

# News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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# First Words

July begins with a very special celebration. On **Sunday 3rd July at 10am** we will celebrate Revd John Leach's 40th anniversary of ordination to the priesthood, and we will also welcome Revd Sam Ellmore, Maria, Ramona and Aela on their first Sunday with us. Sam will lead the first part of the Communion Service on Sunday morning and John will preside and preach. The service is followed by Baptisms at 12 noon.

Tim will be away from **Monday 4th to Wednesday 6th July** for the **Diocesan Clergy conference**.

There will be a **wedding** on **Friday 8th July at 2pm** and again on **Saturday 9th July also at 2pm**.

**Prayer Breakfast** is on **Saturday 9th July 9am** to about 10.30am.

On **Sunday 10th July at 10am** we have our **All-Age Celebration** for July followed at 12 noon by Baptisms.

The **PCC** will meet a week later than our usual time on **Monday 11th July 7.30pm** in Church.

On **Wednesday 20th July at 10am** there will be a **funeral** in Church.

And on **Saturday 23rd July at 1pm** we have a **wedding**, followed at **3pm** by a **wedding blessing**.

On **Thursday 28th July**, following the mid-week Communion at about **10.30am** we will have our **St Mary's Gathering** for July.

There is another **wedding** on **Saturday 30th July at 2pm**.

Finally on **Sunday 31st July**, as it is a Fifth Sunday at **10am** we will celebrate **All Age Communion**.

Another busy month, especially for weddings. It is a great blessing and privilege to be able to welcome so many people into Church to celebrate the important times in family life - not only weddings but also baptisms and funerals.

God bless,  
Tim



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# The beginning of Islam

Some 1400 years ago, on 16th July 622, the Islamic calendar began, when Muhammad and his followers migrated from Mecca to Medina to escape religious persecution (an event known as the Hijra) and established the first Muslim community.

The new religion spread quickly: Mohammad's men attacked trading caravans and in 630 an army of 10,000 forced Mecca itself to surrender. Though Islam, like Christianity, also looks back to Abraham, its military method of expansion was in marked contrast to the initial spread of Christianity.

Years in the Islamic (Hijri) calendar are designated either H or AH, which stands for the Latin term Anno Hegirae. It is a lunar calendar tied to the phases of the moon and based on astronomical observation, usually by an authorised person: the new month can only begin after a waxing crescent moon is observed shortly after sunset. For this reason, a month can begin on different days in different countries.

This lunar calendar should not be confused with the solar Hijri calendar used in Iran and Afghanistan. Turkish Muslims use an Islamic calendar which is calculated several years in advance by the Turkish Presidency of Religious Affairs.

The current Islamic year, 1443 AH, ends this July. Islamic years are not in sync with the Gregorian calendar because they fall about 11 days short of the solar year. The Hijri calendar cannot therefore be used for seasonal activities like agriculture, and most Muslim countries use the Gregorian calendar for non-religious purposes.

The Hijri calendar was established in 638 by Caliph Umar in Basrah, who complained because documents he received contained no date, which made it hard for him to know which were most recent. He decided the Muslim calendar should start when Muhammad arrived in Medina.

## National 'Don't Step on a Bee Day' – 10th July

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You can also help bees by planting wildflower seeds that will provide a food supply. Download the Great British Bee Count app created by Friends of the Earth which allows you to log the bees you spot out and about. This builds a picture of bee health and activity in the UK.

Finally, build a bee hotel! Bees need somewhere to rest when they venture out on their pollen mission. You can find a step-by-step guide here:

<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/04/how-to-build-a-bee-hotel/>

# St John Francis Regis, patron saint for relief workers

St John Francis Regis - 2nd July

Do you ever admire relief workers? They are hardy folk who regularly appear on our TV screens, actively seeking out the disease-ridden, starving, destitute people of the world, instead of avoiding them, as most of us try and do.

John Francis Regis (1597 – 1640) could be a patron saint of relief workers. It all began back in the early 1600s when he was ordained a Jesuit priest in Toulouse, a town raging with plague. Instead of fleeing for his life, John Regis decided to stay and minister to the plague victims.

Somehow, he survived, and was then sent by his bishop to do mission work in Pamiers and Montpellier. For years John taught and preached Christ's love, and also put it into action: he collected food for the hungry, clothing for the poor, visited prisoners, and even set up some homes for desperate ex-prostitutes.

In mid-September of 1640 John had a premonition of his approaching death. He took a three-day retreat in order to calmly prepare himself for it, and then he went back to work. Over Christmas, while helping the poor, he caught a chill. By 31st December he was dying of pneumonia, but at peace: he had been granted a vision of heaven and could not wait to get there. His was a life well lived – he was 'a good and faithful servant'.

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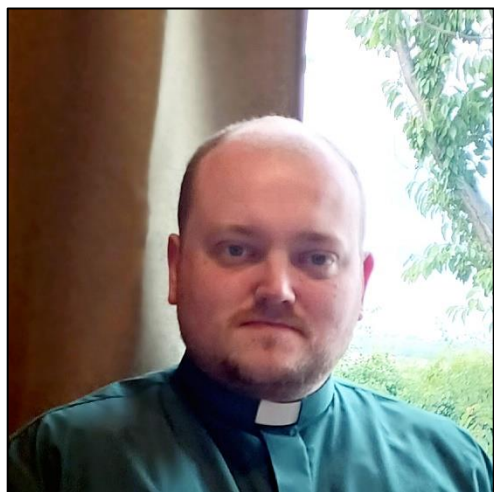


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# Hi, I'm Sam



I am the new curate for Ecclesfield Church. I have met a few people already and have been made to feel very welcome. If we have not yet met (and even if we have) let me tell you a little about myself:

I love music, taking long walks, and reading a good book (is it just me, or do I sound a bit like a Blind Date contestant?). I am married to my brilliant wife, Maria; we have two beautiful daughters, Ramona (8) and Aela (5); and we also have a dog – a pughasa – called Sabre. I'm quite a quiet person, but I love to laugh – I enjoy exchanging stories, and am looking forward to hearing yours.

