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First Words

August is usually a very quiet month, for which I am always grateful!

We have a good number of weddings and some Baptisms, but it is the month when, on the whole, there are no meetings in Church.

As the children are on holiday there is no Sunday Club in the 10am service.

The weekly Thursday morning Communion Service will continue throughout August at 9.30am as usual.

On **Sunday 7th August** in the **10am** Eucharist we will be baptising Oliver Freddie Hope, and at **12 noon** on the same day we will be having our usual Baptism service.

On **Friday 12th August at 3.30pm** there will be a wedding in Church, and also a wedding on **Saturday 13th August at 1pm**.

On **Sunday 14th August** in our **10am** service we will be celebrating our **Patronal Festival** and also dedicating one of the youngest members of our Church, Reuben Daniel Hayes.

At **12 noon on Monday 15th August** there will be the **funeral** of our dear friend Iris Glaves in Church followed by burial in the cemetery at 1pm.

On **Wednesday 17th August** there will be a **wedding** in Church at **1pm**, and a wedding on **Saturday 20th at 12 noon**.

On **Sunday 21st August** there will be **Baptisms at 12 noon**. And on **Monday 22nd August at 7pm** in Church we will be holding a **Baptism preparation session**.

There are two **weddings** in Church on **Saturday 27th August at 12 noon and at 3pm**.

Monday 29th August is a Bank Holiday!

Finally two things to flag up for September:

We will be re-starting prayer ministry during the 10am service sometime in mid-September. And also we will be holding our first "Prayer and Praise" service in over two years on Sunday 25th September at 6.30pm.

More details about both of these in the September magazine.

God bless,

Tim.

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## Grace – it really is amazing

Most of us will know the hymn, Amazing Grace, by John Newton. Grace is an essential element of our faith, but what is it, exactly?

In everyday life the word 'grace' has many uses: in the courts, a pardoned person has been 'shown grace'; in the arts, an exquisite dancer moves with beauty and grace; if someone undertakes an unpleasant task cheerfully and willingly, it is done with 'good grace' and composers sometimes add 'grace notes' to their music to enhance the playing of their music.

The biblical use of the word 'grace' is quite different! The New Testament describes grace as God doing something for us that we could not do for ourselves. That 'something' is the free and unearned favour of God towards us. It is God's goodness which removes human inferiority and worthlessness and which raises our status. It pays the debt of sin. Grace welcomes the wretched, the weak and the wayward. It adopts us – homeless orphans – into God's family.

The story of King David and Mephibosheth is a remarkable example of grace. (see 2 Samuel 9:1-13) When David discovered a disabled relative of a former friend, he opened the way for this person to be brought into the royal household. He was accepted into David's family and given the same status as one of his sons.

Similarly, God accepts the unacceptable into His Heavenly Family. He accepts us as we are, regardless of status, health - or any objections we may have! Our gracious God loves us even though we are unlovely, undesirable and unholy.

We must see God's love in the gift of His Son. We can only be thankful that through Christ we have a new relationship with God. It is by His grace we are saved.

In John Newton's famous hymn, he wrote 'grace will lead me home'. Through the grace of God we can be assured of eternal life, joy, peace and security with Christ

## How many hours of sleep do you really need at night?

Margaret Thatcher famously thrived on four hours a night. These days, 40 per cent of us struggle to nod off at all, while the hoped for 'ideal' is eight hours a night. But how much do we really need?

Recent research at the University of Cambridge and Shanghai's Fudan University looked in depth at sleeping patterns, mental health and wellbeing, cognitive tests, brain-imaging and genetic data.

The scientists concluded that the ideal is to aim for exactly seven hours' sleep a night, from our thirties to old age. Getting too much more sleep than that, as well as too much less, may cause mental health problems and worse cognitive performance.

The study also found that consistency mattered – so it's no good getting nine hours one night then six the next.

## St Laurence – 10<sup>th</sup> August

Laurence was a deacon of the Church in Rome who was martyred in 258. His story is found in the very ancient Depositio Martyrum, which tells us that he was closely associated with Pope Sixtus II, who was martyred just a few days before him during the persecution of the Emperor Valerian. We also know that he was much loved for his almsgiving.

St Cyprian, the Bishop of Carthage, relates how the Roman authorities had taken to confiscating all the goods of any Christians they discovered, and then putting the Christians to death. And so it was in August of 258, after Sixtus was martyred, that they demanded of Laurence the wealth of the Church in Rome. He asked for three days to gather it together. During that time he worked quickly, to distribute as much of it as possible to the poor in Rome. On the third day, he presented himself to the prefect of Rome, taking along a small delegation of the poor and crippled. He told the prefect that these people were the true treasures of the Church, and that 'The Church is truly rich, far richer than your emperor.' This did not go down well with the prefect, and Laurence was condemned to a martyr's death.

It was Laurence, of course who is famous for being roasted alive on a gridiron, and for telling his captors to 'turn him over' when he was done on one side. The story has no historic basis, as the weapon of capital punishment at the time was the sword for decapitation. It is thought by many scholars that the roasting on the gridiron story came about because of a simple spelling mistake by a monk in copying the history years later: the accidental omission of the letter 'p' would have been enough. This is because the customary formula for announcing the death of a martyr was 'passus est' (he suffered/was martyred). If you leave off the 'p' you get 'assus est' - he was roasted. Only – he wasn't!

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## Life Explained

**On the first day**, God created the dog and said, "Sit all day by the door of your house and bark at anyone who comes in or walks past. For this, I will give you a life span of twenty years."

The dog said, "That's a long time to be barking. How about only ten years and I'll give you back the other ten?"

And God saw it was good.

**On the second day**, God created the monkey and said, "Entertain people, do tricks, and make them laugh. For this, I'll give you a twenty-year life span."

The monkey said, "Monkey tricks for twenty years? That's a pretty long time to perform. How about I give you back ten like the dog did?"

And God, again saw it was good.

**On the third day**, God created the cow and said, "You must go into the field with the farmer all day long and suffer under the sun, have calves and give milk to support the farmer's family. For this, I will give you a life span of sixty years."

The cow said, "That's kind of a tough life you want me to live for sixty years. How about twenty and I'll give back the other forty?"

And God agreed it was good.

**On the fourth day**, God created humans and said, "Eat, sleep, play, marry and enjoy your life. For this, I'll give you twenty years."

But the human said, "Only twenty years? Could you possibly give me my twenty, the forty the cow gave back, the ten the monkey gave back, and the ten the dog gave back; that makes eighty, okay?"

