

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



Church Magazine for June 2011

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First Words...

- Planning For The Future – The Parochial Church Council will meet on 25th June to plan for the future. We will be looking at how we worship and how we reach out to encourage new people into the life of our Church. The responsibility for growth does not lie with somebody else, it lies with each of us. We all have our part to play.
- Ordinary Time – After Pentecost (12th June) we settle into what the Church calls ‘Ordinary Time’. The Church colour changes from white and gold to green. We move on from the great festivities of Easter, Ascension and Pentecost and turn our attentions to finding God in the ordinary and every day. During this year’s ‘ordinary’ season we will be invited to look at our stewardship: what we give in terms of talents as well what we give in terms of money.
- Diocese Of Sheffield Ten Days Of Prayer: 2nd June - 12th June - Over these ten days, it is hoped that the whole Church will be involved in prayer. The challenge is to help everyone to pray and to grow in their understanding of prayer, whatever their age, lifestyle or practical situation. More information can be found at the back of Church or on the Diocesan website <http://www.sheffield.anglican.org/>

Daniel Hartley



A Prayer for marriage as a sign to the world

Almighty God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
look graciously upon the world which you have made
and for which your Son gave his life,
and especially on all whom you make to be one flesh
in holy marriage.

May their lives together be a sign of your love to this broken world,
so that unity may overcome estrangement,
forgiveness heal guilt,
and joy overcome despair;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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The Vicars Letter

The summer months bring with them a very familiar sound for those who live nearby to St. Mary's, Church: the sound of wedding bells on a Saturday (and sometimes a Friday and a Sunday). It's wedding season!

During my time as a Prison Chaplain I didn't perform many weddings. Occasionally a prisoner would apply to get married, but more often than not they would have split up with their girlfriend before we'd even got around to discussing practicalities.

So the question is, do I like weddings are do I just do them because they're part of my job. You'll be pleased to hear that I do like weddings, in fact I love weddings. I love to see the bride and bridesmaids looking beautiful, smiling radiantly as they walk down the aisle. I love to see the Father of the Bride beaming proudly. I love to see the groom and the best man decked out in their finery looking a little bit apprehensive. Weddings mark the culmination of months, sometimes years, of planning and it is an absolute privilege for me to be involved in these special times.

I believe that marriage is one of the Sacraments of the Church. It expresses, in outward form, an inward truth. The truth that, as Christ and his Church are one, so a man and a woman are made one through the exchanging of vows and the giving and receiving of rings. The love that binds together Christ and his Church is a permanent love, just as the love that binds together a husband and wife is a permanent love.

If there's one phrase that should characterise marriage it is this phrase 'permanent love': "from this day forward; for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, till death us do part; according to God's holy law."

In the act of marriage, a husband and wife are redefining their love as a permanent and unshakable love. They are allowing the vows that they make to be the bedrock of their relationship. Vows that are made in the presence of each other, of family and friends, and of God. The whole Church should rejoice each and every time a couple make these vows, as the whole of heaven rejoices at the same.

So when you hear those wedding bells ringing, I invite you to say a prayer for the newly married. God has given us the sacrament of marriage as the bedrock of our communities and our society. Through it he has enriched the whole of his creation and, on that special day, he has enriched the relationship of a new husband and wife.

Daniel Hartley

From The Diocese of Sheffield

Retirement Gift and Farewell Service for Bishop Cyril and Mrs Muriel Ashton

As you will know, Bishop Cyril will retire in the summer after eleven years as Bishop of Doncaster. Many people will want to say thank you in all kinds of ways for the particular gifts Cyril and Muriel have offered to the whole church in the Diocese over that time.

We will have the opportunity to say a public thank you together at a special Eucharist in Doncaster Minster on Wednesday 13th July at 7.30 pm. Bishop Jack Nicholls will be our preacher and there will be many other guests from the wider community and representing different parts of Bishop Cyril's ministry. All are welcome. For reasons of space, unless otherwise notified, clergy are not being asked to robe and process. There will be a special collection for a gift to Cyril and Muriel. Cheques should be payable to Sheffield Diocesan Board of Finance and sent to Malcolm Fair at Church House.

