## News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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## **First Words**

November begins with a Wedding in Church on Saturday 4th Nov at 2pm.

I am pleased to say that on Monday 7th November work will begin on the path from the Lych Gate to the South door. The work is expected to last for 3 weeks, and we will have to use the other paths while the work is going on.

The **PCC** will be meeting on **Monday 7th November at 7.30pm** in Church. Any items for the meeting to Tim by Wednesday 2nd November please.

On Tuesday 2nd November 12 noon the Clergy Chapter will meet - venue TBC. And at 4.30pm on that afternoon there will be a meeting in Church to discuss and plan the Community Carols (Sunday 11th Dec).

On **Saturday 12th November 9.30am to 2.30pm** Tim will be attending Training at St Mark's Grenoside along with the Focal ministers. This is to get ready for Tim to be licensed as Oversight Minister at St Mark's.

At St Mary's at 9am on that morning is our monthly Prayer Breakfast.

**Remembrance Sunday** falls on **13th November.** The Remembrance Service will begin in Church at 10am, and we will move into the Churchyard for the **Act of Remembrance at 11am** at the Cenotaph.

On Monday 14th November at 7pm in Church there is a Baptism Preparation session.

On Wednesday 16th September there will be visits to Church by the Cubs at 4.45pm and 6.30pm.

On **Sunday 20th November** we will celebrate the feast of **Christ the King** with Communion at 10am. This marks the end of the Church's year! On that day there will be **Baptisms at 12 noon**. On that day Tim will be presiding at a **BCP Communion at St Mark's at 4pm**.

Advent begins on **Sunday 27th November** when we begin the new Church year. **10am Advent Carols** and **6.30pm Prayer & Praise** with informal Eucharist.

Finally on Wednesday 30th November there will be a meeting in Church to plan the services and choose the hymns for January and February.

God bless, Tim

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## The Two Minutes Silence



In the month when we think about those who have given their lives in war, the Two Minutes Silence is a significant act of remembrance. The silence provides an opportunity to remember those who have suffered in war and how we can work for a peaceful world. However, we can also find ourselves thinking about lunch or whether we've switched off our phone?

Victor Frankl, a victim of Auschwitz, suggested that the most intolerable of all human conditions is not imprisonment or hunger, but *lack of meaning.* The two minutes of silence enables us to connect with Jesus' message, which offers true meaning to our lives and world. He spoke of giving ourselves in love for each other and the world, *'Love your enemies and pray for those that persecute you'* (Matthew 5:44). He also demonstrated such love in sacrificing His own life, *'Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends'* (John 15:13). When observing the silence, let's use it to reflect on this sacrificial love, as we call to mind those who have laid down their lives.

In our busy lives, where so much clamours for our attention, silence gives us an opportunity to reflect on our priorities and rediscover true meaning in our lives. This is not just for Remembrance Sunday, as Jesus often withdrew to find silence to seek God (e.g.: Luke 5:16). Let's use silence in our lives as space to seek God's will and offer ourselves to Him, just as those who gave themselves in conflict through the years.

'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.'

## Help your hedgehogs this autumn

With our warmer British autumns, hedgehogs now tend to begin hibernation later – in December or January. In the meantime, it is critical that they build up enough body weight to get them through those lean, bleak weeks of January to April... so now is the time to help them, by feeding them.

The hedgehog is carnivorous and, in the wild, lives on a diet of beetles, earthworms and other invertebrates. But in the winter, the bugs are dead or buried, and the worms deep underground. So – a hedgehog would appreciate your help! But don't put out milk and bread – both are actually bad for hedgehogs. Instead, they will thrive on tins of dogfood or non-fishy cat-food and water.

And while your spiney guests are noisily munching their dinner, you can prepare a bedroom, should they decide to move in. A nice deep compost heap will keep a hedgehog warm. It is also possible to buy hedgehog hibernation nests – ask your local wildlife centre or the RSPCA for details.

## When Elizabeth married Philip – 75 years ago

Princess Elizabeth (later Queen Elizabeth II) married Philip Duke of Edinburgh at Westminster Abbey 75 years ago this month, on 20th November 1947.

Elizabeth and Philip of Greece, who were third cousins, met in 1939, when the future Queen was only 13 and Philip 18. The match was promoted by Philip's uncle, Earl Mountbatten, whose name Philip took before the marriage. Philip also converted from Greek Orthodoxy to Anglicanism and was given British citizenship.

The wedding took place in front of 2,000 invited guests and was broadcast on radio to 200 million listeners worldwide. The wedding dress was designed by Norman Hartnell, Princess Elizabeth using ration coupons to obtain the material. More than 2,500 wedding presents and 10,000 telegrams of congratulations were received. Most of the honeymoon was spent at Birkhall on the Balmoral Estate.

Sir William Neil McKie, an Australian organist who was the Master of the Choristers at the Abbey, was the director of music, a role he filled again at Elizabeth's coronation in 1953. He wrote a song, "We Wait For Thy Loving Kindness, O God", especially for the wedding.

Elizabeth and Philip had gotten engaged secretly in 1946, but their engagement was not announced officially until 9th July 1947.



## Saint of the month - William Temple Archbishop of Canterbury - 6th November

During the Second World War, Winston Churchill was Britain's Prime Minister. At the same time, William Temple was Archbishop of Canterbury. While Churchill led the country against Germany, Temple encouraged the British people to trust the Lord for their deliverance and strength. Like Churchill, Temple was a great leader, a gifted orator and a prolific writer. He was also a theologian and social activist.

Temple was born on 15th October 1881 in Exeter, Devon. He was educated at Rugby School and Balliol College, Oxford, from 1900 to1904. He loved the music of Bach; the poetry of Browning and Shelley, and Shakespeare. He was an avid reader and possessed a near-photographic memory.



