

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



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## First Words...

- **Patronal Festival And Mothers' Union Sunday – 8<sup>th</sup> September**

Come along to our Patronal Celebrations on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 10.00 am.

- **Syria**

The people of Syria have been in our prayers for some time now due to the escalating conflict there. Please continue to pray for all those in Syria, but offer particular prayers for our brother and sister Christians in that place as they face on going persecution.

- **Teach Your Children And Grandchildren About Food!**

There's a lot of talk about food in the media again at the moment, partly thanks to Jamie Oliver! We are told time and time again that people no longer know how to cook and instead rely on take away meals and processed foods. Parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles – if you don't step up and teach today's children about food then who will? It's not the State that's failing, it's you and me.

*Daniel Hartley*



## Prayer for Month

### Patronal Prayer for St Mary's, Ecclesfield

Almighty God,  
who looked upon the lowliness of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
and chose her to be the mother of your only Son:  
grant that we who are redeemed by his blood  
may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom;  
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 - In praise of routine

August is often the time for holidays; a break from the routine, from the ordinary, from the everyday. It's good to refresh, relax and recharge. Then comes September and a return to normality. Whether we have children or not, there is a sense that August is a bit different from other months and that September marks the return to a routine. Is this bad? Well it's certainly less exciting. Difference and "newness" can awaken our senses and help us to appreciate life in a new way. But this month I want to say some words in praise of routine, ordinariness and the everyday.

We can all too easily spend our lives looking for the next "high" - physical, emotional or spiritual. We can put up with the here-and-now as we take consolation from the imagined future. Sometimes this can be dreariness of work looking to the partying at weekends. Sometimes this can be the hard slog all year looking to the annual holiday next August. Sometimes this can be a life half lived in the hope of a future change that is always just around the corner. In all of these instances the routine, ordinary and everyday are things that we put up with; the inconvenient backdrops against which our "real" lives can be defined.

Yet this need not be the case. Instead we can set ourselves a challenge this September. We can look at the routine, the ordinary and the everyday as containers of treasure. We can find the things in our own lives that define who we are and celebrate these. We can find moments of enjoyment and fulfilment in the most mundane of places and at the most mundane of times. Isn't this the Incarnation? God reveals the fullness of salvation in the very midst of the ordinariness of life – the stable in Bethlehem. To follow in the footsteps of the Incarnation is to allow our ordinariness to be transformed by God. Our present life is no longer to be endured in the vague hope of something better in the future. Instead it is to be lived in the fully transformed here-and-now.

September may seem a little bit duller than August, but so what? We can easily say "that's it for another year" or we can open our eyes and look around. We can look around and realise that, in Christ, all that appears to be ordinary is, in fact, extraordinary. You, me and the whole of creation.

*Daniel Hartley*



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# Fun with the Mothers' Union

On Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July the Mothers' Union held their annual Garden Party.

The day dawned nice and sunny but with a strong breeze and therefore the decision was made to hold the event in the Church. Tea was served with scones decorated with strawberries and cream and of course the usual array of wonderful Ecclesfield cakes. All who came enjoyed the afternoon of fellowship and tea.

The event raised £125 for the Wheels Appeal which helps members abroad to be able to travel the long distances.

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July dawned bright and sunny and 43 of us set out for Sledmere House which is near Driffeld in North Yorkshire.

Sledmere is a Georgian House – And it is also an Edwardian House. Sir Christopher Sykes, 2nd baronet, rebuilt and redecorated the house in the 1790s, but in 1911 it was almost completely destroyed by fire. Fortunately most of the contents were rescued and they can still be seen on view today. It is worth a



visit just to see the splendour of Joseph Rose's plasterwork and the fine examples of furniture by Chippendale, Hepplewhite and Sheraton.

We all enjoyed a wonderful tour of the house where the present Baronet lives. To our amazement we were allowed to sit on Chippendale chairs etc. The guides were full of knowledge and it was a really great tour.

Many of us then enjoyed picnic lunches in the sunshine, afterwards visiting the walled garden, the parterre garden, the chapel and the church.

It was a really enjoyable day and I think we would all recommend that if you have not already visited Sledmere that you make it one of those places you need to visit before you die. Some were heard to say it was the best MU trip ever.