I was born and raised in North Wales. I am a cradle Anglican (born into a Christian family), but I didn't realise my faith until I left home and attended university in Sheffield. I used to be a worship leader and am passionate about expressing worship through song – it can't be long before you'll catch me sneaking my guitar into church. When I first discerned a calling to the priesthood, I was leading worship and my church's youth group, and I still love learning and teaching about life and faith in Jesus.

Alongside my years of discernment and study, I have been gifted(?) with different career experiences: these include retail service, call-centre work, and bus driving. If nothing else, these experiences have given me a particular desire to share the light of God in every part of our community (not just inside the walls of the church) – you may already have seen opportunities, and had ideas about how we might respond to this vision in Ecclesfield, and I'd love to hear them!

I'd appreciate prayers for myself and my family as we settle into our new life with you all - and I'm looking forward to getting to know you all better.

God bless you  
Rev'd Sam Ellmore

Aela Sam Sabre Maria Ramona





# God in The Arts

*Editor: The Revd Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with a look at 'The Potato Planters' by Jean-Francois Millet, which hangs in the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston. Picture credit: Jean-François Millet, Public domain, via Wikimedia Commons*

## Enter My Rest

At this time of the year we are planning and looking forward to holidays: to that welcome break away from the pressures and responsibilities of daily life and work. The book of Genesis opens with a glorious account of God's work of creation and tells us that even God rested on the 7th day.

We all need to find that balance of work and rest, of activity and slowing down in our lives. And we are not always good at that because our world seems to be in the fast lane. We rush everywhere, we rush out of habit, and we rush because everyone around us is rushing.



This month's painting, 'The Potato Planters' by Jean-Francois Millet, a 19th century French artist, portrays two peasants at work. They don't seem to be rushing, but Millet has certainly portrayed the hard toil of their work, digging in the earth from sunrise to sunset to eke out a living. Millet was the son of a farm labourer and many of his paintings convey the severe realism of peasant life. We can sympathise with the couple working on the land, and our eyes focus on them as they dominate the canvas.

But in the corner under the shade of a tree there is a donkey and a sleeping child. The donkey knows only too well the reality of toil and work, but here he is resting, enjoying the peace and the shade. Andy Merrifield, an American philosopher, has just published an account of his travels with a donkey, Gribouille. As they journey together, the donkey teaches him the value of patience, the importance of going slowly through the world, and the preciousness of tender friendship between humans and animals. They are all caught up in the little donkey in this painting.

The man and woman in the foreground may reflect our own lives with the duties, the expectations and the demands called of us at work. Take time to focus on the donkey, enjoying his rest. Take time this summer to find relaxation and recreation on holiday. The world may carry on spinning around us, but use that holiday to stand apart and enter into the rest that God enjoyed after His work of creation.

**Jean-François Millet** (French: [milɛ]; October 4, 1814 – January 20, 1875) was a French artist and one of the founders of the Barbizon school in rural France. Millet is noted for his paintings of peasant farmers and can be categorized as part of the Realism art movement. Toward the end of his career he became increasingly interested in painting pure landscapes. He is known best for his oil paintings but is also noted for his pastels, conte crayon drawings, and etchings. Millet was the first child of Jean-Louis-Nicolas and Aimée-Henriette-Adélaïde Henry Millet, members of the farming community in the village of Gruchy, in Gréville-Hague, Normandy, close to the coast. Under the guidance of two village priests - one of them was vicar Jean Lebrisseux - Millet acquired a knowledge of Latin and modern authors.

# St James the Least of All

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

## On why our church is safe from vandals

The Rectory  
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren.

I was sorry to hear that your church was broken into last week. Since your sound system rivals that of any concert hall and your projection equipment would put most cinemas to shame, it is not surprising that is what they had their sights on. Your bemusement that they never touched your library of recordings is less understandable. I would have thought that few thieves would have been much interested in renditions of 'Shine Jesus, Shine' and other such artistic gems.

It may have been an act of Christian charity to put a sign outside saying 'Thieves will be forgiven', although since they took this as an invitation to burgle your house the following evening, I hope your forgiveness still operates. Especially as they also stole your favourite guitar.

Last year, we had unwelcome visitors. The thieves must have spent several hours breaking down the church's 400-year-old oak door to get in. Shame about that. Had they bothered to try the handle, they would have discovered that we never lock the church anyway.

Since we have yet to leap forward into the 19th century, there was little to attract them. Had they removed the marble sarcophagi of the Earls of Lincombe, the money they may have made wouldn't even have paid for the subsequent hernia operations. Inevitably, there was general outrage that the poor box had been broken into – although as far as I can remember, for many years it had contained nothing more than an old three-penny piece and a button.

For many of our congregation, this represented the End of Civilisation as We Know It. Calls were made to have a permanent armed guard on the premises, and a few even speculated about the possibility of having strategically placed land mines about the place. Mrs Beaufort offered to lend us her fierce Pekingese, and Colonel Beauchamp generously offered us his collection of man traps.

Perhaps our thieves may be forgiven their crime, but until that three-penny piece and button are returned, it will not be forgotten.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

## Pay for what you get

A man and his ten-year-old son were on a fishing trip, miles from home. At the boy's insistence, they decided to attend the Sunday worship service at a small rural church. The father forgot to bring any cash, so he reached in his pocket and gave his son 10p to drop in the offering plate as it was passed. As they walked back to their car after the service, the father complained. "The service was too long," he lamented. "The sermon was boring, and the singing was off key."

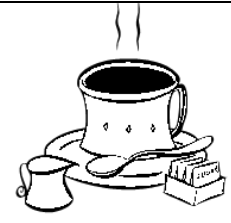
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# Thought for the Month

“In our concern that the Church should flourish, it is tempting to put numerical growth at the centre of our agenda. However, as Paul suggests, growth is less a target to be attained than the fruit of our relationship with Jesus Christ. Which is why nothing is more important for the life of the Church ... than for its members to go deeper into God in prayer. Grace transforms and it releases energy for mission.”

(Bishop Robert Atwell in the introduction to *How Village Churches Thrive*.)

