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# First Words

September seems to have arrived very early this year!

On **Sunday 1st Sept at 10am** Revd. Alison Cook will preside at Communion and preach. On **Thursday 5th Sept at 9.30am** we welcome Revd. Andy Poultney to lead our mid-week communion.

On **Sunday 8th September** we have our monthly **Prayer and Praise at 10am**. And on **Thursday 12th September** we welcome Revd. Mike Gilbert, our new Assistant Archdeacon to our mid-week Communion at **9.30am**.

**Saturday 14th September** sees our monthly **Prayer Breakfast at 9am** followed by the **Bereavement Cafe at 10.30am**.

**Baptisms** follow the Communion Service at **12 noon on Sunday 15th September**.

**Monday 16th September, Fabric Team Meeting in Church at 2pm** and **Wedding Rehearsal at 5pm**.

On **Wednesday 18th September** we meet in Church at **2.30pm** to plan services and hymns for October & November.

On **Friday 20th September at 2pm** there is a **Wedding** in Church.

On **Monday 23rd September the PCC meets at 7.30pm**.

On **Wednesday 25th September at 2pm the Finance Committee** meet in Church and at **4.30pm the Ecclesfield Charities** meet.

Finally on **Sunday 29th September** we celebrate the feast of **St Michael and All Angels** with a **Choral Evensong at 6.30pm** sung by **The Steel City Choristers**.

Tim

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## Morning Prayer

I am in Church every morning, Monday to Thursday to pray Morning Prayer.

I open up between 8.15 & 8.30 and we begin with a time of silent prayer.

We begin to pray Morning Prayer at about 8.45.

The new West Doors are open and all are welcome to join me

- either regularly or as a 'one off.'

You don't need to let me know in advance - just turn up.

Keep an eye on the notice sheet for when I am on leave.

God bless,  
Tim

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***Join us on Sunday 29th September at 6.30pm to celebrate the feast of St Michael and All Angels. The Steel City Choristers will be singing Choral Evensong. All welcome.***

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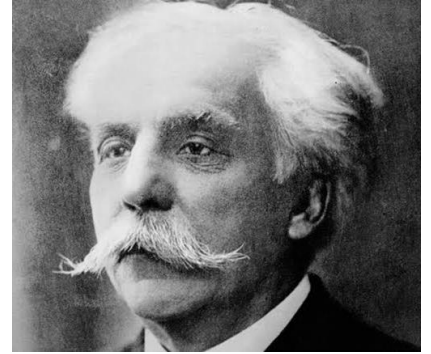
# God in The Arts - Music

*Editor: The Revd Michael Burgess continues his series looking at great works of music.*

## **‘Glorious the song when God’s the theme’: Fauré’s Requiem**

At the end of his life in 1924, Gabriel Fauré, the French composer, said to his sons, “When I am no longer here, you will hear it said of my works, ‘After all, that was nothing much to write home about!’ You must not let that hurt or depress you. It is the way of the world.”

His concern was ill-founded, for Fauré’s compositions, vocal, choral and instrumental, have become standard works in concert programmes, and are much loved by all who value the beauty and joy of music.



Gabriel Fauré

Curiously, the one work of Fauré’s that is most frequently performed, his Requiem, had a lukewarm reception at its first performance. That was in 1888 at the funeral of an important Parisian architect in the church of the Madeleine. Afterwards the priests there told Fauré that the church’s own musical repertoire did not require this new addition, and so for over 20 years the Requiem was virtually ignored.

Now it is one of the most loved and sublime settings of the Requiem. Is it because of the graceful, fleeting lines of melodies that Debussy compared to the gesture of a beautiful woman? Or is it because of the resigned, yet optimistic approach to death and eternal life that is at the heart of Fauré’s setting. He wrote, “It has been said that my Requiem does not express the fear of death, and someone has called it a lullaby of death. But it is thus that I see death: as a happy deliverance, an aspiration towards happiness above...”

Written on the death of his parents, the Requiem in many ways marks the end of Fauré’s youth. It was a youth that could be said to have begun with another beautiful choral work, the Cantique de Jean Racine. This was composed in 1865 when Fauré was just 20 years old, and finishing his studies at the École Niedermeyer.

Yet however youthful, it has all the hallmarks of the great composer: a serenity and a delicacy in setting the words, and a clarity of line and beauty of proportion that makes the work sing out its prayer. It addresses Jesus the Word and asks that He will watch over us and send us His grace. If we have been forgetful, then stir our hearts again. Receive this song, it prays, which is your gift to us returned in full measure.

The Cantique points to God as the author of all beauty. The music we compose is His inspiration and gift in our lives, which we offer to the world and to Him. In the novel *God’s Apology* by Olivia Fane, the ten-year old girl, Joanna, talks of music as God’s gift in this way. “I have come,” she says, “because the lines of communication between our two worlds has been frayed. Music is the language of God. We can not only hear it, we can also sing it. So, sing now: sing in joy and in pain, sing to God.” As we listen to Fauré’s Requiem or Cantique, we can rejoice in that gift of music, and find it opening up God’s world of beauty and harmony for us to hear and enjoy.



# Mother's Union Meeting

The Mothers' Union enjoyed a wonderful afternoon with over forty people at their Afternoon Tea in aid of our scheme for sending families on holiday. The light hearted quiz set then set mood for much laughter. This was followed by sandwiches, a savoury, scones and cream and some wonderful cakes with tea or coffee. Listening to the chatter and laughter we were pleased people had so much fun whilst raising funds for others. The happy comments made as people went out was worth all the hard work the members and especially the committee had put into the event.



A very big THANK YOU to everyone who supported our afternoon tea in so many ways, buying tickets, making cards and helping set up and clear up. It was a lovely happy event with good food and many laughs.



We are pleased to have raised over £650 donations are still welcome as the money will help send a family on a much needed break or families from my Refuge centre on a trip.

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# End the 'scandal' of the need for food banks, General Synod hears

Public policy needs to address the 'root causes' of rising levels of poverty, the General Synod was recently told, in a debate where members voted to express concern over increasing levels of dependence on food banks.

Synod members noted the 'major contribution' to social welfare being made by churches and others in the provision of food banks, but said that some organisations providing emergency food aid were being driven to 'breaking point' by demand.

