

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



Church Magazine for February 2011

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First Words...

- Last month, after a relatively short interregnum, we were delighted to welcome Daniel Hartley, his wife Emma, daughter Jaymie and sons Jude and Nathanael to Ecclesfield and St Mary's. As Daniel begins his ministry among us I am sure we will allow him the space and the time to settle into his new surroundings and to get used to us all, which in itself is quite some task!
- Over the months of interregnum we have welcomed Bishops, our Archdeacon and visiting clergy from around the Diocese to share ministry amongst us. We do thank each and every one of them.
- Whilst February on paper, seems a 'low key' month at St. Mary's, there will be plenty of behind the scenes work to undertake as we move forward, with Daniel, to all that God has in store for us. It may be a time to take stock and refresh as we move out of the winter chills into the promise of the new growth which each springtime brings.
- Watch this space!

It is not enough to love – you need to be loved

Sometimes we can be inclined to give and give and give to others – without asking anything in return. We may think that this is a sign of generosity – of great strength. But it can also be one of pride – we want to be seen as the one who does not need help. Or it can be a sign of very low self-esteem – we do not think we are worth receiving anything from others.

Whatever the reason, when we keep giving, without also receiving, we put ourselves in danger – we will burn out quickly. It is as important to know when we need to TAKE attention and care, as when we need to give it to others. If you do not pay careful attention to your own needs – whether physical, emotional, mental or spiritual – you will not last the distance. If you want to remain a joyful giver for years to come, you need also to be a joyful taker – and accept God's love - given to you through other people.

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The Vicar's Letter



So, a time of new beginnings for Ecclesfield. A time of new beginnings for you and certainly a time of new beginnings for me. I'm extremely pleased to be here as your new Vicar and overjoyed, and a little overwhelmed, to have moved into the Vicarage.

February finds us, as a Church, in those "between" times. The season of Christmas has finished and the season of Lent, and then Easter, is just around the corner. In many ways it's a great time for me to start. The "between" times allow us take stock, to plan for the future and to refresh ourselves in the faith.

I'm currently surrounded by boxes and yesterday I couldn't even find a jar of coffee! It seems strange that I should be talking about being refreshed in the faith. But it is precisely at these times that we have the freedom to be refreshed and to take stock. In the midst of the boxes and the chaos I'm getting to spend a few moments looking forward to Sunday's Service of Induction and also to the coming months and years that I will spend with you. Each and everything we do, whether it be unpacking boxes, looking for coffee or standing before the Bishop and the people of Ecclesfield on a Sunday evening, we do in the power of the Holy Spirit.

I hope and pray that my first few months with you may be filled with the power of the Spirit. It is the Holy Spirit that gives meaning to our experience of new beginnings and of being refreshed. I would ask that you would pray for the coming of the Spirit upon my life and my ministry as I too pray for the coming of the Spirit upon your lives.

Daniel Hartley

Prayer for the Month

Almighty God
you have revealed yourself in Jesus Christ
as the God of new beginnings and new hope.
We pray for the people of Ecclesfield in this time of new
beginnings.
We pray for the life and ministry of all the baptised.
We pray for the enriching gift of the Spirit.
We offer our prayers through Jesus Christ our lord

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WILL YOU REMEMBER THEM

INDIA ---FOUR ATTACKS ON CHRISTIANS IN ONE DAY

Christians in Karnataka State were subject to a day of attacks by Hindu extremists on Sunday Dec.5th. in the Kenger Upanagara slum in Bangalore, around 50 Christians were threatened and terrorized when extremists attacked their church. In the district of Shimoga ,four Christians were dragged from their churches and beaten up in two separate incidents . The victims were then arrested by the police on false charges of trying to convert Hindus. That same day a group of 40 extremists surrounded another church in Bangalore , throwing stones and shouting anti-Christian slogans. There have been more than 200 anti-Christian incidents since the Hindu nationalist party took control of this state in May 2008. The president of the Global Council of Indian Christians stated that such violence was “an indication of the climate of fear, persecution and harassment and terror in which Christians must practise their faith” in Karnataka.

