

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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First Words...

- **May Queen Service** – This year the May Queen Service takes place on **Sunday 18th May at 12.00 pm**. This will be a special service to celebrate the May Queens and the role of Girl Guiding in our communities and society today. All are welcome to attend. If you normally come to our 10 o'clock Parish Communion Service please stay on and welcome the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides at 12 o'clock
- **Ascension Day Eucharist** – Ascension Day is on Thursday 29th May and we'll be holding a Service of Holy Communion at 7.30 pm. This will be a "Mission Partnership" event incorporating the Churches of Ecclesfield, Chapeltown, Grenoside and High Green. Please make an extra special effort to come along to this.

Daniel Hartley



Prayer for Month

An Easter Prayer

Christ is Risen: The world below lies desolate
Christ is Risen: The spirits of evil are fallen
Christ is Risen: The angels of God are rejoicing
Christ is Risen: The tombs of the dead are empty
Christ is Risen indeed from the dead,
the first of the sleepers,
Glory and power are his forever and ever
Amen

St. Hippolytus (AD 190-236)

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The Vicars' Letter - When bad things happen

Life seems to take little notice of the Christian seasons. Easter Day is a day filled with joy and celebration but, for some, it is a day filled with sadness and tragedy. Whilst we were enjoying our worship and, no doubt, our food and drink later in the day, others were waking up to the news of the death of a loved one. Bad things seem to happen and they seem to happen all the time.

On more than one occasion during my work as a Prison Chaplain I had to inform a prisoner of the death of one of his relatives on Christmas Day. A strange juxtaposition of joy and sadness. For those of us who proclaim the inherent goodness of life, this juxtaposition is something that we often experience. How can life be good when it is so marred by suffering and tragedy?

There can be no doubt that the greatest challenges to faith come when bad things happen. Not just to us but to other people. I'm writing this article in the aftermath of the terrible death of Ann Maguire, a much loved teacher at Corpus Christi College, Leeds (a school just down the road from where I grew up). Here is a person who has dedicated her life to the service of others and has done so in the context of a school founded upon a Christian ethos. How do we react when such terrible things happen? How do we speak of goodness and love against the backdrop of death and violence?

This challenges our faith and it makes us ask what life would look like if we gave up on goodness and love. It would be a life characterised by bleakness and harshness; a life of no possibilities, a life of no hope and a life of no redemption. In actual fact it is the tragic events of life that remind us of a great wisdom: goodness and love can be taken or left during times of comfort and joy, but they are essential components during times of suffering and loss. It is precisely at the darkest times that we must hold fast to the light so that the darkness does not overwhelm us. In other words, the maturity of our faith is forged in the fire of human suffering,

Bad things do happen, and they happen all the time. Maybe not to us, but to somebody, somewhere. We read about them in our newspapers and we watch them on our televisions. If we are to proclaim goodness and love then our proclamation must go through these bad things, these sufferings and these tragedies. As we go through them then we are able to see that nothing, not even this darkness, can separate us from the love of God. As St Paul reminds us in *Romans 8. 38-39*

For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Daniel Hartley

On The Perils of Building a Kitchen in Church

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

It never fails to amaze me how in church life, an issue can suddenly become an Issue. In the last month, we have acquired an Issue: a proposal to convert a space at the back of church into a kitchen. Inevitably, battle lines have been drawn and trenches dug. Attendance at church council meetings have soared and unofficial sub-committees meet in the car park after Services. It's obvious that feelings are running high, because people have become remarkably polite to one another.

Some who are wildly in favour see it as an opportunity of being able to leave the pews ten minutes early in order to get ready for the rush for weak coffee and damp biscuits. I can already hear in my mind the final hymn being drowned by kettles being filled, biscuit tins opened, cups thunderingly placed on saucers, while the volunteers discuss the dress sense of others in the congregation in deafening whispers.

I was a little surprised to hear that Colonel Wainwright was all in favour – until I realised that it would give him a place to totter into to read his newspaper once he got bored with my sermon, which usually seems to happen in the first minute. Naturally, smaller turf wars have broken out alongside the major battle. There is conflict about whether we should get new crockery, what colour carpeting tiles would look right – and most importantly of all, who will take charge of the coffee rota.

