

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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First Words...

- **Men's Breakfast – Saturday 12th October, 9.00 am at The Top Red Lion, Grenoside**

We're having the first meeting of our Men's Breakfast as stated above. There's a sign-up sheet in Church and this will be collected in on Sunday 6th October.

This is open to any men of the Parish and is not restricted to Church members

- **One Family – Lots of Activities**

It's pleasing to see so many new ventures in the life of our Church, as well as so many established ventures doing well. As a Church though, let us remember that we are committed to meeting together on a Sunday morning at 10.00 am. It's been fantastic to see such a diversity of people at this Service.

Daniel Hartley



Prayer for Month

The Collect for Harvest Festival

Eternal God,
you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
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Amen

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The Vicars' Letter

The Church of the future

What will the Church of the future like? In one sense this is a question that we cannot answer. We are promised that the Church will continue to exist and that it will thrive where there is faithfulness, but we are uncertain as to how it will look in the future. Although we cannot predict what the Church will look like we can plan for its effective “reproduction”.

Institutional reproduction is similar to biological reproduction. When we have children we do not know what they will look like and we do not know where their specific journey of life will take them, but we do know that we are called to equip them with the values and resources that they need for the future. It is the same when an institution or organisation seeks to plan for its future. To effectively reproduce the Church from one generation to another takes planning and effort. It means that we, as the Church, need to be focussed on mission and growth and to find meaning and fulfilment in these activities. It's too easy to see the Church as some sort of spiritual service provider that we come to as receivers. It's far more challenging to see the Church as a collection of people called to serve God and to effectively communicate, in Word and Sacrament, the love of God to the next generation of Christians.

We live in an age when the Church has often given a green light to passive inactivity from its members. We don't want to scare people off so we don't make demands. Yet the Gospel does make demands. There is nothing half-hearted about faith in Jesus Christ. It does matter that we join together on a Sunday morning to worship. It does matter that following Christ is a collective endeavour where each member of the Church is responsive to the needs of the others. It does matter that our moral lives conform to the teachings of Christ.

I would suggest that to effectively reproduce the Church from this generation to the next involves clarity and boldness. People will not commit to an organisation that celebrates vagueness, but will instead commit to an organisation that provides a framework of meaning; a framework of meaning that allows them to build their lives around the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Daniel Hartley

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THE DIOCESE OF SHEFFIELD
 Welcome to St Mary's Parish Church, Ecclesfield

Cricket St Thomas

While on holiday in Somerset we visited the parish church of Cricket St Thomas and found it had links to Lord Nelson like our church has; a note was made of this as follows: -

Charlotte Nelson's father, the Reverend William, Earl Nelson and Duke of Bronte, stands on the left side of the chancel.

His body was buried in St Paul's Cathedral beside that of his brother Admiral Horatio Nelson.

Also a notice on the porch door read as follows:

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Why not try coming on your own sometime?

TP

Scout Group - Letter from Camp

Dear Mum

Our Scout leader told us to write to our parents in case you saw the flood on TV and got worried. We are okay. Only one of our tents and two sleeping bags got washed away, luckily, none of us got drowned because we were all up on the mountain looking for Adam when it happened. Oh yes, please phone Adam's mother and tell her he is okay. He can't write because of the cast. I got to ride in one of the search and rescue Land Rovers. It was great, but we'd never have found Adam in the dark if it hadn't been for the lightening.

Scout Leader Phil got mad at Adam for going on a hike without telling anyone. Adam said he did tell him, but it was during the fire so he probably didn't hear him. Did you know if you put gas on a fire the gas will blow up? The wet wood didn't burn, but one of our tents did and also some of our clothes. Matthew is going to look weird until his hair grows back. We will be home on Saturday if Scout Leader Phil gets the bus fixed. It wasn't his fault about the crash... The brakes worked okay when we left. Scout Leader Phil said with a bus that old you have to expect something to break down, that's probably why he can't get insurance. We think it's a super bus. He doesn't care if we get it dirty, and if it's hot he lets us ride on the roof. It gets pretty hot with 45 people in a bus made for 24. He let us take turns riding in the trailer until the policeman stopped us and talked to us. Don't worry Leader Phil is a good driver, in fact, he is teaching James how to drive on the mountain roads where there aren't any cops, all we see up there are huge logging trucks.