Bishop Steven writes:

Why God Won't Go Away: Engaging with the New Atheism

Alastair McGrath; SPCK, 2011.

If you want to find out more about the aggressive New Atheism of Richard Dawkins, Christopher Hitchens and company from a Christian perspective this is an ideal short introduction. In just over a hundred clear and punch pages, McGrath surveys the development of New Atheism and its four main advocates (Harris, Dawkins, Dennett and Hitchens) and locates it within the broader sweep of atheist and humanist thought.

At the heart of the book are three core chapters engaging with the core themes of the movement and giving a clear and persuasive Christian response to each (religion and violence; rationality and belief and science and faith). He concludes with two chapters on the likely directions of New Atheism in the future. Readership level is probably sixth form and above. There is an excellent bibliography to help the reader explore further and deeper. Very good, clear thinking and highly commended.

Bishop Steven

Diocesan Mission Statement

The Diocese of Sheffield is called to grow a sustainable network of Christ-like, lively and diverse Christian communities in every place which are effective in making disciples and in seeking to transform our society and God's world.



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Archbishop of York's visit to Sheffield steelworks

On Friday 20th May 2011 Dr John Sentamu, the Archbishop of York and Bishop of Sheffield, Steven Croft, toured Sheffield Forgemasters for the first time for a look around the 200-year-old steelworks led by chief executive Graham Honeyman and non-executive director Peter Birtles.



Meeting Employees at Sheffield Forgemasters

During the visit the Archbishop met some of the 850 employees and young apprentices who work on the 63-acre site, with discussions about the manufacturing sector as a whole and the history of Forgemasters.

Peter Birtles said: “We were delighted to hold this historic visit for the Archbishop and his senior colleagues and provide an insight into the steel heritage of Sheffield and the wider world of manufacturing.

“All the clergy seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the history of Forgemasters with Dr Sentamu spending a lot of time talking to the various members of staff and in particular the apprentices and listening to their achievements and experiences here.

“As this was the first visit for the Bishop of Sheffield we hope that he and some of his colleagues from the city visit us again in the near future.”

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Whitsuntide Celebration - Sunday 12th June.

Our celebrations will begin at 10am with a procession from the Co-op to St Marys Church. The Whitsuntide Service will take place at 10.30 am outside the Church adjacent to the village green and the service will be followed by a “Bring Your Own Picnic” - Drinks will be provided. Please join us for the service and the picnic and please bring along friends and neighbours. If the weather turns wet the service and picnic will be held inside the church.



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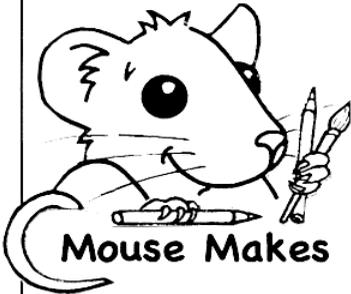
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Children's page



Jesus said: –
 “The **Helper**,
 the **Holy Spirit**,
 whom the Father will
 send in my name, will
 teach you everything
 and make you
 remember all that
 I have told you:.”

John 14:26



Jesus said:
 “I will ask the Father,
 and he will give you
 another **Helper**, who
 will stay with you
 forever. He is the
Spirit who reveals
 the **truth** about God.”

John 14:16,17



Jesus said:
 “..how much
 more shall your
 Heavenly
 Father give the
 Holy Spirit to
 them that ask
 him?
Luke 11:13”

Read the story of
 Pentecost in Acts 2

The Fruit of the Spirit

“The Spirit produces



LOVE

JOY

PEACE



PATIENCE

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GOODNESS

FAITHFULNESS

HUMILITY

and SELF CONTROL”



Galatians 5:22



“Let the Spirit direct your lives”
Galatians 5:16



“...the spirit also
 comes to help us,
 weak as we are.
 For we do not
 know how we
 ought to pray; the
 Spirit himself
 pleads with God
 for us”

Romans 8:26”

Cut out , keep and learn these
 Holy Spirit Bible verse cards.

