as I am sure you know I do not possess an email apparatus. At St. James the Least, we may well be poised to make the great leap forward into the next century, but when we do so, we shall leap forward into the nineteenth; it will be enough for future generations to give consideration to progression towards the twentieth. Beyond that does not bear speculation.

Pen and ink has been the medium of choice for generations of clergy, as they should be for you too. St. Paul, may I remind you, did not send a WhatsApp to the Corinthians - and was even proud to mention that part of his letter was written by his own hand. And while I am on the subject, it would greatly please me if you stopped using ball-point pens; they may be suitable for tradesmen, but not for a Clerk in Holy Orders. Do get yourself a good fountain pen and some permanent blue-black ink. Beware of parishioners who write to you in green ink; it is a sure sign they are unbalanced.

Modern technology may well have a place in the commercial world, but it should not impinge on the life of the Church. Your photocopied monthly magazine admittedly looks rather grand, but it needs a smudged, cyclostyled edition to re-assure readers that this is a truly Anglican production. The sight of Miss Pemberton thumping out those stencils on her grandfather's typewriter, which he used during the Crimean campaign, running off the copies and emerging hours later liberally covered in black ink gives a re-assuring sense of continuity with the past. Seeing her days later at church, still stained with printers' ink, makes those parishioners who don't know the real reason, speculate on whether she is moonlighting as a chimney sweep.

When Jesus taught His disciples, did He have to wait until they could record Him on their smartphones? When He told them where they were to go, did they get out their electronic diaries to see if they had a 'window' that day? Or google 'maps' to make sure He knew the quickest way there? When St. Paul wanted to check on the well-being of the Thessalonians, did he think of texting them? I rest my case.

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The Children's Society

Children's happiness is at its lowest since 2010, as we found out in our recent Good Childhood report. In Birmingham, we're part of a partnership running Pause, a mental health drop-in service for 0-25's. There, young people are given the opportunity to talk about any concerns they have around their happiness and mental health.



Young people are encouraged to express themselves creatively to take time to reflect. James, 17, has written the following poem on the theme of 'hope':

As I sit next to you and look up at the sky,
I gaze into the stars and often wonder, why?
Why was it me that this illness fell upon?
Why was it me that had to carry on?
For when I look into the sky now all I see is the void.
I see the fear, the darkness and the hope that It's destroyed.
The void stares back at me and often it will laugh,
but then you turn to me and whisper 'this will pass'
Your hand locks with mine and I begin to ignore the sky,
for I know there's still hope.
As long as I try.

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Will You Remember Them – November

Afghanistan

Christian asylum seekers forcibly returned from Europe live in fear. A new report by Amnesty International has highlighted the plight of Afghan Christian converts deported back to Afghanistan, who now live in fear of their lives.

Farid was deported to Kabul from Norway in May 2017. Although he grew up in Iran and later made his way to Norway where he converted to Christianity and was baptised. After nine years in Norway, during which time the 32year old learned Norwegian, his claim for asylum was rejected. Norwegian authorities told him he would be safe in Kabul, but his Iranian family have rejected him and he cannot live in the province his family come from.

“I am scared,” he explains, “I don’t know anything about Afghanistan. Where will I go? I don’t have funds to live alone and I can’t live with Muslim relatives because they will see that I don’t pray Islamic prayers.”

More than 9,000 asylum seekers, some of whom are Christian, have been returned to Afghanistan from European countries since 2015. Afghan Christian converts from Islam can legally face the death penalty for apostasy.

The Amnesty report concludes: “In their determination to increase the number of deportations, European governments are implementing a policy that is reckless and unlawful. Wilfully blind to the evidence that violence is at a record high and no part of Afghanistan is safe, they are putting people at risk of torture, kidnapping and death.”

- **Please Pray For Afghanistan**

JD

Editor: The Republic of Afghanistan does not recognize any Afghan citizens as being Christians, nor are Afghan citizens legally permitted to convert to Christianity. Although there are no explicit laws that forbid proselytizing, many authorities and most of society view the practice as contrary to the beliefs of Islam. There is only one legally recognized church in Afghanistan, the Catholic chapel at the Italian Embassy, which is not open to local nationals. Muslims who change their faith to Christianity are subject to societal and official pressure, which may lead to the death penalty. However, there are cases in which a Muslim will adopt the Christian faith, secretly declaring his/her apostasy. In effect, they are practicing Christians, but legally Muslims; thus, the statistics of Afghan Christians does not include Muslim apostates to Christianity. There are also Christian religious facilities at the foreign military bases, such as an Eastern Orthodox Church at the Romanian base in Kandahar. Items and articles belonging to religions other than Islam, such as Bibles, crucifixes, statues, carvings, items with religious symbols, and others, are prohibited, like in Saudi Arabia. Source: Wikipedia.