This morning all of the guys were diving off the rocks and swimming out to the rapids. Leader Phil wouldn't let me because I can't swim, and Adam was afraid he would sink because of his cast (it's concrete because we didn't have any plaster) so he let us take out the canoe. It was great. You can still see some of the trees under the water. Leader Phil isn't crabby like some Scout Leaders. He didn't even get mad about the life jackets!! He has to spend a lot of time working on the bus so we are trying not to cause him any more trouble.

Guess what? We have all passed our First Aid badge. When Harry dived into the lake and cut his arm we all got to see how a tourniquet works. Steven and I threw up, but Leader Phil said it was probably just food poisoning from the left over chicken. I have to go now. We are going into the town to post our letters and buy some more beer and ammo. Don't worry about anything, we are fine.

PM



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The Bishop's Letter – October 2013

'Healthy Churches'

Ann and I were able to spend some time in Barbados this summer. We were there at the invitation of the Church in the Province of the West Indies. Representatives from the eight dioceses gathered on the campus of the University of the West Indies for nine days. The main theme of the Congress was Challenges facing families in the West Indies. I was invited to address the Congress and a separate meeting with the Bishops on Evangelism and the experience of the Church of England in this area (and, yes, we did combine the visit with some holiday).



The final address of the congress was on the Church's role in promoting public health by a passionate Professor of Medicine, Trevor Hassell. He made a simple and direct appeal to the churches in the Province to be agents and promoters of good health with the emphasis on promoting good diet, an active lifestyle, campaigning against exposure to tobacco and for moderate consumption of alcohol. These four factors are major contributors to the four major causes of premature death in the West Indies (diabetes, hypertension, cancer and heart disease).

I realised part way through his presentation that what Professor Hassell was saying was every bit as relevant to churches in the Diocese of Sheffield which have a similar potential to promote public health (and in an area which needs good models). Sometimes we have to travel a long way to learn the simplest things.

The Church has a great deal to contribute and to say about health. We believe God is concerned for the whole person. Normally when we venture into this area we focus on prayer for healing in times of real illness and, of course, that is important. But surely it is just as important to do what we can to promote good health in our congregations and wider communities.

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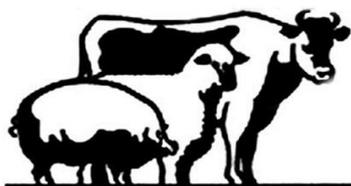
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Will You Remember Them – October

King of Jordan's Defence of Arab Christians: -

“We support every effort to preserve the historical Arab Christian Identity, and safeguard the right to worship freely”

He was speaking in September at a conference that he and Prince Ghazi bin Muhammad, the King's Chief Advisor for Religious and Cultural Affairs, had convened to address the challenges facing Arab Christians, in particular those in Syria and Egypt. Concerned about the marginalization and violent persecution of Christians since the Arab Spring, Jordan's royal family invited more than 70 high-ranking representatives of Middle Eastern churches, as well as Muslim clerics and academics, to come together and consider possible solutions to the issue, calling for inter-faith cooperation. King Abdullah stressed that “Arab Christians have played a key role in building Arab societies” and that the protection of their rights was “a duty rather than a favour”.

Prince Ghazi spoke of Christians long history in the Middle East: “Christians were in this region before Muslims. They are not strangers, nor colonists, nor foreigners. They are the natives of these lands and Arabs, just as Muslims are.” The conference, which took place in the Jordanian capital, Amman, on the 3 and 4 September, was very timely as the threat to Christians in Syria and Egypt mounts.

The efforts of King Abdullah to speak out in defence of and rally support for Arab Christians are therefore extremely heartening. He has been putting his head above the parapet on this delicate issue in what is an extremely hostile climate. He appealed to Muslim leaders to curb sectarian tensions and violence, particularly in Syria, which, he warned, threatened to “destroy” the Arab and Muslim world. While Jordan does not have an exemplary record in its treatment of Christians, especially converts from Islam, the small Christian community there does enjoy a much greater degree of freedom, as well as opportunity in public life, than their counterparts in most other Arab lands.