Members welcomed the help provided under the previous Government to less well-off households, but noted that this had not solved dependence which is being driven by 'serious inadequacies' in the social security system.

The Synod voted to back a call for the Church of England bishops to press the Government for a review of the adequacy of social security provision, and to consider the feasibility of introducing an 'Essentials Guarantee.'

The Guarantee would tie the rate of benefits to the cost of essentials, measured annually through an independent process.

The Synod voted further to urge the bishops and in particular those in the House of Lords to engage with the Government and "strongly encourage" the Government to do "everything possible" to bring about an immediate end to the two-child benefit limit.

Introducing the debate, on the Sheffield Diocesan Synod motion, Ven Malcolm Chamberlain, from the Diocese of Sheffield, told the Synod that the need for food banks was "nothing short of a scandal".

He quoted figures from the Trussell Trust charity that their food banks had distributed more than 3.1 million emergency food parcels during the year ending in March.

This was the biggest number of parcels ever distributed in a single year, he said, and nearly double the number distributed five years ago. More than a million of these were to households with children, he added.

He said The Children's Society expects the number of children living in poverty in the UK to reach five million this year.

"Foodbanks are an essential provision, but the Trussell Trust and others agree that they and other social initiatives are not a satisfactory way of tackling the underlying problem of poverty in our society," he said.

"Public policy needs to go further upstream to address the root causes."

He added: "Poverty is causing too much suffering and damage for us to simply accept it as an unavoidable inevitability. Despite the financial challenges, we are not a poor nation incapable of caring for our most vulnerable citizens."

The debate heard several speakers from across the country giving examples of churches providing help to people struggling to cover basic costs.



# Reflecting Faith: Arts and Crafts Churches

*Editor: The Revd Dr Jo White considers the stones and mortar...*

Originally, the theology behind church building was to build church buildings on higher land, so that people would have to lift their heads to look upon them; with the tower or spire giving it extra height.

This was reflecting the faith of lifting our eyes to God and recognising our place in His Creation – and yet He still came to earth for us.

Often a clock would have been placed on the tower or spire for the local people who would not have had personal time-pieces, and again they would have lifted their eyes heavenward to see it. The clock might have chimed, or would have been connected with the church bells to enable illiterate people to know the time.

There were 612 Commissioner churches built in the early 1800's, when society was becoming industrialised, and folk were moving away from rural life and into towns.

By the middle of that century the Arts and Crafts Movement was well under way, and church buildings were being 'targeted'.

Between 1884 and 1918 there were about 5000 churches built in the UK, of which around 350 can be identified as Arts and Crafts churches. Much depended on the Patron of the church and their generosity.

In East and North Yorkshire there are a set of 17 churches which were restored or built by the local patron(s) – father and son of the Sykes Family of Sledmere House – between 1866 and 1913. They say they are unparalleled elsewhere in Britain.

## **This month:**

Have a look at a church near you and see if you can see the influence in it of this Arts and Crafts Movement. It was intended to make buildings less austere, more decorative, more 'emotive'. Do you think it does?

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# St James the Least of All

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

## On why you should never replace your hymn books

The Rectory  
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren.

I am surprised you are considering buying a new set of hymn books for your church. I had assumed everything you sang would be projected on to one of those screens which are invariably placed to obscure the altar.

In my – fortunately limited – experience of such devices, they provide the projectionist with endless opportunities for showing the wrong hymn, or the right hymn but from another edition, which will contain either one verse too many or one too few. Should the hymn run to two pages, then the turnover always takes place some milliseconds after that verse has started, so that the congregation is faced with the snap decision of either trying to sing two lines at double time, or just to join in late, making a nonsense of the words.

When we decided to change hymn books some years ago, the reverberations made the consequences of that little event in Sarajevo seem insignificant. The proposal was to move from Hymns Ancient and More Ancient to the more recent version: Hymns Ancient and Slightly Less Ancient.

Colonel Wainwright said he would be happy so long as we continued fighting good fights and urging Christian soldiers onwards. The men wanted the hymns they remembered from school, the ladies those they sang at their weddings, and no one would consider anything that dropped 'thines' or 'wouldsts'. The basses in the choir wanted hymns they knew the tenors found difficult and those who couldn't read music wanted more hymns sung in unison. When a rumour started that the books may contain hymns written in the last 50 years, timetables were consulted for bus services to the next village.

Eventually we reached a perfect compromise: doing something which made no change whatsoever. Miss Simpson was charged with buying yards of sticky backed plastic and repairing the current books. She put a note on the front of every copy that if the page for the hymn they wanted was missing, they should share with the person sitting next to them – an experience which will be almost as traumatic as being invited to pass the peace. Yet another decision has thereby been deferred for a Church Council to make some time next century. Harmony reigns once again.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

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**Wiki** - The first known printed hymnal was issued in 1501 in Prague by Czech Brethren (a small radical religious group of the Bohemian Reformation) but it contains only texts of sacred songs. The Ausbund, an Anabaptist hymnal published in 1564, is still used by the Amish, making it the oldest hymnal in continuous use. The first hymnal of the Lutheran Reformation was Achtliederbuch, followed by the Erfurt Enchiridion. An important hymnal of the 17th century was Praxis pietatis melica.



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## Thought for the Month

It is September again! I hope that you had a restful August and have managed to have a break or a holiday. For most of us September is like the start of a new year - we associate it with school and college terms.

Like almost every Church of all denominations, St Mary's was very badly hit by lock-down and hasn't recovered. Despite new people joining us our numbers on a Sunday are about 70% of what they were before lockdown. This is the same for most Churches in the UK (nationally attendance is on average 50% to 80% of pre-lockdown numbers). Even before lockdown attendance was not what it was twenty years ago.

Most of those who help with running St Mary's and raising the £260 per day that it costs for us to remain open are retired and are getting older.

The Church in the UK is in a very difficult place. Although most people would not call themselves atheists, religion and faith have little place in their daily and weekly lives. Most people cannot imagine what it would be like to live their lives with God and faith having an important place.

