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First Words

We begin May with Baptisms on **Sunday 3rd May at 12noon.**

Monday 4th May is a **Bank Holiday** (so expect rain!).

On **Tuesday 5th May at 1pm Wooley Wood Primary School** will be visiting Church, and at **5.30pm** on the same day we have a **wedding rehearsal.**

Wednesday 6th May 6pm The Seeking Heart, Meditation & Contemplative Prayer for all.

Saturday 9th May 9am Prayer Breakfast; 10.30am Bereavement Cafe.

Sunday 10th May 10am Prayer & Praise (led by Revd. Mike Gilbert); **6.30pm Eucharist.**

Monday 11th May 11am Funeral in Church, **7.30pm PCC Meeting.**

Tuesday 12th May 5pm Energy Footprint meeting in Church.

Thursday 14th May Ascension Day, 9.30am Eucharist, 10.30am service at Nightingale Nursing Home.

Saturday 16th May 1pm Wedding in Church.

Sunday 17th May Revd. Richard Walton will preside & preach at Communion (Tim is at St Mark's).

Wed 20th May, 6pm The Seeking Heart, Meditation & Contemplative Prayer for all.

Thursday 21st May 5.45pm Beavers visit Church.

Monday 25th May, Bank Holiday.

Wednesday 27th May, 5pm Wedding Rehearsal.

Friday 29th May 2pm Wedding in Church.

Sunday 31st May, Trinity Sunday, 10am Eucharist.

For more information about these events please speak to Tim.

Front Cover – Jesus' ascension to Heaven depicted by John Singleton Copley - (1775)

John Singleton Copley (July 3, 1738 – September 9, 1815) was an American-born British painter active in both the Thirteen Colonies and England. He is believed to have been born in Boston, Province of Massachusetts Bay, to Richard and Mary Singleton Copley, both Anglo-Irish. After becoming well-established as a portrait painter of the wealthy in colonial New England, he moved to London in 1774, never returning to America. In London, he met considerable success as a portraitist for the next two decades, and also painted a number of large history paintings, which were innovative in their readiness to depict modern subjects and modern dress. His later years were less successful, and he died heavily in debt. He was father of John Copley, 1st Baron Lyndhurst and half-brother of Henry Pelham, the American painter, engraver, and cartographer.

Back Cover – EIB Coffee Morning & Plant Sale

Kate Guest

Counselling & Psychotherapy

Counselling is a talking therapy where you can discuss your problems and emotions in a safe, confidential space.

Counselling can help improve your mental health, teach you better ways to handle stress and anxiety, and increase your self-awareness and emotional resilience.

Maybe you are suffering a sudden life crisis such as bereavement, job loss, or lack of direction, or that you feel that life is just getting on top of you, and you need someone to help with your thoughts and feelings.

Areas of counselling I deal with include abuse, anxiety, anger management, bereavement and loss, career support, work related stress, depression, low confidence and low self-esteem, loneliness, relationship problems, family problems, sex and sexuality and personal issues.

Counselling is not about judging; it is about giving someone the freedom to examine their own issues and so empower them to find their own resolution. Counselling can be a powerful way of examining ourselves and so bring about change within our lives.

I work with individuals and also provide couples and relationship counselling.

Contact me via email or telephone to book an appointment.

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God in The Arts

Editor: Have you ever thought how an actual church building might provide a series of visual aids to spiritual meditation? The Rev Michael Burgess continues his procession through a church building, this month pausing to consider the significance of the church windows. (There is a photograph of St Mary's Fairford to go with this article. It can be found under the section for God in the Arts.)

'He gave us eyes to see them' – Stained Glass windows

You may know the story of the little girl with her family during a guided tour around a cathedral. As the bright sun streamed through one of the windows, she asked the guide who were the people depicted there. "Those are the saints," he replied. Later that evening the girl told her mummy, "I know who the saints are." "Do you, dear? Who are they?" the mother asked. The little girl replied: "They are the people who let the light shine through."



Photograph of St Mary's Fairford

When the summer sun rises, its light catches the east window of a church I look after. It shines through the figures and colours of the Annunciation scene to bathe the chancel in a warm glow. Later as the sun sets, it shines once again through the west window showing Christ surrounded by angels, with the same wonderful effect. They are two stained glass windows by the Victorian designer, Kempe. But in St Mary's Church, Fairford in Gloucestershire, there are an incredible 28 windows of medieval glass that have survived the centuries and continue to astonish the visitor.

As the sun catches this array of windows, the colours take on a new, vibrant life. We see scenes in the life of our Lord and our Lady, Old Testament prophets, New Testament apostles and the communion of saints. The eye moves round and we reach the west window portraying Christ in majesty and the day of judgement. This great work has been attributed to the royal glazier, Barnard Flower, who was influenced by the late medieval illuminated prayer books. The windows are a living witness to his skill and faith.

George Herbert has a poem that calls us to shine out like the church windows. It is easy, he says, to be "brittle crazy glass", but in God's good grace we can become like a window where colours and light, belief and life can combine and mingle to radiate out into the world.

Three churches in town were overrun with squirrels.

After much prayer, the elders of the Baptist church decided that the animals were predestined to be there. Who were they to interfere with God's will? So, they did nothing, and the squirrels multiplied.

The elders of the Methodist church, deciding that they should not harm any of God's creatures, humanely trapped the squirrels and then set them free outside of town. Three days later the squirrels were back.

It was the Anglican church which succeeded in solving the squirrel problem. The curate baptised the squirrels and registered them as members of the church. Now, they only see the squirrels on Christmas and Easter.

From the Registers

Baptisms:

Sunday 12th April

Hudson David Rose and Ayda-Maeve Pearl Mathers

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

Weddings:

Monday 27th April

Peter Hoyland & Hannah Louise Christian.

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

Funerals:

Thursday 2nd April

Ethan Harry Slater.

Grant him, O Lord, refreshment, light, and peace

The Seeking Heart

Introducing Contemplative Prayer for all.

Meeting in St Mary's at 6pm on the first and third
Wednesday every month.

We next meet on Wednesday 6th & Wednesday 20th
May.

For more information see Tim. All welcome



Mothers' Union

In 2026, we will celebrate 150 years since Mothers' Union was founded in the small parish church of Old Alresford, Hampshire, by Mary Sumner, a vicar's wife with a bold vision. She believed that women, regardless of class or status, could come together in faith to support one another and strengthen family life within the Church.