The Jordanian monarchy styles itself as the protector of the country's Christian minority, and some leading figures in Jordan have been prominent in the inter-faith dialogue movement. But they desperately lack support among other Arab and world leaders for this vital cause. King Abdullah's speech, while welcome, amplifies the deafening silence of the West. And it is a woeful state of affairs when the ruler of the Sunni Muslim kingdom of Jordan is coming to the defence of Arab Christians when Western nations, which share their faith heritage, are not.

Please Pray for all who are working to help resolve the situation in the middle-east, that they may become channels of God's Peace. **Amen**

JD

Christmas Tree Festival



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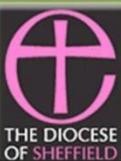
Friday 13th December 10am to 6pm
Saturday 14th December 10am to 6pm
Sunday 15th December 1pm to 5pm

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The Bishop's Letter – October 2013 Continued

According to Professor Hassell that means being prepared to set good examples and, for example, to watch over the kind of food and drink offered at Church events, encouragement to live an active lifestyle and good models of diet and nutrition, particularly for children. Churches can offer powerful models of good hospitality and healthy diet.

I look forward to many visits to churches across the diocese this autumn and to the excellent hospitality parishes offer (which I always appreciate). I look forward to thinking together about how parish churches can influence the health of their whole community.

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St IGNATIUS feast day October 17th

Born in Syria, Ignatius converted to Christianity at an early age and eventually became bishop of Antioch. A tradition arose that he was one of the children whom Jesus had taken in his arms and blessed. Ignatius called himself 'God Bearer'.

Ignatius is responsible for the first known use of the Greek word 'katholikos' meaning universal and whole to describe the church, he wrote: "Wherever the bishop appears, there let the people be; as wherever Jesus Christ is, there is the Catholic Church.

In the year 107, the Roman Emperor Trajan visited Antioch and forced the Christians living there to choose between death and denying Christ. Ignatius would not deny his Lord and so was condemned to be put to death in Rome.



Ignatius bravely met the lions in the Circus Maximus in Rome; dying

and living as a witness to his belief.

LIONS in the BIBLE

Not just in the arena in Rome, there are quite a few lions mentioned in the Bible...

1. An angel shut the lions' mouths so that they couldn't eat him (Daniel, chapter 6)
2. Who will lead the lion, wolf, lamb, goat and calf? (Isaiah, chapter 11)
3. He killed the lions or bears that threatened his father's flocks (1 Samuel, chapter 17)
4. Who is like a roaring lion looking for someone to eat? (1 Peter, chapter 5)
5. He killed a lion on a day when it had snowed (2 Samuel, chapter 23)
6. The first creature was like a lion, what were the 2nd, 3rd and 4th creatures like? (Revelation, chapter 4)



On which day do lions eat people?

Chewsday.

What did the lioness say to her cubs when she taught them to hunt?



'Don't go over the road till you see the zebra crossing.'



1. Daniel
2. A little child
3. David
4. the devil
5. Benaiah, son of Jehoiada
6. A calf, a face like a man and a flying eagle.

Diary for the Month of October 2013

Wednesday 2 nd	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	1.00 pm	MU in the Gatty Hall / Kay Thompson – Scouting in Hospital
Thursday 3 rd	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.00 pm	Christmas Tree Festival Meeting
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group in the Gatty Hall /Coffee Evening
Saturday 5 th	4.00 pm	Visiting tower team from Scarborough
Sunday 6th		The 19th Sunday After Trinity
	10.00 am	Parish Communion Baptism Service Evening Service
Monday 7 th	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting
Wednesday 9 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 10 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	2.00 pm	Service at Hartwell House
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group in the Gatty Hall / Pam Morris – Lovely Leather
Friday 11 th	6.00 pm	Harvest Supper No Bell Practice
Sunday 13th		Harvest Festival
	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Tuesday 15 th	7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting in Church
Wednesday 16 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 17 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group in the Gatty Hall / Coffee Evening
Saturday 19 th	7.00 pm	Emley Band Concert in Church
Sunday 20th		The 21st Sunday After Trinity
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	4.00 pm	Living Stones
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Monday 21 st	7.30 pm	Outreach Team Meeting
Wednesday 23 rd	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House

