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First Words...

- **Trafalgar Day** – On Sunday 21st October we celebrate Trafalgar Day in Church. This will follow our Emley Brass Band Concert on the previous evening. Come along to our 10 o'clock Service on the Sunday
- **Goodbye to The Revd. Martin Kilner** – This month we say goodbye to Martin Kilner, the Vicar of Grenoside. Martin has been a great support to the Parish of Ecclesfield and we wish him well for the future.

Daniel Hartley



Lord Nelson's Last Prayer

Lord Nelson's Trafalgar Prayer

On the morning of 21st October 1805, with the combined fleets of France and Spain in sight, Nelson wrote the subsequent prayer:

May the great God, whom I worship, grant to my country and for the benefit of Europe in general, a great and glorious victory: and may no misconduct, in any one, tarnish it: and may humanity after victory be the predominant feature in the British fleet.

For myself individually, I commit my life to Him who made me and may His blessing light upon my endeavours for serving my country faithfully.

To Him I resign myself and the just cause which is entrusted to me to defend.

Amen. Amen. Amen.

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The Vicars' Letter

What a great time to be British.

The Queen's Golden Jubilee, the Olympic Games, the Paralympic Games and the first British winner of a tennis Grand Slam Men's Single title for 76 years! That British spirit of perpetual underachievement seems to have been banished. We are a nation of success!

The hardest task is, of course, yet to come. How do we take these seeds of success and grow them into trees of lasting achievement? We do so by confidence, by belief and by the grasping of forward momentum. It is hard for a nation such as ours to grasp this forward momentum. Our glories lie in the past. Great Britain stood at the centre of the world and the sun never set on our Empire. I was always taught at school that we were a people who had lost our past and not yet found our future. Now we have a chance to find this future, but to find this future through the act of embracing our past. This has already begun. The Union Flag, once the preserve of far right extremism, has been reclaimed as a symbol of national pride. The National Anthem, once laughed at in certain political circles, has begun and anthem of pride and identity. How fantastic it was to see Britons of different races and traditions unite at the Olympic and Paralympic Games behind our flag and our anthem.

Today though, we ask ourselves whether or not we can continue what was begun this summer. Can we find a British way that embraces our past but also looks to our future? Can we begin the conversation about what our nation looks like and who we are, and will be, as a people? The Church has a role to play in this conversation. The Church has played a significant part in the past of this nation and we are called to play a significant part in its future. At times this national conversation appears to be about different groups jockeying for position. The conversation though shouldn't be a competition, an attempt to force an agenda on a people. Instead it should be a genuine discernment of what shapes our identity and how we can celebrate this identity, this fact of being British. So, yes, it's great time to be British. Let us hope that this celebration of our life continues and grows beyond 2012.

Daniel Hartley



The Bishops' Letter - October 2012

'Inspiring a Generation'

What was your favourite moment of the Olympic Games? One of mine was the lighting of the torch in the stadium at the opening ceremony. After all the speculation about which famous person would be the last link in the great relay, the final torches were given to the next generation of athletes. They lit the parts of the flame around the edge of the cauldron. The flames spread slowly. And then the cauldron began to rise, the different flames came together and burned as one.



The cauldron gave me a great image of the ideal of the world in union which is the best of the Olympic movement. Different nations come together in a celebration of sport, wondering at how much we have in common.

The cauldron also gave me a great image of the Church. God calls together women and men of different races and backgrounds to form one family, one people throughout the earth, united by a common allegiance to Jesus Christ. The Christian Church was the first truly global organization. It remains a sign and sacrament of the kind of unity God wants for the whole world.

And the cauldron is a brilliant image for the unity we find also in every local church. We each bring our own gifts – our own flame. By God's grace, these flames are drawn together into a community of grace and love: a parish church which itself gives light and life to the world.

This autumn, Bishop Peter and I will be touring the deaneries with the archdeacons talking about the ways in which we need to re-imagine ministry for mission. That picture of the Olympic flame will be in our minds.

Just like the small boy in the story of the feeding of the five thousand, each of us offers what we can and we join our life and gifts and witness to the greater purposes of God.

We look forward to seeing you.

+Steven



GUARDIAN ANGELS

2nd October is the feast day or celebration of guardian angels. A guardian angel is an angel who protects and guides a person. Angels are mentioned in 34 books of the Bible: they protect people from danger and are a bridge between God and the world.

Acts (chapter 12) tells how Peter was put into prison by King Herod, but the night before his trial an angel appeared to him, and told him to leave. Peter's chains fell off, the prison doors opened of their own accord, and the angel led him out.

Even little children have a guardian angel: Jesus said "See that you despise not one of these little ones: for I say to you, that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father who is in heaven." (Matthew, chapter 18).



Guardian angels cannot change what we do but they will lead us, if we wish it, to the Kingdom of Heaven.

WHICH ANGEL?