From that single spark of an idea, a global movement was born – and Mothers' Union has grown to 4 million members across 84 countries. As we look to the future our members will continue working to improve the lives of individuals, families, and communities around the world. At the heart of everything we do will remain our unwavering belief that faith and compassion can transform lives.

As we look ahead to this remarkable milestone, we invite you to be part of it. Whether you're passionate about social justice, prayer, community outreach, or simply want to connect with people who care, there will be a way for you to join us and join in.

Join Us, Join In!

Prayer for the Month

The alternative Collect for Ascension:

*Risen Christ,
you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven:
help us to seek and serve you,
that we may join you at the Father's side,
where you reign with the Spirit in glory,
now and for ever. Amen.*

The season of Easter ends at Pentecost (Sunday 24th May) when the Holy Spirit fell upon the first disciples and began the Church's mission to reach the whole world with the news of God's love and grace and mercy for all in Christ.

Just before Pentecost, forty days after Easter we celebrate the feast of the Ascension. This year the Ascension falls on Thursday 14th May. At first sight the Ascension, Jesus' return to the Father, seems to be about Christ's absence! However, because the Ascension is closely tied to Pentecost, it is actually all about Christ's universal presence to His Church and to the world.

As He Ascended, Jesus instructed the disciples to return to Jerusalem and there wait for the Holy Spirit to fill them, then they would go out throughout the Empire with the Good News. They would travel to strange lands and strange peoples knowing that they were being led by the Spirit, and that because of the Spirit, the Risen Christ was with them. More than this, the risen and ascended Jesus would already be in every place where they travelled, already at work in the peoples that they met.

We too live and work and worship knowing that Christ our Lord and God is with us in all places and in all things; we live our lives knowing that the Holy Spirit, poured upon us at our Baptism, is with us in all things.

The Christ who, by the Holy Spirit is with us in the pilgrimage of our lives will draw us to be with Him, take us to our true home in the Father's presence at end of our life's journey. This is the hope and the promise of the Christian faith. It is something that we celebrate at the end of Eastertide in the festivals of Ascension and Pentecost.

After Pentecost we enter what is known as 'Ordinary Time.' There are no more great celebrations for quite a few months. In ordinary time we get on with living our lives as Christians in our homes and neighbourhoods and places of work, but we do so seeking God in all things, seeking to find Christ in all people; we do so in the power of the Spirit and in the hope of the kingdom.

May God bless you this Ascensiontide,
and fill you with His hope.
Amen.

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The Seven Deadly Sins: Lust

Editor: Canon Paul Hardingham begins a seven-part series. This will run until the July issue.

'Lust is the craving for salt by a man who is dying of thirst' (Frederick Beucher).

This month's Deadly Sin is *lust*. It is usually understood as an intense desire for sexual pleasure, but can include other things e.g. food, success or fame. Objectifying a person for our own selfish pleasure can leave us feeling guilty, ashamed or disappointed. Our relationship with God is spoilt, as we create an area of life which is not under God's authority. As Jesus says:

*'You have heard that it was said, "You shall not commit adultery."
But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.'* (Matthew 5:27,28).

How can we deal with lust in our lives?

Confess it to God: 'If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.' (1 John 1:9). Lust feeds on secrecy, yet God already knows our thoughts and desires. Focus on Jesus, who loves and accepts us for who we are. Confess our desires to Him, knowing that He wants to cleanse us of our sin.

Renew your Mind: 'Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is - His good, pleasing and perfect will.' (Romans 12:2). Overcoming lust requires an understanding of our thinking. We need to acknowledge when lust affects us, understand the triggers for our thoughts (circumstances, time) and address them by asking for God's strength to overcome them.

'Lust is a poor, weak, whispering thing compared with that richness and energy of desire which will arise when lust has been killed.' (CS Lewis).

Miscellaneous observations on life...

A happy marriage is a union of two good forgivers. - *Robert Quillen*

Though conversing face to face, their hearts have a thousand miles between them. - *Chinese proverb*

A family is a mobile strung together with invisible threads – delicate, easily broken at first, growing stronger through the years, in danger of being worn thin at times, but strengthened again with special care.... continuity! - *Edith Schaeffer*

One plus one equals one may not be an accurate mathematical concept, but it is an accurate description of God's intention for the marriage relationship. - *Wayne Mack*

How soon marriage counselling sessions would end if husbands and wives were competing in thoughtful self-denial! - *Walter J Chantry*

Reflected Faith Series: The Creed (Part 1)

The Revd Dr Jo White considers...

There are various sections that make up a Communion service. While different denominations, and different styles of churches even within the same denomination, may do things differently, generally speaking they all include the same foundational elements.

So, after the Bible readings, and then sermon, what follows next?

In Common Worship (CW) we 'immediately' jump to our feet and proclaim our faith!

If you follow the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), the Creed comes between the Gospel reading and the sermon – which is my excuse for forgetting to say it more than once when I've conducted the latter service first (if you get what I mean) on a Sunday morning.

The question is, 'Why is it placed here?' Wouldn't it make more sense to have it at or close to the beginning of a service; so that we can be sure everyone in the congregation is on the same page, so to speak.

Or why not at the end, just before we go out into the world taking our faith with us?
Why here?

When (BCP) it follows directly after the Gospel reading, it's as though having heard the words of Jesus we rush to say 'I believe that. I believe in who said it. And I believe in ... etc etc.' Rather like after your favourite team has scored a goal!

Where we've had the sermon first (CW), it's as though the 'explanation and contextualisation' by the preacher makes it so plain that we can do nothing less than join together and reaffirm our baptismal faith.

This month - Pause for a moment before you say the Creed next time and consider where in your service it is placed. What has encouraged you to be able to say it from your heart? Was there a word, phrase or sentence that particularly gripped you and prompted you to your feet? Or was it just words written on the service sheet with a direction to stand?

Peaceful mind in the month of Pentecost

John 14:15-18 - If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever - the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept Him, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But you know Him, for He lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.

Titus 3:4-7 - But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

St James the Least of All

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

On dealing with summer fetes

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren.

So, you are beginning to plan your first Summer Fete in your new parish. That you appear to be looking forward to it shows how little you know about them.

Parishes hold Summer Fetes so that their clergy can preach more meaningfully on purgatory. Their ostensible purpose is to raise money for the church - which is wholly illogical. The parish could double the money raised if the Fete were dropped, none of the endless preparations made, if everyone spent a pleasant afternoon in their own gardens and each person simply donated £20 to the church instead. But we still feel obliged to go to endless trouble, making ourselves miserable so we can show each other what a good time we are having. That it generally pours seems to make the entire event even more grimly satisfying.