He became president of the Oxford Union and after graduation, was a lecturer in philosophy at Queen's College, Oxford. He was a member of the debating society and was a skilled and balanced debater. Following his ordination in 1909, and priesting in 1910, Temple was headmaster of Repton School for four years. He married Frances Anson in 1916. They were childless.

From 1921-29 Temple was Bishop of Manchester. During this time he was seen as a pioneer of the Ecumenical Movement and gradually became a national figure. In 1926 he urged the British government to seek a negotiated agreement to the General Strike.

Temple excelled as a moderator; a teacher and a preacher and his appointment as Archbishop of York (1929-40) was a popular one. His influence also led to the formation of the British Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches. During the 2nd World War he jointly founded the Council of Christians and Jews to combat anti-Semitism and other forms of prejudice in Britain.

As Archbishop of Canterbury (1942-44) Temple became an outspoken advocate of social reform and became involved in the campaign against unemployment, poverty and poor housing. He believed in the rights of all people, whether rich or poor, and was a leading force for social justice. He was grounded in the problems of the working man and in his book Christianity and Social Order (1942) he shared his vision for all to have access to healthcare, education and decent housing. His radical thinking and activism played a foundational role in the formation of the British Welfare State.

Temple died aged 63 at Westgate-on-Sea, Kent on 26th October 1944. He was the first Primate of All England to be cremated and his ashes were buried in the cloister garden of Canterbury Cathedral. He is the last Archbishop of Canterbury to have died while in office.

**Editor:** Temple the second son of Frederick Temple and his wife Beatrice, née Lascelles. Frederick Temple was Bishop of Exeter, and later (1896–1902) Archbishop of Canterbury. Despite the considerable age gap – the bishop was 59 years old when Temple was born (Beatrice Temple was 35) – they had a close relationship. Sixty years later Temple referred to his father as "among men the chief inspiration of my life". In a centenary appraisal Frederick Dillistone wrote:

"Both parents came from aristocratic families and William's life, until he was 21, was spent in episcopal palaces. Yet it is clear that this privileged start did not spoil him, for there was no trace of snobbery or class-consciousness in his later years. Rather, there came to be an increasing concern for all who had not shared his circumstances."

## God in The Arts

Editor: The Revd Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with a look at 'An Old Woman Saying Grace'. It now hangs in Rijksmuseum, Amsterdam.

#### Thank you, Lord, for food to eat

There is a character in a Russian novel who says, 'Ladies and gentlemen, let us assume that man is not stupid...but if he isn't stupid, he is monstrously ungrateful all the same – a creature that has two legs and no sense of gratitude.' That is certainly true in a world where carping and criticising come more easily than praise and thanksgiving. It is an attitude which rubs off on all of us, and is like Aesop's fable of the donkey, who was never happy with his lot, whatever the weather, whatever the season.

Aesop told the story to remind us of the need to cultivate a spirit of gratitude – not to put blinkers on our eyes and be negative about life, but to open both eyes and hearts in thanksgiving for the world in which we live. We do that each time we celebrate the eucharist together. We do it when we say grace before meals. This month's painting, 'An Old Woman Saying Grace' (Known as 'The Prayer without End') by Nicholas Maes brings this truth to mind.



Maes was a pupil of Rembrandt and he lived from 1632 to 1693. He spent most of his life in Dordrecht in Holland, and, apart from portraits, he delighted in painting women – women spinning or reading the Bible or preparing meals. Here the woman is sitting down to a simple meal of soup, bread, butter and fish. But before she enjoys this food, she puts her hands together and, as simply as the food in front of her, mouths a prayer of thanks to God. The artist tells us that this offering of prayer was a daily pattern for the woman. For on the ledge at her side lie an open Bible, a lamp and an hour-glass, and on a nail some keys. Signs

that such prayer can be a light to illuminate the days of our lives and the key to open our hearts to the kingdom, just like the woman in the painting.

It is a tender moment, both concentrated and intimate. At first glance, there is a tinge of sadness for the table is set just for her. She will eat alone. And then our eyes catch sight of the cat's paw reaching up to enjoy the food as well. Who knows? – something may spill over the edge of the table for the cat to enjoy. Simplicity and humour go hand in hand to remind us all of the need to be thankful. And thankfulness for food can spill over into thanksgiving for all the mercies and gifts that come our way in life.

*Editor*: **Nicolaes Maes** (January 1634 – December 1693 (buried 24 December 1693)) was a Dutch painter known for his genre scenes, portraits, religious compositions and the occasional still life. A pupil of Rembrandt in Amsterdam, he returned to work in his native city of Dordrecht for 20 years. In the latter part of his career he returned to Amsterdam where he became the leading portrait painter of his time. Maes contributed to the development of genre painting in the Netherlands and was the most prominent portrait painter working in Amsterdam in the final three decades of the 17th century

### St James the Least of All

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

#### On the challenge of hitting 11 o'clock precisely....

The Rectory St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren.

It is a great shame that your church doesn't have chandeliers – although in your low-ceilinged converted cinema, any chandelier more than a few feet tall would also be embedded in your floor carpeting. But I find that there is nothing like watching the standard bearers on Remembrance Sunday parading up the aisle with their flags and getting them caught up in our brass candelabra.

One year, the procession ground to a halt while a bearer fought to retrieve his flag and was obliged to leave it flying in the centre of the church while he presented me with an empty pole. I always feel obliged to tell parishioners that, since all the candelabra will inevitably be sent spinning, not to stare at them, or they may leave the church hypnotised. On the other hand, Miss Simpson generally leaves the church looking like that.



