

# News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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## First Words...

- **Looking At Our Building** - The Church Council have begun looking at the Church building here in Ecclesfield and how we might improve certain things within it. If you would like to get involved in the process of moving this forward the please speak to the Vicar or a Churchwarden . There will be a number of consultations taking place in the future that will allow people to voice opinions.
- **Holidays** – July marks, for some, an opportunity for a family holiday. This month we've included a special prayer for holiday time. Have it close to hand and pray it when things don't quite go as planned!

*Daniel Hartley*



## Prayer for Month

### Holiday Prayer

Dear Lord, how we've waited for this holiday, and now it's finally here.  
Thank You, Lord, for the opportunity to take a break from our daily routines  
and to replenish our minds, bodies and souls so they we may better serve You.

Sometimes our expectations for holidays are unrealistic  
and we find ourselves disappointed when things don't go our way.  
Help us not to worry about having the 'perfect' holiday but to relax and enjoy  
every moment, whatever it may bring.

We are grateful for the joys that await us-whether they be the beauty of your  
creation, recreation with family or friends, or peace and solitude.

Watch over us and protect us as we travel, and brings us safely home again-  
refreshed and renewed.

**Amen.**



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# The Vicars' Letter

## Going Local

Being part of the Church is being part of a worldwide organisation. The Church exists in large parts of the world. Sometimes it is strong and growing, sometimes it is weak and shrinking. Sometimes it operates in full sight, sometimes it operates behind closed doors. At times I like the fact that we're part of something huge; it's reassuring to know that there are over 2 billion Christians in the world. At times it's reassuring to know that the Church has been around for nearly two thousand years. So what, we might ask ourselves, is our "global brand"? Microsoft, Google, Nike and Starbucks are all multinational companies with a clearly defined brand? So what's our brand?

The answer, of course, is that we don't have one in quite the same way. We don't have a brand, we have a person – Jesus Christ. The way in which we form our own identities around this person is not given at a global level, it's not even given at a national level. Instead it's worked out at a local level.

Having said this, the Church of England is not simply a Church of independent local congregations. We are an ordered Church gathered around a Bishop. A people connected to one another through our Bishop and connected to the wider Church through the communion between our Bishop and other Bishops. Yet this inter-connectedness does not make us the same as a branded multinational corporation. Each Christian community, connected as it is to other Christian communities, discovers what it means to serve and worship Christ in the locality in which it lives. We don't have a corporate manual of how to be a Christian that we can simply impose on our surroundings. Instead we learn how to be a Christian as we allow our hopes and aspirations to be shaped by the relationships that we make at a local level.

A strong Church is made up of confident congregations that are fully engaged in their local settings. Churches grow not because they have a corporate brand to sell, but because they understand the context in which ministry and mission is worked out. No Vicar can provide this understanding, it comes from the people who have a whole. A good Vicar may be able to help discern aims and aspirations, but the job of "going local" begins and ends with you – those who live, work and breathe all things Ecclesfield. It may be God's Church, it may even be my Church, but most of the time (and most importantly) it's your Church.

*Daniel Hartley*



# On the perils of ‘standing in’ for another vicar

The Rectory  
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

You should not complain about doing duty in other churches when their clergy are on holiday. It is only in other churches that you will be appreciated. Beatification only comes from your own church on the day you leave – which is a way of firing a shot across the bows of your successor. I remember being greeted by a churchwarden on my first day here at St. James the Least with the encouraging words: ‘I’ve seen six Rectors of this parish; each one was worse than the last.’ As the years have gone by, I am sure I will have entirely fulfilled his expectations.

No; when you visit another church, you will be told all the many defects of their own vicar, and whatever *you* do will be praised. Store up these memories for the day you return to your own patch – when you will then be told how outstanding your own temporary replacement has been and how congregations thrived in your absence.

Naturally, this gives you the right to make similar remarks about your own congregation in the churches you visit. Unfavourable comparisons with the bell ringers, vergers and congregational singing in your home patch to the superb standards in the church you’re temporarily serving will be much appreciated. Just make sure that the church you are staffing is sufficiently far from your own that word will not get back to your home team.

It is a mistake I made only once. After filling in for a colleague, I happened to complement the choir on the singing of the anthem. Unknown to me, a tenor was the second cousin of my organist, who received a rather embellished story that I had compared my own choir back home unfavourably with theirs. On my return the following Sunday, all the hymns were played fortissimo and at double speed and the choir in rotation dropped hymn books throughout my sermon.

