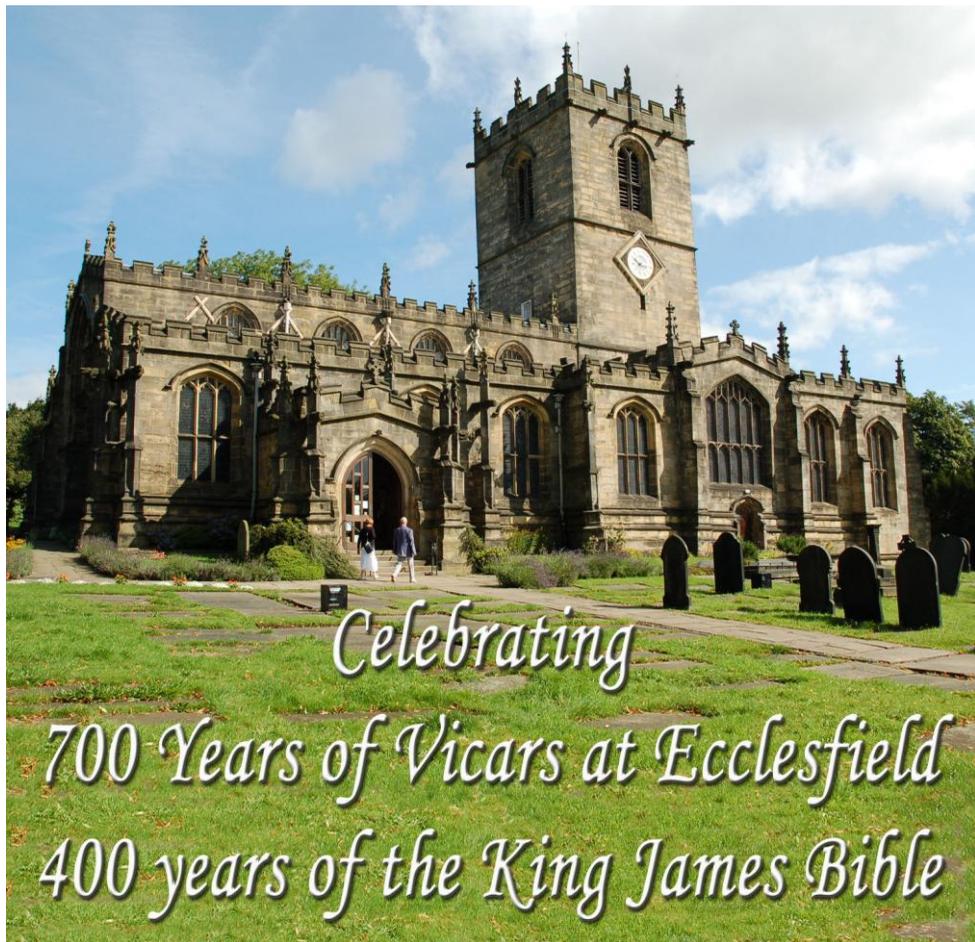


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Church Magazine for October 2011

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First Words...

- **Celebration Weekend – It’s Arrived!** - The weekend of 8/9 October will be a time of great celebration here in Ecclesfield. We will be celebrating the 700th anniversary of the first named Vicar of Ecclesfield and the 400th anniversary of the King James Version of the Bible. Keep a look out in later magazines for further information.
- **Inspir Week Of Accompanied Prayer** - We welcome Inspir Sheffield to Ecclesfield for the week 16th – 22nd October. This is an opportunity for us to discover new ways of praying and of deepening our faith journey. Further information and signing up sheets can be found in Church or by contacting the Vicar on 257 0002. See also this link - www.inspirsheffield.org.uk
- **Getting Ready For Advent** - We often talk about getting ready for Christmas, but I'd like to invite you to get ready for Advent this year. Advent Sunday take place on 27th November and we will be beginning our new patterns of Sunday Services on that day as well. Advent is a season that is often neglected but one that bears much fruit.

Daniel Hartley



Collect for Bible Sunday

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures
to be written for our learning:
help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn
and inwardly digest them that,
through patience, and the comfort of your holy word,
we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of
everlasting life, which you have given us
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Front cover- St Mary's – Open Door 700 for Years of Vicars
Rear cover – Jeni Fryer and the Bell Ringers at the Bell dedication service

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The Vicars Letter - Giving and the Future of the Church

Sex, religion and money – don't mention any of them in polite society! Well in this magazine there's plenty of talk on religion, as you'd expect. There's a lot less about sex: the paparazzi don't appear to be particularly bothered about Ecclesfield! But what about money? Money is a subject that we'd rather not talk about. Most priests, myself included, like to talk about mission, evangelism, worship, the love of God and faith. We don't like to talk about money. I've sat in the pews and listened to the "stewardship talk", that time for a "reappraisal of your financial giving". It's never easy to listen to and it's never easy to talk about.

