

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



Church Magazine September 2017

www.stmarysecclesfield.com

Price 60p

First Words

September always feels like the start of a new year to me, and for many people it is the start of a new school year. It also feels like the beginning of a breathless rush to Christmas! So my resolution for this month is to make sure that I find time for prayer in the midst of all the busyness.

In September the regular meetings and groups will re-commence.

On **Saturday 9th September at 9am** we will have a prayer breakfast in church. Time to meet together to pray for our parish and our nation and also time to listen for God. So many Christians have told me over the years that they would like to pray more and to deepen their experience of prayer - if you have never been along to the prayer breakfasts they are well worth getting up on a Saturday for!

In September we will be moving the **Time for God** evenings from Tuesdays to Wednesdays. The dates for September will be **Wednesday 13th & 27th from 7.30 - 9pm**. We gather in Church for worship, teaching and prayer. Themes to be announced.

The **Mission and Discipleship Committee** will be meeting on **Monday 18th Sept**. We will be looking at prayer ministry and the Alpha course.

Looking a little further ahead the **Emley Band** will be giving a concert in Church on **Saturday 21st October**. Tickets are available now - book the date in your diaries.

God bless,

Tim



Front Cover – Cyclamen purpurascens (Alpine, European or purple cyclamen), native to central Europe, northern Italy, and Slovenia. It is a tuberous perennial with (usually) variegated heart shaped leaves, and deep pink flowers in summer. Source Wikipedia

Back Cover – Emley Brass Band

The Gatty Memorial Hall

Priory Road
Ecclesfield
Sheffield S35 9XY
Phone: 0114 246 3993

Accommodation now available for booking

Groups • Meetings • Activities
Functions

Ecclesfield Church Playgroup

The Gatty Memorial Hall - Priory Road - Ecclesfield

A traditional playgroup good fun for Babies to 5 years with their
Mums, Dads and Carers

Refreshments for everyone

Everyone welcome, come along and join the fun

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings

9.30 am to 11.30 am

£2.20 per session

For more information please telephone

Mrs Ann Hackett (0114) 246 7159

Thought for the Month

On Saturday 29th April the Wardens, PCC and other members of St Mary's met to begin to make plans for the next four to six years. As a church we have spent several months in prayer, seeking God's vision and direction, and the meeting in April was the culmination of that time of prayer.

We began by considering the purpose of the Church, reflecting on Jesus' Great Commandment and His commission to the Church:

"The first Commandment is, 'Hear, O Israel the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbour as Yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:29-31).

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go and make disciples of all nation, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you, and I am with you always, to the end of time." (Matthew 28:18-20)

Then we began to think about what we believe God had been saying to us and started to think about our priorities under 5 headings.

Below are some of our thoughts:

1. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart" - Worship.

Develop role of children/youth & families in 10am service. 2017/18

Look at developing an extra service - very different in style from our 10am service.

2. "Love your neighbour as yourself" - Ministry.

Engage with the national research by Church of England into experiences at baptisms, Weddings & Funerals.

Review Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals.

Move most of Baptisms into 10am service starting in 2018.

"Serving and Loving our community" - what does this mean for us here & now?

3. “Go and make disciples” - Evangelism.

Explore how we can implement Back to Church Sunday.

Establish a social media presence.

Research practicality & viability of a service in the community - Fresh expression - in Library or School.

Explore how the church can be open more during the week.

Holiday clubs? Develop links with local schools and Parent & Toddlers.

4. “Baptising them” - Fellowship

Regular Songs of Praise service - perhaps 3 times a year; invite community groups to take part & tell us about themselves.

5. “Teaching them to obey” - Discipleship.

Find ways of helping members of church to discern their gifts & callings: look at developing links with New Wine on enabling Christians to fulfil the calling; diocesan resources.

Alpha Course.

In addition we also felt strongly that St Mary’s would be a great place for a curate to train and so we will apply for a curate to start in 2018 or 2019. We also would like to explore having a Youth/Children’s Worker.

We looked at the development of our building, noting that the building itself is integral to our mission - it attracts thousands of visitors every year.

Disabled Access is a priority, as is enhancing our Audio visual provision.

Ideally we would like to have a second toilet and a Meeting Room at the back of the church. We would like to explore moving the font to the front of the church.

These results of our prayers and our planning will guide us over the next four to six years. We have already begun to put some parts of the plan in place.

More than anything else though we should plan to be open to the Holy Spirit and to make prayer and worship the foundation of everything that we do here at St Mary’s. We remember Jesus’ promise that when we gather in His name He is among us, and we pray that in everything that we do or attempt Jesus will be glorified.

God bless,

Tim

Peter Haigh & Sons

Funeral Directors

Peter is a qualified Funeral Director and was formerly a manager with 13 years' experience at a well-established family run funeral directors in this area



99 Cross Hill
Ecclesfield
Sheffield
S35 9WR
Tel: 0114 245 7913



Simple Funeral, Hearse, Limousine and Wood Effect Coffin
£1,600 plus Third Party Costs (Disbursements)

Committed to Fair Priced Funerals and Pre Paid Funeral Plans

The
Children's
Society

Coffee Morning

in

St Mary's Church Ecclesfield

Saturday 7th October

From 10.00 am – 12.30pm

Cakes – Raffle – Stalls
Refreshments

Please come and support us!



Welcome to St Mary's Parish Church, Ecclesfield

St James the Least of All

On plums, dull sermons, falling leaves and Harvest

The Rectory,
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren.

It is good to be back from my holidays – even if I discovered on arriving home that, as I motored back with my car full of my exchange colleague's plums in the boot, he was doing the same with my apples; I had expected better of him.