*S. Hartshorne*





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# The Bishop's Letter – September 2013

## ‘Recreation’

When I was a boy, we had a park near our house with some swings, a see-saw, a roundabout, one of those big slides you never see anymore and a big area of grass for playing football. It was a great place but the thing which puzzled me most when I was little was the name. It was called (I thought) “The Wreck”.

I looked in some excitement for a shipwreck but couldn't find one. Then I thought it must be a reference to the untidiness of the place. Had someone wrecked it? It was scruffy but not that bad. I was much older when I learned that “Rec” was short for “Recreation Ground”.



I can't see the word “Recreation” without thinking even now of that small park where I played football (very badly). But stay with me. Recreation is actually a word full of meaning. Most people now use the words to refer to a hobby, a pastime, something they enjoy doing. These small, personal parts of our lives are very important. Some professions, particularly the armed forces, speak of “R & R” – rest and recreation. These are vital themes for Christians who believe God created the one day in seven for exactly that purpose. Pottering in the back garden, card making, five a side football are all part of the rich gift God gives us in the ordinary rhythm of life.

But think about the word again. There is more to it even than this. We are talking about “Re-creation” – literally being made new or created all over again. Now we are deep into Christian territory. Being a Christian is all about being made new. “If anyone is in Christ”, writes Paul, “there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see everything has become new” (2 Corinthians 5.17). God comes to dwell in our hearts by his Holy Spirit to change us and renew us through the whole course of our lives.

A little earlier in the same letter, Paul writes: “Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day” (4.16).

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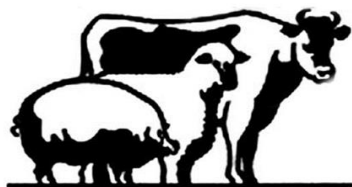
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# Will You Remember Them - September 2013

## **Convert from Islam jailed for ten years for Christian activities in Iran.**

A convert from Islam has been sentenced to ten years in jail for his Christian activities in Iran; he confessed to distributing 12,000 pocket – sized Gospels in the strict Islamic country. Mohammad – Hadi Bordbar, known as Mostafa, from Rashi was charged with membership of an “anti –security organization” and gathering with intent to commit crimes against Iranian national security; he was given five years imprisonment for each offence. His lawyer is appealing against the conviction and sentence, which was issued on 9<sup>th</sup> June, arguing that the two charges are effectively the same and Mostafa is therefore being punished twice for one crime. Such charges are typical pretexts the Iranian authorities use to prosecute Christians. A breakdown of the charges in court documents reveal that it was Mostafa’s Christian activities for which he was penalized. They refer to his confession in court that he had left Islam to follow Christianity, considers evangelism his duty and has distributed 12,000 Gospels. The papers also refer to Mostafa’s baptism, attendance at and leadership of house church gatherings, and translation and dubbing of Christian films, and the discovery of 6,000 Gospels and other Christian books and CDs in his house.

Mostafa was arrested in a raid on a house church gathering in Tehran on 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2012. The 15 plainclothes officers held everyone in attendance, around 50 converts, for hours and subjected them to interrogation. Mostafa had previously been arrested in 2009, for converting to Christianity and attending a house church. He was subsequently found guilty of apostasy (leaving Islam) but freed on bail. The apostasy conviction has stayed on his record, preventing him from being able to register a company from which to earn a living.

The new Iranian president Hassan Rouhani has made some positive noises about civil rights’ reform, pledging to make every effort to free political prisoners. And in a speech given to clergy last month, he called on the government to stop meddling in people’s private lives. It remains to be seen if the new president will bring about real change to Iran’s oppressive society.

### **Please Pray For**

- Mostafa at this time, that he may know the peace of God and be able to witness his faith in prison.
- All Christians in Iran that they may be protected from intimidation and injustice by the government.
- That the new president may have the courage to follow through his promise of a greater fairness for Christians in Iran.

**Amen.**

***JD***





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## The Bishop's Letter – September 2013 Continued

Life is rarely easy. It is often demanding. We feel stretched and challenged beyond ourselves. We can feel as though we have wrecked our own lives or made a wreck of the lives of others.

But the God who made us is a God of recreation: recreation through quiet moments and seasons of rest, withdrawal and retreat; recreation through the ordinary pleasures of life which are part of God's gift to us; re-creation through the grace of the Holy Spirit at work within us as we entrust our lives to God's care.