Pray for those who were threatened or assaulted in the incidents on Dec 5th. Pray that the Lord will grant them strength and grace to forgive their attackers.

Pray for all Christian believers in India, that they will be free to worship the lord without persecution.

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Flower Rota

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| 6th | C Wright and S Johns |
| 13th | S. Dale & P. Blackburn |
| 20th | 1st Sunday in Lent |
| 27th | 2nd Sunday in Lent |

The Bishop's Letter for February

This month Bishop Steven writes

An Open Invitation this Lent

One of the most difficult tasks in life is to understand how much God loves you. Many people go through much of their lives not really appreciating just how long and broad and high and deep is God's love. The Bible talks about God's love never failing, about his mercy being new every morning.



We are issuing an invitation to anyone who wants to come to "Explore God's Mercy" this Lent. I will be leading five sessions in Sheffield Cathedral on the Wednesday evenings in Lent. Bishop Cyril will be leading similar sessions on the same evenings in Doncaster Minster and Archdeacon Martyn Snow will be doing the same in Rotherham Minster.

We very much hope the sessions will be helpful to anyone exploring Christian faith for the first time, those preparing for baptism and confirmation and those who want to be refreshed and renewed in the basic truths of the Christian gospel.

You may want to come on your own, or bring a friend or come as a group from the parish (though of course many churches do their own Lent groups and its important to support these as well).

What kind of territory will we explore? The five sessions will be based around five of the wonderful pictures of God's love found in the Bible. They are all found in Psalm 107. We will be looking at how God's love helps us find the way when we are lost; how God's love sets us free; how God's love makes us whole again; leads us to the place of calm and order and leads us into fruitful lives.

There will be Evening Prayer at each venue at 5.45 and a meal together at 6.30 before the main session at 7.30. Both Evening Prayer and the meal are optional. The cost for the meal will be £5 and you need to book for this (see details below). We will be finished by 9.00pm at the latest.

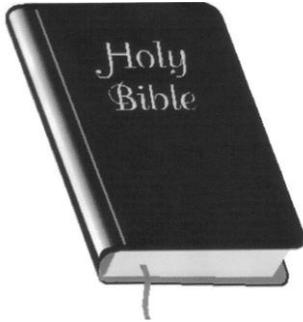
The evenings will aim to be enjoyable, interesting and thought provoking. You can try just one or, even better, come for the series. No-one will be put on the spot or made to feel awkward. Invitations are available from Church House and from the Cathedral and the Minsters.

If you can't come at that time there will be some short video clips on the Diocesan website to give a flavour of the series.

However you are planning to spend time in Lent, I hope and pray you come to understand more and more deeply how much God loves you.

+Steven Sheffield

Holy Bible v Mobile Phone



Ever wondered what would happen if we treated
our Bible like we treat our mobile phone?
What if we carried it around in our handbags or pockets?
What if we flipped through it several times a day?
What if we turned back to get it if we forgot it?
What if we used it to receive messages from the text?
What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?
What if we gave it to children as gifts?
What if we used it when we travelled?
What if we used it in case of emergency?
This is something to make you go...hmm...where is my Bible?
Oh, and one more thing.
Unlike our mobile phone, we don't have to worry
about our Bible being disconnected
because Jesus has already paid the bill.
It makes you stop and think
'where are my priorities?
And no missed Calls!

When Jesus died on the cross, he was thinking of you!

