

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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First Words

November is always a busy month in Church. The tone of the month is set by special services of remembering: All Saints'; All Souls' and Remembrance. This is particularly the case this year as we will be commemorating the centenary of the first Armistice Day which marked the end of what was supposed to be 'the war to end all wars.' Sadly, that proved not to be the case!

We begin the month with an all age celebration of **All Saints on Sunday 4th November at 10am**. Later, in the early evening of the **4th November at 4pm** we hold our annual 'All Souls' **Memorial Service** to which we invite all those who have been bereaved in the past year.

On **Saturday 10th November 7.30pm** in Church we are delighted to welcome back the **Mastersingers** for a concert in Church.

On **Sunday 11th November, Remembrance Sunday**, we host the village commemoration of Armistice Day. The service begins in **Church at 10am** and **we will move to the War Memorial for the 11am Act of Remembrance**. As this is the centenary of the end of the First World War there will be many visitors and also displays in Church. We will keep church open after the morning services until the evening worship for visitors.

Ecclesfield in Bloom are holding a **Coffee Morning** in Church on **Saturday 17th November** starting at **10am**.

On **Monday 19th November** there is a meeting in **Church at 7.30pm** to **plan the Christingle and Crib services**. Anyone who would like to help to plan and help with these services is invited to attend.

On **Sunday 25th November** we celebrate the feast of **Christ the King 10am Eucharist and 6.30pm Prayer and Praise**.

Finally, looking ahead to early December on **Saturday 1st December** we are holding our annual **Christmas Fayre**. While on **Advent Sunday 2nd December** we will celebrate the beginning of the new Church Year with a special service of **Advent Carols at 10am**.

God bless you,

Tim



Front Cover – The Cemetery, Etaples, 1919 by John Lavery

By 1919 there were many cemeteries in existence across the Western Front and the largest was the Military Cemetery at Etaples, in France. In this painting the female staff of the Imperial War Graves Commission are tending the graves of the dead. © IWM (Art.IWM Art 2884)

Back Cover – Christmas Fayre Poster

Thought for the Month

Even though it is not yet quite November my thoughts are increasingly drawn towards Christmas. Partly because we are already planning our Church services and celebrations, and partly because we are trying to begin planning our family celebrations.

This year as we approach Christmas and as we remember the end of the First World War, my thoughts are drawn to the famous prophecy in Isaiah chapter nine of the child who will be born the Prince of Peace:

*For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.*

(Isaiah 9:6-7)

Isaiah is clear that the peace which this child will establish is far more than simply a cessation of conflict and violence. It is Shalom. which can be translated “peace”, “well-being”, “security” even “salvation.”

It is a state where even the threat and fear of violence is absent. The weak no longer fear the strong, there is justice in the land and all the people have all that they need for a joyful and peaceful life.

It is, of course, a vision - a promise of God’s kingdom. May this vision of the peace which is much more than simply an absence of violence and conflict guide our thoughts and prayers and lives as we mark the end of the First World War; as we remember those who have died in the many, many conflicts since then.

May the peace of Christ, the Prince of Peace, fill our hearts and minds, our relationships and our world. **Amen.**

Tim

God and The Arts

Editor: For 2018, the Rev Michael Burgess is exploring symbols of the Christian faith as found in works of art.

‘He gave us eyes to see them’ – the ‘Catholic Mystery’ by Maurice Denis

When we were at Sunday School, we probably learnt the hymn:

*‘Jesus bids us shine with a pure, clear light,
Like a little candle burning in the night.
In this world of darkness, we must shine,
You in your small corner and I in mine.’*

As we grew up, we learnt that Jesus calls us to shine out and not stay in that little corner. ‘No one puts a lamp under the bushel basket, but on the lamp stand to give light to all in the house.’ In the house of God lights shine out, whether it is the menorah of Old Testament worship, or the lamp stands in Revelation.



Image: Courtesy of Parish Pump

When we enter our own churches, we see candles on the altar as a sign of worship offered to the glory of God. And not just on the altar, but also held in our hands at Christingle services or baptisms or carried in procession behind the Paschal Candle at the Easter Vigil. These candles light up the building and remind us that Jesus is the Light of the world who can illuminate our hearts and minds.

