

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



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## First Words...

- **Worshipping Together** – This month we are talking about reuniting our worshipping family. Each year we get a little taste of this in August. The 10.30 August Service is a service for EVERYBODY. Come along and enjoy our worship as we sing traditional and modern hymns in the setting of our beautiful Church.
- **Celebration Weekend** – A date for your diary. The weekend of 8/ 9 October will be a time of great celebration here in Ecclesfield. We will be celebrating the 700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first named Vicar of Ecclesfield and the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible. Keep a look out in later magazines for further information.

*Daniel Hartley*



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## A Prayer for August

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

**Amen**

Front cover- One of the two new bells now on show in the back of the church.

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## The Vicars Letter

### Growing the Body of Christ

In this month's magazine you will find our *Growing the Body of Christ Action Plan*. Too often in the life of the Church and of other organisations we speak of things but we do not do things! This document commits the Church of St Mary's, Ecclesfield to a course of action. We are now a month into the consultation process for bringing our two main Sunday Services together, reuniting our worshipping family, and so far the response has been hugely encouraging. Almost everybody that I talk to is encouraged by the prospect of worshipping again as a family. There will be difficult times ahead as we work out exactly how we worship together, but the principle of unity in Christ will undergird all of our decisions. At this stage I can reiterate the promises that I made on 3<sup>rd</sup> July:

1. There is a central place within the worshipping life of our Church for organ, choir and music group.
2. The united service will be a genuine coming together of the current 9.30 and 11.15 services. It will reflect both styles but will be more than the sum of its parts.
3. The united service will be predominantly Eucharistic (the service of Holy Communion), but not exclusively so.
4. Each and every person who currently worships with us on a Sunday morning will have a place within the united service. No member of our divided family will be excluded from our united family.

Alongside the development of a united service you will see that there are a number of other exciting ventures that we are looking at launching. We will be looking to work with children and young people, but also to work with a number of other groups of people. The Church in Ecclesfield has been extremely good at forging links with our local community, but it is now time to seek consciously to build pathways from these excellent links into the worshipping life of the Body of Christ.

You will also notice that there is an emphasis on stewardship and giving in the document. We are currently some £25,000 in the red on our budget for 2011. This is due to a combination of increased utility prices (it's a big old building to heat and light!) and the passing on of a number of our significant donors. I will talk more about finances in next month's magazine and about the challenges and opportunities that our current situation brings to us.

This new chapter in the life of our Church fills me, and others, with excitement. I hope it does the same for you. The Holy Spirit will lead and guide us, but it will also equip us. Our future growth depends upon careful planning and a harvesting of all of our talents. Each person has a part to play in our future – ask God to show you what your part might be.

*Daniel Hartley*

*The Growing the Body of Christ Action Plan*  
is a pull-out supplement in the center of the magazine



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*Note: The Bishop's letter has been moved to page 10 for this month.*

## Just A Second!

So this man is talking to God and asks, "God what does 100 million years seem like to you?"

God answered, "One hundred million years ? That's like a second to me."

Then the man asks, "God, what's 100 million pounds seem like to you?"

One hundred million pounds? It seems like a penny to me."

So the guy says, "Hey God could I borrow a penny?"

And God answers, "Sure. Just a second."



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## New Bells now in Church

The two new bells arrived at St Mary's on Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of July and have been positioned at either side of the font for people to view. The bells will remain in church until late September when all the bells will be removed from the bell tower and taken back to the Whitechapel Bell Foundry (in London) to be retuned.

We will be having a service of dedication for the two new bells this month during a 10.30 service, please check the notice sheet or website for details.

The bells look quite black - as if polished with the black lead once used to brighten cast iron hearths and fireplaces. This is quite normal because they are still covered with graphite.

Bell at Right hand side of Font.



The inscription reads: -

PEOPLE WILL NOT  
LOOK FORWARD TO POSTERITY  
WHO NEVER LOOKED BACKWARD  
TO THEIR ANCESTORS.

THE GIFT OF JANET GLEDHILL  
2011

Bell at Left hand side of Font.



The inscription reads: -

TO THE MEMORY OF  
THE GLEDHILL FAMILY OF  
ECCLESFIELD

THE GIFT OF  
JANET GLEDHILL  
2011

The graphite (carbon or pencil lead) coating is used as part of the casting process to help free the casting from its mould.

The inscriptions, detailing and decoration are remarkably crisp and clear so it is well worth a visit to see them; once they are installed in the bell chamber few people will have an opportunity to see them.

