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First Words

June marks the start of summer. In Church it is the season of Weddings and Baptisms.

We start the month with **weddings** on **Friday 2nd June at 4pm** and then on **Saturday 3rd June at 2pm**.

On **Sunday 4th June, Trinity Sunday**, there are **baptisms at 12 noon** after the 10am Eucharist.

On **Monday 5th June** and again on **Monday 19th June at 6pm** Tim has Safeguarding Training from the Diocese.

Saturday 10th June 9am Prayer Breakfast.

Sunday 18th June is Father's Day. We have an **All Age Celebration** at 10am.

Prayer & Praise is on **Sunday 25th June at 6.30pm**.

On **Tuesday 27th June** there is a **burial of ashes** in the Churchyard at **12noon**.

The **Archdeacon's Visitation** is on **Wednesday 28th June 7.30pm** in the Cathedral.

Going over into July on **Saturday 1st July** there is a **wedding** in Church at **1pm**, and **Sam will be ordained Priest** in Sheffield Cathedral at **4pm**.

Sunday 2nd July 10am is Sam's first communion service followed by refreshments.

A busy and varied month!

God bless,

Tim

The Bible in 50 words

God made - Adam bit - Noah arked - Abraham split - Joseph ruled - Jacob fooled - Bush talked - Moses balked - Pharaoh plagued - People walked - Sea divided - Tablets guided - Promise landed - Saul freaked - David peaked - Prophets warned - Jesus born - God walked - Love talked - Anger crucified - Hope died - Love rose - Spirit flamed - Word spread - God remained.
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70 years since the last Coronation

Seventy years ago, on 2nd June 1953, the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II took place at Westminster Abbey. It was the first event where the British TV audience (20 million) was greater than the radio audience (12 million).

It helped to make television a mainstream medium, though it did not deter the many thousands – 50,000 in Trafalgar Square alone – who turned out on the streets to watch it, despite chilly weather, with wind and rain. The afternoon temperature reached a peak of only 12C – considerably cooler than the Queen's November wedding day six years earlier.

Those who watched at home were restricted mostly to 14-inch screens, and of course black and white pictures – although the event was filmed in colour for posterity. Others watched it in bars and cinemas. The reaction was universally positive. As well as bringing the nation together, the Coronation gave the BBC a huge head-start as the channel of choice, because it was still three years before ITV was launched as an alternative viewing option.

The televising of the Coronation was a suggestion of Prince Philip, at first resisted by politicians, church dignitaries and other traditionalists. The Queen gave permission for cameras to be installed in Westminster Abbey, and the main commentary was by Richard Dimbleby, who became a fixture for events of national significance.

It was a hit abroad too. Some 85 million people in the USA watched recordings of the highlights. In Europe new relay links enabled it to be a landmark – the first live broadcast of something happening in the UK.

75 years since the arrival of Windrush

It was 75 years ago, on 21st June 1948, that the passenger ship HMT Empire Windrush docked in London, bringing the first large group of immigrants from the West Indies to the UK.

It was a result of the British Government's invitation to people from Commonwealth countries to settle in Britain and help rebuild the country after the devastation of the Second World War. The promise was one of prosperity and full employment, and the Windrush – ironically built and launched in Germany in 1930 – carried more than 1000 people, though the figure is often given as 492. In fact, there were probably 492 men from Jamaica, but also men and women from other islands, plus Polish men and women.

Most of the Caribbeans remained to settle permanently, despite mixed reactions. The first of what became known as the Windrush generation were housed temporarily in the Brixton area, where Windrush Square – an open space in front of the Brixton Tate Library – marks their arrival.

The Windrush generation generally defines everyone who emigrated to Britain from the Caribbean between 1948 and 1971, at which point all Commonwealth citizens living in the UK were given the right to remain. In 2018 a scandal emerged involving ineptitude by the Home Office which had resulted in people from this generation being wrongly detained, denied legal rights and threatened with deportation. It was calculated that more than 80 had been wrongly deported.

These people had been living and working in the UK for decades but had never been provided with the official paperwork, and the Home Office had kept no record of those granted leave to remain. The UK Government apologised, and the Home Secretary at the time, Amber Rudd, described her department's performance as "appalling".

In celebration of Refugee Week, 23rd – 27th June

How are the refugees who have come to the UK getting along?

Refugee Week, a UK-wide annual festival which celebrates the contributions and resilience of refugees, provides a programme of arts, cultural, educational and media events, through which refugees can find their voice in the UK.

This year the refugees have chosen to share their experiences on the theme of 'what compassion looks like in action'.

Hanna from Ukraine tells her story:

We are all very traumatised, even if it doesn't show. Every day we read news about our country, talk with relatives there. We are also trying to work, study English, manage our home, raise children, and understand the UK culture. People in Ukraine are constantly in danger. Those who have left feel guilty. It tires and exhausts.

Life has changed for everyone; the whole world feels the worsening economic situation due to the war, yet you in the UK continue to support us. It's incredible.

My heart is torn in half. I am afraid for everyone who stayed in Ukraine. I am angry with Russia for everything she is doing. My anger will pass. What remains unchanged is a feeling of deepest gratitude to the British for opening their hearts and families to us. Your kindness and mercy help us not to despair. We understand that without you, we would not exist long ago. Perhaps this is how God created people.

Canterbury resident Richard Llewellyn writes of his experience:

I had volunteered to be a 'mentor' to a young man from Chad, so two years ago I met Adam from Chad, to help him learn English. Since then we have tried to meet weekly for about an hour simply to have a conversation about whatever seems appropriate at the time.

I am not able to tell you anything about how, why, and when Adam became a refugee and arrived in England. In the training I received I was told never to ask, but only to wait until the refugee wants to tell his or her story. I am still waiting.

I know Adam wants to stay here, and train as a plumber. I also discovered that he is a devout Muslim, saying his prayers five times a day and going to the mosque on Friday. I told him that I am a committed Christian and therefore we have something very important in common, in that we have put our trust in the same God – the only God.

With a puzzled expression he asks me, "Then what about Jesus?" I reply that for Muslims Jesus is a Prophet, and for Christians something more than a Prophet, but that we both worship the same God. I don't think that he was entirely convinced but, for all our differences, we have remained good friends.