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For Him, forward this.
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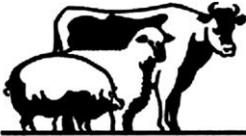
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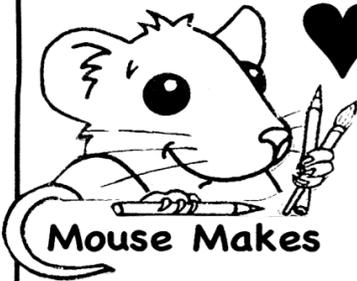
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Children's page



WHAT IS LOVE?
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 CAHQAXPZTDEKR
 WFB OHUKRL,
 VAECRLSWE
 CTMER
 NQ

HOW DOES GOD SHOW HE LOVES US?
 Look at this page in the mirror

“God showed his love for us by sending his only son into the world, so that we might have life through him”
 1 John 4:19

“The **steadfast** love of the Lord **never** ceases, his mercies **never** come to an end, they are new every morning”
 Lamentations 3:22-23

GOD'S LOVE
 Change each letter to the letter before it in the alphabet:

“Hpe mpwfe uif xpsmfe tp nvdi uibu if hbwf ijt pomz tpo tp uibu fwfszpod xip cfmjfwft jo ijn nbz opu ejf cvu ibwf fufsobm mjgf”
 kpio 3:16

HOW LONG IS GOD'S LOVE?
 Cross out all the **xxx** to find out.

“Oxgxixvextxhxaxnxkxsxtxox
 xxhxexLxoxrxdx,fxoxrxhxexi
 sngxoxoxdx,xhxixsxsxtxexa
 dfxaxxsxtlxoxvxxexen
 dxuxrxexsxxfxoxrx
 exvxexrx.”
 pxsaxlxm
 136:1

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Mothers Union 5th January 2011.

“Indian Experience” – Pam Prior and Heather Johnson.

Today’s slide show was not just an update of the School in Bangalore but also of their travels in India which was part of their holiday. It was a delight to see the children in their school uniform smiling and happy and able to see part of India which we have not seen before.

The school now has a new Headmistress with very different ideas. Firstly, she has introduced round tables so that the children can interact during their school day, and has progressive ideas for the future of their education. The building now had four floors the last addition is to house those children who have been forced to leave “Little Flowers School” because of soaring costs. Whilst they were there, the school had an outing to a zoo. The children also had their first taste of ice cream and judging from their faces this was very well received.

Their holiday took them into the mountains (where it’s a lot cooler): they travelled by train and hired car to a place called Coorg. They stayed in a hotel which was partly built on stilts. At first glance they thought the worst, but it was really very comfortable. Looking at the slides one would have thought they were in England, so green and lush. There were plenty of waterfalls, mountains, trees and bushes very similar to what we have here, but there the resemblance stops. The birds were multicoloured and in great abundance and the dawn chorus lasted all day.

As for the workforce, Health and Safety had not yet reached that part of the world! The land on which the hotel is built is a coffee plantation (we were shown an example of coffee beans much smaller than expected). The flower of the coffee bean is white but only lasts for a day. We were also shown slides of machinery which deals with the bean crop. Every item is used up – the sluff which is part of the bean and is unusable – makes ideal fertilizer. Whilst at the hotel Pam and Heather were invited to an engagement party which they found most enjoyable.

One day the owner of the plantation a very rich man accompanied Pam and Heather and explained to them the various procedures in the production of coffee. He also said “that people like them (H&P) were making it difficult for his plantation to survive. More and more children (cheap labour) were going to schools to get an education and thereby getting better jobs (and better pay) when adults. He was quite serious and could not understand that every individual whether rich or poor have the right through education to seek a better life. Some attitudes will never change!

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A Pilgrimage to Turkey

The Golden Horn - Eyüp and the Sultan Mosque

The Golden Horn

The Golden Horn is an inlet of the Bosphorus dividing the city of Istanbul and forms a natural harbour that has sheltered Greek, Roman, Byzantine, Ottoman and other ships for thousands of years. It is a scimitar-shaped estuary that joins the Bosphorus just at the point where that strait enters the Sea of Marmara, thus forming a peninsula the tip of which is "Old Istanbul" (ancient Byzantium and Constantinople).

