

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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First Words

September always feels like the beginning of a new year to me, the result of having spent so many of my years in education. It is the start of the busiest time of the Church year, taking us right up to Christmas.

On **Saturday 8th September** in place of the monthly Prayer Breakfast there will be a **Morning of Prayer for Renewal** for ourselves and for our Church. It is a time to go deeper with God. There will be worship, teaching and prayer ministry. We will begin at 9am with breakfast, and begin the worship at about 10am, ending at about 11.30. All are welcome. For more information see Tim.

We will take part in the Heritage Weekend again this year. Church will be open to receive visitors on **Friday 14th and Saturday 15th September**. On the evening of the 15th there will be a presentation on "The Gatty Women" by Mel Jones. This is a ticketed event, but the tickets are free!

On **Sunday 23rd September at 6.30pm** we will welcome our new Bishop of Sheffield, Pete Wilcox, for a special service of thanksgiving and dedication. We will invite those who have been involved in the replacement of the roof over the summer, giving thanks for God's provision and craftsmen's skill. We will celebrate St Mary's place in God's mission for so many centuries and dedicate ourselves as the Body of Christ today. Everyone is very welcome.

This Autumn we will be running a daytime **Alpha Course**. We will begin on **Thursday 20th September at 11am** in Church. This is an opportunity to learn together and to grow in our relationship with Christ. If you would like more information, see Tim.

Advance notice - on Friday 12th October we will have our Harvest Supper in the Gatty Hall, and on Sunday 14th October at the 10am service we will have our Harvest Thanksgiving. As usual we will be collecting food and toiletries for the Archer Project and there will be a cash collection too. Look out for more information soon.

God bless you, Tim



Front Cover – Aster - the birth flower of September symbolises patience, daintiness and remembrance. This flower conveys deep emotional love and affection. The Hungarian revolution of 31 October 1918 became known as the "Aster Revolution" due to protesters in Budapest wearing this flower. The name Aster comes from the Ancient Greek word ἀστήρ (astēr), meaning "star"

Back Cover – HOD Poster

Thought for the Month

I am writing this article on a very hot morning early in August before I begin my summer holidays. This is the time of year when I plan for the Autumn, because it is in the Autumn and early Winter that we have lots of big ‘celebration services.’ We welcome guests and visitors for the Heritage weekend and for Harvest thanksgiving. In November Remembrance Sunday is always an occasion for the whole community and not just for the Church; this year more than ever with the centenary of the first Armistice. Then we will move rapidly towards Christmas, another community celebration that it is our privilege to host in this beautiful Church.

As I was thinking about all of these events, I remembered some words of one of my great heroes, the late John Wimber, who often said that “Jesus wants His Church back!” If we are not careful we can begin to treat the Church as ‘ours’; we can begin to look on visitors as a distraction. When we do this we are beginning to think and act like a club, and not like a Church.

The Church is the body of Christ. We belong not to ourselves but to God; we live not for ourselves but for Christ who died for us. We are to be a symbol of the presence of God in the world. Our mission is to share in Christ’s mission to reach out to all with the love of the Father.

As the risen Christ said to His disciples on the evening of the first Easter Day: “As the Father sent me, so I send you” (John 20:21). These words were not just for the first disciples, they are for every Church and every Christian in every time and place. they are for us.

It is our calling and our privilege to embody the Father’s welcome to every person who enters St Mary’s. To provide a welcome, space for prayer, and a reminder that they are God’s good creation. That the Father loves them as His own children, and that Jesus died, not just for the world, but for every one of us.

Wimber’s words remind me that St Mary’s is not my Church. Nor does it belong to the congregation or to the community. It does not belong to the Diocese or the Bishop (but don’t tell him that I said that). St Mary’s is Jesus’ Church or it is not a Church at all.

We hold this building in trust: for our community, for the future, and most of all for God. May everything that we do in this place give glory to the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

God bless you, 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’ – Church of the Multiplication at Tabgha

All the saints have their special symbols. When we see a saint in a window or painting carrying loaves of bread, we know it is St Philip. It was Philip who wondered how the multitude gathered around Jesus could be fed in John 6. Our Lord met their hunger with just five loaves and two fish.