Write the first letter of the answer to each of these questions in the boxes below. Then rearrange the letters to make the name of an angel who delivered a special message....

1. The first man
2. A book of the Old Testament is named after this queen
3. A giant killed by David
4. He was Ruth's second husband
5. Son of Abraham, father of Jacob and Esau
6. A doctor who wrote the third Gospel and Acts
7. Another book of the Old Testament named after a woman.

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**How do you help a donkey?
Give assistance.**

**Where's spaghetti junction?
Just pasta Birmingham.**



**How do pigs make coffee?
With a coffee porkulator.**

1.Adam 2.Esther 3.Goliath 4.Boaz
5.Isaac 6.Luke 7.Ruth
Rearranged the letters give you Gabriel.



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Saints - St. Francis of Assisi (1181 - 1226) Saints Day - 4th of October

St Francis is surely one of the most attractive and best-loved of all the saints. But he began by being anything but a saint. Born the son of a wealthy cloth-merchant of Assisi, Francis' youth was spent in fast-living, parties and on fast horses as a leader of the young society of the town. Then he went to the war between Assisi and Perugia, and was taken prisoner for a year.

By the time of his release, Francis had changed. Perhaps his own suffering had awakened him to that of others. In any case, he abandoned warfare and carousing, and began to help the poor and the lepers of his area. Then one day a voice which seemed to come from the crucifix in the small, semi-derelict church of Damiano Assisi 'Go and repair my house, which you see is falling down'.

This religious experience was a vital turning point in Francis' life: Jesus Christ became very real and immediate to him. His first action was to begin repairing the church, having sold some of his father's cloth to pay for materials. His father was not amused; in fact he was furious - until Francis renounced his inheritance and even his clothes by his dramatic stripping off in the public square of the town. The Bishop of Assisi provided him with simple garments, and Francis began his new life.

His inspiration was always religious, not social, and the object of his quest was always the Crucified Christ, not Lady Poverty for her own sake. Francis rebuilt San Damiano, and then travelled as a pilgrim. His compassion for the poor and lepers became famous. Soon disciples joined him, and they set up a communal life in simple wattle and daub huts. They went on occasional preaching tours. (Not until later did they become an Order whose theologians won fame in the Universities.)

In 1219 Francis visited the Holy Land, and his illusions about the Crusaders were shattered. He went on to seek out the Sultan, and tried to convert him. Back home, he found his Order was now 5,000 strong, and growing. Francis stepped down as head, but continued to preach and was immensely popular. He died after a prolonged illness at 45, and was canonised in 1228.

Francis' close rapport with the animal creation was well known. The story of his preaching to the birds has always been a favourite scene from his life. He also tamed the wolf of Gubbio. This affinity emphasises his consideration for, and sense of identity with, all elements of the physical universe, as seen in his Cantic of the Sun. This makes him an apt patron of nature conservation.

The 20th century witnessed a widespread revival of interest in Francis. Sadly, some films and books caricatured him as only a sentimental nature-lover or a hippie drop out from society. This ignores the real sternness of his character, and his all-pervasive love of God and identification with Christ's sufferings, which alone make sense of his life.

Two ancient, and many modern English churches are dedicated to him.

Ecclesfield Ladies Group

On Thursday 13th September our speaker at Ladies Group was local author Henry J Southern (Harry).

Harry is a writer of children's books and he is happy when reading to children in schools and libraries. He opened the talk with tales of his early life on a farm in Lancashire which was quite hard work, as he helped feed the chickens before and after school. He passed his 11+ to Grammar school, but due to the work on the farm when his father became ill his school work suffered. He had many jobs which he recalled with great hilarity. He was married and had two sons and a daughter but this marriage ended in divorce. Happily for him he married for a second time and he and his wife travelled all over the world.

He became a lecturer in Business Studies until his retirement, and he started to write the children's books aged 72 when his wife passed away. One of his first books was called "The Phoenix Child" ⁽¹⁾ the story of a young boy fending for himself during the war after his 'Gran' dies in an air raid.

Harry also has over a hundred bud vases which he and his wife collected over the years these are going to be displayed in the great house at Wentworth now it is open to the public on Saturday's.

Harry belongs to the Chapeltown Writers Group who meet on Monday afternoon's in the Library and still enjoys holidays abroad either cruising or visiting friends and family.

At the end of the evening he produced cakes he had made for us to have with our tea or coffee, a lovely surprise following a very enjoyable talk.

PB

Editors Notes:

1. "The Phoenix Child" - Orphaned by a World War II bombing raid, 11-year-old Jimmy finds himself alone in the world with no family to support him. Reading Oliver Twist in school taught him what happens to children in his situation. He is determined to go it alone and avoid being sent to the workhouse or the orphanage. But it isn't going to be easy. In the days of food and clothing rationing, air raids, blackout restrictions and fears of invasion, he has to keep food in his mouth and a roof over his head in addition to avoiding the authorities. A gripping tale of determination, courage and friendship set in the harshest of circumstances.

