

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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First Words...

- **Church Open For Business In August** - One of the things that's always pleased me at Ecclesfield Church is that people have a 52-weeks-a-year commitment. The Church continues to offer a full range of Services and activities in August and I'd encourage you to check out the diary page for more information.
- **Children In Church – The More, The Merrier!** - It's great that we're able to welcome so many children into Church at the moment. Our Sunday Club is doing well and we're slowly building up our monthly "Living Stones" Service. We offer an unwavering commitment to parents and carers that there will always be something for children at EVERY 10 o'clock Sunday Service, 52 weeks of the year. When there's no Sunday Club we get the children involved in the sermon and in setting up the altar. We also provide activity packs. The whole Church is enriched by the presence of young and old alike. That's what it means to be a family!

Daniel Hartley



Prayer for Month

A Prayer for Family Life

God of compassion,
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:
strengthen us in our daily living
that in joy and in sorrow
we may know the power of your presence
to bind together and to heal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Front Cover – The Royal Coat of Arms commemorating the Queen's Silver Jubilee
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The Vicars' Letter

Chapelton Academy

This September brings an important development in education provision for our area with the opening of the new Chapelton Academy. As the Vicar of Ecclesfield I welcome this addition to the already rich diversity of educational opportunities in our area. The focus on A-Levels will provide an extra dimension of choice for young people and parents when it comes to post-16 education.

This is an exciting time for me as the Vicar of the Parish within which the new Academy is located, but also as a parent. More choice for young people and more choice for parents will help us build diverse and sustainable communities that foster excellence and achievement, both academic and vocational. The North of Sheffield is home to many bright and motivated young people and the Chapelton Academy will, amongst other providers, help to nurture the gifts and talents that they possess.

There is a certain political dimension to the creation of "Free Schools", of which the Chapelton Academy is one. This has led to some significant words of discouragement from certain community figures, not least of which is the local MP. The Church is, of course, not aloof from the world of politics, yet we possess an overarching commitment to conversation and cooperation.

People, young and old alike, all come in different shapes and sizes and our faith teaches us to value each person in their individuality. To value somebody is to allow them to thrive. Jesus often surprised those around him by what he said and by who he associated with. He didn't look for tribal, political or intellectual loyalties; he looked for a common strand of humanity and the valuing and nurturing of this humanity. I would hope that, come September, all of our community will unite behind the Academy. It's not a matter of politics but of supporting an education provider that will bring benefit to our children and our grandchildren. It's all about humanity: rich, diverse, challenging and exciting!

More information about the Chapelton Academy can be found at:
<http://www.chapeltonacademy.com/>

Daniel Hartley

On the perils of swinging incense

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

Well, at least you tried. Filling in for another colleague who was away on holiday was kind of you; that it was somewhere with a high church tradition was adventurous of you. But just because something is worth doing, must you do it to such excess?

I can remember the first time I saw you having to use incense; you held the thurible as though you had just been presented with a dead rat. This time, however, I am told that you heated so much charcoal that the congregation thought you were going to hold a barbecue rather than burn incense.

The church warden was impressed with how quickly everyone knelt down as you went by. If it was in more of an effort to stay clear of your thurible than to pray; well never mind, at least they were on their knees. And I am entirely on your side; you were not to know that their new fire protection system included automatic sprinklers, activated when too much smoke is detected. I am sure most of them would have dried out by Evensong.

You told me that you had not been sure what to do with the thurible when you reach the front. But swinging it so enthusiastically that the chain broke and catapulted several pounds weight of red hot brass through one of their stained glass windows was really not the best solution. Never mind. I am sure the insurance company will be sympathetic.

But surely you knew that smells also implies bells? So why the panic when the server rang the bells in your ear beside the altar? To have promptly dropped the chalice and shouted 'fire!' was surely something of an over-reaction? Especially as it meant that the vergers re-started the sprinkler system. I am told that several in the congregation left church looking as if they had taken part in a mass baptism, involving full immersion whilst fully clothed.

I am told that you actually even wore full robes, rather than your customary T-shirt and jeans. Just one tip: should you ever wear them again, you might wish to wear the chasuble right side out. But that is a small point compared to the 'hat', as you called it. My dear nephew, wherever did you get it from? That is only worn by a bishop – and even then, the two tabs hang at the back, not over your face.

I am told that some of the congregation feared that in some frightful 'fresh expression' of episcopal rule, you had suddenly been handed control of the diocese. With the Church of England in its present woeful state, I suppose anything is possible.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Stephen & Marit Impey - 25th July 2014

Stephen & Marit Impey's journey to Ethiopia with their family.

This is an extract from Stephen's latest newsletter. As you see they leave for Addis Ababa on 5th August please pray for them all.