Will You Remember Them

Pakistan - Mixed News for Christians

Encouraging news for Pakistani Christians came when Paul Bhatti, brother of Shahbaz Bhatti, who was assassinated in March, was appointed “special advisor” for religious minorities to the Prime Minister. Paul, the current president of the All Pakistan Minorities Alliance, was appointed by the Pakistani president Asif Zardari, who has encouraged him to continue the work of his late brother. But Christians continue to be targeted. On 20th March, Pastor Ashraf received a threatening five-page letter from an Islamic organisation, telling him to cease his Christian activities. He has also received demands to pay jizya, the traditional Islamic tax on non-Muslim minorities, of one million rupees (£7,000) approx. and was told that otherwise he, his wife and their four sons would be murdered. Mr Ashraf, 55, runs a Christian ministry in Lahore and is a writer of Christian books and poetry for the encouragement of young Christians in Pakistan.

Pray – For Paul Bhatti as he steps into his brother’s shoes to work for minority rights and calls for “political stability, economic security and peace” in Pakistan. Also for Pastor Ashraf and his family, that they will put their trust in the Lord Jesus to deliver them from the threats against their lives.

Nigeria - Christians Targeted After Elections.

Scores of people have been killed or injured and at least 20 churches as well as homes and shops set alight as enraged Muslims protest against the success of Christian president Goodluck Jonathan in the recent elections in Nigeria. Mr Jonathan was re-elected with 57% of the vote compared with the 31% achieved by ex-military ruler Mr Buhari, whose supporters allege that the voting was rigged, though international observers called this election the fairest in decades. The violence continued over the Easter weekend, with explosions in the north-eastern city of Maiduguri, Borno State. Islamist sect Boko Haram was blamed for the bombings, which killed three people. Further elections for state governors during the week of 25th April were also marred by gunfire and the snatching of ballot boxes.

Pray - That tempers will cool and that peace will reign, that protesters accept the outcome of the voting and cease their rioting. Pray for the vulnerable Christian communities in Nigeria, that the Lord will give them courage and empower them to stand firm in their faith and to respond to the attacks in a Christ-like way.

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Into Great Silence...

A few years ago I was given the DVD of the film *Into Great Silence*. It was filmed inside the Grande Chartreuse which is a monastery of the Carthusian Order of Monks in the French Alps.

I didn't really read what it said on the cover before I played it other than it had won several awards and a critic from Guardian saying it was an unforgettable experience. The film starts with a quotation from 1 Kings 19 v 11-13: "Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and shattered the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper." It continues showing a scene of a monk praying and then a bell tolling and shots of the snow gently falling on the monastery. We're about 15 minutes into the film and nothing has happened. Irritated I decided to look at the cover a little more closely and it said the film is a very strict, next to silent documentary on monastic life with no music except the chants in the monastery, no interviews, no commentaries. I thought to myself why anyone would want to spend three hours watching it and switched it off and probably watched something a little more action packed instead.

Fairly recently I was reading *Between Heaven and Charing Cross* by Martin Warner which mentioned the film and said of it that the monks are like architects committed to the edifice of silence, learning to understand its structure and how to move around and within it. He talked about the camera pondering on what happens, even the small details like the Holy water the monks use to make the sign of the cross. A few weeks later I was reading *Why Go to Church* by Timothy Radcliffe and he also mentioned the film saying that when it watched it in the cinema people savoured the silence as if they had waited for it for a long time.

This piqued my interest and I dug out the DVD and decided to watch it again, but with a difference approach – more meditative and I found the film strangely compelling and instructive. It is punctuated throughout with perceptively chosen bible passages. The point was the detail and a small window into a different world, structured and disciplined yes, but in some ways free. There is a lovely scene where the monks go out to play in the snow – it reminds us, I think that we should celebrate the small things in life with the joy those monks show.

