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St Mary's Church Ecclesfield*



Church Magazine for June 2012

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First Words...

- **Open Gardens** - Saturday 9th June 10 am to 4pm and Sunday 10th June 12pm to 5pm. Featuring 16 gardens of varying sizes, styles and maturity, opening on both days and includes a wildlife garden and natural pond (no dogs please). Refreshments available in the Church Coffee Shop. Plants also on sale in the Church. Admission £3. Adults, children under 15 free. All proceeds to St Mary's Church. Tickets available on the day or in advance from the Church Coffee Shop. Please come along.
- **Prayer** – Between Ascension Day and Pentecost we observed 10 days of prayer for the life of this Parish and the Diocese of Sheffield. We are reminded at this time of year that prayer matters and that it makes a difference. Please take time this month to pray your own needs but also for the needs of others. How about starting by praying for those who live either side of you or for those you most struggle to get on with.

Daniel Hartley



Jubilee Prayer

The following Prayer, written at The Queen's direction by the Chapter of St Paul's Cathedral for Her Majesty's Diamond Jubilee. The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have commended it.

God of time and eternity,
whose Son reigns as servant, not master;
we give you thanks and praise
that you have blessed this Nation, the Realms and Territories
with ELIZABETH,
our beloved and glorious Queen.
In this year of Jubilee,
grant her your gifts of love and joy and peace
as she continues in faithful obedience to you, her Lord and God
and in devoted service to her lands and peoples,
and those of the Commonwealth,
now and all the days of her life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Front Cover – Queen Elizabeth II greets NASA GSFC employees, May 8, 2007
Back Cover – May Queens on Pentecost Sunday

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A reflection on the Diocesan 10 days of Prayer

This is the third time that the Diocese has had the 10 days of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. It is interesting to reflect on how it all started. It was during a Diocesan Synod in late 2009 where to put it plainly the financial situation in the Diocese was looking quite bleak. One of the members of the Synod, Rev Nick Dawson got up and said we are Christians we need to be united and pray together about the situation as a Diocese. A few months later the initiative of the 10 days of prayer started.

I only realised this year why it is so appropriate to have this time of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost. In Luke 24 v49 Jesus says to his disciples: 'And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed from power from on high'. It is a time of waiting on God and preparation.

This year St Mary's marked the 10 days by having a prayer meeting each day, an evening prayer meeting on Monday and a prayer walk on Saturday. The Diocese produced some excellent material to use, readings and reflections which were used during the daily meetings. It was great for me to know that as even though I could not go to all the meetings – I could use the material and know that I was connected to others praying not only at St Mary's but throughout the whole Diocese.

On Saturday morning we did a prayer walk, I didn't realise what a difference it makes when you take time to walk and to pray. It gives you a whole new perspective on the priorities for prayer and also encourages you to pray for places for which perhaps you wouldn't normally pray. It was pretty hot, so we didn't walk too far but we prayed for places we were close to or we could see from where we were.

It felt so right to be out of the church building on the streets of our community praying. We were visible and I guess it was obvious to those about that we were praying for them and for the village.

Meeting and being joined by others was another important part of the experience and I was left with the feeling that we had done something important and worthwhile.

Going back to where the 10 days of Prayer started, the Diocesan finances turned out to be better than expected – a real answer to prayer. But more importantly it got us focussing on praying together as a Diocese.

KL

The Bishops' Letter, June 2012

Dear Friends

Enough is Enough!

The highlight of Lent this year for me was the chance to teach the Lord's Prayer in the Cathedral over five Wednesday evenings.

I learnt a lot. But the one line of the prayer struck me with particular power.

About halfway through, Jesus tells us to pray: Give us this day our daily bread.



I've always thought that the main purpose of that line of the prayer is to ask God for what we need. Older books on prayer sometimes call this a prayer of petition (asking God for things for ourselves) in contrast to intercession (praying for others).

It clearly does mean that. But I think there is another meaning as well. You may have noticed that there is a double stress in the line on asking for what we need for today: Give us this day our daily bread.

There's an echo here of the time when the Israelites were travelling through the wilderness and God fed them every day with manna. Each day they could gather only enough for that one day.

Give us this day our daily bread became for me this Lent a prayer to be changed inside. It's a prayer that I might learn to be content with just enough for this day. It's an antidote to my own greed and to the pressures of the world around me always to want more than I have.

Many of us are involved at this time of year with collections for Christian Aid or with other appeals on behalf of the poorest in the world. Give us this day our daily bread is a reminder of those who do not have enough.

It's also a reminder that life is meant to be driven not by greed – more and more for me – but by justice: fair shares for all. A key step in working for justice for others is learning to be content myself.

