

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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First Words...

- **Mothering Sunday** – This year we celebrate Mothering Sunday on 18th March. Join us for our 10.00 a.m. Parish Communion Service and celebrate our Mother Church, the gift of human motherhood and the Motherhood of our Patron Saint, the Blessed Virgin Mary
- **Easter Day** – Don't forget, this year we celebrate the Paschal Feast on 8th April. There'll be more about Holy Week and Easter in next month's magazine.
- **New Time For Early Morning Sunday Communion Service** – From Sunday 11th March the early morning Sunday Communion Service will move from 8.00 am to **8.30 am**. This twice-monthly Service lasts about half an hour and uses the traditional *Book of Common Prayer* language. If you want to experience a quiet and reflective start to your Sunday mornings then please come along.

Daniel Hartley



The Collect for Peace

Almighty God,
from whom all thoughts of truth and peace proceed:
kindle, we pray, in the hearts of all, the true love of peace
and guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom
those who take counsel for the nations of the earth
that in tranquillity your kingdom may go forward,
till the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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The Vicars' Letter

Violence and the Peaceable Kingdom

Sometimes in the life of the Church we can mistake relatively small and “in-house” challenges for wider and greater challenges. These smaller challenges are undoubtedly important: it matters whether or not we have women bishops and whether or not we ordain men and women who are in openly gay relationships. These things matter, but they are not of the essence of the gospel. Our seemingly endless debates on gender and sexuality can distract us from the greater challenges that are faced as we seek to articulate our faith in Jesus Christ.

One of the greatest challenges that we, and all generations of Christians, face is the reconciliation between our proclamation of peace and the reality of violence. We believe that the death and resurrection of Christ has ushered in a “peaceable kingdom” but we also see life in a world that continues to descend into violence and warfare. We’re so used to the dichotomy that at times we don’t even notice it, and yet we should. In the Lord’s Prayer we pray “thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven”. We live by the light of the peaceable kingdom and yet at times we seem to be surrounded by nothing but violence. So what are we to make of this?

It’s easy for us to fall back on that old favourite concept of “free will”. Even though Christ has ushered in the peaceable kingdom we are free to reject this and follow our own sinful desires. There is certainly truth in this, but there are limits to the argument. Even if we are fully committed to our faith and to the way of peace we find ourselves having to make decisions in the real world of pain, conflict, violence and suffering. We could try and create a “holy enclave” away from this real world, but I don’t think that such a choice would follow in the footsteps of the “real world” Jesus. God came to us in the fullness of our humanity and he redeems us *for* the world not *from* it.

To hold fast to our faith means to find a way to speak of both the reality of our worldly existence and also the movement towards the “other path” that is given to us in Christ. There will be a time when God ushers in a new heaven and a new earth and the order of violence and suffering will be swept aside. We do not know when this time will be. But in the meantime we are called to be models of a new humanity, a humanity based upon peace, upon love and upon openness to each other.

Violence and warfare exist where humanity has broken down, where the other is no longer a potential friend but a potential enemy. Our most effective witness against this is not to separate ourselves but to immerse ourselves; to stand in the midst of our broken world and speak of another world and another kingdom.

Daniel Hartley

The Bishops' Letter - 'Lord teach us to pray...'

Lent began as a period of preparation when candidates getting ready to be baptised at Easter would gather with the bishop for teaching in the faith. Over time, the whole Christian community was invited to join the candidates in study and repentance over forty days, to remind them of the forty days Jesus spent in the wilderness being tested by Satan.

As Easter approached, the Bishop would hand on to the candidates the central texts of the Christian faith and these would form the focus of their teaching. There was a special focus on the Apostle's Creed, on the Lord's Prayer, on the Ten Commandments and on the Beatitudes. The whole Christian community would learn these texts by heart and think about them deeply.

This Lent, Bishop Peter and I will be standing in this tradition as we teach the Diocesan Lent Course in Doncaster Minster and the Cathedral on the Lord's Prayer. I'm hoping that we can develop some material from our teaching which can be used more widely in parishes and study groups in and outside the Diocese in future years.

But for this year, I'm already enjoying looking again at this deep and wonderful prayer. As one ancient writer tells us, the whole of the gospel is in the prayer. Praying these words each day sets us the right relationship with God our creator and Father and with others.