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In celebration of Refugee Week - continued

Sahed, 18 last month, has been living in a small English town for a year, after she and her family fled Jordan.

I came here with my parents and my two brothers and little sister, and I arrived knowing only 'Hi' and 'How are you' in English. So I set myself the goal of learning the language online, going to college and volunteering at the local library.

Now I am virtually fluent, which means that I am the only one to act as interpreter for my family. It's vital, as my 20-year-old brother has a severe mental health illness, which means frequent hospital admissions.

Some of our neighbours, alarmed at the noise my brother was making during an episode, called the police. They were actually very kind and just wanted to make sure everyone was alright; in fact all our neighbours are kind and welcoming - except one who is always very rude.

I want to get my GCSEs, and then go to University - maybe York or Manchester. I want to study business management.

Please pray for these refugees, and others, and for those who, in Christ's name, are providing sanctuary.

For more on Refugee Week, please go to: <https://refugeeweek.org.uk>

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God in The Arts

Editor: Michael Burgess continues his look at great works of Christian art with 'Christ at the Sea of Galilee' by Tintoretto. It hangs in the National Gallery of Art in Washington DC, and this graphic is in the public domain. You can view it online at: <https://images.nga.gov/>

'He gave us eyes to see them': Tintoretto's 'Christ at the Sea of Galilee'

In 1833 Mendelssohn composed two overtures inspired by the sea. 'Fingal's Cave' portrays the gentle roll of the waves and the call of the wind on the waters around Staffa. 'Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage' paints a sea journey when the fog lifts, the sky clears, the safety of land beckons and the boat arrives in the harbour.

This month's painting shows us a very different picture of the sea. It is 'Christ at the Sea of Galilee' by Tintoretto. He was an Italian painter of the Renaissance period who worked in Venice until his death in 1594. All his paintings are marked by intensity and drama, whether it is the Last Supper, the Conversion of St Paul, or this canvas. Tintoretto worked so quickly and so single-mindedly that he was nicknamed 'Il Furioso.' And it is the fury of the sea that is captured here. Not the lazy waters of Venice or the calm seas of Mendelssohn's music. Now the sea and the sky above are in torment and revolt, and the world is dominated by the violence of this storm.

The Sea of Galilee is like that. One moment, the sky is clear and windless, the next, a gust can whip up the waters into anger. In Scripture the sea is always an element to fear. For the psalmist the sea contains creeping things innumerable and even monsters. For John in the book of Revelation, the sea ceases to exist when the new heaven and the new earth appear. The threat of that element is pervasive in this painting. The sail of the boat bends with the raging of the wind, and the vessel is tossed up and down – so near the shore, and yet so far. Above, the clouds frown.

But enfolding the scene are two signs of hope and life. To one side we see a tall tree in leaf and growing. At the other side is the tall figure of Jesus: a sign of safety and hope to the disciples, floundering in the boat. His feet are just vague outlines in the water, but His hand is firm as He beckons to His followers. Peter, brave and headstrong as ever, begins to climb out of the boat with no immediate sense of danger. This month of June ends with his feast day when we celebrate a saint who was so much like us. Wanting to follow Jesus, but finding himself weak; eager to serve, but unable to back words up with deeds. And yet, through all that, God's grace triumphed in Peter's life. We know that he will be saved here as he steps onto the wild water to reach Jesus.

This raging element is a parable of life with its storms and challenges for Peter and for all of us. Just as the sea threatens to swallow the boat and the disciples in it, so we know how the world threatens to swallow us up. Each of us, in our discipleship, faces concerns and challenges, anxieties about the present, even despair about the future. Tintoretto is saying to us from this canvas, Reach out and take hold of the sure hand of our Lord. That will be an anchor for you when the sea of life is calm and when the storm rages. 'Will your anchor hold?' asks the hymn, and we can reply

'We have an anchor that keeps the soul,
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll;
Fastened to the rock which cannot move,
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love.'



St James the Least of All

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

Beware the church microphone

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren.

Despite my assurances that it was unnecessary, it was kind of you to loan us your sound equipment, so we could experience the advantages of using radio microphones in church. Your assurance that everyone would then be able to hear with absolute clarity seemed to miss the point that everyone does not necessarily want to do so.

I have no doubt that members of your congregation hang on to your every word, eager to make sure you remain theologically sound. But for us, those who had blissfully slumbered throughout my sermons for the last 30 years found themselves unable to filter out a single syllable.

Colonel Wainwright decided to change the start of his Bible readings from the customary "Here beginneth..." to "Testing, Testing" before giving the microphone a good biff, which made the verger dash outside to check if yet another medieval gargoyle had fallen from the roof. Also, forgetting that microphones pick up asides just as effectively, his own comment to his wife in the front pew "I thought I read that rather well" did nothing for the pride he has always cherished for his humility.

I was also not convinced that the 16th century workmen who had devoted the greater part of their lives reverently carving the Lady Chapel altar had intended it to support an electronic console that would have looked more at home in an aeroplane cockpit.

However, the event which finally decided us against microphones came about an hour after the service. Several of the choir boys had crept back into the church and decided to improvise a rock concert with their guitars and the mikes turned up full blast. The church exploded in a perfect cacophony of noise which panicked a horse and rider going by. The horse bolted down the road, which caused two cars to veer violently to avoid it. One car ended up in a pond, the other in a field, having ripped off a great deal of old fencing.

Whoever fixed the fencing failed, and later that night all 43 cows in the field escaped, and ended up in the Colonel's flower-filled front garden, where they spent a comfortable night slicing his velvet turf with their sharp cleats, and chomping everything in sight.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Editor: Even today with the best of microphones and sound systems available speakers usually fail to "speak up" when talking. You only have to watch a pop singer (or a politician) to realise that a microphone needs to be very close to your mouth to make a soft voice seem loud. So, if you read at a lectern or pulpit: position the microphone in line with your mouth and speak up...

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Thought for the Month

At the start of July we will be celebrating Sam's first year as Curate at St Mary's and St Mark's. He will be ordained priest by Bishop Sophie on the 1st of July at 4pm in Sheffield Cathedral. In practical terms this means that he will be able to preside at the Eucharist and celebrate weddings. We will be able to celebrate with Sam, Maria, Ramona and Aella on the 2nd of July when Sam presides at the Eucharist for the first time.