St HUGH of LINCOLN 17th November

In the Middle Ages, bishops were very important people. They were not only men of the church but also involved in running the country. They lived in great palaces and did not have much to do with ordinary people.

Bishop Hugh of Lincoln was different. He became known and loved for his charity to the poor; he cared for lepers and even risked his own life to prevent the killing of Jewish people during riots.

The Bishop rebuilt Lincoln Cathedral after it was destroyed by a great earthquake in 1185, but to him people were always more important than all the carved stones.

If you go to Lincoln, look out for the pictures of swans because

St. Hugh is usually shown with a swan. He had a pet swan which guarded

him while he was asleep.



BIBLE Hs

All the answers to this quiz begin with the letter H. Which 'H'...

1. Was a son of Noah? (Genesis, chapter 5)
2. Was David's first capital? (2 Samuel, chapter 2)
3. Was Herod's wife? (Matthew, chapter 14)
4. Did Goliath have that was made of bronze? (1 Samuel, chapter 17)
5. Was the King of Tyre who sent cedar wood for the Temple? (1 Kings, chapter 5)
6. Was hung on the willows by the rivers of Babylon? (Psalm 137)
7. Jesus said the birds have nests and foxes have these (Luke, chapter 9)
8. What are pleasant words like? (Proverbs, chapter 16)



Do you have a hobby?

Yes, I like sitting in the corner collecting dust.

Answers: 1. Ham 2. Hebron
3. Herodias 4. helmet 5. Hiram
6. harps 7. holes 8. honeycomb

Prayer for the Month

The Lord's Prayer, final part:

*“For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen”*

This traditional ending to the Lord's prayer as we pray it now was not part of Jesus' original prayer. It was added in the early Church as it was used in public worship and private prayer. Jesus' prayer ends on a note of praise, turning from ourselves, our needs and our concerns to God.

The prayer begins with God (Our Father...) and it ends with God; with God's glory. The kingdom that we pray for is God's kingdom and we must never confuse God's kingdom with our own wishes and desires. The power that brings in this kingdom is God's Holy Spirit, working in and through us certainly, but it is not our effort. And the glory that we long for is all God's, it is not the Church's and it is not ours.

This focus on God at the end of Jesus prayer reminds me of some advice that I was given nearly thirty years ago in Theological College by an elderly and godly vicar of Little St Mary's in Cambridge: 'Don't take yourself too seriously; don't take the Church too seriously; just take God seriously.' It is advice that I have tried to live by.

As Christians we long to see God's reign of truth and righteousness and justice break into our world with healing and restoration. And, although it will not be built by our efforts, we do have a part in the coming of God's kingdom. When we turn to Christ; when we allow God to be the lord of our lives, then God's kingdom grows, person by person, soul by soul. God begins to reshape us, and as God re-shapes us, so He re-makes the world around us.

As Christians and as Jesus' Church we do not seek our own glory, we seek God's glory. When we pray in Jesus' name we find again and again, that our prayer changes as we focus on Jesus rather than on ourselves. His will becomes our will. Part of this is our willingness to put our own hopes and desires on hold, and let God remake them.

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St Mary's – Regular Services

8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) - On 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

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)

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 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

Church Diary Items to Note for November 2017

Day and Date	Time	Item
Friday 2nd	10.00 am	Outreach Team Meet
Monday 6th	7.30 pm	PCC meet in Church
Wednesday 8th	1.00 pm	Mothers' Union meet in the Gatty Hall
	7.30 pm	Time for God
Saturday 11th	9.00 am	Prayer Breakfast
Tuesday 20th	7.30 pm	Fabric Team Meet
	7.30 pm	Discipleship Team Meet
Wednesday 22nd	7.30 pm	Time for God
	7.30 pm	Evening MU meet at 21 Minster Road
Saturday 25th	11.00 am	Christmas Fayre
Monday 27th	7.30 pm	Ignatian Prayer in Church
Thursday 30th	10.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Church