"Okay," said God, "You asked for it."

So that is why for our first twenty years, we eat, sleep, play and enjoy ourselves. For the next forty years, we slave in the sun to support our family. For the next ten years, we do monkey tricks to entertain the grandchildren. And for the last ten years, we sit on the front porch and bark at everyone.

Life has now been explained to you. There is no need to thank me for this valuable information. I'm doing it as a public service.

If you are looking for me I will be on the front porch.

**Paulo Coelho**

*Editor:* Paulo Coelho de Souza is a Brazilian lyricist and novelist. He is best known for his novel *The Alchemist*. In 2014, he uploaded his personal papers online to create a virtual Paulo Coelho Foundation.

<https://paulocoelhofoundation.com/paulo-coelho/biography/>

# God in The Arts

*Editor: The Revd Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with a look at 'The Transfiguration' by Fra Angelico. It is found in the Dominican convent of San Marco in Florence.*

## We behold the glory

TQ – Tingle Quotient – is the name given to those things that can produce a tingle down the spine or a frisson of excitement. It could be a piece of music or the sight of an evening sunset at sea or a newborn babe. We look, we hear, and what we look at or hear evokes a sense of wonder and amazement that has an almost physical effect on us. Something sublime unfolds before us producing delight and awe: a hint of glory that leads us to wonder and even to worship.

The monk who lived in cell no 6 at the Dominican convent of San Marco in Florence must have felt that when he entered his room and saw for the first time the fresco of the Transfiguration that Fra Angelico had painted.



I am sure the sight would have stopped him in his tracks, just as Peter, James and John were stopped in their tracks as they beheld their Lord transfigured before them on the mount.

From 1436 Fra Angelico painted a whole series of frescoes for the convent from the High Altar to the Chapter House to the cells of the monks. Here in cell no 6 there is a restrained simplicity and directness about the Transfiguration. One of the three disciples looks out towards us, while the other two are caught up in wonder and awe as they look on Jesus with the faces of Moses and Elijah on either side.

Here Fra Angelico is not seeking to impress a wealthy patron: he is providing a focus for devotion and prayer for the monks of his community. The scene speaks to us of that sense of awe and reverence. On 6<sup>th</sup> August we celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration. The Gospel accounts relate that special moment of revelation to the inner group of disciples. The glory shown to them evoked a sense of wonder and marvel, but also a sense of loss. For the glory proved elusive and just out of human reach. The moment of revelation passed, and the disciples had to go down the mount again to meet the crying needs of the world, all but forgotten when they were with their Lord on the mountain top.

The monk in his cell would ponder the glory of Fra Angelico's fresco, knowing that he would be called from his cell to take up his monastic duties. But the painting would go with him to sustain and nurture his life. It is the same with us: we have moments of glory. But they pass, and we must return to our daily lives. As we look on this month's painting, we sense that glory and wonder which can sustain us through life. As Thomas Jones says in his poem on this episode:

*Like a pearl we hold  
Close to our hearts  
what we have heard and seen.*

See also: [http://www.museumsinflorence.com/musei/museum\\_of\\_san\\_marco.html](http://www.museumsinflorence.com/musei/museum_of_san_marco.html)

# St James the Least of All

*Editor: The Revd Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace'...*

## On the best way to visit the homes in the parish

The Rectory  
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren.

Your offer to bring in your team of church members, in order to make a house call on every home in our parish, was most generous. I do understand why you would need us to accommodate your team of 25 visitors, and then hold a residential training weekend for our own members of the team. I accept that we would have to produce a visiting pack listing all our church organisations, giving contact names and numbers and a short resume of what each group did, along with our mission statement and safeguarding policy. I also understand your suggestion that we include a supplement outlining our stewardship scheme.

Your plan that we should then hold an opening Service to which all the newcomers would be invited, and to which we might fly in a world-renowned speaker for the occasion, is understandable. And then of course we would need your help us to set up a finance committee with budgets and organised fund raising. But what you seem to have missed is that our entire parish consists of something like 70 homes. They would not feel visited, but invaded.

Instead, I feel it would be best if we attempt something a little more low-key: an invitation to sherry after Mattins, perhaps, where we could find out which of them plays golf and who may like to join the Bridge Club. Gradually, as the sherry flowed, we would also seek to discover who would be prepared to go on the brass cleaning, flower arranging and grass cutting rotas, which are the traditionally recognised signs of committed Christians, at least in this parish.

Inevitably, this means that none of our church members will be joining your team as you visit the residents of the new tower block in your parish. Most of our congregation abandoned attempting stairs some years ago and their polite enquiries about which Hunt the residents belong to, and where they stable their horses may lead to a rather stilted conversation.

You are, of course, all prepared to welcome your new residents with enthusiasm, excitement, and frenetic activity; our policy of polite indifference and brief conversations about the weather should soon help ours to settle in in no time.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

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## River

A minister was preaching on the dangers of alcohol. He concluded by thundering: "And that is why, if I had all the beer in the world, I'd take it and pour it in the river. If I had all the wine in the world, I'd take it and pour it in the river. And if I had all the whiskey in the world, I'd take that as well, and pour it in the river." Satisfied that he had made his point, he sat down.

The music leader then stood up, and with a sheepish grin announced: "Our closing hymn is on page 238: 'Shall We Gather at the River'."



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# Thought for the Month

I don't know if you watch the Netflix series *Stranger Things*, but as I write my contribution to August's magazine, the use of Kate Bush's 1985 hit, *Running Up That Hill*, has propelled the song to the top of the charts throughout the world.

Bush wanted to name the track, "A deal with God," but that was vetoed by her record company who thought that it might cause offence.

When the track was first broadcast earlier this year there was a lot of speculation on social media about what God would get out of any deal we could make with Him. Unable to resist, I joined in the conversation saying that God doesn't make deals. There is nothing that we could give God, nothing that God needs.

God doesn't make deals with us, God works by grace, not by deals or bargains. In Christ God has given everything for us. There is nothing left to bargain with. We come to God with empty hands. We have nothing at all to offer, instead we ask and we receive what we need - but maybe not what we want!

God in Christ gives himself to us. And God does this for our sake. As the great theologians of the early Church said, God became man so that men and women could become divine. God reconciles Himself to us, removing the barriers of our fallen and sinful nature so that we can take our place at the eternal banquet of heaven.

In Christ God breathes upon us His Holy Spirit, His life-breath, to guide us and to slowly reshape us into faithful children of our Father.