And yet talk about it we must. The Parish of Ecclesfield has reached a point in its life when "stewardship talk" has become immediately necessary. Over the next few months we will be talking, unashamedly, about giving. The Church in Ecclesfield currently needs around £100,000 a year to keep the mission of Christ alive in Ecclesfield. These costs are divided between the money that we pay to central funds covering clergy stipends (that's basically a salary) and the money that it costs to heat, insure and maintain our beautiful building. We're tightening our belts and looking at everything that we spend (I'm a born and bred Yorkshire man and I'll say no more on that). However we're still around £25,000 a year short on our required figure.

You may well ask how this has happened. The reality is that Ecclesfield Church, like many historic churches in the Church of England, has benefitted from many wealthy benefactors in past ages: landowners and, more latterly, industrialists. Those days have come to an end. Today we are increasingly reliant upon our own resources.

It's come to a time when need to ask ourselves if we are willing to meet the costs of the ministry and mission of the Church in Ecclesfield. I am talking about sacrificial giving. Even in these difficult times, are we willing to look again at what we can afford to give to the Church? Are we willing to see sacrificial giving as an opportunity to deepen our faith in the God whose Son died on the cross?

Over the next few months we will be introducing lots of innovative approaches to financial giving that will run alongside the planned giving that I've mentioned above. I am personally committed to helping Ecclesfield Church meet its costs in exactly the same way that I am personally committed to helping Ecclesfield Church grow as the Body of Christ in this area. There is no difference or distinction between the two.

So there may be no sex in our magazine, but for the next few months I make no apologies for "money talk". As your Vicar I could bury my head in the sand and carry on as normal. You will know by now that this is not my way of doing things. There will be difficult times ahead, but if we are empowered by our faith in Christ then we will achieve all that we set out to achieve.

Daniel Hartley

Bishop's Letter

The Need to Proclaim a Better Way

My mind has been turning back to the need to teach our society the Ten Commandments. I wonder how many people could name even five out of ten? Take a moment to grab a pen and see how many you get right. You can check your answers in Exodus 20 and Deuteronomy 5.

The Ten Commandments are not the whole of the Christian gospel by any means. But they are a good starting point for learning God's standards for what is right and what is wrong. Each one is a life-giving rule for individuals and for a healthy society.

Think for a moment about the last of the commandments: "You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox or donkey or anything that belongs to your neighbour." The tenth commandment aims to build contentment and appreciation of what we do have. There is to be no peering over the garden fence and longing for what belongs to someone else. That contentment is a great treasure.

But in Britain we have built our society on discontent and on coveting what we do not have. Much of our economy is driven by the engine of the advertising industry. Millions of pounds a year are invested in making us covet and stoking the fire of discontent in our hearts. When that happens, greed becomes king and life gets completely out of proportion. So many of the ills of our society can be traced back to this root of greed. Our personal and national finances are overextended because we covet what we do not have. Some of the riot and disorder we saw over the summer was driven simply by greed: wanting what we do not possess.

The Church needs to proclaim a better way. As we celebrate Harvest this October, we remember and help others to remember that this life is God's good gift. We give thanks and help others to give thanks for all the good things we have been given. We proclaim the need for fairness and equality in our society. Appreciation and justice are the antidote to the virus of greed. We need to learn and to teach what it means to have enough; to be content; to live a just life.

To covet the lives and possessions of others is wrong and against God's law. We need to say so.

Bishop Steven



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Vicars of Ecclesfield from AD 1311

<u>Vicar</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Vicar</u>	<u>Date</u>
Robert de Bosco	1311	Rowland Hancock	1655?
John de Hannel	1328	Thomas Wright	1660
Robert Guillelo	1349	Edward Mansell	1693
William Fulmers	1369	Thomas Bosville	1704
William Bryan	?	William Steer	1708
Arnoldus Wyke	1398	William Bright	1745
William Dene	1411	Henry Downess	1768
Robert Noranton	1424	James Dixon	1775
Thomas Swift	?	William Ryder	1825
Thomas Clarke	1476	Thomas R Ryder	1825
John Talbot	1517	Alfred Gatty	1839
William Holme	1519	Francis W Pawson	1903
Edward Hatfield	1528	Arnold Pawson	1921
Charles Parsons	1544	Thomas H Pyke	1936
John Tyas	1549	Cuthbert R J Hayes	1946
Ionicas Nitsun	1580	Richard D Page	1964
Richard Lorde	1585	Ralph Mayland	1972
Nicholas Denhao	1600	David C. James	1982
John Newton	1628	James O. Forrester	1990
Thomas Wright	1638	Patricia I. Impey	2002
Immanuel Knutton	1643	Daniel Hartley	2011

The first four Vicars of Ecclesfield were also Priors of the Eggesfield Priory and appointed by the Abbot at St Wandrille's Abbey in France.