I was very pleased to read those words in the introduction to an official Church of England publication, especially one that has a focus on Churches “thriving.”

In difficult times, and these times are difficult for all Churches in Western Europe, it is easy to focus on numbers, and for the Church to follow secular management ideas and techniques. And of course, there is nothing at all wrong with good Church management - it is far better than bad management. Yet a Church thriving, what Jesus in John’s Gospel calls ‘bearing fruit’ is more than just about growing in number and it is not the result of our own work.

Fruitfulness is God’s gift and it comes from what Jesus calls ‘abiding in Him.’ So at the heart of any strategy for Church renewal or growth or thriving is our relationship with Christ. Both as individuals and as a Church family.

“Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.” (John 15:4-5)

And this brings me to two very important parts of our life and worship at St Mary’s which, so far we have not re-started post-Covid. They are Prayer and Praise and Prayer ministry. Both of these are about growing deeper in our relationship with Christ, as a Church and as individuals; therefore they are about our mission.

Prayer ministry is the opportunity to pray for one another, to support each other in the pilgrimage of our lives. It is also about learning to depend more on Jesus, on His presence with us, seeking the peace, the healing and the wholeness that only He can give.

Prayer and Praise is an opportunity to worship together informally, to open our hearts to the Holy Spirit and to wait for the Spirit’s inspiration - as the first disciples did in the time between the Ascension and Pentecost.

Both of these parts of our Church life remind us that we depend upon God, as a Church family and as sons and daughters of God, we depend upon God for everything, and that we are called, not to be successful but to be faithful. Any success, any fruit that we bear, is God’s work among us and God’s gift to us.

God bless you,  
Tim.



# Mothers' Union

Our speaker this month was Rev. J. Fryer who spoke on the subject of The Queen, us, and God. To celebrate the Platinum Jubilee the committee had decorated the room and the tables with flags hats were worn, special cakes for us to consume after the talk. Compliments and thanks were given to the Queen for her seventy years of leading us with her wisdom and serenity, truly an example to us all.

We discussed her reign and her selfless leadership from such an early age and how she had kept her faith with the many problems she had encountered during her reign. We shared the many memories we all had and as usual we discussed all the experiences of when we had the joy of seeing her and some of us had met her and how gracious she was.

This was followed by prayers for the Queen giving thanks for her long reign for her family and her strong determination to do what is right for people and her country. We prayed for ourselves that might show her qualities in our lives. We ended by singing the National Anthem. Then to the tea and cakes provided by the committee.

Our next meeting is Wednesday 6th July when we welcome Claire Parfremment talking about her work with 'Pause'

We enjoyed the Bishop's Garden Party on the 18th of June, a number of members from the deanery attended, the weather stayed nice and the Mothers' Union Stall raised £270.

**NP**

## Planned Activities

Date	Time & Venue	Activity
6 July 2022	1.30pm Gatty Hall	Claire Parfremment - The Pause Project
3 August 2022:	2.00-4.30pm Churchyard	Platinum Celebration Afternoon Tea Proceeds to Summer of Hope Appeal
9 August 2022	2.00pm Cathedral	Mary Sumner Day Service
9 September 2022	6.00pm Gatty Hall	Caravan Drive
14 September 2022	Winthrop Gardens TBA	Lunch/Tea - Holy Cross Day

## The lady who wanted three hymns

One Sunday a minister announced that the church needed some extra money. He asked the people to prayerfully consider giving a little extra, and as an enticement, added that whoever gave the most would be able to pick out three hymns.

The offering plate was passed around, and to the minister's amazement, someone had put in a cheque for £1,000. He shared his joy with his congregation and said he'd like to thank the person who'd given the cheque. A very quiet, elderly lady shyly made her way down to the front of the church. The minister told her how wonderful it was that she gave so much, and asked her to pick out three hymns. Her eyes brightened as she looked over the congregation. She pointed carefully to the three handsomest men in the building and said: "I'll take him, and him, and him."

# From the Registers

## Baptisms

Sunday 19th June Elizabeth Rose Segen Bryan

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

## Marriages

Saturday 4th June John Bean & Janine Orttton  
Saturday 11th June Peter Dungworth & Stephanie Atkin  
Friday 24th June Marc Bothamley & Collette Lindley

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

## Rota: Sunday Morning Service

July	Readers	Prayers – Intercessions
3rd	Chris Harper & Stephanie Hartshorne	Jeni Fryer
10th	Norma Priest & Stephanie Dale	Norma Priest
17th	Cynthia Ginnever & Shirley Simister	Andrew Robinson
24th	Pat Blackburn & Ian Hartshorne	Jennifer Armeson
31st	Pam Thomson & Jonathan Robinson	Stephanie Hartshorne

## Heaven help me

One Sunday in church a little boy was 'acting up' during the morning worship. His parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew, but it was a losing battle. Finally, an exasperated father picked up his son and strode sternly down the aisle. Just as the church doors closed behind them, the little boy cried loudly to the congregation: "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

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# God in the Sciences

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## Wonder and Worship: Reflections in a Scottish Rainforest



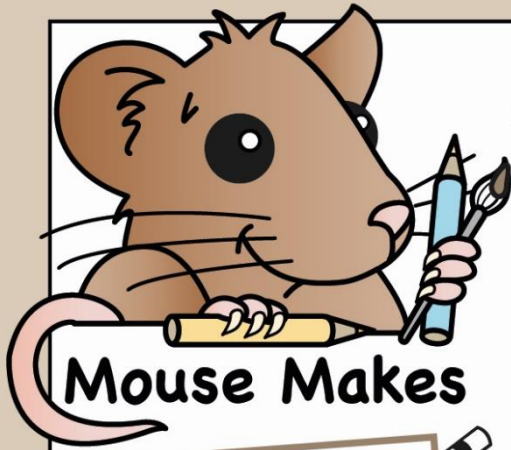
It can be easier to notice things away from home when we are relaxed and surrounded by unfamiliar sights in an exotic location. But sometimes the same wonders are there in our own back yard. GK Chesterton was a great advocate of intensive observation, and he invited his readers to take a fresh look at things that might be taken for granted. The rewards for this mental adjustment are great, and can feed into our worship in new ways.