Near the end of the film there is a short interview with a very old blind monk which is extremely moving and humbling when he gives thanks for his blindness and says the closer you are to God the happier you are. It opened my mind to something very unique and precious - I can highly recommend if you want to spend some time with the silence and God and as it says on the cover 'the film becomes the monastery rather than depicting one'.

Katharine Lonsborough

Ecclesfield Ladies Group.

On Thursday 5th May the Ladies Group speaker was Janina Derrick. Who gave us an inspiring talk called “**A long walk for Freedom**”.

Janina’s father was in the Polish Air Force before the start of the Second World War, and when Germany declared war on Poland the Polish Air force was incorporated into the Allies defence. Janina’s father was stationed in Poland and flew Spitfires, and there is a lovely photograph of Janina actually standing on the wing of her father’s aircraft.

However, the Russians invaded her families’ part of Poland and every day life was getting uncomfortable for her and her mother, especially after the family upstairs just disappeared and were never seen again. Janina’s mother decided to make the journey of 200 miles to meet her father whose airfield was nearer Germany. So a party of people with the help of a lady who was to see them along the journey set off. Some of the way was by rail, but in very basic goods wagon’s which had been used as coal trucks and the only cover from the cold were the sacks.

Next they travelled in a lorry hiding behind some boxes they were stopped at check points but were not discovered. Then on through pine forests, and as Janina had only strappy sandals on this proved rather painful as the forest floor was covered in pine needles her mother too wore unsuitable court shoes. They were further hampered by a lady who became quite ill during the journey she had a young son and suffered from epilepsy so Janina and her mother tried to help as much as they could. Eventually they met up with her father, and made for the British sector in Berlin and from there they moved to England, leaving her Grandmother behind in Poland.

Sadly her mother never really settled in England and wouldn’t learn the language which meant she had little connection with people and her father passed away in the early 1950’s. Her mother became mentally ill and had to go into a home. Janina meanwhile married and had two daughters and now lives in the Eccleshall area of Sheffield, a few years ago she returned to Poland just for a visit although her relatives were long gone. We thoroughly enjoyed hearing Janina’s story of bravery and courage during the war.

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5th June	Vacant
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Diary for the Month of June

Wednesday 1 st	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	1.00 pm	MU in the Gatty Hall – The Revd. Canon ‘Tricia Impey
Thursday 2 nd	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 5th		7th Sunday of Easter
	9.30 am	Parish Communion
	11.15 am	Family Service
	12.45 pm	Baptism Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Monday 6 th	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting in Church
Wednesday 8 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 9 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies’ Group – Coffee Evening
Saturday 11 th	10-12.30	Bell Ringers’ Coffee Moring in Church
Sunday 12th		Pentecost
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Celebration Service followed by Bring your Own Picnic
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Monday 13 th	2-5 pm	Visit by Heritage Inspired
Tuesday 14 th	7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting in Church
Wednesday 15 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 16 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies’ Group – The Revd. Lewis Atkinson
Sunday 19th		Trinity Sunday
	9.30 am	Parish Communion
	11.15am	Family Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Prayer
Wednesday 22 nd	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 23 rd	9.30 am	Holy Communion Ladies’ Group Summer Outing

Sunday 26th

1st Sunday after Trinity

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Parish Communion

11.15 am Family Service

6.30 pm Evening Prayer

Monday 27th

7.30 pm Ignation in Church

Wednesday 29th

10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House

Thursday 30th

9.30 am Holy Communion

7.30 pm Ladies' Group – Fred Coupland

Life in Roman Britain

From the Registers

Baptisms

8th May Martha Frances Eggleton

8th May Phoebe Louise Okrasa

22nd May Caleb Scott Sedgwick

22nd May Jacob Joe Knight

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

Weddings

1st May Christopher David Blagburn and Adele Sharp

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

Funerals

Thanksgiving

Burial

Cremation

Mothers' Union – 4th May 2011

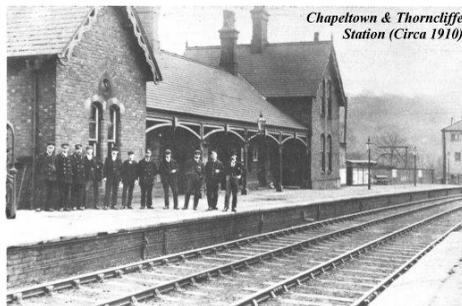
The speaker at our meeting was Pauline Leach, one of our own members, who gave us a most interesting talk on the history of Chapeltown.