From the Registers

Baptisms

1st October	Joshua Louie Winter
1st October	Sidney James Oliver Oldfield
1st October	Eleanor Elizabeth Anneliese Penson

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

Funerals

9th October	Robert Hague	98
11th October	Arthur Keith Roberts	89

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

Flower Rota November 2017

5th	Vacant	19th	D. Banham
12th	P. Leach & O. Robinson	26th	Vacant
	<i>Remembrance Sunday</i>		

Mothers' Union - October 2017

At our meeting in October our speaker talked about a project called Monkey Bay, Most of us new nothing of what we were about to hear.

The speaker was Margaret Ripley and she opened her talk telling us about her daughter who as a young woman in 2007 had ambitions to row for her country. Unfortunately due to damage to her shoulder her dream was shattered. Her family said to her go and have an adventure and she chose to go to Malawi.

In Malawi she found children sleeping under trees, malnourished, little medical aid and little education. Mum was asked to help and this is how this project began. Initially Margaret and some friends thought of knitting monkeys as soft toys so that each child could have something of their own to love. However, one of the people involved in the knitting etc. suggested that they might do more good to sell the monkeys and use the money to help.

They obviously began in a small way and then in 2011 the Chief gave them a piece of land – this land can be asked for back at any time and so they used it as a recreation facility but decided they needed to buy a piece of land which they did and they now have a building which houses education, a provision of a meal each day and a room where medical staff can come and give injections etc.

They managed to get registered charity status in the UK which they had been told was impossible but with help they achieved this.

Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world and these facilities give hope and life to the area. They help children by giving them the necessary equipment to go to school and have one student who they supported through University and he is now doing very well working for a company.

In recent times a large hotel group in Portugal were planning to buy up a large part of the beach area to build a hotel etc. This would have had a really bad effect on the life of the villagers and so they purchased a piece of the beach area in the middle of the area required by the hotel and it has stopped that happening and it is another area that can be used for fun etc. by the youngsters.

It gave us all insight into what can be done with the right knowhow and the will to provide for shoes most in need in our world..

S. Hartshorne

The Gardening Year November 2017

Good gardening days are rare this month, which is all the more reason for taking the fullest advantage of the few suitable days. Clearing up should be in full swing. The gardener should collect leaves for compost but burn diseased leaves, good garden hygiene in autumn can prevent many a disease outbreak the following summer.

A Summary of the Months' Work – Roses, prepare the ground for planting if this was not done last month. This is the best time to plant roses, as the soil still has sufficient warmth to encourage root growth.

Dahlias – examine stored tubers. If they are shrivelling, plunge them in tepid water for the night, dry and replace in the peat or vermiculite. Cut off with a sharp knife any part of the tubers that show signs of rotting and dust the cuts with flowers of sulphur.

Chrysanthemum – watch plants over wintering in the garden for signs of water logging, drain waterlogged stools outdoors by piercing soil deeply with a garden fork.

Gladioli – clean the corms at any time from the drying off stage until just before planting them next spring. Break away and discard the old shrivelled corms. If the little bulbs are to be kept for propagation remove these too and store them separately. Remove the tough outer skins from the large corms. If you see thrips on them or if there has been a severe attack of thrips during the growing season dust the corm with an insecticide.