Time really does fly when you're having fun... and even more so when packing up a household to leave for Africa. The tickets are now booked and on the 5th August a selection of twelve bags and cases and the six of us will be boarding the plane in Frankfurt with one way tickets to Addis Ababa.

On the 13th July we had a service of commissioning and blessing at our Church here in Hamburg. Steve's parents were with us and over a hundred other supporters here in Germany. Two representatives from Wycliffe spoke and with a bring-and-share lunch afterwards we all enjoyed a very encouraging day.

Time to say Hello

When we arrive in Addis Ababa we'll live in a bungalow on the campus of the Mekane Yesus seminary. We look forward to being able to meet and mix with Ethiopian students there and have more freedom than in a single house on our own somewhere in the city. The children will start school on the 8th August and after the first weeks of initial orientation Marit and Steve will start language school at the end of September. We are looking forward to six to nine months of learning Amharic, the national language of Ethiopia.

Give thanks...

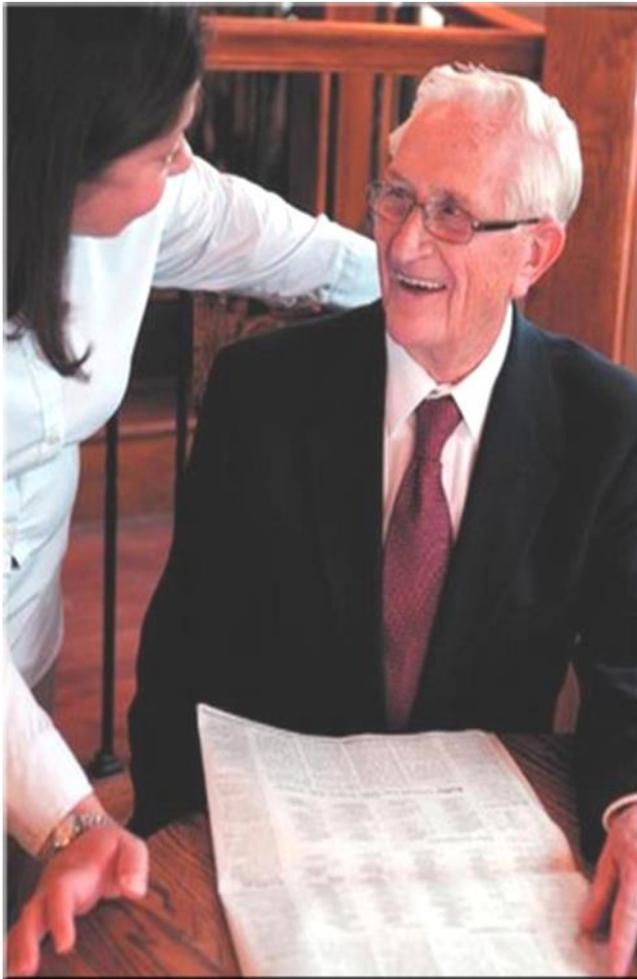
- for the many financial supporters who are committed to the work of supporting Bible translation in Ethiopia
- for the great encouragement of the commissioning service in July and that all the different practical preparations for Ethiopia are progressing well

Prayer requests

- For wisdom and patience in the last minute decisions before we leave
- For wisdom and patience in all we experience in the first weeks as we arrive and settle in Addis Ababa.

Many blessings, one last time from Pinneberg!

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The Bishop's Letter, August

This Month, Bishop Stephen Writes:

Dear Friends

In July the General Synod approved the Measure to enable women to be consecrated as bishops in the Church of England. At the same time the Synod approved some key principles to enable those who hold different views on these matters to live together within one Church and to work together in God's mission.



The debate in July brings to an end a generation of debate on the ordination of women in the Church of England. The outcome will be a cause of great joy and celebration to many. To others it may bring some sadness. However I hope and trust that we will be able to move forward together in respect and trust and to be able to give greater attention now to other areas of God's mission.

The provision for parishes unable to accept the ministry or leadership of ordained women is stronger than previous provision and intended to be for the long term. It is based on five key principles, outlined in the House of Bishops declaration on the ministry of Bishops and Priests:

- Now that legislation has been passed to enable women to become bishops the Church of England is fully and unequivocally committed to all orders of ministry being open equally to all, without reference to gender, and holds that those whom it has duly ordained and appointed to office are the true and lawful holders of the office which they occupy and thus deserve due respect and canonical obedience;
- Anyone who ministers within the Church of England must be prepared to acknowledge that the Church of England has reached a clear decision on the matter;
- Since it continues to share the historic episcopate with other Churches, including the Roman Catholic Church, the Orthodox Church and those provinces of the Anglican Communion which continue to ordain only men as

priests or bishops, the Church of England acknowledges that its own clear decision on ministry and gender is set within a broader process of discernment within the Anglican Communion and the whole Church of God;

- Since those within the Church of England who, on grounds of theological conviction, are unable to receive the ministry of women bishops or priests continue to be within the spectrum of teaching and tradition of the Anglican Communion, the Church of England remains committed to enabling them to flourish within its life and structures; and
- Pastoral and sacramental provision for the minority within the Church of England will be made without specifying a limit of time and in a way that maintains the highest possible degree of communion and contributes to mutual flourishing across the whole Church of England.