For almost three thousand years these lines have been sung by God's people and they remain as true today as they have ever been:

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## DIFFERENT HARVESTS

The beginning of autumn and the time of harvest is here again – a time when we thank God for all his blessings.

The Harvest Festival service in churches and schools are full of tins of beans and boxes of fruit and vegetables. There are flowers and lots of different sights and smells. Harvest Festival is a very popular service but while we are busy saying 'thank you' we have to remember that there are lots of different harvests.



Very few people work on the land nowadays and most people don't grow their own food but buy it from

the supermarket. Perhaps our harvest isn't one that others can easily see. We might not make or grown things but we can offer whatever we do to God as our harvest.

Outside, the trees are beginning to lose their leaves but you can

## MAKE YOUR OWN FOREST

Take a piece of stiff card or thin paper and fold it in half, creasing it down the centre. Then open it out and fold both sides to the centre crease.

Fold the paper as shown and draw half a tree on the top fold. Cut round the tree then glue the centre faces together. This makes a three sided tree.



You can paint the tree before gluing it or afterwards. A forest of them would look good as name cards for a party or you could make just one as a different birthday card for a friend.



**What is a tree's least favourite month?**

Sep-timber.



# Diary for the Month of September 2013

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

## The 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

- 10.00 am Parish Communion
- 12 noon Baptism Service
- 6.30 pm Evening Service
- 7.30 pm PCC Meet in Church
- 7.30 pm Prayer Meeting in Church
- 10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
- 1.00 pm MU – AGM in the Gatty Hall
- 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 7.30 pm Ladies' Group – Coffee Evening
- 10.00 am Reader/Intercessor Training in Church

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>

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

## The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30 am Holy Communion
- 10.00 am Parish Communion
- 6.30 pm Holy Communion
- 10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
- 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 10.30 am Prayer Meeting in Church
- 2.30 pm Service at Hartwell House
- 7.00 pm Emmaus
- 7.30 pm Ladies' Group / Grace Tebbitt – Going out in Sheffield in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century

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

## The 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

- 10.00 am Parish Communion
- 4.00 pm Living Stones
- 6.30 pm Evening Service
- 7.30 pm Mission Committee meets in Church
- 10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
- 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 7.30 pm Ladies' Group – Coffee Evening

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

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

## The 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity

- 8.30 am Holy Communion
- 10.00 am Parish Communion
- 6.30 pm Evening Service
- 7.30 pm Ignation Prayer in Church
- 10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>



Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>

7.30 pm Fabric Committee Meeting

9.30 am Holy Communion

7.30 pm Ladies' Group / Janet & John Daniels – The Church Worldwide

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

**The 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

10.00 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm Evening Service

### **From the Registers**

#### **Weddings**

27th July	Thomas Darby and Rosi Gillott
27th July	Lee Pearce and Emma Battle
3rd August	Anthony Sowah and Hollie Butcher
9th August	Mark Cockayne and Michelle Weaver
10th August	Jonathan Deakin and Fiona Conley
10th August	Gregg Fowler and Kerry McNeil
10th August	Kevin Goodson and Hannah Stanton
16th August	Robert Smith and Lyndsey Hancock
17th August	Paul McNulty and Amy Simmons
17th August	Benjamin Wilson and Nicola Morton
18th August	Frank Tingle and Karen Perry
24th August	Andrew Johnson and Kiera Butler

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

#### **Funerals**

16th August	Sylvia Tandy	
19th August	Dennis Allen	98
22nd August	Joan Stephenson	87

*Grant them, O Lord, refreshment, light and peace*

#### **Flower Rota**

1 <sup>st</sup> September	P. Prior & H. Rollins
8 <sup>th</sup> September	Vacant
15 <sup>th</sup> September	J. Baynes
22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Z. Colton
29 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest Flowers