Others are totally against the project: the treasurer dreads the thought of signing yet more cheques, the churchwardens worry about removing pews which have quietly hidden the dry rot, and the theologically angst-ridden agonise about the fact that St. Paul never mentioned coffee after Sabbath worship.

Naturally, I encourage all sides, especially if it will bring any possibility of progress to a halt. I proposed bringing in flasks of coffee, thus stopping anyone being able to escape before the end of the Service; I suggested drinks being brought to people in the pews, thus ruining the Colonel's hopes of finding a safe haven; I organised a group to study High Priestly attitudes to refreshments in the Temple in Jerusalem in Leviticus.

I am sure that by the time all these groups have come up with their conclusions, we will have safely moved on to fight the next Issue.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

The Impey Family's Journey to Ethiopia

The Impey's have now met with the team from Wycliffe and plans are going ahead for them to go out to Ethiopia in August of this year. Obviously God's call is now coming to fruition and so the time between now and August will move on very quickly. Set out below is what has happened over the last few months as regards publicity for them.

Last December they were asked to write an article for the next issue of the Wycliffe magazine here in Germany. We were asked to write about God's calling to change jobs (a play on words in the German; Beruf – job and Berufung – calling). It was a challenge but enjoyable and exciting and gave them a chance to review the two years and the changes that God had made in their lives.

At the end of January, Wycliffe asked if they would give an interview for the biggest Christian magazine here in Germany "ideaSpektrum". We were asked on a Wednesday, did the interview by phone on the Friday and on the following Wednesday the magazine was out - with the Impey's on the back cover!

They ask for our prayers as follows:

Give thanks...

- For all four of the children who are well and truly on board and wanting to start in Ethiopia this summer!!
- For the articles in the magazines, especially the chance to publicise the work of Wycliffe more in the widely read ideaSpektrum

Requests

- God's wisdom and guidance through all steps of preparation (vaccinations, documents, dealing with authorities and bureaucracy etc.) and for good health for all of us over the coming months
- A substantial growth in the number of people called to support us financially
- And that throughout all, we will keep our eyes fixed on Jesus!

PORTRÄT

„Gott will, dass wir nach Afrika gehen!“

BLAUBENSCHRITT Vermutlich wagen nicht viele Europäer diesen Schritt: Die 6-köpfige Familie Impey (Foto) wird im Sommer ihre Hamburger Heimat verlassen, um in Afrika mitzuwirken, die Bibel zu übersetzen. Der Vater gibt dafür eine gut bezahlte Arbeitsstelle auf. In Zukunft wird die Familie auf Spenden angewiesen sein. Ein Porträt von idea-Redakturin Daniela Stäcker.



Die Entscheidung der Impeys steht: Stephen (43) und Marië (43) werden im August mit ihren 4 Kindern Ben (15), Lisa (14), Dan (11) und Ellen (9) im Auftrag der Bibelübersetzungsorganisation „Wycliffe“ nach Äthiopien gehen. Zu dem Entschluss kam es so: Die Krankenschwester Marië Reichel lernt den Bräun Stephen Impey 1990 im israelischen Tel Aviv kennen. 1997 heiraten sie. Stephen Impey zieht aus dem bräunlichen Nottingham zu seiner Ehefrau nach Hamburg. Er macht nach seinem Studium der Elektrotechnik beim Flugzeughersteller Airbus als Projektmanager Karriere. Das Paar ist glücklich und bald wächst die Familie. In einer charismatischen Vineyard-(Weinberg-)Gemeinde in Hamburg finden sie auch eine gemeinsame geistliche Heimat.

haben dabei den Eindruck: Gott hat uns dort gefragt, ob wir bereit sind, dahin zu gehen, wo er uns einsetzen will. Wir haben gesagt: „Ja, Herr, sende uns.“ Im Herbst 2011 kommt eine Mitarbeiterin von Wycliffe Deutschland (Burbach bei Siegen) in die Gemeinde der Impeys. Sie berichtet, dass es in über 1.500 Sprachen noch keine Bibeltexte gäbe. Das Ehepaar fühlt sich angesprochen. Es weiß aus eigener Erfahrung, wie schwierig es ist, die Bibel in einer anderen Sprache zu verstehen. Schließlich ist ihre Muttersprache Deutsch und keine Englisch. Die Impeys sind überzeugt: „Gottes Wort kann in einer Fremdsprache nicht zum Herzen vordringen.“ Unterstützt von ihrer Gemeinde und von Freunden lassen sie sich fünf Monate – davon drei in England – von Wycliffe intensiv für ihren Einsatz ausbilden.