Image: Courtesy of Parish Pump

Bread has always been a staple food in the Holy Land, and in July the media reported that the oldest bread had been found in the remains of a Jordanian fire 14,000 years ago. Today all kinds of bread are sold in our bakeries and supermarkets. Each country has its own way of producing bread, but at heart it is the same procedure combining the four ancient elements of life: earth, air, water and fire - earth producing the grain for flour, air to transform the dough, water added to the mix, and fire to bake the bread.

Bishop Geoffrey Rowell tells the story of sharing a picnic with some Lebanese Christians. Fragments of the bread were scattered on the ground, and he idly cracked them with his feet. The reaction was immediate. ‘Don’t do that’ one said. ‘It is bread. It is life.’ John tells us in chapter 6 how bread is a sign of life for the people, and a sign that points to Jesus whose life is generously shared with others.

A church was built on the site of that miracle at Tabgha by the north-west shore of the Sea of Galilee. It is called the Church of the Multiplication. On the floor in front of the altar is a 5th century mosaic depicting the loaves and fish – beautiful and immediate in its simplicity.

We enter our own churches and see bread offered on the altar at every eucharist, and rejoice that Jesus is our host as He was by the Sea of Galilee. He comes to us with the same invitations: ‘Take and eat. See and believe.’ He offers us the bread of life. But more than that: He offers us the bread of eternal life.

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St James the Least of All

On how to make the most of that diocesan ‘residential course’

My dear Nephew Darren.

The Rectory,
St. James the Least

Your enthusiasm for attending training courses has, until now, baffled me. Why should you want to become a better preacher, when congregations only use the sermon for catching up on lost sleep? What more do you need to learn about time management than being able to recognise those fixed points of 12.30pm for the pre-luncheon sherry and 6pm for a stiff gin? And what is the point of learning about how to lead Bible study groups when all you will end up discussing is who failed to provide flowers for the altar last Sunday?

But after this last week, dear boy, I take it all back. The bishop sent me on a week’s pre-retirement course. Of course, he was dropping hints, but until I reach my century, I have little intention of relinquishing a vocation to annoying parishioners and frustrating the plans of bishops. What else, after all, is parish ministry about?

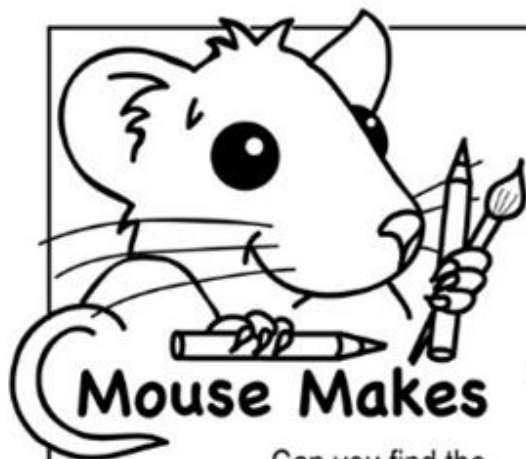
The first move is to arrive early, receive your room allocation and then discard it. Tour the whole establishment, find the best room and then unpack and make sure your dog is nicely settled in the centre of the bed, just in time for the arrival of the intended occupant. I naturally apologise effusively for my innocent mistake, begin to remove possessions and dog while hoping that he will excuse all the hairs on his bed. This ensures that he magnanimously offers to take your original room.

At the first session, you need to establish the ground rules – and with a course leader, who in my opinion, should still have been wearing short trousers, it was all too easy. You make it clear that you are extremely deaf and so all the lectures will, sadly, be wasted on you. You also add that you will need some time alone to prepare for a surfeit of funerals which inexplicably all came in the day before you left and that you also will need time out to exercise your dog.

By the end of that first session, you will have accounted for your absence for the rest of the week. In my case, it passed delightfully with gentle strolls in the grounds, visits to the local second-hand bookshops and much silent meditation in one’s room.