Please avoid letting children touch the bells as the graphite used can be difficult to remove from clothing and hands.

And traditionally the reverse of each bell carries the names of the current vicar and churchwardens.

## Holiday Worship

The story of the birth of the Santa Ponsa Community Church (SPCC)

Many years ago whilst on holiday in Santa Ponsa on the island of Mallorca we met up with some longstanding friends one of whom was a retired Salvation Army Officer.

These meetings usually took place in a local bar on a Sunday morning there being no other meeting places available. In due course the subject came round to Sunday morning worship. It would have been possible for us to all go to the local Catholic Church but we favoured our own style of worship and language and sadly there was no local anglican church.

On our next visit we were told by some of our friends, ex pats who lived on the island, that they had explored the possibility of renting a room in a local hotel. That meant that each Sunday morning we could have our own service led by the retired Salvation Army Officer. After much discussion it was agreed that we would go ahead with the scheme and rent a room.

Over the years we attended the Sunday morning meetings (services) and as time past the meetings became more and more popular. The congregation rapidly grew to the point where the room could no longer cope with the number of people involved. In 1996 it was suggested that we start looking for larger and more permanent premises. A group was set up and later that year the organisers were told that a local disco had closed and was available at a reasonable cost. Fundraising began and within a short period of time we had built up a sizeable deposit and arranged a mortgage, in 2002 the mortgage was paid off and the church had a permanent home.

*To be continued*

*S&I G*



SPCC is an English and Spanish speaking church based in Santa Ponsa on the island of Mallorca. - [www.santaponasacommunitychurch.com](http://www.santaponasacommunitychurch.com)

## Afternoon Tea

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July Jeni, Stephanie & Ian hosted afternoon tea at 70 Sundew Gardens. It was a cloudy afternoon with short bursts of sunshine but thankfully no rain. By 1.30 pm all the preparations were done – tables set, kettle boiling and awaiting guests.



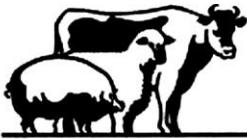
After all the worry of ‘Will people come?’ ‘What if we haven’t enough food?’ ‘Have we enough seats?’ The time for worrying was over.

Forty five people came, sat in the fresh air enjoying tea, sandwiches, fresh cream scones and of course cake. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and it was good to be together and witness the chitchat and the laughter.

We have room on the drive for 3 cars and at one point 14 cars were around – on neighbours drives, on our drive and of course on the road but all went well.

Thanks go to everyone who helped in any way and of course to all who came and all who donated. A healthy £370 was raised for Church Funds – so thank you to one and all. Bring on the next one so that we can go and sit in the sunshine.

*Stephanie Hartshorne*



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## Bishop Cyril's Letter August 2011

This letter gives me and my wife Muriel an opportunity to say thank you. Thank you for the gifts and good wishes we have received as we move on from the Diocese of Sheffield, but above all, for the love and friendship that has so enriched our time in South Yorkshire. The last eleven years have been among the most rewarding of my ministry. Working alongside Bishop Jack and then Bishop Steven with colleagues on bishop's staff has been both challenging and happy. I have enjoyed the variety and stimulation of being involved in leadership in the Diocese. I have found great satisfaction in my role as sponsoring bishop working with an outstanding team dedicated to helping people discern their vocation as clergy or lay ministers. In this context the development of the School of Ministry is particularly pleasing. We will leave with very good memories for which we are so grateful.

Retiring is quite an interesting experience and there has been no shortage of wisdom and good advice. This ranges from "you'll be busier than ever" to "enjoy touring the world on your motorbike." I suspect reality will be somewhere in between. Very kindly a number of people said that I look too young to retire. I like James Thurber's comment: "I'm 65 but if there were 15 months in every year, I'd only be 48." I remember saying to one of my sons that time seems to fly as you get older. "You are bound to go faster when you are going downhill," was his affirming comment.

We will move to Lancaster this summer and are well into discussions about which items of furniture we need to dispose of. Of course, none of our children want the furniture we had planned to hand on to them. Pieces that we had scrimped and saved to buy over the years, thinking vainly that they would be delighted to own, have been politely declined. However, there is great interest in having my classic car, motorbike and pin number. None of which are on offer at the moment.

