

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



*Church Magazine for July 2012*

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# First Words...

- **Holidays** – We're approaching the school holidays and that slightly quieter period in the life of the Church. However the Church never sleeps! We continue to meet on Sunday mornings at 10 o'clock for Parish Communion, alongside all of our other services.
- **Marriage** – Much discussion has been had recently about the nature of marriage. We all have our opinions and I have not hidden my own reflections on the Church's teaching. Yet in the midst of this it is appropriate to pray for tolerance and understanding and, above all else, for unity in the Body of Christ.
- **Olympic Games** – Good luck to all our athletes and particularly to those from Sheffield.

*Daniel Hartley*



## Olympic Prayer

Loving God,  
as this torch travels our nation,  
preparing us to celebrate the skill and determination of  
those competing in the Olympic and Paralympic Games,  
strengthen us to love you and serve our neighbour  
with all the skill and determination you give us,  
through Christ, the light of the world.

**Amen.**



Front Cover – Olympic Torch Relay Runner Chloe Rutkowska  
Back Cover – Olympic Torch Relay Runner Chloe Rutkowska rounds the bend onto Yew Lane

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## The Vicars' Letter

### **On 27th July we will witness the Opening Ceremony of the Olympic Games in London.**

A time to celebrate again the Olympic motto Citius, Altius, Fortius, which is Latin for "Swifter, Higher, Stronger". A time to celebrate the possibility of human achievement and to will Team GB to a hefty tally of medals.

In the Christian Faith we rightly place a high importance on our ministry amongst the marginalized and oppressed. Jesus spent time with those on the fringes and margins of 1st Century Judea and we seek to do the same in the Church today. Yet there is another strand to the Gospel accounts of Jesus and to the others writings in the New Testament. The New Testament writers use a considerable amount of "success" imagery in their accounts. St Paul talks about running the race of life to win (1 Corinthians 9. 24-end). Jesus himself talks about the wise use of money and the rewarding of success and excellence. We can only enable and empower the marginalized if we have sought the path of excellence in our own lives. In other words the aim of the Gospel is not to lower standards but to raise them. Jesus certainly meets people where they are, but in doing so he seeks to raise their vision towards heaven.

At times as a Church, and a society, we have created a false dichotomy between excellence and inclusion. Yet this dichotomy need not be the case. If we find ourselves struggling to run the race of life then we are left with two choices: either we can give up or we can redouble our efforts and seek, with God's help, to improve who we are. There will always be winners and losers in life, as in the sporting arena. As Christians we are called to be amongst those who do struggle in life, but to be amongst them encouraging and empowering them to renew their search for excellence. This means different things for different people. I will never win the 100m at the Olympics but I can seek to provide for my family. I can always strive to be a better husband and father.

The human spirit finds a degree of fulfilment as we strive for excellence and the Olympic Games are a timely reminder of this. At times we have been led to believe that excellence, success and competition lead to selfish individualism. Yet for the Christian this is not the case. Our excellence and our success, like the excellence and success envisaged by St Paul, seeks to serve God and his Church.

*Daniel Hartley*

# The Bishops' Letter, July 2012

This month Bishop Steven writes:

## Lights to the World

I love the moment at the end of a baptism and confirmation service when the candidates are each given a lighted candle. The Bishop says to all of them together: You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

The whole congregation reply:

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The moment captures very powerfully the idea that Christians have received God's light but we are called to be lights in the world.

Christians are called to give light through the whole of our lives in our places of work; in our families and neighbourhoods and as we act together as the Church of Jesus Christ both locally and across the region. I know there are thousands of acts of love and witness every day across the Diocese as individual Christians live out their calling in practical service and in words of love and encouragement and witness. There are hundreds of examples of churches supporting their wider communities in a whole range of ways.

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus calls his disciples to live out our calling as lights to the world and as salt of the earth (Matthew 5.13-15). Salt does its job of preserving and bringing out flavour and of helping good things to grow when it is scattered and spread more than when it is gathered. Christians are called to be distinctive but also involved in our communities.

This autumn we will be thinking carefully about how the Church is called to be Salt and Light in every community across the Diocese. Our Diocesan Development Day on Saturday 6th October will take this theme. We will explore this aspect of our discipleship through worship and prayer, with our visiting speakers and in workshops through the day.

Please make sure your parish is represented – or come yourself. You will find lots to help you and your local church make an impact on your wider community. And thank you for all you already do to be a light for Christ where God has called you.

+Steven Sheffield



## St. IGNATIUS of LOYOLA: 31<sup>st</sup> July

The youngest of 13 children, Ignatius Loyola was born in Spain. When a young soldier he was badly wounded by a cannon ball that shattered his leg. As he recovered he asked for a best selling book of the day, a romance, to read to take his mind off the pain but ended up reading about Jesus and the lives of the saints. His life changed as he resolved to continue being a soldier, but now as a soldier for Christ.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and 6 others offered themselves to the service of the Catholic Church. They became the Society of Jesus and Ignatius was elected to serve as their first general. When other Jesuits were sent on various missions by the pope, Ignatius stayed in Rome founding homes for orphans and colleges all, in the words of the Jesuit motto, 'ad majorem Dei gloriam' - for the greater glory of God.