Pauline's love and enthusiasm for this village, so close to our own, was evident and her knowledge considerable as she has spent her life in this area. The subject was illustrated with a power point presentation with photographs of old Chapeltown right from when it first grew around and along Blackburn Brook. Pauline was able to take us back to Norman times when Cowley Manor was the hub of the village. The story developed for us through the time when Thomas Wentworth, Earl of Strafford, was in charge of the West Riding of Yorkshire in 1614 and represented the county of York in the House of Commons.

We were taken through the metal working in Chapeltown, the Thorncliffe development and the work of Newton Chambers in 1935 producing excavators. Many of the older members were able to recall memories of various activities in and around the Chapeltown area in their childhood and early working years. This proved to be a very entertaining and enlightening time for us all.

Pauline has such a wealth of information that there was too much to tell us in the one meeting and so we eagerly look forward to a continuation on the theme at the Ladies' Group later in the year. Our thanks go to Pauline for such detailed research on this subject so dear to the hearts of many of the group who have spent much of their lives in this area and are proud of their heritage.

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One day, their good health didn't help when they went on a rare holiday and their plane crashed, sending them off to Heaven. They reached the Pearly Gates and St. Peter escorted them inside.

He took them to a beautiful mansion, furnished in gold and fine silks, with a fully stocked kitchen and a waterfall in the master bath. A maid could be seen hanging their favourite clothes in the closet.

They gasped in astonishment when Peter said, "Welcome to Heaven. This will be your home now."

The old man asked Peter how much this was going to cost. "Why, nothing," Peter replied. "Remember, this is your reward in Heaven."

The old man looked out the window and right there he saw a championship golf course, finer and more beautiful than any ever built on Earth. "What are the greens fees?" grumbled the old man.

"This is Heaven," St. Peter replied. "You can play for free, every day."

Next they went to the clubhouse and saw the lavish buffet lunch, with every imaginable cuisine laid out before them, from seafood to steaks to exotic desserts to free flowing beverages.

"Don't even ask," said St. Peter. "This is Heaven, it is all free for you to enjoy."

The old man looked around and glanced nervously at his wife. "Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol foods and the decaffeinated tea?" he asked.

"That's the best part," St. Peter replied. "You can eat and drink as much as you like of whatever you like, and you will never get fat or sick. This is Heaven."

The old man pushed, "No gym to work out at?"

"Not unless you want to," was the answer.

"No testing my sugar or blood pressure?"

"Never again - All you do here is enjoy yourself."

The old man glared at his wife and said, "You and your damn bran flakes and prunes. We could have been here 10 or more years ago!"

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PENTECOST

12th June

Of the three main festivals in the Christian year, Pentecost or Whitsun is the least celebrated today.

Christmas celebrates the birth of a baby in a stable. Easter celebrates that baby grown to a man, our Risen Lord. And Pentecost celebrates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the beginning of the Christian Church.

Pentecost is the birthday of all Christian Churches. It was the start of all those ripples that spread wider and wider to cover the whole world. From the 11 disciples and Matthias (who replaced Judas Iscariot) to us today.

But we don't send Whitsun cards or give sweets or presents to mark Pentecost, do we? Nowadays it isn't even a Bank Holiday.

How do you think we should celebrate Pentecost?

Answers:

1. penalty
2. pen
3. pen friend
4. penny farthing
5. pentathlon
6. penny
7. pennant
8. penguin

PEN-THINGS

Pentecost comes 50 days after Easter. PENTA means 5 so a pentagon has five sides and the first five books of the Old Testament are called the Pentateuch.