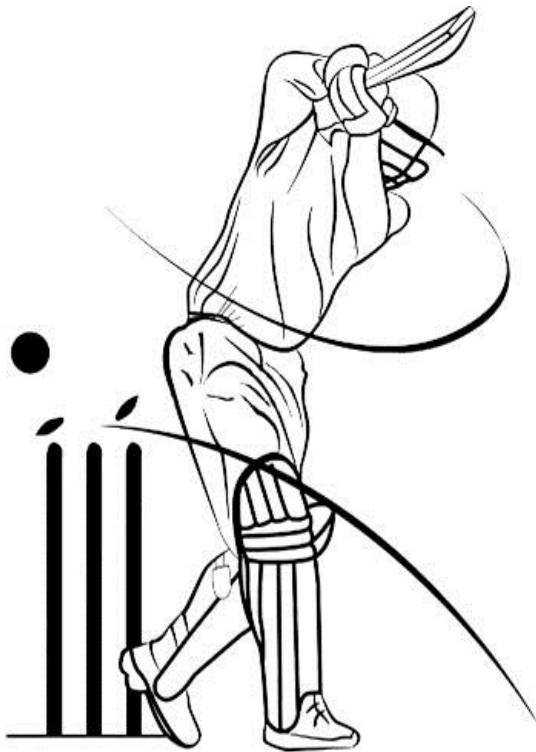
# The Gardening Year - September 2013

**Lawns** – Scarify or rake the lawn vigorously in two directions to remove debris and open up the turf surface. In addition to letting air and water into the soil this exerts a pruning action on both leaves and roots and allows the nitrifying bacteria in the soil to function properly. Apply an autumn fertiliser as this contains a smaller amount of nitrogen and more phosphates and potash. **Roses** – towards autumn Hybrid tea roses tend to become as free-flowering as floribundas to maintain the quality of the blooms remove the two small side buds from each cluster of three buds as soon as it is possible to pick them off with the finger and thumb this is known as disbudding. Tie in with garden twine new growths on climbers, do this regularly as loose shoots are vulnerable to wind damage. Train long shoots growing from ground level into a fan shape bending them over horizontally to encourage the production of flowering side shoots. Make ties sufficiently loose to allow for the thickening of the stems as they develop. Prune climbing and rambling roses which have only one flush of blooms in summer, these types of roses will flower best the following year on non-flowering shoots produced in the current season so the object in pruning is to remove old growth which has finished flowering this year. Where several new long non-flowering stems have grown from ground level, retain these to flower next year and cut back to ground level the old long stems which have flowered. However, if any of the old stems has a strong new side shoot growing away from about 12-24 in. above the ground cut the old stem away just above the point where the side shoot joins it. These new side shoots will flower next year just like the ground level shoots. Weeping standards which are summer flowering climbers and ramblers growing on standard brier stems are pruned in the same way as climbers by removing stems which have flowered during the summer and leaving the new main stems to flower next year. **Fruit** – most of the fruit is gathered this month and a new year of operations commences in the orchard. Clean up the orchard and fork or hoe the soil between the young fruit trees and soft fruit bushes. Honey fungus attack – the appearance of a ring of yellow brown capped mushroom like growths round the base of the tree in September, together with wilting leaves and even dead branches during the season indicates that the tree has been attacked by honey fungus. This is a soil-borne disease which attacks tree roots, there is no cure so take out affected tree and remove as many roots as possible to prevent the fungus feeding on them. **Vegetables** – the tops of old mint can be cut down. Protect the heads of cauliflowers by covering them with their own leaves, keep runner beans well picked. If seed is allowed to mature, further growth and the production of beans will be checked.

*Colin Williams*



# Whitley Hall Cricket Club



August brought rain with history repeating itself when the Houghton game, close to being won at home, was abandoned due to rain. The following game against Aston Hall was also abandoned and the match on 25<sup>th</sup> August against Elsecar cancelled due to a waterlogged pitch.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI now trail Wickersley at the top of the league by 20 points with Elsecar only 3 points behind and with just 21 points left to play for, the League Champions title looks out of reach this season. The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI have had a modest season but are clear of the Division 2 relegation zone.

Better news in the knock-out cups; the club now proudly holds both the 2<sup>nd</sup> XI President's Trophy and also the 1<sup>st</sup> XI Whitworth Cup following a long rain and light affected final match at Elsecar. They also are through to the semi-finals of the Yorkshire Council Championship.