Inevitably, when you staff another church, you will be told: ‘It’s the normal Service.’ It will be *nothing of the sort*. Hymns will appear in unexpected places, Sunday schools will enter and leave (and enter again) apparently at random, objects will be brought to you to be read from, placed on the altar or blessed - just as you were about to try and find the pulpit. In any case, wherever you are standing, you will find you should have been standing somewhere else. But not to worry - most mistakes will be forgiven – provided your sermon is short.

So - enjoy your visits to other churches. And above all, make sure that your temporary replacement is so spectacularly incompetent that your own people will welcome you back with open arms on your return.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace



## A Poem

This poem was pinned on the wall in my Dentist, it made me smile.

### Smiling



Smiling is infectious you can catch it like the flu,  
Someone smiled at me today so I started to smile too.  
Just around the corner someone saw my grin,  
Then I realised that, I had passed it on to him.  
I thought about that smile and realised its worth,  
A single smile like mine could travel all round the earth.  
So if you feel a smile begin don't leave it undetected,  
Start an epidemic quick and get the world infected.



Elizabeth Ann Oldknow

Lord, may my life be so pleasing to you  
that you are pleased to have your face shine on me.  
And as you graciously smile on my life,  
May I find someone today with whom I can share  
Your love through a smile.  
Amen



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## Humour

“People get nervous when they think they have to call me ‘my Lord’, said an Irish bishop. “Especially the poor nuns. One was giving me a cup of coffee. As she pushed the sugar bowl towards me she said, ‘How many lords, my lump?’”  
Kevin Buckley

Several years ago the then Bishop of London reported to the General Synod that before attending a church function he had said he would bring his pastoral staff. “And how many seats will you want?” came the reply. Peterborough, Daily Telegraph

My friend was working at an amusement park when a couple stopped him. “Excuse me,” said the woman, pointing to a pond. “What is that water made out of?” Bemused, my friend replied, “Two parts hydrogen and one part oxygen.” “See?” she said to her boyfriend. “I told you it wasn’t real.”





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# The Bishop's Letter – July 2014

This Month, Bishop Peter Writes:

A few weeks ago Bishop Steven and I, along with all the Bishops from the North, met on Holy Island, Lindisfarne for a twenty four hour retreat with the Archbishop of York to reflect on and pray about the evangelisation of the North.

Holy Island has a wonderfully rich history with the monastery of Lindisfarne being founded by Saint Aidan, having been sent from Iona to Northumbria at the request of King Oswald. The priory was founded before the end of 634 and Aidan remained there until his death in 651. Lindisfarne became the base for Christian evangelising in the North of England and also sent a successful mission to Mercia. As Bishops we felt spiritually at home on the island and were reminded by the history of the place that there is still much to be done as we continue God's mission in the North.



During our time together we were addressed by a number of young people who gave a diverse but energising overview/testimony of their work in making Christ known in practical, prayerful and spiritual ways. They demonstrated a passion for incarnational mission. They helped us reflect on what is unique about the opportunities of witnessing to the northern part of our country and threw out a challenge to the Bishops to consider how together, we could lead on evangelisation in the North.

The challenge of evangelising in the North is something we have taken to heart in our own diocese; it is a critical part of our diocesan vision and strategies. Our Centenary Year gives us an opportunity to celebrate the Christian heritage which has made an enormous contribution to the material and spiritual welfare and benefit of the communities we serve, making our diocese what it is today. However, it challenges us to consider how we might continue to pass on our faith to others so that they come to know Christ as their Lord and Saviour and experience transformed lives. We are called through our faith to transform our communities and God's world. This calling is as critical today as it was for St Aidan and his colleagues and it arises from the missionary mandate to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit".



In these few verses we see how the risen Christ sent his follower to make Christ known in every time and place so that faith might spread to every corner of the world. It was the missionary task of St Aidan - and it's our missionary task today - in our time and place. We are called to do this together in mutual support, encouragement and nurture working across parish and deanery boundaries, traditions and practices. We are called to work together as a whole diocesan team, to be more Christ-like in our calling and responding in which there will be great joy.

So my challenge to you in this Centenary Year is, as it was to the Bishops, – what opportunities and challenges are you being offered to make Christ known to those in your community who have not yet experienced the transforming love of the risen Christ or the support of belonging to a community of faith? How can you personally and your parish lead in the task of evangelisation? “Each Christian and every community must discern the path that the Lord points out, but all are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the peripheries in need of the light of the Gospel” (Evangelii Gaudium – Pope Frances).

+ *Peter*



**St. Theobald** (1017 – 1066) - 1<sup>st</sup> July - choosing God, not money

If you are thinking of turning your back on wealth and privilege, in order to do something you feel God is calling you to do, Theobald may be the saint for you. He was born into an aristocratic family at Provins in France. But he became a hermit with a fellow ex-soldier in the Pettingen Forest in Luxembourg. They later moved to Salanigo in Italy. Theobald's holy life attracted so many followers that he was canonised by Pope Alexander II in 1073.