Major Hastings always arrives bejewelled with so many medals that every time he kneels for prayer, it sounds as if he is taking the collection. Their weight increases his stoop by at least ten degrees, to the point where some feel we should support him with a personal flying buttress.

Since the trumpeter playing the Last Post can be of varying quality, your idea of broadcasting it from London into your church is inspired. However, your worries about whether your radio will be good enough need not trouble you. If you tell your congregation that they are about to hear the broadcast silence and you then simply not switch the thing on, no one will be able to tell the slightest difference whether the silence is being broadcast or not. In fact, they will even congratulate you on hitting 11am at exactly the right moment.

I always use subterfuge; I have the church clock disconnected and then when we reach the time for silence, irrespective of the true time, I get a churchwarden to toll the bell eleven times. This way, I have apparently come to the exact moment without a hitch for the last 30 years.

You will also find that preaching about warfare and of man's inhumanity to man will give you greater insights into the working of your church council. The only difference is that on committees – sadly – the use of machine guns is rather frowned on.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

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## Thought for the Month - The politics of God's kingdom

The late Archbishop Desmond Tutu once said that he was puzzled as to which Bible people were reading when they said that religion and politics don't mix. And he had a fair point.

In the Exodus Moses confronts Pharaoh over the enslavement of his people and Jeremiah the prophet is outspoken in condemning the king and his courtiers about the international alliances made with the empires of the day.

The Bible is all about politics because it is about people and families and communities, it is about nations and empires. The Bible deals with the human heart and with public behaviour. The Bible is very political because it is about life; the lives of individuals and the lives of nations.

You could say that the Bible is political because everything is political - but of course politics is not everything.

In another sense the Bible is not political. There were no political parties in the times when the Bible was written. No one voted for their king or emperor. Most people simply hoped to survive. Nor were there political philosophies and systems.

What we find in the Bible are principles for individuals and communities and nations to live by. What we do not find are programmes to put these principles into action.

In the Older Testament there is a special concern for three groups: widows, orphans and foreigners. There are the people who had few if any rights; they had no one to speak up for them. It was easy to deny them justice, and so in the Older Testament God speaks for them, and individuals, communities and nations are judged by how they treat these the most vulnerable.

In Matthew's Gospel Jesus also talks about God's judgement, (Matthew 25:31 - 46). The principle by which, according to Jesus, the nations will be judged is simple: it is how we treat those Jesus calls 'the least' - the most vulnerable, those in greatest need. What we have done or refused to do for 'the least' we have done or refused to do for Christ.

Jesus challenges us to see Him in the other and to serve Him in the other. It is about seeing the other person, not as stranger, but as neighbour. It is to act as if we truly believe that God is our Father and that we are all brothers and sisters.

The Bible in general and Jesus in particular gives us a vision, a vision to inspire us and a vision to challenge us. The Bible doesn't tell us to be Conservatives or Greens, Labour or Lib-Dems. It does tell us that we are responsible for the way we use the powers and privileges that we enjoy.

At the end of 'Ordinary Time' in the Church Calendar we celebrate the kingship of Christ. He gives us an example of servant leadership and of the power of self-giving love. May the vision of Christ the king and the values of the Kingdom of God inspire those called to political office, may they use the powers that they are given to give a voice to the voiceless and to help the most vulnerable.

God bless Tim.

## Mothers Union Meeting - 5th October

Our speaker was Jane Foster from The Children's Society. Jane has a special connection with the Society as she was adopted through them. She is the representative for the East Midland area to which Sheffield has just been included. This stretches from Sheffield down as far as Leicester. Ecclesfield has a good connection with the Society, I have still got boxes from the 1940's with the different pictures on the side.

Jane spoke about the founder of the society Edward Rudolph when he found boys living on the streets, he was a curate in London and with the bishop's consent he started a home for as they were known then "waifs and Strays". They were taught leather work and woodwork. The focus today is on young runaways, especially keeping them away from criminal gangs. Young people get drawn in by the false friendship these gangs offer. The Society supports care leavers up to the age of 25 years, they have drop-in centres. They help young carers who look after ill parents, the children make sure they have their medication before they go to school. The Society helps by staging events for these children. I once went to a conference at York, where Students would take a disabled young girl to her Brownie meetings every week and made friends with her family.

On Sunday the 13th of November at 4.p.m. the new Diocesan Ambassador for the Diocese of Sheffield Alison Cook will be commissioned in Sheffield Cathedral. Alison will be working with churches in the Diocese to further our joint vision.

I am still hoping to do my Sponsored Walk in the near future. So would you please help the Children's Society through this event. Thank you to all Box Holders. Pat.

#### Diary:

Thursday 13 October 6.30pm for 7.00 Autumn Council at Bramley. Lifts available.

**Wednesday 2 November 1.30pm** Gatty Hall. Talk from Artworks, a local charity about their work. Everyone is welcome, you don't have to be a member of MU.

**Friday 4 November 10.00**am Deanery Coffee Morning in Sheffield Cathedral. More details from Norma Priest.

**Saturday 26 November 12.45pm** Vigil outside the Cathedral to raise awareness of gender-based violence.

Thursday 1 December 2.00pm Deanery Advent Carol Service. Bradfield. Lifts available.

Wednesday 7 December 1.30pm Gatty Hall. Branch Christmas Party.

#### Subscriptions:

Subscriptions are due on the 1 January 2023 and will be £24.00. I will be collecting them at our AGM on the 4 January 2023. Cheques please, if possible, made out to St Mary's Ecclesfield Mothers Union. If anyone has a problem with cheques or paying the full amount in one go, please speak to me in confidence. 07944195906. Jennifer Armeson – Treasurer

## On Love by A.R Lucas

"We've been infected by this idea that love is an emotion only felt by two people. But love is universal, an energy, a contagious force, a gift. To offer money to a homeless man is to love. To save a worm from the sun is to love. To smile at a stranger is love. To be grateful, to be hopeful, to be brave, to be forgiving, to be proud, is to love."