At St Mary's we welcome relatively large numbers for Baptisms, weddings and funerals. The big festivals of the year, especially Remembrance Sunday and the Christmas Celebrations are well attended. There is a real feeling in Ecclesfield and beyond among many who attend rarely that this is 'their Church.'

The reality is that if we want St Mary's Church in Ecclesfield to still be here and open in ten years time then we need more people to act now to ensure that this will happen. We need your support, in helping to run the Church, in helping with the services and your financial support.

St Mary's is not and never has been a Church that exists only for those who attend on Sundays. It is a community Church and we hold it in trust for the parish and beyond as well as for future generations.

The challenge to all who want to ensure that St Mary's has a future beyond the next ten years is to ask ourselves what we are willing to do!

If you want to know more about how you can help secure St Mary's future, please speak to me.

God bless,

Tim.

# Whitley Hall Cricket Club



July was a difficult month for the 1<sup>st</sup> XI with the match on 6<sup>th</sup> July at Cleethorpes cancelled due to a flooded pitch, followed by 3 defeats at Tickhill away, at home to Appleby Frodingham and on 27<sup>th</sup> July away to Barnsley.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> August, Doncaster visited Baxter Field and set a target of 279 after 50 overs. A fine batting performance by Whitley with Andrew Pickering on 89 and James Moorhouse on 76 saw the team win with 280 runs with 6 wickets left. However the following Saturday, Cawthorne visited and the Whitley innings saw the team all out for 121 which was easily beaten in 25 overs with only 3 wickets loss by Cawthorne. Then on 17<sup>th</sup> August, our visit to Collegiate resulted in a fine win with Collegiate's 173 after 50 overs being beaten with 5 wickets remaining with Harry Wood taking 3 wickets and Neil Longhurst 79 runs. 24<sup>th</sup> August saw Wakefield visit Baxter Field, Whitley setting a target of 218 which was beaten by Wakefield with 1 wicket remaining.

Bank Holiday Monday brought League Leaders Cleethorpes to Baxter Field but Whitley were all-out for 172 leaving the visitors Cleethorpes what turned out to be a straightforward task and they beat the target with 5 wickets remaining. As at 30<sup>th</sup> August, the team is in 7<sup>th</sup> place but with 6 teams from 5<sup>th</sup> down to 10<sup>th</sup> place all within 20 points, the remaining 3 games will be critical for the final placings although Whitley will be playing against teams below them in the table. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI is in 6<sup>th</sup> place in Division 1 and the 3<sup>rd</sup> XI is doing well in 3<sup>rd</sup> position in Division 6 with an outside chance of promotion..

All visitors are welcome to use the facilities in the pavilion where snacks and drinks are available.

## Final Senior Games at Cinder Hill Lane (12 noon, 1.00pm for 3<sup>rd</sup> XI)

31 <sup>st</sup> August	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Conisbrough 1 <sup>st</sup> XI
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup> September	3 <sup>rd</sup> XI	v	Warmsworth 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI
7 <sup>th</sup> September	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Elsecar 1 <sup>st</sup> XI
14 <sup>th</sup> September	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Aston Hall 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI

Contact: Joe Webster, Secretary: 07969 014592

**Andrew Robinson**

We thought you might find it helpful to know what the significant days and Sundays of each month are called

Date	Day	Colour
Sunday 1st September	Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity	Green
Sunday 8th September	Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity	Green
Saturday 14th September	Holy Cross Day	Red
Sunday 15th September	Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity	Green
Sunday 22nd September	Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity	Green
Sunday 29th September	Michael and All Angels	White





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# From the Registers

## Baptisms

Sunday 4th August                      Andre Scott Worthington  
Bobby-Joe David Faulkner

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

## Marriages

Friday 2nd August                      Simon Bramhall & Sherridan Downs  
Saturday 3rd August                      Aaron Lonsdale & Lucy Crawford  
Saturday 24th August                      Steven Travers & Gemma Galley  
Saturday 24th August                      Mcauley Wainwright & Lara Morgan

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

## Funerals

Thursday 25th August                      Craig Barnes  
Thursday 15th August                      Michael Gregory  
Monday 19th August                      Doreen Bratby  
Wednesday 21st August                      David Edward Hawley

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

# What's the Big Idea? An Introduction to the Gospel of Matthew

*Editor: Canon Paul Hardingham begins a new series which will run for the next two years.*

This month we turn to the New Testament and look at Matthew, the first of the gospels. Although linked to Matthew the apostle, it is generally believed that the author used oral tradition, written fragments, eye-witness accounts, as well as common material in the other synoptic gospels (Mark and Luke).

Matthew, in writing for Jews, sets out to prove that Jesus is the true Messiah. He connects Jesus' birth, life death and resurrection with the Old Testament Scriptures. In fact, he quotes the Old Testament more than any other New Testament author. This is reflected in the opening genealogy which traces Jesus back to Abraham; in his use of the terms *kingdom of heaven* and *Father in heaven*, reflecting a Jewish reluctance to use God's name; and in the way he portrays Jesus as the *Son of David*.

The whole gospel is structured around five blocks of teaching (chapters 5-7; 10; 13; 18; 24-25). This fivefold division reflects the structure of the Pentateuch (the first five books of the Old Testament).

Matthew provides a comprehensive context by which we see all God's creation and salvation completed in Jesus, and all parts of our lives (work, family, friends and future) completed in Him. At the end of his gospel, Matthew records Jesus' commission to His disciples share this good news, promising to be with them:

*'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age.'* (28:18-20)

# 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.

## **Faithful to Scripture, Faithful to Science: Alister McGrath on science and Christian faith**

Alister McGrath is well-known as a theologian, but he started out as a scientist. After becoming a Christian as a student, he wanted to learn about his new faith, so he studied theology at the same time as completing his PhD in molecular biophysics. He has not lost touch with science, but has continued to write and speak about how science and Christian faith work together. In this extract from a recently released interview, he shares his experience of being a scientist and a Christian.

"I think my most vivid experience of wonder took place in the 1970s when I was on vacation in Iran. We were travelling on a bus in the middle of the night because it wasn't hot then, and the bus broke down. We found ourselves in the middle of this solemn black desert, and the night sky shone with a brilliance like I had never seen before. That just overwhelmed me, it made me think there is something really wonderful here.