In the 1890s Maurice Denis, a French artist, created a series of paintings inspired by the Annunciation. He called them the Catholic Mystery. They show the good news coming to Mary as a Gospel procession with acolytes carrying candles to tell her that God’s Word will light up her life. Denis was called ‘the prophet of beautiful icons’, and we see that in this sensitive and moving painting.

The light of candles, like all lights, is a mystery for they only shine out as they burn themselves up. Going back to childhood days again, you may remember the nursery rhyme describing the candle:

*‘Little Nanny Etticoat in a white petticoat
And a red nose.
The longer she stands, the shorter she grows.’*

When we hold our candles, like the acolytes in the painting, we pray that we may shine out with the good news of Jesus the Light.

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St James the Least of All

On the perils of the PCC

My dear Nephew Darren.

The Rectory,
St. James the Least

I am truly furious. I know that God has given clergy church councils, so they can have a better understanding of hell, but last night's meeting really was too much. The traps are always sprung under "any other business". Several hundred thousand pounds can be committed to repairing the tower without the slightest murmur, but if someone should suggest mending the tea urn under AOB, the meeting will close with blood on the carpets.

So it was yesterday evening. We had negotiated the tricky subject of not mentioning the verger when it was recorded that the cupboard containing the Communion wine will be kept locked in future. We had ever-so-gently sat on Mr Onions when he questioned whether it was biblical to hold raffles at our social evenings. We even smiled with equanimity when Lady Faversham grumbled about the damp Communion wafers.

But when our treasurer, after a long preamble about soaring house prices in the village, suggested that the 12 bedroomed Queen Anne Rectory be sold and I be housed in one of the "more convenient" potting sheds being built on the green, I did not expect near universal agreement from council members.

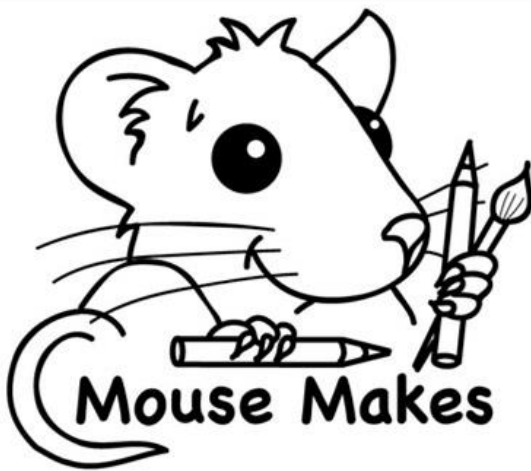
That the new Rectory would have all the aesthetic charm of a suburban bus shelter seemed to be irrelevant; that I would have to learn to have all my meals in one dining room, rather than rotate round the present three seemed to be of no concern; that my dog would lose his own private suite passed them by entirely. This may be a case for calling in the Canine Protection Society.

The thought that I would have to get used to a warm, dry house with 21st century plumbing does not bear contemplation. It is only the cold, damp accommodation with Victorian water closets that keeps parishioners and visiting clergy at bay.

It was a close struggle; here was an opportunity for council members to settle a few old scores. You could sense the gleam in Colonel Mitchell's eyes as he recalled losing the hiding place for his whisky when we removed his box pew 30 years ago; he has been obliged to listen to the sermon ever since. And as for Miss Throckmore, who was allocated to decorate the porch rather than the great east window for last year's Harvest, she leapt at the opportunity of condemning me to life in a cardboard box. You could also sense a certain satisfaction when parishioners realised they would then be able to keep an eye on my movements, since there would no longer be several acres of ground and privet hedges to maintain my privacy.

Fortunately, I negotiated some time when I mentioned that possible legal obstacles must be cleared first. In the meantime, I shall be writing to apply for grants to build a substantial moat round my present Rectory – provided it has a working drawbridge.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



Remember the words Jesus said:

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Colossians 3:25

Remember
all the
commandments
of the Lord
and obey them

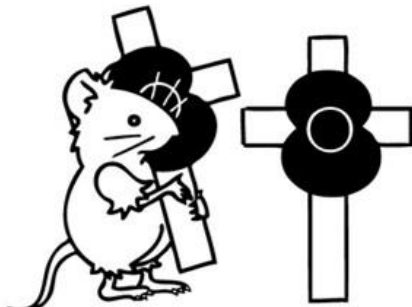
Colossians 3:25

Jesus took bread,
gave thanks,
broke it and said,
"This is my body
which I am giving
for you, do this to
remember me."