+Steven



THE SAINT & THE MONSTER

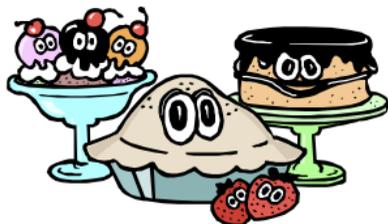
St Columba, whose feast day is 9th June, was born in Ireland and came to Scotland to be a 'pilgrim for Christ'. He founded a monastery on the island of Iona in 563. The monastery at Iona became a centre of learning and many missionaries were trained there. Columba carried the message of God's love throughout Scotland and monks from his monastery carried the message into England.

St Columba wrote a number of hymns and is said to have transcribed, or written out by hand, some 300 books in his lifetime.

And what has he got to do with a monster? Well, it wasn't the Loch Ness monster but a monster that was living in the River Ness. St Columba is said to have driven away this monster who was attacking a swimmer, with the sign of the cross and the words "Thou shalt go no further, nor touch the man; go back with all speed."

MONSTER MUNCHIES

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3 normal size Mars Bars
(thinly sliced)
3 large tea cups Rice Crispies
100 g (4 oz) chocolate cake
covering (melted)
Grease and line a swiss roll tin.



In a heavy based saucepan, gently melt the margarine. Add the Mars Bar pieces and stir until no lumps are left.

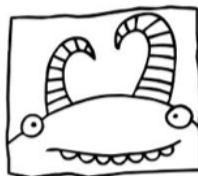
Take the pan off the heat and stir in the Rice Crispies – adding more if the mixture will take it. Spread the mixture in the tin and press it down evenly with the back of a spoon.

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The choir gave their first concert of the new season at the end of May in Grenoside Methodist Church. On a warm summer's evening, the concert was a great success. Some of the new repertoire, including 'Run' as sung by Snow Patrol and Leona Lewis, 'Make You Feel My Love' by Bob Dylan, which features in the album '19' by Adele, Dream a Dream as sung by Charlotte Church and excerpts from 'Les Misérables' went down extremely well. The choir is pleased to report a number of new members including men but new members are always welcome. If you can sing in the bath or shower then we can do something with you! If you would like to join us on our trip to Filey in July, with a 3 hour stop in York, please contact our Secretary Garry Leigh (246 4714) who is arranging the coach.

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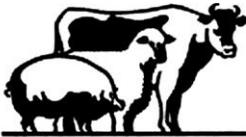
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The Queen's Coronation

I am sure, those of us who are old enough, have memories of the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. My mother was the eldest of nine children and one of her brothers bought a 9" television especially for the occasion.

My mum, her brothers and sisters and all the children went to watch the television on the big day. I was 11 at the time and we youngsters had the privilege of sitting on the floor at the front and so had the best view. It was so magical to see the excitement in London in pictures whilst it was actually happening. I remember the cheer that went up in my uncle's front room when the golden coach came out of the palace gates. We all sat engrossed – our eyes glued to the small screen.

Thinking of that television and the size of them today it is so difficult to explain to youngsters today the excitement of those pictures.

We watched the whole ceremony in quiet and really quite in awe of the occasion. When the ceremony was over and we watched the coach begin its journey back to the palace we had our celebrations. Salmon and cucumber sandwiches were the order of the day followed by trifle. I cannot remember if the adults had a drink to toast the Queen but I know we youngsters had a drink of lemonade and then went off to the park to play.

Sheffield was, of course, visited by the Queen in her Silver Jubilee year. I looked at her journey and decided that the corner at Wortley, by the Church, would be a good place to see her. I dashed to pick Christopher up from school to get to Wortley in time. We stood there patiently waiting with us and then heard a cry that she was coming – we saw the car approaching and I am telling Christopher to watch the car and wave to the Queen. Would you believe it – there she was in the car asleep. How she has managed over the years to fulfil all the duties expected of her and she still carries on.

God Bless our Queen in this Golden Jubilee Year.

S. Hartshorne

Will You Remember Them - Indonesia

Bomb Attack and Church Closures Spark Fears of Increased Persecution

A bomb exploded recently in Ambon, Indonesia during a special festival day. Ten years ago, Ambon was the scene of serious conflicts between Muslims and Christians but recent efforts towards reconciliation have done much to dispel the tensions. Elsewhere in the country, fears are growing among the Christian community of a government crackdown following the election in April of a hard line Islamic governor in Aceh Province. Seventeen churches have been shut down so far in May in what is seen as a response to the authorities failing to contain church growth.

Emboldened by the election of Zaini Abdullah, a representative from the militant Islamist Aceh Party, hundreds of Islamists held a demonstration demanding that church buildings were demolished. According to the leader of the Indonesian Fellowship of Churches, the demonstrators were upset because the number of churches in the region has grown significantly. “The number of Christians has reached 12,000. Some houses are forced to function as churches, and some buildings are only semi-permanent.”

The order to close churches has left many church leaders in a very difficult position. “This position was supported by the police chief, who said that the time for dialogue was past,” said one pastor. “All he wanted was a schedule of the church demolitions. It’s not that Christians do not want to apply for permits, but it is extremely difficult to secure permission even though we have put forth our maximal efforts.”