"Now, I was a Christian by that time and I knew how Christianity could answer that but it just struck me, that sense of wonder has two possible outcomes. One is science - this universe is wonderful, what's it all about? But of course, it is also about religion, the deeper levels of things that science can't really engage. I think one of the things I have discovered over time is that maybe this sense of wonder both opens the gateway to science and to faith, and that those two together are able to answer questions which on their own they simply couldn't.

"I think science is wonderful at asking questions. Some of those questions can be answered, but very often when you do answer them, they simply open up yet more questions. But of course, there are some more fundamental questions I think science simply cannot answer - they transcend its capacities to answer, and you might think of non-empirical questions like, 'Why am I here? What is the meaning of life? What is good and how do I live a good life?'

"These are real questions and they're good questions but they're not scientific questions. And the psychologists tell us that we really need answers to those questions if we are to lead a fulfilled human existence. You find some scientists who say, 'Well because science can't answer them there are no answers to be given', but actually most realise that there are answers waiting to be discovered - it's just that science can't deliver them.

"Science fills in part of a big picture but there are parts of the picture you have to fill in from somewhere else. Science is part of the answer but only part, and faith supplements it, giving us a vision of life that is exciting and reliable, and also something that we can inhabit meaningfully."

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**Wiki** - A former atheist, McGrath accepts and promotes evolution. In 2004 McGrath suggested in *The Twilight of Atheism* that atheism was in decline. He has been highly critical of Richard Dawkins, calling him "embarrassingly ignorant of Christian theology". His book, *The Dawkins Delusion? – a response to Dawkins's The God Delusion* – was published by SPCK in February 2007, and the two had public debate on the topic, "Does religious belief damage the health of a society, or is it necessary to provide the moral and ethical foundations of a healthy society?" [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alister\\_McGrath](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alister_McGrath)





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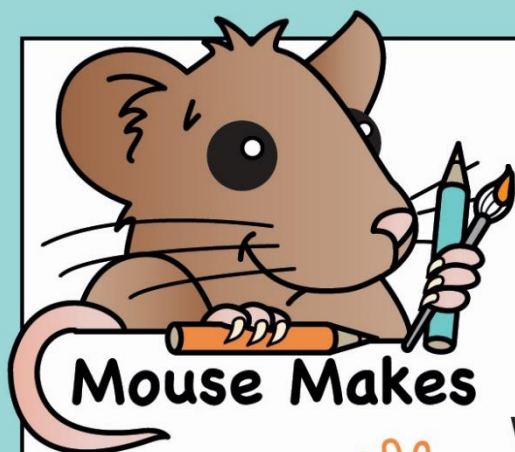
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to go to pray?  
*Matthew 6:6*



What does God know  
before you ask Him?  
*Matthew 6:8*



What can we ask God  
to deliver us from?  
*Matthew 6:13*

If you forgive others  
what will God do?  
*Matthew 6:14*



"Always be full of **joy**.  
**Never** stop praying.  
Whatever happens,  
always be **thankful**."  
*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*



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# Editor's Humour & Philosophy Page

Links and some images in this magazine are clickable - enjoy

**Bible Sense** - Being married to a woman who reads her Bible can have its drawbacks. When a man protested to his wife that wiping dishes was not a man's job, his wife replied simply: "2 Kings 21:13", and handed him a tea towel. Later he looked it up: 'And I will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish, wiping it and turning it upside down.'

**Eating Out** - After the fall in Garden of Eden, Adam was walking with his sons Cain and Abel. As they passed by the ruins of the Garden of Eden, one of the boys asked, "Father, what's that?" - Adam replied, "Boys, that's where your mother ate us out of house and home."

**Visit** - A bishop visited a primary school in his full episcopal attire – with his mitre, robes and bishop's crook or crozier. A little lad's mother asked him later what he had thought of the bishop's visit to his school. The little boy replied: "It was great – now I know what a *real* crook looks like!"

**Golf** - "I play Second World War golf," one clergyman confessed to another. "You know – out in 39 and back in 45."



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# Prayer for the Month

***Everlasting God,  
you have ordained and constituted the ministries of angels and mortals in a  
wonderful order:  
grant that as your holy angels always serve you in heaven,  
so, at your command,  
they may help and defend us on earth;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.***

In Western Europe in the past couple of hundred years we have lived in an increasingly 'shallow' world. By this I mean that we believe that the material world is all that there is. It is a world without spiritual depth.

Interestingly some research done in Birmingham a number of years ago unexpectedly revealed that well over 75% of the population have had an experience of the supernatural, an experience that a materialistic world-view cannot account for. What interested me most about the research is that of those 75% plus people who had had an experience of the supernatural more than 93% had never told anyone about their experience.

The research shows that most of us believe that the world is richer and deeper than our 'public worldview' acknowledges. It also shows that we do not know how to speak about or understand these experiences that suggest, in the world of Shakespeare, "there are more things in heaven and on earth ... than are dreamt of in your philosophy."

On the 29th of September we have an annual reminder of this truth as we celebrate Michaelmas, the feast of St Michael and All Angels. We remind ourselves that God has made creatures of which we know nothing; that the world is richer and deeper and stranger than we often acknowledge.

In Christian iconography St Michael is portrayed carrying a sword, a symbol of his part in the cosmic battle between the forces of good and evil. St Michael reminds us that our lives are lived against this cosmic struggle, that the lives we live and the choices and decisions we make have eternal consequences.

St Michael also reminds us that in our personal struggle to live as God's children, we are not alone. We have help and we gain strength from God and from God's angels in our earthly pilgrimage. We are also reminded that in our lives and in our worship we are part of a great fellowship of the whole host of heaven.

This year Michaelmas falls on Sunday 29th September. We will be celebrating this feast both at 10am in our Communion Service, and at 6.30pm with a special Choral Evensong sung by the Steel City Choristers. Do join us if you are able.

God bless,

Tim

# Breaking the land speed record

One hundred years ago, on 25<sup>th</sup> September 1924, British racing driver Malcolm Campbell broke the land speed record for the first time. He recorded a speed of 146mph in a 1921 Sunbeam Grand Prix car at Pendine Sands, Carmarthen Bay, Wales.