**St. Elizabeth of Portugal** (1271 – 1336) - 4<sup>th</sup> July - compassion for prostitutes

Elizabeth of Portugal could be the patron saint of all well-to-do women who have compassionate hearts. As wife of Denis, the King of Portugal, Elizabeth became a byword for her acts of piety and charity to the poor. She founded convents, hospitals, and shelters for prostitutes. After Denis died she became a Franciscan tertiary at a Poor Clare convent.



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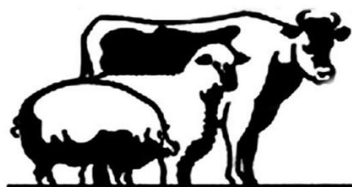
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# Will You Remember Them – July 2014

## News in Brief

### North Korea

A South Korean Christian has been sentenced to hard labour for life for “spying” and attempting to establish house churches in North Korea. Kim Jung-Wook admitted anti- North Korean religious acts and “malignantly hurting the dignity” of the country’s ruling Kim family. Prosecutors demanded the death penalty but this was commuted, as requested by Jung- Wok’s defence counsel. The South Korean was arrested in October, having crossed into North Korea from China. Dozens of North Koreans were subsequently detained, accused of helping Jung-Wook. A number of them have most likely been executed.

### Syria

Militants from the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIS) have seized houses and land belonging to Christians in Raqqa. The seizures took place in June in Ein al- Issa, which is inhabited mainly by Armenian Christians. The owners of the property were forced to leave the area. Raqqa has been under ISIS control for over a year. The militants are imposing strict sharia rules in the territory; earlier this year, Christians were given an ultimatum to either convert to Islam, pay the humiliating jizya tax and abide by a list of restrictions, or else risk being killed. ISIS has turned the main Armenian Church in Raqqa into an office for the management of Islamic affairs and the promotion of sharia.

### Laos

A Christian man was arrested and tied to a post before being imprisoned after several failed attempts by the authorities to force him to give up his faith. Mr. Sort (40), who became a Christian over a year ago, was arrested in Loynam village, Nong district, Savannakhet province, on the morning of 29<sup>th</sup> May. Police and village security officers had gone to his home and threatened him with eviction and confiscation of all his property if he did not give up his faith. He refused to give up his faith in Christ.

### **Please Pray**

- That into these situations may come, Justice, Healing, Equal Rights and Freedom.

“In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.” **Amen**

*John Daniels*



# Mindfulness

There's a lonely little starling on our back yard, his feathers all bedraggled  
black and blue. He sits and he sings on one of our pots and his voice is  
golden and true.

Along comes a Robin and he's all alone pecking all around on the ground,  
he shakes his little feathers till they are fluffy and full, he sits on the top of  
a little green pot and he sings and sings and the starling joins in..

Then the sparrows come down thirty or so, and they twitter and peck at the  
food in the pots and squabble then fly to the bushes and sit and wait in the  
queue for the food, and they wait and wait, for nobody rushes.

The Robin and the starling are wandering around gathering all that falls to  
the ground. Suddenly a cat appears and stalks down the path, slowly,  
slowly, closer and closer slightly hidden by bushes.

An alarm call goes up and the birds disappear, all in a flash they've gone. It  
is quiet for a while, then Blue tits arrive and attack the fat balls and the  
robin and the starling come back.

The starling starts singing golden and true and suddenly his mother  
appears and he hops and he skips and flutters his wings. And she ignores  
him and starts to feed then suddenly out of nowhere there are five more  
starlings on our back yard and he's not alone anymore.

*By Anne Pearce*



## Le Tour Yorkshire Estimate local arrival times Sunday, July 6<sup>th</sup> Stage 2 - NB: Cavalcade will pass through 20 to 30 minute before riders.

Côte de Midhopestones	15:24 - 15:50
Bradfield	15:34 - 16:01
Côte de Bradfield	15:36 - 16:03
Worral	15:39 - 16:07
Oughtibridge	15:42 - 16:10
Côte d'Oughtibridge	15:46 - 16:14
Grenoside (VC-A61-VC)	15:47 - 16:16
VC - Côte de Jenkin Road	16:06 - 16:37
Sheffield	16:14 - 16:46





# Bellringing News

The Ecclesfield Ringers continue to be very active, not only ringing our own bells, but also helping out at other towers. This work follows on from the work that we do on Friday evenings, teaching on our simulator. We are currently helping ringers from Wortley, Bolsterstone, and Barnburgh. We also have several learners of our own. Tom is currently learning as his skill towards his Duke of Edinburgh award.