No, the real reasons for a Summer Fete are twofold. First, it gives the entire parish the chance to inspect the Rector's garden. Whatever state it is in, it will cause disapproval. If it is poorly kept, then I am clearly being ungrateful for having three acres of lawn to enjoy. Mowing it each week should be one of my delights; what else would I do with a whole day off each week anyway? The hand mower, kindly given by Colonel French is assumed to be quite adequate - and rumour has it that I need to lose weight anyway. The mower was presented to me when the Colonel bought his own gardener a sit-on motor mower - which is of a size and opulence that makes me assume it has a drinks cabinet and satellite navigation.

The second reason for a Fete comes as a special perk for the organisers. It gives them a chance to inspect the inside of the Rectory. Under the pretence of looking for a little more sugar, they can systematically inspect all the kitchen cupboards and comment on their contents. By the end of the day, the whole parish will know what marmalade I spread on my toast, that I use unnecessarily expensive washing powder, and where I have unsuccessfully tried to hide the gin.

The details of what then happens while the Fete is in progress must wait until my next letter, when we will have had our own. It is now time for Evensong, drinks with Major Mallet and his wife, and then a quiet evening with a good book, while I toy with other possible hiding places for the gin this year

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Eustace



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You and a goldfish's attention span

How long can you concentrate on any one thing? According to the now infamous study by Microsoft (back in 2015), our digital lifestyles have had such a detrimental impact on our concentration levels that our average attention span has fallen to below that of a goldfish.

Humans now stay focused for just eight seconds, before being distracted by news alerts, social media and so on – while even a goldfish can concentrate for nine seconds.

And it is not just the endless stream of information that hits us, but the type of information that is so distracting. Violence and endless conflict can leave you distressed and unsettled. Medical experts recommend regular non-digital breaks such as a walk, a chat, or even just staring out the window.

Meanwhile, try these tips to calm your mind:

1. In the evening, reverse the settings on your device, so that you have white writing on a black background. This reduces the blue light that affects your brain's cyclic rhythm, disrupting your sleep/wake cycle.
2. Get moving. Exercise takes time, but it also sharpens your mind and increases your concentration. So, in the end you will get more done in less time.
3. Eat well. Avoid sugar and too much caffeine which make your mind busier.
4. Seek company. Anxiety levels rise after six hours, due to the changes in your brain hormones caused by social isolation. So, if you work from home, take your laptop to a coffee shop for an hour, or see a friend for coffee.
5. Fill the final half hour of your day with one simple task, rather than flitting from task to task.

No quibble guarantee

Editor: David Pickup, a solicitor, considers credit and debit cards...

Not that I speak from want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am. I know how to get along with humble means, and I also know how to live in prosperity; in any and every circumstance I have learned the secret of ...both of having abundance and suffering need. I can do all things through Him who strengthens me. Philippians 4:11-13

For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. (1 Timothy 6:10)

Recently a man received two letters from his bank. One was telling him his debt was going to be passed to the enforcement department, and the other was offering him a new loan! Sensibly, he got some advice about what to do. If you are thinking of getting a loan or a credit card, do check the small print. Does the offer seem too good to be true? What are the charges if you miss a payment? Make sure you know before you sign!

Many experts wonder if cash will become a thing of the past, because we use credit and debit cards so often, even for small payments. Credit cards and bank cards have their advantages. They are simple and easy to use. If you buy something on a credit card that costs more than £100 you get extra legal rights. So, if it does not arrive or does not work you can claim against the credit card company. But don't forget that debit cards are not credit cards and you do not get the same rights.

Up until a few years back we had offers of credit cards, loans, and buy-now-pay-later deals, all the time. Now things are tighter, and debt is a big worry for many. The Bible warns us of the dangers of borrowing but offers us the assurance that God cares for us. No questions asked!



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What's the Big Idea?

An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: Ezekiel

Editor: Canon Paul Hardingham continues his series on the books of the Bible

Ezekiel was a prophet who proclaimed judgment to God's people in the 6th century BC. He was among the group of Jews exiled in Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar. Ezekiel received his call when he was 30 years old through a vision of the glory of God. His ministry finished 22 years later with a vision of the restored Temple in Jerusalem.

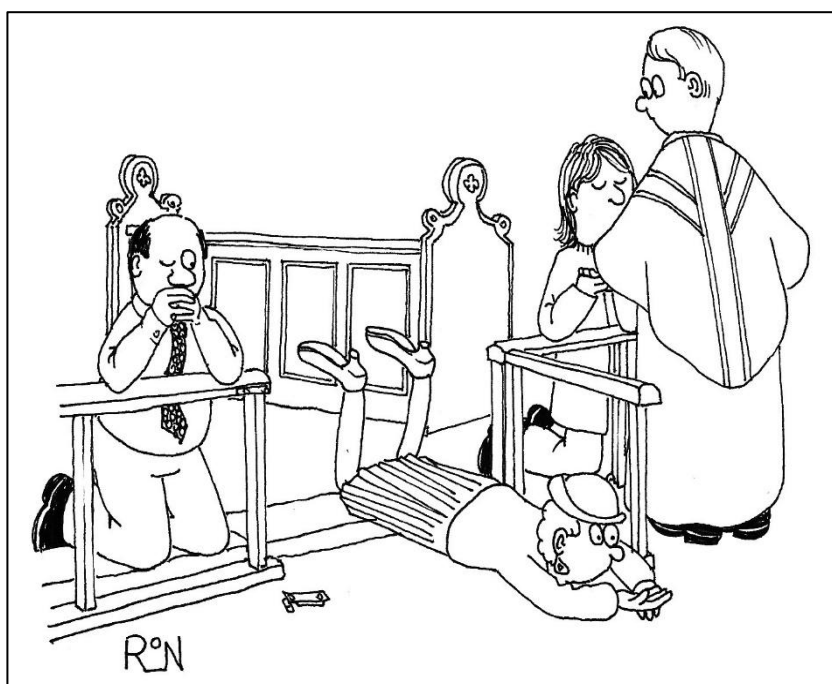
Ezekiel spoke to a community forced from its home, who had broken faith with God. He presents a God who rules over all people and history. He is a God who desires to be known and acknowledged (*'then they will know that I am the Lord'*). As a priest, Ezekiel was deeply concerned with the holiness of God. This call to holy living includes an emphasis on individual responsibility (chapter 18), which is a significant milestone in biblical thought.

Ezekiel offers a vision of true hope for those who have undergone judgment. He promises a restored Temple as a sign of God's presence among his people. He also promises a future *'prince'* who will rule with justice and restore God's relationship with his people (34:23-4).