Please Pray

- For comfort and healing for the victims of the bombing in Ambon, that the police will be impartial in their investigations and that justice will prevail.
- For God’s wisdom and discernment for church leaders and Christians in Aceh.
- That the church in Indonesia would continue to grow in numbers and more Muslims would be convicted of their need for God.

JD

Ecclesfield Scout Group

April was another busy month for the Scout Group. On the 14th the Group took part in the annual Don District five a side football competition at the Millmoor Football ground.

The Cubs competed in the morning and got through to the semi-finals. The Scouts played in the afternoon and got through to the finals and were awarded the runners up trophy.

An excellent effort from both Cubs and Scouts. The weather was not good. Very cold with rain but the café did a roaring trade with bacon sarnies and hot coffee which helped considerably to keep spirits up with children and parents alike.

Scouts Rally

This is a report from the local newspaper of a Wolf Cub competition which took place at Wentworth Woodhouse approximately 1924.

Ecclesfield Win Annual Event at Wentworth Woodhouse.

The annual rally and competition in connection with the Wentworth Scouts Association (Cub Section) took place on Saturday on the lawns of Wentworth Woodhouse, the seat of Earl and Countess Fitzwilliam. So well did many of the contestants perform that at one period it would have been hard to have selected the pack which would win the Championship and secure the Totem Pole. Lady Eleanor Fitzwilliam as the Cub Master of the Wentworth Pack took a deep interest in the proceedings.

The company present included Countess Fitzwilliam, Colonel and Lady Donatia Gething, Lady Wharncliffe, Major J.N. Diggle, Major and Mrs Elwood, Mr and Mrs Wynter Blyth, Rev. J. Griffiths and many supporters of the Packs which were competing namely Elsecar, holders of trophy, Tankersley, Wentworth, Ecclesfield and Platts Common.

Following the Competition the party were entertained by tea in the house by the Countess who was given a fine reception when rising to make known the winner. The awards which were as follows: -

- 1) Ecclesfield (575 points out of 700)
- 2) Elsecar
- 3) Tankersley

The Committee complimented Miss M. Fletcher and Miss C Baxter Master and Assistant at the Ecclesfield Pack and also the boys on their fine show in their handicraft work and their general appearance. They had done well she said to win the Championship from Elsecar, after having, after three years run second in the award, their efforts had been rewarded.

Don District St. Georges Day Celebrations

The spellings are as Alfie has written them-I do have the copy

On Friday 20th April until Saturday 21st April, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts went on a sleepover to Barnsley Metrodome, which is a large leisure centre. About 250 people went there!

First we all met in a big car park. Then we got all our sleepover things in a hall and played with the Lego. Next we got all of our sleepover things and went into another hall but this time it was bigger and all of us 25th Cubs stayed together.

Then we all went swimming and there were diving boards and slides. The diving boards were 1m, 3m and 5m and we got to play in there for one hour. It was lots of fun. After swimming we were all hungry so we had some food it was either burger, chips or pizza.

30 minutes later we made room for us to sleep. We then put our sleeping bags down and watched Over The Hedge a film and some of us went to sleep.

21st April first of all we woke up and got dressed. After that we packed everything up and went to the smaller hall and we put our thing there. Then we all went down for breakfast which was bacon or sausage sandwich. The sandwiches were big! Then we went outside and played games such as bounsey castle, welly throwing., knights (like chess) and many more games.

Next we watched a pantomime about Jack and the bean storck. It was OK. Then I carried the flag which was our Cubs flag and everyone renewed their Scout Promise. Finally we headed to the car park to be picked up by our parents.

It was fantastic going there

Written by Alfie Myers Wilson

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Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here.

ACROSS: 8, Grandchildren. 9, Pro. 10, Marvelled. 11, Strut. 13, Startle.
16, Babysit. 19, Orate. 22, Eucharist. 24, Map. 25, Commissioners.
DOWN: 1, Egypt's. 2, Favour. 3, Edomites. 4, Thorns. 5, Blue. 6,
Armet. 7, On edge. 12, Tea. 14, Adoption. 15, Lot. 16, Breach. 17,
Become. 18, This So. 20, Armies. 21, Expose. 23, Avid.