NB: (*A Prior is a monastic superior lower in status than an Abbot*).

Two of the first four vicars led somewhat suspect lives:-

- Robert Guillelo (Gullielmi) - In 1357 St Wandrille's Abbey sent two armed messengers to take Robert back because he had ignored a summons questioning his "Evil life and embezzlement of the priory's goods".
- William Fulmers (Fulmere) was ejected as he was not ordained.

PFL

An Incredible Woman

I came across a memorial to this remarkable lady during a holiday in Wales and wanted to share her story.

Sarah Jane Rees 9.01.1839 – 27.06.1916

Sarah Jane Rees was born in Llangrannog in 1839, the youngest of 3 children and the only girl. Her father, a sea captain, and mother believed that both their sons and daughter should be educated. In rural areas money was scarce; Sarah's initial learning was therefore done at the Chapel Sunday School. Here she learnt to read and write, but her weekdays were taken up playing on the beach exploring rocks and boats in her 'independent manner'.

When she was able to start school she was eager for knowledge and read everything she could, her teacher encouraged her by giving her access to every books he possessed. This was still the era when the needs of her brothers outweighed hers, and at the age of 13 she was sent to Cardigan 13 miles away to learn dressmaking. She returned home very quickly as she needles were incompatible; instead she decided to go to sea with her father.

John Rees captained a cargo boat which sailed short journeys from Langrannog to Liverpool or Swansea and occasionally to France and Holland. To the utter astonishment of neighbours he allowed Sarah to accompany him for the next 2 years. During this time she mastered the rudiments of navigation, which she would later teach.

By 1854, when she was 15, her brothers were able to support themselves, and, again to everyone's astonishment, Sarah returned to school. She studied in New Quay, Liverpool and London, extending her knowledge of Latin and navigation, and qualifying for her Captain's certificate which enabled her to sail to any part of the world.

At the age of 21 she became a teacher at the school her teacher had ended his career. Here Sarah began to teach navigation to mariners, enabling them to obtain their certificates. At this time she took on the bardic name of 'Cranogwen' after she had won the Bardic crown with a lyric poem at the National Eisteddfod her pupils were known as 'Cranogwen's Captains.

In addition to navigation she also taught music.

She then began public speaking and preaching not only in Wales but to Welsh communities in America.

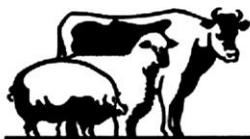
Her concern for the interest of women led her to found a Welsh Journal devoted to their interests. She not only edited the paper, but wrote many of the items, travel articles, 'agony aunt' advice and biographies of famous people. Fashion item were beyond her!

Eventually Cranogwen gave this work up to concentrate on her preaching, and on moral welfare of the industrial areas of South Wales.

One of her aims in life was to encourage women to develop themselves; at a time when the main routes open to them were marriage and motherhood, or domestic service.

Her desire to educate showed itself in the way she taught navigation to mariners, reading and writing to children and music. A very strong lady whom none would dare cross or disobey. She died at the age of 104.

HJ



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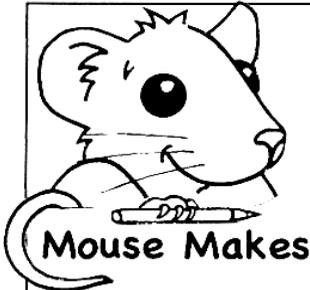
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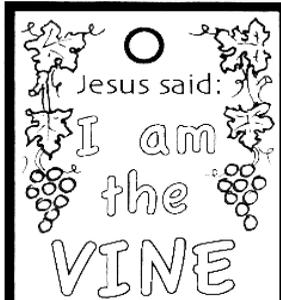
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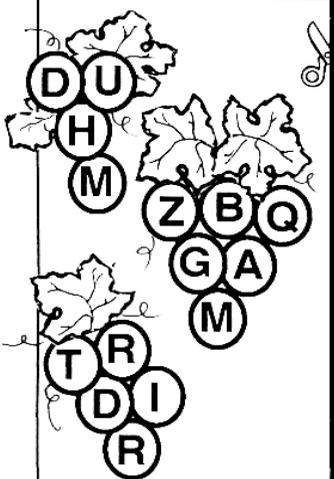
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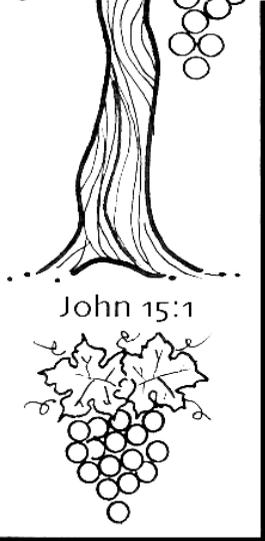
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Jesus said
"I am the real vine, and my Father is the gardener.
 He breaks off every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and he prunes every branch that does bear fruit, so that it will be



Change each letter on the grapes to the one after it in the alphabet then rearrange to find the words



clean and bear more fruit...
 ...A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it can do so only if it remains in the vine. In the same way you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me.
I am the vine, and you are the branches.
 Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me."