Many parishes will have their own plans for Lent courses and groups to maintain and deepen this pattern. But if yours does not, I hope you will think about joining us on Wednesdays in Lent at 7.30 pm in Doncaster Minster and in the Cathedral (29 February; and 7, 14, 21 and 28 March at 7.30pm).

All are welcome but the course will be particularly suitable for those who are preparing for baptism, confirmation or a renewal of their baptismal promises and for those who have been baptised and confirmed in the last year. We hope to have recordings of the talks online and on the Diocesan website.

With warm good wishes as you prepare for a fruitful and holy Lent.

Yours sincerely,

+Steven Sheffield

For those who want to do something more locally, I have written the Lent Book for Church House Publishing again this year, Experiencing God's Love which looks at five images of transformation in the Psalms. Short audio files are available to introduce each session and there will be links to these from the Diocesan website.

Visit to Belfast

Recently we took a week-end break to Belfast in Northern Ireland – to our delight we found a lovely city.

We stayed at the Stormont Hotel directly opposite the gates to Stormont itself. A beautiful hotel which stated that it had the best beds in Ireland and believe you me they are the best beds anywhere.

During our stay we were taken on a tour of Belfast City – the guide was extremely good – explaining the cause of the troubles and showing us the different flags flying in different areas of the city. The flags were showing the affiliation of those who live in that particular area – she explained that thankfully the flags are not being replaced but just being left to slowly rot in the weather. Of course there were many Para-military paintings on buildings – well painted and well preserved.

Stormont is set in a beautiful park and until Mo Mowlam became Northern Ireland Secretary the general public were not allowed in, but she stated that it should be open and now the grounds are open to the public. It has a lovely long drive with Stormont standing regally at the top,

There are lovely buildings in the city including an old pub which is owned by the National Trust – it is only small and still lit by gas light and with all the old fittings. We didn't manage to get inside as it only opens at certain times and disappointingly we were there at the wrong time.

We were also shown the shipyard where the Titanic was built – the guide said that she would like to say that when the Titanic left Ireland there was nothing wrong with it.

Everyone was very friendly and made us welcome – a really enjoyable weekend.

It was a National Trust short break and so we also visited National Trust properties which, as always, were very interesting with history and antiques.

How could I forget to mention – we went to the Bushmills Distillery and tasted the Irish Whiskey.

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An Island Parish

The church St Philip and St James – Mallorca

Over the last 40 years our main holiday destination has been Mallorca. Many people have said. How can you go to the same place so many times? Well, we have been to other places as you will read here later but for now we will concentrate on the Balearics.

The island of Mallorca being small is steeped in local history and has some wonderful architecture; often when attending a local service we sit and wonder at its history, its beauty and how it came to be there.

The history of the church St Philip and St James can be traced back to the 1860. It sits on the eastern side of Mallorca not far from Alcudia and the marshes known as S'Albufera. The area is widely known for the variety and excellence of its bird, insect and plant life and some of Europe's rarer species of birds are found there. It was there, in centre of the marsh, that the very first Anglican services on the island are thought to have taken place. Few would have guessed at such an unlikely location.

In the early days a British company was formed to undertake the drainage of part of the marsh. The senior partner of the company, a devout Anglican named John Bateman lived in an ancient farmhouse known as the Albufera. Whether the salt marshes took their name from the old farmhouse or vice versa is not known but the house stood right in the middle of the marshes. John Bateman had turned one room in to a small chapel or oratory and there he and his family, together with his junior partner William Hope would gather every Sunday for services.

To be continued next month

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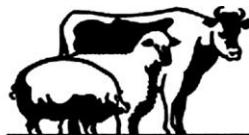
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Children's page



What does your
mother do for you?

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God for her!

Jesus was loved by his mother Mary...
...she **cared** for him, **worried**
about him and **prayed** for him,
she washed his clothes,
cooked his food and
hugged him when he cried.

Mary cuddled Jesus when he was
born, cried when he died and rejoiced
when he rose from the dead.

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onto thin card,
colour in then
carefully cut out.
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slots on the base
of the pot and the
stand then slot
together to make
a stand up card to
give to someone
who cares for you.



Will You Remember Them

Mexico - Missionary Couple Murdered

A married couple who had served for 28yrs. as Baptist missionaries in Mexico were murdered on 31st. January at their home near Monterrey in El Cerado, Santiago, about 600 miles north of Mexico city.