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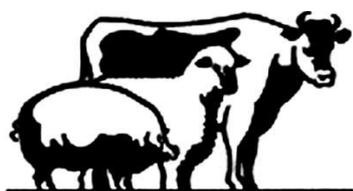
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Will You Remember Them - Iran

Jailed Iranian Pastor, Once Facing Death, Walks Free

September 11th 2012 An Iranian pastor who faced a death sentence because of accusations he abandoned Islam for Christianity walked out of jail a free man, according to a Christian human-rights organization. After 2 years, 11 months behind bars, Yousef Nadarkhani emerged from jail to re-join his wife and their two sons, reported Middle East Concern which is an association of Christian agencies that advocates for religious freedom.

Here is the full statement from Middle East Concern...

We are pleased to report that Pastor Yousef Narkhani has been released! Recall that he has been imprisoned since October 2009 and was summoned to a court hearing that was held Saturday 8th Sept 2012. Two major developments occurred. First, his previous conviction for apostasy was withdrawn. Second, he was convicted on charges relating to evangelistic activities and sentenced to three years' imprisonment.

The time already served (two years and 11 months) counts towards the new sentence. The court accepted a bail payment (in the form of a salary guarantee document) in order to release him one month early. We understand that he was accordingly released and has now been reunited with his wife, Fatemeh, and their two sons.

Recall that in September 2010 the Revolutionary Tribunal of Glan Province found him guilty of apostasy and sentenced him to death, a verdict upheld by the Supreme Court in July 2011. In September 2011 he faced further court hearings during which he refused to recant his Christian faith.

Elsewhere in Iran, at least 16 others remain detained because of their Christian activities. Several are serving prison sentences of up to six years.

Please Pray...

- Giving thanks for his release and return to the family.
- That all of them will know the comfort, presence and peace of Jesus.
- They will know the Spirit's guiding wisdom for their future.
- For those who continue to be detained and all Christians in Iran, that they will know the presence and peace of Jesus, remain strong in their faith and clear in their witness and testimony.
- All officials involved will love mercy, act justly, learn about Jesus and choose to follow him.

JD

25th Sheffield (Ecclesfield) Scout Group – 1912 - 2012

Every four years Scout Association organise a World Jamboree which is held in a different country each time. Every Scout over 14 years has the opportunity to apply and compete for a place. The 2011 Jamboree was held in Sweden and for only the second time in our hundred year history we were proud when one of our Scouts, Mathew Sidy was chosen to represent us as a member of the U.K. contingent. You can read Mathew's report in this magazine along with comments from other British Scouts who attended.

The first Ecclesfield Scout to attend a World Jamboree was Terence Hoyland. It was the 6th World Jamboree and was originally planned to take place in 1941 at Moisson in France. It eventually took place in 1947 and showed that even through the war years the Scout Movement was still strong and growing as 24,000 Scouts attended. The Jamboree was appropriately given the name "Jamboree of Peace" and Terence remembers everyone being given a special blue and silver badge bearing this inscription. He also said Scouts attended from America, New Zealand, India and most European countries including Germany. Terence was also the first Scout in Ecclesfield to receive the 1st class award and although living for many years in Blackburn still had many fond memories of his time in the Scouts. Sadly Terence died in March this year but his name and memories of his time spent with the Ecclesfield Scout Group and his stories of his 1947 Jamboree are now written into our Group's history and who knows, reading about his and Mathews experiences may encourage future Scouts to aim high to do the same as they did.

P.Marsland.

World Jamboree – Sweden 2011

It's been a year now since we boarded the plane from Manchester to Copenhagen for the start of our Jamboree adventure! The first stop was Denmark, as a unit from South Yorkshire we got together with all of the other units for an exciting pre-jamboree party as an insight for what the jamboree would be truly like. Our first day in Copenhagen was amazing we started by going on a speed boat ride followed by an afternoon of sports such as human sized table football and then finished off with visiting the world's oldest theme park 'Tivoli Gardens'. The next day was just as good as we started off by taking a sightseeing tour round the city centre visiting the LEGO shop and the world record museum getting to see a life size replica of the world's tallest man! That night went out with a bang" The entire 4000 members of the UK contingent went to a giant party and had a great time with some kings of Leon tribute bands playing live as well as the band Alpha Beat.