## BIBLE BOOKS

Can you unscramble these letters to find books in the Bible?

1. ashjou
2. imythot
3. hurt
4. kuel
5. brosprev
6. tonslaminat
7. chaimal
8. theres
9. chainstroin
10. himereaj



**What kind of man was Boaz before he married?**

Ruthless.

**Which Bible character had no parents?**

Joshua, son of Nun.

Answers: 1.Joshua 2.Timothy 3.Ruth  
4.Luke 5.Proverbs 6.Lamentations  
7.Malachi 8.Ester 9.Corinthians  
10.Jeremiah



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## The Anglican Church on Majorca – A Continuing story

It was at 37 Avinguda Joan Miro in El Terreno that the Anglican Church made a new start, about 1 mile from its present site.

The original building is thought to have been the part of Queen Isabella's summer residence or palace on the island in the 1550s. The palace came close to the sea in Palma bay and even today parts of the old walls and some towers and other buildings can be seen. El Terreno (Palma de Mallorca) was, until recently the aristocratic resort area of Palma

The origins of number 37 can now be seen in a very ornate gate way to the property which is now a restaurant. There are sentry posts on either side of the gate, a guardhouse which is now a shop and formal gardens with plants and palm trees. These superb gardens are open to the public, access being from the Paseo Maritimo. Prior to the construction of the Paseo they extended right down to the beach.

It was in the guardhouse of the Queen Isabella's summer residence in Palma that in the 1920s the late Mr & Mrs F. G. Short opened a library and tea room. Following afternoon tea the chairs would be cleared aside to make room for the then very popular tea dancing. This library and tea room became the headquarters of the then newly formed British Association which eventually became the British American club.

It was at the invitation of the British Association that the Revd. James Johnson - Chaplain of St George's Barcelona would come over from time to time to hold services. The Revd. James Johnson at this time was also in charge of the Mediterranean Mission to Seamen. On his arrival the chairs would be arranged in rows and an Anglican service would take place. The first of these 'ad hoc' services was held in 1925, at that time there was no formal church building or resident Anglican priest on the island.

By 1927 the British Association had taken a monthly lease on an adjoining building. It was beside and below Queen Isabella's villa, forming part of its outbuildings. It had been the stabling for the horses and mules of the household and it later became a soda water bottling factory.

This rather unpromising, dark and cellar like building was transformed into the first Anglican church on Mallorca. The interior was beautifully restored with plaster and the walls were embellished with an attractive piece of carved Santanyí<sup>(1)</sup> stonework and a carved pulpit in the same stone was donated by the widow of the late Home Secretary Viscount Brentford, William Joynson Hicks<sup>(2)</sup>. A lectern was given by Lady Shepherd in memory of her late husband Sir William Shepherd KCIE, communion rails were made from splendid northern pine. The walls were freshly whitewashed and the gloomy building was transformed into an attractive Anglican church but with services still dependant on visits by priests from Barcelona.

The move from the tea room to the converted soda water factory was made in 1934 and the first Anglican service was held there in the new church later that year. There is no record of any dedication ceremony, no names of saints and no patrons are known.

1935 saw the outbreak of the Spanish Civil war. A ship of the Royal Navy was sent to the island to evacuate the British residents who were only permitted to take on board as much as they could carry in their hands. Their furniture, carpets, silver, paintings and other large valuables were hastily piled into the Anglican Church to await the coming of more peaceful times. The quite large church was literally stacked to the rafters with the valued possessions of the now departed British community.

The Hon Mary Hillgarth, the wife of the British Vice consul in Mallorca, who was a keen churchwoman, took it upon herself to pay the rent on the first church so that there was no excuse to rob or otherwise violate the building or its contents. Mary Hillgarth continued to pay the rent, not only through the years of the Civil War, but on through the years of the Second World War. To be continued.

**I&GS**

**Notes:**

**1 Santanyí** – An area in South East of Majorca. It holds a large number of archaeological sites and is also home to a protected natural area, the Mondragó Natural Parc

**2 William Joynson Hicks** - Visit link below for full career

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## Will You Remember Them - Eritrea

### **Christian Aid Agency Provides Sanctuary For Abused Christian Women From Eritrea.**

A new sanctuary in Israel is helping Christian women recover and rebuild their lives after suffering extremely traumatic experiences both in Eritrea and during their arduous escape through Egypt and across the Sinai desert in their desperate flight from persecution. They have to put themselves in the hands of people-smugglers, and many are taken hostage for ransom by Bedouin Muslim nomads in the deserts of Sinai. Christian women are often subjected to severe beatings and sexual assault. The sanctuary is a multi-purpose centre that will provide the women with emotional and spiritual support, as well as helping them to overcome their practical difficulties. It will offer health services, employment advice and educational opportunities, including language and basic skills classes, plus other facilities.