It is 30 years since I was ordained priest in the Church where I was Curate, St Michael and All Angels in North Hull (the exact date is Sunday 4th July 1993).

In the past 30 years I have often reflected on the link between the Eucharist and marriage in St John's Gospel. Jesus first miracle, at Cana in Galilee, in the second chapter of John's Gospel, was at a wedding and involved the multiplication of wine (John 2:1-11).



At Cana Jesus celebrated a wedding. He and His disciples had been invited; the bride or the groom would have been a friend or even a relation of Jesus. When the wine gave out - a cause of social embarrassment, Jesus turned gallons and gallons of water into very good wine, and the party continued without a hitch.

The image of turning water into wine has become, for me, a parable about Christian ministry.

The wine points us to the Eucharist when we pour out and share the wine it points us to Jesus' Last Supper, where the wine is both a prophecy of Jesus' death the day after the Supper, and it is also a promise of the feast of the Kingdom of God.

In all of the work of Christian ministry we offer Jesus what we have - and it may not be very much. At the wedding it was water. In my work as a priest in Jesus' Church I offer my prayers, my thoughts and words, my work. And miraculously so often Jesus takes the little I have to give and, by His Spirit, enriches it and multiplies it.

I recall that miracle before I preach, I recall it when I preside at Communion, but also when I pray with someone, when I baptise or conduct a funeral or do a visit.

It reminds me that Christian ministry is not about me. It is about Jesus. Often the most important thing that I do is get out of the way. I will never know, on this side of the Kingdom, what God has done with the 'water' that I have brought to Him. I thank God for 30 years of Christian ministry and I pray that Sam will know that the Living Christ is with him as he ministers.

Please pray for Sam and for all who will be ordained this Petertide.

And of course, you don't have to be ordained to exercise Christian ministry. We are all called to follow Jesus and to serve Him in our neighbourhood. In faith we bring to Jesus what we have to offer, even if it is very little, and we wait to see what He will do with it. Amen.

Celebrating Fatherhood

'What is a Christian? The richest answer I know is that a Christian is one who has God as Father. If you want to know how well a person understands Christianity, find out how much he makes of the thought of being God's child and having God as his Father.' (J I Packer, *Knowing God*)

The month we celebrate fathers on Father's Day. Unlike Mothering Sunday, this doesn't have a distinctly Christian origin. However, it does provide an opportunity to celebrate God's fatherhood and what it means for us.

At His baptism, as Jesus came out of the water: '*heaven was opened, and He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on Him. And a voice from heaven said, 'This is my Son, whom I love; with Him I am well pleased.'*' (Matthew 3:16,17). What can we learn about Jesus' relationship with His Father, the role of fathers and our relationship with God?

The Father's presence

When Jesus was baptized, the Father made His presence real by the Holy Spirit. It's the Spirit who enables us to call God 'daddy' (abba, Galatians 4:6). God is with us and knows our joys and sorrows, fears and trials. In this way, dads can relate to their children.

The Father's love

The Father described His Son as '*beloved*', who like us, is subject to His unconditional love. Dads should be constant in assuring their children of their love.

The Father's pleasure

The Father tells Jesus that He is '*well pleased*' with Him. We also need to hear this, if we feel that we are disappointing God or letting Him down. This can arise with harsh words spoken by our parents. Fathers should use every opportunity to demonstrate their pleasure in their children, especially when things go wrong.

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From the Registers

Baptisms

Sunday 7th May	Stanley Joseph Solway
Sunday 28th May	Ella Austin & Rebecca Ambler

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

Marriages

Friday 26th May	Joe Andrew Cawthorne & Sophie Christina Copeman-Ash-Watts
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May each be to the other strength in need a comfort in sorrow and a companion in joy

Funerals

Wednesday 3rd May	Kathleen Ashmore
Thursday 4th May	Roy Davenport
Monday 15th May	Susan Joan Sharrocks
Tuesday 30th May	Stanley Leo Wehrle

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

Spiritual Disciplines: Simplicity by Canon Paul Hardingham

Clutter is not just the stuff on your floor. It's anything that stands between you and the life you want to be living.' (Peter Walsh).

The spiritual discipline of **simplicity** is about living more simply and ensuring that possessions don't end up possessing us! Jesus expresses the heart of simplicity in the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 6:19-34). He emphasises trusting God, not worrying about material things but 'seeking first his kingdom and his righteousness,' (Matthew 6:33).

'The Christian Discipline of simplicity is an inward reality that results in an outward life-style. Both the inward and the outward aspects of simplicity are essential.' (Richard Foster).

What happens in our hearts impacts the way we live our lives. But what does this look like in practice? Richard Foster lists a number of outward expressions of simplicity in his book **Celebration of Discipline**. These include:

- Buy things for their usefulness rather their status value e.g. cars, clothes.
- Reject anything that is addictive to us e.g. drinks, TV, social media.
- Develop the habit of giving things away to others who need them.
- Don't get caught up with buying the latest electronic gadget.
- Develop a deeper appreciation of creation.

How can we simplify our life?

Step 1: Find something that needs simplifying e.g. decluttering the house or limiting the time consuming TV or social media. It's about stopping whatever prevents us from making the kingdom of God our top priority.

Step 2: Take time to reflect and write down how we will embrace simplicity in that area eg. stop using the phone one hour before bed and keeping it outside the bedroom.

Step 3: Ask someone to keep us accountable!

'Always remember the essence of Christian holiness is simplicity and purity: one design, one desire: entire devotion to God.' (John Wesley)

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.

A scientist reflects on God's heart for the suffering

It's difficult as a scientist to hear information that is fascinating, but which also involves so much suffering for other people. I worked for a time in a leukaemia research lab. We had to let other people's pain drive our research without it crippling our ability to concentrate on our work. But, during lockdown, I found myself – as a biologically-educated bystander – avoiding looking into the science of COVID-19, because the reminders of its impact on people's lives were everywhere that I looked.