I first learned to appreciate old growth forests on the West coast of Canada: the centuries-old tangle of logs and underbrush, and thick layers of moss and lichen, that provide rich resources for countless organisms. Several years later, in Scotland, I stumbled over a few acres of birch and hazel, lush with moss and ferns, and humming with insect and bird life. Fallen logs lay everywhere, vegetation grew up the trees, creepers hung down, and sunlight slanted through clearings.

I later discovered that this patch of woodland is one of the few remaining areas of old growth Atlantic rainforest, so I visited one sunny morning when I had more time to linger. The wood is home to 140 species of lichen and 100 of moss, so I found myself looking very closely at tree trunks and boulders. Each lichen is a unique relationship between a fungus and a particular collection of single-celled algae – an example of the collaboration that is so essential to every ecosystem.

Places like this are worth preserving, respecting, and appreciating as much as a work of art or a historic city. I'm so grateful to the community that chose to preserve it, and the Creator who used such intricate and patient processes to create it. As the animals and plants around me did what comes to them naturally, I did what I was made for - thanking God for everything I saw. I found myself praising God alongside all those species of lichen, moss and trees. "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord" (Psalm 150).





# Mouse Makes

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What did Jesus turn water into?



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 John 2:1-11

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

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 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?

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 John 11:38-44

How long had the woman at the synagogue been disabled?

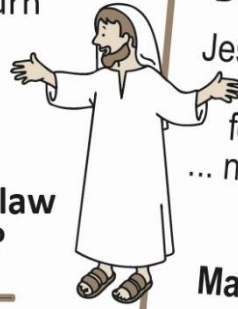
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What did she do after she was healed?

Luke 13:10-13

Who did Jesus heal when his ear was cut off?

Luke 22:47-51



## DID YOU KNOW?

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 Matthew 14:13-21  
 AND  
 Matthew 15:32-39

In each story... How many loaves and how many fish did Jesus have?

How many people were fed?

How many baskets of broken pieces were left over?



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# Editor's Humour

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

I before E – Except when your foreign neighbour Keith receives eight counterfeit beige sleighs from feisty caffeinated weightlifters. Weird.

If you clean a vacuum cleaner - you become a vacuum cleaner. I always thought that a vacuum contained nothing, huh, mine is always full of dust and dirt...

Wife to husband. I know you wanted to take the caravan to Scarborough for a week, but with the price of petrol we need a cheaper option. So, I've rented an island in the Maldives for 3-weeks...

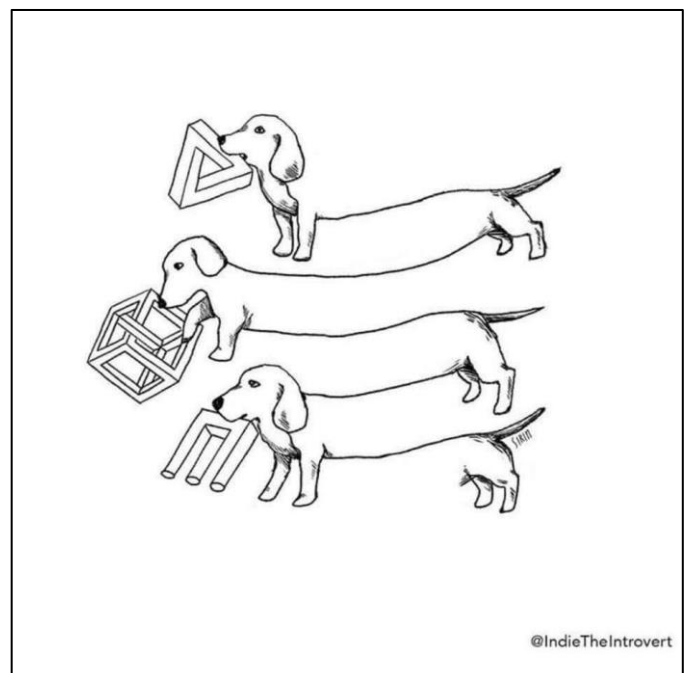
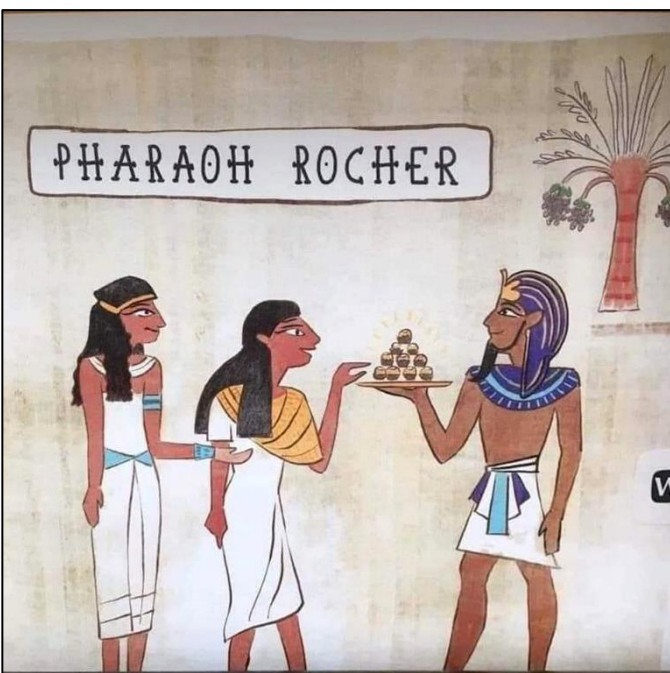
Spider Web (noun): A thing you walk into which suddenly turns you into a karate master

Son: I watched a guy do 50 push-ups. Can you do that dad?

Dad: of course! Not to brag but I could probably watch someone do 100 push-ups.

The leading cause for injury in older men is them thinking they are still young men.

Pre internet chat room using  
An old version of windows...





# Prayer for the Month

*Almighty and everlasting God,  
by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified:  
hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people,  
that in their vocation and ministry  
they may serve you in holiness and truth  
to the glory of your name:  
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen***

This is a prayer set for what the Church of England calls 'Ember Days.' Ember days are days when we ask the Holy Spirit to stir up in the Church and in each one of us our vocation and calling.