Was will Gott in Zukunft von uns? Obwohl beruflich und privat alles gut läuft, fragen sie sich: Will Gott, dass wir unser Leben so weiterführen? Im Sommer 2011 fahren sie zu einer christlichen Familienreise, wo sie viel Zeit haben, um zu beten: „Wir

arbeiten von Äthiopiern und internationalen Partnerorganisationen von Wycliffe an Bibeldruckmaschinen für diese Sprachen. Impey soll für eine bessere Koordination sorgen. Seine Ehefrau wird sich für die Verbreitung der schon übersetzten Bibelleisten einsetzen. Im August wollen sie ausreisen. Sie werden in der Hauptstadt Addis Ababa wohnen. Ihre Kinder werden auf eine internationale christliche Schule gehen. Stephen Impey bereit, seine Stelle bei Airbus aufzugeben: „Auch wenn mir die Arbeit Spaß macht. Alles hat seine Zeit. Und jetzt ist die Zeit gekommen für Äthiopien.“ Da die Impeys ihren Unterhalt auch finanziell missen, brauchen sie einen großen Spenderkreis. „Gott hat uns aus Herz gelegt, nach Äthiopien zu gehen. Und so vertrauen wir ihm auch, dass er es anderen Menschen nun aus Herz legt, uns durch Gebete und Spenden zu unterstützen.“

Alles hat seine Zeit
Im Frühjahr 2013 sind sie überzeugt: „Gott will, dass wir nach Afrika gehen!“ Stephen Impey soll in Äthiopien seine beruflichen Erfahrungen als Leiter von großen Projekten einbringen. Dort gibt es mehr als 90 Sprachen. Mit

S. Hartshorne



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Bishop's Letter – May

This Month, Bishop Peter Writes:

A New Team

Our unique calling as the Church of England is to be present in every community. As I travel around the diocese I meet committed clergy, licensed lay ministers and members of congregations serving their church and community, making significant contributions to the well-being of local people as an outworking of God's mission. As they do so, they witness to the saving love of Jesus Christ and draw others to faith in him. Our towns, cities and countryside are well served by our churches, our clergy and lay ministers for which I give thanks to God and which all of us can celebrate.



Our centenary year is a good time to give thanks to God for the enormous contributions our parishes have made to the communities of the Sheffield Diocese; for those who have come to faith through their witness - and continue to do so - and to look ahead in hope and expectation as we pass our faith onto future generations, continuing to grow and flourish. There is still much to do as we seek to transform our communities through the love and power of the risen Lord. Our communities are our mission field and every parish is a missionary parish.

Pope Francis in his book *Evangelii Gaudium* puts it like this, “I dream of a ‘missionary option’, that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything...for the evangelization of today’s world...The Parish is not an outdated institution...It is the presence of God in a given territory, an environment for hearing God’s word, for growth in the Christian life, for dialogue, proclamation, charitable outreach, worship and celebration. In all its activities, the Parish encourages and trains its members to be evangelizers.” (The Joy of the Gospel, Ch.1, Sections 27-28)

However, as many of you are aware, the parish system is undergoing change as we seek to support, nurture and encourage each other in a greater sense of mutuality by working more closely together in Mission Partnerships and through Mission Action Planning. To help facilitate our vision, the diocesan structures and central resources have undergone changes, introducing the same spirit of mutual support as they seek to respond directly to parishes. One of the major changes is the introduction of the newly formed “Parish Support Team”

which this month for the first time will be fully staffed and operational. Mark Wigglesworth - Mission Development Adviser for the Doncaster Archdeaconry - and Mike North - Children and Young Peoples Adviser - will be joined by Revd Canon Mark Cockayne as Director of the PST and Revd John Hibberd as Mission Development Adviser for the Sheffield and Rotherham Archdeaconry. Mark is Vicar of St Mark's Haydock in the Diocese of Liverpool. He has, over the past few years, restructured the church to facilitate growth of "fresh expressions" alongside the existing parish church model. John is currently leader of "Through Faith Missions" a Christian organisation supporting churches in mission across the UK.