Despite having to leave Copenhagen the next morning none of us were upset as we knew that we would be travelling to the jamboree in Sweden. The jamboree itself was amazing the first day we pitched our tents in the sun and had a walk round the site to take a look at our home for the next 10 days. The next few days it rained but this did not dampen the spirits especially the next day at the opening ceremony everyone was up on their feet having a good time. The next 6 days were the module activities. Dream, Quest, Earth, People, GDV (Global Development Village) and Camp in Camp. Dream was a midnight walk through the woods in which we reflected on our own lives, in Earth we learnt about how to preserve the earth as it is, and in People we did activities that involved meditating and learning about other cultures. In the GDV we learnt about modern technology, the Camp in Camp experience was where we went off sight for a night and experienced how Scouts in Scandinavia camp and in the Quest activity we played different puzzle and team based games. The next day was culture day this was a chance for us to be able to experience other cultures and the way they eat and live etc. Unfortunately the next day was the day of the closing ceremony, it was a chance to say goodbye to any friends we had made. The closing ceremony was amazing we got to see the Swedish pass the jamboree flag onto the Japanese for the next world scout jamboree and also to see the King of Sweden give an inspirational speech. The night ended with a spectacular firework display and the whole event ending very emotionally.

However, this was not the end of our jamboree adventure. We were off to the airport to get on a plane to Switzerland where we would be staying with a family in their house for the next three days. They were really welcoming and gave us a really good time while we were there. The first day we went down to the village to have a look around and see what Schaffhausen (where we were staying) was like. The second day was amazing we got taken to the reinfall which is the largest water fall in Europe and we got to go on a boat that took us to a rock that was a couple of metres from the water. The last day of our home hospitality and jamboree was also great. We went up the Swiss Alps, on a cable car that took us right up into the clouds. Even in the middle of summer there was snow on the tops!!

Overall my jamboree experience was amazing and if I had the chance to go back and relive what I had done I would definitely take it.

Mathew Siddy

For More Comments on The World Jamboree see Page 15

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DOWN: 2. Alive. 3. Took. 4. Over. 5. Onan. 6. Emotive. 7. Jehoshaphat. 8. Melchizedek. 12. A light. 14. Beg. 15. Strong. 19. Not have. 20. Law. 24. Iraqi. 25. Amen. 26. Epic. 27. Free.

World Jamboree Comments

The following are comments from the Scouting Magazine made by some of the British Scouts who joined the 40,000 Scouts from nearly 200 countries at the World Jamboree in Sweden last summer:-

“I think if someone had told me I would spend ten days emptying bins I wouldn’t have signed up, but that would have been a mistake. Being at a Jamboree isn’t about what you are doing, it’s about who you are with, and I have met some great people to stay in touch with”. ***Ben from Kent.***

“I’ve met people from Egypt, India and Haiti. The Jamboree has taught me there are many countries that need our support and help to make the world a better place”. ***Jasper from Tunbridge Wells.***

“We have met some Portuguese Scouts on our Sub Camp, when they arrived we ran up to the coach and made a tunnel for them to walk down. It was like we all knew each other already”. ***Jake from Surrey***

“We visited Scouts from Thailand and they cooked us a meal. Some are blind and one had no eyes. They made us gifts and sang to us. That is what touched me most of all at the Jamboree. When we see them around camp we say ‘hello’ in Thai” ***Shamilla from Gillingham***

“We are camped beside some Australian Scouts. They’ve shipped a barbecue over and are cooking everything on it. I had barbecued toast this morning. It was interesting”. ***Georgia from Devon.***

“I loved Camp on Camp. It was good to be with a smaller group from our unit and a smaller group from France, Belgium, Austria, and Trinidad and Tobago. It took us away from the Jamboree and gave us time to relax and reflect before returning to the mayhem”. ***Claire from Essex***

“We did the Global Development Village activity where we learned what it was like to be a refugee. We met a refugee from Slovenia who brought home the challenges they face. I’ve learned loads at the Jamboree”.

Kim from Cleveland.

“One of the solidarity Scouts from Papua New Guinea came up to me and said “I just wanted to thank you for giving me the opportunity to attend the Jamboree, It’s the best thing I have ever done in my life”. It’s these special moments that make you realise why we are all in Scouting”.

Mike – U.K. Contingent Leader.

Diary for the Month of October

Monday 1st 7.30 am PCC Meeting
Wednesday 3rd 10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
1.30 pm MU in Gatty Hall
Thursday 4th 9.30 am Holy Communion
7.30 p m Ladies' Group / Coffee Evening

Sunday 7th 18th Sunday after Trinity
10.00 am Parish Communion
12 noon Baptism Service
6.30 pm Evening Service
Wednesday 10th 10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 11th 9.30 am Holy Communion
10.30 am Prayer Meeting in Church
2.00 pm Service at Hartwell House
7.30 pm Ladies' Group / The Revd. Daniel Hartley

Sunday 14th 19th Sunday after Trinity
8.30 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Evening Service
Wednesday 17th 10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 18th 9.30 am Holy Communion
7.30 pm Ladies' Group / Coffee Evening

Sunday 21st 20th Sunday after Trinity
10.00 am Parish Communion
12 noon Baptism Service
6.30 pm Evening Service
Monday 22nd 7.30 pm Ignatian Prayer in Church
Wednesday 24th 10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 25th 9.30 am Holy Communion
7.30 pm Ladies' Group / David Battye

Sunday 28th Last Sunday after Trinity
8.30 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Evening Service

Tuesday 30th 7.30 pm Prayer Meeting in Church
Wednesday 31st 10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House

From the Registers

Baptism

2nd September Lucas James Stancer
2nd September Destiny Lesley Beal
2nd September Isabelle Jasmine Alice Hogg
16th September Sophie May Myers

May he know the love of God in his life and may all things of the Spirit live and grow in him.