We are currently right in the middle of “The Wedding Season”. We aim to ring for 20 minutes before the service and a further 20 minutes as the wedding couple leave the church. We also get asked to help ring for weddings at other churches, especially, Rotherham, Handsworth and Wortley, which can make difficulties if the bride is late, as timings can be quite crucial.

Each year the Sheffield area holds a striking competition, carried out in much the same way as Brass Band competitions. Unfortunately this year we were not able to enter a team. The competition was won by the Sheffield Cathedral Ringers. Perhaps next year we will be able to challenge them.

We have welcomed several visiting groups of ringers to Ecclesfield this year and later in the summer The Lincoln Cathedral Ringers are due to pay us a visit.

Along with all the other churches in Yorkshire we have been asked to ring in celebration of The Tour de France visiting the county. At some point over that weekend we will ring in celebration.

We shall also ring on various dates throughout the next four years to commemorate events associated with World War I, especially any specifically connected to Sheffield and Ecclesfield in particular.

*Jennifer Armeson*



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## A prayer by Ignatius Loyola, Mystic, Educator, Preacher, and Founder of the Jesuits 1491-1556

Teach us, good Lord, to serve thee as thou deservest;  
To give, and not to count the cost,  
to fight, and not to heed the wounds,  
to toil, and not to seek for rest,  
to labor, and not to ask for any reward,  
save that of knowing that we do thy will.



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## St THOMAS

Thomas was one of the 12 disciples and one thing we know about his family is he had a twin because he was called 'Didymus' which means a twin.

Thomas was ready to die with Jesus (John 11:16) but it is as 'Doubting Thomas' that most people remember him. Thomas wasn't afraid to ask the questions that the other disciples were thinking.

Thomas wasn't with the other disciples when they first saw the risen Christ. He refused to believe that Jesus had returned from the dead 'unless I see... and touch... I will not believe', but when he saw and touched Jesus he exclaimed 'My Lord and my God'. You can read this in St John's Gospel, chapter 20.

Without Thomas' doubts perhaps we wouldn't be as sure about our faith today. We need someone to ask the questions that we are too afraid to ask for fear of seeming silly or foolish.



## T-TIME PUZZLE?

All the answers to this Bible puzzle begin with the letter T – can find them all? The first one is too easy.

1. The disciple called Didymus.
2. The own names after a Roman Emperor (John, chapter 6).
3. Roman to whom Luke addressed his Gospel.
4. Where St Paul was born (Acts, chapter 9).
5. Paul's companion on the journey to Jerusalem (Galatians, chapter 2).
6. She came from Joppa and was also known as Dorcas (Acts, chapter 8).
7. Deborah sat underneath one (Judges, chapter 4).



**Are there any tiles that won't stick on the wall?**  
Reptiles.

Tell a man that there are 400 billion stars and he'll believe you.  
Tell him a bench has wet paint and he has to touch it.



**Answers:** 1.Thomas 2.Tiberius  
3.Theophilus 4.Tarsus 5.Titus 6  
Tabitha. 7.Tree



# Diary for the Month of July

Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	1.00 pm	Mothers' Union in the Gatty Hall / Norma Priest – The 2014 Theme
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Prayer Meeting
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group in the Gatty Hall / Coffee Evening
	7.30 pm	Finance Team Meeting
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice / Silent Ringing
<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>The Third Sunday after Trinity</b>
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	12 noon	Baptism Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	PCC Meeting
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
	7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting in Church
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	2.00 pm	Service at Hartwell House
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group in the Gatty Hall/ Neil Anderson – Sheffield in the 1960's
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice / Silent Ringing
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>The Fourth Sunday after Trinity</b>
	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>		Mothers' Union Trip
	10.00 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group in the Gatty Hall / Summer Party
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice / Silent Ringing
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>The Fifth Sunday after Trinity</b>
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	4.00 pm	Living Stones Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30 pm	Mission Team Meeting



Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	7.30 pm	Fabric Team Meeting
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group in the Gatty Hall/
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice / Silent Ringing

## Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>

### The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Ignatian Prayer in Church
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9.30 am	Holy Communion

### From the Registers

#### Baptisms

1st June	Nicole Grace Farey
1st June	Esme Susan Thornhill
1st June	Leon Lee Seymour

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

#### Weddings

21st May	Adam Warburton & Emily Christina Bingham
7th June	Andrew John Moody & Laura Jane Antcliff
7th June	Nigel Ian Moran & Zoe Michaela Stacey Page
8th June	Federico Javier de Diego Lee & Gemma Louise Hopley
21st June	Adam John Straw & Lindsay Slater

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

#### Funerals

29th May	Lillian Cooke	90
6th June	Enid Hewlett	89
19th June	Clara Goddard	91
19th June	Joan Wilson	93