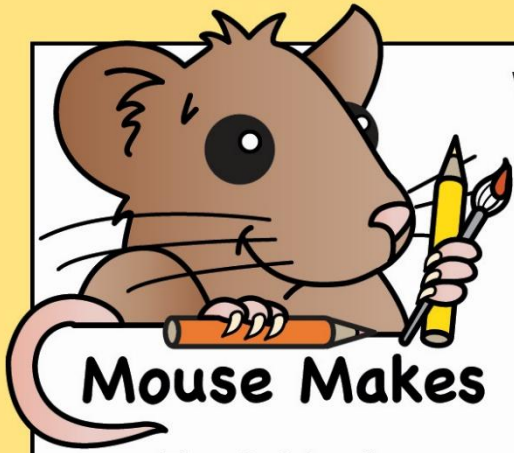
In restoring them morally and spiritually, God promises to use them to bring light to the Gentiles. They will demonstrate the holiness of God's name, because they will know him from the heart. This is the promise that is fulfilled in Jesus and made possible for us: *'I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.'* (36: 26-27).



"Whilst I appreciate the thought, would whoever it is please stop tweeting, 'So far, so good...!'"



Terry made a note to fix the bolt



Mouse Makes

WHO IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?

The Spirit of

_____ *Genesis 1:2*

The

_____ of the Father.

Acts 1:4

The Spirit of

A _____ *Romans 8:15*

H _____ *John 14:26*

The Spirit of

_____ *John 16:13*

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The Fruit of the Spirit
Galatians 5:22-23

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What happened when the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost?

read *Acts 2:1-41*

How many believers were baptised that day?

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Look up the Bible verses and fill in the missing words. Look for them in the word search then look for these words below.

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GLORY • GRACE • FAITH • DOVE • FIRE • WIND

God in the Sciences

Editor: Dr Ruth Bancewicz, who is based at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge, writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith

Humility

A few years ago, I visited the Smithsonian Museum's Hall of Human Origins. Our guide, the curator of anthropology, was keen to help Christians understand his research. Whatever you make of the evidence for human evolution, the fact remains that other species a bit like us were around before we came on the scene – or in the case of Neanderthals, at the same time.

Part of the exhibit included lifelike reconstructions of the face and hair of several different hominins, displayed on pillars at the right height for each species. So, I could crouch down to 'meet' *Homo floresiensis* or stand tall to look into the eyes of *Homo heidelbergensis*. Most of these – beings? creatures? – were on other branches of the evolutionary tree to us, and we share a common ancestor much further back. I did, however, feel as if I was meeting my forebears.

As I walked between the statues I asked myself, "Why us?" There's evidence that Neanderthals used symbolism as we do, and also buried their dead. Did they have the potential to evolve to a point where they could do similar things to us? The curator explained how, as the ice ages came and went, human beings moved around but other species appear to have stayed put and suffered the consequences – they just weren't ready yet for that big change. As I took in the displays about how we began to gather socially around a fire, make music or write, I felt humbled. We managed to adapt, but we could so easily have disappeared with the rest.

In his book *The Message of Creation*, theologian David Wilkinson shares his view that being made in the image of God has nothing to do with our own cleverness or abilities, but instead it is a gift. God created us on purpose (I believe through the long slow process of evolution) and chose to enter into a relationship with us, making us His representatives on earth.

Thankfully I don't have to figure out how to interact with other human-like hominins today. I do, however, have an equal share in humankind's God-given commission to tend and keep creation. Am I ready to go further than ensuring my own species' survival - not necessarily because we have evolved further than our ice-age ancestors, but because I have one of the 'new hearts' promised in Ezekiel 11:19? Can I work together, in a true spirit of humility, with people from all over the world to ensure the full diversity of life can flourish?

**For resources on this question, try the Faraday Institute, BioLogos, and Christians in Science.*

<https://www.faraday.cam.ac.uk/>

<https://biologos.org/>

<https://www.cis.org.uk/>

Narrated Virtual Tour:

David H. Koch Hall of Human Origins –
Reconstruction Gallery

<https://youtu.be/fH579wHliak>



RHS lifts its ban on gnomes for Chelsea

Good news for the gnomes of Britain: they are welcome at the Chelsea Flower Show this year. (19th to 23rd May)

It is only the second time in the history of the world's most famous gardening event that the RHS has allowed gnomes to appear at the show.

The reason is that the gnomes can help raise money for the next generation of gardeners.

The RHS is inviting celebrities to decorate gnomes to feature at the 2026 show, which will then be auctioned off to raise funds for its flagship 'Campaign for School Gardening'. The campaign inspires school children to learn through gardening. The hope is to boost their wellbeing, skills and environmental awareness.

So, if you visit Chelsea Flower Show this year, look out for The RHS and the King's Foundation Curious Garden. It encourages everyone (even gnomes) to be curious and have fun gardening. The appearance of a gnome or two in the Curious Garden (and elsewhere at the show) will reflect and celebrate a tradition at Highgrove, The King's residence in Gloucestershire, where a gnome is often to be found in the Stumpery.

National Biscuit Day – 29th May

Did you know that Britain is the country with the highest biscuit consumption in the world?

According to industry research, we each eat about 500 biscuits a year. And the great biscuit dunking debate - over which biscuit holds up best when dipped in tea – can spark surprisingly passionate discussion.

Biscuits have been part of our daily lives for centuries. Their dose of sweet, tasty comfort is loved by 2-year-olds and 90-year-olds, and every age in between.

And so National Biscuit Day is held each year to honour this beloved snack. Our national favourite seems to be the chocolate digestive, followed by shortbread and chocolate fingers. But don't underestimate the appeal of custard creams, hobnobs, chocolate chip and oatmeal cookies!

The McVitie's Digestive, first produced in 1892, is one of the most iconic biscuits in British history. Today, it remains a bestseller alongside other classics like the Rich Tea, the Bourbon, and the Jammie Dodger.

The word 'biscuit' comes from the Latin *panis biscotus*, meaning 'twice-cooked bread'. In Roman times, flour-based provisions were baked twice, to remove moisture, making them durable enough for long journeys. Ancient Egyptian sailors and Roman soldiers relied on these early biscuits as a portable, long-lasting food source.

The transformation from practical sustenance to sweet treat began around the seventh century, when Persian bakers added eggs, butter, cream, and eventually sugar and honey to their recipes, creating some of the earliest cookies in history. By the Middle Ages, biscuits had spread across Europe, with each region developing its own favourite.