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Diary for the Month of June

Sunday 3rd

10.00 am Parish Communion
12 noon Baptism Service
3.00 pm Jubilee Bell Ringing
6.30 pm Evening Service

Monday 4th

Jubilee Picnic in the Park

Wednesday 6th

10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
1.00 pm MU in the Gatty Hall – Meditation led
by The Revd. Jeni Fryer

Thursday 7th

9.30 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Prayer Meeting

Saturday 9th

10 am – 4 pm Open Gardens

Sunday 10th

1st Sunday after Trinity

8.30 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Communion
12 noon – 5pm Open Gardens
6.30 pm Evening Service

Monday 11th

7.30 pm P.C.C. Meeting

Wednesday 13th

10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House

Thursday 14th

9.30 am Holy Communion
2.00 pm Service at Hartwell House
7.30 pm Ladies' Group – Kenneth Loxley
Prince of Scandal

Sunday 17th

2nd Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Evening Service

Wednesday 20th

10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House

Thursday 21st

9.30 am Holy Communion
7.30 pm Ladies' Group - Summer Outing

Sunday 24th

3rd Sunday after Trinity

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

Monday 25 th	7.30 pm	Ignatian Prayer
Tuesday 26 th	7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting in Church
Wednesday 27 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 28 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group – Suzanne Bingham The Sheffield Blitz

From the Registers

Baptisms

6th May	Dylan Alan Hill
6th May	Harrison Christopher John Orsi
6th May	Darci Goodson

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

Weddings

27th April	Adam Hill & Sally Wilson
28th April	Richard Wright & Lisa Slingsby
12th May	Ryan Harrison & Rebecca Hadley

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

Funerals

Burial

22nd May	Kenneth Colton	86
23rd May	Barry Higgins	65

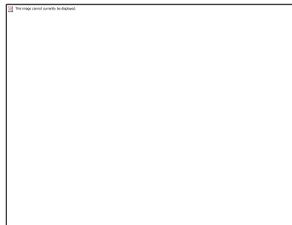
Cremation

2nd May	Margaret Robinson	81
9th May	Harry Parrott	
18th May	Beryl Bamford	80

Grant them, O Lord, refreshment, light and peace

Flower Rota

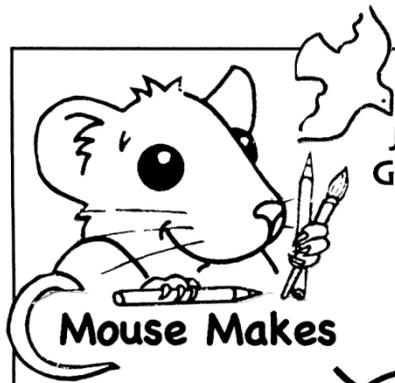
3rd June	<u>Vacant</u>
10th June	S. Johns & S. Dale
17th June	J. Adam & G. Loxley
24th June	C. Ambler



The Gardening Year – June 2012.

Peaches – Peaches have been grown in England since long before the Norman Conquest. The Anglo-Saxons called the peach tree *Perseoctreou* – the tree of Persia – a name that is still reflected in its botanic title *Prunus Persica*. Despite this, the tree almost certainly originated in China, where all the main types of peaches and nectarines (smooth skinned peaches) still thrive in the wild. Some adventurous trader must have brought them from China to Persia about a century before the birth of Christ. From there they travelled to Rome where they were extensively cultivated. Peach trees will thrive only in a sheltered, sunny position. In this country they do best when fan-trained against a south facing wall or fence: or if this is not possible one facing west or south-west. Peaches and nectarines do well under glass, but before planting a tree in a large greenhouse you should consider whether the space could be used more economically for short term crops, such as tomatoes or cucumbers etc., in a lean-to greenhouse. However, a tree can be fan-trained against the back wall and other crops grown in front of it. Peaches succeed only in well-drained soil, if the soil is heavy dig a hole 2-3 ft deep where the tree is to be planted. Place a layer of broken bricks or mortar at the bottom, cover this with chopped turnips and fill with good quality loam. Add 1oz of nitro-chalk to the loam. Before planting secure horizontal wire supports to the wall or fence at 6 in. spacings and secure with vine ties. Plant peaches and nectarines between late October and January, but the earlier the better. Dig a hole so that the roots can be well spread out and plant to the same depth as the tree grew in the nursery this can be seen by the soil mark on the stem, set the stem about 9 in. from the wall and incline it slightly inwards. In January each year feed with 1oz. sulphate of potash and every third year add 2oz. of super-phosphate to it. In March give 1oz. Nitro-chalk and mulch with well-rotted manure or compost. Pollination is essential to ensure a good crop but often the flowers open before insects are about in sufficient numbers to pollinate them. In such conditions and always when growing under glass artificial pollination is necessary, to pollinate peach blossoms dab each flower with a camel hair paint brush about noon every day during the flowering period. Protect the flowers against frost by covering the trees with fleece, but remove this during the day so that pollinating insects can reach the flowers. Keep the ground moist all through the growing season, the ground near a wall or fence dries out quickly so water well all through the growing season, more so when carrying fruit. Peaches are among the few fruits that can be grown successfully from seed. In September or October set the stone singly in 5in. pots of John Innes No 1 potting compost. Plant the resultant seedlings in the garden when there are about 6in. high.