Of course, it doesn't do to confess to a Yorkshire man that you are leaving to go to Lancashire. They look at you as though you have been caught doing something you should be ashamed of. "Never ask a man if he is from Yorkshire," advised Roy Hattersley. "If he is he'll already have told you. If he isn't why embarrass him?" Pride in belonging to Yorkshire is perfectly understandable and we are delighted to have been included in this great part of the country for the last eleven years.

Our pilgrimage continues with thankfulness to God for the joy of meeting so many lovely people, and with anticipation of all that he has in store for us.

**+ Cyril**

# Will You Remember Them

## **Eritrea.**

Population 5million (45% Christian), Religions: Islam, Christianity (Orthodox), Government: One party state.

In May2002 the government outlawed all religious groups (other than Orthodox, Catholic, Lutheran, or Islam). Since then many believers have been arrested. None have been charged officially or given access to judicial process. Most of them face severe punishment in the form of physical and emotional torture, exposure to the elements and a lack of sufficient food, sanitation and medicine for their refusal to turn their backs on Christ.

Mass arrests over the past few years have meant that many thousands of Christians have been held in police stations, military camps, metal shipping containers and jails across Eritrea with an estimated 1,500 currently imprisoned.

Apart from these Christians, there are also a number of leaders from other faiths in prison. It is reported that 360 Christians are being kept under severe conditions at Mitre military concentration camp in north-eastern Eritrea. Of the 16 known Christian believers who have died in prison in Eritrea, 8 were as a direct result of torture, 7 from a lack of medical treatment or poor conditions and one woman was shot while trying to escape in Nov. 2010.

President Afewerki and his government deny that any religious persecution exists in Eritrea. Eritrea is number 12 on the open doors world watch of countries where Christians face most persecution.

## **Please Pray...**

- Thank God for the many imprisoned Christians who faithfully share Christ with their fellow prisoners. Pray that many will come to know Jesus through their witness.
- That God will sustain and encourage the families and friends of imprisoned Christians and give wisdom and courage to church leaders.
- That international pressure would bring an end to the government's repressive policies.

*JD*

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## Book Review

### **Pete Ward, *God's Behaving Badly:***

*Media, Religion and Celebrity Culture (London: SCM, 2011)*

Pete Ward's latest book opens up one of the dominant areas of late modern culture, celebrity. A collusion between the entertainment industries and the media, this obsession with being in the public eye at any cost has infected nearly all forms of life, whether Big Brother or Tiger Woods. Yet in all of this Ward sees fascinating insights which reflect traditionally religious themes, even though he characterizes celebrity as a proto-religion rather than religion proper. What is clear, however, is that celebrity culture is not secular in the modernist sense. Rather there is a sacralisation of the self, a re-emergence of polytheism and the exploration of a variety of expressions of the good life. Elements of worship (narcissism) and of idolatry are present, along with notions of sin, repentance, restoration and eternal life, but often these are ironic and irreverent rather than wholesome, evaluated by the last judgement of popular opinion and eternally recorded on web site servers. This is about celetoid identity, a constructed celebrity in the service of capitalist money making and consumerism. Yet in and through this important themes are being explored, says Ward, such as home and family, the body, worthwhile living and the second chance.

As I read his work I could not help wondering how the rich and remarkable story of Jesus and Israel had been substituted by so many for the thin celetoid stories of *Hello Magazine* or *Heat*. Yet perhaps their very irony is an acknowledgement of their parasitic relationship with this core and often hidden foundational story. As with Rooms, Ward invites us to see the culture around us as an opportunity for conversation rather than something to be avoided. Interestingly Ward raises questions for Rooms as celebrity culture threatens many of the common characteristics of Englishness that Rooms identifies. The question then is not only, can the Christian story be embodied and shared in a sufficiently persuasive way to subvert celebrity obsession, but can Englishness survive what is essentially an American driven agenda, even if some of its roots can be seen in ancient Greek and Roman paganism?

*Book Reviews by Revd Canon John Thomson, Director of Ministry*

## “Blooming Lovely”

July is a time of year when floral displays tend to look their best and this year was no exception. No-one walking through Ecclesfield to St. Mary’s Church could fail to notice a feast of colour, whether it was Ladycroft Meadow with its wild flowers or the planters up and down Church Street, the tendered gardens of St. Mary’s Church or the many displays of potted plants outside Villagers homes all adding to a supreme effort.