Thursday 24 th	9.30 am Holy Communion
	10.30 am Prayer Meeting in Church
	7.30 pm Finance Meeting
	7.30 pm Ladies' Group in the Gatty Hall / The Revd. Page
Sunday 27th	The Last Sunday After Trinity
	8.30 am Holy Communion
	10.00 am Parish Communion
	6.30 pm Evening Prayer
Monday 28 th	7.30 pm Ignatian Prayer in Church
Wednesday 30 th	10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 31 st	9.30 am Holy Communion
	7.30 pm Ladies' Group in the Gatty Hall /Shoe Boxes

From the Registers

Baptisms

1st September	Darcy May Kenyon
1 st September	Henry Samuel Levers
1 st September	Heidi Louise Bradley

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

Weddings

6th September	Christopher Peter Spooner and Frances Mary Kinsella
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*May each be to the other strength in need a comfort in sorrow
and a companion in joy.*

Flower Rota

6th October	Vacant
13th October	J. Adam & G. Loxley
20th October	M. Sidy & J. Gittens
27th October	C. Wright & S. Johns



Gardening Year - October

Lawns – On many lawns surface drainage is the problem. On heavy soils, particularly those subjected to a great deal of traffic, compaction of the surface occurs forming an impervious layer which prevents water percolating downwards so that pools of water stand on the surface. This type of impeded drainage is comparatively easy to remedy. First thoroughly rake or scarify the area, then open up the surface with a garden fork at least 4in. deep and 3in. apart, apply sharp sand and compost liberally and work them thoroughly into the turf surface. Finally, treat with an autumn fertiliser to encourage growth. Prevent foot traffic or wear on the surface during wet weather.

Hardy Herbaceous Plants – October, when the soil is warm and not too wet and plants make new roots quickly is the best month for planting most herbaceous perennials. Insert the plant upright put the soil back so that it falls between as well as on the roots until levelled off. Firm the soil either with the fingers if the soil is moist and lumpy or with the heel if it is fairly loose and dry make sure the plant when firmed is no more than 1in. deeper than it was before being dug up. The soil line indicating its previous depth is marked by a change in colour where the plant has a stem or foliage – or no more than 1in. below the surface if the plant consists of roots and dormant buds, like peonies, or of crowns like hostas. Some kinds will show no sign of growth until well into spring so if you have not made a plan showing the name of each plant in its correct position mark the position of plants by labelling each plant.

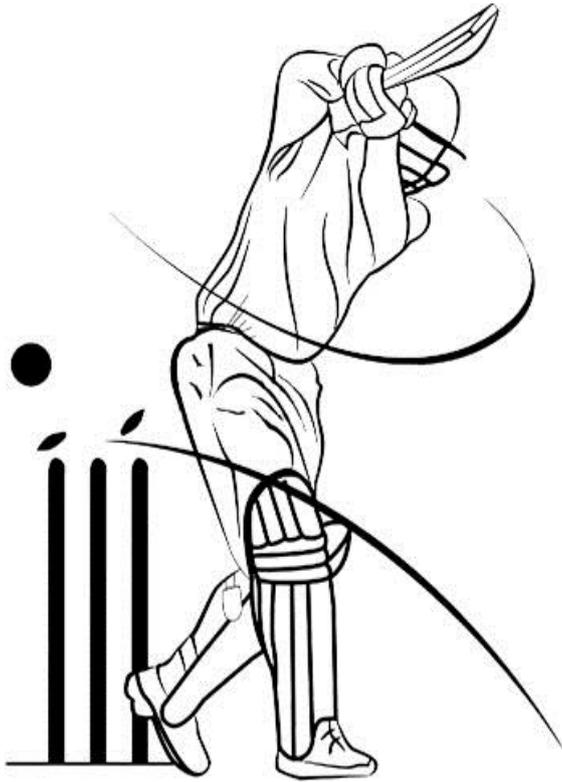
Dahlias – as soon as the first frosts blacken the foliage and stems cut them down to about 6in. above ground. Then with a fork carefully dig up the plants without damaging any of the fleshy tubers. If any tubers are damaged cut the damaged parts away with a sharp knife and dust the cuts with flowers of sulphur. Remove as much soil as possible then stand the plant upside down in a frost free place for about a week to allow the sap in the stems to dry out. Place the plants in shallow boxes and just cover the tubers with slightly damp peat or compost take care not to allow any peat to come into contact with the crown of the plant, it is from this point that new growth will appear next spring and it is vital that no rotting takes place here. Shoots are not produced from the fat fleshy tubers which are merely food reservoirs. Place the boxes of tubers in a frost free area.