The Industrial Revolution brought mass production to the biscuit world. British firms like McVitie's, Huntley and Palmers, and Carr's produced biscuits on an unprecedented scale. In 1831, Huntley and Palmers even invented the decorative biscuit tin, which not only kept biscuits fresh but also made them an attractive gift item.

Thought for the Month

On Sunday 26th April we held our Annual Church Meeting to review the past year, and to elect wardens and PCC Members. I am very grateful to Ann Hackett who has stood as warden again, and to those who stood to fill the PCC vacancies, but there remain three warden vacancies.

Our Annual Church Meeting reminded us of both the blessings we enjoy and the challenges we must face together. I am deeply grateful for those who have stepped forward to serve, and I believe this coming year holds tremendous potential - if we meet it with shared commitment.

Some of our challenges are practical but essential. The Church Tower roof requires major work for which we will need to raise almost £240,000. And the organ needs significant renovation which will cost £90,000. These are not small tasks, but they are vital if we want future generations to inherit a church that is strong, safe, and worthy of its history. We will be seeking grants and raising funds, but we will also need the support, creativity, and prayers of the whole congregation.

Just as important is the need for people willing to serve. As the record notes, *“it is getting very difficult to find Church wardens.”* This is a moment for us to ask not, “Will someone do it?” but “Is God calling me?” With four wardens, the work becomes shared, sustainable, and joyful. Please pray - and consider whether you might be one of the four.

But challenges are only one side of the story. We also have extraordinary opportunities. More children are attending our 10am service, a hopeful sign that it may be time to restart children’s ministry. This is a chance to shape young lives and strengthen the future of our church family.

We are also blessed with a building of rare beauty and historical significance. Through the Pilgrim Places initiative we can open our doors wider and welcome many more people into the peace and heritage of St Mary’s. And because St Mary’s is one of the most beautiful and historically significant churches in Yorkshire, we have a unique opportunity to welcome visitors throughout the week. Through the Pilgrim Places initiative, we hope to keep the church open more often - but this depends entirely on volunteers willing to “church sit” for an hour or two at a time.

We are also looking at establishing a Friends of Ecclesfield Church group to help support the life and work of the Church.

These opportunities are gifts - but they become reality only when we respond. Please pray, reflect, and consider how you might be part of what God is doing among us.

Every one of these opportunities is a chance to shape the future of St Mary’s. Your time, your presence, and your willingness to serve can make a lasting difference.

You don’t need to be a member of the church to volunteer, anyone in the community with time and / or skills is welcome to become involved.

For more information about these challenges and opportunities, please speak to Tim.

Editor's Humour & Philosophy Page

Pootling – to move or spend time in a slow, relaxed, and unhurried way, without pressure or urgency.

This morning I was walking down the street, when I got hit by a Violin, then a Clarinet, and then a French Horn! I think it was an Orchestrated attack.

We may not party like we used to, but if we take a nap, we can stay up till dark.

I hate when I read 'read' as 'read' and not 'read', so then I have to go back and re-read 'read' as 'read' so I can read the correct 'read' and have it make sense.

The man who invented the Ferris Wheel never met the man who invented the Merry-go-Round. They travelled in different circles.

Fun fact: To keep production costs low, many Star Trek scenes were actually filmed on Earth rather than on location in outer space.

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

Really pleased to get a full tank of petrol for £ 60 today... Granted it was for the lawnmower but then I'm trying to keep positive.

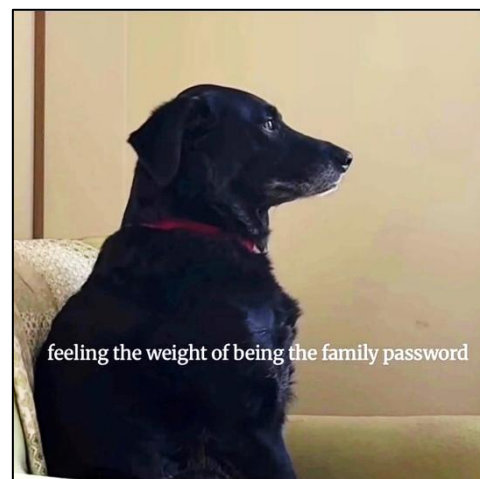
The Beach Boys on a night out - Round? - Round? - Get a Round? - I'll get a Round!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BchXkabxn4A>

Short-staffed - Two men were working for the town council. One would dig a hole and the other would follow behind him and fill the hole in. They worked up one side of the street, then down the other, then moved on to the next street, working furiously all day without rest, one man digging a hole, the other filling it in again.

An onlooker was amazed at their hard work but couldn't understand what they were doing. So he finally approached the hole digger, "I'm impressed by the effort you two are putting into your work, but I don't get it - why do you dig a hole, only to have your partner follow behind and fill it up again?"

The hole digger wiped his brow and sighed, "Well, I suppose it probably looks odd because we're normally a three-person team. But today the guy who plants the trees called in sick."



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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



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Children's Society to exhibit at Chelsea Flower Show

Children's Society is to have a show garden at the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) Chelsea Flower show next year, 19th-23rd May 2026.

Designed to spotlight the urgent issue of teenage wellbeing in the UK, 'The Children's Society Garden' has been created by landscape architect Patrick Clarke. It draws inspiration from the Japanese philosophy of wabi-sabi - celebrating the beauty in imperfection. This nurturing space will offer a message of hope, safety, and connection for young people facing challenges today.

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The Gardening Year – May

A summary of the months' work, lawns, continue regally mowing, and apply lawn feed and weed fertiliser

Roses - spray regular with a systemic insecticide, against green fly etc. Also spray with a fungicide against black spot, mill dew and rust. Hardy herbaceous plants hoe between plants to control weeds. Continue staking tall plants such as delphiniums. Pinch out the tips of plants which grow too tall.

Chrysanthemum's - plant out garden varieties intended for garden decoration.

Gladioli - continue weeding around plants and water regally.

Irises - remove dead flower stems from dwarf irises and dead flowers from intermediates

Lilies - spray monthly with a systemic insecticide against aphids and fortnightly a fungicide mixture against botrytis.

Carnations and Pinks - stake border carnations. Plant out annual carnations in warmer weather, take action against pest and diseases.

Sweet Peas - weed round the plants frequently mulch round the plants in dry weather, tie cordons regularly as they grow.

Flowers - from seed make sowings of hardy and half-hardy annuals. Plant out half-hardy annuals when risk of frost has passed.