Colin Williams



Mouse Makes

"May the *grace* of the Lord **JESUS** Christ and the *love* of **GOD** and the *fellowship* of the **HOLY SPIRIT** be with you"

2 Corinthians 13 verse 13

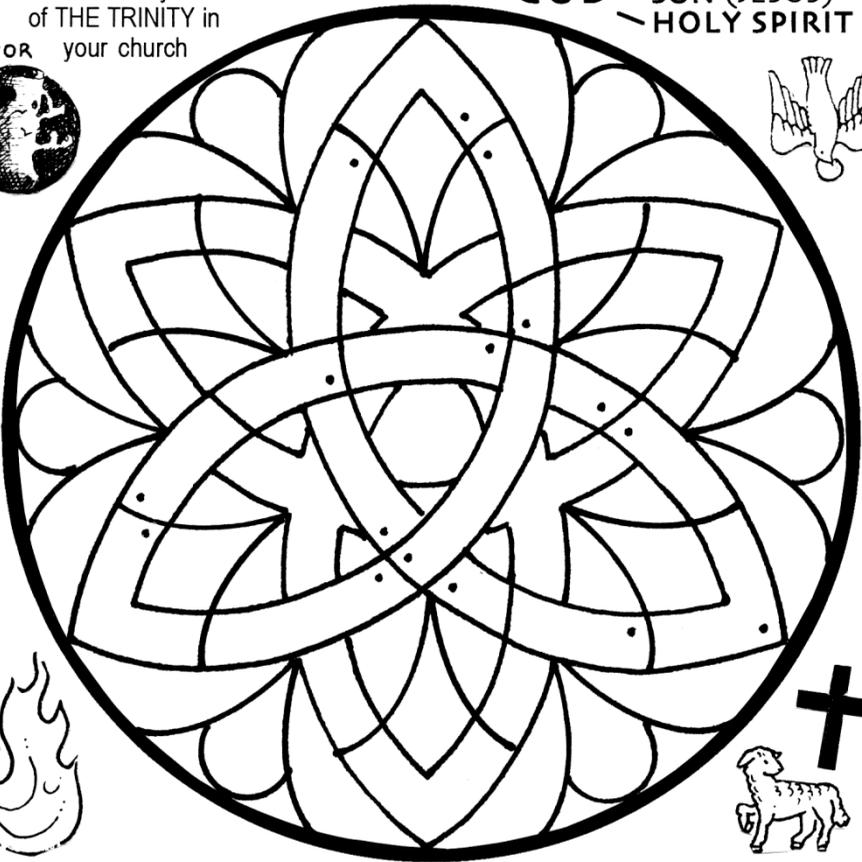
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RHS Judges Cast Their Eyes over Ecclesfield

Spring 2012 once again saw the Royal Horticultural Judges visit our village to take account of all the work carried out both by St. Mary's Church gardeners and "Ecclesfield in Bloom" members. Initial reaction was very positive and should prove a good springboard for the final judging on July 13th to push us once again towards a prestigious award. Equally all our village residents are to be congratulated for their efforts in cleaning their frontages and placement of plant pots and displays, duly noted by the judges.

Whether or not "in Bloom" had entered the RHS judging the work of continuing to improve our environment would still be carried out. Sometimes it appears pointless but as will be seen from the Ladycroft Meadow, continuing sowing of wild flower seeds will this coming summer will result in a good display of colour, it does not happen by accident but by regular work input from "in Bloom" members. The village Square has also had an awful lot of attention from our groups aided by Midhope Tree Services and all the overgrown shrubs and trees have been suitably pruned or cut back revealing an eye catching wall which will be used this year. This area is all due for replanting by "in Bloom" during May/June so keep your eyes on this.

Did you notice the "Ecclesfield in Bloom" banner displayed for the first time on judging day 13th April, all made from recycled materials and put together by our members. (Photograph shows banner fronted by the two judges, two of our Brownie group and members of "in Bloom")

All our meetings are held on the 1st Tuesday of each month in The Stocks public house and are very informal, please come along and join us - new members all always welcomed.

Keith Fish.

13th July, 2012 - Summer Judging



The Yorkshire in Bloom judges will be back in the Village on Friday 13th July. They will start at 10:30 at the Lych Gate, walk down The High Street; and then see "The Stocks" and "The Square" opposite to the "Ecclesfield Business Centre"; before going on to Priory Road and St. Mary's Church and its Grounds. We hope everybody living in the Village does something, however small, to make the place look better for that day

Mu Meeting - Wednesday 2nd May

Malcolm Nunn – Part II – Rivelin Valley and City Centre

Today we were taken on a historic photographic narrative of North Sheffield and surrounding district. We started at Derwent Valley and finished at Sheffield City Centre. The pictures we saw had been originally bought by a friend of Mr Nunn at an auction in France and he was asked to pick out the ones he wanted. Some of these photographs were over 100 years old.