Mark and John bring considerable experience and wisdom to join that of Mark and Mike, and together their main focus will be to support parishes in working towards our diocesan vision. The team marks a significant input and contribution by the diocese to the support of our parishes. Please call upon them as you continue to work through mission in your locality, as you work through key changes to be made and also pray for them as they embed themselves into their work and to the mission task to which they have been called.

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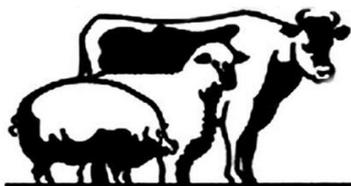
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Will You Remember Them – May

Syria - Abouna Francis - Beloved priest shot dead.

Frans van der lugt, a Jesuit priest who refused to leave the embattled city of Homs, was assassinated on Mon 7th April. Independent news accounts reported that he was taken from his house into his garden, where he was shot through the head.

Known among the people as Abouna Francis – Father Francis – the 75-year old Dutchman was a beloved pastor who had worked in Syria for more than 40 years. In solidarity with the few remaining Christians in Homs, he refused to leave the city. Even at his advanced age, he got around the war-torn city on his bicycle, tending to the elderly and disabled and trying, like everyone else, to obtain enough food for the day.

Father Francis arrived in the Middle East in 1966, first living in Lebanon and moving to Homs in the early 1970s. He was a teacher, with an emphasis in working with special-needs students. As the Syrian civil war struck Homs, the priest was determined to stay with the dwindling Christian community that remained. Homs was once home to an estimated 60,000 Christians: the latest figures reported that fewer than 30 remained in the Old City sector.

In a radio interview recorded two months ago, Father Francis described their plight: “I don’t want to leave alone the 28 Christians that have remained.” “There is a huge lack of food. At breakfast we eat olives and drink tea. In the afternoon we make soup with what grows between the stones on the street. In the evening we just see what we can get.” A colleague, Rev. Ziad Hillal, called Father Francis a ray of joy and hope to all those trapped in the Old City of Homs. God have mercy on us, who could not save him”.

Please Pray For

- The protection of the remaining Christians in Homs
- The witness of Christians in Syria
- The resumption of the peace process in Syria.

Amen

JD

Scout Jamboree 2015 in Japan

Four lucky youngsters and a leader from Ecclesfield/Grenoside have been chosen to represent UK Scouts and go on the adventure of a lifetime in Japan. The group will join more than 30,000 international members at the World Scout Jamboree next year in Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi City, Japan.

Kit Levesley, Katherine Steel, Charlotte Whitham, Joseph Barrow & Peter Levesley are all looking forward to experiencing the different cultures from all over the world and making new lifelong friends. Without Scouting these opportunity would not be possible.

During the 10 day jamboree, our village representatives will join 36 other Scouting members from South Yorkshire and another 30,000 from all around the world to camp, live and work together. They will learn about each country's culture and faiths, learn new skills, debate some of the biggest issues facing the world today and take part in all sorts of adventure activities.

The Scouts are now embarking on a fundraising mission to help pay for the trip and subsidise travel costs for Scouts in the developing world. Over the next year you will see Kit, Katherine, Charlotte, Joseph & Peter organising several social activities and taking part in many fundraising activities to raise the necessary funds to allow them to go on this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Most of these events will be published in the magazine. Please come & support them.