This was good because on the 15<sup>th</sup>. July, Ecclesfield was judged by the Royal Horticultural Society judges of Yorkshire in Bloom along a prescribed route. The judges expressed their delight in seeing the floral results in their many forms and the way the village had been tidied up and was virtually litterless.

The tireless amateur gardeners of St. Mary’s Church and Ecclesfield in Bloom seem to combine naturally each year to produce neat, tidy and colourful displays along with constant grass cutting and plant tendering. There are no winners or losers from the judging only awards for efforts made and from our point of view nearly every home made a real effort to help. Help comes in many forms from all age groups and is appreciated very much.

There are too many people involved to name individuals within Ecclesfield in Bloom or the Church gardeners and the same must be said of our sponsors, who are mainly local businesses and of course a few private individuals.

Many thanks to everyone, without you and your efforts Ecclesfield would not be as blooming lovely as it now is.

Judging awards will be published on 20<sup>th</sup>. September 2011

*Keith Fish - Ecclesfield in Bloom*

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## Diary for the Month of August

Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 7<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>
	10.30 am	Parish Communion
	12.45 pm	Baptism Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Church
	2.00 pm	Hartwell House Service
<b>Sunday 14<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Family Service
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	to 12 noon Holiday Club
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	to 12 noon Holiday Club
	7.30 pm	Open Garden Meeting
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	to 12 noon Holiday Club
	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	to 12 noon Holiday Club
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am	to 12 noon Holiday Club
<b>Sunday 21<sup>st</sup></b>		<b>9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>
	10.30 am	Holiday Club Service
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>		MU Fun Day in the Church
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House

## From the Registers

### **Baptisms**

3rd July Harry Matthew Pickering  
17th July Harry Michael Palmer  
17th July Mia Evie Garratt

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

### **Weddings**

24th June Andrew Hogg and Rebecca Platts  
15th July David White and Verity Cooper  
16th July Daniel Robinson and Sarah Elcock  
16th July Lee Steel and Leanne Green  
23rd July Thomas Rice and Lydia Chittenden

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

### **Flower Rota**

7th August K. & L. Atkin  
14th August Vicki and Michael Grey  
21st August A. Higgins & Cheryl  
28th August Vacant



## **Church Jumble Sale**

**2.00 pm on Saturday 10th September**

Sale will take place in The Gatty Hall, Priory Road, Ecclesfield

Admission 20p.

More details in the September magazine.

# “Champions”

A Holiday Club for 5 to 11 year olds

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_ 2011

Tick to give consent for any photographs taken to be used in the church only



## Mothers' Union

### Trip to Castle Howard

On 6<sup>th</sup> July members of the Mothers Union and friends journeyed together for a day at Castle Howard.

Castle Howard has been the home of part of the Howard family for more than 300 years. It is familiar to television and movie audiences as the fictional "Brideshead", both in Granada Television's 1981 adaptation of Evelyn Waugh's *Brideshead Revisited* and a two-hour 2008 remake for cinema. Today, it is part of the Treasure Houses of England heritage group.

We set off from the village at 9am and arrived at Castle Howard at approximately 11am. Of course on arrival tickets had to be purchased before we could enter the grounds – well this was the start. We took with us a young Vicar 37 years of age – on explaining at the desk that we had one person who was not a concession the booking clerk said ‘ I can’t be bothered with that love, you’re all concessions’. So if you think Daniel has aged over the last month you know why.

On entering the grounds we had quite a walk to the Grecian Hall for our coffee and as you would expect at that moment the heavens opened and we were all somewhat wet by the time we got to coffee. However, the coffee, Danish pastries and scones were very good and went down a treat.

The house was very interesting with lovely things to see. Quite an extensive exhibition of ‘Brideshead Revisited’ was set out in one of the rooms which we all found very interesting.

Many of us then had picnics on tables and chairs outside the cafeteria – enjoying the fresh air and a burst of sunshine.

The grounds were also well worth a visit with lakes, rose gardens and follies to be seen. An enjoyable hour or two was spent around these.

Before our return it was ice cream or cream tea. An enjoyable time was had by all.

*Stephanie Hartshorne*

Footnote:

**Brideshead Revisited, The Sacred & Profane Memories of Captain Charles Ryder** is a novel by the English writer Evelyn Waugh, first published in 1945. Waugh wrote that the novel "deals with what is theologically termed 'the operation of Grace', that is to say, the unmerited and unilateral act of love by which God continually calls souls to Himself". This is achieved by an examination of the Catholic aristocratic Marchmain family, as seen by the narrator, Charles Ryder.