Weddings

25th August Steven Morton and Louise Maher
1st September Duncan Wilson and Claire Bembrick
1st September Andrew Lee and Sarah Appleby
15th September Alex Batty and Laura Turner
16th September Royce Hoskings and Amanda Denton
22nd September Richard Mathers and Katie Bruck
22nd September Paul Coulby and Jade Cockayne

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

Flower Rota

7th October Vacant
14th October J. Adam & G. Loxley
21st October M. Sidy & J. Gittens
28th October C. Wright & S. Johns



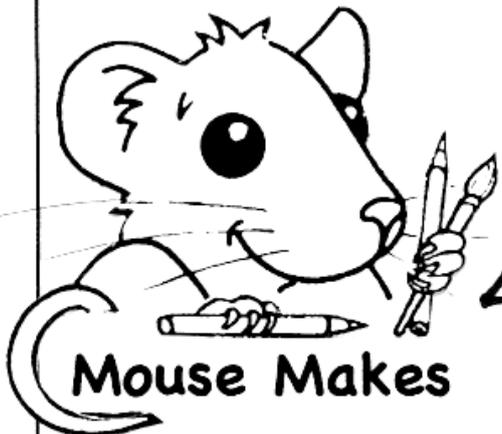
The Gardening Year October

Black Currants – These hardy shrubs do well in any part of the country. They are easy to grow and long-lived. The dark, acid berries are richer in vitamin ‘C’ than any other garden fruit and for this reason are used for medicinal drinks. For the housewife, they are a versatile fruit that can be used to make jam, fruit syrup, jelly, pies, puddings and other desserts, as well as ice creams and water ices. They also freeze well.

Planning the crop – black currants thrive in full sunshine but will also do well in slightly shaded positions, avoid pockets and hollows subject to late frosts. Buy certified disease-free plants from a reputable nursery. Enrich the soil with garden compost or farmyard manure. Planting is best done in autumn, but can be carried out at any time until March. Plant them a little deeper than they were in the nursery, using the soil mark on the stem as a guide. After planting prune the shoots to about 1in. above ground level cutting just above a bud. This means that the bushes will yield no fruit the first summer instead their energy will be used to produce vigorous new growth that will provide a crop during the second summer after planting. After fruiting subsequent pruning should be done every autumn by cutting out as much old wood as possible consistent with leaving a good supply of young wood, which bears the fruit, old wood does not bear fruit. After this pruning mulch the plants with a layer of compost, peat or manure. Dress the soil in January with 10z. of sulphate of potash and in March with 1oz. of sulphate of ammonia. Every third year apply a dressing of 2oz. of super sulphate around the bush. After spells of hard frost ensure that the bushes – which are shallow rooted – have not been lifted, if they have, firm them in with your feet. Do not disturb the roots by weeding with a fork or hoe. Regular mulching will keep down weeds.

How to raise new bushes – black currants are easy to increase from hard wood cuttings. In early October, take these from current seasons shoots that are well ripened and healthy looking. Cut off the un-ripened tip just above a bud, and the bottom just below a bud to make a cutting about 8in. long. Dig a 6in. deep ‘V’ shaped trench with one side vertical. If the soil is heavy add grit sand and compost to the trench to improve drainage. Place the cuttings in the trench and firm the soil. By the following autumn they should have rooted and be ready for their permanent positions. Remove them carefully with a fork and re-plant them, cutting them back as already described for planting young plants bought from a nursery.

Colin Williams



Mouse Makes

GOD is the one who gives seed to those who plant, and he gives bread for food. And **GOD** will give you spiritual seed and make that seed grow. He will produce a *great harvest* from your goodness"
2 Corinthians 9:10

Look out for seeds in the garden and the park and in the kitchen store cupboard.

How many different seeds can you find?

Jesus said:
"The kingdom of heaven is like a _____ seed that a man took and sowed in his field. It is the _____ of all the seeds, but when it has grown it becomes a tree, so that the wild _____ come and nest in it's branches".

Read
Matthew
13:31-32

"You do not need more faith. There is no 'more' or 'less' in faith. if you have a bare kernel of faith, say the size of a poppy seed, you could say to this sycamore tree "Go jump

into the lake", and it would do it"
Luke 17:6

So the one who plants is not important, and the one who waters is not important. Only **GOD** is important, because he is the one who makes things grow.
1 Corinthians 3:7

"So begin planting early in the morning and don't stop working until evening. You don't know what might make you rich. Maybe everything you do will be successful"
Ecclesiastes 11:6

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Having Your Cake and Eating It.