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

#### Flower Rota – July

6th	K. Thompson & B. Fisher
13th	M Lambert & S Smith
20th	S. Hartshorne & J. Fryer
27th	P. Clarke and P. Bown





# The Gardening Year – July 2014

**Causes of Failure** – The complete or partial failure of a sowing is rarely due to the quality of the seed. If the seed has not come up, you probably have time to re-sow, but first make sure that the crop has failed. There are several common reasons for failure, and these may be identified if the seeds are large enough to be dug up and examined. **Soil too cold** – the seed will be soft and decaying, with no sign of a shoot, this occurs in hardy crops sown too early in spring and in tender crops such as marrows sown too early in April or May. Take local advice and do not be misled by sowing times on the seed packet. Remember in our area we are two or three weeks behind the south of England. **Soil too dry** - the seed will be hard and appear much as it came out of the packet. In dry weather always soak the ground before sowing and water at three day intervals until seedlings emerge.

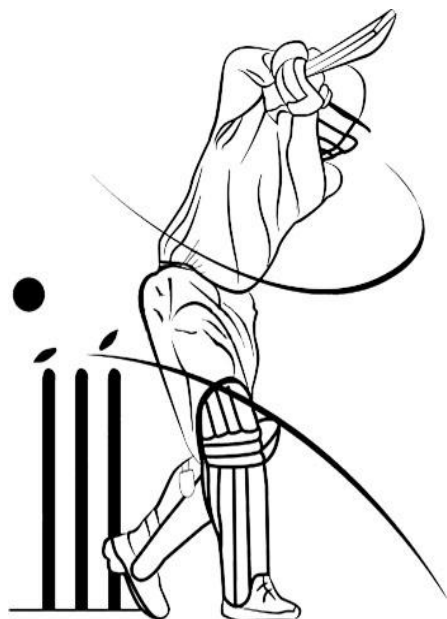
**Fungus and Diseases** – seeds are liable to attack by spores of a soil-borne fungus and in this case will rot and maybe hard to find. This is more common in heavy soils than in light ones. Before sowing treat the seeds with a fungicidal dressing obtainable from garden shops. Some, such as Murphy's combined seed dressing also contains insecticides. Peas and beans are particularly susceptible to these rotting-off troubles but germination can be greatly improved by shaking the seeds with fungicide in the packet, be careful not to inhale the dust. Some seeds are already treated with fungicide in the packet, read the instruction when handling these seeds. **Slug Damage** – occasionally, slugs may clear seedlings as they emerge put slug pellets down but cover the pellets with a seed tray to stop hedgehogs from eating them as they kill them.

**Mice** – peas sown under cloches in autumn or early spring are the most likely target of mice. Set traps under the cloches or use mouse bait but cover to stop birds from getting at them. It may seem a paradox of gardening that seeds must be sown thickly enough to ensure a full row then thinned out to give the plants room to mature. Thinning however is vital otherwise seedlings become weak and spindly as they compete with each other for food and light. Thin in three stages starting as soon as the seedlings are large enough to handle, first to 1in. Apart, then to 2in. and finally to the distance recommended for each vegetable. Pelleted seeds sown in pairs at their final spacing only need thinning to a single seedling at each station. **Vegetables** - continue to plant out winter greens such as leeks. There is still time to sow carrots, select an early variety. Sow seeds of broccoli, kale and sprouting broccoli, also spring cabbage. Don't forget to spray potatoes for potato blight as early as possible. Also spray tomatoes plants inside and out as they are the same family.

*Colin Williams.*



# Whitley Hall Cricket Club



There has been an improvement in performances although the weather has still claimed two further matches on 24<sup>th</sup> May and 7<sup>th</sup> June. A fine win at Elsecar on 17<sup>th</sup> May followed by a win in the Whitworth Cup over Hallam kick-started the season. Victories over Hallam, Coal Aston and Whiston leaves the 1<sup>st</sup> XI in joint 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the end of June.

The second XI has endured a difficult start to the season, partly due to the number of 1<sup>st</sup> XI teams competing in Division 2. The team has clawed its way up the league and now sit in mid-table. Congratulations to the Under 13 team which won the Junior League Cup final against Sheffield Collegiate. We now look forward to the semi-final of the Whitworth Cup on 6<sup>th</sup> July (same day as Le Grand Depart).

## Selected Home Matches at Cinder Hill Lane

28 <sup>th</sup> June	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Wickersley
5 <sup>th</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Aston Hall
6 <sup>th</sup> July (Cup semi-final)	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Whiston
12 <sup>th</sup> July	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Bradfield
19 <sup>th</sup> July	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Wath
26 <sup>th</sup> July	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Doncaster Town
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Elsecar

Please come and support your local club. 1<sup>st</sup> XI Saturday/Sunday matches commence 1.00pm and other matches at 1.30pm. Weekday evening matches at 6.00pm.