## Ladies Group

At 4.00 pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> June the rain was teeming down, and the Ladies Group thought 'Here we go again!' the usual English Summer Outing but someone up there was kind to us and as the two mini busses turned down the steep lane to the hall the sun was there to welcome us once more.



FANSHAWE GATE HALL

The Hall was owned by the Fanshawe family from 1260 until 1944. The present occupants John and Cynthia Ramsden are only the fourth proprietors in over 700 years.

The garden is medieval and has Mulberry, Walnut and Quince trees with box hedges and a lovely Lion waterfall which cascades into a plant filled pool in the courtyard. The most recent project has involved clearing the old apple orchard to make way for a wildlife pond and the planting of old English apple varieties amongst swathes of 'Hidcote blue' lavender. The dove cote was restored by one of the Ramsdens sons and a neighbour and has won a Rural England Protection award, the original inch-thick Elizabethan glass remains in its tiny window.

There is also a raised bed kitchen garden, a Knot garden and a herb garden by the cottage wall.

It is the most tranquil garden imaginable, and a place of recovery from the oesophageal cancer which struck Cynthia 12 years ago, for four weeks in the summer the garden is opened to the public and Cynthia wrote her first book '*A Garden in my Life*' in 2001 for Macmillan Cancer Support. The couple are celebrating 50 years at Fanshawe Gate, they met at Dronfield Grammar School founded in 1579 under the will of Henry Fanshawe and now bearing his name, they have five children and many grandchildren who come and help when the beautiful gardens are open for you and me to visit.

*PB*

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## ANOTHER CHANCE

The Bible gives us some lovely pictures of how God is always willing to give us another chance. One story you may not know is of Jeremiah and the potter...

Jeremiah was a prophet, a person who gave God's message to the people. One day he watched a potter using a simple wheel to make cooking pots. One of the pots wasn't quite right, but the potter didn't throw it away and start another one. He just squashed it down and started again, this time turning it into a perfect pot. The clay had a second chance to be beautiful and useful.



Jeremiah realised that God was showing him that all of us are in God's hands. God, like the potter, gives us another chance to what we should be.

## GINGERBREAD SHAPES

100 g (4 oz) margarine  
100 g (4 oz) sugar  
275g (10 oz) plain flour  
1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda  
3 teaspoons ground ginger  
golden syrup  
(warmed, about 2 tablespoons)

Heat the oven to 180C (350F, Gas 4) and line a baking tray.

Cream together the margarine. Sift together the dry ingredients and add to the creamed mixture. Add enough syrup to make a dough.

Now all you have to do is roll out the dough on a floured board and cut it into shapes. You can make gingerbread people or any thing. If you are not happy with how they look you can, like Jeremiah's potter, squash it and start again.

Put the shapes on the baking tray and cook for 15 minutes. Cool on the tray. Finish with icing, chocolate drops etc.



**What did the gingerbread man put on his bed?**  
A baking sheet.



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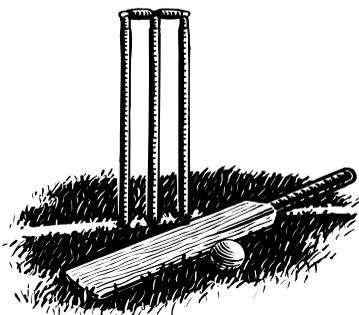
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## Whitley Hall Cricket Club



The 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of July was a pivotal point for the season. Starting 10 points clear of Elsecar at the top of the Premier League, Whitley were to face Elsecar twice at home - in the League on the Saturday followed by the Whitworth Cup semi-final the following day. In the League, a massive target of 310 proved to be insufficient for a rampant Elsecar side who achieved 2 centuries to beat Whitley. The

following day, Whitley set a target of 331 in 45 overs finally to beat Elsecar with Neil Longhurst top scoring with 168 as well as taking 3 wickets. The weekend leaves Whitley 5 points clear in the League, entering the Cup Final with a good chance of a third consecutive triumph.

The pavilion is open on Saturdays from 11am through to 11pm with hot and cold refreshments, salad teas and a bar. All are welcome.