I attended the final session in order to congratulate the leader for his magnificent course, was effusive in my comments on those wretched evaluation forms and on my return wrote a letter of thanks to the bishop for having thought I was worthy of receiving pre-retirement training – while also noting that I was sure it would be of use when I begin to make plans for that happy event in a few decades time.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



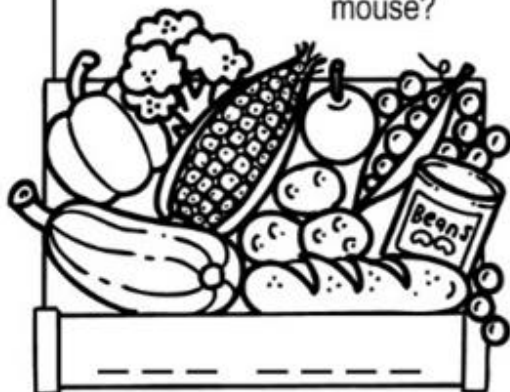
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A HARVEST PUZZLE

Change each letter to the letter **before** it in the alphabet to see how QSPWFSCT 3:9 says we can give thanks to God.



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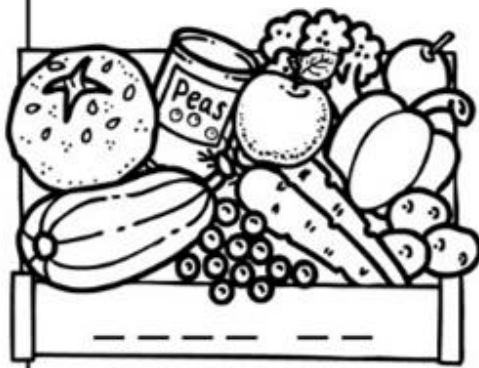
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Will You Remember Them – Pakistan

Pakistan - New Hope for Pakistani Christians

Pakistani Christians are encouraged by the victory of former Cricketer Imran Khan's party in the July general elections, the hopes of religious minorities are growing this may lead to positive change.

In his first speech following the vote, Khan, now poised to become the country's prime minister, stated, "When I came into politics, I wanted Pakistan to become the kind of country that our founding leader Muhammed Ali Jinnah wanted." He went on to add, "I am saying to you today, that for the first time, Pakistan's policies won't be for the few rich people, it will be for the poor, for our women, for our minorities, whose rights are not respected".

His words have been welcomed by Christian leaders, as Ali Jinnah's vision for the state of Pakistan was one where all citizens, both Muslim and non-Muslim, enjoyed equality, freedom and justice. It is a vision still pictured on the nation's flag, in which the white stripe symbolizes Pakistan's non-Muslim minorities. Since 1947, Pakistan's constitution and laws have been gradually Islamised, eroding the position of religious minorities, including Christians who account for around 3% of the population.

Imran Khan's invoking of all Ali Jinnah's legacy and his specific support for minorities is a potential watershed moment in Pakistani politics. But his warm words must be accompanied by action to address the ongoing persecution of Christians in Pakistan.

JD

Please Pray:

- That political leadership of all faiths may seek for peace and the common good for all the nation.

Imran Khan - In April 1996, Khan founded the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (lit: Pakistan Movement for Justice), a centrist political party, and became the party's national leader. Khan contested for a seat in the National Assembly in October 2002 and served as an opposition member from Mianwali until 2007. He was again elected to the parliament in the 2013 elections, when his party emerged as the second largest in the country by popular vote. Khan served as the parliamentary leader of the party and led the third-largest block of parliamentarians in the National Assembly from 2013 to 2018. His party also led a coalition government in the north-western province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. In the 2018 general elections, his party won the largest number of seats and defeated the ruling PML-N, bringing Khan to premiership and the PTI into federal government for the first time.

Blind Driving Challenge 2018

On 17th August 2018 I took part in a blind driving challenge to raise money for the Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind (SRSB). This involved blind and visually impaired people the opportunity to drive. Sighted people were also allowed to take part however they wore a blindfold so that they could experience what it is like for blind people. The event involved the participant in a car with an instructor who would explain what to do.

For me, this was one of the greatest experiences of my life. It was really exciting for me to drive a car because I will not be able to drive when I am older due to my visual impairment, so it really was a once in a life time opportunity. I was an absolutely incredible experience for me. I felt strong and I felt like I could do anything when I could feel the rumble of the car engine every time I pushed down on the gas pedal.