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# Mothers' Union Deanery Festival

Ecclesfield Mothers' Union were pleased to host this year's Deanery Festival when we welcomed around 70 members from the Deanery to St Mary's on the sunny afternoon of Thursday 5 June 2014. Among the special guests we welcomed were Sheila Wood, the Diocesan President: Ann Philips Honorary Vice President and Pauline Reynolds Leader of Ecclesfield Deanery.

The Festival took the form of a Communion Service led by Revd Daniel Hartley. The service started with a presentation of the Banners which were placed in front of the rood screen for all to see.

Members of the Deanery and local committee acted as readers, intercessors and side persons.

The sermon was given by the Revd Gordon Taylor, Mothers' Union Diocesan Chaplain. His theme was the MU theme of 'Sowing the Future Together' and this he illustrated by reminding us of the parable of The Sower. He said that these were very challenging words and that if the MU is to prosper and grow we must continue to reach out in love and service. Revd Taylor also reminded us of some words spoken by Mother Theresa: 'We have only today, so let us begin'.

After the service members were entertained to tea and cakes.

The Mothers' Union Deanery Banner was presented to us to hold for the next year when we will pass it on to Bradfield Branch. A suitable stand and display position, near to our own banner will be found.

Jennifer Armeson

## Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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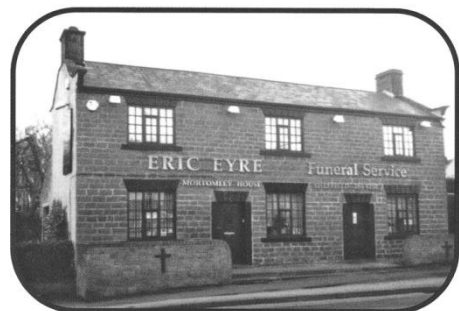
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# Mothers' Union

Members of the Mothers' Union met in the Gatty Hall on Wednesday 4 June 2014. The meeting started with the usual chat over a cup of tea. The meeting proper was open by Maureen Lambert reading out the notices, and was followed by a short service led by Pat Blackburn.

Our guest speakers this month were our own Pam Prior and Heather Johnson. Pam and Heather are Diocesan Co-ordinators for Action and Outreach. This means that the work they do is for the whole of the Sheffield Diocese, not just for us here in Ecclesfield.

They gave us a brief outline of all the activities in which they are involved:

Away From it All (AFIA): Which is arranging caravan holidays for families who have been through a rough time and cannot afford to pay for a holiday themselves, usually comprising of a family with a handicapped member. So far 10 holidays have been arranged for this year.

Christian African Relief Trust (CART): This organisation is based in Huddersfield and sends trucks out to Africa with absolutely anything from computers, sewing machines, medical equipment, books & stationery, gardening equipment, tools. These things are then distributed by the local church in Africa. Some of the items are sold in their shop, in this country, to raise money to send the trucks out. Each truck costs £12,000 to send and last year 13 trucks went out!

Refuge: This is supporting four women's refuges in, Barnsley, Doncaster, Rotherham and Sheffield. These refuges require bedding, furniture, clothes and feminine items to help support and rehouse abused women.

Prison Crèche: This is run in Moorlands prison and is mostly supported by Mothers' Union members from the Doncaster area, but more volunteers are required. The members play with the children while their mums go off to visit their men folk. Men are also encouraged to go along because a lot of the children do not have a male figure in their lives. Everyone needs to be CRB checked. Toys are also required.

Overseas: Co-ordinating contacts and helps with relief when some of these areas meet with adverse conditions, floods, drought, etc. Our linked dioceses are West Buganda, Maseno North, Nambale, Brisbane and Nnewi.



Virtual Babies: These babies are taken in to schools to help educate teenagers of the hard work involved in bringing up babies and children. Parenting classes are also offered. Mothers' Union started this idea several years ago but nowadays most schools run their own classes.

Wheels Appeal: We were also reminded about this. Old bicycles are sent out to places such as Rwanda. You can travel much further on a bike than on foot and people are able to travel further afield to sell their products or find work.

Pam and Heather do an amazing amount of work. If anyone would like to support them in what they do please seek them out via Ecclesfield Mothers' Union.

Thank you both for all that you do.