John Casias, 76 and Wanda Casias, 67, were strangled with electrical cords when intruders broke into their house and stole a safe, TV and ministry vehicles, along with other items. Affiliated with the Global Independent Baptist Fellowship, the couple came originally from Lewisville, Texas. Their ministry in Mexico included founding churches, running daily Vacation Bible Schools and organising youth camps. They are survived by ten children, who have said they hope to continue their parents' ministry. The area has suffered heavily from attacks by drug cartels in recent weeks.

Drug traffickers in Mexico oppose the message of Christ because it distracts from their business, and Christians have been among the targets of the criminals. Christians noted that if the motive for the attack was robbery only, their assailants would not have needed to kill the missionary couple. Churches are seen as a direct threat to organised crime; because they teach that drug related issues are not compatible with the gospel and tend to ask for the allegiance of their members. This opposes the totalitarian outlook of the mafia groups, who demand absolute loyalty to their business empires.

Please Pray

- For comfort for John and Wanda's family, and wisdom as they seek to continue their parents' ministry.
- For courage and protection for Christians who seek to live for Christ and refuse illegitimate demands for allegiance from criminals who are bent only on destruction.

England - Anglican Vicar Murdered.

Rev. John Suddards was murdered in his vicarage at St. Mary's church in Thornbury, Gloucestershire during the first week of February this year.

Please Pray

- For Rev. John Suddards family, friends and congregation as they seek to come to terms with this tragedy, and for the future work and witness of the church.

JD

Castleton Cub Scout Pack Holiday

The advance party arrived at the Rotary centre at 2.00 pm to set up and decorate the hall. We were given instructions how to close the gate properly, as the sheep had figured out if they all ran and pushed the gate together and it was not bolted shut they could get in at the longer grass next to the centre. It was very strange watching the sheep behave like this after a car had entered or left the centre (more about this later).

The theme this year was aliens and outer space. After several hours the hall was covered in black material with stars and space ships covering them. We then went down the hill to Castleton for a well-earned dinner and to enjoy a last few moments of quiet. The cubs (and a few Scouts) arrived at 7.00 pm, parents helped them unpack and settle in their rooms before leaving for a nice quiet weekend at around 9.00 pm.

Then the fun began. First they were put into teams and were then told that scout HQ had contacted us about possible alien sightings and a UFO which had crashed somewhere in the hills around Castleton. They thought the aliens were friendly but advised against approaching them as they could be radioactive or have some nasty alien bugs which we could catch. They could disguise themselves and blend into the scenery so were hard to spot. But Scout HQ said they were all disguised as sheep or cows, but due to the crash landing their wires had got crossed and the sheep were mooing and the cows bleating. They were also very clever and could open gates and doors. The cubs were then given their first challenge. This was going out into a big muddy field to hunt for giant jigsaw pieces in the pitch dark.

The field had quite a number of sheep in residence so some of the mud was rather smelly! We had a surprising number of cubs reporting that the sheep were definitely mooing (nothing to do with cows in the next field!). They then had their supper and settled down to watch 2 alien films. During this time our group scout leader arrived, but didn't know about the gate. Then a little later pandemonium broke loose as one cub went out to the toilet block and came running back in saying the alien sheep were breaking in at the gate and their eyes were all glowing,

When we got outside the sheep has pushed open the gate and were all over the place. Some of the cubs wouldn't even go outside in case an alien got them others were trying to have a conversation with them. The leaders had a jolly half-hour rounding up the sheep and trying to get them back through the gate where they didn't want to go! Then off to bed, with a none too gentle reminder for some at 2.30 am that they were supposed to go to sleep at some point during the night.

Saturday morning started around 5am for some and 6am for most, Yawn. The day eventually dawned bright and sunny. After a substantial cooked breakfast the cubs collected their packed lunch and set off for a 5 mile hike in the surrounding hills to see how many aliens and space ships they could find. I stayed behind as I have recently had major spinal surgery and started peeling potatoes for tea. Several hours later (when I had just finished the potatoes!) they arrived back, all tired out. Ten minutes later, when they had had a rest and a drink they went to play games in the sports hall or play on the climbing frame. One of the cubs brought a trophy of a sheep skull back with him.

Unfortunately it was not entirely clean and still had a bit of rotten brains inside and gristle attached to the outside. He wanted to take it home with him and was going to put it in his room he was persuaded it would be better if it was left outside as it did smell bad. It was placed outside of the hall where it was looked at and admired by most of the cubs.