Refugees cannot get work permits, so their employment options are very limited. The Eritrean Christians often have the added burden of repaying loans to family members who paid the Bedouin to get them across the border into Israel. One such woman, aged around 19, was abducted and sold to the Bedouin traffickers who beat her so severely that she is now permanently disabled. These traffickers then demanded a ransom for her release from the family. The sanctuary in Israel is seeking to help in this situation.

Eritrea is one of the worst places in the world to be a Christian; thousands are believed to be imprisoned without trial in the country's notoriously cruel detention system. Many Eritrean Christians flee to Egypt with the aim of crossing its border into Israel, but hundreds end up in Egyptian prisons, where they are held in poor conditions, are denied access to health care and suffer malnutrition and abuse. Christian aid agencies are also providing essentials to these prisoners, including food, medicine, clothing, toiletries and baby food for infants. Help with legal fees is given, along with help to meet their spiritual needs.

#### **Please Pray.**

1. That the Lord will bless and prosper the sanctuary for Eritrean women in Israel; that He will use it to restore them to health and strength in every respect.
2. For Eritrean Christians imprisoned in Egypt, that the Lord will sustain them physically and spiritually, and that they will swiftly be released.
3. That the Eritrean government will relent in its persecution of Christians so that they will not be forced to put themselves in such danger.

**JD**

## Ecclesfield Scout Group

On Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May we held an Open Day and evening B.B.Q at our HQ to celebrate our Centenary. The number of visitors far exceeded our expectations and contributed to making the day a great success. Thank you to everyone who came and we hope you enjoyed looking at the photos and memorabilia and meeting up with old friends.

### History of Ecclesfield Scout Group – Cont....

A most important event during 1921 was the disbanding of the original Sheffield Northern Division and the formation of a new District of Wentworth. The 25<sup>th</sup> Sheffield now became the 1st Wentworth Scout Group. Many people in Ecclesfield will remember the Wentworth District as it incorporated all the surrounding villages i.e. Chapeltown, High Green, Grenoside, Hoyland, Thorpe Hesley, etc., In 1974 after 53 years another re-organisation closed Wentworth and we were once again restored to the 25<sup>th</sup> Sheffield (Ecclesfield).

The amount of camps our Group managed to organise continues to surprise. In the 1920.s they camped at Wortley, Wentworth, Bradfield, Llandudno, Cawthorne, Ramsey Isle of Man, Lowestoft, Castleton Aldney, Whitby and Lee on Solent. The logistics of transporting camping gear, food etc., plus boys over such distances in the 1920.s must have taken tremendous organisational skills. I was told on very good authority that the Scouts used to pile everything on the trek cart then manhandle it, whilst carrying their own kit bags to Station Road off the Common to the railway station (now long gone) and pushed everything into the guards van. How they got to the camp site at the other end we can only guess.

We now have a few gaps in our history but a lot of readers will remember the previous HQ on St Mary's Lane opposite the old post office a large wooden building which was burnt down in 1968 in an arson attack. Although some equipment was saved not all could be rescued. One thing which has survived to the present day is the metal shield which was over the door. This shield has been restored and will soon be on display at our present H.Q.

After this the Group was “homeless” for years and despite the fact that the Group owns part of the land on St. Mary's Lane the then Wortley Rural District Council refused permission to rebuild as it was made part of a conservation area. It is entirely due to a group of very determined Leaders and Parents who battled for years with bureaucracy, Council Officials and red tape that we now have our present H.Q. Without their hard work and determination to see it through it would not have happened. Too many people to name individually but THANK YOU on behalf of all the children, past, present and future, who are benefiting

from their hard work. Our first meeting in our present H.Q. was in September 1982 and it took 10 years of serious fund raising to pay off the loan. THANK YOU once more to all the parents who consistently raised money over these ten years. Another important change is that girls can now join the Scout Movement and 25 years ago the newest Section was started for children of 6 to 8 years, Beavers arrived. In May 2003 the Group received another blow when our present H.Q. was the victim of an arson attack and the building suffered serious damage. Once again the Group was homeless but Trinity Church and other Scout groups generously offered the use of their buildings and the Leaders managed to keep thing going until our H.Q. was habitable once more.

So in our Centenary Year the Group is the biggest it has ever been with a very active Scout Section, two Cub Packs, two Beaver Colonies several Young Leaders and a Team of experienced and dedicated adult Leaders who all give 100%. Here's to the next 100 years.