## From the Registers

#### Baptisms

Sunday 16th October 12 noon Grace Tibbs Booth

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

#### Marriages

Saturday 1st OctoberKarl Hill & Kathryn BirtFriday 14th OctoberChristopher Aitchison & Kate Smedley

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

#### Funerals

Monday 3rd October Thursday 13th October Irene Chapman Neil Hill

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

## NO MORE 1 IN 3 - 16 Days of Activism

Gender-Based Violence (GBV) affects 1 in 3 women worldwide. It can affect anyone at any time and takes many forms.

Whatever form it takes, GBV is unacceptable we say, 'NO MORE 1 in 3.'

Mother's Union is joining with over 6,000 organisations from approximately 187 countries to raise awareness of and call to an end, to gender-based violence and abuse in all forms in all societies. 16 Days of Activism takes place from the 25<sup>th of</sup> November (International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women) until the 10th of December (International Human Rights Day).

We are also one of the first charities to sign up to the Women's Aid campaign, "Come Together to End Domestic Abuse".

There will be a vigil on Saturday the 26th of November outside Sheffield Cathedral at 12.45pm to raise awareness of GBV and focus on those who are victims of violence and abuse.

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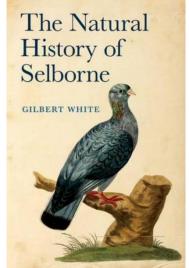
## God in the Sciences

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

#### Wonder and Worship

"I was travelling, and out early in the morning: at first there was a vast fog; but, by the time that I was seven or eight miles from home towards the coast, the sun broke out into a delicate warm day. We were then on a large heath or common, and I could discern, as the mist began to break away, great numbers of swallows (hirundines rusticae) clustering on the stinted shrubs and bushes, as if they had roosted there all night. As soon as the air became clear and pleasant they all were on the wing at once; and, by a placid and easy flight, proceeded on southward towards the sea".

How many church leaders today have time to enjoy their surroundings? Gilbert White was a vicar who became famous for his observations about the flora and fauna of his parish.



His letters about the local wildlife through the seasons were so beautifully written that they are still in print today, more than 200 years after they were first published as The Natural History and Antiquities of Selbourne.

White is a great example of someone who saw science and faith in harmony. He writes that he hopes his readers will be inspired to "pay a more ready attention to the wonders of the Creation". His stories are often so vivid that he gets away with packing in quite a bit of scientific detail, painting a more accurate picture of the wonderful events he observed as he travelled around the countryside. White's book is one of the classics of nature writing, and there's even an apocryphal story online that this is one of the most printed books in the country, after the Bible and Shakespeare.

White may have been one of those people with a capacity for endless activity, or perhaps he took rather more care over natural history than his vocation. Either way, I do think that anyone - from the parish priest to the youngest member of the congregation - could learn from his appreciation of creation. It is well worth spending ten minutes every now and again staring into a bush, pond or tree - especially in winter when it's easy to hurry indoors and put the kettle on. Experiencing wildlife first-hand is wonderful fuel for our worship of God and care for His creation. As Psalm 111 says, "Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them" (NIV).

\*(White's book can be downloaded for free at http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/1408)

*Editor:* Selbourne boasts one church, St Mary the Virgin is a Grade I listed church that dates back to the late 12th century, and one public house the "Selborne Arms". At the back of the village, behind the Selborne Arms and Gilbert White's Field Studies Centre, there is the Zig-Zag Path, which was cut into the hillside in the 1760s by Gilbert White and his brother John, to provide easier access to the Hanger and Selborne Common on the summit of Selborne Hill. A complete history of Selborne, from its geology through its establishment as a settlement in the Dark Ages to the present day, including a study of local architecture, was locally published in March 2009: Knights, Priests & Peasants was written by Dr. Edward Yates, a retired academic polymath and long-time resident of the village. Its 400 pages include oral histories from the turn of the 19th/20th centuries.



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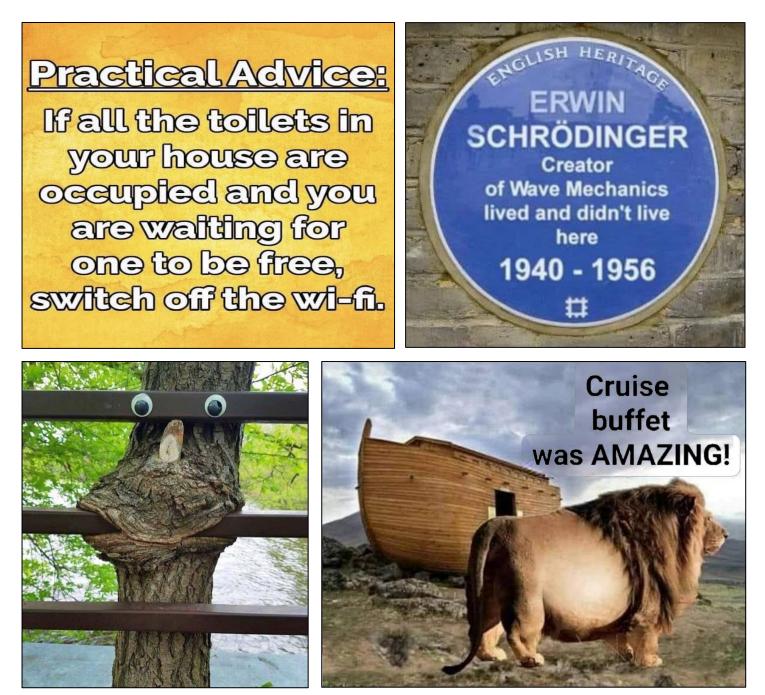
How to politely tell someone they are stupid. <u>Wisdom</u> has always been chasing you, but you have always been faster.