Julie Whitham

World Scout Jamboree 2015 Pie and Pea Family Quiz Night

May 10th at 7pm

At Grenoside Scout Head Quarters, Salt Box Lane, Grenoside

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25th Ecclesfield Beavers - An Update by Jo Steel

Monday Beavers or Swallows started the New Year with 25 Beavers. This year's challenge set by the County is "Le Grand Depart" so we are planning many activities around this theme and hope to be there on the day to cheer them on. So far this year we have made model bicycles out of newspaper, edible bicycles (eating is always a popular activity), talked about how a bicycle works and had a French themed evening. In the summer term we hope to get out on our bikes and do some cycling & training.

We have completed several badges this term, the health & Fitness, faith and hobby badges alongside the challenge badges. We have heard about some interesting hobbies such as karate, swimming, biking and collecting key rings & Sheffield Wednesday programmes! Part of the faith badge was completed here at St. Mary's church, the Beavers particularly enjoyed exploring the church, sitting in the choir pews and of course going up the bell tower. At half-term we visited the Panto at the Methodist church Firth Park & really enjoyed Mother Goose.

Recently 17 Beavers, 2 leaders, 2 Young Leaders and a brave parent had a sleepover at Magna Science Adventure Centre. We all arrived at 6pm at Magna where all the Beavers settled into a large hall, followed by a campfire hotdog & muffin for supper and then watched Despicable Me 2 before settling down for the night. After a continental breakfast it was down to exploring the centre. We started outside in the playground, fortunately with good weather. We visited the Four elements, Earth – where the Beavers activated diggers and blew up mines, Wind, Fire where we were fascinated by the fire tornado and Water where of course we ended up with some very wet Beavers. Following lunch we went to the shop, which for some is the most exciting part of the day, spending money. Lastly we finished up back in the hall taking part in such activities as tight rope walking, curling, scooter Raleigh & circus skills. A great day was had by all, but some tired Beavers & Leaders left Magna at 4 o'clock.

Our latest adventure was to Elsecar Heritage Centre to celebrate St. George's Day. Approx. 450 Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers & Leaders from Don District took part, our group had about 67 members present, a great turnout! We started the evening with orienteering around Elsecar Park followed by pizza or burger & chips. The evening's entertainment was provided by each section, our 2 Beaver Colonies sung "The Poor Old Man was crossing the Road"! We had an interval with ice cream and drinks, but unfortunately ran out of time and the explorer panto had to be postponed until next day. 400 settling down to sleep in one building begs the question why is it called a sleepover, never again, until the next time. The event was planned on a transport theme and next morning saw lots of bases out in the sunshine and a ride on the steam train for everybody. The morning was rounded off with all members renewing their promise and returning home giving had a brilliant time, but very tired and ready for bed.

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JULIAN of NORWICH

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Dame Julian wrote about the love of God and you can still read her book 'The Revelations of Divine Love' today. The book ends with the words "before God made us, he loved us". Before we were born, God chose us for the work we are to do. And as we know, God doesn't make mistakes. He chose you and me, and he loves us. What a wonderful promise!

NOR - PUZZLE

All the answers start with the letters NOR. Answers at the bottom of the page.

What NOR is....

1. The language of the Vikings.
2. A compass point.
3. Three English counties.
4. A country.
5. A man's name and a style of church building.
6. The town where Julian lived.
7. It's not unusual.



What do you get if you cross a Viking and a detective?

Inspector Norse.



What do Eric the Red and Winnie the Pooh have in common?

They have the same middle name.



Answers: 1. Norse 2. North
3. Northumberland, Norfolk and Northamptonshire 4. Norway
5. Norman 6. Norwich 7. normal

Diary for the Month of May

Thursday 1 st	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group / Coffee Evening
Friday 2 nd	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice / Silent Ringing
Saturday 3 rd	9.00 am	Prayer Breakfast
Sunday 4th		The Third Sunday of Easter
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	12 noon	Baptism Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Tuesday 6 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 7 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	1.00 pm	Mothers' Union visit to Work
Thursday 8 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	2.00 pm	Service at Hartwell House
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group/ Sandra Trout – Falling Down
Friday 9 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice / Silent Ringing
Sunday 11th		The Fourth Sunday of Easter
	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Monday 12 th	7.30 pm	Parochial Church Council meets in Church
Tuesday 13 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 14 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 15 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
Friday 16 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice / Silent Ringing
Saturday 17 th	9.00 am	Village in Bloom Plant Sale
Sunday 18th		The Fifth Sunday of Easter
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	12 noon	May Queen Service
	4.00 pm	Living Stones
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Monday 19 th	7.30 pm	Mission Team meets in Church
Tuesday 20 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 21 st	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 22 nd	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Church
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group / Coffee Evening
Friday 23 rd	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice / Silent Ringing