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## Remaining senior matches at Cinder Hill Lane

31 <sup>st</sup> August	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Whiston
7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Treeton
14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Norton Oakes

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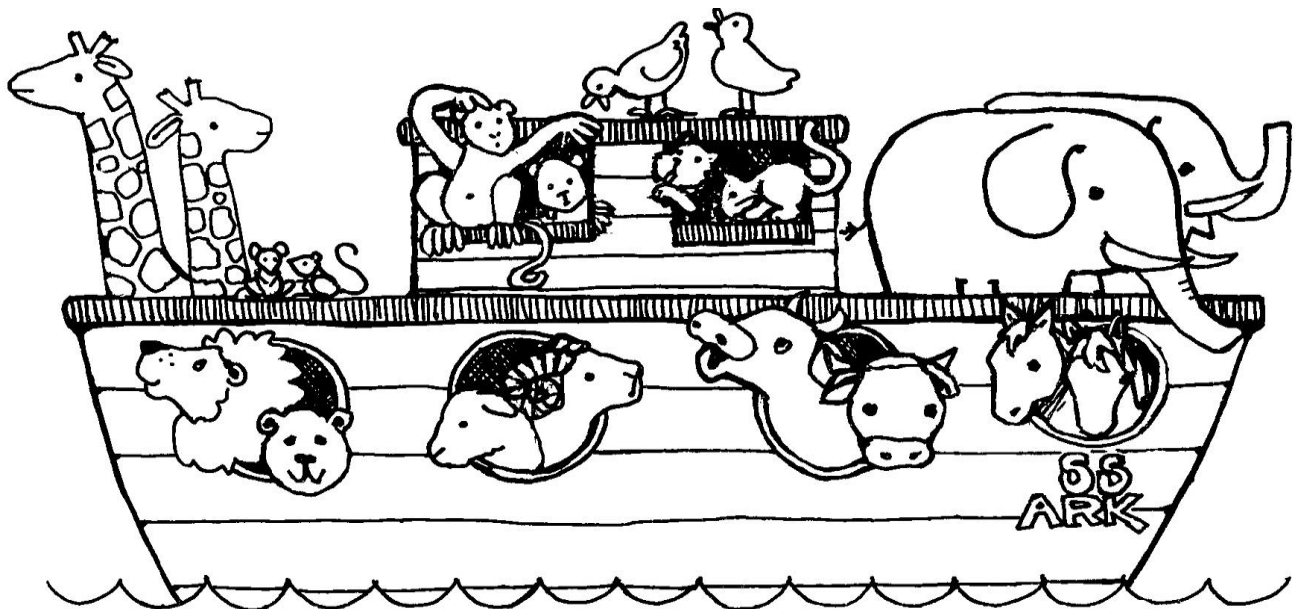
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# Lessons to Learn About Life – from Noah

- Don't miss the boat.
- Remember we are all in the same boat.
- Plan ahead, it wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark
- Stay fit! When you are 600 years old, someone might ask you to do something really big.
- Don't listen to critics just get on with the job that needs to be done.
- Build your future on high ground.
- For safety's sake travel in pairs.
- Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.
- When you are stressed - float a while.
- Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.



## Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

**ACROSS:** 1, Labour. 4, Autumn. 7, Stay. 8, Darkness. 9, Reasoned. 13, Act. 16, Presbyterians. 17, Sat. 19, Ridicule. 24, Reproach. 25, Abib. 26, Celtic. 27, Intend.

**DOWN:** 1, Lose. 2, Blame. 3, Radio. 4, Agree. 5, Tend. 6, Music. 10, Sober. 11, Noted. 12, Doric. 13, Available. 14, Test. 15, Apes. 18, As Eve. 20, Isaac. 21, Ishvi. 22, Fret.



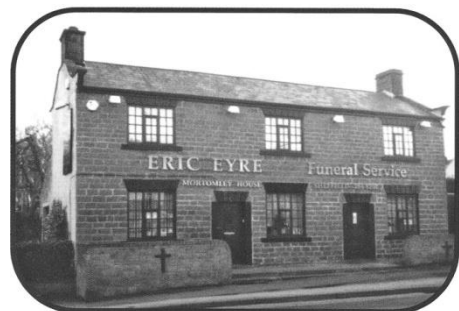
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# A Profile of the Johnson Family

Who need no introduction as they are all regular members of our congregation, there's Mum Dawn, Dad Malcolm and the children Faith, Leo and Kiara.