Born in Kent in March 1885, Major Sir Malcolm Campbell MBE was a man with a passion for speed, whether on motorcycles, in cars or on water. He was also a journalist. He gained the world speed record on land and on water at various times, breaking nine land speed records between 1924 and 1935. He set his final land speed record at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah on 3 September 1935, and was the first person to drive an automobile over 300 mph, averaging 301.337 mph (484.955 km/h) in two passes.

He had started racing cars in 1910 and had a near-fatal accident – the first of several – at Brooklands racetrack in 1912. His car was christened *Blue Bird*, after a 1908 drama about the pursuit of happiness, by the Belgian poet and playwright Maurice Maeterlinck. The name stuck and was used for all his subsequent speed record attempt vehicles on land and water. Years later, a slightly altered version of *Bluebird*, was employed by his son Donald, who was killed in 1967 attempting a new record on Coniston Water.

Sir Malcolm himself survived all his accidents and died in 1948 at Reigate after several strokes. He had been knighted by King George V and given a civic welcome in 1931. Early in his life he had worked for Lloyd's of London, initially for no pay, but made money by being the first person to realise that newspapers needed libel insurance.

He married three times. His second wife Dorothy – mother of Donald – described him as “quite unfitted for the role of husband and family man”.



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## Help needed in the church garden

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

Any help most welcome. Thank you. Pat Wood



## Frank Edward Wilson - American songwriter, singer, record producer and minister

In 1963, Berry Gordy asked the producers Hal Davis and Marc Gordon to set up an office of Motown in Los Angeles. Wilson accepted an offer to join the team. In December 1963, "Stevie" by Patrice Holloway (V.I.P. 25001) was the first single released from the West Coast operation and featured Wilson in the songwriting credits. Asked by Gordy to re-locate to Detroit, Wilson went on to write and produce hit records for Brenda Holloway, Marvin Gaye, the Supremes, the Miracles, the Four Tops, the Temptations, Eddie Kendricks, and more.



He became particularly important after Holland-Dozier-Holland left the company. Additionally, after leaving Motown, Wilson produced a gold disc earning album by Lenny Williams, former lead singer for Tower of Power, Marilyn McCoo & Billy Davis Jr., former members of the Fifth Dimension, Alton McClain & Destiny, New Birth and the Grammy nominated album, Motown Comes Home.

He also launched his own publishing firms, Traco Music and Specolite Music, Ascap and BMI companies. During the next four years, Wilson recorded, released and published more than 40 copyrighted compositions, including, "It Must Be Love", by Judy Wieder & John Footman, "Stares and Whispers" by Terry McFadden and John Footman, "Star Love" by Judy Wieder and John Footman, and "You Got Me Running" by Judy Wieder and Clay Drayton. Earlier, Wilson had also tried his hand at being a recording artist himself, recording the single "Do I Love You (Indeed I Do)" for release on the Motown subsidiary label 'Soul.' Supposedly 250 demo 45s were pressed, but by that time Wilson decided he would rather focus on producing and he had the demos trashed. Somehow at least two known copies survived, one of which fetched over £25,000 in May 2009.

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Because of the scarcity of the original single and the high quality of the music (it was one of the most popular records in the Northern soul movement), it is one of the rarest and most valuable records in history (along with other extremely rare records by such acts as Bessie Smith, Louis Armstrong, and the Five Sharps).

Wilson left Motown in 1976 and became a born-again Christian. He became a minister, traveling and writing books with his wife Bunny Wilson, and was also involved in the production of gospel music as well. In 2004, was awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Divinity from Vision International University in Ramona, California, and founded the New Dawn Christian Village in Los Angeles. Frank Wilson tragically passed away on September 27th 2012.

Bruce Springsteen - Do I Love You (Indeed I Do) (tribute)

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# The Gardening Year – September

**Seed Or Potting Compost** - as the name suggest potting compost (or seed compost) is ideal for growing almost any type of seed. It contains the right nutrients for early growth and is perfect for seedling trays. Traditional seed compost contains around two parts loam one part peat and one part sand to allow retention of nutrients but its free draining to prevent seedlings rotting. John Innis seed compost is idea for virtually all seeds. You can fill a seed tray with seed compost and it will contain enough nutrients for early development of seedlings.

## Which One to Buy

**No 1 John Innis** - this has the least amount of fertilizer in it ,making it ideal for sowing seeds or potting up young seedlings.

**No 2 John Innis** - this has slightly more nutrients so is ideal for potting on when seedlings and young plants need more food. When you are ready to move vegetables plant into medium size pots. This is the formular to use. No2 contains double the amount of nutrients than No1 to suit established plants.

**No 3 John Innis** - has the most fertilizer, this is used for final potting and permanent container plants. Its suitable for heavy feeders such as the squash family or tomatoes.

**No 4 John Innis** - ericaceous compost, lime free, this is created especially for plants that hate lime and need an acidic environment.

**Multipurpose Compost** is the most common type and can be sources easily and cheaply. You can use it for sowing seeds and for potting up and most plants will do well in it. Multipurpose compost has enough nutrients in it to give seeds and plants a good start but after about 6 weeks you will need to start adding fertilizer. While it is suitable for most crops, not all plants grow well in it. Some plants, for example Blueberries, require very acidic soil, multipurpose compost is too alkaline. Other crops, such as carrots, require soil that drains very quickly, multipurpose compost is too compact and the carrots could rot.

**Growbags** - are ideal for beginners. These are filled with nutritious growing medium, perfect for crops like tomatoes, peppers and salad. They are an economical way to try gardening as you don't need to buy a container. If you have a successful first year and want to expand your gardening, you can mix the spent growbag contents with fresh compost to use in containers the following year.

**Colin Williams**

# Eat the Seasons – September

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

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

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

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

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

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# Walking is a great way to exercise

You may be young or old, working endless hours, or retired. But there is one exercise you can still undertake almost anywhere, for however long or short a time: walking.

According to health specialists, the simple act of walking “ticks so many boxes – improving our brain, mental and musculoskeletal fitness, as well as our physical fitness.”