John 15
 verses 1-2,4-5

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Will You Remember Them

Libya's Christian Leaders Ask For Prayer

In the immediate days after opposition forces took over Tripoli, Open Doors Christian Organisation was able to contact a church leader in the Libyan capital. He said it is only “by God’s grace and because of your prayers we’re still alive, but we still need to pray much in this crucial time. He said that there is a major ongoing need for humanitarian help. Open Doors’ has been able to support the delivery of aid, including food, cooking oil and blankets, to the east of the country. Two 30-tonne trucks delivered humanitarian aid to Benghazi where it was distributed to those in need. Open Doors also helped bring in Bibles and Christian literature, utilising breaks in the fighting along the borders with neighbouring countries.

“Life is difficult,” the church leader continued, “Everything in the city is expensive. Everyone seems to have guns but life is especially difficult for the African believers in Tripoli.” With their ethnic appearance, many are being mistaken as mercenaries, making it very difficult for them to even leave their homes.

It is estimated that there are only about 150 indigenous Christians in Libya, while the expatriate Christian community numbers around 180,000. Libyan Christians are forced to live as secret believers and are too afraid to meet with other Christians. Under Gaddafi’s government, evangelism was criminalised, missionary activity forbidden and the large network of secret police made it difficult to organise church activities. The small Christian groups that do exist consist mostly of sub-Saharan migrants and western expatriate workers.

Many Christians have fled the country since the start of the revolt. “The most recent services were attended by some tens of people instead of the hundreds we were used to. The service in Arabic was totally empty,” our contact explained. However, he expects more members in church soon. “Many of them will return, I believe. Last weekend there was no transport.”

Please Pray For:

- Reconciliation and restoration across the country and an end to the bloodshed and violence
- More humanitarian help to reach the people and wisdom for the new leaders.
- For protection, strength and courage for all Christians.

JD

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Hell Explained By a Chemistry Student

The following is an actual question given on a University of Washington chemistry mid-term.

The answer by one student was so "profound" that the professor shared it with colleagues, via the internet, which is, of course, why we now have the pleasure of enjoying it as well:

Bonus Question: Is Hell exothermic (gives off heat) or endothermic (absorbs heat)?

Most of the students wrote proofs of their beliefs using Boyle's Law (gas cools when it expands and heats when it is compressed) or some variant.

One student, however, wrote the following:

First, we need to know how the mass of Hell is changing in time. So we need to know the rate at which souls are moving into Hell and the rate at which they are leaving. I think that we can safely assume that once a soul gets to Hell, it will not leave.

Therefore, no souls are leaving. As for how many souls are entering Hell, let's look at the different religions that exist in the world today. Most of these religions state that if you are not a member of their religion, you will go to Hell.

Since there is more than one of these religions and since people do not belong to more than one religion, we can project that all souls go to Hell. With birth and death rates as they are, we can expect the number of souls in Hell to increase exponentially.

Now, we look at the rate of change of the volume in Hell because Boyle's Law states that in order for the temperature and pressure in Hell to stay the same, the volume of Hell has to expand proportionately as souls are added.

This gives two possibilities:

1. If Hell is expanding at a slower rate than the rate at which souls enter Hell, then the temperature and pressure in Hell will increase until all Hell breaks loose.

Continued over

2. If Hell is expanding at a rate faster than the increase of souls in Hell, then the temperature and pressure will drop until Hell freezes over.

So which is it?

If we accept the postulate given to me by Teresa during my Freshman year that, "It will be a cold day in Hell before I sleep with you," and take into account the fact that I slept with her last night, then number two must be true, and thus I am sure that Hell is exothermic and has already frozen over.

The corollary of this theory is that since Hell has frozen over, it follows that it is not accepting any more souls and is therefore, extinct.....leaving only Heaven, thereby proving the existence of a divine being which explains why, last night, Teresa kept shouting "Oh my God."