*Jennifer Armeson*

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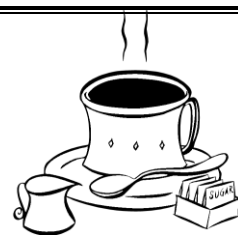
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# Crossword Puzzle

## Clues Across

- 8** Academic who studies history of one of Israel's perennial enemies (13)  
**9** Take to court (Matthew 5:40) (3)  
**10** Absence of guilt (1 Kings 8:32) (9)  
**11** Of Tim (anag.) (5)  
**13** Deprive priest of ecclesiastical status (7)  
**16** Where Paul and Barnabas called en route from Perga to Antioch (Acts 14:25–26) (7)  
**19** 'The earth is the — , and everything in it' (Psalm 24:1) (5)  
**22** 'Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a —message when the body of elders laid their — hands on you' (1 Timothy 4:14) (9)  
**24** Raincoat (abbrev.) (3)  
**25** Issue relating to sexual ethics dealt with in the controversial Papal Encyclical Humanae Vitae in 1968(13)

## Clues Down

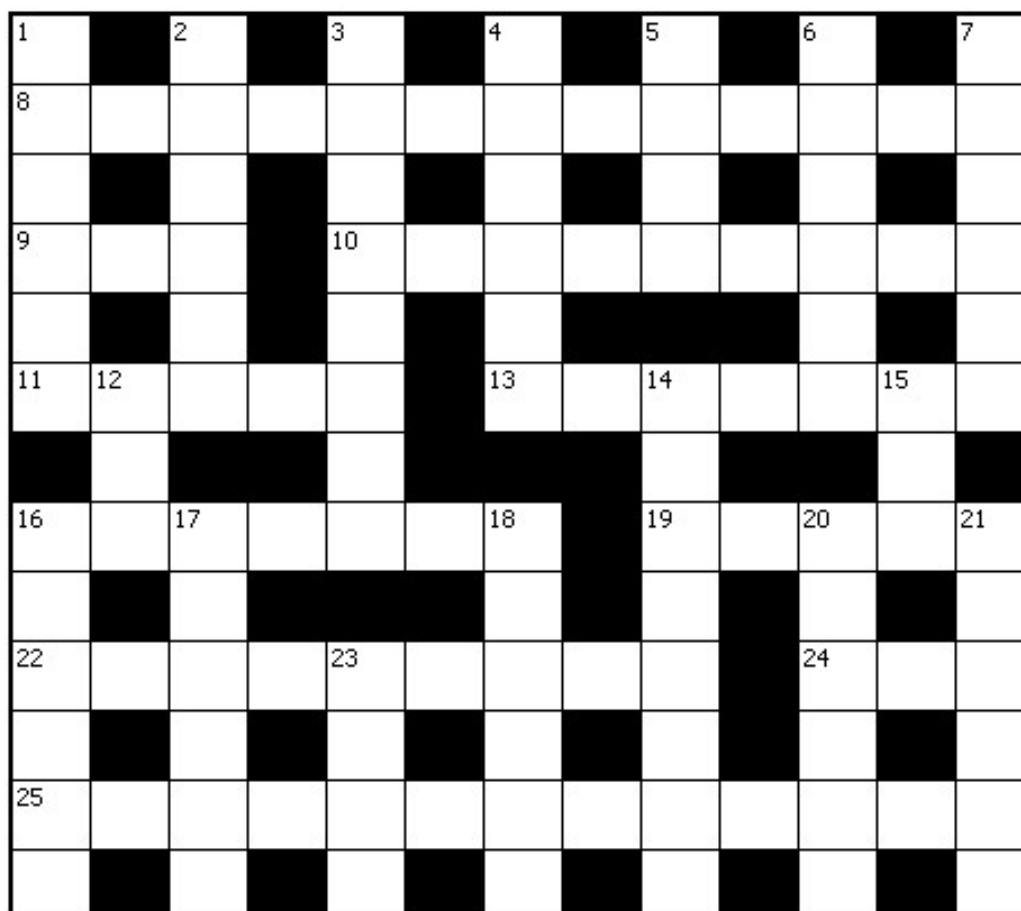
- 1** 'The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a — for many' (Matthew 20:28) (6)  
**2** Upward slope (Nehemiah 3:19) (6)  
**3** 'God blessed them and said to them, "Be — and increase in number"' (Genesis 1:28) (8)  
**4** 'What God has — together, let man not separate' (Matthew 19:6) (6)  
**5** One of the partners which, with BEA, formed British Airways (1,1,1,1)  
**6** 'This will be a — — you. You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger' (Luke 2:12) (4,2)  
**7** Takers (anag.) (6)  
**12** 'But the things that come — of the mouth come from the heart, and these make a man "unclean"' (Matthew 15:18) (3)  
**14** 'Then I set bowls — of wine and some — before the men of the Recabite family' (Jeremiah 35:5) (4,4)  
**15** Levitical eating laws were much concerned about animals 'that chew the — ' (Leviticus 11:3) (3)  
**16** Llama-like animal noted for its wool (6)  
**17** The seed which fell among these was choked by them as it grew (Luke 8:7) (6)  
**18** Launch an assault against (Genesis 14:15) (6)  
**20** 'Neither can you bear fruit unless you — in me' (John 15:4) (6)