Fruit – October is the best planting month for most fruit trees also for taking cuttings of gooseberries and currants. Prepare cuttings 10-15in. long from this seasons growth, trim the lower end to just below a bud and rub off all but the top four buds at the top these will eventually form the branches, plant in gritty compost about 5in. deep.

Vegetables – clear away the growth of peas, beans and cabbage stumps as picking is completed. Prepare vacant ground by digging over incorporating farmyard manure or garden compost and leave the soil rough for the winter.

Colin Williams

Whitley Hall Cricket Club



It has been quite a season, with the 1st XI in first and second place most of the time chasing the Premier League title. By 24th August it looked as though Wickersley had the season tied up but the imposition of a 21 point deduction for disciplinary reasons gave Whitley a second chance. However, our continued failure to gain bonus points for bowling out the opposition and the intervention of the weather at Treeton on the penultimate weekend gave Elsecar the final advantage. In the end, we missed out by just 2 points to new champions, Elsecar. With a much better summer than in the past two years, it is interesting to note that the 1st XI had nearly as many matches affected by weather this season as last, with two games

not started and three abandoned. As with last season, we had more rain affected matches than any other club.

However, it has still been a good season. Although the All Yorkshire Black Sheep Trophy has slipped from our hands, a tally of Whitworth cup Winners, Yorkshire Council Trophy winners and Premier League runners up is more than satisfactory!

The second X1 secured their place in Division 2 for next season and won the President's Trophy and the third team, The Colts, won their league. So, all in all, a very satisfactory season.

Looking forward to a successful and rain-free 2014.

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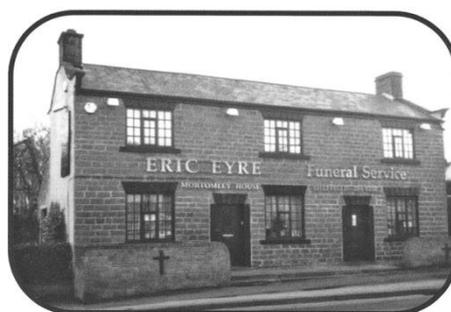
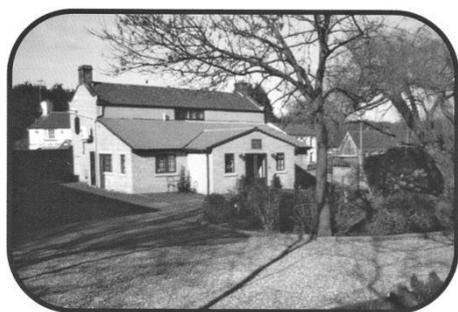
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Prayers and Poems Page

From the Darkness

O gentle Christ, ever thanks to thee,
That thou from the dark hast raised me free
And from the coldness of last night's space
To the gentle light of this day's grace.

O God of all creatures, praise to thee
As to each life thou hast poured on me,
My wish, my word, my sense, my man
praise,
My thought, my deed, my fame, and my
ways.