There are quite a number of words that begin with the letters PEN, so can you say which PEN is... (answers at the bottom of the page)

1. A free kick in football?
2. A female swan?
3. Someone you write to?
4. An early kind of bicycle?
5. A sporting event?
6. A small coin?
7. A flag?
8. A black and white bird that can't fly?



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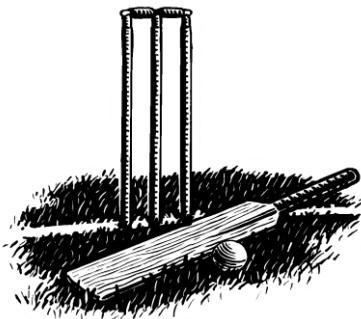


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Whitley Hall Cricket Club



It is clearly not the best idea to comment on the weather. Last month I mentioned that we were ready for the season but wondered what the weather would be like. Therefore, maybe we should not have been surprised when, on the first day of the season – St. Georges Day, we experienced flash floods causing both the 1st and 2nd XI matches to be abandoned! Having said that, the 1st team has recovered with two

successive wins and the 2nd XI had their first win against Oughtibridge on 7th May.

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

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Forthcoming Matches at Cinder Hill Lane

Date	Time	Match Details		
May 28 th	1.00 pm	1 st XI	v	Aston Hall
June 4 th	1.00 pm	1 st X1	v	Wickersley
June 11 th	1.30 pm	2 nd X1	v	Bradfield
June 18 th	1.00 pm	1 st XI	v	Whiston
June 25 th	1.30 pm	2 nd XI	v	Thorncliffe
July 2 nd	1.30 pm	2 nd XI	v	Hallam

Andrew Robinson

Sheffield Diocese explores King James Bible

An exhibition by the University of Sheffield's Department of Biblical Studies is set to throw new light on the King James Bible.

Telling Tales of King James' Bible opened this month in Sheffield Cathedral and will be open to the public until the end of June. The exhibition is part of a series of events organised by the University to mark the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible, which will include free open lectures from the former Poet Laureate Andrew Motion, MP Frank Field, and other prominent cultural commentators.

The exhibition is already on show in other cathedral cities including Birmingham, Canterbury and Durham. Telling Tales of King James' Bible examines the origins, use (and abuse) of the English Bible from the 1300s to the present day. The exhibition explores the influence the text has had over world events, the great literary works it has inspired and whether the Bible is relevant today. The public are invited to take part by registering their own King James Bible treasures.

Alan Saxby, a mature postgraduate student from Barnsley, has donated a Geneva Bible dating from 1597; retrieved from his attic after 40 years gathering dust, it will feature in a special showcase. Other local artefacts on display include a 1617 copy of the King James Bible from Sheffield Parish collections and a Sheffield Flood Bible, one of many presented to survivors of the Great Sheffield Flood in 1864 (on loan from Museums Sheffield).

Iona Hine, Coordinator of the Sheffield King James Project from the Department of Biblical Studies, said: "We've put a lot of energy into this project. It's been a very rewarding partnership and it's really pleasing to be able to offer so many activities for local people. I hope Sheffielders greet the exhibition and events with the same enthusiasm we've seen in Birmingham, Lichfield and other cathedral cities.

Schools and colleges are also invited to use the exhibition, which offers educational resources and flexible materials for interactive learning, supporting religious education, English and history curricula. Consultants from Museums Sheffield have been involved in the project to ensure the relevance and significance of the materials for both public and schools.

Clara Morgan from Museums Sheffield said: "The Telling Tales exhibition is a fantastic opportunity to explore the remarkable story of the King James' Bible. It's been wonderful working with colleagues at the University of Sheffield to share the text's incredibly rich history with the people of Sheffield and beyond."

Canon Christopher Burke from Sheffield Cathedral said: "Sheffield Cathedral is delighted with the partnership with the University of Sheffield which has enabled us to host the 'Telling Tales' exhibition. We expect the exhibition to draw many people into a greater understanding of the importance of King James' Bible, and are anticipating many conversations about the place of the English bible in contemporary life and culture."