Snake Inn on the Snake Pass – The name comes not from the meandering road but from the Cavendish Crest. These pictures showed how the Inn originally looked Derwent Village and Ashopton Village – In 1908, at the Lady Bower Inn there is recorded with the pictures showing the fatality of the first ever car crash in the country when 3 adults and 5 children were killed. In 1943 the reservoirs were complete and had totally submerged these two villages. King George VI officially opened them. The pictures showed how the villages had looked and how idyllic they seem to have been with a post office, horse and cart and people going about their business. The viaduct which crosses the reservoirs has as its base the village street!

Malin Bridge – These pictures show a working mill with a hive of activity of work people; this mill is now apartments. The owners had to abide by one condition – to keep the water wheel in good condition but the residents have failed to do so.

Loxley - photographs showing working horses pulling carts into and out of the mill with an old Sheffield tram coming away from Hillsborough.

Hillsborough – These photographs showed a tram en route to the tram depot, now a medical centre. In 1864 the Sheffield flood which occurred on 11.12.1864, when 240 people died, pictures captured what was left of the buildings and surrounding area: total devastation. Some of the cottages were in a terrible condition and should have been demolished but were “patched up” by the owners for them to be lived in again. They are now gone. A mill with an old Sheffield tram coming away from Hillsborough

Town Centre – we saw a photograph of the Jubilee monument dedicated to Queen Victoria but when the Queen arrived she refused to alight from her carriage, just looked at the monument and then moved on. The Sheffield people never forgave her for that and the monument was eventually removed and is now in Endcliffe Park. 1907 showed photographs of bunting in High Street and a train passing through

Millhouses Park – a visit from Edward VII when he came to open the University. During the 20's and 30's there was an increase in street pollution with the advent of motorcars, trams etc. plus the horse and cart. 1936/37 St. Paul's Church was demolished and the area is now the Peace Gardens. The picture of the Church encompassed the Moor bustling with people and traffic.

Crookes – various pictures showing how life as it was, with one view of the slaughter house. This eventually became a coffee bar.

Walkley – Walkley Hall looked to have been a lovely house but with the progress of a growing population it was demolished to make way for a new housing estate.

Pitsmoor – showing the toll gate with people milling around and a horse and rider making their way to pass through.

This is where our journey ended and everyone agreed it had been a wonderful trip into the past.

JR.

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A letter from St Mary's School, Bangalore.

A very warm “Namaste” to all our sponsors, supporters and friends in England
On behalf of Sister Thankamma Varkey and her team, I would like to apologise to each one of you from all of us for having kept you in the dark so long about what has been happening at the School and even more on how each one of our children is progressing.

My name is Mary Cheriyan and I have been appointed as the “Co-ordinator of Schools” and will be working hand in hand with Sr. Thankamma and give her even stronger support and we also have a new “Office Manager” Surya Mathew. We are really sorry about not having kept you all updated with news from our end and, very, very grateful for all of you who have kept up your faith in our venture and especially to Pam and Heather who continued to believe in “any effort was a big help” for our school and even made the trip all the way over to be with us and tell us “to belt up”.

Unfortunately Sr. Thankamma went through a spell of poor health and hadn't made provision for some kind of “support team” or someone who could stand in if necessary – this is where Surya and I now come into the picture.

We are now working to create a file on each child, with pictures and information on every aspect of his/her life and development. We are then going to have these files uploaded on either our website or a “St Mary's Facebook Group” (whichever is quicker). This way all of you, if you are on the internet, will be able to access information on any particular child you may be sponsoring. Once the files are on the internet system, we will be able to keep updating them constantly and regularly, so you can actually live and grow along with our children and us.

Now Sr. Thankamma has assistance, we will be able to update the web page, stay connected on Facebook, Skype etc. and keep things updated and rolling. A quick up-date on things we are working on immediately.

On the 18th March we celebrate our anniversary and will put on a show. We are hoping the Minister of Education will be our guest of honour. This summer rather than closing for 2 whole months, we are going to hold a “summer camp”. We plan to have intensive sessions in English (as this is an essential tool for anyone who aspires to get into the professional field) and activities like, sports, handicraft, dance.

On a more ambitious note, Sr.Thankamma's dream is to acquire more land so as to be able to build a bigger and fully equipped school (science labs, computer room, a library etc.) so our kids can get to “higher education” and have playgrounds, sport facilities and so on. Once again our apologies, please bear with us while we work to get you back into our lives and into what has been happening up until today.
With heartfelt gratitude....Thank you very, very much.

Love & God Bless
Surya Mathew & Mary Cheriyan on behalf of St. Thankamma.
Dated 26th March 2012.

Prayers and Poems Page

Sixty Years our Queen

A dozen tenants of Number Ten
And twelve the White House has seen
Since fifty-two, for that was when
Began the reign of our Queen.

And so they come, and so they go
The Dame, or titled Knight,
Some shone, it seems, an age ago
Short as a mayfly's flight.

Continues below

Sixty Years our Queen

Some were good, and some were poor
It seems she's met all sorts!
The Queen smiles on, but to be sure –
You'll never guess her thoughts!