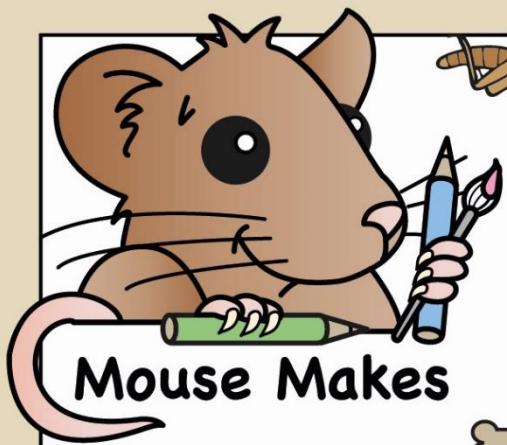
One of the ways I managed my own feelings during the pandemic was by digging deeper into what God has revealed to us about His character, letting that fuel my faith, my prayers, and my actions. For more academic types like myself, study – particularly of the Bible – can be one of the primary ways we connect with God and hear from Him. It's not wrong to be comforted by books, so long as the contents turn our eyes upwards and outwards.

First of all, God hears: "The Lord is close to the broken-hearted" (Psalm 34:18a). In Jesus God took on human form, and He showed us His heart for the world. When His friend Lazarus died, He wept (John 11). God is "the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort" (2 Corinthians 1:3).

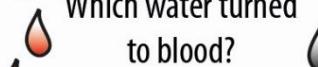
Human sin has affected the whole of creation, and I believe this is largely the direct impact of our mismanagement of creation and mistreatment of each other. COVID-19 may well be another animal's friendly virus, pushed by human activity into causing havoc in bodies where it doesn't belong.

But God's world remains good. It is still fruitful, praising Him, as Psalm 19 describes. Even pictures of a deadly virus can seem beautiful – especially to a biologist! These good things are hints of the promised "new heavens and new earth" mentioned in the New Testament. One day "creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay" (Romans 8: 21), and for everyone who follows God, "He will wipe every tear from their eyes" (Revelation 21: 4).

Behind the debates about suffering is sometimes the assumption that God doesn't care. My experience is that God does care deeply, and He invites His Church to care for those around them – especially the most vulnerable. He is with us, He hears us and grieves with us, He helps us and promises a better future.



Mouse Makes

1
Water turns to Blood
Which water turned to blood?

Read - Exodus 7:19

2
A Swarm of Frogs
In which places were the frogs found?

Read - Exodus 8:3-4

3
A Plague of Gnats
When Aaron struck his staff on the ground what became Gnats?

Read - Exodus 8:16-17

4
Swarms of Flies
In which land were the flies not be found?

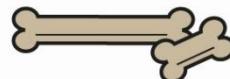
Read - Exodus 8:22

5
Death of Animals
Which animals that belonged to the Egyptians died?

Read - Exodus 9:2

The Lord said to Moses,
"Your brother Aaron shall tell Pharaoh to let the people of Israel go out of his land... The Egyptians shall know that I AM the Lord when I stretch out my hand against Egypt..."

As Pharaoh's heart was hardened against the Israelites, God sent ten plagues upon him...



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6
A Break out of Boils
What did Moses throw into the air before boils appeared on people and animals?

Read - Exodus 9:10

7
A Rain of Hail
What also rained down with the hail?
Where did it not hail?

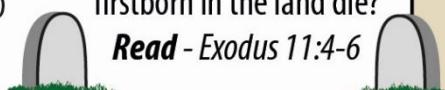
Read - Exodus 9:24-26

8
A Swarm of Locusts
Where did the wind come from that brought the locusts to the land?

Read - Exodus 10:13

9
Darkness over the Land
How many days did it remain dark?

Read - Exodus 10:21-22

10
Death of the Firstborn
At what time would the firstborn in the land die?

Read - Exodus 11:4-6



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Editor's Humour & Philosophy Page

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

For English lovers - Once [Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar](#), Bengali poet and scholar, jokingly asked [Michael Madhusudhan Dutt](#), an Anglophilic poet of great repute; "As you are a Master in English, can you make a sentence without using a single 'E'?"

Dutt, the genius, wrote this:

"I doubt I can. It's a major part of many many words. Omitting it is as hard as making muffins without flour. It's as hard as spitting without saliva, napping without a pillow, driving a train without tracks, sailing to Russia without a boat, washing your hands without soap. And, anyway, what would I gain? An award? A cash bonus? Bragging rights? Why should I strain my brain? It's not worth it.

On Time - "When asked: "What's the biggest mistake we make in life?" - The Buddha replied:

The biggest mistake is you think you have time.

[Time](#) is Free but it's priceless.

You can't own it but you can use it.

You can't keep it but you can spend it.

And once it's lost, you can never get it back.

When squirrels come across an especially spectacular nut, they'll often gather and stare in amazement... very similar to how they're looking at you right now.



Me checking to see if the salad I ate yesterday kicked in yet...



My brain literally stops working when this happens



What airlines think humans look like



Prayer for the Month

Lord Jesus Christ,
We acknowledge your rule over every area of life:
Subdue the worldly by the might of your love.
Son of Mary: consecrate our homes.
Son of David: cleanse our politics.
Son of God: grant us eternal life.
Jesus the Carpenter: hallow our daily work.
Jesus the Saviour: save us from ourselves.
Jesus the Life-giver: renew your Church.
Jesus the Crucified: reveal your love and power to all who suffer.
Jesus the King: raise us to live and reign with you for ever.
Jesus the Word of God: perfect your creation
And bring the world to the knowledge of your love. Amen.

This month's prayer is one that I found recently and comes from the Church of Scotland's Book of Common Order 1994. I love its blend of the everyday with the eternal, blending prayer for our work, homes and politics, with a plea for eternal life.

It has echoes of The Lord's Prayer with its "hallow our daily work." It shows insight when it implores Jesus to "save us from ourselves." It asks God to renew His Church, recognising that renewal is God's gift, not something we can orchestrate.

The prayer ends with a reminder of St John's Gospel with a petition to Jesus the Word of God to bring knowledge of the Father's love to the world.

Those who know the work of John Bell of the Wild Goose Community will not be surprised to learn that this prayer comes from the time when he convened the worship panel that produced the Book of Common Order in 1994.

This is a prayer in simple language that says what it means and means what it says!

God bless,
Tim.