You can read the full text of the House of Bishops declaration on the Church of England website and the full text of my recent Presidential Address to the Diocesan Synod on these matters on the Diocesan website. We will be holding consultation meetings in the autumn for those who wish to take advantage of the new provision. There is no need to be hasty in passing the new PCC Resolution: parishes which already have resolutions A, B and C in place have over two years to make the transition to the new arrangements.

I hope and pray that our conversation on these matters within the Diocese will now enter a new phase of building trust, deepening partnership in the gospel and care and respect for one another into the future.

In the words of Paul's letter to the Colossians:

“As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against one another, forgive each other; just as the LORD has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.”

+Steven Sheffield

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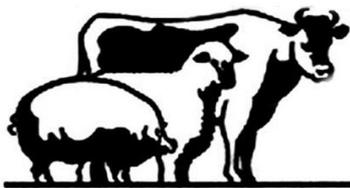
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Will You Remember Them – Iran

Christian prisoners on MPs' agenda

You probably won't have seen it in the news this July, but on Wednesday 16th, Maryam and Marziyeh, two Christians who were imprisoned in Iran for their faith, met with a number of parliamentarians to share about their experiences of persecution and highlight the importance of the right to freedom of religion.

MP Anna Long described how having them there in person brought the issue of religious freedom “from the abstract to the practical and personal.” Their story was later mentioned by two other MPs in a debate on the Middle East.

Confinement and interrogation

Although Maryam and Marziyeh were threatened with death by hanging for refusing to recant their faith, they were eventually released from the notorious Evin prison thanks to the prayers of the international community.

However, many other Christians remain there, including Pastor Farshid; He was arrested in 2010 and sentenced to six years in Evin prison. Since then he has been subjected to periods of solitary confinement, intense interrogation and at times has been denied communication with his family. More than 60 Christians are currently in the dirty, violent and overcrowded Evin prison.

Please Pray

- That God will continue to speak to the parliamentarians who met Maryam and Marziyeh as they consider issues of religious freedom.
- That God will sustain Pastor Farshid, as well as his wife and two children who have fled the country.
- For the protection and release of the 60 Iranian prisoners in Evin prison.
- For God to work through the Iranian prisoners to reach others.

John Daniels

Editor - Pastor Farshid

Farshid's friends invariably describe him as loving, cheerful, selfless and faithful, and always eager to help and serve others. Born into a Muslim family in Iran, he became a Christian at age 17, following his brother's conversion. In his 20s he began ministering full-time and by 2010 he was leading a network of house churches in Iran. Now 34, he is married with two young children, Rosanna and Bardia. It was Christmas 2010 when he was cruelly ripped away from his family. Farshid's family was safely resettled to Canada in 2013 where they have been offered refuge.

Open Gardens

The weather was kind for the event, overcast with the threat of rain, but that didn't deter a good turnout for the Open Gardens weekend on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th June.

Featuring - Eleven gardens of varying sizes, styles and maturity and a Children's 'Miniature Garden' Competition.

Some 120 people visited the Community Garden in Ecclesfield Park. Visitors were able to look at the wide variety of fruit, vegetables, herbs and flowers that were growing in the raised beds, along with the Sunflower beds planted by Ecclesfield Beavers, the Orchard area and the raised bed and Bug Hotel developed by Ecclesfield Secondary School. The wooden Outdoor Classroom with its 'green roof' also attracted a lot of interest.

The Community Garden hosted the Children's Miniature Garden Competition. Children brought their completed gardens on the Saturday morning. Visitors then had the opportunity to vote for their favourite garden. The 1st prize winners in each age category were presented with Meadowhall vouchers by the Vicar on the Sunday afternoon. Winners in each age category: - Age up to 7: Hannah, Age 8 to 11: Heather, Age 12+: Faith



Olé,

So, what do you think of when hearing about Seville - Sunshine, Flamenco dancing, Tapas, Bullfighting - Olé ¹ and Oranges? Or do you think of The Real Fábrica de Tabacos, the explorer Cristóbal Colón and the Catedral de Santa María de la Sede better known as Seville Cathedral the largest cathedral in world.