“My Government shall this enact”,
The Queen's Speech – sixty times!
At Christmas, too, she's never lacked
Encouraging seasonal lines.

Through times of peace and times of strife
She's stood there at the helm,
For she has lived her whole long life
For the peoples of her realm.

Of this one fact we may depend
That few would be the tears
If God should choose her life to extend
To reign for lots more years!

Well, you can't but admire her.
God save the Queen!

By Nigel Beeton

Kyrie

Holy Lord, have mercy
Touch our inmost parts
Kyrie Eleison
Fill our needy hearts.

Saviour Christ, have mercy
Saviour Christ, we pray
O Christe Eleison
Be with us today

Holy Lord, have mercy
Holy Lord. We plead,
Kyrie Eleison
Meet our deepest need.

This can be sung to the tune 'Bemerton' (Glory be to Jesus)

Nicodemus

It was night
When I went to him,
Truth teller,
Time giver,
Sign-man of God's Kingdom.

It was night
When he spoke to me
As if I alone, lived.
And he spoke of life,
Of birth and re-birth,
Of water and Spirit,
Of the Father's giving of the Son.

He spoke deep into my life,
And stirring from my centre,
Believing began.
And when I left him
The night was over.

By Daphne Kitching

Crossword Puzzle

Clues Across

- 8** Laban complained he had not been allowed to kiss them when Jacob fled with his family (Genesis 31:28) (13)
- 9** In favour of (3)
- 10** ‘The child’s father and mother — at what was said about him’ (Luke 2:33) (9)
- 11** Swagger (Psalm 12:8) (5)
- 13** ‘Terrors — him on every side and dog his every step’ (Job 18:11) (7)
- 16** Bay bits (anag.) (7)
- 19** Preach, address an audience, speak in public (5)
- 22** Holy Communion (9)
- 24** ‘On their way to — out the land, Joshua instructed them, “Go and make a survey of the land”’ (Joshua 18:8) (3)
- 25** Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint these to administer his grain storage plan (Genesis 41:34) (13)