Leo Johnson



Prayer for the Month

Prayer of St Brendan

*Help me to journey beyond the familiar
and into the unknown.*

*Give me faith to leave the old ways
and break fresh ground with You.*

*Christ of the mysteries, I trust You
to be stronger than each storm within me.*

*I will trust in the darkness and know
that my times, even now are in Your hand.*

*Tune my spirit to the music of heaven,
and somehow, make my obedience count for You.
Amen.*

This prayer is attributed to St Brendan, known also as Brendan the navigator. An Irish monk and one of the earliest Irish saints, Brendan lived in the sixth century. He is reputed to have set sail in a small coracle of wood and ox hide from Ireland and ended up in Newfoundland in Canada. The story of his travels is said to have inspired Christopher Columbus!

Whatever the truth to the legend of Brendan, this prayer is one that reminds us that life itself is a journey into unknown lands. The prayer reminds us that we do not travel, either into new places or into the future, alone. Christ who is Immanuel, God-with-us, never deserts us.

Christ is present with us as we travel, and He is already present in places to which we travel. Christ as the lord of time and eternity holds the future in His hands. We can journey without fear, trusting Christ's promise.

As Christians we travel in an attitude of trust, even in unfamiliar places. More than trust we travel in the hope that with our spirits 'tuned to the music of heaven' our lives, lived faithfully, can make a difference. That as we follow Christ's call to live as faithful children of the Father we can bring God's blessing to others.

Tim.

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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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 - September 2018

Day and Date	Time	Item
Saturday 1st	10:00	Bell Ringers Quarter Peal
	13:00	Wedding Service
Monday 3rd	19:30	PCC Meeting
Tuesday 4th	17:00	Ecclesfield Feoffees Meeting
Saturday 8th	09:00	Prayer Breakfast
Friday 14th	10:00	Heritage Open Day
Saturday 15th	10:00	Heritage Open Day
	19:00	Talk & Presentation by Mel & Joan Jones
Sunday 16th	10:00	'Back to Church' Service - Heritage Open Day
Monday 17th	19:30	Baptism Preparation
Tuesday 18th	19:00	Wedding Rehearsal
Thursday 20th	11:00	Alpha Course
Saturday 22nd	12:00	Wedding Service
	14:00	Wedding Service
Sunday 23rd	18:30	Dedication Service with the Bishop of Sheffield
Monday 24th	19:30	Fabric Committee
Thursday 27th	11:00	Alpha Course
Sunday 30th	18:30	Prayer & Praise

From the Registers

Weddings

3rd August	Oliver James Trigg and Heidi Joy Hope
4th August	Adam Luke Bateman and Eilidh Carol Sommerville
12th August	James Hayes and Julia Rose Morley

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

Funerals

6th August	Norma Rawson	81
10th August	John Hedley Richards	85
14th August	Brian Timm	79
28th August	Amy Bingham	94

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

Flower Rota September 2018

2nd September	P. Thomson	23rd September	K & L Atkin
9th September	H. Rollins	30th September	Vacant
16th September	N. Priest		



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The Gardening Year – September

This is the first of the Autumn Months – although after the occasional outstanding Summer it can still provide spells of warm dry weather.

A Summary of the Month's Work

Hardy herbaceous plants – continue dead heading and cutting back. Finish preparing new beds and hoe beds already prepared. Flowers from seed – remove fading annuals to make way for spring bedding. Sow the hardiest annuals to over winter outdoors. Plant hardy biannual.

House Plants – slightly reduce watering and feeding. Keep tender plants away from windows on cold nights. Transfer plants liking plenty of light from a west to a south window. Reduce the amount of water given to Cacti. Complete re-potting and pruning. Examine plants for signs of over-watering or of pest attacks. Control red spider mites with insecticides. As these pests are encouraged by a dry atmosphere, try to increase atmospheric humidity round the plants.

Vegetables – plant spring cabbages. Apply bone meal at about 4oz per sq.yd. before planting. Set the plants with their bottom leaves at soil level.