Sunday 25th

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

8.30 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Evening Service
Monday 26th 7.30 pm Ignatian Prayer in Church
Tuesday 27th 7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice
7.30 pm Prayer Meeting in Church
Wednesday 28th 10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
7.30 pm Fabric Team meets in Church
Thursday 29th 9.30 am Holy Communion
7.30 pm Ascension Day Eucharist
Friday 30th 7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice / Silent Ringing

From the Registers

Baptisms

6th April Maia Froggatt
6th April Pia Florence Kenny
6th April Alba Jae Wilkinson

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

Weddings

29th March Michael Jones & Jenna Hollis
25th April Thomas Evans & Susan Lenthall
26th April Wayne Jackson & Samantha Chetwynd
26th April Martin Savage & Sarah Crossley

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

Funerals

31st March Warwick Harrison 76
2nd April Brenda Crinson 83
3rd April John Peacock 68
22nd April Joan Briggs 90

Grant them, O Lord, refreshment, light and peace

Flower Rota

4th N. Priest & J. Rodber
11th W. Brunt & V. Brunt
18th P. Hawley & J. Hawksworth
25th A. Briddock & I. Proctor

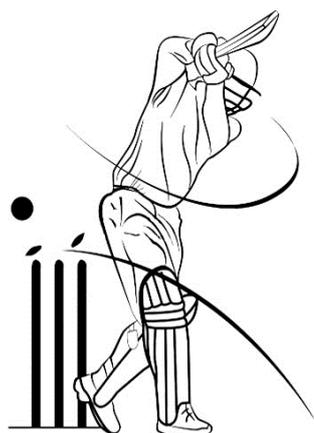


The Gardening Year – May 2014

Browsing through a colourful seed catalogue is one of the most satisfying pastimes for a gardener on a dull winter's day. It is also an essential job because the choice of varieties to suit a particular garden and cropping plan will affect yields during the coming season. Keep your cropping plan beside you when filling in the order form or making a list to take to the garden shop. You can then estimate the amount you need and tick off each row as you order this will also help you to avoid mistakes such as ordering autumn sown cabbages when your cropping plan calls for summer cabbages. Order seed as early as possible otherwise you may find that some varieties are sold out. Quantities and Varieties – in many cases a packet of seeds is sufficient for a row 30ft long. However, this is only a rough estimate since the amount of seeds in a packet varies and one gardener may sow with a heavier hand than another. Often a packet of a new variety contains fewer seeds than an established favourite. Even so it will probably provide more plants than you need. Choosing the varieties best suited to the soil and weather in your area is to some extent a matter of experience. Neighbours and local gardening clubs can suggest varieties that have proved reliable though you may eventually find others that you think are of better quality. Keep to the well-established varieties for the bulk of each crop but every year try out a few that are different. In small gardens try growing half a row of one variety and half a row of another to compare results. By all means experiment with varieties that are new on the market but note that these seeds are generally dearer, so also are F1 Hybrids which are a cross of two distinct parent strains and produce plants of exceptional vigour – The “F” standing for Filial and the ‘1’ for First Cross. Pelleted Seeds – seeds sold in this form resemble small grey ball bearings, each pellet made of clay contains one seed so it is easy to place them evenly when sowing. Subsequently thinning is easier. Pelleted seeds are particularly worthwhile for crops such as carrots and lettuces which are tedious to thin. For good results the soil must contain the right amount of moisture. Home Saved Seeds – in only a few cases is it advisable to save seeds from your own crops. Most small seeds are not worth harvesting. Do not for example save seeds of the cabbage family because cross-fertilisation takes place rapidly between these and other brassicas and may result in plants that are worthless. Do not save seeds from F1 Hybrids as they do not produce truly. Peas and Beans are O.K. also onions and leeks especially if you have a good strain. Vegetables – to plant this month include carrots, cabbage family, beetroot, onion sets if not done in April, main crop potatoes, also peas and beans plant runner beans with the ‘eyes’ down in the soil as this is where the roots emerge from.