Well Seville is all of those and more, much, much more, but more about: -

Catedral de Santa María de la Sede - The Cathedral of Saint Mary of the See is the largest Gothic cathedral and the third-largest church in the world. It is also the largest cathedral in the world, as the two larger churches, the Basilica of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Aparecida and St Peter's Basilica, are not the seats of bishops. In 1987 it was registered by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, along with the Real Alcázar (Royal palace) complex and the General Archive of the Indies.

After its completion in the early 16th century, the Seville Cathedral supplanted Hagia Sophia (Istanbul) as the largest cathedral in the world, a title the Byzantine church had held for nearly a thousand years. The cathedral is also the burial place of Christopher Columbus and the Archbishop's Palace is located on the north eastern side of the cathedral.

Seville Cathedral was built to demonstrate the city's wealth, as it had become a major trading centre in the years after the Reconquista ² in 1248. In July 1401 it was decided to build a new cathedral. According to local tradition, the members of the cathedral chapter said: "Let us build a church so beautiful and so grand that those who see it finished will think we are mad". Construction began in 1402 and continued until 1506. The clergy of the parish gave half their stipends to pay for architects, artists, stained glass artisans, masons, carvers, craftsman and labourers and other expenses. Now there is a thought!

Five years after construction ended, in 1511, the dome collapsed and work on the cathedral recommenced. The dome collapsed again in 1888 due to an earthquake and resulted in the destruction of "every precious object below" the dome at that time. Remedial work was still being performed on the dome until at late 1903.

The interior has the longest nave of any cathedral in Spain. The central nave rises to a height of 42 meters and is lavishly decorated with a large quantity of gilding. In the main body of the cathedral, the most noticeable features are the great boxlike choir loft, which fills the central portion of the nave, and the vast Gothic retablo of carved scenes from the life of Christ. This altarpiece was the lifetime work of a single craftsman, Pierre Dancart.

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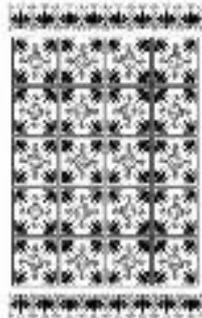




NOBODY'S PERFECT

None of us are perfect, we all make mistakes. But Jesus came to tell us that God is always ready to forgive and pardon our mistakes. God forgives, but we often make the mistake of holding on to what went wrong – and when we do this we are doubting God.

There is a tradition that people who make patchwork quilts and those who weave Persian carpets both share: every piece they make has a mistake in it. The idea behind this is that only God is perfect and if the quilt or rug was perfect then its maker would be trying to be equal with God, and that would be a sin. Sometimes you have to look very closely to see the mistake in the pattern.



Like the quilter and the weaver, we should blend our mistakes into the pattern of our lives, not ignoring them but using them to remind us of God's love and forgiveness.

SEW, SEW

The answers to all of the following are types of fabric or cloth. Can you say which fabric is...

1. One of the Channel Islands?
2. What felt is made out of?
3. Named after a town in France and used to make strong trousers?
4. Made from flax?
5. A jockey's racing colours?
6. A single stocking?
7. A fabric woven in little blocks?
8. The coat of an animal?
9. What an artist paints on?
10. Woven in a Scottish pattern?



What kind of clothes are you going to make with all these tea bags?



Baggy tea shirts.

I bought a carpet in mint condition today.

As good as new, do you mean?
No, it has a hole in the middle.



Answers: 1.Jersey 2.wool 3.denim
4.linen 5.silk 6.nylon 7.gingham 8.fur fabric 9.canvas 10.tartan

Diary for the Month of August

Friday 1st 7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)

Sunday 3rd The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm Evening Service

Monday 4th 10 am Church open for Prayer

7.00 pm Bell Ringing in Commemoration of
Outbreak of War

Tuesday 5th 7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice

Wednesday 6th 10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House

2.00 pm Mothers' Union Garden Party

Thursday 7th 9.30 am Holy Communion

Friday 8th 7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)

Sunday 10th The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm Evening Service with Holy Communion

Tuesday 12th 7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice

Wednesday 13th 10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House

Thursday 14th 9.30 am Holy Communion

2.30 pm Service at Hartwell House

Friday 15th 7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)

Saturday 16th 4.00 pm Bell Peal

Sunday 17th The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

10.00 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm Evening Service

Tuesday 19th 7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice

Wednesday 20th 10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House

Thursday 21st 9.30 am Holy Communion

Friday 22nd 7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)