After tea we had a fancy dress competition for the best alien, there were some very good costumes. We then had a treasure hunt in teams which involved collecting Morse code clues from around the area, when translated they had to go and deliver their message in Morse code with a torch to a rather cross sounding alien who had crash landed in the stable block, to find out which planet he had come from and get their prize. Some of the cubs (and Scouts) would not even go through the door and ended up doing their Morse code from the door (you can't be too careful when aliens are involved). We then had another alien film then bed at 11pm. At 11.15 pm all was silent and stayed that way until morning.

Sunday morning, after another substantial breakfast we set off to visit "The Devil's Arse" a cave in the centre of Castleton. Some of our new cubs were invested right at the bottom of the cave in a huge cavern, which was very atmospheric. We then went to the visitor centre and shop to spend their pocket money which had been burning a hole in their pocket all weekend. We had lunch back at the centre. Then the cubs packed up and cleaned their rooms, which took some longer than others. After our closing ceremony the cubs were collected by their parents.

The cub who found the sheep's head proudly showed it to his parents, the look on their faces when they realised it was going home with them is one I will treasure. Most cubs were asleep by the time they had left Castleton. Tired out, rather mucky but having enjoyed a great weekend away. We found the sheep's head in the empty car park as we left the centre.

Read more on page 29

Alison Hancock (Akela)

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Diary for the Month of March

Thursday 1 st	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Friday 2 nd	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group – Coffee Evening
	12 noon	Lent Lunches in Church
Sunday 4th		2nd Sunday of Lent
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	12 noon	Baptism Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Monday 5 th	7.30 pm	PCC in Church
Wednesday 7 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	1.00 pm	MU in the Gatty Hall - Norma Priest/Exploring our Gifts
	7.30 pm	Lent Reflection in Church
Thursday 8 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group – Heather Sharpe/Graphology
Friday 9 th	12 noon	Lent Lunches in Church
Sunday 11th		3rd Sunday of Lent
	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Wednesday 14 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	7.30 pm	Lent Reflection in Church
Thursday 15 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Church
	2.00 pm	Service at Hartwell House
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group – Coffee Evening
Friday 16 th	12 noon	Lent Lunches in Church
Sunday 18th		4th Sunday of Lent/ Mothering Sunday
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Wednesday 21 st	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	7.30 pm	Lent Reflection in Church
Thursday 22 nd	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	Evening	Ladies' Group – Annual Dinner
Friday 23 rd	12 noon	Lent Lunches in Church
Saturday 24 th	10.30 am	Ecclesfield Community Event

Sunday 25th	5th Sunday of Lent	
	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
Monday 26th		7.30 pm Ignatian Prayer in Church
Wednesday 28th		10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 29th		7.30 pm Lent Reflection in Church
Friday 30th		9.30 am Holy Communion
		7.30 pm Ladies' Group – The Sheffield Flood
		12 noon Lent Lunches in Church

From the Registers

Baptisms

5th February	Mitchell Guest
5th February	Freya Guest
5th February	Alicia Guest
5th February	Harry Reeve
5th February	Neveah Fletcher

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

Funerals

Burial

19th January	William Hopkins	39
26th January	Joan Eastwood	88
7th February	Elizabeth Hemmingfield	93

Cremation

10 th February	Terry Rollins	77
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Grant them, O Lord, refreshment, light and peace

Flower Rota

No Flowers this month

The Gardening Year - Fruit - Apples.

Apples – The apple is one of the oldest known to man and also one of the most widely cultivated. Originally growing wild in Europe and the near east it thrives inland throughout the British Isles. The earliest are ready for picking and eating in August: the latest can be stored for eating until as late as the following April/May although many of the apple trees planted in long-established gardens require a good deal of space, trained and dwarf forms can now be grown in even the smallest town garden. It is also possible to buy ‘family trees’ in which three or four varieties are grafted on a single rootstock to provide a succession of fruits.

Planning the crop – apple trees do best in an open, sunny, but sheltered site. They will grow in most soils, except those that are waterlogged or have a high lime content. The ideal is a slightly acid soil that does not dry out in summer. Prepare the site where the trees are to grow by forking into the soil well-rotted manure or compost at the rate of a bucketful to the sq. yd. and apply a general fertiliser at the rate of 3oz per sq. yd.