After the Capture of Constantinople in 1453 by Mehmed the Conqueror, Greeks, Jews, Italian merchants, and other non-Muslims began to live along the Horn in the Phanar (pronounced Fener) and Balat districts. It is said that the name Golden Horn comes from the vast wealth generated by its merchants and the shape of the peninsular. Today the Golden Horn is settled on both sides, and there are parks along each shore. The Istanbul Chamber of Commerce, Turkey's Naval Docks and Offices are located along the shore, as are Muslim, Jewish and Christian cemeteries.

Whilst there we visited the Greek Orthodox Church of St George (in Fener) now home to the Ecumenical Patriarch of Constantinople, Patriarch Bartholomew.

At the time of our visit the Patriarch was holding conference with members of the press and Greek Orthodox pilgrims, Demir (our guide) presented Tricia and Richard to him as leaders of our pilgrimage.

The Church of St. George is not terribly impressive or important in terms of architecture, although it has all the opulence and beauty of any Orthodox church. The Church of St. George had been part of a monastery before it welcomed the Orthodox Patriarchate and over the centuries, it has been periodically damaged, the last time during a fire in 1941. Repairs began in 1989 and were completed in 1991.

The church's main boast, aside from its association with the Patriarch, are its artifacts and relics, which include: the patriarchal throne, believed to date from the 5th century; three rare mosaic icons; the Column of Flagellation to which Jesus was tied and whipped; relics of St. Gregory the Theologian and St. John Chrysostom and the tombs of three female saints.



Eyüp and the Sultan Mosque

Eyüp is a district of Istanbul and extends from the Golden Horn all the way to the shore of the Black Sea. Eyüp is also the name of a prominent neighbourhood and former village in the district, located at the confluence of the Kagithane and Alibey streams at the head of the Golden Horn. The neighbourhood is a historically important area, especially for Turkey's Muslims.

The name Eyüp comes from Abu Ayyub al-Ansari, the companion and standard bearer of the Prophet Muhammad. Abu Ayyub came to Constantinople with the Arab army during the first attempted Muslim conquest of the city, died, and as his last request was buried there.

Seven centuries later, in 1453 during the Ottoman conquest of Constantinople that led to the end of the Byzantine Empire, the tomb was said to have been re-discovered by Ak Semsettin, the spiritual mentor of Mehmed II.

After the city was taken, Sultan Mehmet ordered a tomb constructed over Abu Ayyub's resting place and a mosque, the Eyüp Sultan Mosque, constructed in his honour. Generally considered to be the first major mosque to be built in Istanbul, it was surrounded by a traditional complex including a bath, school, and kitchen.



From that point on, Eyüp became a sacred place. Relics were displayed in the tomb, including a stone said to bear the footprint of the Prophet Muhammad. More mosques, schools, tekkes (meeting places), and fountains were built, and since many Ottoman officials wished to be buried near Abu Ayyub's resting place, the cemetery now quite extensive became one of Istanbul's most desirable.

We visited the Sultan Mosque early after morning prayers and found it to be a quiet and peaceful place after the bustling crowds we met in the Blue Mosque. Even though we were obviously western, we were welcomed into the mosque. The ladies needed to cover their heads and we all needed to take off our shoes. It made me think of the quotation from Exodus 3:5: “Do not come any closer,” God said. “Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is holy ground.”

We sat on the floor and listened to Demir talk about the hospitality of the Turkish Muslims and how still in some Turkish families meals are shared not round a table but sitting on the floor, going back to their nomadic roots. He also told us about the Muslim faith being influenced by Christians as some of Mohamed's closest friends were Christians and the Qur'an reflects many of the teachings of the bible.