Sunday 24th Bartholomew the Apostle

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm Evening Service

Tuesday 26th 7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice

Wednesday 27 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 28 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	Outreach Team Meeting
	7.30 pm	Finance Team Meeting
Friday 29 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)
Sunday 31st		The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity
	10.00 am	Service of the Word
	6.30 pm	Evening Service with Holy Communion

From the Registers

Weddings

26th July Dany Gaughan & Amanda Marie Shaw

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

Funerals

7th July May Whittle

Grant them, O Lord, refreshment, light and peace

Flower Rota – August

3rd	W. Brunt & V. Brunt
10th	K & L Atkin
17th	Vicki & Michael Grey
24th	Vacant



How prayer reaches God

An anxious mother went to seek help from her minister. “How do we know if our prayers are heard by God?” she asked. “My 10 year old daughter says her prayers every night, but I am not sure they are reaching heaven.” Touched by her worry, the minister spent some time explaining to her about God’s omniscience and omnipresence....but still the mother looked worried. Finally he asked her why she thought her daughter’s prayers would NOT be heard by God. The mother explained: “Because instead of saying ‘amen’, when she finishes, she says ‘click, send’.”

The Gardening Year – August 2014

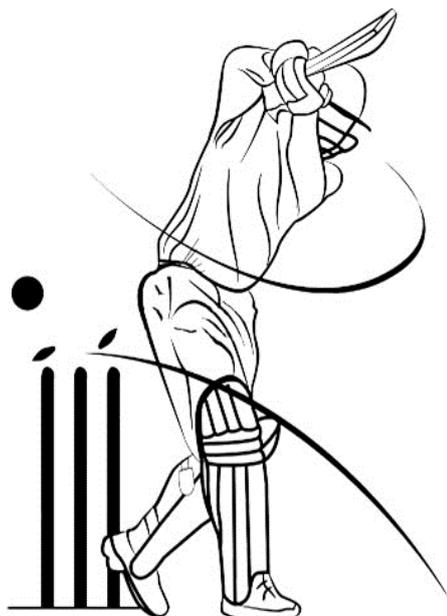
Growing crops under Cloches – Gardeners discovered many years ago that a plant could be forced into early growth by protecting it with a glass cover. Eventually a Frenchman, whose name has not gone into the history books, evolved a practical and efficient shape for forcing individual plants. It was a bell shaped glass dome and it became known as a cloche, meaning bell. The name has persisted to the present day, although cloches are no longer bell-shaped and they now protect whole rows instead of individual plants. The final change from the original concept has come about in recent years when glass because of its cost has largely been replaced by rigid plastic or polythene. Since most vegetables are grown in straight rows, a number of cloches set in a line with the ends closed to exclude draughts are ideal for protecting early crops and for protecting tender plants. Generally, sowing and planting are possible about a fortnight earlier than in the open, this early start resulting in early harvesting makes it possible for more than one crop to be grown on the same ground in a season. As an example of a cropping programme lettuces, sown in October may be cut in April, to be followed by early fruiting dwarf tomatoes. These in turn may be succeeded by spring cabbages planted in the open. The clothes meanwhile are transferred to another part of the plot to restart the cycle. This mobility enables a gardener to use a cropping technique whereby cloches are moved from one row to another as the season progresses. Early carrots for example may be given a good start by being covered in March and April. They then go on to mature in the open and the clothes are moved in mid-May to enable newer planted tomatoes to become established. Three to four weeks later the cloches are again moved, this time to protect heat-loving plants such as aubergines and peppers, for the rest of the summer or until they are too tall.

Types of cloches – cloches are obtainable in a variety of sizes, shapes and materials. **Polythene** cloches are obtainable either as separate units, which are then put end to end, or a complete tunnel cloches made from a length of polythene draped over wire hoops. **Solid Plastic** are cheaper than those made of glass, but initially are dearer than polythene, they have a greater life expectancy than glass, which is easily broken, or polythene which must be replaced every few years. Glass Cloches have proved their worth for many years, but the cost of glass has made them an expensive investment.

Vegetables as the first crops are harvested the ground should be filled in again with plants such as, dwarf beans , turnips which only take 8-10 weeks to mature. Also any over-wintering greens. Continue to pinch out any side shoots from outdoor tomatoes, thin the lower leaves and pinch out the tips at four trusses.

Colin Williams.

Whitley Hall Cricket Club



The weather has continued to affect the season with a further match on 19th July cancelled. A heavy defeat by Wickersley on 28th June prevented the 1st XI reaching the top but subsequent wins over Aston Hall, Tickhill and Wickersley now place them in 2nd position, just a single point behind leaders Elsecar. Selection for the Yorkshire Council Championships will depend on the positions on 16th August with the top two being selected - an exciting finish is therefore almost guaranteed with Elsecar at home the first match in August! In the Whitworth Cup, the win against Whiston in the semi-final set Whitley up for a final at Aston Hall against one of their long time foes, Treeton. The team did not disappoint with a win on a glorious afternoon by 8 wickets and Chris Siddall taking man of the match award. Congratulations for the fourth win in five years. The second XI continues to endure a tough season, partly due to the number of 1st XI teams competing in Division 2. The team has clawed its way up the league and a win over Doncaster at the end of July makes Division 2 cricket next season an almost certainty.