"I" before "E" except after "Old Macdonald had a farm"

To err is human, to forgive is divine, to moo is bovine, to bleat is ovine, to oink is porcine, to howl is lupine, to bark is canine, to purr is feline. This list is asinine.

The fitness trainer asked me, "What kind of squat are you accustomed to doing?" I said "Diddly."

As a kid, I used to watch the Wizard of Oz and wonder how someone could talk if they didn't have a brain. Then I got social media...



## Prayer for the Month

#### The Collect for the Feast of Christ the King: Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Church's year ends this year on Sunday 20th November with one of my favourite festivals, Christ the King. We celebrate the kingship of Christ over all creation and we pray for the fulfilment of His kingdom here on earth.

The Collect for this day focuses on Christ's universal kingship and the peace, in the sense of Shalom that His rule brings. When we celebrate the kingship of Christ, we do so in the knowledge that His reign is unlike that of any other king or ruler because Jesus is unlike any other king.

Jesus is a king who wears a crown of thorns rather than gold; He washes the feet of His disciples; He reigns from the Cross - a place of shame and humiliation and death. His rule is not imposed by an army. Instead of conquering lands and peoples Jesus brings peace and freedom.

As we celebrate Christ as King, we might reflect that Jesus, the servant king who dies to bring life to all, shows us what true kingship, true majesty and true power really are! And we contrast Jesus with the kings and emperors, the presidents and prime ministers of the nations. We pray that they may reflect the majesty of service and the power of love rather than the love of power.

As followers of Christ the king, we pray daily, Thy kingdom come - we pray that Christ will reign on earth, and in us. May we as a Church and as followers of the Servant King, filled with the Holy Spirit, become signs of Christ's loving presence in our homes, in our places of work and in the streets where we live, that the whole created order may worship Him.

God bless, Tim

## The Grenoside Singers Advent and Christmas Concert

Christmas at St Mary's begins on Friday 2nd December when we will be welcoming The Grenoside Singers for an Advent and Christmas Concert. The concert begins at 7pm.

For more information about the price of tickets please see the Church's website and Facebook page.

## Whitley Hall Cricket Club



It is with great sadness that we inform you of the death of Steve Fletcher, President of the club. Steve has been a hugely influential character at the club for over 50 years, as a junior player, senior player, team manager and leader of the club. Steve put in massive amounts of time and effort in the interest of the club and it is not exaggerating to say that the modern club, playing in the ECB South Yorkshire Premier League, is where it is due the work done by Steve.There is no doubt that

cricket in Sheffield and South Yorkshire and many cricket lives have been touched by Steve. Known as "Mr Whitley", in recognition of his amazing contribution, Steve was

entered into the South Yorkshire Cricket Hall of Fame and was also awarded the LV sponsored National Pride of Cricket award, both in 2021. Our condolences are extended to his wife Denise, Children Alex and Laura and their families.



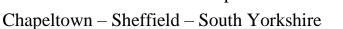
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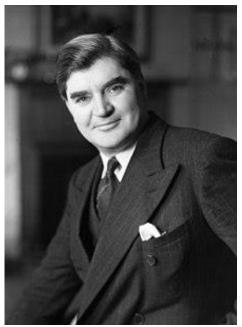
If you can, mow, weed, strim, sweep, pickup sticks, rake leaves or drive a sit on mower, we need you. If you can spare just one or two hours a week it would be a great help. Not only will the church look good, but you might even feel your spiritual and physical well-being improve and in our small way 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

## The man who gave us the National Health Service

If you use the services of the National Health Service this autumn, spare a thought for the 'presiding spirit' which led to its founding.

Aneurin 'Nye' Bevan was born 125 years ago this month, on 15<sup>th</sup> November 1897, the sixth of ten children. The family lived in Tredegar, Monmouthshire, where his father was a miner, and his mother was the daughter of a colliery blacksmith.

When he was 14, Bevan followed his father and older brother in the mines, but in his spare time spent hours in the local library, self-educating himself. At 19, Bevan joined the Independent Labour Party and in 1919 he moved to London to continue his studies and encountered the works of Marx and Engels. In 1925 his father died in his arms of the miners' disease pneumoconiosis.



In 1926 Bevan was appointed a full-time union official and was soon caught up in the miners' strike, which led to the General Strike of May 1926. Bevan became known as a firebrand activist and agitator.

In May 1929, when he was 31, Bevan entered Parliament as Independent Labour Party member for Ebbw Vale. A passionate socialist, he regularly attacked Neville Chamberlain, Lloyd George, Winston Churchill, and even his own party's prime minister, Ramsay Macdonald. Bevan's outspokenness caused the parliamentary authorities to suspend him from the house in 1937, and his own party expelled him for a time in 1939.

When in July 1945 Labour was returned to government with a landslide, the new Prime Minister, Clement Attlee, offered Bevan a Cabinet position. "I understand that you have much experience of negotiation. I am offering you the post where you will deal with health, housing and the local authorities."

And so, at 47, Bevan became the youngest member of that Cabinet. He oversaw the building of over a million new houses before 1950, and in 1946 the government steered through the National Insurance Act, which created the infrastructure of what was to be the Welfare State.