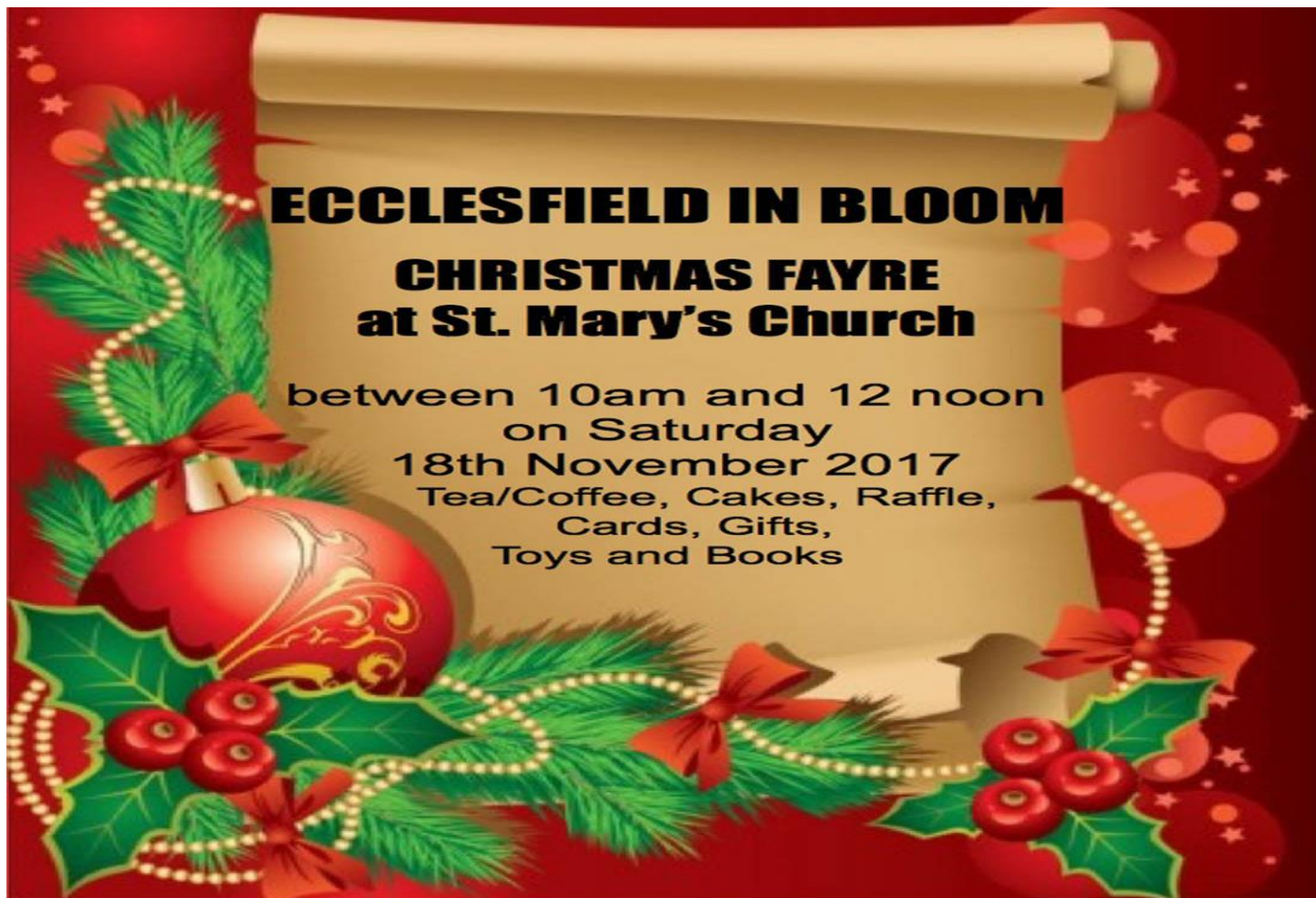
Blackberry, Loganberry and Hybrid Berries – complete pruning as soon as possible and train new growths on to supporting frame works.

Black Currants – prune established bushes by removing some of the old wood and leaving in as much new growth as possible. No pruning is required at the end of the first season of growth after planting.

Cherry – this is not the time to prune Cherry, Peach, Nectarine, Plum or Damson because slowly healing wounds expose the trees to disease. If pruning is necessary to remove split or damaged branches, for instance – tidy up the wounds with a knife and protect with bituminous paint.

Gooseberry, Red and White Currants – prune established bushes by shortening the leaders by half and the laterals to 2in. (on older bushes prune the laterals harder.