This was Daniel Hartley's title at the Mothers Union A.G.M. on Wednesday 5th September 2012. The theme is about family life and relationships and we all have a choice – a man and woman in a married relationship, a man and woman living together or the same sex relationships either permanent or otherwise.

The Media have been very prevalent regarding the controversy of same sex marriages: society can either chose to stick to how things have been for centuries regarding church attitudes to marriage or change attitudes and accept the new ways some churches are going.

Daniel would like to think of how we find ourselves in society today. He believes that a marriage between a man and a woman can have more stability, especially for any children in the relationship, than that of a couple from “broken” homes i.e. parents not married, parents divorced or one or other just leaving the family home. The children find themselves having to cope without the support of a parent and a parent's love.

Stability in a home was passed on from one generation to another. Great-grandparents and grandparents of today's society held the family home together through stability but some of today's parents tend not to go down that road and so their children will not receive the same kind of home life past generations took for granted. Therefore, more dysfunctional families will be created.

Daniel said that when he prepares couples for marriage he tries to emphasize the importance of the vows they will take and the need for stability in their future life together. To have a love which is not possessive or romantic and to support any children unselfishly throughout their lives. To be pragmatic in the way in which we live and approach family life.

The M.U. help in many ways to support family life one of which is parenting classes which they run in prisons. Their approach is not one of telling them how to live their lives but to share their own experiences with them. To introduce men and woman to the idea of commitment to one another for the rest of their lives. Through discussion they might see the merits of the married state.

The one most important factor in a stable family relationship is love.

JR

Operation Christmas Child

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Hygiene Items: Toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, hair clips, bar of soap, flannel, etc.

Other Items: Sweets (sell-by date to be at least March of the following year), gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, hat, bangles, necklaces etc.

All gifts should be new, please include items from each category.



An Invitation *Golden Wedding Anniversary* *Saturday 13th October at 3pm*



John and Jeni Fryer will be celebrating their Golden Wedding and want to invite everyone who knows them to come along and give thanks with them at a short service at St Mary's on Saturday October 13th at 3pm, followed by cheese and wine.

As we have so much for which to thank God and our family and our friends in Ecclesfield, we are hoping that lots of our friends will come. No presents please!

However if you wish to give towards church funds there will be an opportunity in church. We are hoping that word will pass around about this so please play your part and pass it on.

Looking forward to seeing you - John and Jeni

The Cathedral Archer Project

The Cathedral Archer Project (CAP) is a day centre that supports the homeless and vulnerable in Sheffield. It was founded in 1990 as a breakfast project. In 2007 CAP moved into purpose built premises in the heart of the city centre at Sheffield Cathedral.

The Cathedral Archer Project is the only centre of its kind in the heart of Sheffield. It delivers a high quality service to people from a variety of backgrounds associated with homelessness including rough sleepers, drug and alcohol addicts, women street workers, probation clients, asylum seekers and refugees. With support most will be able to establish secure lifestyles free from drugs and alcohol and the lifestyle that accompanies them.

The project serves in excess of 10,500 hot breakfasts each year, in addition to over 4,000 hot meals and other basic provisions to support the growing number of homeless people in the city. Clients can access a host of services at the centre including education (Art, Numeracy, Literacy, Crafts/Sewing, IT, Women's Group and a Keep it Safe Group for drug users), laundry services, showers, housing and benefits advice and support, food parcels, health services, telephone and internet access and a postal address for those of no fixed abode. Many of these are offered through partnership work. For giving visit - <http://archerproject.org.uk/donating>

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Investments in water quality and quantity can reduce childhood deaths caused from diarrhoea by 15-20%, better hygiene like washing hands and handling food safely reduces it by 35%, and improved sanitation reduces it by 40%. Integrating water, sanitation and hygiene education in projects is therefore essential.

Through water, sanitation and hygiene education WaterAid now helps over one million people a year. These vital projects help prevent deaths and the spread of disease, enabling people to escape the spiral of poverty and gain a better quality of life. For giving visit - <http://www.wateraid.org/uk/donate/>

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Prayers and Poems Page

What Now?

What now, for the torch has gone
And no more tales of winning gold?
We'll do what we've done all along –
And moan about the rain and cold!

By Nigel Beeton

God of All

Our God is the God of all,
The God of heaven and earth,
Of the sea and of the rivers;
The God of the sun and of the moon and of all
the stars;
The God of the lofty mountains
and of the lowly valleys.
He has his dwelling around heaven and earth,
and sea, and all that in them is.
He inspires all,
He gives life to all,
He dominates all,
He supports all.
He lights the light of the sun,
He furnishes the light of the night,
He has made springs in dry land...
He is the God of heaven and earth,
of sea and rivers,
of sun, moon and stars,
of the lofty mountain and the lowly valley,
the God above heaven,
and in heaven,
and under heaven.