Remaining Home Matches at Cinder Hill Lane

2 nd August	1 st XI	v	Elsecar
9 th August	2 nd XI	v	Oughtibridge
16 th August	1 st XI	v	Sheffield Hallam
23 rd August	2 nd XI	v	Rotherham Town
30 th August	1 st XI	v	Coal Aston
6 th September	2 nd XI	v	Maltby
13 th September	1 st XI	v	Wickersley

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Musings on modern life:

- Gardens are not made by singing ‘Oh how beautiful’, and sitting in the shade. - Rudyard Kipling
- On a bus a man gave his seat to a woman. She fainted. On recovering, she thanked him. Then he fainted.
- Summer sales: Much trouble is caused by our yearnings getting ahead of our earnings.
- Visiting summer exhibitions or foreign cities? Art is here because God meant it to be here. *Hans Rookmaaker*
- The most terrible of lies is not that which is uttered but that which is lived. - *W G Clarke*
- Fire is the test of gold; adversity the test of strong men. - *Seneca*
- If parents haven’t learned something from experience, they can always learn it from their children.
- Please don’t walk on our church lawn. Grass grows by the inch but is worn down by the foot!
- Buying what you do not need is an easy road to needing what you cannot buy.

Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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Olé, *Continued*

Public access to these areas of the cathedral is severely restricted and they can only be viewed from behind the enclosing iron gates, this also applies to some other worship areas in the church. Sadly as a visitor this makes you feel somewhat shut-out and excluded.

The Cathedral stands on the site of a former mosque and builders used some columns and other elements from the ancient mosque, including its minaret, which was converted into a bell tower known as La Giralda, now the city's most well-known symbol. The Giralda was formerly a minaret built to resemble the minaret of the Koutoubia Mosque in Marrakech, Morocco. It was converted into a bell tower for the cathedral after the Reconquista, although the topmost section dates from the Renaissance. Almost at the top of the tower, you can read the following words "*TURRIS FORTISSIMA NOMEN DNI PROVERB. 18*" which translates from Latin as "The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run into it and are safe.

Visiting - There is an entrance fee of € 8 (€ 2 for pensioners 60+) free to local residents, they boast (and quite rightly so) that half the monies go to build new churches in the diocese. Now that really is something in this day and age!

Other must visit places include: -

The Real Fábrica de Tabacos (The Royal Tobacco Factory) – Now home to Faculties of the University of Seville, a blend of old and new with unspoiled Baroque style architecture and the purported inspiration for the opera Carmen.

The Real Alcázar (Royal Palace) adjacent the cathedral developed from a previous Moorish Palace. Construction was started in 1181 and continued for over 500 years, mainly in the Mudéjar style, but also in the Renaissance style. With a range of garden styles Moorish, Italian etc., later additions included an 'English Garden' complete with Peacocks which was laid out in the Victorian era.

Cristóbal Colón (Christopher Columbus) His monument stands in the Jardines de Murillo (Murillo Gardens) just outside the wall of The Real Alcázar. These gardens are well worth a visit in the cool of a morning or evening. Columbus's tomb is in the Cathedral don't miss it on your way round.

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Note 1: The word "Olé" (Bravo) is a Spanish interjection once thought to be derived from an Arabic invocation of Allah, (now disputed) but is mostly associated with the bullfighting of past centuries, and also with other sports after the 19th century. It was chanted when individuals seemed to rise above themselves in performance.

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Note 2: The Reconquista ("reconquest") is a period of approximately 781 years in the history of the Iberian Peninsula, after the Islamic conquest in 711–718 to the fall of Granada, the last Islamic state on the peninsula, in 1492. It comes before the discovery of the New World, and the period of the Portuguese and Spanish colonial empires which followed.

Traditionally, historians mark the beginning of the Reconquista with the Battle of Covadonga (718 or 722), in which a small army, led by the Visigothic nobleman Pelagius, defeated an Umayyad army in the mountains of northern Iberia and established a small Christian principality in Asturias.