God is not compelled to do this. God gets nothing from this, there is no deal or bargain to be made. God loves simply because God is love.

So much as I love the music of Kate bush, and much as I admire her as a poet and songwriter, she isn't a theologian. We do not have to bargain with God, simply come to God as beloved and precious children to One who loves us more than we will ever know or understand. Our life in Christ is based on grace alone.

God bless,

Tim

**Editor** - "Running Up That Hill" was featured as the main theme song for the 1986 BBC 1 children's drama serial, *Running Scared*. In 2012, a remix featuring newly recorded vocals premiered during that year's Summer Olympics closing ceremony, and entered the UK top 10 for one week, at number six. In 2022, "Running Up That Hill" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OzbQtO3iOP4> received renewed attention when it was prominently featured in the fourth season of the Netflix series *Stranger Things*. Its appearance led to the song's resurgence on charts around the world, reaching the top three on the Billboard Hot 100 and topping the charts in eight countries, including the United Kingdom for three consecutive weeks and Ireland for six weeks.

In 2021, the song was listed at number 60 in Rolling Stone's 500 Greatest Songs of All Time.

# Mothers' Union meeting on Wednesday 6th July

Claire Parfremment opened her talk by explaining the important work of the "Pause Project".

Starting in 2014 after the collection of much data by two women: Georgina Perry and Sophie Humphries. The project concentrates on women who through different circumstances have had their children taken away by Social Services.

The reasons can vary from Domestic Violence, Drug Abuse, Prison Service etc. Most services at this time focus on the children, and the mothers are left with little or no support, this is where "Pause" steps in.

The project is an eighteen-month course and the women are allocated a Practitioner for the whole of this period. The period sixteen weeks prior to the start of the course is used in getting to know the Woman and gives her time to consider whether she wants to commit to the course. The Practitioners have experience in various fields such as: Youth Services, Domestic Abuse, and the Criminal Justice Systems.

Part of the programme is looking at a "Pause" in pregnancy giving the women a chance to look at their own lives and contraception. The practitioner works with the woman for ten months getting to know her more, gaining her trust, and building her self-esteem so she is able to move forward.

After the ten months there is a further four months transition period for therapeutic work, writing, colouring, writing letters to children, and making memory boxes. These all go to help the women rebuild their lives.

The last four months are the Next Steps, where the women have no link with the Practitioner, they attend participation events, maybe meet with their children to build a relationship slowly and try to normalise their life. Sometimes, they may meet with the Practitioner for coffee and a catch-up. This all helps the women cope with rebuilding their lives.

The level of intensity working in these areas can be very traumatic for both the women and the Practitioners, so a facility is available for them to talk with a psychiatrist as in other areas of work e.g., Police Service, Fire Brigade and Social Care.

***Christine Ambler***

## Planned Activities

| Date              | Time & Venue              | Activity                                                                |
|-------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 3 August 2022:    | 2.00-4.30pm Churchyard    | Platinum Celebration Afternoon Tea<br>Proceeds to Summer of Hope Appeal |
| 9 August 2022     | 2.00pm Cathedral          | Mary Sumner Day Service                                                 |
| 7th September     | 1.30pm in the Gatty Hall. | Speaker will be a Fire Officer                                          |
| 9 September 2022  | 6.00pm Gatty Hall         | Caravan Drive                                                           |
| 14 September 2022 | Winthrop Gardens TBA      | Lunch/Tea - Holy Cross Day                                              |

# From the Registers

## Baptisms

Sunday 3rd July: Emmie Rose Nalty; Kaiyanna Rose Ricketts  
Zachary Thomas Doolan & Noah Alexander Doolan  
Sunday 10th July: Lyla Grace Devine

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

## Marriages

Friday 8th July Liam Mark Roberts & Emma Louise Collier  
Saturday 9th July Liam James Anthony Hughes & Connie Jade Grice  
Saturday 23rd July Liam Thompson & Terri West  
Saturday 30th July Warren Andrew Guirdham & Rachael Mandy Turner

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

## Funerals

Wednesday 20th July Norma Stuart

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

# Miscellaneous observations about the Christian faith

I asked the earth and it answered me: "I am not it", and all things whatsoever made the same confession. I asked the sea and the deeps, and the creeping things, and they answered me: "We are not thy God; seek beyond us." - *Augustine of Hippo*

Here is the unity of blades of grass and bits of wood and stone, together with everything else....All that nature tries to do is to plunge into that unity, into the Father-nature, so that it may all be one, the one Son. - *Meister Eckhardt*

Consider this, that in the course of justice, none of us should see salvation. - *William Shakespeare (The Merchant of Venice)*

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# God in the Sciences

This series is written by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith. Picture copyright: Dr Ruth M Bancewicz

## Keeping Calm in the Storm

One of the most famous stories about Jesus is the calming of the storm (Luke 8:22-25). Of course, anyone could say that the wind stopped suddenly of its own accord, but the disciples were not fooled. They had seen a number of these 'coincidences' in Jesus' ministry, and they weren't about to ignore this one. Jesus had calmed the waves with only His words. Wasn't this an act of God? Who else could be in complete control of creation?

Jesus dealt graciously with the very pressing and practical issue of the raging storm before He did a bit of teaching, asking His followers "Where is your faith?" It's not surprising that they were scared, given the circumstances, but clearly Jesus expected better of them. He had already been teaching them for some time, and clearly knew they were ready to trust Him.

In similar circumstances, Christians often do several things in quick succession. We start by panicking and being afraid. After a while we might remember what we know about God's character and pray for help, trusting that whatever happens He will help us to handle it. Most often, we don't get the storm-calming effect when we ask for it, but battling on with faith and God's help is much easier than trying to keep going in a panic.

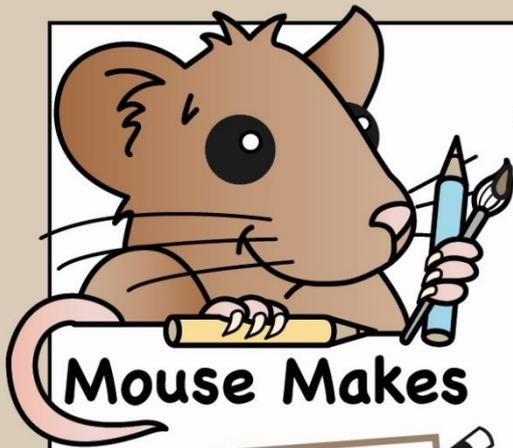
'Peace' in this kind of situation is a very active holding on to what we know about God. The difference between trusting and not trusting can be like night and day in terms of stress levels. I have found that it can make the difference between unmanageable stress and something that stretches me and teaches me something new.