Here are five reasons why:

## **Walking raises your heart rate and makes you breathe faster.**

It gives you the benefit of a moderate aerobic workout – without the stress on your joints. As for your blood sugar levels, consider this: after a meal your blood sugar level rises and your pancreas releases insulin to bring it down. But even a five-minute walk can help by blunting the spike in blood sugar. Try and keep your pace brisk – aim for 100 to 130 steps a minute.

## **Walking improves your bone density**

Walking briskly engages the muscles along the back side of your body – the glutes, hamstrings and calves. They in turn put a bit of pull on your bones, which stimulates your bones to produce osteoblasts, which improves your bone density and reduces your risk of osteoporosis.

## **Walking improves your mood**

It stimulates your parasympathetic nervous system (nerves that relax the body during stress) and stimulates your amygdala (that part of you which controls your emotions). And if you can walk near water (rivers, coast, in the rain) you get exposed to negative ions in the air. These electrically charged molecules are excellent for your mental health.

## **Walking helps your brain**

You will sleep better, and your brain will be in better shape for memory and cognition. Walking also stimulates creative thinking – studies have found walking is a great time for problem-solving.

## **Walking helps your body shape**

An instant way to look younger is to stand tall. So walk with your head up, shoulders back, and lengthen your back, to stand up straighter. And with firmer muscles

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**Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here**





# ERIC EYRE

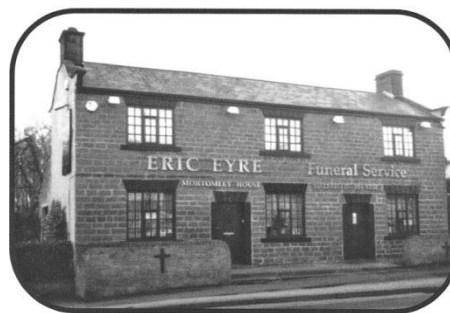
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# It is time to eat Celeriac

It may appear to be just an ugly, uninteresting, knobbly root but celeriac has inner beauty. The flesh - crispy when raw, silky smooth when cooked - has a delicate taste which suggests the flavours of celery and parsley with a slight nuttiness. Try it mashed with potatoes and garlic or in the excellent Celeriac Remoulade. Celeriac goes well with meat, fish and seafood, memories of the crab brioche which featured on BBC's Remarkable Places To Eat with Fred Sirieix and Nadiya Hussain – Yummy.



Celeriac is derived from wild celery, which has a small, edible root and has been used in Europe since ancient times (it is mentioned in Homer's Odyssey as selinon). It is unclear when celeriac was first cultivated but there are references to it dating back to the seventeenth century. Today celeriac is uncommon outside of Europe or W. Asia, and is not widely used in Britain. It is popular in France (where it is used in the classic dish céleri remoulade - matchsticks of celery in a flavoured mayonnaise) and Italy.

Celeriac - *Apium graveolens* var *rapaceum* is closely related to celery but features a much larger root. Choose medium-sized celeriac that are firm and free from soft spots or damage. Allow for around ¼ of the weight to be discarded during preparation. Refrigerated in a plastic bag (unsealed). Celeriac can keep for 2 or 3 weeks.

## Preparing

Trim leaves (if present) and root end. Scrub well and cut off the skin quite thickly to remove any brown bits and the root channels in the base. Drop cut pieces in water with a squeeze of lemon juice to prevent discolouration. Grate for serving raw. Boil cubes until tender (15 - 20 minutes) before mashing with potatoes and garlic, or other root vegetables. Celeriac also works well in stews and roast celeriac is excellent with meat. For a tasty lunch you can serve the celeriac remoulade with lots of toast and some watercress. See basic Celeriac Remoulade recipe below.

## Ingredients

5 tbsp good quality mayonnaise  
2 tbsp Dijon mustard  
1 lemon, juice only  
1 small celeriac, about 650g/1lb  
7oz

## Method

**1/** In a large bowl, mix the mayonnaise, mustard and lemon juice together thoroughly with a generous sprinkling of salt and some freshly ground black pepper, so it all becomes one sauce.  
**2/** Peel and quarter the celeriac, then, working quickly, coarsely grate it and stir into the sauce until evenly coated. It will keep in the fridge for up to 2 days

## Recipes online

**Celeriac Gratin** <https://www.jamieoliver.com/recipes/vegetables-recipes/celeriac-gratin/>

**Celeriac and Bramley apple soup with cheddar croutons**

<https://www.independent.co.uk/life-style/food-and-drink/recipes/celeriac-and-bramley-apple-soup-with-cheddar-cROUTONS-2124427.html>