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Crossword Puzzle

Clues Across

- 1** Of Moses (6)
- 4** ‘You have been weighed on the — and found wanting’
(Daniel 5:27) (6)
- 7** Where Jesus performed the first of his miraculous signs (John 2:11) (4)
- 8** Roman emperor who ordered all the Jews to leave Rome (Acts 18:2) (8)
- 9** Member of a conservative Jewish party in the Sanhedrin which believed there was no resurrection
(Acts 23:8) (8)
- 13** South London Mission (1,1,1)
- 16** Sure of one’s own ability (2 Corinthians 11:17) (4-9)
- 17** ‘At this the man’s face fell. He went away — , because he had great wealth’
(Mark 10:22) (3)
- 19** Airs used (anag.) (8)
- 24** ‘The Lord is my — , I shall not be in want’ (Psalm 23:1) (8)
- 25** ‘He has sent me to — up the broken-hearted’ (Isaiah 61:1) (4)
- 26** At or towards the rear of a ship (6)
- 27** Cross-carrying evangelist and world traveller, — Blessitt (6)

Clues Down

- 1** Ridicule (Luke 18:32) (4)
- 2** Encased in strapped-on light shoes (Song of Songs 7:1) (9)
- 3** Cambridge Inter-Collegiate Christian Union (1,1,1,1,1)
- 4** ‘Father, give me my — of your estate’ (Luke 15:12) (5)
- 5** Assistant (4)
- 6** On a par (John 5:18) (5)
- 10** Credo (anag.) (5)
- 11** Beaten with a rod (5)
- 12** The fourth of Job’s ‘comforters’, who deferred making his contribution because of his junior status
(Job 32:6) (5)
- 13** Chosen as a temple attendant, he was described by Ezra as ‘a capable man’
(Ezra 8:18) (9)
- 14** ‘Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where — and rust destroy’
(Matthew 6:19) (4)

15 Employs (4)

18 Associated with penitence for sins, along with sackcloth (Matthew 11:21) (5)

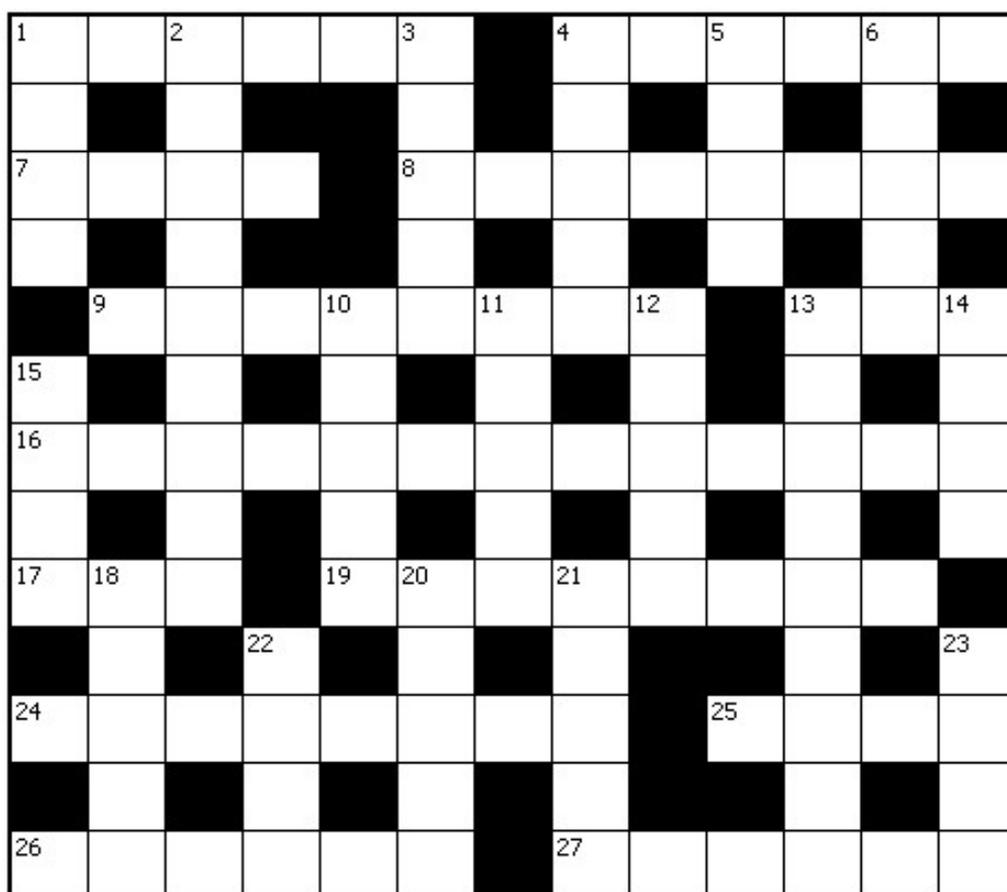
20 Association of South-East Asian Nations (1,1,1,1,1)