*P Marsland.*

### A Scouter's Dream

One night a Scouter dreamed a dream, and dreaming dreamed he died  
And straightaway to the gate of heaven his sin stained spirit flew  
And there before the saints he stood with downcast head and low,  
“My record’s very bad “he said “I guess I’m bound below,  
I’ve smoked a bit and slacked a bit, confess it all I must,  
And flirted too, and what is more, great Heaven how I’ve cussed!”  
The good St. Peter looked at him with kindly smiling eyes,  
He shook his head “Don’t ask” he said “A mansion in the skies,  
But let me see, I think you said you’ve been a Scouter man”.  
The sinner bowed, then in this strain the aged saint began,  
“You’ve taken out a Troup of Scouts and tried a week-end camp,  
They’ve teased and tortured you no end until your brow grew damp,  
You’ve suffered sneers and often jeers and had your tale of cares.  
You mostly went to bed at bight too tired to say your prayers.  
Committee men and parents too have often got you down.  
You’ve tried to run a concern just to benefit the town.  
You’ve had to see all kinds of folks and please ‘em every one.  
And when you growl at Mr Fawle he says he thinks it fun.  
Occasionally you saw your wife. Now tell me this is so?”  
“It is “replied the Scouter man, and took his hat to go.  
“Ah well” said good St Peter, opening the portal wide,  
“We’re very glad to meet you, just kindly step inside,  
“We’ll try to make you happy, we’ll do the best we can,  
You’ve had your punishment on earth. You’ve been a Scouter man.

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Add. 16, Craftsmanship. 17, Old. 19, Redeemer. 24, Walls are. 25, Wise.  
26, Target. 27, Thieve.

**DOWN:** 1, Rest. 2, Courtyard. 3, Sadhu. 4, Arm he. 5, Nose. 6, Round.  
10, Tutor. 11, Timid. 12, Sense. 13, Ashbeelite. 14, Dips. 15, Echo. 18,  
Lhasa. 20, Exact. 21, Erect. 22, Flög. 23, Mede.

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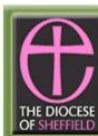
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# Diary for the Month of July

## Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>

4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	
10.00 am	Parish Communion
12 noon	Baptism Service
6.30 pm	Evening Service
7.30 pm	Ordination Service
10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
9.30 am	Holy Communion
7.30 pm	Ladies' Group – Coffee Evening

## Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	
8.30 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Parish Communion
2.00 pm	Sue Hammersley – Parish Visit
6.30 pm	Holy Communion
7.30 pm	P.C.C. Meeting
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 – Ken Bell / How Things Got Their Name
7.00 pm	Concert in Church

## Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity	
10.00 am	Parish Communion
12 noon	Baptism Service
6.30 pm	Evening Service
10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
9.30 am	Holy Communion
10.30 am	Prayer Meeting
7.30 pm	Ladies' Group – Summer Party

## Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Mary Magdalene	
8.30 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Parish Communion
6.30 pm	Evening Service

Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30 pm	Ignatian Prayer
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	7.30 pm	Fabric Team Meeting
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity</b>
	10.00 am	God in Creation
	12 noon	Baptism Service
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion

### From the Registers

#### *Baptisms*

3rd June	Layla Buxton
3rd June	Coby Buxton
3rd June	Harry Eggenton
3rd June	Adam Wilson

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

#### *Weddings*

16th June	Ryan Seymour and Hayley Turnbull
16th June	Jodie Evans and Patricia Kuiboer
23rd June	David Sargent and Lindsey Marsh
23rd June	Shayne Donahoe and Jade Sherratt