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Holding a grudge is letting someone live rent-free in your head

Diary for the Month of February 2011

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| Tuesday 1 st | 7.30 pm | Prayer Meeting in Church |
| Wednesday 2 nd | 10.30 am | Service at Eva Ratcliffe House |
| | 1.00 pm | MU in the Gatty Hall – Norma Priest / Where does the money go? |
| Thursday 3 rd | 9.30 am | Holy Communion |
| | 7.30 pm | Ladies' Group – Coffee Evening |
| Saturday 5 th | 12.15 pm | Bell Ringers' Service in Church |
| Sunday 6th | | 5th Sunday before Lent |
| | 9.30 am | Holy Communion |
| | 11.15 am | Family Service |
| | 1.30 pm | Baptism (St. Paul's) |
| | 6.30 pm | Evening Service |
| Wednesday 9 th | 10.30 am | Service at Eva Ratcliffe House |
| Thursday 10 th | 9.30 am | Holy Communion |
| | 2.00 pm | Service at Hartwell House |
| | 7.30 pm | Ladies' Group – Alwyne Hill/Children's Pedal Cars |
| Sunday 13th | | 4th Sunday before Lent |
| | 8.00 am | Holy Communion |
| | 9.30 am | Morning Prayer |
| | 11.15 am | Family Communion |
| | 6.30 pm | Holy Communion |
| Wednesday 16 th | 10.30 am | Service at Eva Ratcliffe House |
| Thursday 17 th | 9.30 am | Holy Communion |
| | 7.30 pm | Ladies' Group –Coffee Evening |
| Sunday 20th | | 3rd Sunday before Lent |
| | 9.30 am | Holy Communion |
| | 11.15 am | Family Service |
| | 6.30 pm | Evening Service |
| Wednesday 23 rd | 10.30 am | Service at Eva Ratcliffe House |
| Thursday 24 th | 9.30 am | Holy Communion |
| | 7.30 pm | Ladies' Group – Dr. Caunt - A funny thing happened on the way... |

Sunday 27th

2nd Sunday before Lent

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Holy Communion

11.15 am Family Service

6.30 pm Evening Service

Monday 28th

7.30 pm Ignatian Prayer in Church

From the Registers

Baptisms

5th December George Max Harrison

5th December Eva Grace Carter

5th December Ruby-Mae Brogan

9th January Billy Devine

9th January Cohen Bailey Spooner

9th January Emme Grace Bolsover

9th January Liam Stanley Bolsover

23rd January Connor Darryl Harvey

23rd January Aidan Lee Johnstone

23rd January Aimee Bailey

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

Weddings

19th November Christopher Masterton & Kelly Waugh

4th December Christopher Fretwell & Kirsty Brown

4th December Andrew Booth & Kelly Bishop

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

Funerals

Burial of Ashes

4th January Donald McCrum

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Burials

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| 20 th December | Fred Roper | 72 |
| 21 st December | Harold Gregory | 97 |
| 23 rd December | Muriel Pass | 92 |
| 30 th December | Gladys may Bemrose | 95 |

Cremations

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| 29 th November | Jack Gillat | 84 |
| 30 th November | Betty Gregory | 80 |
| 14 th December | John Michael Emmett | 67 |
| 15 th December | Eileen Maude Woolhouse | 98 |

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

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Winter Now

‘Tis winter now; the fallen snow
Has left the heavens all coldly clear;
Through leafless boughs the sharp winds blow,
And all the earth lies dead and drear.

And yet God’s love is not withdrawn;
His life within the keen air breathes;
His beauty paints the crimson dawn,
And clothes the boughs with glittering wreaths...

O God! Who giv’st the winter’s cold,
As well as summer’s joyous rays,
Us warmly in thy love enfold,
And keep us through life’s wintry days.

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A Few Facts

Dusty work?

Is your office at work dirty? A recent survey has found that two in five firms have cut back on cleaning and maintenance of their offices in order to save money. A quarter of those surveyed by Resource, a support service group, say they now clean their particular space at their office themselves.