I was equally disappointed that he insisted on inviting parishioners back to the Rectory after Mattins for a sherry, as it creates a dangerous precedent. That he entertained them on my sherry was a step too far. I think a letter of reproach will be called for – or at least as soon as I feel he will have got over the discovery that I liberated the plums from his own orchard.

One of the main reasons I allowed him to come here was that I remembered his sermons being long and memorably dull. Sadly, he has had a conversion experience and they are now short and interesting, which was definitely not what I wanted. I am already making tentative plans to exchange with a colleague next year who has a heavy Welsh accent and speaks with a stutter.

You rather smugly commented that at least on the Norfolk coast I didn't have to worry about marauding pythons, as you did in your somewhat more exotic holiday. But had you had to deal with an irate dowager marchioness whose flower arrangement had been moved from the pulpit to the font without her permission, you would understand where real danger lurks. You can be inoculated before your holiday against typhoid; there is no known medical protection against a lady of substance in full charge.

So the Autumn round approaches. Afternoons are occupied in sweeping up leaves from the lawns and evenings, after dark, of tipping them over the wall into Colonel Adamson's garden. That will be an activity quite foreign to you, I know. Imagine your morning collection of discarded take-away containers dumped in your garden and you have a close parallel.

And then there is Harvest to prepare for. The plums that I brought back from my colleague's trees that remain uneaten should find a good home on the church window sills – which may almost compensate for the absence of the Rectory apples. They will sit, totally upstaged, alongside Miss Fanshawe's Harrod's hamper – which she always makes sure everyone knows she donated anonymously. Some, as they say, have their reward already.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Andrew Jones - Tui Na Massage & Acupuncture

Treating all types of pain, stress and discomfort

Kinetic Clinic, The Old Griffin Pub

8 Townend Road, Ecclesfield



British
Acupuncture
Council Member

Mob: 0753 806 5665

 andrewjoneshealth@gmail.com

www.acupunctureandmassage.net



Piano Lessons



Take Exams or play for fun.

Theory up to Grade 5 beginners welcome.

Alison Hancock –  0114 245 2780





K.B. Clock Repairs.



A local repair service for mechanical clocks.
Wall clocks, Mantel clocks, Grandfather clocks.
Restoration of clock cases.

Contact Ken Baker on

 0114 2453260 or  07768293604

Visit us online: www.kbclocks.co.uk/

ROYLES TRAVEL - A FAMILY RUN BUSINESS

Established 1990 Our reputation is built on Quality and Value for money

Door to Door Luxury Coach Holidays, Scenic Weekend Breaks
Exciting and Interesting Day Excursions, Executive Group Travel & Coach Hire

114 Tunwell Avenue - Ecclesfield - Sheffield - S5 9FG

 (0114) 245 4519 - Mob. 07831 192631

Visit us at: www.roylestravel.co.uk

China opens its arms to the Bible

With 30 years help from Bible Society

Just over 40 years ago, the Bible was a banned book in China. But today, in this largely atheist country, the Bible is a best seller. In China today, you will find churches so full that their congregants spill out on the pavement. Those in rural areas often walk for hours just to attend a service, while more and more city-dwellers can be found in churches – both underground and state-run – on a Sunday morning.

What's more, copies of the Bible – once a banned book in China – are now within reach through local churches and specially-licensed bookshops. And those Bibles are desperately needed. As one Chinese Christian explains: 'The fire of revival has been burning in China for 30 years. But if we want it to keep burning, we need to feed it with God's word.'

It's a remarkable story. And over the last 30 years, the Bible Society has been at the heart of it. Over decades, through working with the registered Church, they have carved out a unique ministry in China. For it was back in 1987, in response to requests from Chinese church leaders, that Bible Society helped to establish the Amity Printing Company. In 2008, it moved to a larger, upgraded facility, the size of 12 football pitches and with the capacity to print 20 million Bibles a year. It's now the world's biggest Bible printing factory!

Bible Society is still hard at work, printing and distributing Bibles across the country, helping to strengthen the roots of the Chinese Church, and to help new believers grow into mature followers of Jesus.

Here's just some of the numbers that describe the Bible Society's work in China:

- **68 million Chinese Bibles printed from its press since 1987**
- **55,000 local churches with whom it is connected**
- **77 distribution centres from which it bases itself**
- **48 Bible vans taking Bibles wherever they need to go**

Editor: China is governed by the Communist Party of China; following the suppression of religion during the Cultural Revolution (1966-1976) religious organisations were given more autonomy. The government now formally recognises five religions: Buddhism, Taoism, Islam, Protestantism, and Catholicism (though the Chinese Catholic Church is independent of the Catholic Church in Rome). In the early twenty-first century there has been increasing official recognition of Confucianism and Chinese folk religion as part of China's cultural inheritance. Out of a population of 1.379 billion some 2.5% or 34.5 million are Christian.

Chapelton Aerials Ltd

Digital Aerials from £65

Our (CAL) Trained (Digital) Engineers can install and Set Up Your TV Sets, VCR, DVDs, Smart TV's Free View / Free Sat Boxes, Supply and install Digital TV Aerials.

Specialists in Multi-room installations, Gale Damage, Help with Insurance claims, Priority to the Elderly. Next Day Service where possible.

All our work is Guaranteed.

Tel 0114 2455322 Mobile: Leo 0771 5506251

A. J. Hurdley - Opticians

NHS and Private Eye Examinations

Spectacles at Sensible Prices

125 High Street, Ecclesfield, Sheffield, S35 9UA

☎ 0114 246 8127

Transitions
ADAPTIVE LENSES

enquiries@ajhurdleyopticians.co.uk



SISTERS
CARPET & SOFA CLEANING

Carpet & Sofa Cleaning Service

Carpets - Leather - Upholstery - Rugs
Stain Removal - 10 Step Cleaning Process

Female Owned & Operated

Professionally Trained - Fully Insured



For a free, no obligation quotation please contact Caroline

on t: 0114 2885345 m: 07857 640678

www.sisterscarpetandsofacleaning.co.uk



Retired Doctor needs someone to take him to Grenoside post office, to pick up his morning paper, and have a natter with.