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Diary for the Month of October

Sunday 2nd

15th Sunday after Trinity

- 9.30 am Parish Communion
- 11.15 am Family Service
- 12.45 pm Baptism Service
- 6.30 pm Evening Service
- 7.30 pm PCC Meeting
- 10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
- 1.00 pm MU – Childhood Today
- 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 7.30 pm Ladies' Group- Stephen Gay/Walking the Line
- 10.00 am Day of Celebration - 700 Years of Vicars
Activities throughout until 5.00 pm
- 7.00 pm Mel Jones – 700 years of Change in Ecclesfield

Monday 3rd

Wednesday 5th

Thursday 6th

Saturday 8th

Sunday 9th

16th Sunday after Trinity

- 8.00 am Holy Communion
- 10.30 am Service of Celebration -
Followed by a Bring and Share Lunch
- 6.30 pm Holy Communion
- 10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
- 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 2.00 pm Service at Hartwell House
- 7.30 pm Ladies' Group - Coffee Evening

Wednesday 12th

Thursday 13th

Inspir Week of Accompanied Prayer - 16th – 22nd

Sunday 16th

17th Sunday after Trinity

- 9.30 am Parish Communion
- 11.15 am Family Service
- 4.00 pm Inspir Opening Service
- 7.30 pm Prayer Meeting in Church
- 10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
- 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 7.30 pm Ladies' Group – Coffee Evening
- 9.30 am Inspir Closing Service
- 7.00 pm Emley Band

Tuesday 18th

Wednesday 19th

Thursday 20th

Saturday 22nd

Sunday 23rd**18th Sunday after Trinity**

8.00 am Holy Communion

9.30 am Parish Communion

11.15 am Family Service

6.30 pm Evening Service

Monday 24th

7.30 pm Ignatian Prayer in Church

Wednesday 26th

10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House

Thursday 27th

9.30 am Holy Communion

7.30 pm Ladies' Group – Janet Stone/Dip Your Toe In

Sunday 30th**4th Sunday before Advent**

9.30 am Parish Communion

11.15 am Family Service

6.30 pm Evening Service

From the Registers***Weddings***

28th August

Lee Ramsden and Claire Nayland

3rd September

Andrew Fisher and Jane Lichfield

10th September

Keith Iggo and Tracey Knight

17th September

John Barrett and Caroline Robinson

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

Funerals***Cremations***

31st August

Lily Smith

9th September

Eric Goddard

9th September

Lesley Bell

23rd September

Stanley Cooke

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

Flower Rota

November

6th Z. Colton

13th P. Leach and O. Robinson (*Remembrance Sunday*)

20th D. Banham and A. Southern

27th Advent 1

Celebrating 700 Years of Vicars at Ecclesfield & 400 years of the King James Bible

Saturday 8th October

Activities start at 10.00 am and finish 5.00 pm

Morning activities:

Coffee, Tea and Cake available in the morning.

A Lunch menu will be available around midday.

Records & Registers will be on display in the Church Office
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During the morning there will be a series of readings from the
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Afternoon activities:

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Evening Event:

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Mothers Union AGM Wednesday 07.09.11.

Twenty four (24) Members were present and the Rev. Daniel Hartley chaired the meeting. It was also an opportunity before the meeting started to wish Margaret Shore a happy 80th birthday. She received a bunch of flowers from the MU, a birthday cake and sherry or bucks fizz to toast her.

It was Daniel's first MU meeting and Maureen Lambert (Branch Leader) welcomed him. The following is an extract from his talk:

'He spoke of what is happening in the life of the Church in Ecclesfield: life and growth – pathways. The observations he made is that the MU in Ecclesfield represents something of the model that we are looking at doing. Some people believe that the MU members are "getting on a bit" but the aim is to get people to come to the meetings and attract them into the life of the Church. He believes this works better in the aspect of the church within the MU. He thinks people get more involved within the Church because of being with the MU. The MU stands as a primary example of how the Church works. He said to use this model within the other walks of life, either with mums, children, and the elderly or in schools. Also, other groups of people within the different stages of life. He was impressed with how many Members there are in our MU group and it sets a good example to the rest of the Church, and how we are growing. He said he was grateful for the example that the MU sets and he does not want us to be "down beat" about not attracting younger people. We are able to grow from within from those we are already attracting. The MU has grown stronger by attracting people at a different stage of life i.e. at a later stage in their life: not always at the younger end of the spectrum. He believed the potential is there for growth'.

Unfortunately, after his talk he had to leave for a meeting elsewhere, but his words were received by the Members with gratitude that the work they have done and are still doing was being acknowledged by our new Vicar. Maureen Lambert and Norma Priest (who took over the Chair) thanked him for his most encouraging words.

All in all it was a very interesting and happy meeting.

JR

Hello! Are you a mum??

We are 'Me mums', a new group held at The Gatty Hall, Ecclesfield each Friday 9.45 am to 11.15 am. We're a place for mums to come and chat, have a coffee and a break - access help and information on anything to do with being a mum really - and join in some activities whilst making new friends and more often than not, trying out some cakes and biscuits! Children are welcome to come along - we put on a craft activity and some floor games for the little ones - with supervision provided and aprons! We are a lovely small group and welcome anyone to come along. Our group is free and all snacks and drinks are included - we just have a donation box! Come along and spend an hour being you. **Sarah** and **Sue**.



Computer Humour – Grandma

The computer swallowed grandma.
Yes, honestly its true!
She pressed 'control' and 'enter'
And disappeared from view.