Dawn was born in 1973 and Malcolm in 1972. Dawn went to Montenev First and Middle school and on to Yewlands where she enjoyed music and languages, after taking her 'A' levels she attended York University, then a place in Manchester followed before Teacher training in Leeds. Malcolm went to Tankersley C of E school and on to Kirk Balk, then Rockingham College, followed by a Swimming position with Barnsley C.C. Dawn's first post was at Milefield, Grimethorpe. Dawn was taking her class for swimming lessons and who should be their instructor but Malcolm there followed 'A fine romance'. They were married at Ecclesfield Church in October 2000, and went to live at High Green before settling in Parson Cross.

On the 21<sup>st</sup> November 2001 Faith came along a lovely platinum blonde followed by Leo in 2003 and to make the family complete Kiara was born in 2006. Malcolm who's family would swim every day enjoyed Octopush a form of underwater hockey using a snorkel and a pusher to propel a squid (like a puck) along the pool, he now coaches the Water Polo Team at Hillsborough Leisure Centre. Dawn is part of the church choir along with Leo. Faith and Dawn are now learning to ring Ecclesfield Church Bells. Faith and Leo also belong to the Pickering School of Dance and were in the Summer Show at Lady Mabel Theatre, Ecclesfield School, their speciality is Street Dancing. The children all attend Montenev Primary although Faith has now left to go to Yewlands School, just like Mum. Kiara enjoys Brownies, Leo is a Sixer in the Cubs, and Faith has joined the Guides.

Dawn after teaching at Angram Bank Nursery is now in an advisory capacity for Nurseries with the Council, she enjoys helping organise the Montenev Gardens Lunch Club along with Alwyne Hill and the voluntary teams. Dawn is also Parish Clerk for weddings and enjoys attending all the weddings at Ecclesfield. Malcolm is a teaching assistant at St. Catherine's Catholic Primary, and also takes the school children swimming to Concord. On Friday evenings he is at Hillsborough Leisure Centre and on Saturday's he takes a disabled swimming class before coaching the Water Polo Team. They all enjoy super Summer Holidays in Mablethorpe, Lincolnshire which is where they were in August.

**PB**

*See family photo on back page*



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# Prayers and Poems Page

## Priorities

In a minute,  
Later,  
One day,  
Maybe,  
Soon.  
I haven't time this morning,  
Perhaps this afternoon.

We'll really do it sometime,  
Next week,  
Next month,  
Next year.  
Now I'd like to be with you,  
That's strange,  
There's no-one here.

*By Daphne Kitching*

## In celebration of the news of the birth of Prince George

We hear the glad news  
That a prince has been born,  
Elation fills the air.  
A baby boy  
We hear with joy  
This news of a royal heir.

We all are excited,  
Even delighted  
To think of this happy event.  
We send prayers above  
To our God who is love  
That blessings will come heaven sent.

*By Megan Carter*

## Brother Cadfael

When medieval murder foul  
In Shrewsb'ry was committed  
A Brother, in monastic cowl –  
Unusually quick witted  
Would rise up from his place of prayer  
On learning the sad news  
And seek, with patience, zeal, and care  
For tiny, subtle clues.

These crimes nonplussed poor Sheriff  
Hugh  
Confused, he'd scratch his head;  
But Cadfael knew just what to do  
For justice for the dead.  
The slightest scuff upon the ground,  
The slyest lie he'd see  
Then soon the murd'rer would be found –  
Who needs the C.I.D?

*By Nigel Beeton*

## Prayer about Priorities

*(reflecting on Martha and Mary's encounter with Jesus in Luke 10:38-42)*

Lord, we are all so busy. Life is full of demands and deadlines, each one urgent, or so it seems. We rush around trying to do everything, trying to please everyone and sometimes we miss what is really important – and don't realise until it's too late.

Remind us, Lord, that some opportunities don't come again. And that actually, we do have time. We have all the time of our lives, which you give to us. Help us to take our time and use it wisely, to choose to sit at your feet, like Mary, and listen to you; to seek you first, so that the rest of our life time will be in balance.