John Lamberton Bell (born 1949) is a Scottish hymn-writer and Church of Scotland minister. He is a member of the Iona Community, a broadcaster, and former student activist. He works throughout the world, lecturing in theological colleges in the UK, Canada and the United States, but is primarily concerned with the renewal of congregational worship at the grass roots level. In 2017, responding to the suicide of Lizzie Lowe who was afraid to tell her parents about her sexuality, John Bell came out as gay during an address at Greenbelt Festival. He had remained single because he believed that this enabled him to work without hindrance or compromise as a public Christian and fulfil his commitments in the area of worship in the Church of Scotland.

Bell is a patron of the Open Table Network, an ecumenical Christian community for LGBT people and their allies. In 2018, Bell received the Cranmer Award for Worship from Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury, "for his outstanding Christian witness, through hymn-writing, broadcasting and social action."

Church Hymnary (Fourth Edition) - John Bell was the Convener (and music editor) of the committee which drafted the Church of Scotland's Church Hymnary (Fourth Edition). The committee first met in 1994; the Fourth Edition was finally published in 2005. Music edition: ISBN 1-85311-613-0

MU - May Meeting

Our speaker on 'Visiting Angels' didn't turn up this month so, we had a discussion about our very informative National Magazine which keeps us up to date with activities around the world and in this country. We are made aware of the vast amount of work done in many underdeveloped countries by the women who are helped by the money we raise. This helps them develop and take responsibility for improving their lives and their families through teaching them to read and to understand money. Helping them start up projects which will bring in money so they can buy food and send their children to school.

We are involved in this country with work in prisons, helping with refugees, running toddler groups, knitting for baby basics. Many jobs in churches are done by Mothers Union members, where there is a need we try to help.

The organisation is open to all baptised persons and we have had men and young women in our branch so feel free to come and see what we are about, we meet on the first Wednesday in the month, our next meeting is June 7th 1.30pm in the Gatty Hall and the speaker is from the Archer Project at Sheffield Cathedral.

Norma Priest

Future Speakers & Events

July 5th	-	Ex Lord Mayor
August 2nd	-	Afternoon Tea
September 6th	-	Mary Williams Holy Cross Day

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Any help most welcome. Thank you. Pat Wood

Whitley Hall Cricket Club



The wet spring has continued to cause havoc at the start of the cricket season. The 1st XI has managed to play 3 out of 6 matches with a win against Cleethorpes, a loss at home on 13th May against Hallam followed by a fine win on 20th May away at Wakefield with the team standing in 3rd position in the Premier League at the time of writing. A further bright note has been the victory at home over Collegiate in the Yorkshire Knock-out cup on 1st May with the second round at home against Clifton CC, York on Sunday 4th June. The 2nd XI has been similarly affected with the seconds only completing 2 matches out of 6 with defeats at Ackworth away and Wakefield at home with the team currently in bottom place in Division 1. The 3rd team have played 4 out of 6 with four victories putting them at the top of Division 6! Lets hope for some better weather for the rest of May and June. A reminder that Whitley is involved again

in the ECB junior formats for boys and girls of All-Stars for ages up to 7 and Dynamos from ages 8-11. A cricket sports week in the summer holidays and various other junior initiatives will be organised— if you are interested, please contact us. Spectators are welcome to use all the facilities in the pavilion where drinks and snacks are available.

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

27 th May	2 nd XI	v	Oughtibridge 1 st XI
3 rd June	1 st XI	v	Barnsley 1 st XI
4 th June 12.30 (Cup)	1 st XI	v	Clifton Alliance, York 1 st XI
10 th June	2 nd XI	v	Green Moor 1 st XI
17 th June	1 st XI	v	Aston Hall 1 st XI
24 th June	2 nd XI	v	Rotherham 1 st XI
1 st July	1 st XI	v	Collegiate 1 st XI
8 th July	2 nd XI	v	Sheffield United 1 st XI

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The Gardening Year – June

Edible flowers, most people associate container gardening with pretty flowers and there is no reason why your edible container garden should not contain them. Not only do some attract bees and other beneficial insects, but many can also be eaten. Use them to garnish your salads and colour to your pallet. Careful Choices, you must know what you are eating when trying flowers as some are poisonous. Buy your plants or seed from a reputable source and make sure you know what you have sown. Some people have allergic reactions (hay fever or asthma.) to certain flowers. They should not be eat flower or leaves of plants of the same flower family.

How to use edible flowers. there are numerous flowers that are suitable for eating, this is just a small selection. There are many ways to use them in the kitchen, here are some ideas: Scatter the leaves and petals into salads. Freeze whole flowers into ice cubes for adding to drinks. Infuse the flowers in oil or vinegar. Make flowers into tea, add chop flowers to omelettes or pasta.

Chamomile petals, with its faint apple aroma and taste you can use chamomile Petals as a tea simply infuse a teaspoon of chamomile Petals in a cup of boiling water for 10 minutes strain and drink. Chamomile is relaxing, so it makes a great drink to have before bedtime or is useful in times of stress.

Chive flowers, the beautiful chive flowers are very attractive to bees and butterfly's so make sure you share your crop; you can eat them with salads to provide a mild onion flavour or add to omelettes or soups. If you pull apart the petals, you can mix them into butter for a mild version of garlic butter .

Courgette flowers ,courgette flowers can be used like vine leaves or cabbage leaves and eaten with a filling .Stuff them with your chosen mix. (Ricotta and mint are a popular choice), dip in batter, then fry until golden .alternatively treat the courgette flower like spinach, shred finely, toss in hot oil until wilted and serve with rice.

Nasturtium, the flowers ,seeds and leaves can all be eaten on Nasturtium plants. Nasturtium flowers make a wonderful addition to salads with their bright, cheery colour. They have a peppery taste, a bit like watercress. The seeds can be pickled and used like capers, and the leaves can be used as salad leaves.