Luke 22:19



Jesus said:
"No one can have
greater love than
to give his life for
his friends."



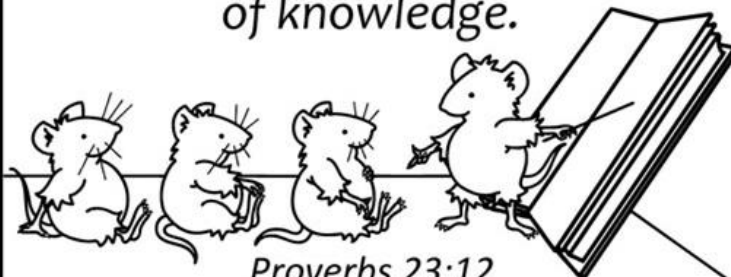
John 15:13

Remember to keep
the Sabbath day Holy

Exodus 20:8



Remember what you are taught,
and listen carefully to words
of knowledge.



Proverbs 23:12



Cut out, colour and keep
these cards to help
you to remember
God's words to us.

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16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

From the 25th. November The International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women until the 10th. December Human Rights Day Mother's Union will be joining the worldwide campaign to raise awareness of and promote action to call for an end to gender-based violence in all forms and in all societies.

Gender-based violence takes many forms it can include but is not limited to physical and sexual violence, emotional, psychological and mental abuse, economic such as denying access to financial resources, property, education, healthcare or the labour market. At least one in three women globally will experience some form of gender-based violence at some point in their lifetime.

- Violence and abuse are ALWAYS wrong and NEVER acceptable
- The responsibility for the abuse lies with the perpetrator

Mother's Union campaigns around the world through our 4 million members and in 84 countries to end gender-based violence carried out most often against women and girls because of their gender. There will be a prayer leaflet and more information displayed in St. Mary's church on how we respond to gender-based violence. A vigil will be held at the cathedral on the morning of the 30th of November.



Private Fred Jepson (1898-1920)



Fred Jepson was born in 1898 and was one of four children, the others being Jessie, Minnie and Harry. Minnie was my grandmother. Their parents were John and Alice Jepson of 11, Mill Road Ecclesfield.

My Great Uncle Fred was called up to join the Army in 1918 when he was 19 years old and served with the 3rd battalion York and Lancaster Regiment with army number 60067. His battalion were involved with coastal defence duties in the north east of England. He only ever served within the UK due to ill health. Fred developed Pleurisy, Pneumonia, Emphysema and Tuberculosis. He also had Lymph Sarcoma. He was discharged from the army in February 1919 due to his health problems.

He died on 18th January 1920 and was given a military funeral in the new graveyard at Ecclesfield. Because his illness was attributable to his army service his grave is recognised by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. However, his name is on the family grave and he does not have a Commonwealth War Graves headstone. Fred Jepson is also remembered on the Ecclesfield war memorial.

by James Kay

Poppy Display

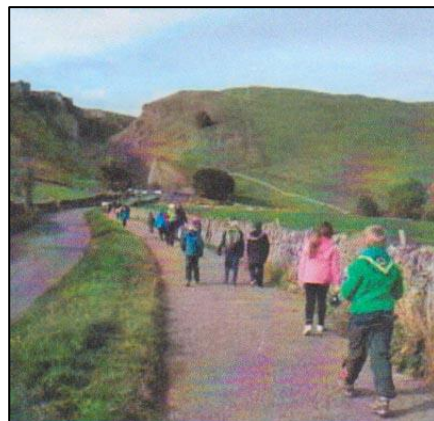
We would like to say a huge thank-you to everyone who has made poppies for our display. We had a lovely variety of materials and styles which makes it unique to Ecclesfield and we have enjoyed putting it all together. Our oldest contributor was Hetty Hemsall aged 103 who knitted 25 poppies in her spare time. We have raised £40 for the British Legion poppy appeal from the sale of poppy kits. Thank-you from the 'Poppy Ladies'.



Ecclesfield Cubs Castleton Camp

by Samantha Kelly. Aged 10.