Pests – fruit tree red spider mite, microscopic mites that feed on the sap of apple, pear and plum leaves. Symptoms older leaves turn yellow-bronze wither and fall. Danger period May to September, treatment, spray in winter with insecticide to kill eggs or spray immediately after flowering with insecticide. Mealy Bugs – a serious greenhouse pest, especially on grape vines. Symptoms stunted foliage covered with patches of mealy wax threads, beneath which are colonies of bugs of yellow egg clusters. Danger period any time particularly late summer and autumn. Treatment, spray with insecticide before the fruit swells, and apply tar oil on dormant vines.

Colin Williams

Eat the Seasons - Seasonal food for September

Vegetables - Artichoke, Aubergine, Beetroot, Broccoli, Butternut Squash, Carrots, Celeriac, Celery, Chillies, Courgettes, Cucumber, Fennel, French Beans, Garlic, Horseradish, Kale, Kohlrabi, Leeks, Lettuce & Salad Leaves, Mangetout, Marrow, Onions, Pak Choi, Peppers, Potatoes (Maincrop), Pumpkin, Radishes, Rocket, Runner Beans, Shallots, Spring Onions, Sweetcorn, Tomatoes, Turnips, Watercress, Wild Mushrooms

Fruit - Apples, Bilberries, Blackberries, Damsons, Elderberries, Figs, Grapes, Medlar, Melons, Nectarines, Peaches, Pears, Plums, Raspberries, Redcurrants

Herbs - Chestnuts, Chives, Cob Nuts, Coriander, Oregano, Mint, Parsley (Curly), Parsley (Flat-Leafed), Rosemary, Sage, Sorrel, Thyme

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

Fish - Clams, Cod, Coley, Crab, Dab, Dover Sole, Grey Mullet, Haddock, Halibut, Hake, Herring, Lemon Sole, Mackerel, Monkfish, Mussels, Oysters, Pilchard, Plaice, Pollack, Prawns, Red Mullet, Sea Bass (Wild), Sea Bream, Shrimp, Squid, Turbot, Whelks, Winkles

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Friday and Saturday 7th & 8th September

Friday and Saturday 15th & 16th September

Jean Dalby is asking for help on all four days when the theatre will be open from 10-4. Please let her know if you can help out at all. It doesn't have to be all day, but even a couple of hours would be useful. Cakes for refreshments would be nice if you have time.

E.P.P.i.C. Theatre - 'The Unexpected Guest'

by

Agatha Christie

Tuesday 9th to Saturday 13th October

Rehearsals are underway for our next play and tickets go on sale to the general public from Saturday 15th September at the theatre coffee mornings.

Those taking part on stage are Angela, Jack, Val, Ben, Mick, Barrie, Jean D, Tom, Vinnie and John.

We would like to welcome some new faces to the theatre, some of which will be working behind the scenes.

Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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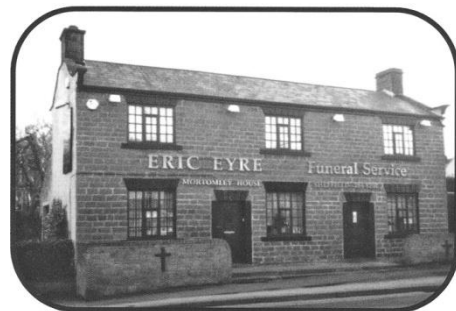
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Saint of the Month – 27th September

Vincent de Paul – patron of all charitable societies

Very few people stand out as being incredibly good, but Vincent de Paul was one of them. His life touched thousands of people, who were helped and inspired by his love and kindness.

Vincent de Paul was born in 1581 to a Gascon peasant family at Ranquine. Educated by the Franciscans and then at Toulouse University, he was ordained a priest very young, at only 19. He became a court chaplain, and then tutor to the children of the Gondi family. In 1617 he was made parish priest of Chatillon-les-Dombes.

From here, Vincent de Paul ministered both to the rich and fashionable, and also to the poor and oppressed. He helped prisoners in the galleys, and even convicts at Bordeaux.

In 1625 Vincent de Paul founded a congregation of priests who renounced all church preferment and instead devoted themselves to the faithful in smaller towns and villages. In 1633 they were given the Paris priory church of Saint-Lazare, and that same year Vincent founded the Sisters of Charity, the first congregation of ‘unenclosed’ women, whose lives were entirely devoted to the poor and sick, and even providing some hospital care. Rich women helped by raising funds for various projects, which were an immense success.