It is a prayer associated with ordination and with vocation to the Priesthood or to Lay Readership. However, in recent years we have come to a deeper understanding of vocation. We no longer associate it only with 'official' ordained or licensed ministry. Instead we have come to a new understanding that every Christian, every follower of Jesus has a calling, a vocation, and a ministry.

There are times in the year when it is good to ask God to refresh our calling or to deepen our understanding of it. I am not sure about the origins of the idea of 'Ember Days', but I always think of the embers of a fire that are still glowing in the darkness, still giving heat and light, but no longer ablaze.

On 'Ember Days' I imagine the Holy Spirit stirring up the Embers, breathing new life into them so that once again the Church is set on fire with love, love for God and love for neighbour.

These days remind me of the Baptism service which ends with the newly baptised being given a candle which is lit from the Easter Candle with these words: "Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father".

May God the Holy Spirit stir up the embers of our faith that we shine as lights in the darkness of the world with the light of Christ.

God bless,  
Tim

*Editor* - Ember days are quarterly periods (Latin: quatuor tempora) of prayer and fasting in the liturgical calendar of Western Christian churches. These fasts traditionally take place on the Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday following St Lucy's Day (13 December), the first Sunday in Lent, Pentecost (Whitsun), and Holy Cross Day (14 September), though some areas follow a different pattern. Ordination ceremonies are often held on Ember Saturdays or the following Sunday. See: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ember\\_days](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ember_days)

## A sermon in sand

If you are fortunate enough to get to the seaside this summer, then you might like to wriggle your toes in the warm sand, and consider the following:

It has been said that there are more stars in the universe than there are grains of sand on all the beaches in the world. More recently, as the estimated number of stars has increased, then even the grains of sand in all the world's deserts have been added to the comparison!

The Sun, vast though it is, is a fairly ordinary star, 93 million miles away. It is not easy to grasp that sort of a distance, but here's a measuring stick: if you were to fly in a fast passenger jet at 600 miles per hour, then it would take you about 17 hours to fly from London to Sydney; about 17 days to reach the Moon, and about 17 years to reach the Sun!

As for how long it would take to fly on to the next nearest star to us - Proxima Centauri - it would take about 4.2 light years, as the distance is more than 24 trillion miles! And that is just to the next nearest star after the Sun.

How many stars are there in the Universe? Astronomers recently estimated that there are about 70,000 million, million, million stars.

As you sit there you might care to pick up a couple of grains of sand. Let the first grain represent our Sun, the second grain the next nearest star to us. Then look at the whole beach and after that consider all the beaches on Earth, with every grain of sand representing a star .... then it gives some meaning to the phrase "God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth."



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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 first XI has had a very good run in the League Having beaten Elesecar away, Cleethorpes and Treeton at home and Cawthorne away. However, on 11th June, they met Whiston at home and Whitley's total of 176 all out was insufficient with Whiston reaching 180 for 2 with just 2 wickets and overs to spare. The following weekend at Wakefield, Wakefield's total of 260 was too much and Whitley were all out for 227 and on 25th June, a rain affected match ended in abandonment with the points shared. Whitley head into July just holding on to from 4th place in the Premier League. The first T20 Blast competition was held at Baxter Field on 21st May where Cawthorne and Whiston made up the three teams. Whitley had a good day with many spectators and wo victories. However, on 26th June at Appleby Frodingham, the results were disappointing with a loss to Barnsley and a final over defeat by Appleby. The team sits in 6th place in the overall

competition. The 2nd XI has also started well and ends June in 5th place in Division 1 with the 3rd XI also starting well and sitting in 5th position in Division 6 (but where positions 8-11 at the end of the season represent relegation in yet another League reorganisation).

All Stars cricket has continued on Thursday evenings for young people wishing to learn the game with just a few weeks left before the school holidays begin.

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)

2 <sup>nd</sup> July	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Upper Haugh 1 <sup>st</sup> XI
9 <sup>th</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Barnsley 1 <sup>st</sup> XI
16 <sup>th</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Tickhill 1 <sup>st</sup> XI
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Darfield 1 <sup>st</sup> XI
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

Contact: Joe Webster, Secretary: 07969 014592  
[whitleyhall@ycspl.co.uk](mailto:whitleyhall@ycspl.co.uk)

**Andrew Robinson**

## The Gardening Year – July

**Salad leaves** are a wonderful crop for growing at home in containers. They have shallow roots, so they are ideal for window boxes, small containers, and growbags. Choosing salad leaves is simple with many mixed leaves varieties available. you can choose hot and peppery ones or milder mixes to suit your own taste. growing from seed, seeds are scattered over warm compost in situ and covered lightly with more compost, for best results sow a few seeds in succession, every 3 weeks or so, for a continued harvest, otherwise you may end up with a large crop that gets woody before you can eat it.

You can sow salad leaves from early spring to early autumn, right up to when you get frost, you will be able to pick fresh salad virtually all year round. Position of soil, salad leaves don't like intense sun and heat, so are perfect if you don't have a south facing plot. You can plant them in window boxes outside your kitchen window or they will tolerate a little dappled shade from taller plants outside. Care of salad leaves, salad leaves, especially the; cut and come again varieties pretty easy to maintain. they grow quickly which means they must be harvested quickly too, otherwise they soon go beyond their best, in most cases you can snip off just the leaves you want for your meal and more will grow in their place. Keep salad leaves well-watered but do not let them stand in water.

**Pest and diseases** - the worst you will encounter with salad leaves is slugs who love the tender shoots as much as you do. Put traps or barriers around plants to protect them or sow a few sacrificial lettuces around your salad for the slugs to eat. Alternatively use slug pellets. Varieties, it's impossible to list all the salad leaves here, so it's worth taking time to brows your local garden centre to see what's on offer. rocket and mizuna are spicey and peppery, while corn salad and little gem lettuces are mild. You can find mixes such as (Italian salad mix) Spicy (Asian leaves) or buy indivial packets of the leaves so you enjoy making your own mixes.