Telling Tales of King James' Bible will run from Tuesday 3 May 2011 until 30 June 2011, before moving to Westminster Abbey, then returning to Sheffield in October.

The Gardening Year – June 2011.

Roses:

Climbing and bush roses, standards and dwarf polyanthus roses are all in flower during this month and next, and need feeding with occasional doses of liquid manure at this season to get the best from them. Watch for the appearance of mildew and black spot and spray with rose clear No3, this will also kill greenfly. Hardy annuals need attention during the growing season, thin them out ruthlessly as crowded plants never give the best results. Give support to such flowers as Shirley poppies and cornflowers, a few twigs pushed in between the growing seedlings will be sufficient. Newly planted seedlings of half-hardy annuals may need water if the weather is dry. Dahlias should be planted in beds and borders as soon as the danger of frosts is over. At frequent intervals they will need liquid feeding. Strong cane stakes are needed for tall dahlias. Most of the biennials and hardy perennials can be sown now they may be sown in a shady part of the garden, sow the seed thinly in shallow drills, allowing enough room between the rows to use a hoe.

The Rock Garden:

In new gardens where large spaces on the rockery have to be filled, take the opportunity now of increasing carpet plants. Arabis, aubrietia and the mossy saxifrages all increase easily by means of cuttings, shorts about 3in. long make good cuttings. Insert in sandy soil in any position where they can be kept moist and shaded, a sheet of glass can be made to serve by those who have no frame, make a hole in the border 5in. deep and an inch or two smaller in area than the glass, scatter a handful of sand over the bottom and insert the cuttings close together, stripping off the lower leaves of each one, water overhead lay the glass over them thus excluding all draughts and shade with a sheet of newspaper held in position by stones. The cuttings will root in a few weeks and as soon as they begin to make new growth the glass can be removed. Every variety of pink can be accommodated on the rockery, they are sun lovers and given a gritty soil with plenty of lime and sunshine they will flower profusely.

Fruit:

Watch for pests and diseases, thin fruit if crop is heavy allowing for natural dropping. Water and mulch bushes if you are spraying against pests and diseases use a combined insecticide and fungicide but do not spray in the daytime wait until the evening when pollinating bees and insects are not around. Gooseberry: if the bushes are carrying a heavy crop, thin the fruit to improve the size of the remaining fruit and use for cooking. At the end of the month nip out tips of the longest new lateral shoots to about five leaves to encourage the energy of the bush

Fruit: Continued

into fruit bud formation. Strawberry: destroy fruit attacked by grey mould which is common in damp weather, examine fruit which have been attacked by pests, damage by birds, slugs and beetles looks alike but can be distinguished. Birds attack the exposed sides of fruit and leave a dry wound with jagged edges. Slugs usually attack protected sides of fruit and leave a soft smooth cavity wider at the surface than inside. Beetles also prefer the undersides of berries and make a dry cavity, narrower on the surface than inside. Protect the fruit against birds using netting, trap beetles by sinking jam jars to their rims at intervals over the beds. Slugs can be controlled by using slug bait.

Vegetables:

Sow Swedes for eating during the winter, plant leeks in ground cleared of early potatoes. Set the plants at 6in. intervals in rows 12in. apart. If you want good size onions, leeks and shallots top dress the beds with 1oz. per sq. yard of nitro-chalk. This is a quick acting chemical fertiliser containing lime and is particularly useful on acid soils.

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All in a Lifetime

Dorothy Robinson remembers a by-gone era

Chapter Five -Town in the late '30s'.

Very little eating and drinking was to be seen in the street; take-away food was just not available, nor were canned drinks. It was considered very un-lady-like for a woman to smoke outside, though men often did. School children were well behaved and orderly, whether in groups or one's and two's and were generally polite and respectful. The encouragement for them to "stand on their own feet" has done away with respect, children seem to eat and drink from cans and packets continually, and throw down the empties anywhere, and vandalism is the order of the day. There was no drug addiction at that time.