Knowing some science can help us to trust God. A Being who created the whole universe, sustaining the wonderfully creative processes that produced diverse life on earth, must be both extremely powerful and extremely wise. The God who can both calm the waves and walk on them must be in complete control of the things He made. When this knowledge goes hand in hand with experience of God's intimate love for us and care for us in every situation that we find ourselves in, I am reassured that He's got things in hand. I will always need help from others to pray faithfully in stormy situations, but hopefully I've seen enough now not to panic for too long.

Time (and my closest friends) will tell!

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornelis\\_de\\_Wael](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cornelis_de_Wael)





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What did Jesus turn water into?



John 2:1-11

Who's mother-in-law did Jesus heal?

Matthew 8:14-15

How did Jesus get out to the disciples in the boat?



Matthew 14:22-27

Who did Jesus raise from the dead?

John 11:38-44



How long had the woman at the synagogue been disabled?

years

What did she do after she was healed?

Luke 13:10-13



Who did Jesus heal when his ear was cut off?

Luke 22:47-51



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# Editor's Humour

Online readers - don't forget to click on the pictures and links to learn more!

I just read a book on marriage that says, 'Treat your wife like you treated her on the first date.' So, after dinner tonight I'm dropping her off at her parents' house.

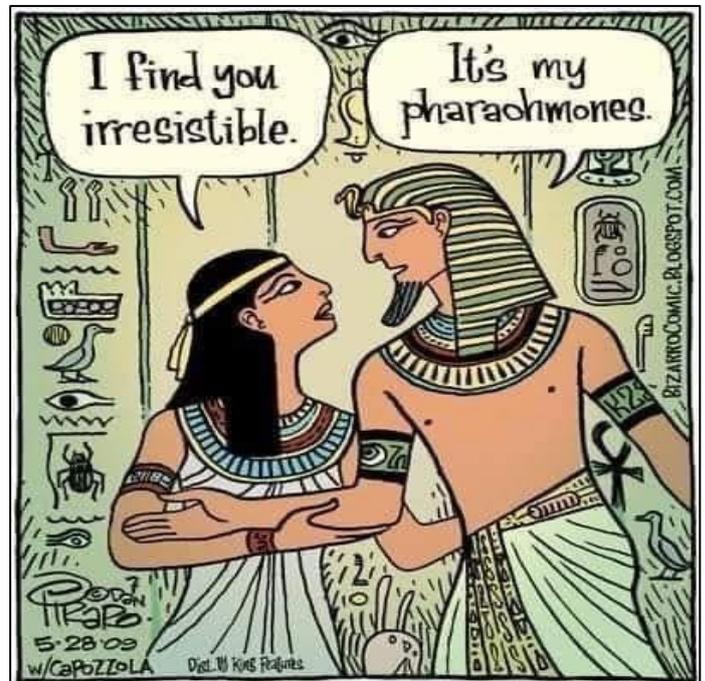
The four hardest things to say are:

I'm sorry. I was wrong. I need help. Worcestershire sauce (*Ed: Worst sister shire sauce*)

As you get older, you begin to suffer the occasional series of increasingly humiliating Micro-Injuries. "How did you hurt yourself?". I slept wrong. I happened to yawn while checking my blind spot. I drank water too hard.

Because the Earth is round, running away from something is also running towards it from really far away.

I may not be the best looking or the funniest out there, but let me tell you something... I'm also not the smartest.



# Prayer for the Month - The Blessing of Marriage

***Blessed are you, O Lord our God,  
for you have created joy and gladness,  
pleasure and delight, love, peace and fellowship.  
Pour out the abundance of your blessing  
upon N and N in their new life together.  
Let their love for each other be a seal upon their hearts  
and a crown upon their heads.  
Bless them in their work and in their companionship;  
awake and asleep,  
in joy and in sorrow,  
in life and in death.  
Finally, in your mercy, bring them to that banquet  
where your saints feast for ever in your heavenly home.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

I love a wedding, I especially love officiating at a wedding, which is just as well considering the number that we do here at St Mary's.

Perhaps my favourite part of the service is that as soon as I have pronounced the couple to be married, I then give them God's blessing. The prayer that we use to bless the newly married couple contains in it a whole theology of married life.

Firstly marriage is a gift of God, and it is given, among other things, for our joy. And, as CS Lewis often said, 'Joy is the serious business of heaven.' God's aim for His children is "joy and gladness, pleasure and delight, love, peace and fellowship." And Marriage is about all of these things.

But the blessing is primarily about God's walk with us throughout our days, in times of joy and sorrow, and even in life and death. The poet John Keats called the world a 'vale of soul-making;' it is the place where, in the years and decades allotted to us, we prepare ourselves for eternity. And we prepare by loving, because we were made by the One who is love, and God made us to love and to be loved. Not in the abstract, but by loving real, awkward & difficult, wonderful and glorious human beings.

Love shapes us and transforms us, and this then shows us the eternal purpose of marriage. That we learn to love, deeply and faithfully and for the whole of our lives together. And so, when our pilgrimage through this world has ended, we may take our place in the banquet of God's kingdom.

Please pray for the couples to be married at St Mary's in the coming months and thank God that we are able to share in this special and joyful time.

God bless,  
Tim

## Working from Rest

August sees many of us taking holidays to get some well-earned rest from working. But what is the biblical relationship between rest and work? The Bible shows us that **we are to work from rest, not rest from work**. How is this working out in our current experience?

When God created human beings on the 6th day, the next full day was a day of rest before the work began: *'Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it He rested from all the work of creating that He had done.'* (Genesis 2:3). Sunday is a day of rest at the beginning of the week.

Jesus lived out this rhythm of rest and work in His own ministry: *'Very early in the morning, Jesus got up and went off to a solitary place, where He prayed'* He then told His disciples: *'Let us go somewhere else so that I can preach there also. That is why I have come.'* (Mark 1:35-38).

Here is a rhythm for our own lives: *'I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in Me and I in you, you will bear much fruit'* (John 15:5). Our work/fruitfulness arises out of the time we abide/rest in Jesus. He will then show us what aspects of our lives need pruning: *'while every branch that does bear fruit He prunes so that it will be even more fruitful.'* (2).

Let's use this month to reflect on how this pattern is working in our lives:

Are we spending enough time 'abiding' in Jesus?