Prayer of thanks for the Bible

Thank you, Father, for the precious gift of
the bible to guide us and to teach us.
Thank you for the obedience of those who
wrote the 66 books so long ago, and for
the inspiration of your Holy Spirit who
interprets them afresh for each generation,
including ours. Thank you for the freedom
we have to read your word today, and we
ask for your help for those who don't have
that freedom.

But most of all, thank you Father, that if
we put our trust in Jesus, those black
words on white paper jump into life and
you reveal him to us more and more every
day, again by your life-giving Spirit.
Please show us, through your word, how to
live lives that honour you and reflect your
kingdom values.

In the name of the Living Word, Jesus.

Amen.

The Guarding of the God of Life

The God of life with guarding hold you,
The loving Christ with guarding fold you,
The Holy Spirit, guarding, mould you,
Each night of life to aid, enfold you
Each day and night of life uphold you.

Both from Poems of the Western Highlanders

Storm clouds

Overhead storm clouds will gather,
Buildings will crumble to dust;
Nations will war on each other
Hungry men kill for a crust.
Though men may fall into error
And come against us with terror,
We of glad tidings the bearer –
In Jesus Christ we can trust,
Yes – in Jesus Christ we can trust!

There may come days filled with danger,
There will be times of great strife
Friends shun you, treat you as stranger –
Wounds will cut deep like a knife.
Although the devil be near you,
Cry and your Father will hear you,
He in His strong arms will bear you
Your constant friend all your life,
Yes - your constant friend all your life!

Sorrows may try to ensnare us,
Evil will pestilence bring;
We'll not be led from our prayers –
Our Saviour is coming again!
When the last trumpet is sounded,
And Satan and Hell are confounded;
We'll praise, with rapture unbounded
Our Mighty, Victorious, King
Oh, Our Mighty Victorious King!
Yes – our Mighty Victorious King!

By Nigel Beeton

Crossword Puzzle

Clues Across

- 1** Tertullus, who presented the high priest's case against Paul in his trial before Felix, was one (Acts 24:1) (6)
- 4** As balm (anag.) (6)
- 8** Having explored Canaan, he and Joshua urged the Israelites to take possession of it (Numbers 13:30) (5)
- 9** On becoming king of Judah, he had all six of his brothers killed (2 Chronicles 21:4) (7)
- 10** 'Even the — has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself' (Psalm 84:3) (7)
- 11** Banishment (Jeremiah29:1) (5)
- 12** 'And now I will show you the most — way' (1Corinthians12:31) (9)
- 17** 'Titus did not exploit you, did he? Did we not —— the same spirit and follow the same course?' (2 Corinthians 12:18) (3, 2)
- 19** Mice den (anag.)(7)
- 21** How Egypt is often described in the Old Testament: 'the land of — ' (Exodus 13:3) (7)
- 22** One of the first Levites to resettle in Jerusalem after the exile in Babylon (1 Chronicles 9:15) (5)
- 23** 'As a sheep before her shearers is —, so he did not open his mouth' (Isaiah 53:7) (6)
- 24** Paul's birthplace (Acts22:3) (6)

Clues Down

- 1** Ravenous insect inflicted on Egypt in vast numbers as the eighth plague (Exodus 10:14) (6)
- 2** Well-being (Philippians 2:20) (7)
- 3** Small piece of live coal or wood in a dying fire (Psalm 102:3) (5)
- 5** Sportsman or woman (2 Timothy 2:5) (7)
- 6** The original name of Abraham's wife (Genesis 17:15) (5)
- 7** 'So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each — belongs to all the others' (Romans 12:5) (6)
- 9** According to Peter, a wife's beauty should not come from wearing this (1 Peter 3:3) (9)
- 13** 'For God did not send his Son into the world to — the world' (John 3:17) (7)