On Friday the cubs (and a couple of Scouts) had to arrive at the Castleton Rotary Centre. This year's theme was Christmas. We found our rooms which had 2 bunk beds for 4 people. All the girls were upstairs and the boys were downstairs. We chose beds and dumped our stuff. Then we went back to the main building.



When the parents had gone home: we got split into groups for a wide game in a field in the dark. We had to find big jigsaw pieces with our symbol on the back. Once we had found all of our pieces, we had to go back inside to put it together. After supper, we watched the nativity. We stayed up really late and got to eat sweets.

The following day, we went on a walk. It was up a hill and round the bottom of another one. Before we went back to the Rotary Centre we had dinner. Then we went back through Castleton to the Rotary Centre. When we got back we were allowed to play board game, play on the climbing frame or play football in the Sports Hall.



Then at tea time we got a Christmas dinner (yummy) and chocolate roll with custard (even more yummy!). After tea, Santa came to hand out the secret Santa presents.

Then we watched Nativity 2. And stayed up even later!! On Sunday, when we woke up it was all frosty. Then we went down Speedwell cavern and 9 cubs got invested.

The week-end overall was amazing. We go on lots of camps in Cubs. This is the best camp because we have a different theme every year.

Prayer for the Month

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life. Amen

This famous prayer is often wrongly attributed to St Francis of Assisi. While it is very much in the spirit of Francis the peacemaker and reconciler, it is actually not a very old prayer. In fact it was written ^[1] at the start of the First World War. For this reason it will form a focal point in the Remembrance commemorations on November 11th.

The prayer is not simply a prayer for peace; it is a commitment to peace. When we pray this prayer we dedicate ourselves to peace-making. “Peace in the world has to begin somewhere - let it begin with me” is the attitude of the one who makes this prayer their own.

As we approach the 11th November and begin to think more about the violence in our world, about the human cost of conflict, and about those who bear that cost, we could pray this prayer every day. We could commit ourselves to be peacemakers in our homes and neighbourhood, among family and friends.

And as we pray for peace we could pledge to do everything that we can, even if it is only a very little, to build bridges and to make peace in our world.

We do this as members of the one human race, and, if we are Christians, we do it as disciples of the Prince of Peace. **Amen**

[1] Its first known occurrence was in French, in a small spiritual magazine called *La Clochette* (The Little Bell), published by a Catholic Church organization in Paris named *La Ligue de la Sainte-Messe* (The League of the Holy Mass). The author's name was not given, although it may have been the founder of *La Ligue*, Father Esther Bouquerel.

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

Time for God – Wednesday at 7.30pm

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Thursday 9.00 am to 12.00 pm

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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 - November 2018

Day and Date	Time	Item
Thursday 1 st	10:30	Alpha Course
Saturday 3 rd	10:00	Children's Society Coffee Morning
Sunday 4 th	16:00	'All Souls' Memorial Service
Thursday 8 th	10:30	Alpha Course
" "	10:30	Prayer Meeting
Saturday 10 th	9:00	Prayer Breakfast
" "	19:30	Mastersingers Concert
Sunday 11 th	All day	Church open to visitors – all welcome
" "	11:00	Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial
Monday 12 th	19:30	Baptism Preparation
Thursday 15 th	10:30	Alpha Course
Friday 16 th	10:30	MU Deanery Meeting
Saturday 17 th	10:00	Ecclesfield in Bloom Christmas Fayre
Monday 19 th	19:30	Fabric Team Meeting
Wednesday 21 st	19:30	Finance Team Meeting
Thursday 22 nd	10:30	Alpha Course
Thursday 29 th	10:30	Alpha Course
" "	15:00	Visitation with Area Dean

From the Registers

Baptisms

7th October Harper Ray Clipsham
 7th October Alfie John Fredrick Burgon

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

Weddings

6th October Daniel Shaun Simpson and Elizabeth Micheala Gumbrill

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

Funerals

15th October Sandra Maxine White 74

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

Flower Rota November 2018

4th November	Vacant	18th November	Vacant
11th November	P. Leach & O. Robinson -	25th November	Vacant
Remembrance Sunday			

The Village War Memorial in Ecclesfield

The war memorial in Ecclesfield was erected in 1921 to commemorate the loss of life in World War 1, listing the names of 54 village soldiers who gave their lives during the war. The memorial was officially unveiled on September 24th 1921 by Earl Fitzwilliam of Wentworth Woodhouse and was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Sheffield, Rt. Revd. Leonard Burrows.