In Jesus name,  
**Amen**

*By Daphne Kitching*



# Crossword Puzzle

## **Clues Across**

- 1** 'Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders — in vain' (Psalm 127:1) (6)
- 4** Season of the year (Psalm 84:6) (6)
- 7** 'My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. — here and keep watch with me' (Matthew 26:38) (4)
- 8** It came over the whole land from the sixth to the ninth hour on the first Good Friday (Luke 23:44) (8)
- 9** Paul invariably did this in the synagogues he visited on his missionary journeys (Acts 17:2) (8)
- 13** 'It is God who works in you to will and to — according to his good purpose' (Philippians 2:13) (3)
- 16** Members of the Church of Scotland (13)
- 17** 'Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountain side and — down' (Matthew 5:1) (3)
- 19** Mock(Luke14:29)(8)
- 24** Disgrace (Psalm44:13) (8)
- 25** First month of the Hebrew calendar (Exodus13:4) (4)
- 26** Christianity of the Britons before Augustine arrived from Rome (6)
- 27** Mean (Numbers 35:23) (6)

## **Clues Down**

- 1** 'Whoever finds his life will — it' (Matthew 10:39) (4)
- 2** 'My lord the king, let the — — on me and on my father's family, and let the king and his throne be without guilt' (2 Samuel 14:9) (5,4)
- 3** O raid (anag.) (5)
- 4** 'If two of you on earth — about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven' (Matthew 18:19) (5)
- 5** Take care of (1 Samuel 17:15) (4)
- 6** What the older son heard as he came near the house the day his prodigal brother came home (Luke 15:25) (5)
- 10** 'Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with — judgment' (Romans 12:3) (5)
- 11** Do ten (anag.)(5)
- 12** Architectural style first used in Greek temples in the sixth century BC (5)
- 13** Capable of being used (1Kings7:36) (9)
- 14** 'Each one should — his own actions' (Galatians6:4) (4)



**15** Among the items imported by Solomon's fleet of trading ships (1 Kings 10:22) (4)

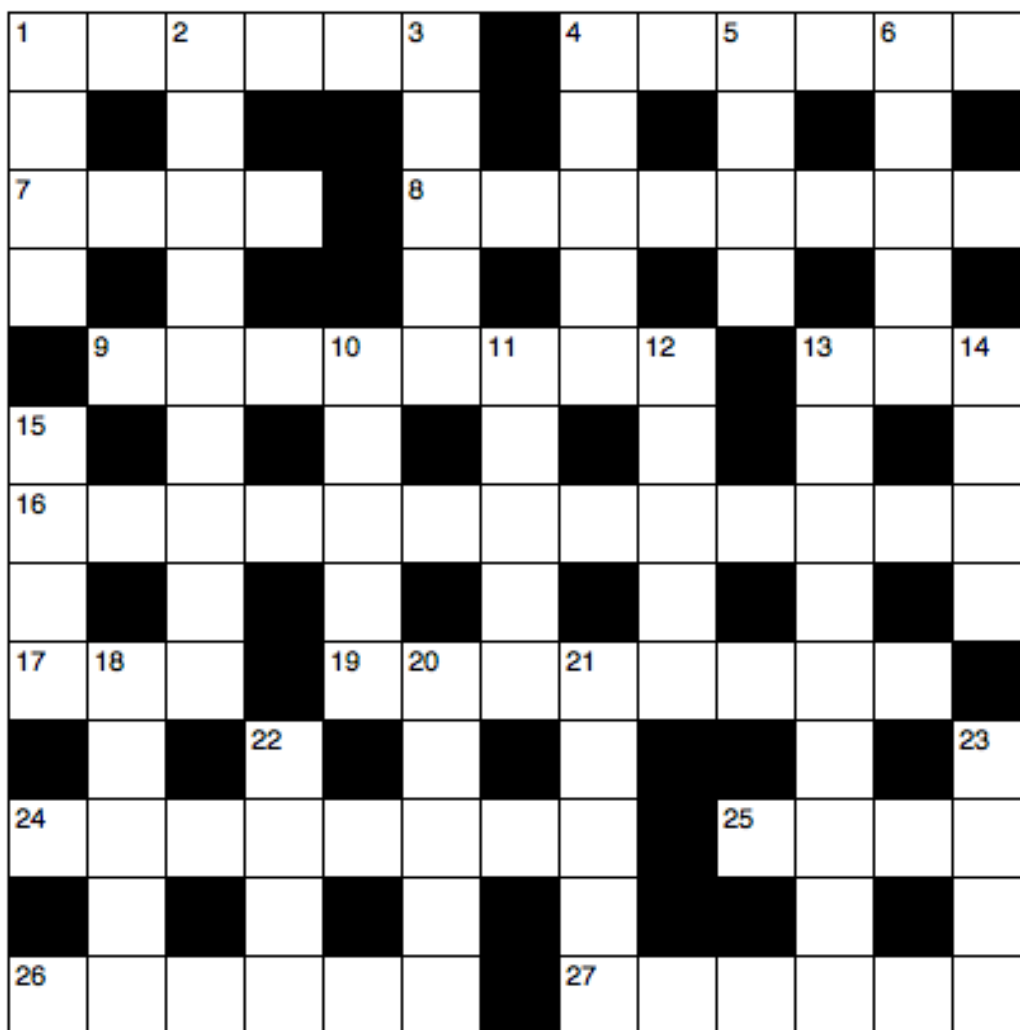
**18** 'But I am afraid that just —— was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray' (2 Corinthians 11:3) (2,3)