Colin Williams

Eat the Seasons – June

Vegetables - Artichoke, Asparagus, 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, Peaches, Strawberries

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

Meat - Lamb, Wood Pigeon

Fish - Cod, Coley, Crab, Haddock, Halibut, Herring, Langoustine, Plaice, Pollack, Prawns, Salmon, Sardines, Scallops (Queen), Sea Bream, Sea Trout, Shrimp, Squid, Whelks, Whitebait

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The story behind the HYMN: Lord, for the years

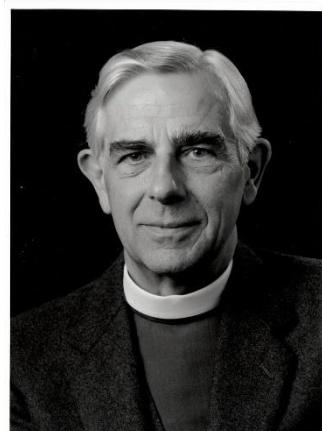
Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.

Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise

This well-loved hymn was written in 1967 by the Revd Timothy Dudley Smith, who later became Bishop of Thetford. He later confessed: "I wrote it on a train when I was very pressed for time. I'm thankful if something I write gets picked up, but I suspect anyone who does something in a rush later regrets that they didn't find time to apply the sandpaper a bit more!"

Dudley Smith had been asked to write a hymn for the centenary service of the Children's Special Service Mission, now Scripture Union, in St Paul's Cathedral. His commission was to write words that could be fitted to Jean Sibelius's Finlandia, as it was to be accompanied by an orchestra with this tune in their repertoire. And so – 'Lord for the years' was written.

Dudley Smith need not have worried about lack of time – his lyrics were a 'hit' in the cathedral on the day, and went on to become so well-loved that George Carey chose the hymn to be sung at his consecration as Bishop of Bath and Wells, and then again later, in 1991, at his consecration as Archbishop in Canterbury Cathedral.



The hymn continued to be widely sung and loved, until in 2002 Timothy Dudley Smith was asked to write an extra verse for it so that it could even be sung around the time of the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

Many of the words in the hymn were true for the Queen herself. She did indeed thank God 'for the years your love has kept and guided, urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way'...

The 'extra' verse, added for the Queen, can now become our prayer and hope for King Charles.

*Lord for our hopes, the dreams of all our living,
Christ and his kingdom one united aim,
Rulers and peoples bound in high thanksgiving,
Lord of our hopes, our trust is in your Name.*

Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here



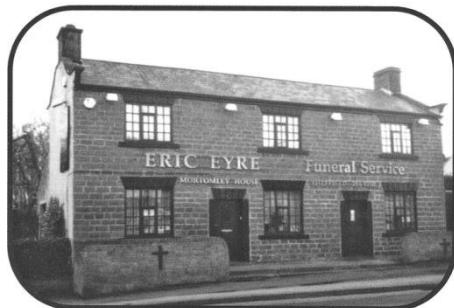
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It is time to eat Aubergine

Although often associated with warmer, more exotic lands, the striking looking aubergine is widely cultivated in Britain. Its subtle and distinctive combination of textures and flavours - smooth, fleshy, creamy, smoky - make it a versatile and beguiling component of many great dishes.

The aubergine is thought to be of Indian origin and records show that it was being cultivated in China in the fifth century. From around the fifteenth century it became increasingly popular in Mediterranean Europe and has long been established in classic dishes such as moussaka (from Greece) and ratatouille (southern France). Influential cookery writer Elizabeth David played a significant role in bringing the aubergine to the attention of the British in the mid-twentieth century.

Aubergine ([Solanum melongena](#)) is botanically not a vegetable but a berry.
<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Eggplant>

Choose aubergines that feel heavy with smooth, taut, unblemished skin and fresh-looking unwithered green stalks. Aubergines are easily damaged; handle with care. They keep in the fridge for a few days. In the past it was normal to salt aubergines to remove bitterness and moisture. Nowadays aubergines are rarely too bitter and this step can be safely omitted.

Melitzanosalata (*Melitzano*: Eggplant and *salata*: salad) is a classic Greek appetizer made of cooked eggplant (Aubergine), olive oil, lemon juice, and garlic. It is an aubergine dip that can be served as an appetizer or a side dish. In other languages, it's known by different names. In English, it's called eggplant caviar while its French name is caviar aubergine.

Ingredients

2 large Aubergines - purple eggplants
1/2 medium red onion
1 clove garlic, crushed
70 ml olive oil (1/4 cup)
2 tablespoons lemon juice
sea salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
2 tablespoons fresh parsley, chopped



Method

To prepare the Melitzanosalata (Aubergine Salad) start by baking the Aubergines in a preheated oven at 180C. You could either bake them whole or sliced in half lengthwise, depending on how much time you've got to bake them. If you choose to bake them whole, use a fork to make some holes on the aubergines, place on a tray and bake for about 45 minutes to 1 hour.

Allow to cool a little then peel the Aubergines and dice the pulp.

Place the pulp and the remaining ingredients in a large bowl and vigorously mix with a wooden or plastic spoon. (If you prefer your salad to have a creamier texture, then add the ingredients in a blender or food processor and pulse, adding the olive oil gradually on a steady stream. Alternatively mash the eggplants using a fork). Let the salad cool down and put in the fridge to allow the flavours to mingle before serving.

Serve in a small bowl garnished with a whole black olive and some crusty rolls. Enjoy!