**Colin Williams**

## Eat the Seasons – June

**Vegetables** - Artichoke, Aubergine, Beetroot, Broad Beans, Broccoli, Carrots, Chillies, Courgettes, Fennel, French Beans, Garlic, Jersey Royal New Potatoes, Kohlrabi, Lettuce & Salad Leaves, Mangetout, New Potatoes, Onions, Pak Choi, Peas, Radishes, Rocket, Runner Beans, Samphire, Spinach, Spring Onions, Tomatoes, Turnips, Watercress, Wild Nettles

**Fruit** - Apricots, Bilberries, Blueberries, Cherries, Gooseberries, Greengages, Kiwi Fruit, Melons, Peaches, Strawberries

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

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

**Fish** – Cod, Coley, Crab, Dover Sole, Haddock, Halibut, Herring, Langoustine, Mackerel, Plaice, Pollack, Prawns, Salmon, Sardines, Scallops (Queen), Sea Bream, Sea Trout, Shrimp, Squid, Whelks, Whitebait, Anchovies

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# Church Mission Society refreshes its vision

Church Mission Society has unveiled its recently “refreshed vision and purpose” for this generation, which is to make disciples of Jesus ‘at the edges of society’: the ‘edges of Church’ and the ‘edges of people’s comfort zones’. It will thus prioritise mission “at the margins and cultural fringes.”

Alastair Bateman, CEO of Church Mission Society, said mission is “no longer a Western enterprise, but a global effort.” He went on: “We are committed to moving further edge-ward in true collaboration with our global family of network partners.” This includes CMS-Africa and Asia-CMS.”

This ‘at the edges’ vision is exemplified by CMS mission partners such as Alison Giblett and Ann-Marie Wilson. Alison has lived in Ukraine since 2004, leading a team that helps people recovering from addiction. Since the invasion of Russian troops, she has chosen to remain in Ukraine to support the local community and is “praying day and night for the war to end”. She says “What right do I have to serve people in good times if I’m not willing to stand with them in the hard times?”

In 2005 Ann-Marie left her job in London to set up 28 Too Many, a charity campaigning to put an end to Female Genital Mutilation [FGM].

CMS also tells the story of Jay Lilley, a self-proclaimed “working-class boy from East London” who came to faith through meeting CMS-trained pioneer Dave Harrigan at a local boxing club Dave had set up in Essex. Jay said, “I realised these were my kind of people...I just didn’t know my kind of people went to church.” Jay is now studying on CMS’s Pioneer Mission Leadership Training course for a youthwork qualification.

CMS supports hundreds of people serving in mission worldwide, from Africa to South East Asia, the Middle East and Latin America.

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## Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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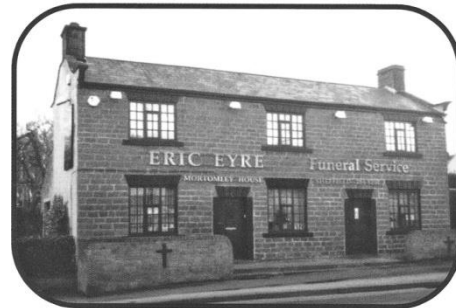
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# It is time to eat Anchovies

Now most people will think of those over salty little fillets you can buy in cans and bottles to put on pizzas. Well think again, some fishmongers and supermarkets are beginning to sell fresh anchovies, and at very reasonable prices - £4 per kilo.



There is nothing more typical of summer in Spain or Greece than a piping hot plate of fried anchovies served alongside a cold beer.

From the north to the south of Spain, these small fried fish are a common dish served in tavernas and bars. Some cities even have entire bars dedicated to serving only fried anchovies, and with reason, as these treats make a wonderful accompaniment to an afternoon drink. In Spain they are known as Boquerones Fritos, and in Greece as Gavros Tiganitos.

## Where Do Anchovies Come From

Anchovies are saltwater forage fish, native to the North Easter Atlantic, Mediterranean and the Black Sea and thus very popular in the local cuisine in those areas. Similar to herring, anchovies run in large schools. They eat plankton and newly hatched fish. Anchovies are, in turn, eaten by other fish, including halibut, shark, and salmon, as well as birds and marine mammals. Fishermen can use them as baitfish. They are found in temperate waters rather than cold or very warm seas, and they school in brackish areas such as bays and estuaries.

## Anchovies Versus Sardines

Because they are small, generally 5 to 8 inches long, anchovies are often confused with sardines (*Sardinella anchovia*). In some areas, the terms anchovy and sardine are used interchangeably. In addition to being slimmer and smaller than sardines, anchovies have a more intense flavour than sardines. Both are oily fishes. Sardines are higher in omega-3 fatty acids than anchovies, but both are good sources of beneficial fatty acids. Due to their small size, anchovies and sardines both are lower in mercury than larger fish. Anchovies are packed with essential vitamins and minerals, like vitamin A, selenium, potassium, iron, and omega-3 fatty acids, among many other nutrients. Anchovies do not have any scales so it's easy to clean them.

**Boquerones Fritos** ½ Kilo (1 pound) of anchovies serves 2 greedy people, 4 as a starter

1. Clean the anchovies by removing the heads and innards. Remove innards by running your thumb along the belly. Rinse the anchovies, pat dry, and set aside. Be quick at cleaning the anchovies and keep them in a dish in the fridge if not cooking straight away.
2. Pour cooking oil into a medium size - 8 to 10-inch frying pan. The oil should be approximately 1-inch deep. Heat the oil over medium heat. If using olive oil be aware that it has a low smoking point compared with other cooking oils. If burnt, it will impart a sour taste to the fish.
3. While the oil is heating, place 2 tablespoons of plain flour onto a large plate and season with 2 teaspoons of salt. Roll the anchovies one by one in the flour, coating them on all sides.
4. Fry the fish in batches until just golden, cooking on both sides. Depending on the size of the anchovies, it may only take 1 – 2 minutes on each side to cook.
5. Remove the anchovies from the pan with a slotted spoon and place on top of paper towels to absorb excess oil. Taste for seasoning and add a sprinkle of salt if necessary. Serve with lemon wedges and slices of baguette. Add a salad of your choosing for a main meal.