The opening was attended by over 4,000 people. The memorial is located in the churchyard of St. Mary's Church Ecclesfield – both the churchyard and the building are Grade 1 listed. A further 36 names were added after World War 2 commemorating 35 men and one woman who had fallen, and a further name was added in 1982 following the Falklands War.

Paid for by public subscription, the memorial was designed by local artist and designer, R. B. Brook-Greaves. It is made of limestone, believed to be from Portland, and in the words of the designer:



The memorial after cleaning in 2007

“My main endeavour was to try to express the deep emotions experienced, when striving to realise all that those gallant men had endured, from the time they so willingly undertook their great duty, until they made the final sacrifice. Some form - not too elaborate - which would embody the nobility and dignity of their sacrifice, making use of those symbols most appropriate the Cross and the Altar.

The square pedestal, resting on the sloping base, and on which are carved the names of fifty-four men, symbolises the Altar. Against its four faces are the Celtic Crosses, which, where they rise above the pedestal, rest against a central octagonal column. Certain limitations made it rather difficult to suggest the principles for which the men had given their lives; but the use of the symbols of the four Evangelists seemed to partly overcome this difficulty. These are carved on the four corners of the pedestal. St. Matthew - a man representing Humanity; St. Mark - a Lion-representing Fortitude; St. Luke - a Bull-representing Sacrifice; and St. John - an Eagle-representing Inspiration.

The Village War Memorial in Ecclesfield

In the centre of the ornament of the South Cross is the Rose; in that facing West, the Leek; on the North Cross, the Shamrock; and on the one facing East, the Thistle-the emblems of England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland.

The symbols of the Passion are on the four discs of the South Cross. On the top disc are the crown of thorns and the nails. On the right disc are the ladder, reed and sponge, spear and hammer. On the left disc, the pillar and the scourges and on the bottom disc the seamless robe. On similar discs on the North Cross are carved the Celestial Crown, the Sacred Monogram, the Pelican, which is an old symbol of self-sacrifice, and a Triangle, which is the symbol of the Trinity.”

Cleaning the memorial



Erosion of 1982 inscription

Over the years, the war memorial had lasted well, and the weathering of the stone had been minor although the exposed horizontal surface had become stained and the cast iron flower holders had corroded and contributed to the staining; lettering and the design had not eroded much, and all the letters engraved into the stone remained. In July 2007, contractors for Sheffield City Council treated the memorial with a harsh cleaning process known as JOS, designed for granite rather than limestone. The process made the memorial look bright white and clean from a distance but close inspection showed that the surface and patina of the stone had been completely removed; the designs and engraved names (including the name added in 1982) had been eroded with the surface open to the weather.

In November 2016, the memorial was granted a Grade 2 listed monument status. As part of the commemorations this year to mark the 100th anniversary of the end of WW1, Ecclesfield Parish Council working with Sheffield City Council has commissioned a condition assessment report. Sheffield City Council has a budget set aside for restoration work and it is hoped that the conservation work will take place early in 2019.



Ecclesfield Church and War Memorial

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The Gardening Year – November

A Summary of the months' Work – November is often one of the wettest months of the year, but like the previous month it often relents slightly for a few days to give us a last glance of summer sunshine.

Chrysanthemums – The large exhibition, incurved, ring and anemone-centred varieties will flower this month, they all require a long time to develop their flowers and no attempt should be made to hurry them. Give a weekly dusting of fungicide to prevent fungus damage to the flowers. As the plants finish flowering, cut off all but 6in. of the stems and foliage to allow light and air to reach the pots and encourage the growth of base cuttings for next season's propagation.

Carnations and pinks – continue to plant border carnations and pinks in mild weather if this was not done last month. Test the soil for lime content and add lime if it is below PH 6.5. In mild spells firm the soil around any plants loosened by frost. Clear away rubbish from around the stems of plants and ensure that stake and ties are secure. Watch for signs of carnation rust and the grubs of carnation flies.

Planting Depths of Fruit Trees – as a rule all fruits should be re-planted at the same depth as they were in the Nursery. When planting trees on rootstocks, make sure that the union (easily distinguishable as a swelling on the stem, usually just above where the roots grow out) is well clear of the soil, so that the scion variety does not form its own roots and counter the effect of the rootstock.