**20** Outstanding 18th-century hymn writer, — Watts (5)

**21** One of the four sons of Asher (Genesis 46:17) (5)

**22** Be distressed (Proverbs 24:19) (4)

**23** He was the father of Gaal, who threatened rebellion against Abimelech (Judges 9:28) (4)



Crossword Puzzle - Solution is on page 21

**Deliver us...**

I had been teaching my three-year-old daughter, Cathy, the Lord's Prayer. Then one evening at bedtime she attempted it solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer. "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some e-mail. Amen" **Anon**



# Saint of the Month - St Giles of Provence – Day 1<sup>st</sup> September

## Helping those damaged by life

St Giles was an immensely popular saint in the Middle Ages, and no wonder: he was the patron saint of cripples. In those days, there must have been many people who, once injured, were never really whole again. Even today, a serious injury – either physical or mental or emotional, can leave us damaged for months, years or even longer. At such times, we, too, find inspiration in others who, though also damaged by life, have not been overwhelmed.

St Giles was probably born in Provence, southern France early in the 7th century. The 10th century *Legenda Aurea* (Golden Legend) tells us he lived as a holy hermit deep in the forest of Nîmes, near the mouth of the Rhone. A hind, or Red Deer, was his only companion. Then one day, while out hunting, King Wamba spotted the deer, and pursued it. The hind fled back to St Giles for protection. King Wamba shot an arrow which missed the deer, but pierced the saint who was protecting it. Thus the king encountered the saint. The saint's acceptance of his injury, and his holiness greatly impressed the king, who conceived a great admiration for St Giles.

In the end, much good came out of the original harm of the encounter, for the king built St Giles a monastery in his valley, Saint-Gilles-du-Gard. The little monastery was put under the Benedictine rule, and became a source of blessing for the area roundabout. In later years, St Giles' shrine would become an important pilgrimage centre on the route for both Compostela and the Holy Land, as well as in its own right.

There is a further story connected with St Giles. Another legend tells how an emperor sought forgiveness from him for a sin so terrible he dared not even confess it. While St Giles said Mass, he saw written for him by an angel the nature of the sin in question. But his prayers for the emperor were so efficacious that the letters naming the sin faded away. As Christians we know that the Bible urges us to pray for others, no matter how hopelessly bad they seem, because Christ's mercy and forgiveness are extended to everyone who truly turns to him and repents.

St Giles, the crippled saint who helped others find wholeness with God, became patron saint of cripples, lepers and nursing mothers. In England 162 ancient churches are dedicated to him, as well as at least 24 hospitals. The most famous of these are St Giles in Edinburgh and St Giles in Cripplegate, London. In art St Giles is represented as either a simple abbot with staff, or protecting the hind, or saying the Mass, and thus interceding for the emperor.



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*J&SA*



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*Contact Dawn Johnson 2463986 or Alwyne Hill 2469154*



# **Contact Numbers for Local Groups**

## **Ecclesfield Rainbows**

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Tel: 0114 245 3504

## **Ecclesfield Brownies**

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

## **Ecclesfield Brownies**

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

## **Ecclesfield Guides**

Gatty Hall  
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Leader - Mrs C Topham  
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## **Ecclesfield Priory Players**

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email: rose@rosetanner.plus.com

## **Ecclesfield Cubs**

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Leader - Mrs A Hancock  
Tel: 0114 245 2780

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