Our lovely clients are looking for mature, like-minded, caring individuals for support and companionship at home.

If you have a couple of hours to spare*, apply today, to become a Home Instead CAREGiver and enjoy a rewarding part-time career. No previous care experience is required as we provide full induction training. Age is no barrier as our oldest CAREGiver is in their 70's.

*2-16 hours available per week *car driver desirable



Find out more at:
www.homeinstead.co.uk/sheffieldnorth
or Call: 0114 246 9666

Build a brighter future for your child

Kip McGrath's qualified teachers create individual tutoring programmes for your child, using proven Kip McGrath methods of tuition.



- ✓ Maths ✓ Reading
- ✓ English ✓ Spelling
- ✓ Comprehension

**Call today
for a FREE
assessment**

Sheffield North

01442 570 777

Office 12, Haywood House, Hydra Business Park, Nether Lane, Ecclesfield S35 9ZX

Kip McGrath™
EDUCATION CENTRES
kipmcgrath.co.uk

Will You Remember Them - Afghanistan

Leader: President Ashraf Ghani, Population: 34.2million

Main Religion: Islam (Thousands of Christians)

Government: Islamic republic. World Watch List Rank: 3

Source of Persecution: Islamic extremism / Ethnic antagonism

It is illegal for an Afghan person to be anything other than a Muslim

Afghanistan is a tribal society, and leaving Islam is seen as a betrayal of the tribe. Discovered believers will sometimes be sent to a mental hospital, as families believe no sane person would leave Islam. Baptism is a crime punishable by death; several believers were killed in 2016 when their faith was discovered. The Taliban, a radical Islamist group, remains active in Afghanistan and targets those who leave Islam.

Persecution in Afghanistan - Saif heard the gospel on a Christian radio programme. There are no churches and few indigenous believers in Afghanistan, so the fact that he was able to hear about Jesus was a miracle.

But the greatest miracle came when he brought an Injil, New Testament, to his home. “I have seven children. One of them was disabled and could not walk. When I brought the New Testament into my house, my daughter started to move. I began to read from the Bible and she started to walk!” However, Saif didn’t know how to explain this to his neighbours. “I am so afraid,” said Saif. “I believe in Jesus now, and my wife also, but I still go to the mosque to pray five times a day.” Afghanistan is a tribal society, and loyalty to your family, clan and tribe are incredibly important. Leaving Islam is seen as treason, and Christianity is viewed as a Western religion which is hostile to Afghan culture and society. If a Christian is discovered, they may be compelled to return to Islam by their families and tribal leaders through occult practices, torture or even being sent to a mental hospital. These believers also face the added threat by extremists. Some militants have pledged allegiance to the self-proclaimed Islamic state.

Some converts will keep their faith completely secret - simply meeting in small groups can be dangerous, and even the internet is closely monitored. Just the suspicion that you may have converted can lead to your arrest or the destruction of your home or business. Saif was abducted by extremists who had somehow discovered his faith. “They wanted to kill me and my wife also. The men forced me into a car and we started driving. All of a sudden we ran into a soldier’s patrol - then my kidnappers ran off. Despite these dangers, Saif and his wife continue to follow Jesus in secret. Only God knows how many secret believers like them are in Afghanistan.

Please Pray

- For courage and protection for secret Afghan believers and all who support them.
- For change to take place within the country, and for openness to religions outside of Islam.
- For stability and peace in Afghanistan - **Amen**

JD



September 29
Michael, Gabriel and
Raphael

In the Bible, angels are messengers from God. The word 'angel' comes from the Greek word for a messenger and it appears hundreds of times in the Bible. But the only angels whose names we know are Michael, Gabriel and Raphael who are archangels, captains among the angels. Each of these three has a different task: Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides.

In the New Testament, in the book of Revelation, Michael leads God's armies to final victory over the forces of evil and in the Old Testament he is in the book of Daniel, defending Israel against its enemies.

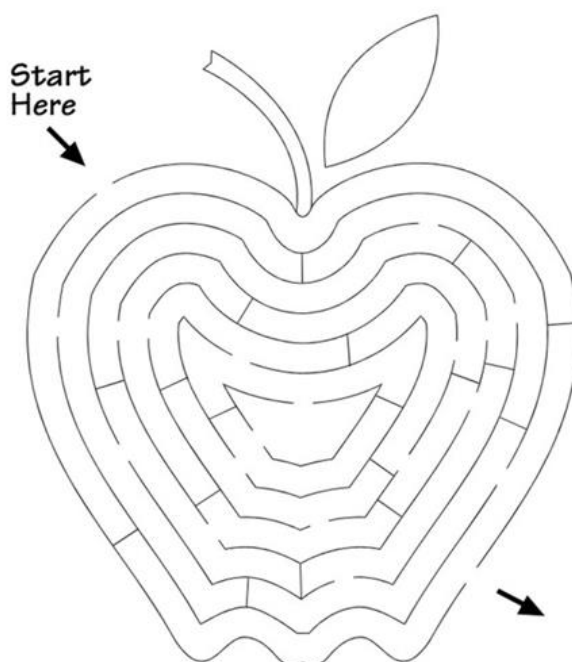
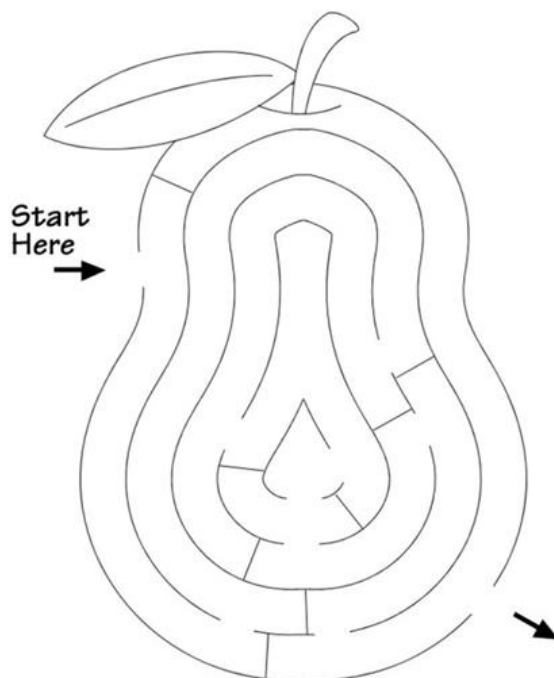