Water bugs

Bottled water contains more bacteria than tap water. Some brands harbour as much as 100 times more than the permitted limit for drinking water. A team of scientists in Canada found that 70 per cent of popular bottled water brands have ‘revolting’ amounts of bacteria in them. As one scientist observed:

“Unsurprisingly, the consumer assumes that since bottled water carries a price tag, it is purer and safer than most tap water.” But this is not true. There is “no need to drink bottled water in the UK” because tap water “is so good”.

Where did our sense of adventure go?

Fewer than half of British adults have ever fished, started a campfire or even ridden a horse. A third of us have never even gone hill walking, swum in natural water or stood on top of a mountain. The research, undertaken by the retailer GoOutdoors, urges: “Any kind of outdoor activity is good for you, whether walking, running, climbing, or fishing. Being adventurous is a great way to forget about the stresses and worries of everyday life.”

Love thy neighbour?

Do you know the names of your neighbours? If not, you are not alone. You are more likely, it seems, to socialise with people online than those next door, according to a recent poll by Legal & General. 70 per cent of us do not know our neighbours’ names, and would not even recognise them in the street. Four out of five of us do not share house keys with a neighbour.

Distance makes the heart grow fonder...

Here is a curious thing: commuters make better neighbours than people who work locally. The reason? After spending up to several hours a day getting to and from work, commuters tend to really value their neighbourhood, and want to ‘give something back’. As a spokesman for the National Association for Neighbourhood Management said: “People do not commute long distances by accident. Therefore, it is not surprising they make more of the time they are at home by getting involved in the local community. They join social clubs, play sport, use local traders and talk to people as they walk their dog.”

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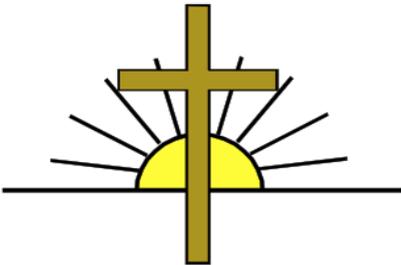
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Children's page



A PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

On 18th February 1678, one of the most famous Christian books was published for the first time. It was 'The Pilgrim's Progress' by John Bunyan. The book tells the story of a character called Christian who travels towards the heavenly city, encountering many difficulties and getting led astray, but finally succeeding.



John Bunyan suffered many difficulties in his own life. He was put in prison twice because he refused to stop preaching God's word. His strength of purpose and the story of a pilgrim's journey through the troubles of life have been a source of strength to many people in the years since the book was published.

BIBLE WORDS

Can you find all the answers to this Bible Quiz? All the words begin with the letter **P**. Answers at the bottom of this page.

1. Andrew's brother, one of the disciples.
2. Another name for a king of Egypt.
3. A tribe who fought Saul and David (2 Samuel).
4. The first place in Europe where Paul established a church (Acts 16).
5. The island where St John had his revelations.
6. She travelled with St Paul and was married to Aquila (Acts 18).
7. The Italian port where Paul landed on his way to Rome (Acts 28).
8. The Roman Governor who set Barabbas free (Matthew 27).

NEWSFLASH:

Two prisoners escaped from custody today. One is 7 feet tall, the other is 4 feet 3 inches. The Police are looking high and low for them.

- 1 Peter 2 Pharaoh 3 Philistines 4 Philippi
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Bible knowledge

A minister was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I finally figured out what the Bible means!" The minister thought of his extensive theological library and smiled indulgently. He asked his young son what he thought the Bible meant.

"It's easy, Daddy...", the young boy replied excitedly. "It means 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

Careful!

There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. "Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

The lady thought for a moment, and replied: "Only the Ten Commandments."

Morning

There are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

Dry

My minister friend put hot-air hand dryers in the rest rooms at his church and after two weeks took them out. I asked him why and he confessed that they worked fine but someone had scribbled on the dryer: "For a sample of this week's sermon, push the button."

Hear, hear

A very deaf elderly man was finally fitted out with a hearing aid that really worked. A month later his doctor called him in for a check-up. "Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

The gentleman replied, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!'