It devoured her completely;
The thought just makes me squirm.
She must have caught a virus
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I've searched through the recycle
bin
And files of every kind;
I've even used the Internet,
But nothing did I find.

In desperation, I asked Great
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My searches to refine.
But the reply from Master was
negative,
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THE POWER OF GOD'S LOVE

A bridge needed to be built across a large, busy river so divers were sent to explore the river bed. The divers discovered a wreck of a large old sailing ship buried in the deep mud just where one of the bridge's main piers needed to be built. They used ropes and powerful tugs, but no matter what they did, the wreck would not budge.

Then an engineer had an idea: the river rises and falls with the tide twice a day so why not use the power of the whole ocean to lift the wreck? At low tide ropes were fastened to lots of barges and then they waited. As the barges rose on the ingoing tide so the ropes tightened and pulled. And slowly, the wreck was eased out of the mud. Nothing could resist the power of the rising water.

And so it is with the love of God. Nothing can resist its power or stand against it. When we would give up and say 'it is impossible', God's love is bigger than any ocean and He changes what we believe is unchangeable.

WHAT WATER?

The answers to this Bible quiz are all to do with water...

1. The river where John the Baptist baptised Jesus? (Matthew, chapter 3)
2. The mountain where the Ark landed after the Flood? (Genesis, chapter 8)
3. Where Jesus walked on the water? (John, chapter 6)
4. Who lived by the Cherith Brook and was fed by a raven? (1 Kings 17)
5. Jonah set out from this port. (Jonah, chapter 1)
6. The river where Moses was found in a basket. (Exodus, chapter 2)
7. The island where Paul was shipwrecked. (Acts, chapter 28)



If a whale mummy had a son and a daughter, what relation would they be?

Blubber and sister.



What jungle animal shouldn't get wet?

A rhinocerust.



Answers: 1.Jordan 2.Ararat 3.Sea of Galilee 4.Elijah 5.Joppa 6.Nile 7.Malta

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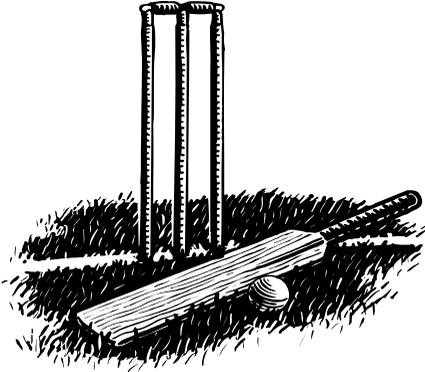
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Whitley Hall Cricket Club



This has been quite a special season for the club. The highs have undoubtedly been the winning of the all Yorkshire knockout competition, The Black Sheep Yorkshire Champions Trophy, and retaining the South Yorkshire senior knockout cup, The Whitworth Cup. Disappointingly, Whitley did not manage to retain the South Yorkshire League title and after an intriguing finish to the season, ended up in the runners-up position finishing 7 points behind champions Elsecar. Quite why there was a slight falter towards the end is up for debate – certainly finishing champions last year resulted in many more competitions and some will point to 4 trophies being just too much or that the elation of winning the Black Sheep took the edge off the rest of the season. Others will point to the slightly intemperate away defeat at Treton as the turning point or the injury to captain Alex Fletcher which kept him out of the team for half the season.

It has however been an excellent season taken as a whole, with some outstanding performances. Jaco Castle, our South African visitor, who was man of the match in the Black Sheep final, looks like topping the league batting averages with 838 runs averaging over 76 runs and with 7 half centuries with Alex Fletcher and Neil Longhurst also appearing in the League top 20. Jaco also appears in the League bowling top 20 together with Jim Tasker who had a magnificent match at Wath in the Whitworth Cup final to achieve man of the match.

The 2nd XI had an encouraging season under captain Joe Webster finishing above mid-table in 5th position in Division 2. Matt Milburn came second in the League batting averages with Adrian Tazzyman also in the top 20 and Liam Bacon and Callum Bethel made the top 20 in the bowling. I will report on the juniors in a future magazine.

A C R

The Gardening Year – October 2011.