In 1948 the National Health Service Act, which Bevan had seen through Parliament, became law. This allowed people to receive, free at the point of use, medical diagnosis, and treatment at home or in hospital. As the writer Brian Brivati observes: "It was the decision to nationalise the hospitals that made the profound difference in the... creation of the NHS. This decision was Bevan's and its implementation was down to his skill, patience, and application as a minister. It is the most significant and lasting reform in the history of the Labour Party, and it was achieved by one man."

Aneurin 'Nye' Bevan was Minister of Health 1945 to 1951. The National Health Service became operational on 5<sup>th</sup> July 1948.

## The Gardening Year – November

Citrus Fruits, oranges, lemons, and limes can be grown successfully in containers as long as they get enough heat and sunshine during the summer and can be kept frost free during the winter. For this reason, some people can grow them in conservatories or on sunny windowsills. If you want to move patio fruits inside during the winter you will need to make sure you can move the pot. Suitable containers citrus trees need to be potted on every year as the plant grows so bear this in mind when planning your garden, select a 2ft terracotta pot for new cirrus plants. Make sure the container has drainage holes and use a layer of crocks in the bottom, you can even add a layer of sand on top before filling the container with soil because well drained soil is an essential requirement for the citrus family. Soil, citrus fruits require well drained fertile soil. Care and Position, citrus fruits must not get waterlogged, so good drainage and watering is essential. Little, and often is the key, rather than a good soaking. feed citrus fruits once a month during the growing season. Varieties, for lemons try Meyer, which is a cross between a lemon and a mandarin, and produces compact, round fruits on trees that are more hardy than other lemon trees. For oranges try Calamondin, these grow to approximate, (18 inches), are ideal for novices and are nearly always flowering and fruiting, which make them very ornamental. For lime trees a Tahiti bush is excellent for growing in a pot in a conservatory. Pest and diseases, red spider mite effects citrus fruits that are grown indoors, increasing humidity will prevent this. Outdoor plants can suffer from root/pot which is why you must ensure the soil is well drained. Citrus fruits suffer from aphids, which should be easily Spotted and picked off before they become a problem.

**Figs**, figs are perfect for containers and even if you have a huge garden where space is not a problem, figs are better when contained in a pot because the roots are built to survive and take over. Suitable containers, choose a strong container, not one made of plastic. concrete or brick is ideal, limit the container to (2 ft), so the plant produces fruit instead of loads of leaves, soil figs don't practically need high quality compost, a multi-purpose compost is fine. **Care and position**, figs need a lot of sunshine and heat so it's best to position them against a south facing wall, or in a green house. Figs need regular watering and feeding, if the compost dries out the plant will drop all its fruit, so only keep a fig if you can maintain a regular watering routine.

#### Colin Williams

### Eat the Seasons – November

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

**Fruit** - Clementines, Cranberries, Passion Fruit, Pears, Pomegranate, Quince, Satsumas **Herbs** - Almonds, Brazil Nuts, Chestnuts, Cob Nuts, Hazelnuts, Rosemary, Sage, Walnuts **Meat** - Beef, Duck, Goose, Grouse, Guinea Fowl, Hare, Lamb, Mallard, Partridge, Pheasant, Rabbit, Turkey, Venison, Wood Pigeon

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

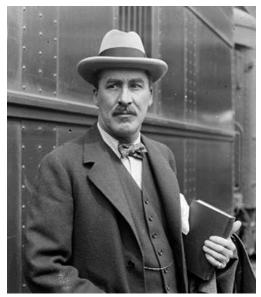
Visit - <u>www.eattheseasons.co.uk</u>

### Finding Tutankhamen

It was 100 years ago this month, on 4<sup>th</sup> November 1922, that Howard Carter, a British archaeologist, discovered the tomb of the Egyptian pharaoh Tutankhamen.

Howard Carter had shown an artistic streak from a young age, and when his father, a successful artist, painted a portrait of a well-known Egyptologist, the young Howard's imagination had been caught. He wanted to go to Egypt.

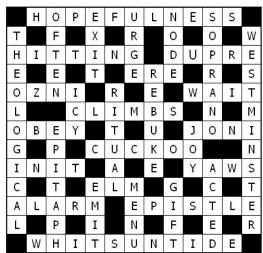
And so, in 1891, when Howard was only 17, his father found him a job working for an archaeologist who needed an artist to sketch the artefacts he found. As Britain occupied Egypt in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, it was a time of increased European interest in ancient Egypt.



Over the next few years Carter worked under different archaeologists on different sites, including Amarna, Thebes, Edfu and Abu Simbel. Then in 1907, Carter began working with the wealthy English aristocrat, Lord Carnarvon, excavating various Egyptian nobles' tombs.

When in 1914 Carnarvon attained a licence to dig for the tomb of King Tutankhamun, he gave the job to Carter. After WW1 the search began, but it was not until 4<sup>th</sup> November 1922 that they found anything. That day a boy who worked on Carter's team as a water fetcher started to dig in the sand with a stick. He found a stone step, called Carter over, and the rest is history. A flight of steps was found that lead to a sealed door and a secret chamber. On 26<sup>th</sup> November 1922 Carter and Lord Carnarvon entered the tomb and found the gold and treasures. On 16<sup>th</sup> February 1923, Carter opened the innermost chamber and found the well-preserved sarcophagus of King Tut.

The find made headlines around the world. Carter remained in Egypt until the excavation was completed in 1932.



#### Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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## It is time to eat Butternut Squash

Butternut squash is one of the most popular and widely available forms of winter squash. Varying in shape from cylindrical to halfdumbbell, its smooth tan exterior hides deliciously sweet, dense and buttery orange flesh. Across the globe it crops up in recipes for stews, gratins, pasta dishes, risottos, soups and curries. When baked and mashed, perhaps with a touch of nutmeg or cinnamon and a splash of cream, it makes a very appetising autumnal side dish - try it with your Sunday roast.