**Celeriac and Lancashire cheese pie**

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# Crossword Puzzle

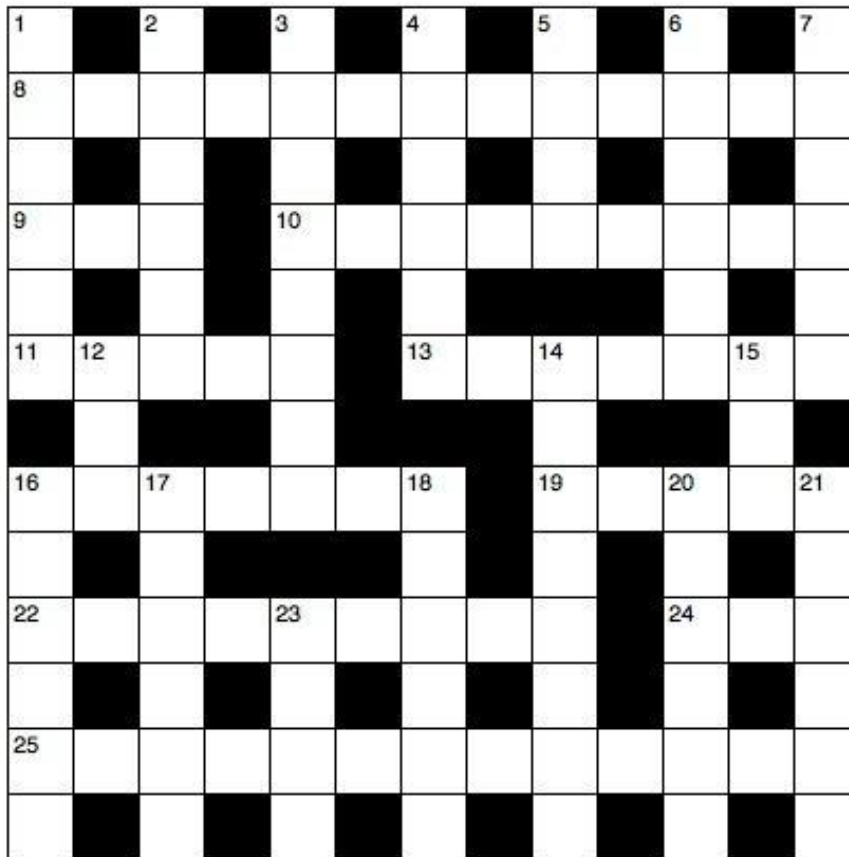
## Clues Across

- 8** Where the ark of the covenant was kept for 20 years (1 Samuel 7:1) (7,6)
- 9** One of the parts of the body on which blood and oil were put in the ritual cleansing from infectious skin diseases (Leviticus 14:14–17) (3)
- 10** Uncomfortable (3,2,4) 11 'Yet I have loved Jacob, but Esau I have — ' (Malachi 1:3) (5)
- 13** Where Paul said farewell to the elders of the church in Ephesus (Acts 20:17) (7)
- 16** 'Jesus bent down and — to write on the ground with his finger' (John 8:6) (7)
- 19** Prophet from Moresheth (Jeremiah 26:18) (5)
- 22** Comes between Exodus and Numbers (9)
- 24 and 2 Down** 'Then Elkanah went home to Ramah, but the boy ministered before the Lord under — the — ' (1 Samuel 2:11) (3,6)
- 25** There was no room for them in the inn (Luke 2:7) (4,3,6)

## Clues Down

- 1** Rough drawing (2 Kings 16:10) (6)
- 2** See 24 Across
- 3** Underground literature (including Christian books) circulated in the Soviet Union (8)
- 4** Lo, mash (anag.) (6)
- 5** The Bible's shortest verse: 'Jesus — ' (John 11:35) (4)
- 6** 'Can a mother forget the baby at her — and have no compassion on the child she has borne?' (Isaiah 49:15) (6)
- 7** Can be seen in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (6)
- 12** 'Send me, therefore, a man... experienced in the — of engraving, to work in Judah and Jerusalem' (2 Chronicles 2:7) (3)
- 14** Second city of Cyprus (8)
- 15** United Nations Association (1,1,1)
- 16** One of the women who first heard that Jesus had risen from the dead (Mark 16:1) (6)
- 17** Braved (anag.) (6)
- 18** — of Evangelism, outreach initiative in the 1990s (6)
- 20** 'Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and — in their own sight' (Isaiah 5:21) (6)
- 21** 'Neither — nor depth... will be able to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (6)
- 23** What Jesus shed in 5 Down (4)





## Sailing with the Spirit

*Editor: Lester Amann considers what it means to wait for God*

On a calm, windless day, it can be frustrating to be in a sailboat. Your sails are ready to go, but with no wind and only calm waters, you aren't going anywhere!

Some sailors try to propel their little boat forward by paddling with their hands. Others fret over the lack of wind. But others simply stay on land, and patiently wait. For it isn't until a breeze blows up, and the sails fill out, that a sailboat can skim out towards the open sea.

This scene is similar as to how the Holy Spirit works in our lives. The Bible describes the Spirit as wind and sometimes, like the sailors, we may have to wait for His energising power to guide and move us onwards. There are occasions, from a spiritual standpoint, nothing seems to be happening – for weeks and months on end. During these waiting times we may wonder what purpose God has for us.

But while some of the people in the sailing club might have left their boats to do other things, they were also watching for signs of the coming wind. No one was packing up and going home! They were waiting with a purpose.

In our times of stillness and waiting, we can also wait with a purpose. We can pray for the Church, our community and the world. We can pray that we will be ready for God to move us into the next course He has planned for us. And we can keep our sails ready, for the Spirit to blow afresh into our lives!

# Chapeltown & District Probus Club



On 14<sup>th</sup> August we welcomed Martin Rowley as guest speaker on the topic of the Sheffield Gang Wars. Martin gave a captivating and extremely interesting illustrated presentation together with props of the weapons which were used in the 1920s. Key to solving the problems was the appointment of Percy Sillitoe as Chief of Sheffield Police – a man who introduced the checkered pattern, usually black-and-white, on police caps and went on to head the Glasgow police and subsequently to become the head of MI5 as Sir Percy.

September Meeting - We are very pleased to have Neil Hanson, formerly landlord at the UK's highest pub, the Tan Hill Inn in Swaledale. He has become a celebrated after-dinner speaker and author regaling the stories of the pub and we look forward to hearing him. We welcome gentlemen of retirement or post retirement age to join us as guests at 10.30 to hear the presentation and possibly join us for lunch – please make contact for your free ticket.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> September, the club will have a 2-day visit incorporating the King's Highgrove Gardens, Stratford-upon-Avon and the National Motor Museum. There may be a last minute vacancy so if you are interested, please make contact.

PROBUS Club meets every month in the Community Centre in Grenoside. The club is about providing a relaxing social environment to welcome retired and semi-retired men including those still working but with time on their hands. You can visit a meeting as a guest or choose to become a member. Please make contact with the Secretary, Trevor Winslow (see below).

**Upcoming meetings on Wednesday at 10.00 in Grenoside Community Centre (followed by optional lunch at Wortley Hall): -**

11<sup>th</sup> September - Neil Hanson – "Inn and Out at the Top"

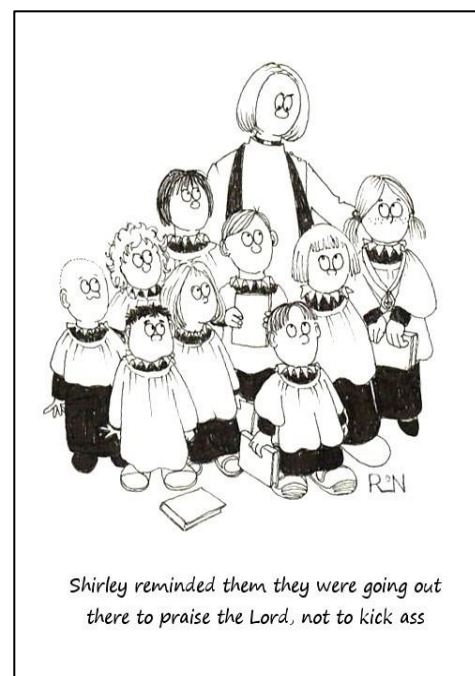
9<sup>th</sup> October – Paul Adey – "Engineering Oddities"

13<sup>th</sup> November – Stuart Atkins – "My Life in Music"

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**Andrew Robinson**



# Prayers and Poems Page

## Prayer for September 2024 - By Daphne Kitching

Lord, here we are in September – a beautiful month at the end of the summer, but before the autumn has taken hold. A month of excitement and new starts for many, a month when courage is needed for our children and young people.