Exam

In the examination paper, the professor wanted us to sign a form stating that we had not received any outside assistance. Unsure of whether he should sign the form, a student stated that he had prayed for the assistance of God. The professor carefully studied the answer page and then said, "You can sign it with a clear conscience. God did not assist you."

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The Gardening Year – February 2011.

Weeds - Start preparing the ground this month for the following year. If weeds are not controlled they will compete with vegetables for plant foods and water, and may later overrun the crop altogether. However, their abundant presence does at least show that the soil is fertile. There are three ways of getting rid of weeds;- the hard way, by pulling them up by hand, the relatively expensive way, by drenching them with chemical weedkiller; and the simple way, by hoeing when they first appear.

Hoe regularly – at least weekly between April and July. A few minutes of regular attention are more effective than hours spent clearing a badly overgrown plot. In showery weather, rake up the weeds so that they do not get a chance to re-establish themselves, and put them on the compost heap. In dry weather, uprooted weeds may be left between the rows, as they will soon die. However carefully you use a hoe, some weeding will still have to be done by hand among close-growing plants. Deal with the weeds when they are small, because if left too long their removal will disturb the roots of the vegetables. Even in a well tended garden, deep-rooted perennials may get a hold among permanent crops or among summer vegetables at holiday time.

Weeding a seed bed:- in a seed bed vegetables seeds and weed seeds have exactly the same conditions for germination. The seedlings may therefore emerge at the same time and may confront the gardener with at bewildering green carpet in which vegetables are hard to distinguish from weeds. Anticipate this problem at sowing time by inserting small canes at the end of each row. When growth is about 1in. high tie string between the canes so marking the seed row, and hoe to within 1in. on each side. Hand weed the vegetables when they are clearly distinguishable and thin them at the same time. When sowing slow germinating parsnip seeds sprinkle radish seeds along the drill, the quick germinating radishes will mark the row for weeding and also provide a crop by the time the parsnips need to be thinned.

Chemical weedkillers:- are most effective in clearing paths, waste ground and the soil beneath fruit trees and bushes. Their use is more limited in the vegetable garden. Nevertheless, for the gardener with little spare time or who wants to return from a holiday to a weed free garden, chemical weedkillers have a part to play. Lawn weedkillers can be used under fruit trees grown in grass, this weedkiller is selective it will kill the weeds but not the grass. Weedol will kill most weeds on contact but after a few months the weeds will grow again. This weedkiller will also kill grass? Roundup and Murphy's Tumbleweed will kill most weeds permanently and is very effective. These weedkillers do not harm the soil so you can plant vegetable and flower seed as soon as the weeds are cleared. Do not use these or any weedkillers on windy days, if it is allowed to come in contact with vegetables or flowers it will kill them. Remember hoeing costs nothing and can be just as effective if done frequently.

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Continuing Dorothy Robinson's memories of life before the last war

Chapter One – Home

When I was born in 1917, life was still comparatively leisurely. Whether in the realms of travelling, or work, the feeling of rush did not prevail.



Southey Hall, days before it was demolished in 1937

I was born at Southey Hall into a farming community. I remember a large living kitchen with casement windows and smallish panes. There was an iron stove, oven on the left side, water boiler on the right, a blazing fire in between courtesy of Wm. Green of Ecclesfield. The range must be black leaded every Friday and the steelwork cleaned and brightened with a commodity like a white power or paste called Bath Brick. The result of this weekly treatment was gleamingly wonderful. Ashes from the fire had to be taken out daily from underneath.

Along one side of the kitchen underneath a large window there was a long shallow stone sink. We had advanced as far as a cold water tap, but hot water was brought from the stove boiler by means of a “lading can” – a type of wide jug (usually enamel) without a spout. The boiler was in turn topped up from the cold tap, the lading can doing double duty. Along the back of the kitchen opposite the fire, was a long horsehair sofa. Horsehair was uncomfortable for children to sit on in the days of short trousers and short frocks. It was a leg-tickling and prickling business!