Even in his lifetime, Vincent became a legend. Clergy and laity, rich and poor, outcasts and convicts all were warmed and enriched by his charisma and selfless devotion. Vincent was simply consumed by the love of God and of his neighbour. His good works seemed innumerable – ranging from helping war-victims in Lorraine, and sending missionaries to Poland, Ireland and Scotland, to advising Anne of Austria at Court during the regency.

No wonder that after his death at nearly 80, the Pope named him as patron of all charitable societies. Even today, the Vincent de Paul Society is working with the poor and oppressed.

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Summer and Autumn Concerts

Following our successful concert at Ecclesfield Church in June we have spent the summer practicing for the next two events on our calendar. Firstly, the wedding of our Musical Director, Christian, to Lorna who is one of our sopranos takes place on the last day of August at Meltham. We have all been very excited about singing during the ceremony, as choirs always have some of the best seats in the house! So will Christian will be tempted to stop the proceedings at any point to do a little note bashing just to make sure things are perfect - he has already suggested that he can conduct with his free hand whilst signing the register! Posh frocks and suits are in order as we have also been invited to join in the celebrations after the ceremony and perform more of our repertoire and we will be doing our very best to ensure it is a lovely and memorable day for the happy couple.

Our second event is a concert at Wortley Church on Saturday 15th September at 7.00pm which is in aid of their roof appeal and to which all are most welcome. If you are to be married this year or next and you would like to book the choir to enhance your happy day, then please contact us.

We have had several new members join the choir recently. 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. *See page 29*

Celebration Service

Sunday 23rd September at 6.30pm

This will be a special service where our Bishop, The Rt. Revd Dr Pete Wilcox, will celebrate the work and give thanks to God - All are welcome

The work to restore the roofs on the Nave and North and South Aisles and to improve the security systems is now complete other than for a few minor items.

A total of £275k excluding VAT has been spent on the project and we are extremely grateful to the Heritage Lottery fund for a major grant towards the cost of the Nave and South Aisle and also to Ecclesfield Feoffees for a substantial grant towards the cost of the North Aisle.

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Crossword Puzzle

Clues Across

- 1** 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders — in vain' (Psalm 127:1) (6)
- 4** Season of the year (Psalm 84:6) (6)
- 7** 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. — here and keep watch with me' (Matthew 26:38) (4)
- 8** It came over the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour on the first Good Friday (Luke 23:44) (8)
- 9** Paul invariably did this in the synagogues he visited on his missionary journeys (Acts 17:2) (8)
- 13** 'It is God who works in you to will and to — according to his good purpose' (Philippians 2:13) (3)
- 16** Members of the Church of Scotland (13)
- 17** 'Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain side and — down' (Matthew 5:1) (3)
- 19** Mock (Luke 14:29) (8)
- 24** Disgrace (Psalm 44:13) (8)
- 25** First month of the Hebrew calendar (Exodus 13:4) (4)
- 26** Christianity of the Britons before Augustine arrived from Rome (6)
- 27** Mean (Numbers 35:23) (6)

Clues Down

- 1** 'Whoever finds his life will — it' (Matthew 10:39) (4)
- 2** 'My lord the king, let the — — on me and on my father's family, and let the king and his throne be without guilt' (2 Samuel 14:9) (5,4)
- 3** O raid (anag.) (5)
- 4** 'If two of you on earth — about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven' (Matthew 18:19) (5)
- 5** Take care of (1 Samuel 17:15) (4)
- 6** What the older son heard as he came near the house the day his prodigal brother came home (Luke 15:25) (5)
- 10** 'Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with — judgment' (Romans 12:3) (5)

11 Do ten(anag.)(5)

12 Architectural style first used in Greek temples in the sixth century BC (5)

13 Capable of being used(1Kings7:36) (9)

14 ‘Each one should — his own actions’(Galatians6:4) (4)

15 Among the items imported by Solomon’s fleet of trading ships (1 Kings 10:22) (4)

18 ‘But I am afraid that just —— was deceived by the serpent’s cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray’ (2 Corinthians 11:3) (2,3)