Alpines - Control weeds by hoeing or hand pulling. Trim aubrietas and other plants after flowering to prevent seeding and prolong flowering period.

Greenhouses and Frames - Sow cineraria seed for flowers next December, and pot seedlings into 3-inch pots when large enough. Sow cucumbers, melons and sweetcorn.

Fruit - watch for pest and control as necessary, water fruit trees and bushes in dry weather. Feed apples, pears, cherries, blackberries, loganberries, black currents, gooseberries, peaches and nectarines, plums, damsons, raspberries and red currents. Start thinning fruit on wall trained trees and control weeds around trees and bushes. Remove overcrowded and surplus shoots from raspberries and apply a mulch, tie up new growths on blackberries and loganberries.

Vegetables - cover seed potatoes if frost threatens, prepare site for growing marrows and pumpkins outdoors. Prepare planting sites for outdoor tomatoes, sow French beans outdoors set out late summer cauliflowers, plant out Brussel sprouts. Make sowings of summer salad crops, and runner beans and erect canes for support

Colin Williams

Eat the Seasons – May

Here is a list of foods in season those in **bold** should be at their best this month

Vegetables - Carrots, **Cauliflower**, Chicory, Cucumber, Jersey Royal New Potatoes, Kale, Leeks, Onions, Potatoes (Maincrop), **Purple Sprouting Broccoli**, Rocket, **Spinach**, **Spring Onions**

Fruit - **Bananas**, Blood Oranges, **Grapefruit**, Passion Fruit, **Kiwi Fruit**, **Rhubarb**

Herbs - Chives, Coriander, Dill, Parsley (Curly), Parsley (Flat-Leaf), Sorrel

Meat - **Beef**, **Chicken**, **Pork**, Rabbit, Turkey, Wood Pigeon

Fish - Crab, **Cockles**, Conger Eel, Eel, **Gurnard**, **John Dory**, Lobster, **Salmon**, **Sea Trout**, **Dab**, **Langoustine**, **Mackerel**, Mussels, Oysters, Prawns, **Shrimp**, Skate, Whitebait, **Winkles**

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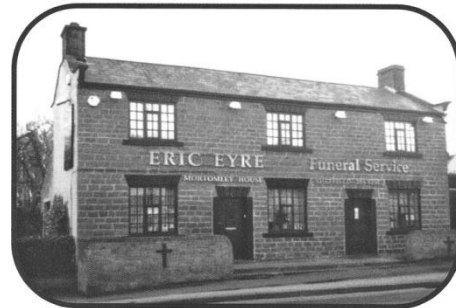
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Time to Eat – Mackerel

With its sparkling, silvery belly and iridescent blue-grey stripes, the mackerel is an eye-catching fish, almost showy. It's bound to be the subject of enviously dismissive gossip amongst shoals of less flashy sardine and cod.



The mackerel isn't a delicately flavoured fish and its richness doesn't always lend itself well to a simple 'lemon and herbs' pairing. But given the right treatment it is a fantastically moist, flavoursome fish that makes an inexpensive and very healthy meal.

The mackerel has been a consistently popular fish throughout European history. The Romans used mackerel to make garum, a fermented fish sauce similar to those essential to Thai and Vietnamese cooking today.

Records show that the mackerel has been widely eaten in the UK for hundreds of years. According to his diary, Samuel Pepys breakfasted on mackerel on 30th May 1660. Mrs Beeton's Book of Household Management (1861) features the recipe Fennel Sauce for Mackerel.

The mackerel is an oceanic fish that swims in very large shoals. The variety *Scomber scombrus* is a common fish in North Atlantic and Mediterranean waters. Several other varieties are found in the Indo-Pacific and are an important food source in Thailand and the Philippines.

Look for mackerel with shiny bodies and bright eyes. They should be firm-feeling and rigid; fresh mackerel won't droop if held horizontally by the head. The freshest specimens are likely to be found in good fishmongers or markets. After buying mackerel be sure to keep it cool until you get home.

Oily fish spoil faster than white fish and mackerel is best eaten on the day of purchase or within 24 hours if kept chilled. It can also be frozen successfully.

Ask your fishmonger to gut the fish. At home, wash under cold running water and pat dry before cooking. Baking, grilling, barbecuing, or pan-frying are excellent cooking methods. To check if mackerel is cooked, slit the fish at the thickest part with a small knife: the flesh should appear just opaque but still moist.

Due to mackerel's richness, cream or butter-based sauces are best avoided. A spicy treatment works well, as does matching with something sharp. Gooseberry or rhubarb sauces are traditional accompaniments, or try experimenting with lemon juice/slices, creamed horseradish, mustard vinaigrette, or pickled onions.

Health experts recommend eating at least one serving of oily fish, such as mackerel, each week. Mackerel is an excellent source of omega-3 fatty acids, selenium, and vitamin B12.

Smoked mackerel is a good alternative to fresh mackerel and can be served hot or cold with salad, creamed horseradish sauce makes a good accompaniment.

Crossword Puzzle

Clues Across

- 1 Overpowered (Deuteronomy 11:4) (11)
- 9 'The — are mantled with corn' (Psalm 65:13) (7)
- 10 'Each man—a sword to his side' (Exodus 32:27) (5)
- 11 On the death of Jesus the curtain in the temple was torn from— to bottom (Matthew 27:51) (3)
- 13 Stagger (Isaiah 28:7) (4)
- 16 'Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought—and doesn't do it, sins' (James 4:17) (2,2)
- 17 Stir up or provoke (Acts 13:50) (6)
- 18 Burden (Luke 11:46) (4)
- 20 'As far as the east is from the—, so far has he removed our transgressions from us' (Psalm 103:12) (4)
- 21 Sign (Luke 23:38) (6)
- 22 'After that, Jesus poured water into a basin and began to—his disciples' feet' (John 13:5) (4)
- 23 The nature of the seven ears of corn which swallowed up the good ears in Pharaoh's dream (Genesis 41:23) (4)
- 25 Has (anag.) (3)
- 28 'This is the account of Shem, Ham and Japheth, —sons' (Genesis 10:1) (5)
- 29 'I will...make them drunk, so that they...sleep for—and— awake' (Jeremiah 51:39) (4,3)
- 30 Paul said of him, 'he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my chains' (2 Timothy 1:16) (11)