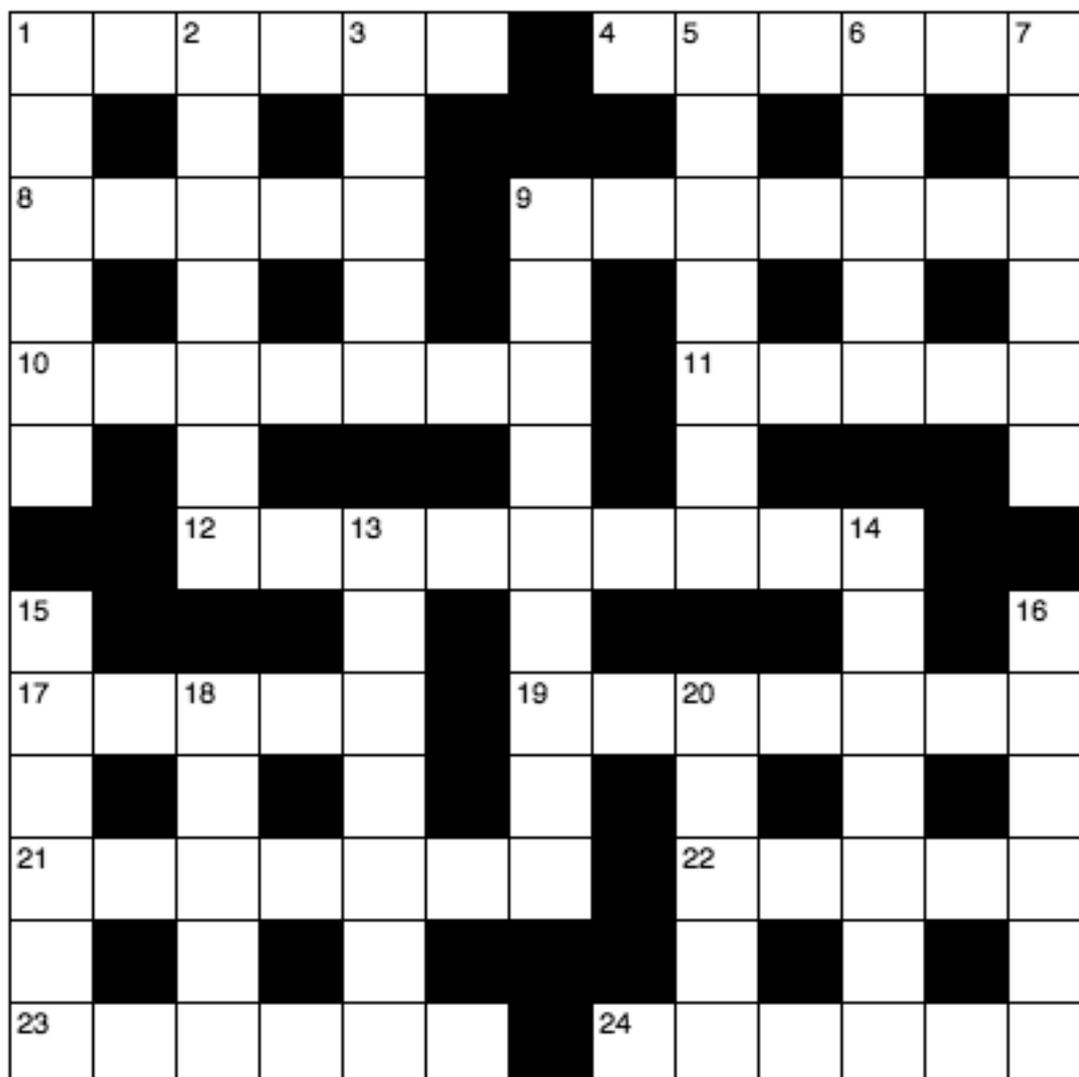
14 ‘The Lord of heaven and earth...does not live in — built by hands’ (Acts 17:24) (7)

15 ‘If your hand — you to sin, cut it off’ (Mark9:43)(6)

16 Something like these fell from Saul’s eyes as soon as Ananias placed his hands on him (Acts 9:18) (6)

18 Track (Job41:30) (5)

20 Religious doctrine (5)



Crossword Puzzle - Solution is on page 21

Henry Ford’s secret

When the late Mr and Mrs Henry Ford celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, a reporter asked them: “To what do you attribute your fifty years of successful married life?”