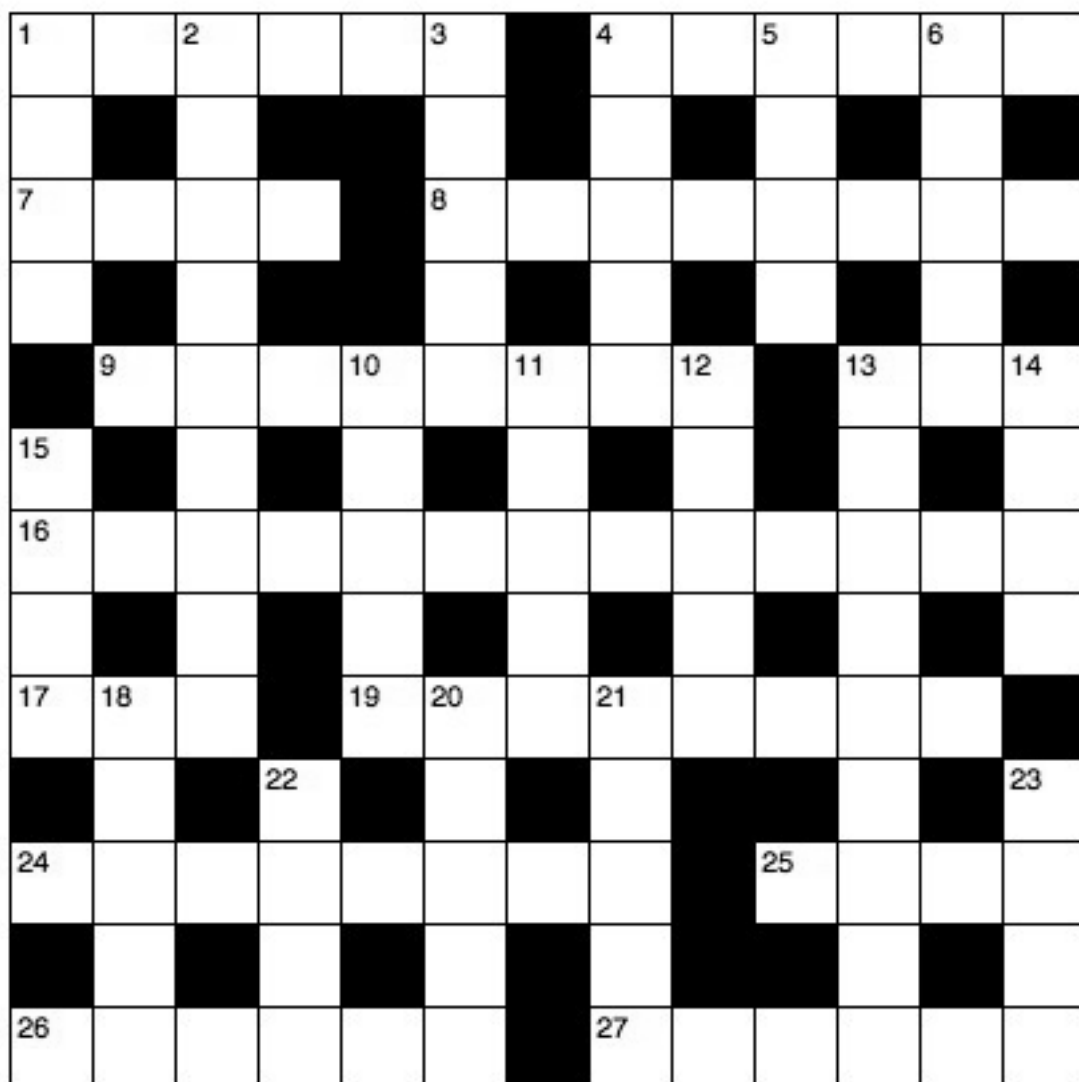
20 Outstanding 18th-century hymn writer, — Watts (5)

21 One of the four sons of Asher (Genesis46:17) (5)

22 Be distressed (Proverbs24:19) (4)

23 He was the father of Gaal, who threatened rebellion against Abimelech (Judges 9:28) (4)

Solution is on Page 20



Prayers and Poems Page

September Prayer

Dear Father,

September again! How quickly the months roll by. How quickly our lives move forward. Help us this September to welcome the new starts in our every-day lives - the new school year, the new clubs and activities for all ages that start up again this month. There are so many opportunities, so much to keep us busy. Help us Lord, this September to commit each new day and each new activity to you, aware that every day is a gift from you. Help us to choose wisely how we spend the time you give us and to reflect your love and generosity and kindness to those we meet each day.