How many to grow – bush trees planted 12foot apart are a good choice where space is plentiful, where space is more restricted dwarf-pyramid trees planted 5-6 foot apart are more suitable. An espalier with a spread of 3yards would be ideal for growing against a fence or wall in full sun or with a little shade. If preferred, it could be grown in the open and trained on wires. Single stemmed cordons trained on wires and planted 2-3 feet apart against a wall or fence would enable a gardener to plant a number of varieties on a very small plot. Because most apple trees cannot pollinate themselves, it is necessary to plant at least two trees that will blossom at the same time. A few varieties, including “Bramley’s Seedling” are such poor pollinators that a third tree is needed to fertilise the tree chosen as a pollinator. An additional tree is unnecessary however if you buy a ‘Family Tree’ as the varieties will have been selected for simultaneous flowering.

How to grow Apple Trees – The best time for planting is during frost-free weather between early November and late March. Dig a hole of sufficient size to take the roots when they are well spread out. When planting a bush tree, first hammer in a supporting stake and plant the tree close against it. With all forms of tree, make sure that the union between the stock and scion is at least 4ins. above soil level. In the first growing season water copiously during dry spells. For the first two or three springs after planting, mulch around the trees with manure or compost to help retain moisture in the soil. Every January apply 1oz of sulphate of potash per square yard every third year and 20z of superphosphate to that dressing. In March give a dressing of sulphate of ammonia for cooking apples and for any tree growing in a lawn use 2oz per square yard. For all others 1oz should be sufficient sprinkle all these dressing thinly over an area a little larger than the spread of the branches.

Colin Williams

Bishop of Doncaster's First Sermon

Task of the Church in a context of “paradoxical complexities”

The Church needs to be transformed to meet the paradoxical complexities of the present time, the new Bishop of Doncaster, Peter Burrows, told a congregation in Sheffield Cathedral at his official service of welcome.

Bishop Burrows, who was ordained as bishop by the Archbishop of York on Thursday 2nd February 2012, told the congregation that it was into a situation of “paradoxical complexity that we’re called to proclaim the Gospel, to set out Jesus’ vision for the world by getting directly involved in it, unfolding a message of God’s grace and love that can transform people’s lives.”

The Bishop began by admitting that “we live in a world of decreased faith, of growing cynicism about the church and matters of faith in general and Christianity in particular.”

He added: “But perhaps people’s scepticism is fuelled in part by the circumstances many find themselves in. As we reflect on the events of last year, the riots in our cities, on-going concerns about the global debt crisis and how it impacts on our daily lives, especially the lives of the poorest and most vulnerable, as we witness rising unemployment, a greater fear of violence, where our education, economic, military, political and ecclesiastical systems seem to be in crisis, it’s no wonder some people feel dubious about the great institutions of society, which are meant to protect and support them.”

Bishop Burrows welcomed the strategy for growth initiative of the Bishop of Sheffield, Dr Steven Croft and said that he was joining the Church in the Diocese of Sheffield at an exciting time.

Surveying the cultural landscape which the Church needs to address to meet the need which he saw, he agreed that the Church “needs to be transformed.”

“As we respond positively to growing the church, developing the depth and breadth of discipleship, cultivating our ministerial resources, as set out in our diocesan strategies, as the church speaks prophetically into a complex world we have in God all that we need,” said Bishop Burrows.

He added: “We’re living in daunting but exciting times with huge opportunities unravelling before us.”

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Mothers' Union Work in Rwanda

At our meeting in February we were delighted to welcome our own members Pam and Heather to speak to us about their recent visit to Rwanda and the work of the Mothers' Union there.

The country is totally landlocked, without an adequate infrastructure and still struggling to recover from the genocide of 1995.

The group stayed near to the town of Gitarama which is where most of the diocesan workers live and a Mothers' Union building operates. Here, they met Claudine (a MU Worker) who explained the building was used by many people—especially the young—learning sewing and furniture-making skills. Already they had secured contracts for making school uniforms; pineapple jam and cordial was also another product.

At a MU meeting with two hundred people present a literacy group was taking place in a quiet part of the building. A Cathedral service in Shogwe was attended by many young people who were involved in building projects as well as school activities and in some cases university studies. These were fitted in alongside family commitments or when they were completed for the day.