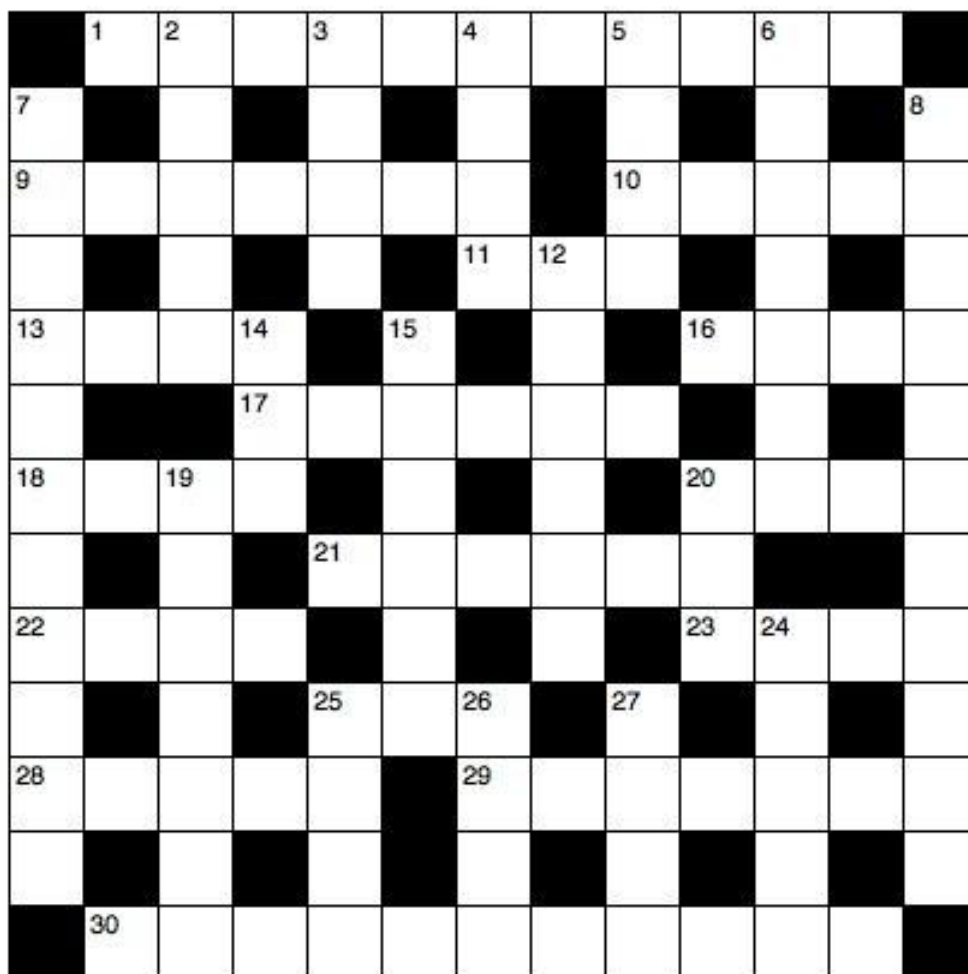
Clues Down

- 2 Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5)
- 3 'A bruised — He will not break' (Matthew 12:20) (4)
- 4 'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly — appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (4)
- 5 Slip (anag.) (4)
- 6 'Take an awl and push it through his — — into the door, and he will become your servant for life' (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3,4)
- 7 Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11)
- 8 'Therefore, as we have —, let us do good to all people' (Galatians 6:10) (11)
- 12 Acquire (2 Timothy 2:10) (6)
- 14 Container cover (Numbers 19:15) (3)
- 15 'He...became obedient to death, even death on——!' (Philippians 2:8) (1,5)
- 19 Refrain (1 Peter 2:11) (7)
- 20 'She began to—his feet with her tears' (Luke 7:38) (3)
- 24 One who worships Brahma, Vishnu or Shiva (5)
- 25 'Give to everyone who—you' (Luke 6:30) (4)

26 'I lift up my eyes to the hills; where does my—come from?' (Psalm 121:1) (4)

27 One of those whom the Lord said would be taken from Jerusalem and Judah as judgment on them (Isaiah 3:2) (4)

Solution is on Page 7



Prayer for Pentecost 2026

Loving Father and giver of all gifts,

This month we thank You for the gift of Your Holy Spirit which You promise to all who call on Your name, turn away from self-centred living and put their trust in Jesus.

Help us to do that, Lord.

Then, when events in the world and the circumstances of our own lives are difficult to understand, we have Your Holy Spirit who brings life and power.

He is faithful and constant. He will lead us into all truth and give us the words and thoughts we need to experience Your peace in the midst of turmoil.

At this time when we remember the birth of Your church, may we open our hearts to receive Your Spirit afresh and move into each new day confident that we are yours and that in You is our true security.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Chapeltown & District Probus Club



Our meeting on 8th April welcomed a new speaker, Tim Forman, who has led a varied professional career in a number of senior positions. His talk was a series of anecdotes and amusing stories from his life such as going to a meeting in Scotland where he had been appointed to take over responsibility for his company sales north of the border. His meeting with his new group of managers didn't go very well when he told them he was "taking charge of Scotland" and he left the company within a couple of weeks!

Our 2nd trip this year will be on May 18th to the JCB factory to look at the extremely successful British company famous for its range of machinery for use in construction and farming.

The next visit which is at the planning stage will be to the RHS Bridgewater Garden on the outskirts of Manchester likely to be either late in August or early September. Planning for an overnight trip to the naval dockyards at Portsmouth is in delay because of the length of journey and the high cost of coaches and hotels at present.

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): -

13th May – Mike Ogden - Skyscrapers

10th June – Stuart Atkins – Great American Songbook

8th July – Neil Hanson – Champagne Breakfast & Flying Pigs

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Red Squirrels on the Isle of Wight

A sunbeam, in the woods of Wight
Illumines a magenta coat
And, sat within that beam of light.
A squirrel – red! And how we gloat!
Though squirrels are a common sight
We see them nearly ev'ry day
Aloft within the treetops height
But these are never red – just grey.
But there, upon the Isle of Wight
No greys have ever set a paw
So go! You never know, you might
See squirrels you've not seen before.
A lovely island's best delight –
Red squirrels on the Isle of Wight.

By Nigel Beeton

Fill me with Your Spirit, Lord

Fill me with Your Spirit, Lord,
Fill me with Your love.
Fill this empty heart of mine,
Come down gentle dove.
You see all my self-concern,
Lovelessness and pride;
Help me open up my heart,
Place Your love inside.

Fill me with Your Spirit, Lord,
Fill me with Your power.
Give to me Your source of strength,
From this very hour.
You have seen me trying hard,
Failing every time,
Show me how to let You now,
Live Your life in mine.