In Jesus name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Don't let Love Fade

High hopes of love and gladness
As wedding vows were made
Faint faded in the sadness
Of each forlorn decade.

Love's lost neglected traces
Indifferently quenched
Turned smiles to stress-torn faces;
Saw fists with fury clenched.

O Stranger, if you're grasping
To come and learn from me,
The lover's hand you're clasping –
Grip with fidelity!

Sit not in tome-filled study
Spend not your time apart,
While breath's within your body
Give freely of your heart.

By Nigel Beeton

As you did it to the least of these....

The early Celts were keenly aware of Christ's command to love our neighbours. This is from 'Celtic Fire'

Remember the poor when you look out on fields you own,
on your plump cows grazing.

Remember the poor when you look into your barn
at the abundance of your harvest.

Remember the poor when the wind howls and the rain falls,
as you sit warm in your dry house....

The poor have no food except what you feed them
No shelter except your house when you welcome them,

No warmth except your glowing fire.

Ancient Celtic Prayer

My daily labour to pursue

Here is a prayer of Charles Wesley – for everyone heading back to work this autumn

Forth in your name, O Lord I go,
My daily labour to pursue,
You, only you, resolved to know
In all I think or speak or do.

The task your wisdom has assigned
O let me cheerfully fulfil,
In all my works your presence find,
And prove your good and perfect will.

Whitley Hall Cricket Club



On 4th August, Whitley 1st XI hosted Doncaster who had been performing well so far. In a match when both teams might have expected to win, Whitley managed 215 all-out with 3 balls left. Doncaster started slowly but increased the pressure to what was a fascinating finish with both teams tied on 215 runs. This was followed by an away win at Whiston and then a home loss to Barnsley on 18th August. The following day, Whitley hosted Cleethorpes in a game postponed from the start of the season and again suffered a defeat. On 25th August, Wickersley came to Cinder Hill Lane and managed a score of 150 in the full allocation of overs and Whitley

achieved the winning score with 10 overs left with Captain Greig Batty scoring 53 not out. It remains tight with 2 matches remaining, Whitley sit in mid-table but only 10 points above the relegation zone and have probably the toughest run in with the two division leaders Wakefield and Sheffield Collegiate to play. After a bright start to the season, the 2nd XI had a good July with just one defeat but a more difficult August with only a single win but with the team still only just outside the promotion zone with three matches to play. The 3rd XI had emulated their 2nd team colleagues for much of the season but faded towards the end, partly due to absences across the teams leaving them short of regular players. Everyone is welcome at the club to use the facilities in the pavilion where refreshments and drinks are available. Matches start at 12 noon.

Senior Home Games at Cinder Hill Lane

1st September	2nd XI	v	Oughtibridge 1st XI
8th September	1st XI	v	Wakefield 1st XI
15th September	2nd XI	v	Hallam 2nd XI

Contact: Steve Fletcher, Secretary: 0114 245 2406

Deliver us...

I had been teaching my three-year-old daughter the Lord's Prayer. Then one evening at bedtime she attempted it solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer.

‘Lead us not into temptation,’ she prayed, ‘but deliver us from e-mail. **Amen.**’

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

EPPIE 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
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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

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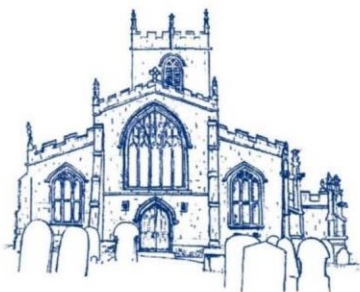
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Saturday 15th September 11 to 3pm

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Activities include - Grave recordings - Scavenger hunts

Saturday 15th September 7pm to 9pm

Talk – Life of the EXTRAordinary Gatty Women

By local historian and author Mel Jones
Book Launch and Refreshments