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

#### *Flower Rota*

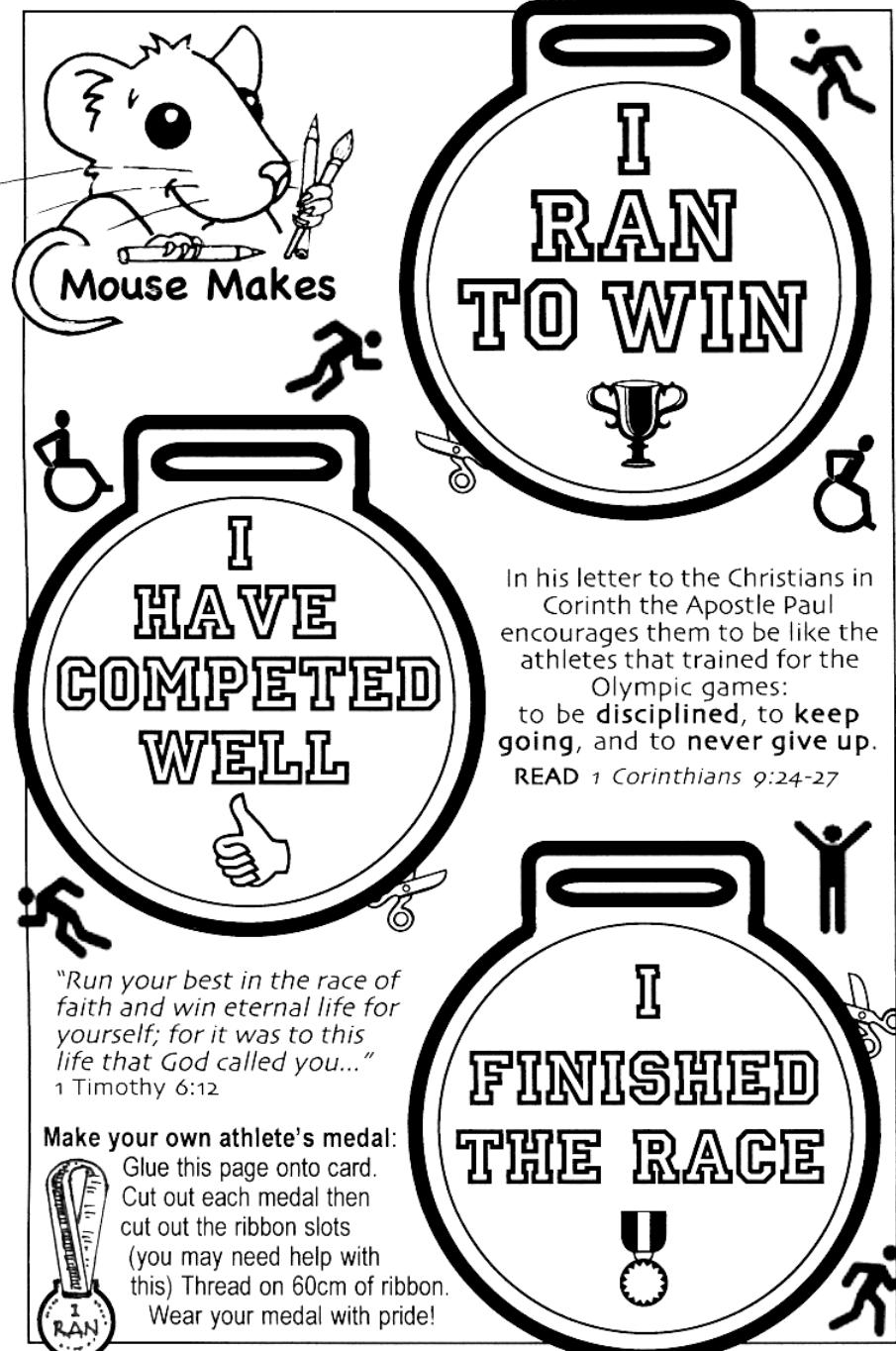
1st July	K. Thompson & B. Fisher
8th July	M. Lambert & S. Smith
15th July	S. Hartshorne & J. Fryer
22nd July	W. Brunt & V. Brunt
29th July	P. Clarke & P. Brown



## The Gardening Year – July

**Cherries** – The two distinct types of Cherry sweet and sour derive from our native prunus avicim, P. cerasus and from forms brought by the Romans from Eastern Europe. Sweet Cherry trees require a great deal of space and because they have to be cross-pollinated by another variety, two or more trees must be grown, more over it takes several years for the tree to produce fruit. When they do, netting is needed to prevent birds destroying the crop, and it is difficult to cover a large tree. In my opinion I would go for a fan trained tree against a wall or fence, it takes up less space and is easier to look after. Acid ‘Morello Cherries’ used mainly for bottling and jam making are less vigorous and may be grown as bush or fan-trained trees. As they are self-fertile they can be grown singly. Even so better crops are obtained if a second tree of a different variety is growing nearby. Netting is advisable although birds are attracted less to acid cherries than to sweet cherries. Planting acid cherries, a deep well drained soil will give the best results but aspect is unimportant. Plant between October and late March for best results but container plants can be planted any time of the year. When planting a bush tree drive a supporting stake in the hole and tie the tree to it, unless secured in this way the tree will tend to rock in high winds, loosening the roots and delaying the trees development. Each January, feed the trees with 1oz of sulphate of potash over an area roughly equivalent to the spread of the tree. In March apply 1oz. of sulphate of ammonia and every third year 3oz.of superphosphate. Water the ground under trees thoroughly during dry spells in summer. **Pruning – Sweet Cherries** – if the trees are growing as fans against a wall, only light pruning is necessary. In April rub out all new shoots growing towards or away from the wall or fence but leave un-pruned the leaders of shoots that will become part of the main framework. Follow this up in June or July by pinching out the growing tips of all other new shoots after they have produced five or six leaves. When shoots have reached the top of the wall or fence shorten them to just above a weak lateral shoot or bend them over horizontally and fasten to the top wire. All new shoots must be tied to fit into the fan shape. In September cut away any dead wood and shorten the shoots that were pinched out in June or July: cut them back to three or four buds. Limit the pruning of standard sweet cherries to removing dead or diseased wood and branches that rub against one another. Paint the cut ends with a proprietary sealing compound to keep out silver-leaf infections. **Pruning Morello Acid Cherries** – established acid cherries fruit only on wood that developed during the previous summer. The objective therefore is to stimulate plenty of new growth each year by heavy feeding and by pruning to produce renewal shoots. In spring rub out shoots on fan trees that are growing towards the wall or fence, and either tie back or remove outward-growing shoots. Tie in young shoots that are growing parallel with the wall. In late summer, after fruiting, cut back a proportion of the older shoots – those up to three years old to a young replacement shoot. Prune both sides of the fan equally to keep the tree in balance.