Gabriel is best known for his appearing to a young Jewish girl named Mary to tell her that she will give birth to Jesus.

Raphael is in the Old Testament story of Tobit where he guides Tobit's son Tobiah.

HARVEST PUZZLE

Can you find your way through these 2 fruit mazes?



What kind of nuts sneeze the most?
Cashews.

What's a vampire's favourite fruit?
Nectarine.

Prayer for the Month

The Lord's Prayer, Part 5: "Forgive us as we forgive."

Forgiveness is at the heart of Jesus' ministry and so it is central to His prayer. When we ask to be forgiven we are seeking to be set free from our past; and when we forgive we set others free too.

To forgive rather than to extract revenge can, at first sight, seem to be weak; but in reality it is a sign of strength. Jesus words about forgiveness in His prayer are very challenging and demanding.

Jesus' teaching on forgiveness builds on and develops the teaching of the Old Testament. The Law of Moses famously limited revenge (Exodus 21, see Matthew 5:38): if you blind me I am allowed to blind you - but I can't kill you. It is an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth - but no more. This is a step away from unlimited revenge and vendetta, but Jesus' Gospel goes further than the Law.

To forgive a person is not to pretend that they didn't hurt us or that what they did does not matter. In that case there will be little or nothing to forgive. Nor is forgiveness the same as accepting excuses. If there is an excuse for a wrong done, a good reason for it, then there is nothing to forgive.

CS Lewis once said that too often when we think that we are seeking God's forgiveness what we are really doing is asking Him to accept our excuses!

To be forgiven is to be set free from the consequences of our actions and of our past. It points us towards a new future. When we forgive someone who has hurt us we are actually deciding not to let them have continuing control over our feelings or to have any influence on our actions - I refuse to allow those who have hurt me to make me hate.

To forgive someone is to be like Christ. At the heart of the Gospel is the Cross and at the heart of the Cross there is God in Jesus dying for us, dying in our place so that we can be forgiven and set free. As Christians we forgive because we have been forgiven. Our experience of God's mercy changes us. We who have experienced the liberating mercy of God forgive in turn.

There are times when we do not want to forgive the person who has harmed us. The first step to being able to forgive might be to ask God to help us to want to forgive them.

Continues on page 24

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)

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

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

Church Diary Items to Note for September 2017

Day and Date	Time	Item
Sunday 3 rd	12 noon	Baptism Service
Monday 4 th	7.30 pm	PCC in Church
Wednesday 6 th	1.30 pm	MU AGM in the Gatty Hall
	7.30 pm	Outreach Team meet in Church
Thursday 7 th	10.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Church
Saturday 9 th	9.00 am	Prayer Breakfast in Church
Monday 18 th	7.30 pm	Fabric Committee meet in Church
	7.30 pm	Discipleship Team meet in Church
Tuesday 19 th	5.00 pm	Feoffees meet in Church
Wednesday 20 th	2.00 pm	Vicar and Wardens meet
Friday 22 nd		No Coffee Morning
Sunday 24 th	6.30 pm	Prayer and Praise Service
Monday 25 th	7.30 pm	Ignatian Prayer in Church

From the Registers

Weddings

28 th July	Ryan Hodgkinson & Rachel Frances Hall
29 th July	Andrew Michael Carl & Sarah Emma Prince
5 th August	Andrew Mark Frost & Rachael Anne Yeardley
12 th August	Darren Steven Rennison & Rachel Hayward
20 th August	Lee Wayne Buttery & Lucy Jade Taylor
26 th August	Matthew David Brown & Emily Jade Ashman
27 th August	John Andrew Wright & Emma Louise Birch

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

Flower Rota September 2017

3rd	P. Thomson	17th	N. Priest
10th	H. Rollins	24th	K & L Atkin

Observations on life in the 21st century...

“What do we worship? I think future anthropologists will take a look at the books we read on self-help, self-realisation, self-esteem. They’ll look at the way we talk about morality as being true to oneself, the way we talk about politics as a matter of individual rights, and they’ll look at this wonderful new religious ritual we have created. You know the one? Called the ‘selfie.’ And I think they’ll conclude that what we worship in our time is the self, the me, the I.” **Rabbi Lord Sacks**

Ecclesfield Cubs Outdoor Challenge Sleepover

Before cubs broke up for the summer the older cubs had a camping sleepover to complete their Outdoor Challenge Badge. They arrived at the scout hut on Saturday afternoon and put up their tents and then used their pioneering skills to build washing stands, bins, shoe racks and even attempted a small gate.

Another key part was for the Cubs to prepare their own meals. Splitting them into two groups they worked together to figure out a menu, made a shopping list and then we took them to the local supermarket to get the ingredients needed. When back at the scout hut they prepared their meals with a little guidance from the leaders and then tucked into their completed meals. Although the ice cream was a little melted by the time they had finished: not that they minded.