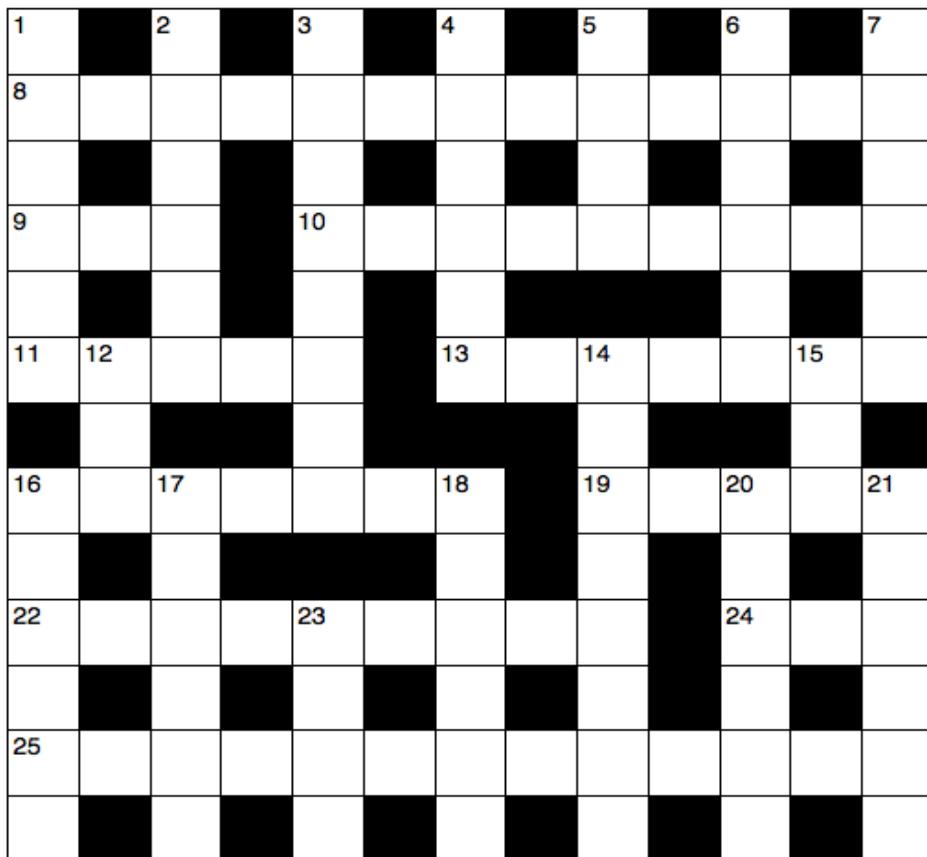
Clues Down

- 1** ‘Assyria’s pride will be brought down and — sceptre will pass away’ (Zechariah 10:11) (6)
- 2** ‘And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in — with God and men’ (Luke 2:52) (6)
- 3** The descendants of Esau (Genesis 36:9) (8)
- 4** The components of the crown that Jesus was made to wear before his crucifixion (John 19:2) (6)
- 5** Colour of cloth which was to cover holy objects in the tabernacle when moving camp (Numbers 4:6–12) (4)
- 6** One of the gold articles plundered from the Midianites offered to the Lord by the Israelite army ‘to make atonement’ (Numbers 31:50) (6)
- 7** ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set — — ’ (Jeremiah 31:29) (2,4)
- 12** Ate (anag.) (3)
- 14** ‘We ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our — as sons’ (Romans 8:23) (8)
- 15** Abram’s nephew (Genesis 14:12) (3)
- 16** Rupture (Job 30:14) (6)
- 17** ‘Yet to all who received him... he gave the right to — children of God’ (John 1:12) (6)
- 18** ‘I... asked him the true meaning of all — . — he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things’ (Daniel 7:16) (4,2)

20 Military units (Exodus 14:20) (6)

21 ‘Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to — her to public disgrace’ (Matthew 1:19) (6)

23 Diva (anag.) (4)



Where are the Answers? – Well...

One of our readers commented:

“I do so love doing crosswords especially when I have to look in the Bible for quotes. Could you please print the answers on a different page so that I'm not tempted to cheat!”

So the editor removed the temptation and put the solution on Page 14, but it's still printed Topsy-turvy so it can't be read too easily.

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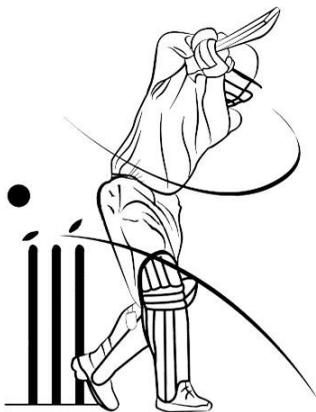
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Whitley Hall Cricket Club



The season started with a damp splat! The first 2 weeks resulted in all our matches being cancelled due to waterlogged pitches. Cricket finally got underway on 5th May and the first team has had a successful unbeaten run sitting 3rd in the League at the end of May and have made it through to the next round of both the Whitworth Cup by beating Elsecar by 100 runs and the national knock-out by beating Chesterfield. On Sunday 3rd June they start the defense of their Yorkshire Champions trophy at home against Elsecar and on Tuesday June 5th they play away at Hanging Heaton in the next round of the national knock-out.

The second XI has had more of a struggle sitting in mid-table in their league and were knocked out of President's Cup. The Colts are on a winning streak and have won all 6 games to date plus a win against Treeton in the cup. 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.

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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

26 th May	2 nd XI	v	Doncaster
2 nd June	2 nd XI	v	Sheffield United
3 rd June	Yorkshire Black Sheep Trophy		
	1 st XI	v	Elsecar
9 th June	1 st XI	v	Hallam
16 th June	2 nd XI	v	Aston Hall
23 rd June	1 st XI	v	Elsecar
30 th June	2 nd XI	v	Warmsworth
7 th July	2 nd XI	v	Treeton

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 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

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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 2452780

Ecclesfield Priory Players

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

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Scout Hut (off Yew lane)
Monday 6.00 pm to 7.15 pm
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0114 2460218
Thursday 6.00 -7.15 pm
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The Queen's Diamond Jubilee

This June sees a great celebration in the life of our nation. The Queen celebrates her Diamond Jubilee and the nation celebrates with her. In the midst of these celebrations it is only fitting that we remember and celebrate her steadfast and exemplary witness to the Christian Faith. The Sovereign holds the title 'Defender of the Faith and Supreme Governor of the Church of England' and Queen Elizabeth II has discharged this office with great diligence. The reason for this is, at least in my opinion, two-fold.

Firstly the Queen takes seriously all of her commitments as the Head of State and her role within the Church falls under this remit. Secondly, and I would say more importantly, the Queen has a personal faith and commitment to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There is nothing merely nominal about our present monarch's Christian Faith. She believes in the essential truth and celebrates this publically.

Yet if this is true then how, we might wonder, can she be Head of State in our multicultural age? How can she remain steadfast in her adherence to one faith and expect those of other faiths to regard her as their Queen? The answer lies in the way that the Queen herself witnesses to the Christian Faith. She is rightly convinced that a nation is strengthened not by the diluting of difference but by the celebration of difference. The Queen stands not only as a witness to the Christian Faith but also as a witness to the need for values and beliefs to stand at the heart of our national identity. She is simultaneously the Defender of the Faith and the respecter of others' faiths and beliefs. Those who fail to see the integrity of this position have failed to see the integrity of our Queen. So let us celebrate this month. Let us celebrate sixty glorious years and let us thank God of our Queen, Defender of the Faith and Supreme Governor of the Church of England.

Daniel Hartley