Are we putting our energies into the right balance of rest and work?

Are there unproductive areas of our lives and churches that need pruning?

Remember God created us as *human beings* not just *human doings*!!"

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## Help needed in the church garden

If you can, mow, weed, strim, sweep, pickup sticks, rake leaves or drive a sit on mower, we need you. If you can spare just one or two hours a week it would be a great help. Not only will the church look good, but you might even feel your spiritual and physical well-being improve and in our small way help the environment. We come to the churchyard every Tuesday and Friday afternoon (weather permitting) followed by a drinks and biscuits, sometimes even a cake.

Any help most welcome. Thank you. Pat Wood

# Whitley Hall Cricket Club



The The first XI had a very good run in the Premier League at the start of the season approaching 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the League. However, June and July have proved to be challenging. On 11<sup>th</sup> June, they lost to Whiston at home, the following week they succumbed to Wakefield and on 25<sup>th</sup> June, a rain affected match at home to Doncaster ended in abandonment with the points shared. July started with a defeat at Collegiate with the Whitley total of 154 insufficient losing by 7 wickets, followed by a defeat at home to Barnsley who scored an amazing 370 and then a very tight win at home against Tickhill. The visit to Appleby Frodingham the following weekend ended in a further defeat where the Whitley score of 194 was insufficient resulting in a loss by 6 wickets. As the season moves towards the final 7 games, Whitley are in 7<sup>th</sup> place out of 12 teams in the Premier League and urgently need to pick up some points. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI has continued to play well after a good start go into August in 5<sup>th</sup> place in Division 1. The 3<sup>rd</sup> XI has also had a good season so far sit in 5<sup>th</sup> position in Division 6.

Spectators are welcome to use all the facilities in the pavilion where there are toilets and drinks and snacks are available. Anyone interested in joining us, please contact the Secretary in the first instance - details below.

## Fixtures at Baxter Field, Cinder Hill Lane (12 noon start)

|                           |                    |   |                               |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 30 <sup>th</sup> July     | 1 <sup>st</sup> XI | v | Elsecar 1 <sup>st</sup> XI    |
| 6 <sup>th</sup> August    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI | v | Coal Aston 1 <sup>st</sup> XI |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> August   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI | v | Collegiate 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> August   | 1 <sup>st</sup> XI | v | Cawthorne 1 <sup>st</sup> XI  |
| 27 <sup>th</sup> August   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI | v | Warmsworth 1 <sup>st</sup> XI |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> September | 1 <sup>st</sup> XI | v | Wakefield 1 <sup>st</sup> XI  |

Contact: Joe Webster, Secretary: 07969 014592  
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**Andrew Robinson**

## Everything is wonderful

My face in the mirror isn't wrinkled or drawn.  
My house isn't dirty, the cobwebs are gone.  
My garden looks lovely and so does my lawn.  
I think I might never put my glasses back on.

# The Gardening Year – August

Check list, a reminder what to consider when growing vegetables.

1. Sun, do you have a sunny conservatory to grow plants in? Try sun lovers such as tomatoes, aubergines, and peppers.
2. Hanging baskets, do you only have room for hanging baskets? tumbling tomatoes were designed for your plot.
3. Window boxes, if you are only using window boxes you could grow compact bush dwarf beans, short, stumped carrots, Mini beetroot, spring onions and radishes.
4. Growbags, tomatoes, courgettes, or peppers are best in growbags.
5. Shade is your plot in partial shade? try growing root crops.
6. Keep it simple, are you a complete novice? some of the easiest crops to grow are potatoes, radish, and tomatoes.
7. Young gardeners, do your children want to take care of their own food? potatoes and radishes are the easiest for them to nurture.
8. Go organic, are you growing organically? plant carrots and spring onions close to one another to deter the carrot fly.
9. Family food, have you taken note of your family's favourite foods before choosing which vegetables to grow.

Fruit, herbs and edible flowers, fruit trees, you could be forgiven for thinking fruit trees are only for people with huge gardens or orchards. fortunately, nothing could be further from the truth. Some fruits, such as figs thrive better in pots and there are lots of varieties of fruit suitable for all sorts of containers. You can even grow apples in containers, once you know which type you are looking for. Which trees work best, you obviously can't plant a standard apple or plum tree in a container. You need to look for something called Rootstock. A rootstock is a stump of a plant with a healthy root system onto which a cutting scion, from another plant is grafted. Each rootstock has different property's including draught resistance fruit size or final growth size so you can get the same scion grafted onto different rootstocks. Which means you can get the perfect plant for your growing space. Multi variety, the beauty of rootstocks is that you can graft several different scions onto one rootstock and end up with an apple tree that provides you with three different apple varieties. More of this next month.

**Colin Williams**

## Eat the Seasons – August

**Vegetables** - Artichoke, Aubergine, Beetroot, Broad Beans, Broccoli, Carrots, Chillies, Courgettes, Cucumber, Fennel, French Beans, Garlic, Kohlrabi, Lettuce & Salad Leaves, Mangetout, Marrow, Onions, Pak Choi, Peas, Peppers, Potatoes (Maincrop), Radishes, Rocket, Runner Beans, Spring Onions, Sweetcorn, Tomatoes, Turnips, Watercress, Wild Mushrooms

**Fruit** - Apricots, Bilberries, Blueberries, Cherries, Damsons, Figs, Greengages, Loganberries, Melons, Nectarines, Peaches, Plums, Raspberries, Redcurrants, Strawberries

**Herbs** - Basil, Chives, Coriander, Oregano, Mint, Parsley (Curly), Parsley (Flat-Leafed), Rosemary, Sage, Sorrel, Tarragon, Thyme

**Meat** - Beef, Lamb, Rabbit, Venison, Wood Pigeon

**Fish** – Cod, Coley, Crab, Dab, Dover Sole, Grey Mullet, Haddock, Halibut, Herring, Langoustine, Lemon Sole, Mackerel, Monkfish, Pilchard, Plaice, Pollack, Prawns, Red mullet, salmon, sardines, scallops (queen), sea bass (wild), sea bream, sea trout, shrimp, squid, whelks

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# Remembering Enid Blyton

It was 125 years ago, on 11th August 1897, that Enid Blyton was born in East Dulwich, South London. This enormously popular British children's writer created Noddy, the Famous Five, and the Secret Seven. She is among the world's bestselling writers, selling more than 600 million copies of her books.