Pests – Plum sawfly, caterpillars tunnel into fruits, causing serious reduction in yields. Symptoms holes in plums exuding a sticky black ooze. Infected fruits drop prematurely. Danger period spring and summer. Prevention in areas where the pest is prevalent spray with insecticide shortly after petal fall. Pear sucker, reacted to aphids, these creatures feed on the sap of pear shoots. Symptoms clusters of tiny insects with flattened bodies, large eyes and prominent wing buds. Sticky excretions on young growth which becomes distorted. Danger period spring. Treatment spray with insecticide shortly after petal fall.

Colin Williams

Eat the Seasons - Seasonal food for November

Vegetables - Artichoke, Beetroot, Butternut Squash, Cauliflower, Celeriac, Celery, Chicory, Horseradish, Jerusalem Artichoke, Kale, Kohlrabi, Leeks, Parsnips, Potatoes (Maincrop), Pumpkin, Salsify, Shallots, Swede, Truffles (Black), Truffles (White), Turnips, Watercress, Wild Mushrooms

Fruit - Apples, Clementines, Cranberries, Passion Fruit, Pears, Pomegranate, Quince, Satsumas

Herbs – Nuts - Almonds, Brazil Nuts, Chestnuts, Cob Nuts, Hazelnuts, Rosemary, Sage, Walnuts

Meat - Beef, Duck, Goose, Grouse, Guinea Fowl, Hare, Lamb, Mallard, Partridge, Pheasant, Rabbit, Turkey, Venison, Wood Pigeon

Fish - Clams, Cod, Coley, Crab, Dab, Dover Sole, Gurnard, Haddock, Halibut, Hake, Lemon Sole, Lobster, Mackerel, Monkfish, Mussels, Oysters, Plaice, Pollack, Red Mullet, Sea Bass (Wild), Sea Bream, Skate, Squid, Turbot, Winkles

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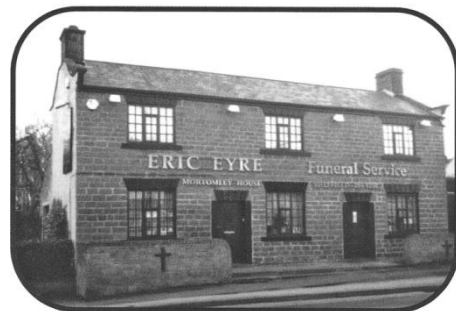
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Saint of the Month – 6th November

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.

To Stretcher Bearers

Easy does it -- bit o' trench 'ere,
Mind that blinkin' bit o' wire,
There's a shell 'ole on your left there,
Lift 'im up a little 'igher.
Stick it, lad, ye'll soon be there now,
Want to rest 'ere for a while?
Let 'im dahn then -- gently -- gently,
There ye are, lad. That's the style.
Want a drink, mate? 'Ere's my bottle,
Lift 'is 'ead up for 'im, Jack,
Put my tunic underneath 'im,
'Ow's that, chummy? That's the tack!
Guess we'd better make a start now,
Ready for another spell?
Best be goin', we won't 'urt ye,
But 'e might just start to shell.
Are ye right, mate? Off we goes then.
That's well over on the right,
Gawd Almighty, that's a near 'un!
'Old your end up good and tight,
Never mind, lad, you're for Blighty,
Mind this rotten bit o' board.

We'll soon 'ave ye tucked in bed, lad,
'Opes ye gets to my old ward.
No more war for you, my 'earty,
This'll get ye well away,
Twelve good months in dear old Blighty,
Twelve good months if you're a day,
M.O.'s got a bit o' something
What'll stop that blarsted pain.
'Ere's a rotten bit o' ground, mate,
Lift up 'igher -- up again,
Wish 'e'd stop 'is blarsted shellin'
Makes it rotten for the lad.
When a feller's been and got it,
It affec's 'im twice as bad.
'Ow's it goin' now then, sonny?
'Ere's that narrow bit o' trench,
Careful, mate, there's some dead Jerries,
Lawd Almighty, what a stench!
'Ere we are now, stretcher-case, boys,
Bring him aht a cup o' tea!
Inasmuch as ye have done it
Ye have done it unto Me

Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy (1883-1929)
better known by his nickname **'Woodbine Willie'**

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Inasmuch as ye have done it
Ye have done it unto Me

From Jesus' description of the last judgment, especially Matthew 25: 34-40:

Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: for I was ahungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee ahungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

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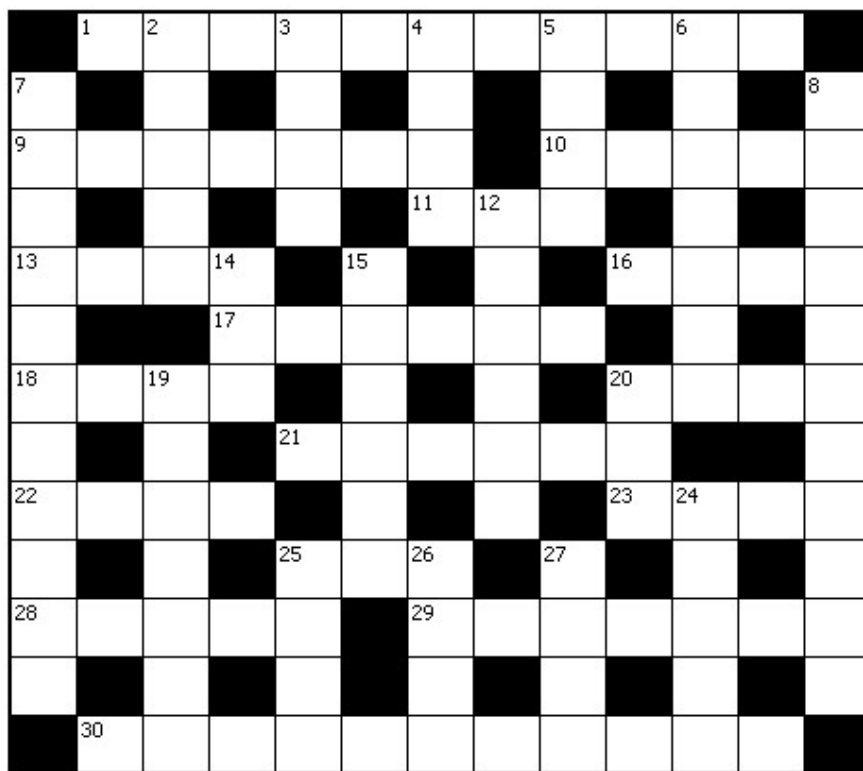
- 1 and 20 Down** Lord of all ..., Lord of all..., whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy (11,3)
- 9** Moses' question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: Why are you ... your fellow Hebrew? (Exodus 2:13) (7)
- 10** Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline ... (2,3)
- 11** At even ... the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay (3)
- 13** A descendant of Gad (Numbers 26:16) (4)
- 16** Do not leave Jerusalem, but ... for the gift my Father promised
(Acts 1:4) (4)
- 17** Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)
- 18** Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: We must ... God rather than men! (Acts 5:29) (4)
- 20** Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, ... Eareckson Tada (4)
- 21** Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)
- 22** Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat ...
...(Matthew 13:2) (2,2)
- 23** Infectious tropical disease (4)
- 25** Tree (3)
- 28** No fear of me should ... you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you (Job 33:7) (5)
- 29** For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)
- 30** Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

Clues Down

- 2** O Jerusalem, how ... I have longed to gather your children together (Matthew 23:37) (5)
- 3** Way out (4)
- 4** Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)
- 5** Done (anag.) (4)
- 6** Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)

- 7** Concerning the study of God (11)
8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)
12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)
14 Frozen (3)
15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)
19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7)
20 See 1 Across
24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)
25 Time (anag.) (4)
26 Lists choice of meals (4)
27 For the wages of sin is death, but the ... of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus (Romans 6:23) (4)

Solution is on Page 20



A farmer and his sheepdog...

The farmer sent his sheepdog out to round up all his sheep into the pen.
 The sheepdog did this, came back to the farmer and said, "I've collected all 40 of the sheep into the pen".
 The farmer says to the sheepdog – "But I only have 36 sheep".
 The sheepdog says, "Well, you did ask me to round them up!"