We made the most of the sunny light evening by doing some den building in their teams, which were then tested by the magic rain that arrived in buckets! The Cubs stayed rather dry showing the success of their den building skills.

As the light dimmed the Cubs built fires and sat toasting marshmallows chatting about their day until bedtime when they retired to their tents for the night going to sleep...eventually (some had to be reminded that it was time to sleep). In the morning they prepared their breakfast before sorting and putting away the equipment, followed by team games and learning some first aid skills.



The Cubs made their own sandwiches for lunch and then awaited their parents as they came to pick them up but much fun was had over the two days where the Cubs developed their independence, skills and confidence.

The Cubs really enjoy their adventures which wouldn't be possible without adult volunteers, which Ecclesfield Scout Group are in need of in all sections as Scouting becomes more popular.

If you feel you would like to contribute a small amount of your time to benefit the children in your community then don't hesitate to contact John Otter on 07484136148. No experience is necessary and training is provided.

The Gardening Year – September 2017

A Summary of the Month's Work

Sweet Peas, purchase seed for sowing next month. Include some of the old fashioned varieties to provide scent among the modern ones.

Flowers from Seed – remove faded annuals to make way for spring bedding. Sow the hardiest annuals to over-winter outdoors.

Plant - hardy biennials.

Bulbs – plant bulbs between shrubs or herbaceous plants on rock gardens or in lawns preferably in groups. Remove summer bedding as it fades and replace with bulbs. First plan the layout then plant from the centre outwards, where inter planting set the plants first and put in the bulbs afterwards.

Alpines – transplant any plants which need re-siting. Start making a new rockery: but first consider whether a raised alpine bed might not be better, choose an open well drained position away from trees. Allow several weeks to pass for soil and rocks to settle before planting.

Greenhouse and Frames – start giving artificial heat towards to end of the month. Sow annuals for a spring display in the greenhouse, potting the seedlings separately in three in. pots take cuttings of Fuchsia. Zonal Pelargoniums shading from the glass. Bring Primulas and other plants into the greenhouse from cold frames.

Trees and Shrubs – prepare ground for planting later in the month or in October. Start planting ever green shrubs during showery weather at the end of the month. Support standard shrubs with stakes until they become established. Water newly planted shrubs during dry weather and spray their foliage with water. Take hardwood and half-ripe cuttings of Berberis, juniper and privet, rooting them in sandy soil in a cold frame. Leave them to grow on in the frame during the winter.

Rhododendrons and Azaleas – during rainy weather transplant bushes which need moving, continue to increase stock by layering. Heel in new plants if the ground is not ready for planting, but do not allow them to become dry.

Hedges – clip new growth for the last time this season. Remove remaining weeds and compost them. Prepare sites for new hedges. Plant ever green hedges from Mid-September to Mid-October.

Colin Williams

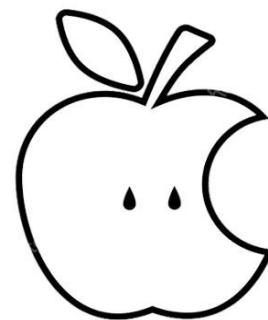
The Oldest Computer

The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam and Eve.

Not surprisingly, it was an Apple.

But it had an extremely limited memory:

Just one byte and everything crashed.



Lyncham Cocker Spaniels

Yorkshire Terriers & Toy Poodles

Puppies sometimes available

We also have Cockerpoos & Yorkipoos

Chapelton – Sheffield – South Yorkshire

Phone: 0114 245 5322 - Mobile: 0795 268 8420

Website: www.lyncham9.co.uk - Email: lyncham9@hotmail.com

Fully Licensed



ST. MICHAEL DRY CLEANERS LTD

54, St. Michaels Road, Ecclesfield, Nr. Sheffield.

Dry Cleaning, Laundry, Quilts

Football Kits, Work Wear, Horse Rugs.

Free Collection and delivery (Same day if required)

Telephone: (0114) 246 7624



**PRIORITY
FOOT
CARE**

**A Friendly and Professional Mobile
Foot Care Service to your Door**

Nail Cut and File, Callus and Corn Removal, Treatments for Cracked Heels,
Fungal Nail, Verrucas and Thickened Nails, Diabetic Foot Assessment and
Foot Care Advice

For more information

Call Jessica on 0772 427 7850 or visit www.priorityfootcare.co.uk



Ian Smith ATT Anne Smith BA (Hons)

Accounts for
Partnerships, Sole Traders and Limited Companies
VAT – PAYE – Bookkeeping - Self Assessment - Tax Returns

Local established family business
12/14 Church Street, Ecclesfield S35 9WE
Telephone: 0114 246 6464 Fax: 0114 245 6249
Email: info@cartersmith.co.uk

Crampton & Moore

Established Retailer in Audio, Video and Electrical Goods

Instore - 109, High Street, Ecclesfield, S35 9XA
Online - www.cramptonandmoore.co.uk
Telephone - 0114 246 7635

We specialise in Plasma and LED Televisions, and now have an extensive range of white goods and Domestic Appliances on display in our new showroom.