A prayer of St Patrick

Prayer for Bible Sunday

Lord, thank you for the precious gift of your
word to us,
to bring light to every situation,
guidance and comfort, hope and
encouragement.
Just the right word, just when we need it.
Send your Holy Spirit
so that when we study your word
we will hear your voice and discern your will.
May we reflect your love.
May we shine for you, as we live each day in
your service,
in thankfulness for Jesus,
who is the living Word
and our living Lord and Saviour,
Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Autumn is a time of separation for many
people, as university and new jobs are
undertaken. This is an ancient Celtic
prayer sung by pilgrims and their
families at the time of parting, a prayer
for blessing and for protection in the
months ahead.

Till I come back

Life be in my speech,
Sense in what I say,
The bloom of cherries on my lips,
Till I come back again.

The love Christ Jesus gave
Be filling every heart for me,
The love Christ Jesus gave
Filling me for every one.

Traversing corries, traversing forests.
Traversing valleys long and wild -
The fair white Mary still uphold me,
The Shepherd Jesu be my shield,
The fair white Mary still uphold me,
The Shepherd Jesu be my shield.

From Carmina Gadelica

Crossword Puzzle

Clues Across

- 1** The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11)
- 9** ‘And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — — ’ (Matthew 6:13) (4,3)
- 10** Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5)
- 11** From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46) (3)
- 13** One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after Gideon’s victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4)
- 16** Metallic element (4)
- 17** At line (anag.) (6)
- 18** ‘Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree’ (Galatians 3:13) (4)
- 20** Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey’s jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4)
- 21** He succeeded Moses (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 22** ‘When he saw him, he took — on him’ (Luke 10:33) (4)
- 23** ‘For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction’ (Matthew 7:13) (4)
- 25** ‘The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers’ (2 Corinthians 4:4) (3)
- 28** Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5)
- 29** ‘We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf’ (1 Corinthians 10:17) (7)
- 30** Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11)

Clues Down

- 2** ‘For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made — ’ (1 Corinthians 15:22) (5)
- 3** ‘After supper he — the cup’ (1 Corinthians 11:25) (4)
- 4** The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul’s vision: ‘Come — to Macedonia and help us’ (Acts 16:9) (4)
- 5** He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother’s wife (Genesis 38:9) (4)
- 6** I veto me (anag.) (7)
- 7** Fourth king of Judah (1 Kings 15:24) (11)
- 8** Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18) (11)
- 12** ‘I have made you — — for the Gentiles’ (Acts 13:47) (1,5)
- 14** Implore (1 Samuel 15:25) (3)
- 15** ‘Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the — , something sweet’ (Judges 14:14) (6)

19 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do — — a man's understanding' (Proverbs 30:2) (3,4)

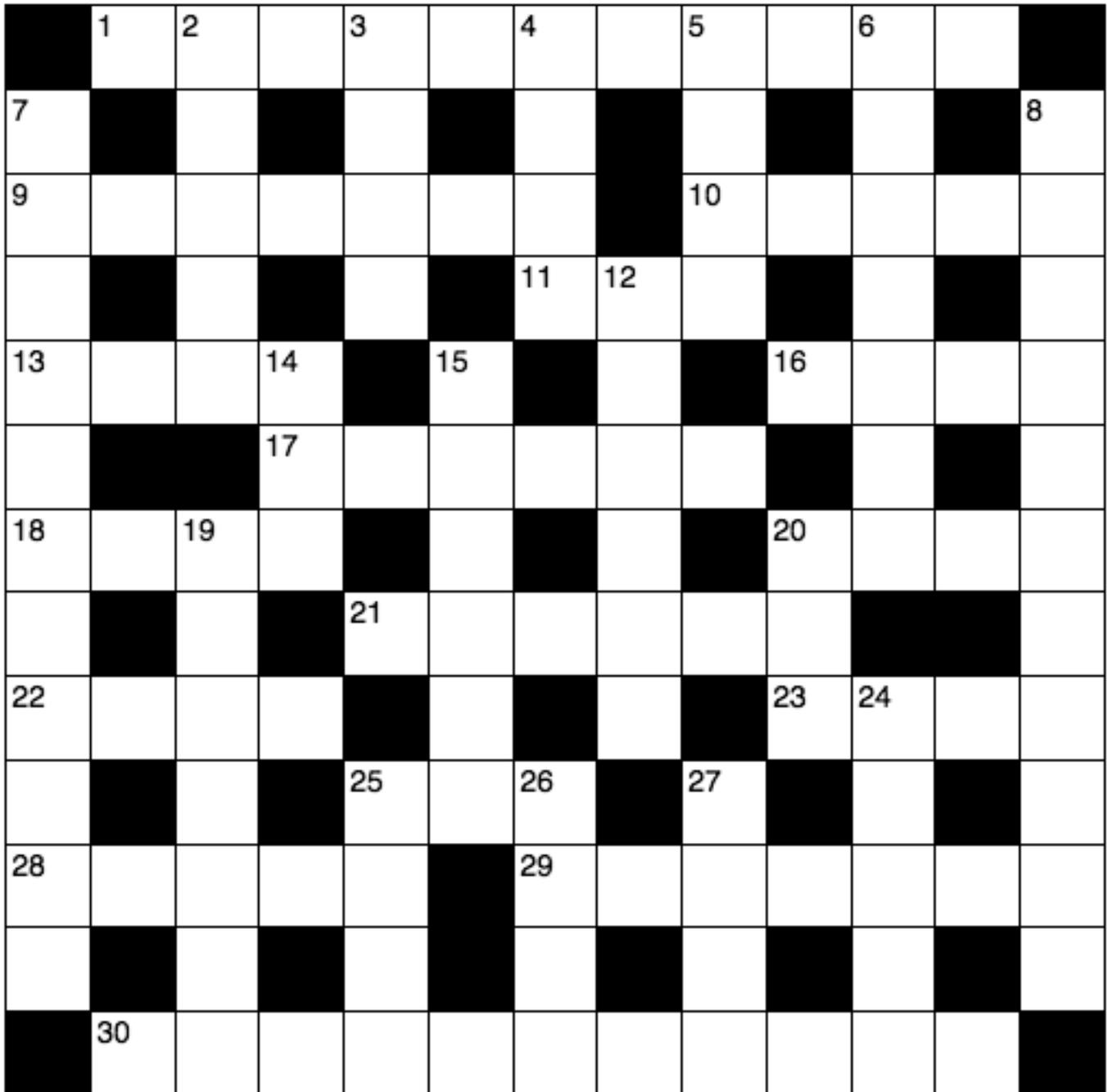
20 'Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under — , but under grace' (Romans 6:14) (3)