Enid was the daughter of a nature-loving clothing wholesaler, to whom she was very close. He once sat up with her when she was expected to die of whooping cough, determined that she would survive. Her mother was less solicitous. Enid was bright, popular at school and a talented musician, but decided against it as a profession, going into teaching instead.

She married twice – first Hugh Pollock, an editor at a publishing firm who helped her to become established as a writer. They moved to Buckinghamshire and had two daughters, but then divorced in 1942. The following year she married surgeon Kenneth Waters, and they moved in the 1950s to Manor Farm in Dorset, which inspired much of her later work.

Blyton's mystery and adventure stories have clearly defined good and bad characters and are easy to read. They have been criticised for being too simplistic, and more recently for some of the now outdated social attitudes and language. But they remain popular worldwide for their sense of joy and wonder at life.

Several of her books are based on biblical stories, but she had a general rather than personal belief in God. She was brought up as a Baptist, and her children were baptised in the Church of England: towards the end of her life she became interested in Roman Catholicism. She put much energy into charity work, encouraging children to do the same. She died in 1968.

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## Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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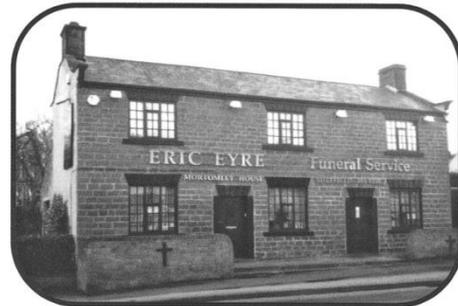
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## It is time to eat Sweetcorn

For me, a just-cooked corn on the cob, speckled with freshly milled black pepper and rolled in melted butter is simply one of the greatest eating experiences available. Tinned or frozen sweetcorn can be tasty enough, but it doesn't compare to corn eaten straight from the cob, slathered with butter, when the crisp and succulent kernels explode with flavour in the mouth. There's no other food that regularly leaves us with burnt mouths because we can't wait for it to reach a reasonable temperature before tucking in.

Sweetcorn is a form of maize that has been cultivated since the nineteenth century. Maize (known as corn in the USA and elsewhere) has been an important foodstuff for thousands of years. It was eaten by Mexican and central American cultures as early as 3,400 B.C. and fuelled the Aztec Empire as well as the Mayan and the Inca civilizations. It is widely thought that the Spanish brought maize back to Europe in the fifteenth century from where it then spread to east Asia and Africa. However, this view does not go unchallenged and there is some evidence in support of an alternate theory (with far-reaching consequences for historians) that maize actually spread west from the Americas to Asia before it spread eastwards from Europe. Sweetcorn gathered popularity in the UK after World War II and is now grown extensively across southern England.



**Sweetcorn**, a grass, is a form of the cereal crop maize (*Zea mays*), harvested at a young age while the kernels are tender and sweet. A corn ear is an inflorescence (cluster of flowers around a stem) and the kernels are the fruit of the plant (more specifically a grain).

**When buying** - Look for cobs with the husk intact. The husk should be green and fresh and conceal fine, silky threads. Kernels should be tightly packed, plump and smaller at the tips than in the middle (indicating young cobs). If buying from a market try to shop earlier in the day and avoid buying sweetcorn that has been sitting in warm sun - the rate at which the sugars are turned to starch increases rapidly with temperature.

**Nutrition** - Sweetcorn provides useful amounts of vitamins A, B3 (supports metabolism, the nervous and digestive systems) and C. It also contains folic acid and fibre. After picking, the sugars in sweetcorn began turning to starch at a pace. As the point of sweetcorn is that it's sweet, keep sweetcorn cool and eat as soon as possible after picking - on the same day as purchase where possible. If keeping for more than a day, parboil the corn for a minute (this will help slow down the conversion of sugars) before refrigerating or freezing.

**Cooking** - To boil, strip the husk and silk and trim the stems. Cook in unsalted boiling water (salt will toughen the kernels) until the sweetcorn yields to a fork tip (anything from 3 to 10 minutes or more, depending on the condition of the corn). Season after cooking. To **BBQ**, soak the whole corn, with husks, in water for 10 minutes before cooking in the embers or over a moderate heat for 15 minutes or more, until toasted. Alternatively, soak the corn and remove the husk before brushing with a little oil and grilling. To remove kernels from a corn cob, trim one end to produce a flat surface, stand the corn vertically on the flat end and cut down the length of the cob at the base of the kernels. Turn the cob and repeat until all kernels have been stripped. This is much easier to do after cooking.

# Chapelton & District Probus Club



We welcomed speaker Ian Morgan back for our July meeting. Ian gave another of his excellent talks about Bolsover Castle threading information about the area with fascinating pieces of history and things many did not know and added in some stories which may or not be completely true. After the meeting, members enjoyed another excellent lunch at Wortley Hall.

In August we have the return of Paul Adey with his second instalment of the History of the British Motor Industry. This time he will be focusing on the cars which mainly did not become a part of British Leyland – can you spot your first car?

We are now recruiting for new members. The club is independent and exists to offer friendship and companionship to local people with a focus on men who are semi or fully retired or looking forward to retirement in the future. As well as monthly meetings followed by optional lunch, the club also has seasonal lunches and visits to which members' family and friends are invited. If you are interested or would like to join a meeting as a guest, please make contact with the Secretary, Trevor Winslow (see below).

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## Upcoming meetings at 10.00 in Grenoside Community Centre

(Followed by lunch at Wortley Hall): -

|                |                 |                                                |
|----------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------|
| 10th August    | Paul Adey       | "History of the British Motor Industry part 2" |
| 14th September | Sheila Dyson    | "The Forgotten Faroes"                         |
| 12th October   | David Templeman | "The Queen That Never Was"                     |

## Other Events

Thursday 18th August 6.30pm, Annual Dinner at Wortley Hall

Tuesday 4th October, Visit to Newark Air Museum

Regrettably we have had to cancel September's planned treasure hunt and walk in Penistone, we hope to reschedule sometime next year.

Contact details: E-Mail [chapeltown.probus@gmail.com](mailto:chapeltown.probus@gmail.com)

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*Andrew Robinson*

## So far so good

So far today, God, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, haven't lost my temper, haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or over-indulgent. I'm really glad about that.