Come in today and speak to our in-store experts

Low Prices - Quality Service - Over 40 Years of Experience

SONY **SAMSUNG** **Panasonic**  **BOSCH**  **LG**  **Hotpoint**



Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

A	L	S	O		O	F	F	E	R	I	N	G
R		L		F		A		N		S		A
T	H	E	M	A	G	I		R	U	L	E	S
I		E		B		T		O		A		P
S	O	P	E	R		H	E	L	P	M	E	
T				I		I				I		A
I	S	A	A	C	A	N	D	J	A	C	O	B
C		R				C		A				U
	S	C	O	R	C	H		I	N	M	A	N
S		H		E		R		L		I		D
L	O	A	D	S		I	N	E	R	T	I	A
A		I		I		S		R		R		N
V	I	C	I	N	I	T	Y		B	E	L	T

ERIC EYRE

Funeral Services

... over 60 years of personal service

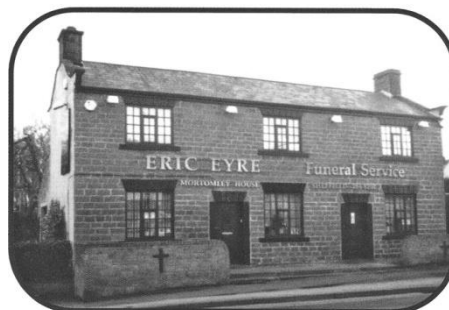
- A fully qualified privately owned & Independent Family Funeral Service.
- Offering a caring & dignified service, private rest rooms, coffin selection, floral tributes & memorials.
- Catering available on request in our own reception rooms or the venue of your choice.
- Pre - Payment Funeral Plans Available.

The Funeral Home

Mortomley House
2 & 4 Mortomley Lane
High Green
☎ 0114 284 8202

826 Barnsley Road
Sheffield Lane Top
☎ 0114 327 1720

34 Housley Park
Chapeltown



Golden Charter
Funeral Plans 



British Institute of Funeral Directors Eric Eyre National President
1989 - 1990



Saints of the Month – September

3rd - St Gregory the Great - the man who saved the ‘angels’

Pope Gregory never called himself ‘the Great’, but instead ‘the Servant of the Servants of God’. Nevertheless, Gregory was one of the most important popes and influential writers of the Middle Ages. The son of a very rich Roman senator, he left the service of the State upon his conversion as a young man. Gregory then sold off his tremendous estates to found six monasteries in Sicily and a seventh in Rome, and gave generously to the poor. He became a monk and adopted an austere lifestyle. But he was destined to be a frustrated monk, because successive popes kept appointing him to jobs with major public responsibilities.

Christians in England owe him a great deal. When Gregory came across some English slaves for sale in Rome, he asked who they were, and was told, ‘They are Angles.’ Moved with compassion for these humiliated and despised men, he replied, ‘They are not Angles, but angels!’ He wanted to lead a band of missionaries to England to evangelise the Angles, but then plague broke out in Italy, and during this time he was elected Pope.

Reluctantly he accepted, and then sent to work to deal with the crises facing Christendom: plague, floods, famine, and a Lombard invasion. But busy though Gregory was, he did not forget the Angles. He sent Augustine to England, and so indirectly became the apostle of the English.

5th - Laurence Giustiniani - the saint who knew how to help a beggar

You are walking down the road when a beggar approaches you for money. What do you do? If, instead of giving money, you buy him/her coffee or a meal, then you are in good company: you are following in the steps of the first ever Bishop of Venice.

Laurence Giustiniani (1381 – 1455) was born of a noble Venetian family, but chose the austerity of the Augustinian monastery of San Giorgio on island of Alga. He became a priest in 1406, prior in 1407, Bishop of Castello in 1433 and then in 1451 the first ever Bishop of Venice.

By then, Laurence had seen a lot of human nature, and was wise as well as good. Frugal in his private life, and happy to help the poor, he made sure that he gave wisely as well as generously. Hence the poor who came to him for help were given food and clothing - but only very occasionally small amounts of money. Bishop Laurence also devoted himself to peace-making and other pastoral work, for which his contemporaries held him in high esteem. As he lay dying on a bed of straw, very many clergy, laity, beggars and destitute folk came to grieve: he was greatly respected and loved. Wise giving and peace-making – Laurence’s example still shines true today.

Prayer for the Month - *continued*

The Lord's Prayer, Part 5: "Forgive us as we forgive."

Forgiveness is not a call to become a doormat; to forgive comes from a place of strength. There will be times when, even though we have forgiven someone and we absolutely refuse to hate them, yet we still seek justice - perhaps in order to protect others, perhaps in order to prevent others being harmed.

Finally Jesus calls us to forgive **as we have been forgiven**. God's forgiveness sets us free and it brings about change in us. When we seek God's forgiveness we are also seeking His transforming Spirit to change us into the image of Jesus. So when we forgive those who ask it of us we should also pray for the Spirit to re-make them.

As with the other parts of this prayer that Jesus gave us, the prayer of forgiveness leads us further down the path of discipleship. Praying and living this prayer will change us, and through us it can change the world.

God bless,
Tim



Yorke Salon

Ladies and Gents Hair Salon

And Now

Margaret would like to incorporate within her salon

Carol McNally

Beauty Therapist & Electrologist (Hair Removal)

With Over 20 Years' Experience

Telephone: **0754 392 1476**

Dawn McCurdy

Reflexology / Hypnotherapy

Pain Relief Acupuncture

Ear Acupuncture

Telephone: **0795 792 3988**

315 High Street Ecclesfield S35 9NB

Salon Telephone: **0114 246 7762**

Wheel Chair Access



Coffee Shop *at St Mary's Church*



Every Tuesday and Friday 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Luscious Cakes, Tea / Coffee

All Welcome – Free Internet Wi-Fi

Crossword Puzzle

Clues Across

- 1 'A little later someone else saw Peter and said, "You — are one of them"' (Luke 22:58) (4)
- 3 Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8)
- 9 They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king (Matthew 2:7) (3,4)
- 10 'An athlete... does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the — ' (2 Timothy 2:5) (5)
- 11 Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air preacher, leading 20th- century Methodist, Donald — (5)
- 12 'Come quickly to — — , O Lord my Saviour' (Psalm 38:22) (4,2)
- 14 'The God of Abraham, — — — , the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus' (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5)
- 17 Sear by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6)
- 19 'It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust — — ' (Psalm 118:8) (2,3)
- 22 Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5)
- 23 i.e. train (anag.) (7)
- 24 Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8)
- 25 'Righteousness will be his — and faithfulness the sash round his waist' (Isaiah 11:5) (4)