**Origins:** The squash has long been an established part of the diet in each of the five continents. Its exact origin is not clear but it is thought that it was eaten in the Americas over 5,000 years ago. It is known to have been cultivated by the Incas in the fifteenth century and remains a very important source of food throughout much of central and south America. Butternut squash belongs to the Cucurbita moschata species. Other members of the Cucurbitaceae family include the pumpkin, cucumber and courgette

**Buying:** If you can push a fingernail into the rind of a squash it is immature and will be lacking in flavour and sweetness. The rind should be firm and unbroken with a uniform matt tan or beige colouring (free from green tinges). Squash should feel heavy for their size (indicating a high moisture content - squash gradually lose water after harvesting). Bigger squash generally have a more highly developed flavour. Squash are amongst the longest keeping vegetables. In a cool (not refrigerator-cold), dry, well-ventilated place they can keep for three months or more. At room temperature, or in the fridge, they will deteriorate more quickly, but should be fine for at least a couple of weeks.

**Cooking:** The hard rind, dense flesh and awkward shape mean that butternut squash require careful cutting. Use a large knife or cleaver to make a shallow cut down the length of the squash (curves permitting). Place the blade in the cut and knock the back of the blade (using your hand, a wooden mallet or rolling pin) until the squash is cut in half lengthways. Scoop out the seeds and any fibrous-strings (the seeds are edible - raw or toasted - but the fibrous coat can be fiddly to remove). If you require chunks of squash, cut a small piece of each end, enabling you to stand it vertically and trim off the rind before slicing and dicing. Squash should be cooked until tender. Baking a halved butternut squash is an excellent way of preserving and intensifying its flavours. Cubes can also be added to casseroles or curries. Boiling is quicker than baking but will result in some sugars being absorbed into the water and so is best used for dishes (such as soups) where the flavoured water forms part of the dish rather than being discarded.

**Nutrition**: Butternut squash is a well-balanced food source that is rich in complex carbohydrates and low in saturated fat and sodium. It is a very good source of vitamins A and C and a good source of beta-carotene, magnesium, manganese, calcium and potassium.

#### **Recipes online**

Potato and Butternut Squash Gratin with Gruyere <u>http://www.hub-uk.com/foodpages06/recip0297.htm</u> Butternut Squash and Spiced Lamb Stew <u>http://www.sharedgarden.co.uk/recipes/squashlamb.html</u> Butternut Squash Soup <u>https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/butternut-squash-soup-chilli-creme-fraiche</u>

## **Crossword Puzzle**

#### **Clues Across**

**1** and **20** Down 'Lord of all \_, Lord of all \_, whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy' (11,3)

**9** Moses question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: 'Why are you \_ your fellow Hebrew?" (Exodus 2:13) (7)

10 Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline (2,3)

**11** 'At even \_ the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay' (3)

- 13 A descendant of Gad (Numbers 26:16) (4)
- **16** 'Do not leave Jerusalem, but \_ for the gift my Father promised' (Acts 1:4) (4)
- **17** Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)

**18** Peter's response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: 'We must \_God rather than men!' (Acts 5:29) (4)

**20** Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, \_ Eareckson Tada (4)

21 Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)

**22** 'Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat \_ \_ '(Matthew 13:2) (2,2)

23 Infectious tropical disease (4)

**25** Tree (3)

28 'No fear of me should \_ you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you' (Job 33:7) (5)
29 For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)

**30** Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church's calendar (11)

#### <u>Clues Down</u>

**2** 'O Jerusalem \_ how \_I have longed to gather your children together' Matthew 23:37) (5)

- 3 Way out (4)
- 4 Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)
- 5 Done (anag.) (4)
- 6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)
- 7 Concerning the study of God (11)
- 8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)

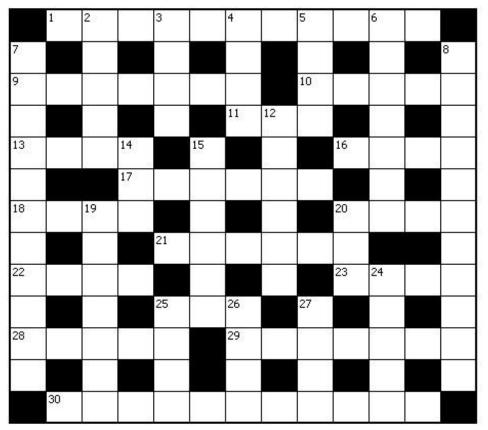
#### 12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)

- 14 Frozen (3)
- 15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)
- **19** Inscription often found on gravestones (7)

20 See 1 Across

- 24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)
- 25 Time (anag.) (4)
- 26 Lists choice of meals (4)

**27** 'For the wages of sin is death, but the  $\_$  of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Romans 6:23) (4)



#### Solution is on Page 23





## **Chapeltown & District Probus Club**



Well-known local historian David Templeman was our guest speaker in October. His topic was "The Queen That Never Was" where he spoke about the local woman of nobility, Lady Arbella Stuart, daughter of Charles Stuart and Elizabeth Cavendish (of the Chatsworth family). Arbella was granddaughter of Bess of Hardwick and neice of Mary, Queen of Scots. Arbella was born 3<sup>rd</sup> in line to the throne and was an early favourite of Queen Elizabeth 1. David's thorough research covered in detail how the woman destined to become Queen spiralled into downfall, eventually

leading to her very sad death in the Tower of London. As he rightly concluded, a subject ripe for making into a film. Afterwards, we went to Wortley Hall for an enjoyable lunch.