The Flower Garden – All spring flowering bulbs can be put out this month, including daffodils, hyacinths, crocus, snowdrops, fritillaries, lilies, grape hyacinths etc., The mixed border needs renovating entirely every three years, and October is the best month for this work. Lift out every plant leaving a ball of soil intact round the roots so that those plants which do not need division are disturbed as little as possible. If the border is a large one it is worth while to dig a trench in another part of the garden and heel the plants into this while the border is dug. Double dig all of the ground keeping the top soil still at the top but breaking up the hard pan of the soil underneath. Keep a trench open as the ground is dug and throw into it all the dead tops, annual weeds, leaves and rubbish from the garden. A layer of farmyard manure forked into the bottom of each trench before the next width of soil is turned on to it assists the plants be retaining moisture during dry spells. A dressing of lime, 4oz to the square yard and 4oz of general fertilizer to the square yard will improve the fertility of the soil. Rhododendrons and azaleas dig ground where bushes are to be planted feed plants which are not producing good leaves and flowers or making healthy growth. Add peat or leaf-mould and well rotted manure to the top few inches of soil. The young feeding roots of rhododendrons are active at this time make a clematis cone by planting one, two or three plants at the base of a stout central pole surrounded by four or five heavily galvanised wires leading from a foot or so from the base up to the top. To bring colour to an old tree a small copse or group of trees plant one or more clematis and allow it to wander up into the branches in the same way as the wild species. To hide a manhole in the garden, plant beside it a low growing spreading plant such as cotoneaster Horizon Tallis, if the shrub is grown in a container this can then be pushed to one side if you wish to remove the cover.

Fruit – any fruit trees showing signs of canker should be looked over carefully and cut down and burnt if beyond remedy. Grease bands should be placed round the trunks of fruit trees as a protection against female moths of various injurious insects crawling up the branches to lay their eggs.

Vegetables – early in the month pick and take indoors the last of the tomatoes including those that are still green, the latter can be made into chutney or placed in a warm light place to continue ripening. Plant winter lettuce early in the month after raking in bone-meal at 4oz per sq. yd. set the plants out with a trowel spacing them 9 in. apart in rows 12 in. apart. When planting lettuces take care not to damage the seed leaves, these should be just above the soil surface after planting never buried, cover with cloches if frost threatens.

Colin Williams

Prayers and Poems Page

A Prayer for Peace in Our Communities

Gracious God
We pray for peace in our communities this day.
We commit to you all who work for peace and
an end to tensions,
And those who work to uphold law and justice.
We pray for an end to fear,
For comfort and support to those who suffer.
For calm in our streets and cities,
That people may go about their lives in safety
and peace.
In your mercy, hear our prayers,
now and always. **Amen**
CofE

God our Help

With floods and storms thus we be tossed,
Awake, good Lord, to thee we cry.
Our ship is almost sunk and lost.
The mercy help our misery.

Man's strength is weak; man's wit is dull:
Man's reason's blind. These things to
amend,
Thy hand, O Lord, of might is full;
Awake betime, and help us send.

In thee we trust, and in no wight:
Save us as chickens under the hen.
Our crookedness thou canst make right
Glory to thee for aye. Amen.

Anonymous, 17th century

Falling Leaves

Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;
Lengthen night and shorten day;
Every leaf speaks bliss to me
Fluttering from the autumn tree.

From a poem by Emily Bronte (1818-48)

The Lake

The beauty of a lake
Amongst the rocky hills,
All fears and worries just abate
Anxiety is stilled.

The life that it sustains!
The fish, and birds that fly.
The keeping of the mountain rain
So crops are never dry.

For centuries, and more
The boats passed to and fro
The waves lap gently 'gainst the shore
As mountain breezes blow.

O Mirror of the sky;
We scarce can bear the sight
Reflector of the mountains high
And of Creation's light!

Who can your beauty see?
Your wonders full behold -
And not be mindful who made thee?
And feel his love enfold.

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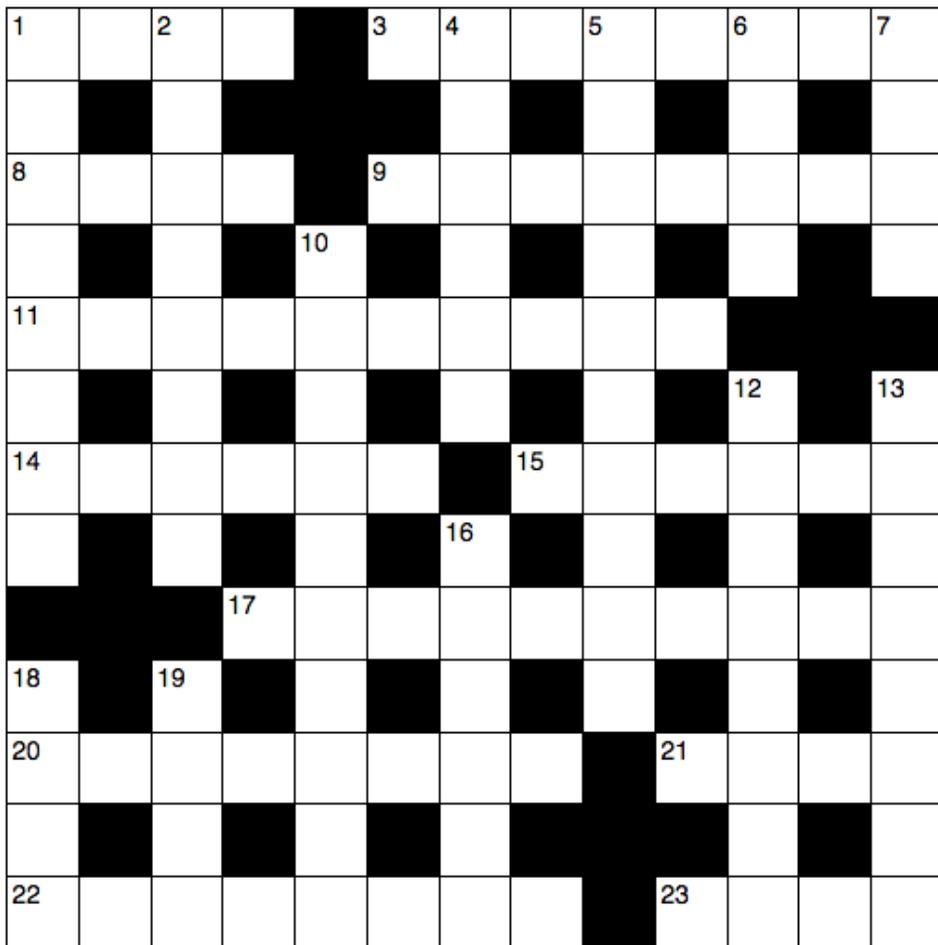
Crossword Puzzle