Clues Down

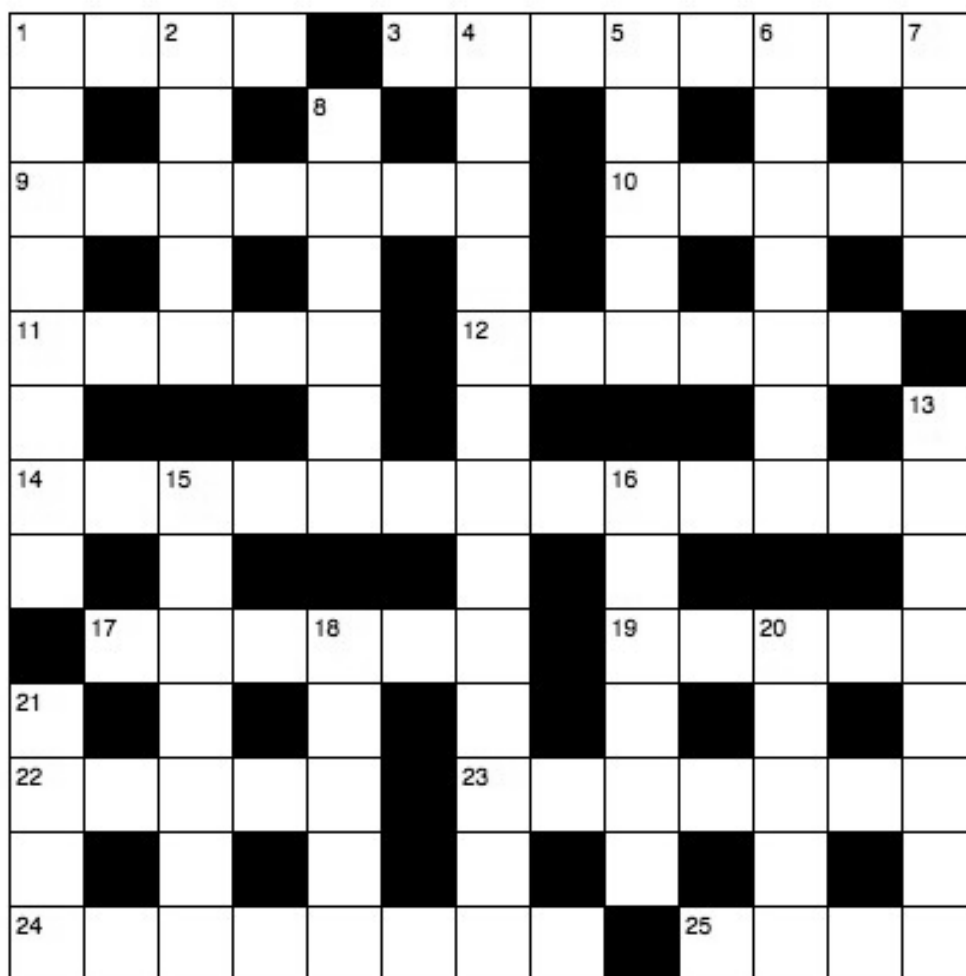
- 1 Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8)
- 2 'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all — , but we will all be changed' (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5)
- 4 'I... delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your — — — is' (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6)
- 5 Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5)
- 6 Of the Muslim faith (7)
- 7 Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4)
- 8 Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6)
- 13 Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8)
- 15 CIA char (anag.) (7)
- 16 Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27–28) (6)

18 One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5)

20 Episcopal headwear (5)

21 Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)

Solution is on Page 20



Who did it?

Three friends decided to go deer hunting together in Scotland. One was a solicitor, one a doctor, and the other a minister.

After many hours on the moorland, they found a stag and all three of them shot at it simultaneously. The stag dropped, and they rushed over to see it. To their surprise, instead of three bullet holes, there was only one. And so, a debate began as to whose bullet had shot the deer.

‘It was me,’ said the doctor. ‘It is very neat; there is little blood.’

‘No, it was me,’ said the solicitor, ‘it was a very complicated shot, with an expensive bullet.’

‘No,’ said the minister sadly, ‘I’m afraid it was me. Look – you can tell that the bullet went straight in one ear and straight out the other.’

Prayers and Poems Page

Prayer of thanks to our Faithful Father

Faithful Father,

Thank you for your presence with us, all the time. Thank you for your goodness towards us, all the time. Thank you for the forgiveness you offer when we put our trust in Jesus and what He did on the cross, so that not even the most desperate circumstances can cut us off from you. Thank you for the on-going possibility of a new start with bright hope for each tomorrow.

Thank you, thank you Lord,
In Jesus' name. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Be Thou Strong and Be Courageous

When the task ahead seems daunting
When the road seems rough and steep
When beset by demons, haunting
Waking thee from restful sleep –
Be thou strong and be courageous:
What God promises, He'll keep!

Joshua, like us, was frightened
By the job he had to do;
But his faith in God was heightened
By God's words both wise and true:
"Be thou strong and be courageous
"Have not I commanded you?"

God has said He'll stand beside you
He will guide you by the hand
He'll be there whate'er betide you
'Gainst the pow'rs of Hell He'll stand
Be thou strong and be courageous
Till you reach the promised land.