So much was happening less than a generation away from such a traumatic time. With the support of the MU - practically and financially, goals were being achieved. The fight against AIDS was continuing along with positive outlook of the people. Their faith, thirst for learning and a sense of moving on was so heart-warming.

Thank you Heather and Pam for bringing us such a thought provoking afternoon and showing us such huge smiles from so many of the people you met.

P.A.B.

Editor's Note:

Rwanda - officially the Republic of Rwanda; is a country in central and eastern Africa with a population of approximately 11.4 million (2011). Rwanda is located a few degrees south of the Equator, and is bordered by Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. All of Rwanda is at high elevation, with a geography dominated by mountains in the west, savannah in the east, and numerous lakes throughout the country. The climate is temperate, with two rainy seasons and two dry seasons every year. The population is young and predominantly rural, with a density among the highest in Africa. Rwandans form three groups: the Hutus, Tutsis, and Twas



WHO CAN JUDGE?

Thomas Guy was a bookseller in London during the time of the Great Plague and the Great Fire in 1665/6. His business was very successful and he did well but people looked down on him because they thought he was mean. They saw him eating his lunch of dry bread in his shop, he wore worn out clothes and would only light one candle at a time. What people didn't know was that he lived in this way for a reason. When a new hospital was built at London Bridge they heard that it had been completely paid for by Thomas Guy. And on his death he left a huge sum of money as an endowment so that the hospital could continue to provide treatment for London's poor.

Even today Guy's Hospital is one of the most famous London teaching hospitals. Thomas Guy could have ignored the suffering all around him and eaten grand meals off fine china; instead he chose to eat dry bread wrapped in paper. So often we are wrong about people because we do not know all the facts.

JUMBLED BIBLE BOOKS

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

1. e r e d m o n t y o u
2. a h a c e h i r z
3. a k m r
4. a e d i l n
5. b e e w r s h
6. c c e h i l n o r s
7. a e v e l i n o r t
8. e d g j s u
9. t e e p r
10. a l m p s s

Doctor, Doctor my son has swallowed my pen, what should I do?

Use a pencil 'till I get there.

Doctor, doctor, I feel like a dictionary.

I'll have a word with you later.



Doctor, doctor, I've been stung by a bee. Shall I put some ointment on it?

Don't be silly - it must be miles away by now.

Answers: 1.Deuteronomy 2.Zechariah
3.Mark 4.Daniel 5.Hebrews
6.Chronicles 7.Revelation 8.Judges
9.Peter 10.Psalms

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Ecclesfield Conservation Group

Interpretation / Heritage Board

Ecclesfield Conservation Group has recently been working with the help of local historians Mel & Joan Jones, to produce a Heritage Board and accompanying leaflets, detailing Ecclesfield's Working Past. We hope this will be of interest to residents and visitors alike. East Peak Innovation Partnership has been good enough to give us a grant to enable us now to complete the project. The board is to be sited on Ladycroft Meadow at the bottom of St Mary's Lane (the old garage site). We will be holding an official 'unveiling ceremony' on Saturday 24th March 2012 at 11.00am. Refreshments will be provided afterwards (courtesy of John Fairest Funeral Home) in St Mary's Church.

Please come along and join us on the day. You may be surprised to discover who and what helped to shape Ecclesfield's Working History. You may even be inspired to join our group. Everyone is welcome.

Visit: www.conservation.ecclesfieldgroups.com

Ecclesfield Handbell Ringers - Forthcoming Events.

We have two public events planned this spring.

On Saturday 3rd March 1.00 pm – 5.00 pm we will be doing our bit for the Sheffield 'Cultural Olympiad' with an afternoon of informal ringing in the Gatty Hall.

We have invited two other teams, from Beverley and Clifton, to join us and are looking forward to showing off our differing styles. It will be an 'open' day for visitors to pop in and out at leisure. Come and have look.

Then on Saturday 21st April we will present our 'summer' concert; again in the Gatty Hall at 7.00 pm. Our guests are Waldershelf Choir. Tickets will be available by ringing Hazel, or why not visit our web site: www.ecclesfieldhr.org.uk to contact us, or just read more about team.

Prayers and Poems Page

A Journey Prayer

This day to me, God, do thou bless,
This very night, God, blessing give;
Thou God of grace, o do thou bless
All days and all the times I live.