Fill me with Your Spirit, Lord,
Fill me with Your joy.
Give to me that happiness
Nothing can destroy.
Even when my sufferings
Point me to despair,
May I know that joy inside
Just because You're there.

Fill me with Your Spirit, Lord,
Fill me with Your peace,
Quieten all the turbulence,
Bid my struggles cease.
Often my anxieties,
Fill my life with stress,
Show me how to let them go,
Give to Me your rest.

by Howard Webber

The Seven Churches in Asia

(Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum, Thyatira, Sardis, Philadelphia, Laodicea)

Christ moves amongst His churches
And sees straight into their hearts,
Encouraging with promises
As each one plays their part.

In Ephesus and Smyrna
There's love, suffering, and pain
Thyatira and Pergamum are holding on
Remaining true to His name.

In Sardis and Philadelphia,
Aware of all their deeds,
He knows their strengths and weaknesses
And highlights all their needs.

Laodicea is called lukewarm
Being neither cold nor hot,
How sad when purchased with His blood
Such grace is soon forgot.

So learning from these churches
Let us long to hear His call,
As He comes for His bride with trumpet sound
When the Lord will be all in all.

(He that has an ear let him hear what the Spirit is saying to the churches.)

by Megan Carter

Promise of the Father

(Lk24:44-53, Heb 11:1-3)

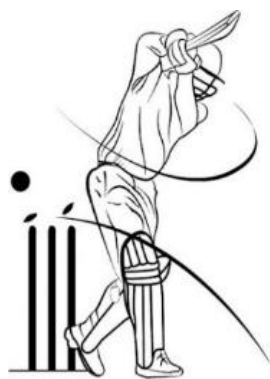
Blessing led to leaving,
and leaving to a new coming,
a coming in power and joy
to worship and to witness
to God's plan fulfilled
in the reality of Jesus, living.

This is the promised day,
the day of clothing
with power and presence,
and a fresh sending
of those with opened eyes
in every generation,
releasing hope and faith-filled certainty,
making sense of everything.

Come Holy Spirit, clothe me, send me.

By Daphne Kitching

Whitley Hall Cricket Club



The season has started with reasonable weather and a ground in excellent condition. However, the matches have been challenging. The 1st XI started away at Wickersley Old Village in challenging conditions with the ball turning on very green grass. Chasing a very low total of 133, we were all out for 124 gaining 6 points for being so close. The following week on 25th April, playing against Appleby Frodingham at home, Appleby set a strong challenge with 249 and a strong fight by Whitley ended in the team all out for 217 and 4 points. The 2nd XI had a great day on 18th April at Wickersley with a score of 259 which Wickersley couldn't match with 113 all-out - but tables were turned on 25th April away at Warmsworth who achieved the same 259 Whitley achieved the previous week but this time, we only managed 93 all-out. Unfortunately, the 3rd XI has lost both opening games but the juniors are looking good. So, onwards and upwards!

We will be running All Stars for Boys and Girls this season on Saturday mornings starting 16th May and Dynamos for girls on Thursday evenings. See sign-up and details on <https://ecb.clubspark.uk/AllStars/Search> or contact Emma on 07960981345.

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

Senior Matches at Cinder Hill Lane (12 noon) (see website for other home games for 3rd XI, juniors and ladies)

2 nd May	2 nd XI	v	Conisbrough 1 st XI
9 th May	1 st XI	v	Tickhill 1 st XI
16 th May	1 st XI	v	Cawthorne 1 st XI
23 rd May	2 nd XI	v	Wath 1 st XI
Sun 24 th May			T20 Cup Group Stage
30 th May	1 st XI	v	Sheffield Hallam 1 st XI
6 th June	2 nd XI	v	West Bretton 1 st XI
Sun 7 th June	1 st XI	v	K3 Dental Cup Appleby Frodingham

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Andrew Robinson

Don't drive when sad

You've seen those motorway signs warning you not to drive when you are tired. But now it seems you are far more likely to crash your car if you drive when you are sad, or when you are angry, or when you are agitated.

A study has found that a healthy emotional state is hugely important for your safety at the wheel; being sad, mad or upset can increase your likelihood of a crash by nearly ten-fold. That compares with fatigue making a crash only three times more likely, while talking on a mobile phone doubles the risk.

Having children in your back seat is a very low risk, and chatting to your passenger or moving to music barely raises the risk at all. The study was carried out at Virginia Tech.

Contact Details for Local Groups

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whitleyhall.play-cricket.com

Chapelton and District PROBUS Club

Meets every 2nd Wednesday in the month
in Grenoside Community Centre
All retired and semi-retired gentlemen welcome
Contact the Secretary: Trevor Winslow
chapelton.probus@gmail.com
We are now face to face see
www.chapelton-probus.org.uk

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

Useful Contacts



	E-mail:	Phone:
<u>Vicar:</u> Revd. Tim Gill	ttimgill@aol.com	257 0002
Church Wardens Ann Hackett		
Church Office Tuesday 9:00am to 1:00 pm Thursday 9:00am to 12:00 pm	office.stmarys.ecclesfield@googlemail.com	245 0106
Website	https://stmarysecclesfield.org.uk/	
Groups:	Times and Days:	Phone:
Choir Practice in Church Contact: Lynda Pearce	7 pm on Friday Practice in Church	208 3500
Music Group Contact: Andrea Whittaker	7:30 pm Thursday Practice in Church	246 0746
Mother's Union in Gatty Hall Contact: Maureen Lambert	1.00 pm 1st Wednesday of the month	246 9690
Ecclesfield Ladies Group Contact: Elaine Heeley	2.00 pm Thursday in Gatty Hall	07946 823284
Bell Ringers Contact: Phil Hirst	7:30 pm Tuesday in Church Belfry	286 2766
Gatty Hall Bookings		0780 307 8223
For Baptisms or Weddings Enquiries please contact the Vicar		
Magazine e-mail:	stmarys.magazine.ecclesfield@gmail.com	

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

Date	Day	Colour
3 rd May	5 th Sunday of Easter	White
10 th May	6 th Sunday of Easter	White
17 th May	7 th Sunday of Easter	White
24 th May	Day of Pentecost – Whit Sunday	Red



ECCLESFIELD IN BLOOM

ARE HOLDING A

COFFEE MORNING AND PLANT SALE

At St. MARY'S CHURCH, ECCLESFIELD

Saturday 30th May 2026

between 10am and 12 noon

COFFEE/TEA, CAKES,
PLANTS,
CARDS and RAFFLE

Everyone Welcome