*Colin Williams*



In his letter to the Christians in Corinth the Apostle Paul encourages them to be like the athletes that trained for the Olympic games:

to be disciplined, to keep going, and to never give up.

READ 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

"Run your best in the race of faith and win eternal life for yourself; for it was to this life that God called you..."  
1 Timothy 6:12

#### Make your own athlete's medal:

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## Celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee

Ecclesfield residents celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with a 'Picnic in the Park' held in Ecclesfield Park on Monday 4 June from 12noon to 4pm.

People brought their own picnics and rugs, with some bringing their tents with the intention of settling in for the afternoon.

After days of heavy rain and high winds the weather on the day was kind, with some using their umbrellas as sun shades!

Approximately 400 people attended the event with feedback was that it was a lovely occasion and an opportunity for the community to get together.

Refreshments and Ice Creams were available along with a raffle, where the prizes had been donated by local shops and businesses. Activities included; Games and Sports, Balloon modelling, Circus Skills (juggling, diablo, spinning plates etc.), Street Dance, Zumba and Craft activities. The Lord Mayor visited the event and commented on the good atmosphere of the occasion.

Thanks go to the Ecclesfield Community Groups and St Mary's Church who organised the event as a joint project.

*Angela Marsden*



## Going for Gold

This month sees the start of the London Olympics, with the eyes of the world focused on the games. The apostle Paul was also aware of the importance of the games in his day, as reflected in these words: '*Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead, I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.*' Philippians 3:13, 14.

The Olympic athlete trains and competes with a clear focus on winning a medal; they say, '*One thing I do.*' If we are to excel in any area our life, we have to say, '*This one thing I do.*' Do we have a clear aim or are we simply taking whatever comes our way? For the Christian, our purpose in life is defined by our relationship with Jesus Christ. He calls us into a friendship with himself that can begin today and last for eternity. We can look the day when we stand before Jesus Christ and hear him say, '*Well done, good and faithful servant*'.

For Paul, the key questions to ask include:

- Have I left the past behind and fully moved on?
- What progress am I making in my life?
- Am I passionately pursuing my hopes and dream?

Twelve years ago, Eric Moussambani, from Equatorial Guinea, became a cult hero at the Sydney Olympics when he swam a 100 metre freestyle heat as the only swimmer, and in a record slowest time of 1:52.72. However, because the other two swimmers had been disqualified, he won the heat! The crowd of 17,000 gave him a standing ovation and Eric became an instant sensation, though he still didn't qualify for the semifinals.

Before coming to the Olympics, Eric had never even seen a 50 m long Olympic-size swimming pool. He took up swimming only eight months before the Olympics and had practiced in a 20 m pool back home. Yet amazingly he is back at THIS year's Olympics - as the coach of the Equatorial Guinea team.

His story can be our story in the Olympics of life. Yes, we may struggle, but we need to keep going. If we fix our eyes on Jesus, he will empower us to finish the race, which is what it is all about. We can endure through his strength. If our have the goal of winning in Jesus Christ, his victory will be ours!

## Ecclesfield Ladies Group Jubilee Evening

On the 31<sup>st</sup> May, the Gatty Room was transformed for the Queens Jubilee with Banners, flags and photos of her Majesty to celebrate an evening of songs and tales from the Coronation. Everyone was asked to dress in red, white and blue for the occasion and we didn't disappoint, as you can see from the Photographs here.

We can remember watching the coronation on very small screens, which were rather smart pieces of furniture in polished wood with sliding door that closed the screen off when not in use. Not many people had a Television in those days, but quite a few bought one especially for the occasion. We marvelled at how tiny the Queen appeared in the heavy robes and crown dwarfed by the Arch Bishop and clergy. We also remember getting a gift from our school of a pair of scissors for the girls or a pen knife if you were a boy.

After the singing (of the First World War songs) we enjoyed the buffet set out with delicious strawberry cream scones and cakes, we toasted the Queen with wine and we all looked forward to the real Jubilee Celebrations the following weekend.

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# Prayers and Poems Page

## Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy  
Lord God Almighty  
In the realms of Heaven and Earth  
Thy Glory we shall see!  
Holy, Holy, Holy  
In the Highest praise Thee  
Who comes to Thee  
Shall surely blessed be!

*By Nigel Beeton*

## The Kiss

Butterfly gentle caress  
on the brow of the sleeping child  
Father heart strong embrace  
for the son turned again from the wild  
Peace in the place of warfare  
tears kissed from the sorrowful one  
Ardent strength of the lover who knows  
life is only begun

But what of the kiss of our Maker  
breathing life in the form he had made?  
And the worshipful kiss of the maiden  
In whose arms as a babe he was laid?  
The cost of the kiss of our Saviour  
crossing out all the wrongs we have done?  
And the bliss of the kiss of our Lord for his  
Church  
At the marriage feast of the Lamb?