Crossword Puzzle

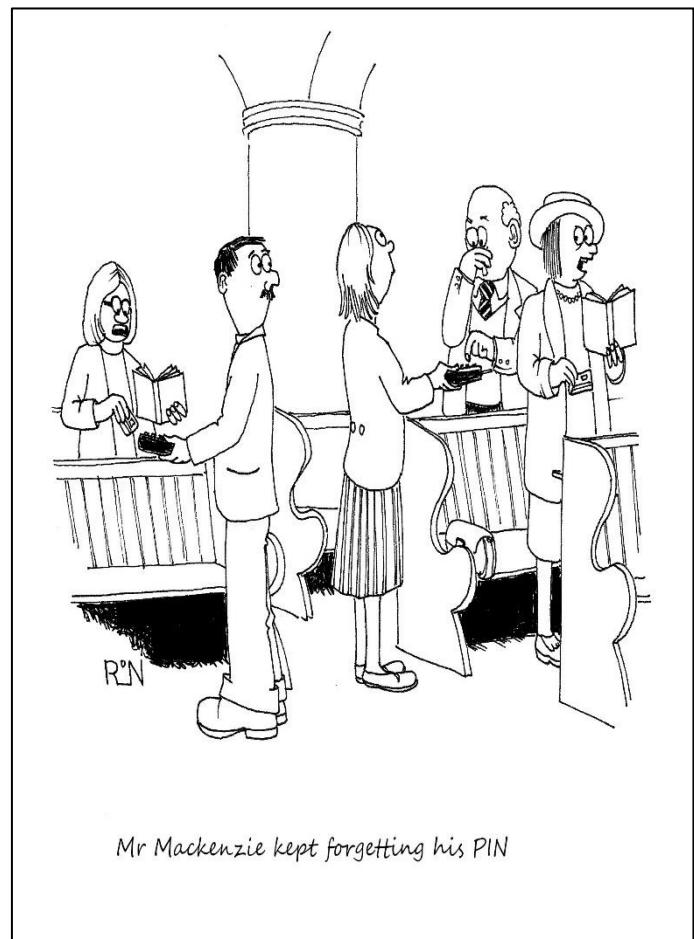
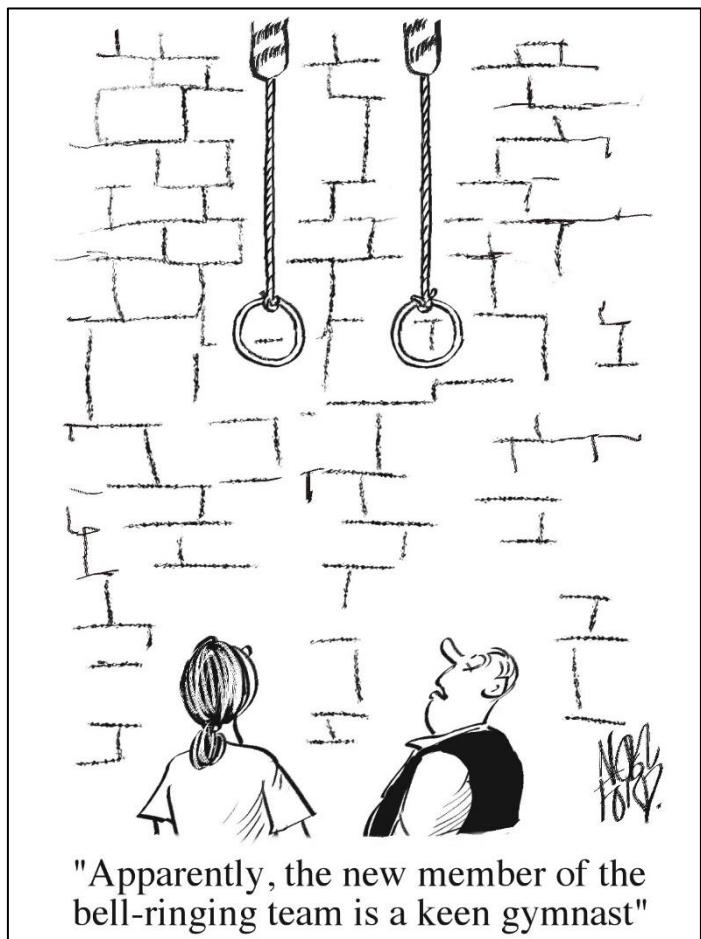
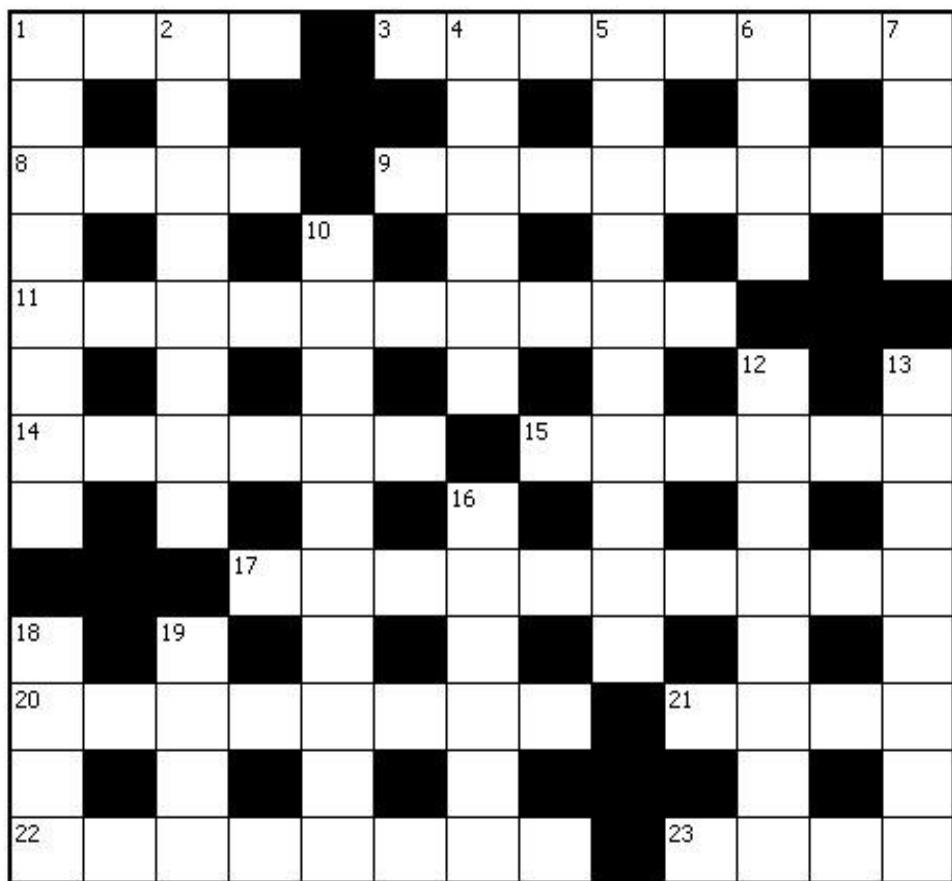
Clues Across