But in a few minutes, God, I'm going to get out of bed, and from then on I'm going to need a lot more help. Amen

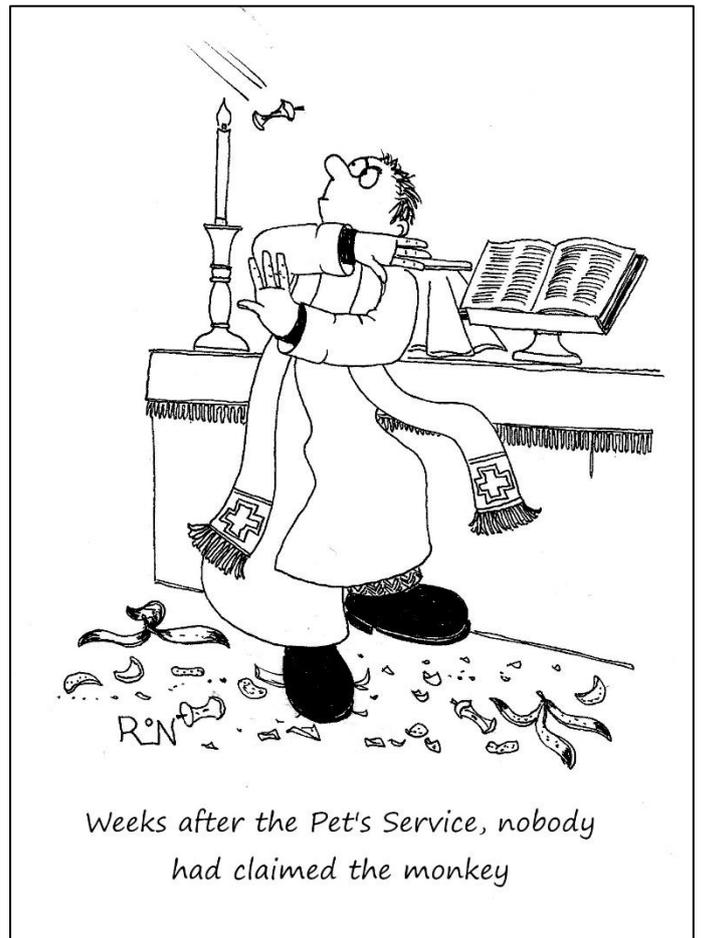
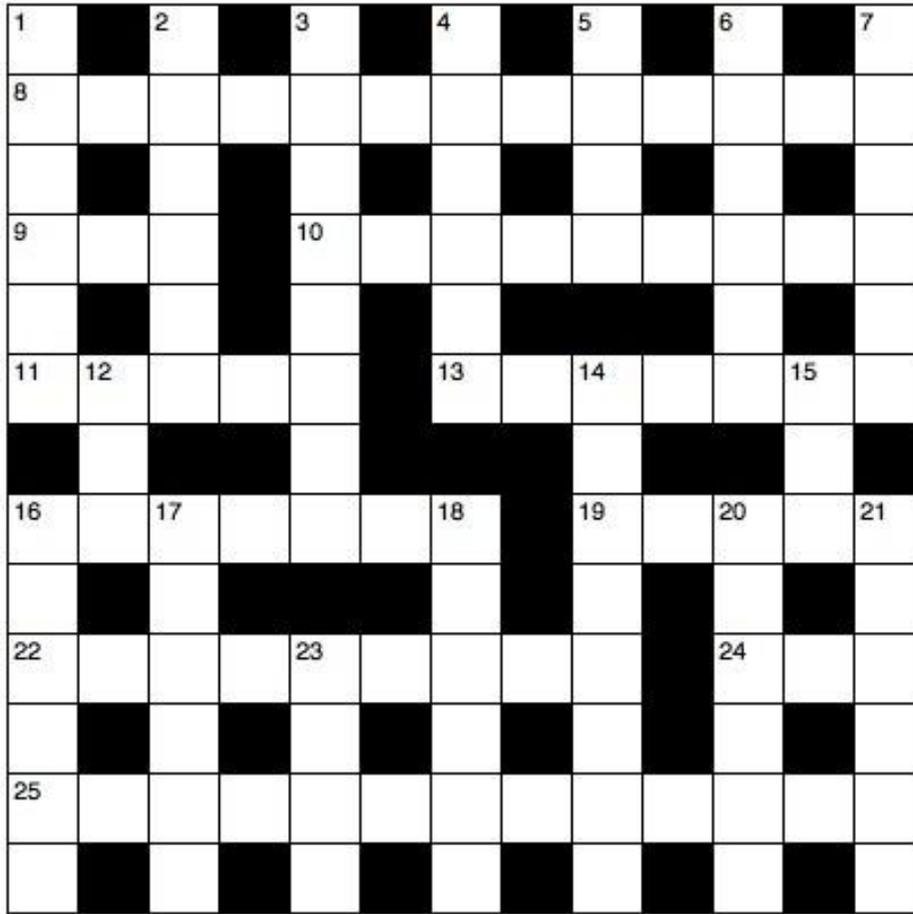
# Crossword Puzzle

## Clues Across

- 8 One of the titles given to the Messiah in Isaiah's prediction (Isaiah 9:6) (6,2,5)  
9 International Nepal Fellowship (1,1,1)  
10 Single(1Corinthians7:27) (9)  
11 Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's seminal book about Soviet prison camps, The — Archipelago (5)  
13 Treachery(2Kings11:14) (7)  
16 Of India(anag.) (2,3,2)  
19 'God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the —' (1 Corinthians 4:9) (5)  
22 Follower of a theological system characterized by a strong belief in predestination (9)  
24 'Put these old rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to— the ropes' (Jeremiah 38:12) (3)  
25 They brought together all the elders of the Israelites in Egypt (Exodus 4:29) (5,3,5)

## Clues Down

- 1 The season when kings 'go off to war' (2 Samuel 11:1) (6)  
2 Simon Peter's response to Jesus by the Sea of Galilee: 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a — man' (Luke 5:8) (6)  
3 Beaten with whips (1 Kings12:11) (8)  
4 'You shall not — adultery' (Exodus 20:14) (6)  
5 Encourage (Hebrews 10:24) (4)  
6 Service of morning prayer in the Church of England (6)  
7 'Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and — — him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving' (4,2)  
12 Run(anag.) (3)  
14 Member of 17th-century party that denied the right of autonomy to the Church (8)  
15 'We will triumph with our tongues; we—our lips'(Psalm12:4) (3)  
16 Earnings(1Corinthians16:2) (6)  
17 'I rejoice greatly in the Lord that——you have renewed your concern for me' (Philippians 4:10) (2,4)  
18 How Paul described Philemon (Philemon 1) (6)  
20 Multiple territories under the rule of a single state (Daniel11:4) (6)  
21 'You have been unfaithful; you have married foreign women, —to Israel's guilt' (Ezra 10:10) (6)  
23 This month(abbrev.) (4)



# Prayers and Poems Page

## Prayer for August - By Daphne Kitching

Dear Heavenly Father,

In this month of August, thank you for your presence. Whether we're at home or on holiday, in one place or travelling, working or resting, happy or sad, young, middle-aged or elderly, you are with us. As we journey through the different stages of this life on earth, help us to know that wonderful assurance of your presence, by putting our trust in Jesus now.