God, bless the path I walk above,
God, bless the earth beneath my toes;
God, bless me, give to me thy love,
O God of gods, bless rest, repose;
God, bless me, give to me thy love,
O God of gods, bless my repose.

Ancient Celtic prayer

Mother and Son

She was to carry the Son of God
To the world,
For the world,
To not be afraid,
Though ridiculed and rejected
To choose to trust and accept,
To serve and obey,
To step into the possibilities
Of God's power and purposes,
To believe.

He was to carry the sins
Of the world,
To forgive the world,
To not be afraid, but
Through love to cast out fear,
Though ridiculed and rejected
To choose to trust and accept,
To serve and obey,
To make possible God's power and
purposes
For those who believe.

The angel announced
The son to the mother,
Knowing she would be
Mother to the son.

By Daphne Kitching

Questions

The child sits alone,
a bowl beside her
empty of food.

Feet, weary with walking
bleed into the dust.
Eyes devoid of tears,
and plagued with flies,
stare at the bare earth –
at the cruel nothingness
of sterile sand,
stones, and the whitened
sepulchres of snails.

Where is the mother to feed her?
Where is the father to keep her from harm?
Where is the doctor to tend to her pain?
Where am I?

By Megan Smith

The Lark Ascending?

O where have all the skylarks gone?
O how I miss their thrilling song
That so enlivened times gone by,
As skylarks circled in the sky.

How I recall that, as a boy
I'd lay me down and just enjoy
The larksong high up in the air,
As they would make their music fair.

Today we listen out in vain
To hear the skylark's sweet refrain,
For they have vanished, with their
joys,
Instead we just hear traffic noise.

And yet, perhaps, it's not too late,
To spare the lark the dodo's fate;
Please Lord, I pray, before I die,
I'll hear a skylark in the sky.