21 Sub-continent to which Baptist missionary pioneer William Carey devoted his life (5)

22 Recess at east end of a church (4)

23 One of the nine sons of Beriah (1 Chronicles 8:15) (4)

Crossword Puzzle - Solution is on page 21



Quotes

We cannot control the evil tongues of others; but a good life enables us to disregard them. – *Cato*

When talking about your faith..... “Make sure it is God’s trumpet you are blowing – if it is only yours it won’t wake the dead, it will simply disturb the neighbours. **W Ian Thomas**

There's a way of transferring funds that is even faster than electronic banking. It's called marriage. *James Holt McGavran*

It is easier for the generous to forgive, than for the offender to ask forgiveness. – **Thomson**

Prayers and Poems Page

The church bells

The church bells rang for you today.
As watered poured upon your head,
"I name this child" the vicar said.

Betrothed, then vows without delay.
To tell the world that you have wed,
the church bells rang for you today.

"For this departed soul we pray."
The priest, in solemn homage, led
the mourners who prayed for the dead.
The church bells rang for you today.

Jennifer Armeson

Prayer of thanks

Prayer of thanks for Mary and others
Loving Father, You called Mary to carry your
Son into the world. Thank you for her
positive response to a calling which led her
along an unknown path, where criticism and
misunderstanding might well lie in wait.
Thank you that she stood firm and walked
forward in obedience, trusting you to lead
and protect her in her vocation. May we
respect the integrity of all who answer your
call to bring Jesus to others, in different
ways.

In the name of Jesus - and for his glory alone.

Amen.

Daphne Kitching

My Christ-thoughts

I light my Christ-light daily
And I lift my Christ-thoughts high
While in the flame I see my Lord draw near.
He takes my prayer
For you and yours and puts them at the heart
Of God's concern for all in need

As He works through those who care.
He takes their skill, their patience
To encourage, comfort, bless;
To strengthen faith, and hope, and love,
And uses life to profess
The wonder of creation and
The wonder of His grace,

As through the care of many
We behold the Lord's own face.
He's the Light in every darkness
And the Hope in all despair -
For He's the one in everyone
Who says, 'My love, I'm here!'

Sam Doubtfire

Forgive

Almighty God, most merciful
You know our thoughts and deeds
Our sins have been most plentiful
Forgive, we plead!

Our hearts are far from You, O Lord
You should be first, not last
Our neighbours have not known accord
Forgive our past!

Help us amend what we've become
Direct what we shall be
With justice, mercy, peace we come
Humbly with Thee!

Nigel Beeton

Saint of the Month - John Bunyan - 30th August

The man who wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*

After the Bible, John Bunyan's wonderful Christian allegory, the *Pilgrim's Progress*, is one of the most celebrated and widely-read books in the English language. It has been translated into more than one hundred languages around the world and keeps its place as a Christian classic.

Names of people and places from its pages have been commonplace wherever English is spoken. We need only recall Mr Great-Heart, Mr Valiant-for-Truth, Giant Despair, Madame Bubble, the Slough of Despond, Vanity Fair, the Delectable Mountains, the Hill Difficulty and the Celestial City.

Bunyan was born on 28 November 1628, at Elstow, near Bedford, England, of a poor family. He had little formal education and his father taught him to be a metal worker. His first wife died young. His second wife, Elizabeth, helped him considerably with his blossoming literary career. His conversion was the result of reading the Bible, and the witness of local Christians. From that time the Bible became the great inspiration of his life. He wrote more than fifty books on Christianity. A Baptist by conviction, he had little time for the Established Church.

Bunyan became a popular preacher, but because of his opposition to the Established Church and because he did not have a Church of England preaching licence, he was imprisoned in 1661. It was in prison that he wrote *Pilgrim's Progress*. It was not only Bunyan's greatest book but was destined to become one of the most popular Christian books in the world.

Pilgrim's Progress is an allegory, using the names of people and places from the Bible to teach spiritual lessons. The vivid and unforgettable imagery in the *Pilgrim's Progress* covers the whole Christian gospel from sin and condemnation all the way through faith, repentance, grace, justification, sanctification, and perseverance to heaven itself.

Bunyan died on 31 August 1688. His portrayal of the death of Mr Valiant For Truth is Bunyan at his allegorical best. This brave old soldier of Jesus Christ had received his summons to 'go home.' Calling his friends together he says, 'My sword I give to him who shall succeed me in my pilgrimage ... My marks and scars I carry with me, to be a witness for me, that I have fought His battles, Who will now be my rewarder.' ... So he passed over, and all the trumpets sounded for him on the other side...

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The Cathedral of Saint Mary of the See and La Giralda bell tower