Clues Across

- 1 Grandson of Mered and his Judean wife (1 Chronicles 4:18) (4)
- 3 He said of Jesus, 'This man has done nothing wrong' (Luke 23:40–41) (8)
- 8 Herb with pleasantly scented roots, present in the Beloved's orchard (Song of Songs 4:13) (4)
- 9 What God brought Sarah with the birth of Isaac (Genesis 21:6) (8)
- 11 Port on the Red Sea where King Solomon built ships (1 Kings 9:26) (5,5)
- 14 Donald — , Archbishop of Canterbury 1974–80 (6)
- 15 Cereal (Ezekiel 4:9) (6)
- 17 Jesus' description of a Pharisee (Matthew 23:24) (5,5)
- 20 Not as widely used at church services nowadays as used to be the case (8)
- 21 ' — all your anxiety on him because he cares for you' (1 Peter 5:7) (4)
- 22 One of the three strands of Methodism united in 1932 (8)
- 23 'They broke bread in their homes and ate together with — and sincere hearts' (Acts 2:46) (4)

Clues Down

- 1 The rebuke of 3 Across, 'Don't you fear God... since you are under the same — ?' (Luke 23:40) (8)
- 2 Horse-drawn vehicle used by King Solomon (Song of Songs 3:9) (8)
- 4 Dearer (anag.) (6)
- 5 One-time editor of Punch and controversial writer and broadcaster who became a noted Christian, Malcolm — (10)
- 6 'When you sit to dine with a ruler, — well what is before you' (Proverbs 23:1) (4)
- 7 'God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both — and Christ' (Acts 2:36) (4)
- 10 One description of the inspired nature of scripture (10)
- 12 'The Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him, so that God may be — — — ' (1 Corinthians 15:28) (3,2,3)
- 13 Recognized as valid (1 Samuel 3:20) (8)
- 16 A long A (anag.) (6)
- 18 'For God does not — favouritism' (Romans 2:11) (4)
- 19 Comes between Joel and Obadiah (4)



Answers:

Across: 1, Soco. 3, Criminal. 8, Nard. 9, Laughter. 11, Ezion Geber. 14, Coggan. 15, Millet. 17, Blind guide. 20, Hymnbook. 21, Cast. 22, Wesleyan. 23, Glad.

Down: 1, Sentence. 2, Carriage. 4, Reader. 5, Muggerridge. 6, Note. 7, Lord. 10, Infallible. 12, All in all. 13, Attested. 16, Angola. 18, Show. 19, Amos.

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How we love it when the service has hardly begun and some of our bell ringers, who have just called us all to worship by ringing and have rung up their bells until next time, creep quietly into church to join us in worship. On Sunday 28th August the pleasure was heightened by most of the ringing team joining us so that we could be together as the two new bells, donated to the church by Janet Gledhill, were dedicated during the service.

Those two new bells have been on view in church for several weeks and we have all admired them. They have now, together with the current eight bells, been taken to Whitechapel Bell Foundry. There they will become part of the new peal of ten bells which, upgraded and retuned, will then be returned to grace our tower sometime before Christmas, if all goes according to plan.

Before the dedication the congregation gave a round of applause for the ringers, to show our gratitude for their commitment and for the pleasure that they bring both in calling us to worship and on many other occasions.

The sound of church bells reminds us all of God's grace and his presence in the whole of our lives. When the new peal is installed it will be good to give thanks to God as we hear the bells ring out through the village once more, for the compassion, peace and hope which are ours through faith.

JF