This house had a long history and was said to have Saxon foundations. The gable end showed the stone surrounds of three blocked in windows because of the one-time Window Tax.

There was a nice sized garden, entirely grass, with a single tree in the middle, and enclosed on two sides by the house and farm buildings. There was a meadow on the third side, and on the fourth side was a low wall bordering the road, and a Lilac tree. My brother and I would stand for what seemed like hours in the hope of seeing a rare event – the passing of a motor car. I should think five or six would pass daily in one direction or the other, and it was to us a spectacle worth waiting for. We didn't know the makes, but they always had a roll-back hood which we thought intriguing. Once or twice we had a red letter day when a Charabanc would pass our way.

In haymaking or harvest time we would occasionally have tea in the field picnic-fashion underneath a large Ash tree. I use to love to lie back and watch the leaves fluttering in the breeze, etched like lace against the sky, and hear the breeze soughing through the branches.



Dorothy aged 10 outside Doe Royd Farm

When I was six we moved down the hill to another farm – Doe Royd. This was quite a bit larger and the house much younger – only 18th century in parts. The kitchen was an older wing - 17th century. This house was very pleasant, though less remarkable than Southey Hall. The kitchen was stone-flagged and also had a Yorkshire Range. The buildings outside were an interesting collection. In the main they were arranged around two rectangular yards. They comprised cowsheds, a large stable, pigsty, henhouse, fodder room and engine house, which drove machinery for cutting mangolds etc for feeding cattle. There were sheds for carts and other farm machinery, and a joiners' shop.

Continued next month

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
Tel: 0114 2452452

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: Mike Ellis
Tel: 0114 2469926
www.grenosidesingers.co.uk

Ecclesfield Cubs

Scout Hut (off Yew lane)
Wednesday 6:15 pm to 7:45 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 -715 pm
James Barras 0114 2469661

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
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| | Mrs S Dale | 0114 | 2467348 |
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| | Thursday 9.00 am -1.00 pm | 0114 | 2450106 |
| Church Choir Practice | in Church | | |
| | Fri 7:30pm - Contact: Don Knott | 0114 | 2468430 |
| 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: Heather Johnson | 0114 | 2463104 |
| Ecclesfield ladies Group | in Gatty Hall | | |
| | Thursday 7.30 pm - Contact: Glenys Loxley | 0114 | 2466431 |
| Men's Society | meets in Church | | |
| | Upper Room 3rd Monday at 7:30pm | | |
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Christmas in Minnesota 2010.



This was to be my first Christmas with my son's family in Minneapolis. On arrival in America I was met by Chris and Coral and driven on clear roads with 4.ft of snow piled high on either side. When the grandchildren Adam and Isla arrived from school it was hugs and excitement at seeing how much they had grown. Adam plays ice hockey and Isla likes roller skating. On Christmas Eve

stockings are hung over the fireplace in expectation that on Christmas morning these will be filled with presents: usually candies (sweets), small oranges and unusual gifts. Christmas Day was a blur of present opening and a turkey dinner. On Boxing Day we travelled to Duluth a city on the lower coast of Lake Superior which has Illuminations in the Park and an impressive Aquarium called Bentleyville with its fairytale and Dickens characters, reindeer, scenes of old Minnesota and an impressive fake Castle behind which was a steel structured 120.ft Christmas Tree (this will be in next years Guinness Book of Records). The family all skated on the frozen lake.

Ice Fishing on Lake Harriet.



In Summer Lake Harriet is used for sailing and yachts are moored there all round the edges of the Lake. Plays and Concerts are held in front of the open air theatre (see photo) and there are paths around the lake where cyclists, walkers and skaters exercise daily.

In winter, however, ice fishing takes place on the frozen lake. Warming houses are small wooden cabins stored all summer round the edges of the lake, and pulled onto the lake in winter to give anglers protection from the bitter winds and arctic temperatures.