By Nigel Beeton

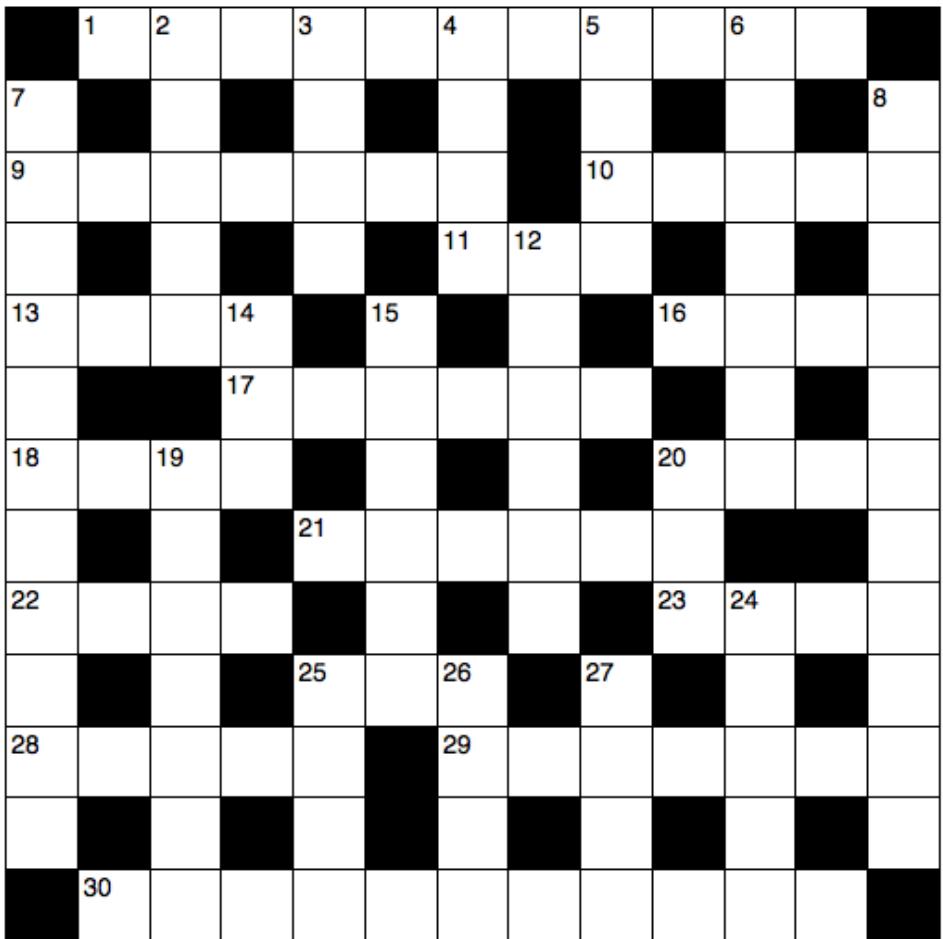
Crossword Puzzle

Clues Across

- 1** These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9** ‘You will not — me to the grave’ (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10** King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11** Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13** Mede (anag.) (4)
- 16** High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
- 17** He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
- 18** A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
- 20** Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
- 21** ‘He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear’ (Acts 2:33) (3, 3)
- 22** ‘You — me together in my mother’s womb’ (Psalm 139:13) (4)
- 23** Edit (anag.) (4)
- 25** ‘Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?’ (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
- 28** Abraham’s brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
- 29** ‘When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes’ (Esther 4:1) (3, 4)
- 30** Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

Clues Down

- 2** ‘That was why his parents said, “He is — —; ask him”’ (John 9:23) (2, 3)
- 3** Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
- 4** ‘Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands’ (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
- 5** Concept (John 8:14) (4)
- 6** ‘Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law’ (Romans 3:31) (7)
- 7** Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
- 8** ‘I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
- 12** ‘Out of the same mouth come — and cursing’ (James 3:10) (6)
- 14** This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
- 15** Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
- 19** He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
- 20** ‘So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people’ (Acts 11:26) (3)
- 24** ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ’ (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2, 3)
- 25** Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
- 26** ‘In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them’ (Genesis 1:27) (4)
- 27** Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)



Answers

ACROSS:

1, Cormithians, 9, Abandon, 10, Egilon, 11, Spa, 13, Deem, 16, Hi-Fi, 17, Abjiah, 18, Ohad, 20, Myth, 21, Now see, 22, Knit, 23, Tide, 25, Arm, 28, Nahor, 29, All done, 30, Kind-hearted.

DOWN:

2, Of age, 3, ISDN, 4, Tens, 5, Idea, 6, Nullify, 7, Hardworking, 8, Eightened, 12, Praise, 14, Mad, 15, Vigour, 19, Abishai, 20, Met, 24, Is one, 25, Arid, 26, Male, 27, Slur.

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Cubs - Castleton Comments

Joseph "The alien sheep behind the fence grew bigger and bigger then shrank til it was very small.

Connor "I liked playing Laser Quest best. For our midnight feast we had chocolate, crisps, lollies, worms mad from jelly and shandy."

Emily "I didn't like the Alien. It was very scary".

Jason "I liked listening to the cows saying Baa".

Alfie "The best thing was the long walk up the mountain. It was very windy at the top. I stood on a rock and held my coat out and felt I could glide down to the bottom".

Quinn "A sheep pressed its face up to the window to look at us, it made us all laugh".

Ben "We got dripped on in the Cavern and at night I had a nightmare, but I still want to go to Castleton next year".

William "The best thing was finding big jigsaws in a field in the dark but I also liked the long walk. It made me very tired but I would like to go to Castleton again next year.

Olivia "I liked watching the Alien DVD and eating cheese pizza and for breakfast we had bacon, Eggs, beans and sausage, it made everyone very happy.

Leighton "On our long walk we found a sheep's skull and we thought it was plastic but Baloo said it was real.

Jonty "I think all the sheep climbed over the stile in the wall but I didn't actually see them".

Harry "I shared a room with Ceiron and we found some chocolates down the side of the bed. They weren't out of date so we ate them. On Sunday I got invested down the mine in Castleton. I made my promise and it felt very special. It was a bit wet though".



I'm telling you - Akela's fried bacon is the original recipe for pork scratchings

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

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Wednesday 4:45 pm to 6:15 pm

2nd Pack 6.30 pm to 8.0 pm

Leader - Mrs A Hancock

Tel: 0114 2402398

If you would like your local group advertised please contact:

Mrs P Blackburn 0114 2468453

Ecclesfield Priory Players

EPPIC Theatre

Monday 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm

Wednesday 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm

Secretary –Carol Travis

Ecclesfield Beavers

Scout Hut (off Yew lane)

Monday 6.00 pm to 7.15 pm

Leader - Mrs J Steel

0114 2460218

Thursday 6.00 -7.15 pm

Rachael Otter 0114 2461752

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