Prayers and Poems Page

Prayer to our God and King

Lord Jesus, King Jesus,

In this world of trouble, we thank you that you have overcome the world! You understand the mess we are in and offer us hope and a future. We may not see how to go forward, or how to solve the problems that surround us and those we care about and those who suffer, but you are sovereign over all situations and circumstances. We can trust you, our King and our Saviour. In your name we give thanks and stand with confidence and strength to face each day.
Amen.

by Daphne Kitching

Headstones

The rows of headstones silent stand
Their message clear, though mute;
That we, in Britain's peaceful land
Must silently salute.

Our peace was bought at dreadful price
Through rain and fear and mud –
World conflict fought not once but twice
So twice the cost in blood.

Each headstone bears a single name
A single husband, son,
Who, when the call to duty came
They did what must be done.

So, think upon those rows of stones
Be silent, still as they
Remind us of those silent homes
From when they went away.

Yes, spare a while to think of them
It's just two minutes' time;
And say aloud, just once again
That well-remembered rhyme:

They grow not old as we grow old,
Nor do the years condemn;
But as the days and nights unfold,
We will remember them.

by Nigel Beeton

Jehoram

Jehoram was king for eight years
When he died, there were very few tears,
No faces got wet –
There was no regret
His demise caused no cries – only cheers!

2 Kings 8:16, and 2 Kings 8:25–28

At break of day

Waking, anxious and afraid,
Knowing all that must be done;
Sense of dread and taste of fear,
How can I fulfil my call?

Turning, then again to God
Inward glance and eye of faith;
Refuge strong and present help,
Why would He desert me now?

River flowing, life of God
Fills my heart with confidence;
Trusting him and leaning hard,
Finding grace, I carry on.

by Tony Horsfall

One Hundred Years on...

A hundred years ago this month, the Armistice, which ended the hostilities of the Great War, came into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The Allied armies had not only halted the great German offensive of March 1918 but had in turn, for the last hundred days of the war, advanced deep into German lines. The trench warfare synonymous with the Great War was replaced by movement. Members of the German armed forces were mutinying, and the fifth winter of the war was approaching.

On 8th November, German officials arrived at a railway carriage in the Forest of Compiègne to formally request an Armistice. They met with the Allied Commander-in-Chief, the Frenchman Ferdinand Foch. Terms were outlined to them and at first they complained that they were too harsh. Negotiations continued until all parties signed the terms of the Armistice at 5:10 a.m. on 11th November 1918. Further peace talks led to the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on 28th June 1919, which officially ended the war between the Allies and Germany, taking effect on 10th January 1920.

On that first Armistice Day, scenes of celebration were tempered by sadness. Some have commented on there being a generational gap, with the young celebrating survival and renewed hope for the future whilst the older generation mourned their lost sons and daughters. Some families still had no definite news of soldier relatives posted missing earlier in the war, including Rebecca Reed of 50, Stocks Hill, whose husband Walter had disappeared during the Somme fighting in 1916.

In Ecclesfield, several families lost loved ones in the last actions of the war. Amongst those who died in October and November 1918 are Arthur James Harrison, Carey Stringer, Leonard Haigh, Henry Adams and Frank Higgins. Nineteen-year-old Carey Stringer had arrived in France for the first time in September 1918. He was killed before the end of October; his mother being notified of his death on 8th November: three days before the Armistice. On 12th October 1918, Henry Adams and his wife placed an 'In Memoriam' notice in the local newspaper in memory of his brother Walter, who had been killed on 9th October 1917. Within weeks, Henry too was dead: killed by a shell on 1st November.

On Sunday 17th November 1918 thanksgiving services were held at the places of worship in Ecclesfield. The Boy Scouts attended St. Mary's church for the special Sunday morning service. The community was suffering terribly from the 'Spanish Flu' so many would have been ill at this time. It is estimated that about fifty people in Ecclesfield alone died of this virulent illness that could kill within 48 hours of symptoms appearing. Worldwide, over 25 million people died of the 'Spanish Flu.'

It would be months before many of those who had enlisted into the services returned to their homes. Some had heard the news of the Armistice from hospital beds or from within German prison camps. Many of those who had taken part were to suffer lifelong physical and mental scars as a result of their experiences. A hundred years on, the second Sunday of November is still the date on which our nation remembers the fallen of all conflicts on and since the Great War.

Yvonne Ridgeway

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