Contacts: Joe Webster, Secretary: 0114 245 2518

Steve Fletcher, Director of Cricket: 0114 245 2406

Andrew Robinson, Publicity and Fundraising: 0114 246 3646

Website: <http://whitleyhall.play-cricket.com>

### Forthcoming Matches at Cinder Hill Lane

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Match Details</b>
July 30 <sup>th</sup>	1.30 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Warmsworth
Aug 6 <sup>th</sup>	12.30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Barnsley
August 13 <sup>th</sup>	1.00 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Maltby
August 20 <sup>th</sup>	1.00 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Doncaster
August 27 <sup>th</sup>	12.30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> XI v Bradfield
Sept 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1.00 pm	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI v Whiston

*Andrew Robinson*

## The Gardening Year – August 2011.

**Flowers** – carnations layered last month will need water if the weather is dry, there is still time to layer more or insert cuttings in sandy soil in the cold frame. Keep them closed for some time only opening the lights morning and evening to refresh the air. They will root in a few weeks and can then be left exposed to all weathers unless severe storms or night frost occur. Seedlings of many plants need attention now. The early sowings or biennials may be ready for transplanting to their permanent position. Pansy and viola seedlings can be transplanted to the borders as soon as they are large enough to handle. The June sowings will probably flower a little all through the winter if the weather is not too cold. Polyanthus seedlings should be large enough to prick out in a half-shady border now. Madonna lilies usually need no attention, but where a clump is overgrown or where it is desirable to move the lilies from one position to another this should be done now. Prepare the soil by deep digging, adding plenty of leaf mould and lime. Madonna lilies are among the few lilies that do need lime in the soil if they are to succeed. Clematis, honeysuckle and wisteria should be trained before the shoots become too long.

**Fruit** – wall fruits make abundant growth at this season. Tie in young wood wanted to next season and remove the rest. In very dry weather give an occasional good soaking. Wall fruit should be protected as it ripens from wasps and birds, earwigs and snails should be trapped, the fruit should be exposed to the sun as much as possible. Late apples, pears and plums require thinning out if the crop is too heavy. Bands round fruit trees should be examined, the pests being destroyed. Loganberry and raspberry canes that have borne fruit should be cut down. Summer pruning should be done now.

**Vegetables** – Continue to pinch outside shoots from outdoor tomatoes, and stop the plants at four trusses. If you want to ripen your tomatoes earlier strip the bottom leaves of the plants and ease off on watering. Dwarf French beans and turnips only take about ten weeks to mature, if sown in early August they will be ready in early October. All kinds of herbs can be gathered this month and stored for winter use. They are best gathered in bunches washed and hung up to dry. Paper bags can be used to keep dust and insects from the leaves. Thyme, marjoram, sage, parsley and mint should be available in every garden.

*Colin Williams*

## Ecclesfield Open Gardens 2012

On Saturday June 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 10<sup>th</sup> 2012 we are hoping that the gardeners of Ecclesfield will be prepared to open their gardens to visitors in order to raise some much needed funds for our beautiful, historic Church.

It is quite a simple event which is much used and enjoyed in other places but has not yet been employed in Ecclesfield. The idea is that visitors pay a central fee which then allows them to visit all the gardens involved in the scheme during the agreed hours on the days mentioned above. There will be refreshments in church and possibly in other places and perhaps some people will sell plants or cakes or jam or something else to boost the funds as well.

Of course all of this can only happen if garden lovers are generous enough to allow their gardens to be used in this way. People usually stay around their own gardens during the open times to welcome visitors and chat about their plants etc. so making it an extremely sociable and enjoyable event. Would you be willing to let people enjoy your garden in this way or do you have a neighbour or friend with a garden locally who might be persuaded to join in?

In order to try and bring all of this about we are holding a meeting in Church on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2011 at 7.30pm.**

All are welcome and we are hoping for a good response from our village community. Do come along if you are interested in helping in some way – a lot of help will be required for the refreshments as well as Open Gardens.

**Your Church needs you!**

If you need more information please contact Jeni Fryer on 0114 2461027

*JF*

[www.opengardens.co.uk](http://www.opengardens.co.uk)

This site opened its doors in August 2010. It was conceived by two keen gardeners who organised Open Gardens in their own village for a number of years, and is run voluntarily by them and a few committed gardening friends.

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## All I Need to Say is Thank You

*Rob Marshall reports*

“All I need to say is thank you,” Bishop Cyril told a packed Doncaster Minster as he said farewell to the Diocese of Sheffield after eleven years as Bishop of Doncaster.

Bishop Cyril and his wife Muriel, a teacher, were presented with gifts and a cheque reflecting the deep gratitude of clergy and laity across the parishes of the Diocese who have appreciated Bishop Cyril’s ministry.