24 Native of, say, Baghdad (5)

25 The last word in the Bible (Revelation 22:21) (4)

26 Heroic tale (4)

27 'Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you — ' (John 8:32) (4)



Crossword Puzzle - Solution is on page 14.

Creation

During his sermon on 29th July Daniel's subject was Creation, how small seeds turn into beautiful flowers and washing up liquid can produce bubbles which give loads of fun.

This reminded me of an event which happened during one of our trips to St Mary's School in Bangalore.

Pam and I were encouraging the children to place their hands or feet into and paint and by placing them on paper could make patterns. Not one of them was enthusiastic and coaxing was needed to no avail.

I fetched a bowl of 'warm' water with bath bubbles in. Wow the bubbles were very exciting, and very new. Ecstasy could be seen on the children's faces as they washed after painting. They only had cold water at home and certainly no bubbles. This game was a great hit.

The next time we were in the city we managed a couple of pots of bubbles. The children loved blowing bubbles, but while one hand was holding the blower, the other was tipping the liquid on the floor. We soon ran out of shower gel, but the children had really enjoyed a new experience.

Heather Johnson

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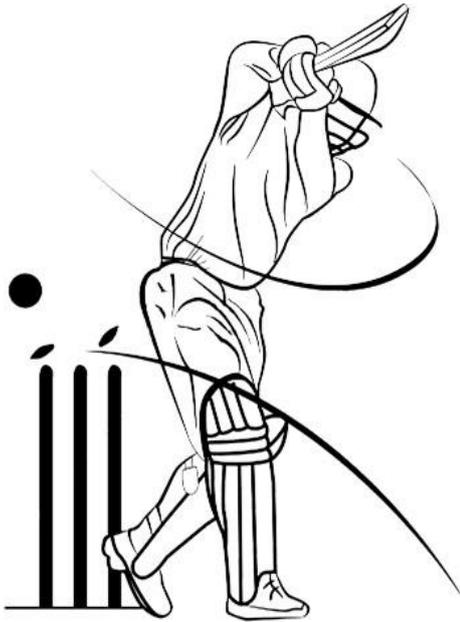
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2012 has been a rather unusual season. The main feature for most of the season has been the weather with more matches cancelled and affected by rain than in the living memory of most people! However, the season has had a golden finish. The first XI finished runners up in the South Yorkshire Premier League to Treeton (who they never played in the league because of cancellations). And they have succeeded in two magnificent cup competitions. First they won the Yorkshire Cricket Council Champions Trophy by beating New Farnley from Central Yorkshire at Methley CC on September 9th.

To top this, they then beat Wrenthorpe, also from Central Yorkshire, for the second successive year at Elsecar CC on September 16th to raise the Black Sheep All Yorkshire Champions Cup at Elsecar CC.



Black Sheep All Yorkshire Champions Cup

The 2nd XI has also had a solid year, finishing mid-table in the South Yorkshire Division 2 and the third team, the colts has achieved top place in the south Yorkshire alliance and promotion to Division 2.

Andrew Robinson

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Ecclesfield Brownies

Gatty Hall
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