**21** John says of the healing of the royal official's son, 'This was the — miraculous sign that Jesus performed' (John 4:54) (6)

**23** Inflict pain on (Acts 7:26) (4)

Crossword Puzzle - Solution is on page 21



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# Prayers and Poems Page

## Parables (Mt 13: 1-51)

Secrets of the Kingdom  
Shared in stories,  
Stories of seeds and sowers,  
Merchants and mustard seeds,  
Treasure and nets let down in the lake.

Everyday stories,  
Eternal truths.  
Eyes and ears open, blessed to see and hear  
The secrets only faith can access.

Lord, grow our faith into understanding  
That speaks your kingdom message today,  
New and fresh  
In the parables of our lives.

*By Daphne Kitching*

## Prayer of thanks

Lord Jesus,  
Thank you for coming to live as one of us.  
Thank you for telling those wonderful stories  
of everyday people and events, which you  
filled with messages of truth and eternity.  
Help us, Lord, to learn from your written  
Word and to recognise you as the living  
Word - and our Saviour, the only way to the  
Father.  
In your name we pray, Lord Jesus,  
Amen.

*By Daphne Kitching*

## The Hand of Christ

The hand of Christ rests gently on my  
head,  
Love's blessings flow from God's eternal  
heart  
Into my veins.  
The Spirit's breath pulsates within my soul  
And in the life that Christ has won for all  
On Calvary's hill  
I step out gladly into God's Creation,  
There to praise the holy Name of God,  
In triune-majesty forever reigning.

O God most high,  
Most Holy Father, blessed Son,  
and gracious Spirit, Three-in-One.  
We bow before the eternal throne  
and, in the strength of love received,  
we give your love in blessing  
to your world.

*by Sam Doubtfire*

*Editor: On to lighter matters, it doesn't  
matter how hard we try, the most difficult bit  
of getting up always seems to be finding the  
correct socks!*

## The Sock Drawer

There is a place where chaos reigns  
Where, despite most stringent pains  
Pure muddle the ascendant gains  
The drawer I keep my socks in!  
Some jump straight out onto the stairs  
And some refuse to stay in pairs  
The ones I want eludes my stares  
The ones I don't just flock in!

On Wednesday it's my Tuesday socks  
When I'm grumpy Mr Happy mocks  
Mr Holey when I'm chasing clocks  
For funerals I find bright ones  
For Church it's always Doctor Who  
I wanted red but I find blue  
Whatever am I meant to do?  
I can never find the right ones!

*By Nigel Beeton*



# Saint of the Month - St James the Great (25<sup>th</sup> July)

*By David Winter*

Jesus, fresh from his baptism and fired with his new calling, bursts into Galilee. Coming upon four fishermen working on the shore of the lake, he says to them, 'Follow me'. Without further ado or even a second thought, they abandon what they're doing (and in the case of two of them, James and John, leave their poor old father alone in the boat with the hired crew), and set off with Jesus, they know not where. That is how Mark's Gospel records the recruitment of four of the apostles of Jesus. Talk about a sudden change of life!

All our understanding of human behaviour tells us that this is not how people normally respond to such a peremptory invitation: no questions, no explanation. Take it or leave it. Just 'Follow me'.

That however is on a superficial reading of the text. In fact, because we have four Gospels rather than just three, we know from John that one pair of brothers, James and John, and the other two called on the same day, had been disciples of John the Baptist, who had pointed Jesus out to them as the 'Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world'.

Subsequently two of them had sought him out and spent some time with him in the Jordan area. This was not quite the instant 'conversion' described by Matthew and Mark, though undoubtedly it evoked an instant response.

For many of us on the journey of faith the experience of James and John - and the other two, Peter and Andrew - mirrors our own experience. First we know about Jesus, perhaps as children at Sunday school, or later as adults. Then we begin to ask questions and look for answers. Finally there may come a time when we hear his voice, as it were, calling us to accompany him on a life of love, service and commitment.

For James (whose feast day falls this month) this moment was to turn his whole life upside down. He became a leader of the church in Jerusalem after the resurrection and was the first apostle to be martyred, being put to the sword by Herod Agrippa in 44AD. His brother John, in contrast, lived on as a senior figure in the life of the emerging Church. For all four who were called by the lake that day, nothing would ever be quite the same again. But then all those who set out to follow Jesus wherever he leads them are usually in for a few surprises.



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