Early in October, 15 members visited the Newark Air Museum, an absolute treasure trove of machinery for anyone interested in aircraft – the visit into the cockpit of a Vulcan bomber to be given detail by a former pilot of the same aircraft will be unforgetable.

On 18<sup>th</sup> October, we held the autumn lunch at Wortley Hall where members were joined by family and friends and 40 people enjoyed a meal prepared from fresh ingredients.

New members are always welcome and if you may be interested, you are welcome to come as a guest. Please make contact with the Secretary, Trevor Winslow (see below).

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

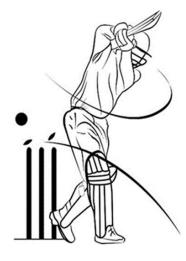
(followed by lunch at Wortley Hall):-

9<sup>th</sup> November – Vice Chair Nick Tovey "Japanese Garden Design" 14<sup>th</sup> December – Paul Adey "The Battle of Jutland" followed by Christmas lunch. 11<sup>th</sup> January – Paul Adey "History of the European Car Industry, Part 1"

Contact details: E-Mail <u>chapeltown.probus@gmail.com</u>, Website <u>https://chapeltown-probus.org.uk/</u>.

#### Andrew Robinson

## Cricket Is Quite Simple



You have two sides ours and theirs, one out in the field and one in. Each man in the side that's in, goes out. And, when he's out. He comes in and the next man goes in until he's out. Then, when they have all been in and are all out, the side that's been in the field goes in and the side that's in goes out and tries to get out those coming in. Sometimes you get men still in and not out. Then when both sides have been in and out, including not outs, that's the end of the game.

It's really very simple!

## **Prayers and Poems Page**

#### A prayer of remembering and looking forward - By Daphne Kitching

Loving Father,

Here we are in November, the month of short days and mist and remembering.

And this year we have so much to remember. The year our Servant Queen left us and came to be with you, the King of Kings she had served so faithfully.

Remembering celebration and sadness Lord, as we thank you for Queen Elizabeth, but looking forward too as we prepare for Advent.

As we work towards Christmas, yes, we remember your coming as a baby in Jesus, but even more reassuring in these difficult times we can hold on to your promise that You will come back again as our glorious King, when there will be no more death or mourning, crying or pain - when You will make all things new, when all shall be well!

Come Lord Jesus! Amen.

Grandad's Typewriter- By Nigel Beeton	We Remember - By Megan Carter
My Grandad had a typewriter Imperial, I think Used to command his empire With black typewriter ink. He wrote his lengthy letters On subjects to him dear Then sealed them, stamped them, sent them To places far and near. He was quite heavy fingered Those keys he'd really pound The house's very timbers Vibrated with the sound; It went on for long hours And we'd hear everything And at the end of ev'ry line A little bell would ring! He sent them to the mission field And to our poor MP He sent them off to strangers And to his family; So then he'd watch the postman And how his wrath would burn If his poor correspondents Replied not by return! I never thought I'd miss it But, looking back, I do; A sound, like many others, That wove my childhood through. What sounds today, I wonder That do not bring us bliss, Will soon be just a memory That we might really miss?	<ul> <li>We kenember - <i>By Megan Carter</i></li> <li>The Somme, Dunkirk and Passchendaele Cause us to think of times of war,</li> <li>When men and boys went bravely out</li> <li>They fought, some died and returned no more.</li> <li>They gave their all that we should live,</li> <li>We never should forget such cost,</li> <li>Remembering with thankful hearts</li> <li>Our freedom gained as lives were lost.</li> <li>Another Man gave up His life,</li> <li>Another Man gave up His life,</li> <li>Another war, another fight,</li> <li>With all mankind held fast in chains</li> <li>As darkness fell as black as night.</li> <li>The cost was high, a sinless life</li> <li>To break the chains and set us free,</li> <li>The Lamb of God on Calvary's cross</li> <li>Paid that price for you, for me.</li> <li>Autumn - By Megan Carter</li> <li>He arrives in a coat of many colours,</li> <li>Flame, gold, russet and brown,</li> <li>Autumn appears with dancing feet</li> <li>Crunching on leaves the wind has blown down.</li> <li>Rustling and bustling, friend with the wind,</li> <li>Whistling and blowing and whooshing around,</li> <li>Creating a carpet of multiple colours,</li> <li>Teasing the leaves as they fall to the ground.</li> <li>Mellowing fruits and ripening corn,</li> <li>Autumn's bounty for us to share,</li> <li>Our God of provision, providing, sustaining</li> <li>Whatever the season, His presence is near.</li> </ul>

### **Contact Details for Local Groups**

#### **Ecclesfield Rainbows**

Gatty Hall Tuesday 5.00 pm to 6.15 pm Leader - Debbie Tel: 0786 047 1793

#### **Ecclesfield Brownies**

Gatty Hall Monday 5.30 pm to 6.45 pm Leader - Mrs J Hutchinson Tel: 0798 344 2742

#### **Ecclesfield Brownies**

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

#### **Ecclesfield Guides**

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

#### **Ecclesfield Priory Players**

EPPIC Theatre Monday 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm Wednesday 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm Secretary - Emma Addy Theatre Tel No. 0114 240 2624

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#### **Ecclesfield Beavers**

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#### **Ecclesfield Scouts**

Scout Hut (off Yew Lane) Thursday 7:15 pm to 9:00 pm Leader - Bryony Hemming 25thecclesfieldscouts@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

#### 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: <u>whitleyhall@ycspl.co.uk</u> Website: <u>www.whitleyhall.play-cricket.com</u>

#### **Chapeltown 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 <u>chapeltown.probus@gmail.com</u> We are now on face to face see <u>www.chapeltown-probus.org.uk</u>

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

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