# Chapelton & District Probus Club



We welcomed speaker Jeff Jacklin back for our June meeting. Jeff had previously spoken to us about the NHS and also the trials of being a football referee. This time he focussed on amusing aspects of being retired and some of the planning which can be made for retirement, not all with successful outcomes. After the meeting, 22 members enjoyed an excellent lunch at Wortley Hall.

On Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September, we are having something new when members, families and children will be having a treasure hunt and walk in Penistone with hot and cold food to follow – visitors welcome.

We are now recruiting for new members. The club offers friendship and companionship to members with a focus on men who are semi or fully retired or looking forward to retirement in the future. We have an interesting and varied list of speakers followed by lunch at Wortley Hall. The club also has seasonal lunches and visits to which members' family and friends are invited. New members are always welcome and if you might be interested, why not come as a guest to see what it is like and join us for lunch? If you are from Grenoside, we are in your village.

If you are interested or would like to join a meeting as a guest, please make contact with the Secretary, Trevor Winslow (see below).

## **Upcoming meetings at 10.00 in Grenoside Community Centre**

(Followed by lunch at Wortley Hall): -

13<sup>th</sup> July – Ian Morgan “Bolsover Through the Ages”

10<sup>th</sup> August – Paul Adey “History of the British Motor Industry part 2”

14<sup>th</sup> September – Sheila Dyson “The Forgotten Faroos”

## **Other Events**

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> August 6.30pm, Annual Dinner at Wortley Hall

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> September – Treasure Trail, Walk and Food in Penistone

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

Website <https://chapeltown-probus.org.uk/>

***Andrew Robinson***

## US Holiday

A couple with three young children went on holiday to America, and eventually ended up waiting in line at San Francisco's Pier 41, to purchase tickets for a boat trip to Alcatraz. Others watched with varying degrees of sympathy and irritation as the young children fidgeted, whined, and punched one another. The frazzled parents reprimanded them, but to no avail.

Finally, they reached the ticket window. "Five tickets, please," the father said. "Two round trip, three one way."



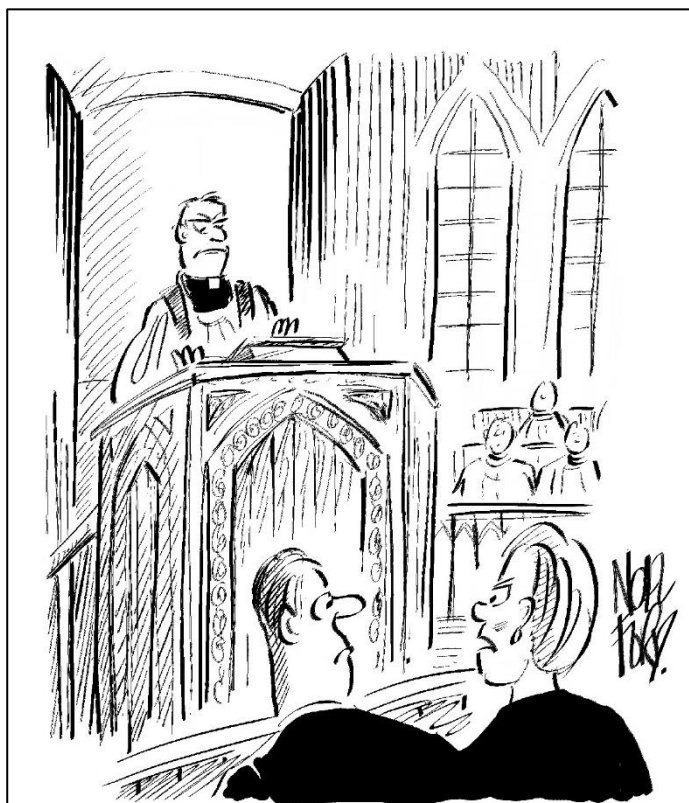
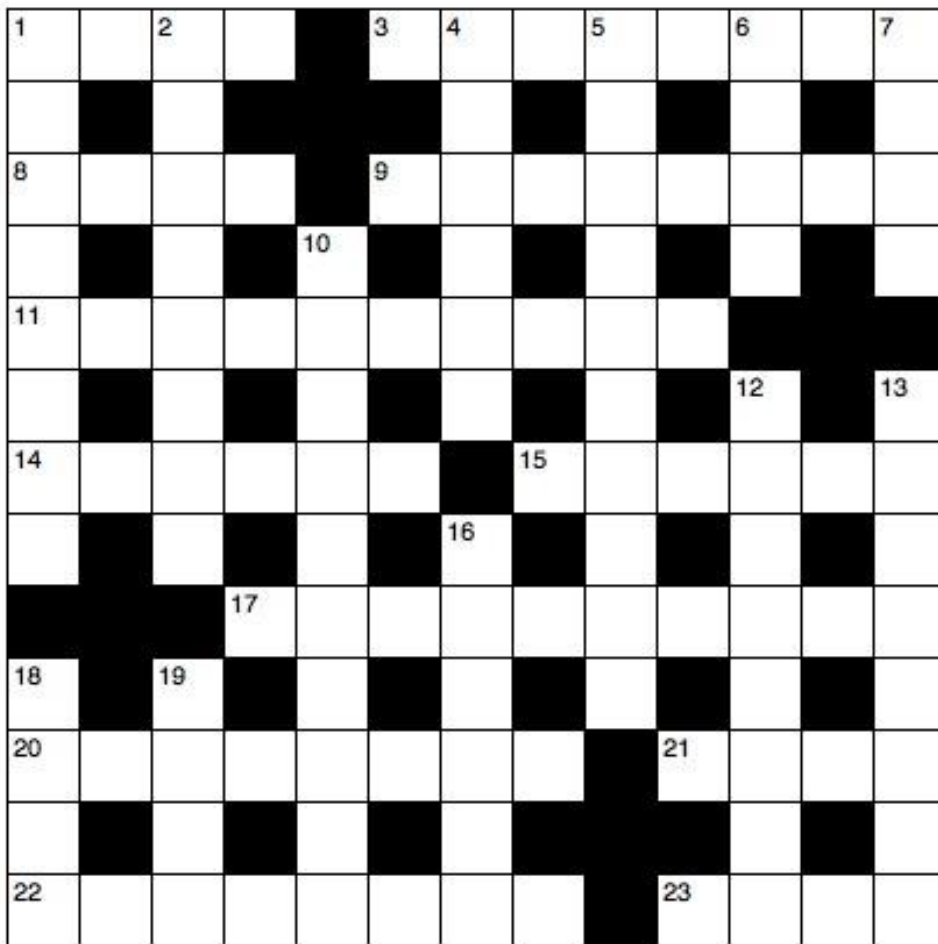
# Crossword Puzzle