Colin Williams



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Grave certainties

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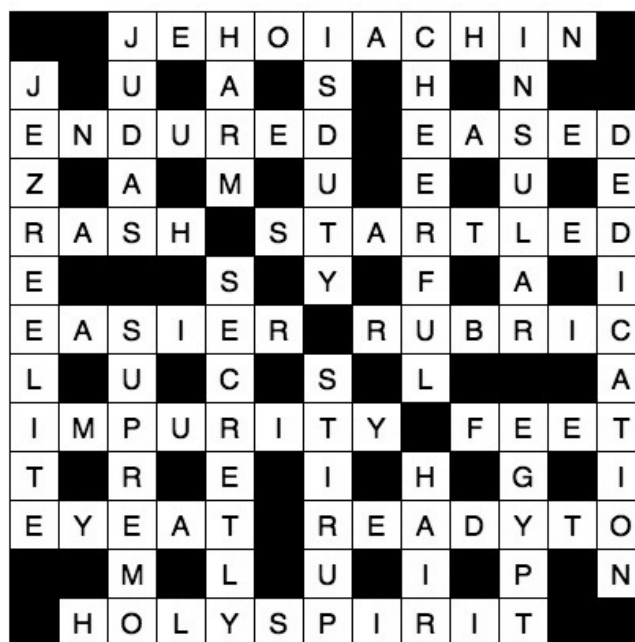
The diggers looked quite startled at this, and put down their lunches. But they stood quietly enough while I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. And as I played 'Amazing Grace,' the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together.

When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head hung low, my heart was full. As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, 'I never seen nothin' like that before and I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years.'

So, apparently I'm still lost....



Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here



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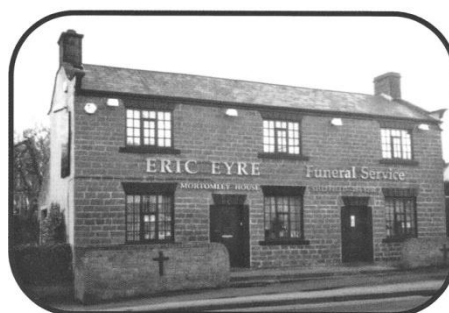
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Saint of the Month – 6th November

William Temple: Archbishop of Canterbury

During the Second World War, Winston Churchill was Britain's Prime Minister. At the same time, William Temple was Archbishop of Canterbury. While Churchill led the country against Germany, Temple encouraged the British people to trust the Lord for their deliverance and strength. Like Churchill, Temple was a great leader, a gifted orator and a prolific writer. He was also a theologian and social activist.

Temple was born on 15th October 1881 in Exeter, Devon. He was educated at Rugby School and Balliol College, Oxford, from 1900 to 1904. He loved the music of Bach; the poetry of Browning and Shelley, and Shakespeare. He was an avid reader and possessed a near-photographic memory.

He became president of the Oxford Union and after graduation, was a lecturer in philosophy at Queen's College, Oxford. He was a member of the debating society and was a skilled and balanced debater. Following his ordination in 1909, and priesting in 1910, Temple was headmaster of Repton School for four years. He married Frances Anson in 1916. They were childless.

From 1921-29 Temple was Bishop of Manchester. During this time he was seen as a pioneer of the Ecumenical Movement and gradually became a national figure. In 1926 he urged the British government to seek a negotiated agreement to the General Strike.

Temple excelled as a moderator; a teacher and a preacher and his appointment as Archbishop of York (1929-40) was a popular one. His influence also led to the formation of the British Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. During the 2nd World War he jointly founded the Council of Christians and Jews to combat anti-Semitism and other forms of prejudice in Britain.

As Archbishop of Canterbury (1942-44) Temple became an outspoken advocate of social reform and became involved in the campaign against unemployment, poverty and poor housing. He believed in the rights of all people, whether rich or poor, and was a leading force for social justice. He was grounded in the problems of the working man and in his book *Christianity and Social Order* (1942) he shared his vision for all to have access to healthcare, education and decent housing. His radical thinking and activism played a foundational role in the formation of the British Welfare State.

Temple died aged 63 at Westgate-on-Sea, Kent on 26th October 1944. He was the first Primate of All England to be cremated and his ashes were buried in the cloister garden of Canterbury Cathedral. He is the last Archbishop of Canterbury to have died while in office.

Prayer for the Month — *continued from page 13*

The Lord's Prayer, final part:

*“For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen”*

When we pray in this way, we discover that God really does have prepared for those who love Him, such good things as pass our human understanding. The glory is God's; but we are invited to share in it.