Bishop Steven gave a moving tribute to his colleague’s ministry:” Thank you for all you are and all that you have given” he told Bishop Cyril reminding him: “Know yourselves beloved by God and by God’s people.” The service was a eucharist with a blend of different types of music, rich symbolism and a real sense of celebration.

Bishop Cyril joked that he could hardly face up to the fact of acknowledging that he was moving back to Lancashire after such a lovely time in Yorkshire: “We have had 11 years of love and friendship from both the Diocese and the wider community. Muriel as a teacher and myself as bishop have greatly appreciated this. I am also grateful to Bishop Jack who appointed me as Bishop of Doncaster and to Bishop Steven for his words tonight.”

Bishop Jack was the preacher and took up the theme of friendship. He gave thanks for his own friendship with Bishop Cyril: “a large part of ministry is exactly about what Jesus meant by friendship”. He added: “Cyril. Many people here have seen glimpses of the kind of friendship Jesus talked about in your ministry. Thank you.”

Bishop Cyril thanked many different people including his secretary Margaret, his chaplain, Michael, all the staff at Church House and Muriel – “my beloved wife!”

Then he added: “Having worked in Yorkshire I feel slightly ashamed myself to be going back to live in Lancashire.”



*Bishops Cyril and Steven outside Doncaster Minster following the service.*

Bishop Cyril will have a short break before beginning a new ministry as a preacher, retreat leader, pilgrimage leader and active, retired bishop.

Churchwarden Clive Howarth declared Doncaster Minister delighted with the way things had gone: “It worked very well tonight. We didn’t know how many people were going to turn up so it was lovely to see the Minster so full.”

Bishop Steven said today: “It was a really wonderful, warm and memorable occasion and we will continue in our prayer for Cyril and Muriel as they complete their move.”

The process to appoint a successor to Bishop Cyril is now underway and an announcement is expected later in the year.

# Contact Numbers for Local Groups



## Ecclesfield Rainbows

Gatty Hall  
Tuesday 4.45 pm to 6.00 pm  
Leader - Mrs B Travis  
Tel: 0114 2453504

## Ecclesfield Brownies

Gatty Hall  
Monday 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm  
Leader - Mrs M. Myers  
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## Ecclesfield Brownies

Gatty Hall  
Tuesday 6.15 pm to 7.45 pm  
Leader - Mrs A. Kendall  
Tel: 0114 2468866

## Ecclesfield Guides

Gatty Hall  
Thursday 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm  
Leader - Mrs C Topham  
Tel: 0114 2461289

## The Grenoside Singers

Practice Monday in St Mark's  
Church Hall at 7:30 pm  
Secretary: Garry Leigh  
Tel: 0114 2464714  
[www.grenosidesingers.co.uk](http://www.grenosidesingers.co.uk)

## 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 2402398

## Ecclesfield Priory Players

EPPIC Theatre  
Monday 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm  
Wednesday 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm  
Secretary –Carol Travis

## Ecclesfield Beavers

Scout Hut (off Yew lane)  
Monday 6.00 pm to 7.15 pm  
Leader - Mrs J Steel  
0114 2460218  
Thursday 6.00 -7.15 pm  
Rachael Otter 0114 2461752

## Ecclesfield Scouts

Scout Hut (off Yew Lane)  
Tuesday 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm  
Leader - Mr. E. Buttimer  
Tel: 0114 2586935  
Group Scout Leader  
Rob Kirk Tel. 0114 2209212

## Whitley Hall Cricket Club

Practices - 6.00 pm to 8.00 pm  
Seniors - Wednesdays  
Up to 13 yrs - Thursdays  
14 yrs to 17 yrs - Fridays  
Manager - Steve Fletcher  
Secretary – Joe Webster  
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**Music Group Practice** in Church  
Thurs 7:30pm - Contact: Andrea Whittaker                      0114    2460746

**Mother's Union** in Gatty Hall  
1st Wednesday 1:00 pm  
Contact: Maureen Lambert                      0114    2469690

**Ecclesfield ladies Group** in Gatty Hall  
Thursday 7.30 pm - Contact: Glenys Loxley                      0114    2466431

**Bell Ringers** meet in Church Belfry  
Tuesday 7:30 pm Contact: Mr P Hirst                      0114    2862766

**Gatty Hall Bookings,**  
Contact: Mrs M Roberts                      0114    2463993

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