## Clues Across

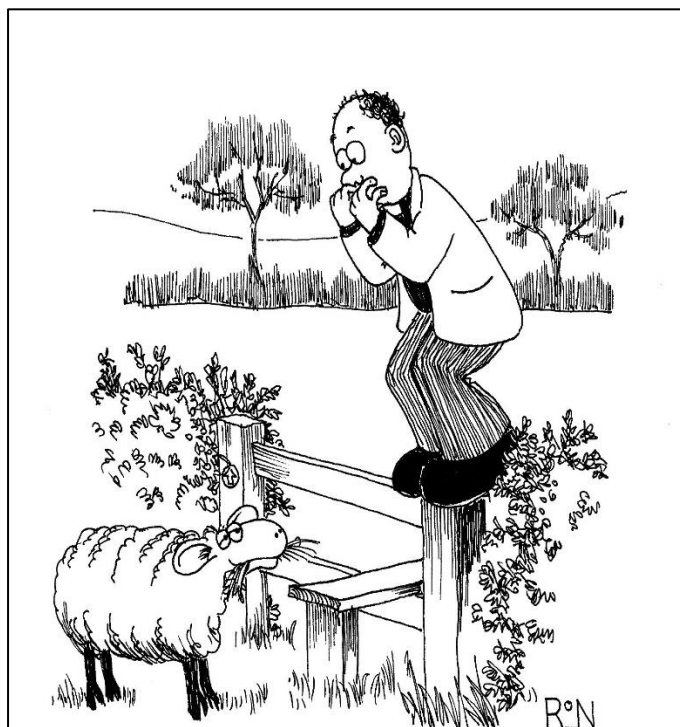
- 1 Proverbs describes her as being 'of noble character' (Proverbs 31:10) (4)
- 3 'Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?' (Judges 20:23) (2,6)
- 8 A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)
- 9 'Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my — ' (Luke 14:27) (8)
- 11 Resentment (Ephesians 4:31) (10)
- 14 In Cain(anag.) (6)
- 15 'Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to—' (Psalm 139:6) (6)
- 17 Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5) (10)
- 20 Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church (8)
- 21 'At midnight the cry rang out, "Here's the bridegroom! Come out to — him"' (Matthew 25:6) (4)
- 22 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in — ' (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)
- 23 'As the — pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God' (Psalm 42:1) (4)

## Clues Down

- 1 Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)
- 2 Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)
- 4 'We three kings of — are' (6)
- 5 Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)
- 6 Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)
- 7 'Open your — and look at the fields!' (John 4:35) (4)
- 10 Also known as the Feast of Lights (John10:22) (10)
- 12 Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)
- 13 Forebear (James2:21) (8)
- 16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha (6)
- 18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis25:34) (4)
- 19 Rear(anag.) (4)



It was bad enough your mobile ringing half-way through his sermon, without the ring-tone being the 'Christians Awake' tune!



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# Prayers and Poems Page

## **Dear Creator God- *By Daphne Kitching***

We thank you for Your wonderful creation. Your Word tells us that in the beginning You worked and then You rested when Your work was done. You didn't rest because You were tired, but because You saw that Your completed work was good. So, the seventh day became a time of celebration and blessing.

Help us, in these days of non-stop, sometimes intrusive means of communication, to follow Your pattern – to work and then to rest; to be restored and blessed by You. Help us to keep one day - Jesus' Resurrection Day - special for You.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

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## **The Difference - *By Daphne Kitching***

So often  
I can't wear the right clothes,  
Speak the right words,  
Fit the right mould,  
Be the shape people want me to be,  
Expect me to be,  
Demand that I am,  
To conform.

But you Lord  
Accept me,  
Release me,  
Make it possible to be me,  
Perfectly free  
In your service,  
Open for you  
To transform.

## **The Summer Garden - *By Megan Carter***

Summer comes and waves her hand,  
The garden blooms at her command,  
Plants abounding everywhere  
As fragrant perfumes fill the air.

Roses, geraniums, lilies too  
Agapanthus with globes of blue,  
Sumptuous colours in such array,  
Their beauty takes our breath away.

To sit beneath the shady trees,  
To listen to the humming bees,  
As Summer wears her rainbow dress  
We thank God for such loveliness.

## **The Sticky Label - *By Nigel Beeton***

I think, if I was clever  
That I would never, never  
Invent a label, sticky  
That needs one to be picky  
And takes a painful hour  
To scrape off from a jar!

They drive me into fits  
They tear in tiny bits!  
I can't help feeling blue  
When they leave behind the glue;  
D'you wonder that I'm miffed  
When it simply will not shift?

I'm sure that I'd be able  
To make a sticky label  
That peels off really well  
And leaves no gungy gel!  
I'm sure I could - however  
I'm really not that clever!

## **Evening Sun- *By Nigel Beeton***

After a day of cloud and rain  
The evening sun comes out again.  
Forget the gloomy day that's gone,  
And listen to the robin's song!

In the sunshine's golden glow  
See the garden's floral show!  
And nature, freshened, can rejoice  
In sparkling colour, scent, and voice.

If your day is damp and grey  
Know the cloud will go away –  
The pouring rain will soon be done  
And then will come the evening sun!



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### Ecclesfield Guides

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Wednesday 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm  
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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@yocspl.co.uk](mailto:whitleyhall@yocspl.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