As Charles Wesley put it:

*Yea, Amen! Let all adore thee,
High in thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory:
Claim the Kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly!
Alleluia! Come, Lord, Come!*

God bless,
Tim



The vicar's alternative to traditional after-service coffee was having a dramatic effect on male church attendance



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Crossword Puzzle

Clues Across

- 1** He was replaced as king of Judah by his uncle Mattaniah (2 Kings 24:17) (10)
7 'Let us fix our eyes on Jesus... who for the joy set before him — the cross' (Hebrews 12:2) (7)
8 Relieved (5)
10 Impetuous (Acts 19:36) (4)
11 Surprised and alarmed (Luke 24:37) (8)
13 'It is — for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for the rich to enter the kingdom of God' (Mark 10:25) (6)
15 Directions for the conduct of a church service (6)
17 One of the acts of the sinful nature (Galatians 5:19) (8)
18 and **20** Down 'She began to wet his — with her tears. Then she wiped them with her — ' (Luke 7:38) (4,4)
21 'We will all be changed, in a flash, in the twinkling of an — , — the last trumpet' (1 Corinthians 15:51–52) (3,2)
22 'But he replied, "Lord, I am — — go with you to prison and to death"' (Luke 22:33) (5,2)
23 Third person of the Trinity (2 Corinthians 13:14) (4,6)

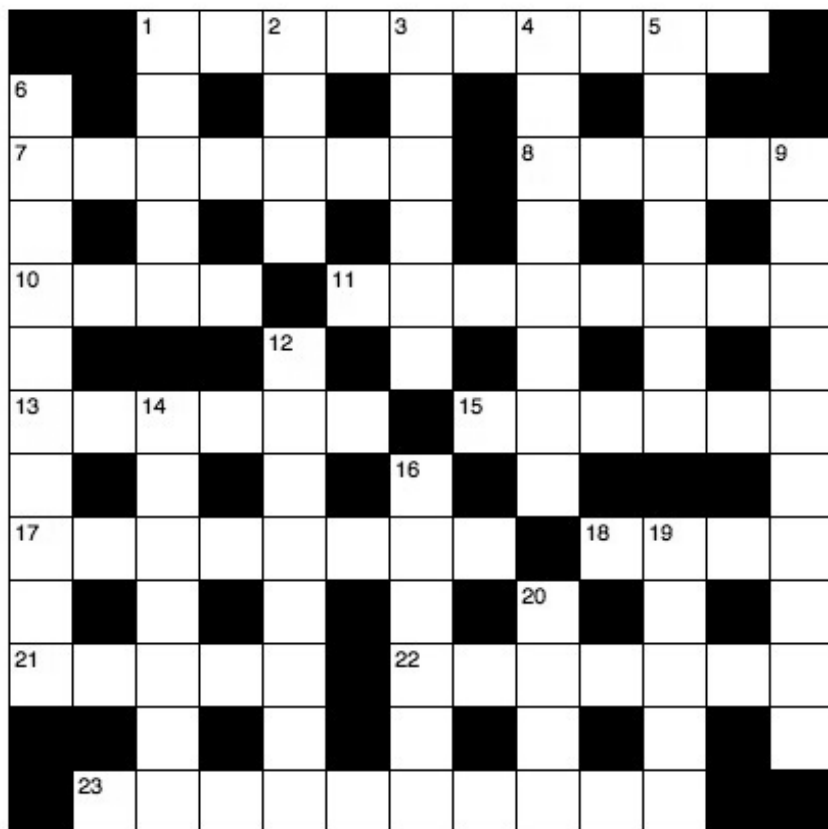
Clues Down

- 1** He betrayed Jesus (Matthew 27:3) (5)
2 Paul's assurance to the Philippian jailer: 'Don't — yourself! We are all here!' (Acts 16:28) (4)
3 'Fear God and keep his commandments, for this — the whole — of man' (Ecclesiastes 12:13) (2,4)
4 The sort of giver God loves (2 Corinthians 9:7) (8)
5 Sun rail (anag.) (7)
6 Naboth, the ill-fated vineyard owner, was one (1 Kings 21:1) (10)
9 Paul said of young widows, 'When their sensual desires overcome their — to Christ, they want to marry' (1 Timothy 5:11) (10)
12 This was how Joseph of Arimathea practised his discipleship 'because he feared the Jews' (John 19:38) (8)
14 Mop ruse (anag.) (7)
16 Foment (Philippians 1:17) (4,2)

19 Where Joseph and Mary escaped to with the baby Jesus (Matthew 2:14) (5)

20 See 18 Across

Solution is on Page 20



Those amazing Children of Israel

In Sunday School one morning young Joseph raised his hand and proceeded to ask a question that had perplexed him for some time. ‘There's something I can't figure out.