By Nigel Beeton

Thy Kingdom Come

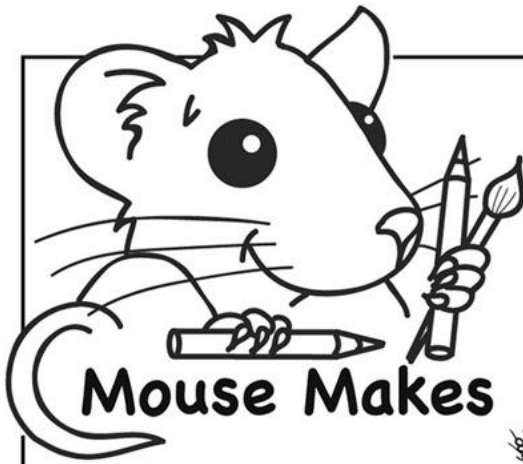
She wept as she lay the boy on the bier,
First her husband, and now her son.
Life had lost all meaning for her,
She alone was left, all her family gone.

Among the mourners a Man appeared,
He touched the bier and said 'Arise',
The young man sat up at the Master's voice
And the boy was returned to his mother's side.

Who is this who can do such things
Defeating death and the grip of sin?
The One who was promised long ago,
Who came to bring God's kingdom in.

When all the kingdoms on earth have passed,
God's kingdom then will come to birth,
Reversing all that sin has spoilt,
It really will be heaven on earth.

By Megan Carter



Mouse Makes

Can you find these harvest words in the hay bales?

HARVEST

THANKSGIVING

PRAISE • GOD • BLESSED

SEEDS • SOW • LAND

PLOUGH • SCATTER

SOIL • GROW

CROPS • REAP



May all the peoples praise you, O God,
may all the peoples praise you!
The land has produced its harvest,
God, our God has blessed us.
God has blessed us, may all people
everywhere honour him.

Psalm 67:5-7



WATER • RAIN • SUN
AUTUMN • GATHER
PICK • REAP • BALE
TRACTOR • BARN • CART
HAYSTACK • FOOD
MOUSE • BREAD • LOAF
GRAIN • CORN
WHEAT • OATS
RYE • BARLEY

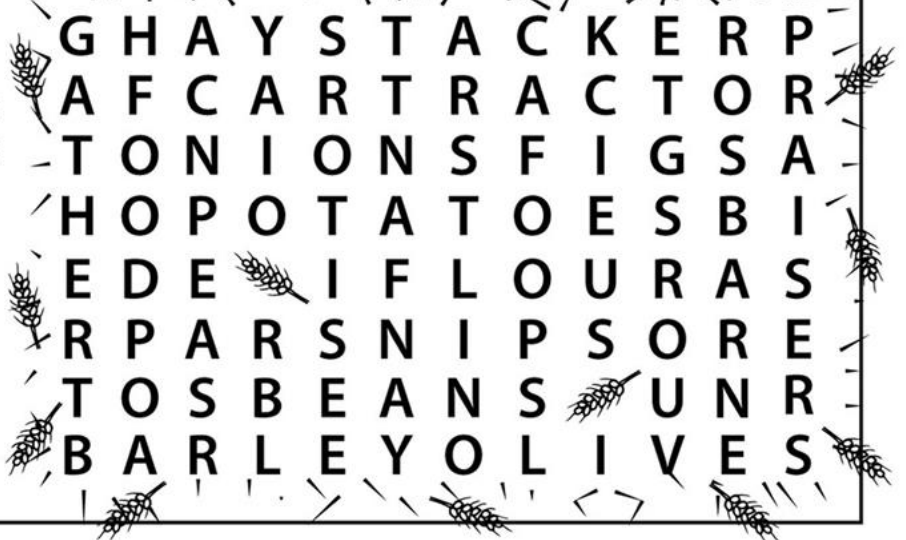
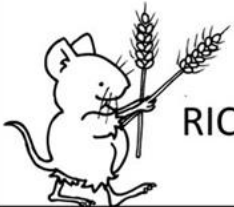


OLIVES • GRAPES • PIPS
PEARS • PLUMS • APPLE
BERRIES • NUTS • VINE
FIGS • BEANS • PEAS
POTATOES • FLOUR

ONIONS

PARSNIPS

RICE • SUGAR



Contact Numbers for Local Groups ☎

Ecclesfield Rainbows

Gatty Hall
Tuesday 5.00 pm to 6.15 pm
Leader - Debbie
Tel: 07860 471793

Ecclesfield Brownies

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

Ecclesfield Brownies

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

Ecclesfield Guides

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

Ecclesfield Priory Players

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

Ecclesfield Community Garden

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

Friends of Ecclesfield Library

Run by the community for the
community.
Volunteer helpers always needed.
Tel: 0114 246 3651
email: ecclesfieldlib@gmail.com

Ecclesfield Cubs

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

Ecclesfield Beavers

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

Ecclesfield Scouts

Scout Hut (off Yew Lane)
Tuesday 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Leader - Bryony Hemming
Tel. 07983 719155
Group Scout Leader
John Otter Tel. 0114 246 1752

The Grenoside Singers

Practice Monday in St Mark's
Church Hall at 7:30 pm
Secretary: Judith Gill Tel: 07824 112584
www.grenosidesingers.co.uk

Whitley Hall Cricket Club

Matches every Saturday and some
Sundays and weekdays.
Please contact Steve Fletcher if you wish
to play or learn.
Manager – Steve Fletcher 245 2406
Secretary – Joe Webster 245 2518
www.whitleyhallcricketclub.co.uk

If you would like your local group
advertised please contact:
Mrs P Blackburn ☎ 0114 246 8453



Emley Brass Band

Live at St Mary's – Ecclesfield

Saturday 21st October 2017

On Stage at 7.00 pm

Ticket Price £8.00

Light refreshments included during the interval

Trafalgar Day Concert 'Last Night at The Proms'

Admission by ticket only

Tickets from: Ian Hartshorne ☎ 0114 245 9435

Melanie Siddy ☎ 0114 246 9411

And the Church Coffee Shop Tuesday & Friday Mornings

www.stmarysecclesfield.com



Welcome to St Mary's Parish Church, Ecclesfield