No matter what ups and downs come our way, we will never be alone. You are with us, sharing it all day by day - and leading us home.

Thank you, Lord of all our journeys, In Jesus' name. **Amen**

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## A Blessing Comes- By Kathleen Gillum

It's good to get away from noise  
From chaos and from din,  
To seek in solitude and peace  
The beauty that's within  
To go into a quiet place  
Where all is fresh and green,  
And contemplate in silent calm  
Great truths and things unseen.

The mysteries of the universe  
The wisdom of the sage,  
Or take some old and lovely thought  
From a bygone age,  
And meditate upon the good  
The honest and the true,  
This calms the mind and you will find  
A blessing comes to you.

## Morning Prayer

*From Prayers of the Western Highlanders*

When morning in russet and saffron clad  
Is mantling the hills in a dew-soft plaid  
To the song of the moorland two-wings glad  
Let my heart upraise;

When light creeps in through the chinks of the door  
When the mist ascends from the mountain floor,  
When the ocean shimmers like burnished ore,  
Let me give Thee praise.

O God of the morning, Christ of the hills,  
O Spirit who all the firmament fills,  
O Trinity blest who all goodness wills,  
Keep us all our days.

## Transfiguration - By Tim Lenton

On the cloudy mountain  
they spoke about His departure:  
light shone from Him  
as He bridged two rivers,  
slid eternity into time,  
just for a moment

and we amazingly could hardly stay awake;  
our eyes were heavy, unseeing –  
almost preferring sleep to glory

until a shout disturbed the magic,  
piercing the fragile  
shekinah sheet,  
dissolving the picture  
and striking us all dumb,

quite dumb – but then  
a stiller, smaller voice  
came from the cloud:  
we woke and listened then

**Sing hosanna!** - *Some people don't feel they can sing loudly in church, as they find keeping in tune difficult (if not impossible). This poem is dedicated to them.*

## Praise! - Anonymous

Praise the Lord in merry song,  
Praise Him, praise Him all day long.  
But what of me?  
I cannot sing –  
I have no melody to bring.  
But in the Bible, joy of joys,  
The Lord says: "Make a joyful noise!"

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EPPIC Theatre  
Monday 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm  
Wednesday 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm  
Secretary - Emma Addy  
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: Robert 0114 246 1095

### Friends of Ecclesfield Library

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

### Ecclesfield Cubs

Scout Hut (off Yew Lane)  
Wednesday 4:45 pm to 6:15 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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 - 5.45 - 7.00 pm  
Shane Porteous  
[shane@ecclesfieldscouts.org.uk](mailto:shane@ecclesfieldscouts.org.uk)

### Ecclesfield Scouts

Scout Hut (off Yew Lane)  
Thursday 7:15 pm to 9:00 pm  
Leader - Bryony Hemming  
[25theecclesfieldscouts@gmail.com](mailto:25theecclesfieldscouts@gmail.com)

### The Grenoside Singers

Practice Monday in St Mark's  
Church Hall at 7:30 pm  
Secretary: Judith Gill Tel: 0782 411 2584  
[www.grenosidesingers.co.uk](http://www.grenosidesingers.co.uk)

### Whitley Hall Cricket Club

Matches every Saturday and some  
Sundays and weekdays.  
Please make contact if you wish to play or  
learn. Secretary: Joe Webster:  
[whitleyhall@ycspl.co.uk](mailto:whitleyhall@ycspl.co.uk)  
Website:  
[www.whitleyhall.play-cricket.com](http://www.whitleyhall.play-cricket.com)

### Chapelton and District PROBUS Club

Meets every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday in the month  
in Grenoside Community Centre  
All retired and semi-retired gentlemen welcome  
Contact the Secretary: Trevor Winslow  
[chapelton.probus@gmail.com](mailto:chapelton.probus@gmail.com)  
We are now on face to face see  
[www.chapelton-probus.org.uk](http://www.chapelton-probus.org.uk)

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



# Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday 92nd Sheffield Brownies

This year, 92nd Sheffield Brownie Unit is 100 years old. Over the past few months, we have been celebrating this special occasion within our unit. Alongside the celebrations, the Brownies have also been working on their Local History badge. We have been looking into Ecclesfield and how this relates to us as a Brownie unit. We began the half term by visiting the Willow Garth where a scene from the Brownie story takes place.



The Brownies were excited to go on an adventure to see the place they had read about in the story. We then went on a visit to Ecclesfield Church where the Vicar Tim Gill gave us a tour and the Brownies were able to spot Julianna, author of the Brownie story, in one of the stained-glass windows.



The following week, we invited Margaret Myers to visit our unit to tell us about her experiences of being a Brownie in our unit as a young girl. The Brownies were keen to learn more about her experiences, see her Brownie uniform and to learn some games that Margaret remembered playing as a Brownie.



To finish off our celebrations, we held a joint Sports Day with Ecclesfield Rainbows. The girls from both sections worked in teams to complete races and then enjoyed a celebration cake.

We currently have spaces available for girls aged 7-10. If you are interested in joining us, please email us at [92ndshefbrownies@gmail.com](mailto:92ndshefbrownies@gmail.com). For younger girls, we'd be happy to hear from you and add you to our waiting list.

*Editor* - Brownies, originally called Rosebuds, were first organized by Lord Baden-Powell in 1914, to complete the range of age groups for girls in Scouting. They were first run as the youngest group in the Guide Association by Agnes Baden-Powell, Lord Baden-Powell's younger sister. In 1918 his wife, Lady Olave Baden-Powell, took over the responsibility for the Girl Guides and thus for Brownies. Originally the girls were called Rosebuds but were renamed by Lord Baden-Powell after the girls had complained that they did not like their name. Their name comes from the story "The Brownies" by Juliana Horatia Ewing, written in 1870. In the story two children, Tommy and Betty, learn that children can be helpful brownies instead of being lazy boggarts.