*By Pauline Lewis*

## The Florist

The florist, whose skills  
With flower and bloom,  
Bring brightness that fills  
The gloomiest room.  
  
She takes of God's art,  
And makes it her own;  
The joy of her heart  
In colour is shown.  
  
The breath of the moment  
Is captured and tied;  
Brings comfort in torment  
Or tears to a bride.  
  
A gift for a friend,  
A sister or mother  
A token to mend  
The heart of a lover.  
  
O Floral Elation  
Of colour and form!  
She's gilding creation,  
And makes our hearts warm!

*By Nigel Beeton*

## The Triune God

The Triune God too vast for me to understand  
Like Job I put my hand upon my mouth  
To seek to understand is but a futile task  
But this I know that He can heal the broken  
heart.

Though seeing darkly through a glass  
Things yet too hard to comprehend  
Just holding fast not knowing why  
But knowing this that He can heal the broken  
heart.

The day will come when this brief life is done  
And I shall know as I am known  
Things hidden now will be made plain  
And I will know that He has healed my  
broken heart.

*By Megan Carter*

# Crossword Puzzle

## Clues Across

- 1** ‘I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being’ (Ephesians 3:16) (6)
- 4** ‘Saul’s father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel’ (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)
- 7** ‘Praise the Lord, O my — ’ (Psalm 103:1) (4)
- 8** See 5 Down
- 9** Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)
- 13** ‘Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?’ (Luke 12:25) (3)
- 16** Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)
- 17** ‘Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams’ (Acts 2:17) (3)
- 19** How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)
- 24** ‘If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates’ (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)
- 25** ‘The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus’ (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)
- 26** Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)
- 27** Eve hit (anag.) (6)

## Clues Down

- 1** ‘For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls’ (Matthew 11:29) (4)
- 2** Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)
- 3** Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)
- 4** ‘Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate’ (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)
- 5** and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: ‘Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards — ’ (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)
- 6** ‘Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist’ (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
- 10** Trout (anag.) (5)
- 11** Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)
- 12** The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
- 13** One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)
- 14** “It is one of the Twelve,” he replied, “one who — bread into the bowl with me” (Mark 14:20) (4)

**15** Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)

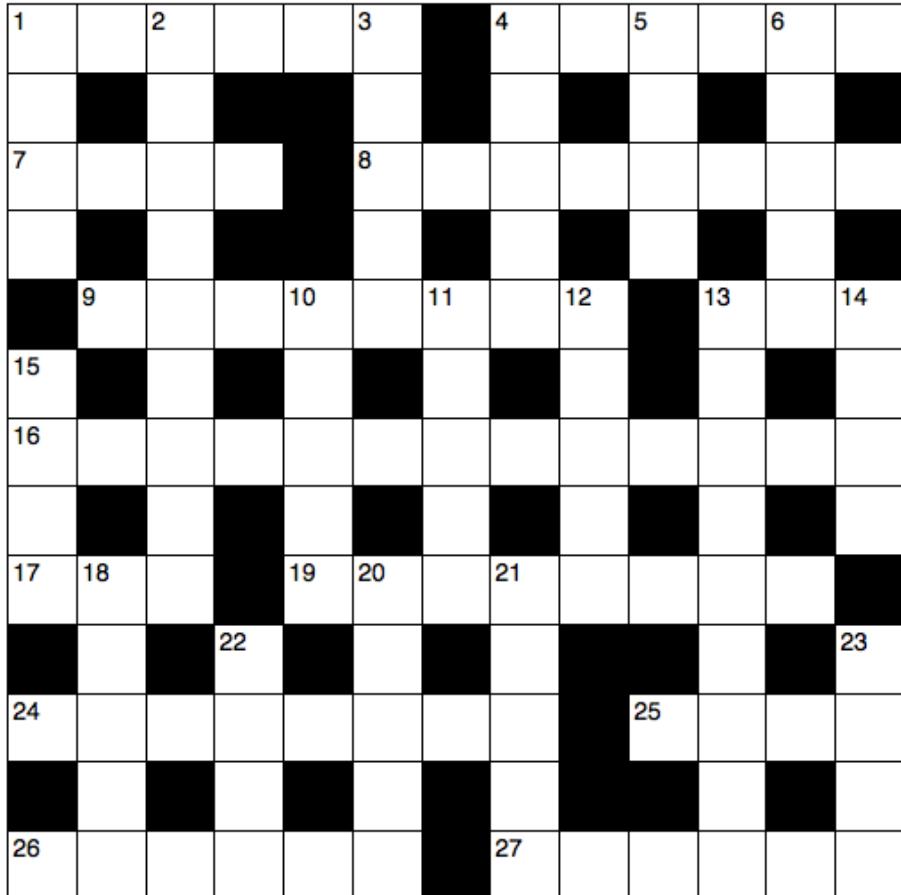
**18** Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)

**20** Precise (John 4:53) (5)

**21** Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)

**22** Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)

**23** Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one  
(Daniel 5:31) (4)



Crossword Puzzle - Solution is on page 14.