According to the Bible, the Children of Israel crossed the Red Sea, right?’ ‘Right,’ said his teacher.

‘And the Children of Israel beat up the Egyptians, right?’ ‘Er, right.’

‘And the Children of Israel built the Temple, right?’ ‘Again you're right.’

‘And the Children of Israel fought the Philistines and then the Moabites and lots of other tribes, and the Children of Israel were always doing something important, right?’ ‘All that is right, too,’ agreed the teacher. ‘So, what's your question, Joseph?’

‘Well what were all the grown-ups doing all that time?’

Prayers and Poems Page

Prayer to remind us to remember

Lord, At this remembrance time, we remember those who gave their lives in the service and protection of their country, whether many years ago, or in more recent conflicts. We thank you for them and pray for those who loved them.

The death of a loved one, whatever the cause, changes our lives forever and we walk an unchosen path. There are wonderful memories, times to be thankful, but nothing takes away the pain and empty space every day. Thank you, Lord, for understanding our loss. Thank you that when we cry, we know that you cried first, when your friend died. It's all right to cry. It's all right to pour out our pain to you, as we remember...

And Lord, we remember most of all your death on the cross. We thank you that in this remembering we have hope and meaning and confidence because you rose again; you overcame death. If we put our trust in you we shall live with you forever. Lord at our saddest times, help us to remember your victory and the bigger picture!

In Jesus name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

We Remember

The Somme, Dunkirk and Passchendaele
Cause us to think of times of war,
When men and boys went bravely out
They fought, some died and returned no more.

They gave their all that we should live,
We never should forget such cost,
Remembering with thankful hearts
Our freedom gained as lives were lost.

Another Man gave up His life,
Another war, another fight,
With all mankind held fast in chains
As darkness fell as black as night.

The cost was high, a sinless life
To break the chains and set us free,
The Lamb of God on Calvary's cross
Paid that price for you and me.

By Megan Carter

Some thoughts on remembering

Remember me as the poppies fall
On the shoulders, heads, and at the feet
Of young and old,
All gathered for the Festival.

Remember me in the music played,
In the clapping of the audience,
Keeping time
And uniforms so proudly worn.

Remember me in the stories told,
Most from the distant past, but others new,
Each one rehearsing memories stored or
In the making.

Remember me -
And if a tear should chance to flow
Then let it flow for the world in pain,
And dedicate yourself to peace.

For you are my memorial.
And your life, if lived for others,
Is my legacy.

By Sam Doubtfire

The Local Carols - *continued*

Until the early-1980s, the carols were sung at a popular special carol service in Ecclesfield Church devoted to the local carols and they were sung in several Ecclesfield pubs including the Black Bull, The White Bear and The Arundel where they were sometimes accompanied by the Ecclesfield Silver Prize Band. The band also used to play carols around the village on Christmas day morning. Although they are still sung occasionally in church, their main home is now in the pub and in Ecclesfield, the carols are now generally sung only in the Black Bull. If you have never heard or sung these carols, it can prove to be a really enjoyable evening well worth trying.

Local Carols are sung in the Black Bull opposite the church from about 8.30pm every Thursday from 16th November and finishing on 21st December.

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The End of the Seasons

The Singers have just completed the last of several performances over the summer and autumn. We had a very successful concert at Wortley Church in September followed by a lovely wedding at Wentworth Church where we helped to swell the congregational hymns as well as singing several pieces during the signing of the register. Finally, on 7th October we had our last concert of the autumn season at Christ Church in Brampton Bierlow which was very well received by this new audience.

Now that Christmas is on the horizon we are busy rehearsing a number of new festive pieces as well as some old favourites for our annual Christmas Concert at Grenoside Community Centre. As well as the choir, we will have a guest appearance by Oughtibridge Band to add to the festive fun. Of course, we encourage audience participation and there will be several traditional carols to enable the audience to add to the Christmas spirit. The concert is on Monday 4th December with tickets costing £5 including refreshments and can be purchased from choir members or on the door. We look forward to seeing you there!

If you are interested in joining the choir, you would be very welcome to come along to any of our rehearsals which are held in St Mark's Church Hall on Monday evenings at 7.30pm, or contact the Secretary, Judith Gill for more information. (Details at the back of this edition.) Bookings for weddings are also very welcome.

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