And Lord we pray for courage, compassion and integrity for our new Prime Minister and our new government. We pray for justice and peace in our country and in the world.

Help us Lord, to know that you are Lord of September; you are Lord and giver of every new month, every new day, every new minute. Help us to put our trust in you for our adventures and for our mundane everyday routines.

You are our generous, loving Father and promise that you will never leave us or forsake us when we trust in you, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

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### Don't be Cross with God! - By Nigel Beeton

Now Jonah was cross with the Lord.  
He thought He'd forsaken His word!  
And so, he was really quite mad.  
For Nineveh'd turned from its ways  
And spared itself God's wrathful blaze;  
Jonah thought that it made him look bad.

He withdrew from that place and its folk  
And sat by himself for a sulk.  
God came for a chat, by and by.  
God said, "come along, Jonah!"  
"Don't be glum, nor a moaner!"  
But Jonah just wanted to die.

God thought that He'd give him a sign,  
He grew, overnight, a large vine  
To give shade to the old prophet's head.  
Then it withered next day  
He was scorched by sun's ray!  
And pleaded, again, to be dead.

"Now stop all this hopeless self- pity!  
"It's a vine, not a stonking great city  
"That's full of such innocent souls!"  
"Stop this self-obsessed sorrow,  
"And then get up tomorrow,  
"And focus on My – not your – goals!"

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### Presence - By TE Brown (1830 -97)

Expecting Him, my door was open wide:  
Then I looked round  
If any lack of service might be found,  
And saw Him at my side:  
How entered, by what secret stair,  
I know not, knowing only He was there.

### When He Returns - By Megan Carter

Born as a babe in Bethlehem,  
As God He laid His glory down,  
Grew as a boy, became a man  
With Adam's fallen race was found.

His teachings and His miracles  
Brought crowds around to see Him work,  
No man had ever spoke this way  
As heaven somehow touched this earth.

And then, the Father's plan unfurled -  
Restoring fellowship once lost,  
To take man's sin, God's Son would die  
The exchange took place on Calvary's cross.

There is a day He will return,  
Not as a babe but conquering King  
When Christ the risen Son of God  
In triumph brings God's kingdom

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### Lord of the Winds

Lord of the winds, I cry to Thee,  
I that am dust,  
And blown about by every gust  
I fly to Thee.  
Lord of the waters, unto Thee I call,  
I that am weed upon the waters borne,  
And by the waters torn,  
Tossed by the waters, at Thy feet I fall.

*By Mary Coleridge (1861 – 1907)*



# 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

## **Ecclesfield Community Garden**

Ecclesfield Park - Located between  
Ladycroft bridge/stream and Bowling  
greens. Open Wednesday + Saturday  
10 am to 12 noon  
Tel: Robert 0114 246 1095

## **Friends of Ecclesfield Library**

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

## **Ecclesfield Cubs**

Scout Hut (off Yew Lane)  
Wednesday 4:45 pm to 6:15 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Pack 6:30 pm to 8:0 pm  
Leader - Mrs A Hancock  
Tel: 0114 245 2780

## **Ecclesfield Beavers**

Scout Hut (off Yew Lane)  
Thursday - 5:45 - 7:00 pm  
Contact Shane Porteous  
shane@ecclesfieldscouts.org.uk

## **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:  
whitleyhall@ycspl.co.uk  
Website:  
whitleyhall.play-cricket.com

## **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  
chapeltown.probus@gmail.com  
We are now face to face see  
www.chapeltown-probus.org.uk

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



<b><u>Vicar:</u></b> Revd. Tim Gill	<b><u>E-mail:</u></b> ttingill@aol.com	<b><u>Phone:</u></b> 257 0002
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**Readers:**

**Pastoral Workers:**

**Church Office**

Tuesday 9:00am to 1:00 pm	245 0106
Thursday 9:00am to 12:00 pm	

**Website** <https://stmarysecclesfield.org.uk/>

<b>Groups:</b>	<b>Times and Days:</b>	<b>Phone:</b>
<b>Choir Practice in Church</b> Contact: Lynda Pearce	7 pm on Friday Practice in Church	208 3500
<b>Music Group</b> Contact: Andrea Whittaker	7:30 pm Thursday Practice in Church	246 0746
<b>Mother's Union in Gatty Hall</b> Contact: Maureen Lambert	1.00 pm 1st Wednesday of the month	246 9690
<b>Ecclesfield Ladies Group</b> Contact: Anne Rostron	2.00 pm Thursday in Gatty Hall	245 5492
<b>Bell Ringers</b> Contact: Phil Hirst	7:30 pm Tuesday in Church Belfry	286 2766
<b>Gatty Hall Bookings</b>		0780 307 8223

**For Baptisms or Weddings Enquiries please contact the Vicar**

**Magazine e-mail:** [stmarys.magazine.ecclesfield@gmail.com](mailto:stmarys.magazine.ecclesfield@gmail.com)

## Come back to your church on 29th September!

Have you ever been to St Mary's before? Perhaps for a wedding, a baptism, or funeral?  
Or how about if you visited us even longer ago – when you were a child?

Whoever you are, and whenever you came to us, we would love to see you back again on 29<sup>th</sup>  
September, which is Back to Church Sunday!

# St. Mary's - Ecclesfield

# Choral Evensong

Sunday 29th September  
At 6.30pm

Sung by the Steel City Choristers



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