Although the number of cars on the roads must now have been multiplied one hundred fold, it could still be very busy in Town at certain times. There were no subways or flyovers, or zebra crossings but the good old policeman on point duty in his white coat. It was fascinating to watch these men. On Saturday lunch time it was really difficult to cross Waingate – there was so many trams, vans and cars – it would be a matter of waiting for ten minutes before one could get across.

There used to be a row of five rather useful shops round the corner from Marples (in Fitzalan Square), at the bottom of High Street underneath the Bodega Grill and the Kings Head Hotel. These were all burnt down on the night of 12th - 13th December 1940. Marples public house suffered a direct hit in the bombing. The Kings Head Hotel was considered number 3 in Sheffield's league of good residential hotels: The Royal Victoria (Railway) Hotel and the Grand Hotel were first and second, so the destruction of the Kings Head was a blow to Sheffield as it was popular with visiting businessmen. It was never replaced, but the area was absorbed into Arundel Gate. On the opposite side of High Street was a fish and meat market known as The Shambles. It was a grimy stone building with, so far as I can remember, wrought iron grills in place of windows. It was quite spacious inside and occupied all the area where C & A and the Co-Operative Society have stood. The old Shambles gave a miserable appearance to that part of the Town, and was not mourned when it disappeared.

Epilogue



Dorothy on her 80th Birthday

In a lifetime, people born around the time of the First World War have witnessed a complete social revolution – surely no other generation has seen such change. We have moved from virtual primitiveness to great sophistication. We no longer shiver in our bedrooms and between the sheets, there is no need to wash in cold water each morning or in water saved from the hot water bottle - a warm shower is available at the turn of a tap or a hot bath in our carpeted en-suite. No need to go out in inclement weather to get to work, a car (heated of course) beckons at the door. Central heating abounds in the home, in our place of work, or recreation if it is indoors.

Industry and agriculture can manage almost without men. The housewife is no longer needed full-time in the home. Machines do everything, so the things that are most valuable now and most prized are those commodities which are hand made, as our grandparents did them! Have we turned full circle?

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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: Garry Leigh
Tel: 0114 2464714
www.grenosidesingers.co.uk

Ecclesfield Cubs

Scout Hut (off Yew lane)
Wednesday 4:45 pm to 6:15 pm
2nd Pack 6.30 pm to 8.0 pm
Leader - Mrs A Hancock
Tel: 0114 2402398

If you would like your local group advertised please contact:

Mrs P Blackburn  0114 2468453

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
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Ecclesfield Scouts

Scout Hut (off Yew Lane)
Tuesday 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
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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
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25th Ecclesfield Beaver Scout Group.

Ecclesfield Beavers are celebrating their 25th Birthday in 2011.

The Ecclesfield Beavers Group was started by Pat Blackburn, Gill Bryan and Sandra Pollard a quarter of a century ago.



Beavers in South Yorkshire have been set 25 challenges to complete this year.

We started the year building models with 25 Lego bricks or K'NEX. Shrove Tuesday saw us attempting to make 25 pancakes in one evening which we managed and then of course we had to eat them! 25 camp fire songs in one evening came next, that took quite a bit of doing. We made 25 birthday cards which we sent to friends to invite them to our coffee morning event, which was well attended by St. Mary's congregation where we hoped to raise £25. We actually raised £50 which will be donated to the Sheffield Children's Hospital charity and completed another 25 challenges at the same time by playing Ludo.

Last week we planned to complete a fitness challenge in the park doing each event 25 times but unfortunately due to the weather it had to be completed at the scout hut.

Both Monday and Thursday Beavers (Swallows and Amazons) have a 25 Beaver mascot which is travelling round the country and possibly the world later this year. 10 challenges completed, 15 to go, I hope we can make it.

In 2012 we will be celebrating another birthday, when Ecclesfield Scout Group will be 100 years old.

Jo Steel.

Ecclesfield Beavers meet at the Scout Hut (off Yew lane) on:
Mondays 6.00 pm to 7.15 pm and Thursday 6.00 -7.15 pm
Leaders - Jo Steel ☎ 2460218 and Rachael Otter ☎ 2461752