### **Come**

Minister: How come I never see you in church anymore, Morris?

Morris: There are too many hypocrites there, Reverend.

Minister: Don't worry, Morris; there's always room for one more.

## Mothers Union – 6<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

Our MU meeting began with the Hymn “The King of Love my Shepherd is” after a short service the Revd. Jeni Fryer led us in Meditation, sharing with us the work of the Good Shepherd.

The Lord is my Shepherd, who cared about people and who led the people forward.

We then separated into groups to discuss about the relationship between parent and child as a parent we need to protect and care for our children, but also as a parent to let go and let children make their own choices, like the Good Shepherd they care and guide their family.



Jesus knew we needed a good shepherd for us to grow; we need to listen to God and also learn from one another, a good shepherd will lead and let people know there is love, care and trust and a good shepherd will give freely of themselves. Revd Jeni then lit a candle and played the Hymn “The Lord is my Shepherd”. We finished with a prayer and a reading, finally saying the Mothers Union prayer. What a very thought provoking afternoon we had.

Thank You Jeni.

**IP**

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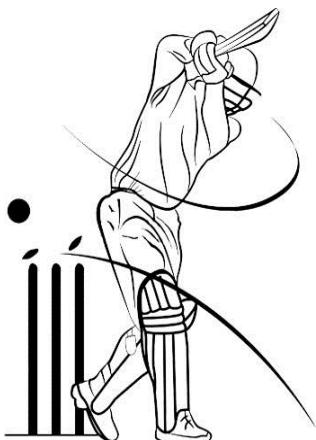
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# Whitley Hall Cricket Club



With the exception of one warm week, the wet weather seems determined to continue, severely disrupting the season. In spite of matches cancelled for rain, up to the Diamond Jubilee weekend the first team had an unbeaten run and was sitting 3rd in the League. Since then, further rain cancellations and a number of injuries have taken their toll and the team is currently 4<sup>th</sup> from the bottom of the Premier League. They remain in the Whitworth Cup and the Black Sheep Yorkshire champions trophy but were knocked out of the National Knock-out Trophy when an injury depleted team was beaten by Hanging Heaton on Bank Holiday Tuesday.

The second XI are sitting in mid-table in their league but have been knocked out of the President's Cup. The Colts continue their winning streak and sit at the top of their league. So an unpredictable season, affected by the weather and a number of injuries, enters July with everything to play for. Do come and support your local club at Cinder Hill Lane. All local people are very welcome to use all the facilities in the pavilion on match days.

## Contacts:

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Steve Fletcher, Director of Cricket: 0114 245 2406

Andrew Robinson, Publicity and Fundraising: 0114 246 3646

## Forthcoming senior matches at Cinder Hill Lane

30 <sup>th</sup> June	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Warmsworth
7 <sup>th</sup> July	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Treeton
14 <sup>th</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Coal Aston
21 <sup>st</sup> July	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Oughtibridge
28 <sup>th</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Wickersley
4 <sup>th</sup> August	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Millhouses
11 <sup>th</sup> August	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Barnsley

Call in for a fixture card for all matches including juniors

*Andrew Robinson*

# Contact Numbers for Local Groups



## Ecclesfield Rainbows

Gatty Hall  
Tuesday 4.45 pm to 6.00 pm  
Leader - Mrs B Travis  
Tel: 0114 245 3504

## Ecclesfield Brownies

Gatty Hall  
Monday 5.00 pm to 6.30 pm  
Leader - Mrs J Hutchinson  
Tel: 0114 257 8609

## Ecclesfield Brownies

Gatty Hall  
Tuesday 6.15 pm to 7.45 pm  
Leader - Mrs A. Kendall  
Tel: 0114 246 8866

## Ecclesfield Guides

Gatty Hall  
Thursday 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm  
Leader - Mrs C Topham  
Tel: 0114 246 1289

## The Grenoside Singers

Practice Monday in St Mark's  
Church Hall at 7:30 pm  
Secretary: Garry Leigh  
Tel: 0114 246 4714  
[www.grenosidesingers.co.uk](http://www.grenosidesingers.co.uk)

## Ecclesfield Cubs

Scout Hut (off Yew lane)  
Wednesday 4:45 pm to 6:15 pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Pack 6.30 pm to 8.0 pm  
Leader - Mrs A Hancock  
Tel: 0114 245 2780

If you would like your local group advertised please contact:

Mrs P Blackburn 0114 246 8453

## 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 246 0218  
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Scout Hut (off Yew Lane)  
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## Whitley Hall Cricket Club

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