“The formula,” said Ford, “Is the same formula I have always used in making cars – just stick to one model.”

Saint of the Month - Francis Borgia – Day 10th October

Here is a saint for you if you have lost the person you love. Here is a saint for you if you would not let your wealth and security stop you from doing something daringly good with your life.

Francis Borgia certainly began with it ‘all’. He was the son of a duke, the great-grandson of Pope Alexander VI, and also of King Ferdinand V of Aragon. He was a fast-tracker in his career: by 18 he was recognised at the Emperor’s court, and by 19 he was Viceroy of all Catalonia. Soon he was made Duke of Gandia, and then discovered that his magistrates were corrupt. The first big crisis of his life had arrived.

Francis suppressed the corruption – and paid the price. He was scorned at court. So he retired to his estate, and instead of planning revenge, planned for more good: he began a Dominican foundation and restored a hospital for his grateful people.

Then in 1546 the second crisis of his life hit him: his wife died, leaving him and their eight children stricken with grief. Instead of remarrying, or turning to warfare, Francis resigned his dukedom in favour of his son, and secretly joined the Society of Jesus.

Francis tried hard to conceal his rank, but his ability could not be hidden. After his ordination, his experience in governing all of Catalonia was put to good use – he was made Commissary for Spain and Portugal, where he founded many colleges and other houses. By 1561 he was called to Rome, and in 1565 he was elected General of the Jesuits.

For the remaining seven years of his life, Francis stirred up a whirlwind: reforming the lives of Christians throughout Europe by inspiring and supporting his clergy. He was so zealous that he has been called the Jesuits’ second founder. He helped found what would become the Gregorian University in Rome, established a new province in Poland, began missionary work in the Americas, and organised relief for the plague-stricken of Rome. When he finally collapsed, worn out with hard work, he prayed for each of his children and grandchildren in turn, blessing them with a thankful heart before he died.

Francis Borgia was born to worldly greatness, but achieved personal greatness by his indifference to wealth and power: above all he loved God, and wanted to serve Jesus Christ in whatever way presented itself.

Thank You

I would like to thank all friends at St' Mary's, The Ladies Group, Line Dancing and Luncheon Club for their many beautiful cards, gifts and prayers, I received during my recent illness.

I would also like to thank my friends and neighbours. Last but not least I thank my wonderful family Roy, Julie and Richard for their wonderful care and Deborah, Amelia and Lois for their love, who saw very little of their husband and Daddy for a number of weeks. I am feeling much better now.

Thank You.

Doreen Nutbrown



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Tel: TBA

Ecclesfield Brownies

Gatty Hall
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Leader - Mrs J Hutchinson
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Ecclesfield Brownies

Gatty Hall
Tuesday 6.15 pm to 7.45 pm
Leader - Mrs A. Kendall
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Ecclesfield Guides

Gatty Hall
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Secretary –Carol Travis

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0114 246 0218
Thursday 6.00 -7.15 pm
Rachael Otter 0114 246 1752

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Buckfast Abbey – Devon

Buckfast Abbey is a Benedictine monastery on the edge of Dartmoor and was founded in 1018 and absorbed into the Cistercian order of monks in 1147. It grew throughout the middle ages until its closure in 1539 by King Henry V111. The buildings were converted or allowed to fall into ruin, but in 1882 a group of Benedictine monks, exiled from France settled at Buckfast and eventually set about rebuilding the Abbey. It now seems incredible that a team of no more than six monks completed the work in 30 years, especially as only one - Brother Peter - had any experience as a builder. This feat was made possible by their unshakeable determination to build a lasting symbol of monastic heritage and a living community dedicated to following the Benedictine Rule. Today Buckfast Abbey is the only English medieval monastery to have been restored and used again for its original purpose. The monks here pray and work in the exact spot and in the same ways that their predecessors did nearly a thousand years ago. They follow the guidelines that were set down by their founder, St Benedict, in the fifth century, and support themselves by beekeeping, land management, wine production and hospitality. The grounds are incredibly beautiful and peaceful, with sensory gardens of Lavender and Herbs.

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