- 1** See 23 Across
- 3** Where the thief on the cross was told he would be, with Jesus (Luke 23:43) (8)
- 8** Invalid (4)
- 9** Blasphemed (Ezekiel 36:20) (8)
- 11** Adhering to the letter of the law rather than its spirit (Philippians 3:6) (10)
- 14** Shut (Ecclesiastes 12:4) (6)
- 15** 'This is how it will be with anyone who — up things for himself but is not rich towards God' (Luke 12:21) (6)
- 17** Mary on Isis (anag.) (10)
- 20** Agreement (Hebrews 9:15) (8)
- 21** Native of, say, Bangkok (4)
- 22** Deaf fort (anag.) (5-3)
- 23** and 1 Across 'The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of — to work it and take — of it' (Genesis 2:15) (4,4)

Clues Down

- 1** Struggle between opposing forces (Habakkuk 1:3) (8)
- 2** James defined this as 'looking after orphans and widows in their distress and keeping oneself from being polluted by the world' (James 1:27) (8)
- 4** 'The one I kiss is the man; — him' (Matthew 26:48) (6)
- 5** 'Be joyful in hope, patient in — , faithful in prayer' (Romans 12:12) (10)
- 6** St Columba's burial place (4)
- 7** Swirling current of water (4)
- 10** Loyalty (Isaiah 19:18) (10)
- 12** 'God was pleased through the foolishness of what was — , to save those who believe' (1 Corinthians 1:21) (8)
- 13** Camp where the angel of the Lord slew 185,000 men one night (2 Kings 19:35) (8)
- 16** 'There is still — — Jonathan; he is crippled in both feet' (2 Samuel 9:3) (1,3,2)
- 18** David Livingstone was one (4)
- 19** Driver and Vehicle Licensing Authority (1,1,1,1)

Solution is on Page 23



Chapeltown & District Probus Club



We welcomed the return of Paul Adey in May. Paul is best known for his talks on the motor industry but, following his well-researched talk on the Battle of Jutland in December, this time he spoke about Energy. In his usual well-researched way, he put forward a range of historical facts bringing us to the present day. He included some personal views about how we are addressing the generation of electricity and the move to electric vehicles and electric home heating, expressing quite a strong view that the UK is jumping to solutions before proper research and development has been carried out. An extremely interesting and thought provoking talk. After the meeting, lunch was enjoyed at Wortley Hall. On 18th May, 38 members and guests enjoyed the Spring lunch, also held at Wortley Hall.

In June, we welcome a new presenter to this club when John Hope presents "If at first you don't succeed".

Our next events will be a visit to Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet in May, and a visit to Wentworth Woodhouse in September - family members and visitors are all most welcome.

The club is focussed on providing a place for retired and semi-retired men to meet in a convivial atmosphere. We welcome new members and if you are interested, why not come along as a guest to see what happens? Please make contact with the Secretary, Trevor Winslow (see below).

Upcoming meetings at 10:00 in Grenoside Community Centre (followed by optional lunch at Wortley Hall)

14th June – John Hope – “If at First You Don’t Succeed”

12th July – Alan Hancock – “Bobby in Bosnia”

9th August – Paul Adey – “History of the European Motor Industry Pt. 1”

Contact details: E-Mail chapeltown.probus@gmail.com,

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Support National Week of the Ocean 4th – 10th June

The National Week of the Ocean is held each year during the second week of June. It aims to spotlight the threats faced by marine habitats and species, and also to offer some solutions on how to solve them.

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Prayers and Poems Page

Prayer for June 2023- By Daphne Kitching

Dear Father,

As we come to this beautiful time of year, the month of June, we thank you for the wonder of your creation and the way our spirits are lifted as we see all around us the freshness of a new summer.

This month we remember Barnabas, whose name means, child of encouragement. He was a good person, full of the Holy Spirit and faith. Lord, help each of us to be a Barnabas to someone today, to encourage and lift up, led by your Holy Spirit and full of faith.

Help us to share your love and goodness, especially with those whose circumstances are difficult. Help us all to trust you through good times and testing times, knowing you are always with us, always encouraging us, always faithful.

In Jesus' name. Amen

The Trinity- By Nigel Beeton

Praise to the Father and the Son
And to the Holy Ghost.
Praise to the Holy Trinity
From Earth and Heaven's Host;
For they shall be eternally
A triune mystery!

The Father God, creative one
Who gave the world its form,
He knew us from the mists of time
Ere we were even born.
He made us all and it was He
Who lit the earth's first dawn!

"Let there be Light", the Word of God
He spoke and it was done!
Though He was God, He took our flesh
As Jesus, God's own Son.
He came to earth and died for us
And life o'er death He won!

The Spirit broods on waters deep –
No depth too deep for Him.
He breathes into the soul of man
And leaves no room for sin.
We'll live with Him eternally
If we just let Him in!

Praise to the Father and the Son
And to the Holy Ghost.
Praise to the Holy Trinity
From Earth and Heaven's Host;
For they shall be eternally
A triune mystery!

The Bookcase- By Nigel Beeton

A simple wooden bookcase
So plain to prying eyes
Concealed a family, hiding
From Nazis and their spies.

And Anne Frank kept a record
Of their long time inside
She told us of the tensions
And what it's like to hide.

How hard it is to live so close
As day comes after day;
When you must stay well hidden –
When there's no other way.

She told us of the arguments
With strangers and with kin
She told us of the hunger
And dread of life within.

She told us of the bravery
Of those who, though unpaid,
These brave souls daily risked their lives
To bring them food and aid.

She told us of her youthful hopes
When evil men had fled,
In forty-four, those hopes were dashed
The Nazis came instead.

But how would we, who live in peace
Whose lives run close to plan
Have known of life in fear and dread
If it wasn't for brave Anne?

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Groups:	Times and Days:	Phone:
Choir Practice in Church	7 pm on Friday Practice in Church	
Contact: Lynda Pearce		246 3935
Music Group	7:30 pm Thursday Practice in Church	
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Mother's Union in Gatty Hall	1 pm 1st Wednesday of the month	
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Artisan Craft Fair

in

The Gatty Memorial Hall

Priory Road - Ecclesfield - Sheffield - S35 9XY

24 June 10am to 4pm

Free Entrance

A range of stalls including:

Wood Turner - Pyrographic Artist

Jeweller and Glass Maker

Quilt Maker - Milliner

Hand Made Collectable Teddy Bears

Porcelain Flowers - Vintage Tea Cups

Various Stitched Items

Come and meet the makers

All the stallholders make their own goods and will be in attendance to answer any questions

Tea, Coffee and Homemade Cakes