Colin Williams

Whitley Hall Cricket Club



Selected Home Matches at Cinder Hill Lane

3 rd May	2 nd XI	v	Rotherham Phoenix
4 th May	2 nd XI	v	Thorpe Hesley (Cup)
10 th May	1 st XI	v	Norton Oakes
17 th May	2 nd XI	v	Elsecar
24 th May	1 st XI	v	Treeton
26 th May	3 rd XI (Colts)	v	Wickersley (1.00pm)
31 st May	2 nd XI	v	Sheffield United
7 th June	1 st XI	v	Darfield

Saturday matches commence at 1.00pm in May. Weekday matches at 6.00pm.

For the full list of games, please call in for a fixture card

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Use any container – e.g. tray, box, teapot, wellies etc. Size not more than 40cm x 40cm

For further information, Ring Angela 0114 246 1095
Full information about the Open Gardens event in the June magazine

Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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Brownies Centenary Year!

This year is a very special year for Brownies all over the world, 2014 is our centenary year!

We have lots of special events and challenges to enjoy as we celebrate one hundred years of Brownies. These include a sleepover and days out as well as lots of interesting activities at our weekly meetings.

As 2014 is such a special year for us, we thought it would be a good idea to reflect this in our annual May Queen concert, so this year's theme is all that's special about 2014. From all the great sporting events such as the Winter Olympics and Commonwealth Games to the anniversary of the out- break of the First World War.

There is of course, a special feature about Brownies and in particular the Brownie Story. The Brownie story is read and enjoyed by Brownies all over the world. It tells the tale of two children who'd like to find a Brownie to help their Mother with the housework. The story was written in Ecclesfield by Juliana Horatia Ewing, daughter of the vicar of Ecclesfield, Dr Gatty. This is very special and something we'd really like to celebrate as part of our Big Brownie Birthday year.

If you have any memories or photographs of Brownies over the years you'd like to share, we'd really love to hear from you. This year, maybe we'll be enjoying some of the same activities and challenges you did as a Brownie!

Ann Kendall - Leader, 92nd Sheffield Brownies

Ecclesfield Guide May Queen

Ecclesfield Guides, Brownies & Rainbows are busy practicing hard for their 70th Annual May Queen concert which will take place on 15th, 16th, 17th May. This year nearly 100 Guides, Brownies & Rainbows will be taking part in the show where they will be singing, dancing & acting throughout the calendar year.

During the second half of the show our New May Queen will be crowned. This year we are pleased to announce that Isobel Talkes will be crowned as Queen Stargazer Lily. Isobel has chosen Sophie Campbell, Lauren Metham, Jessica Emmett, Lylah Gregory, Lilia Hartley & Charlotte Thorpe to be her attendants.

Tickets for the show are now available from any of the Leaders or by phoning Claire on 2461289.

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Prayers and Poems Page

Theology Apology

O who can know you truly
Almighty reigning Lord?
No human words can fully
Describe the living Word!
The study of Theology
Through lecture, or through tome
Is merely an apology –
Your mysteries unknown!

Creator God, whose actions
Made all the stars in space;
Whose tiniest transactions
Hold galaxies in place!
Your life cannot be measured
In centuries or years
Your love cannot be treasured
By gold, or deed, or tears.

Continued

And yet, O God most Holy
You bid us seek Your face
But not through books, but solely
Through Your amazing grace!
Our wisdom could not save us,
Our souls to sin were lost,
But Jesus' love forgave us –
His blood has paid the cost.

No study can avail us
If we don't know your Son.
But Christ will never fail us,
With Him the race is won.
No words of man can seal us
Within your arms of love,
But Jesus will reveal us
Within Your home above!

By Nigel Beeton

Jesus

If I could package faith into one parcel
And collect all hope into a single can –
If I could roll all love into one heart-ball
And commoditise it in a living man
I'd already have a fully detailed label
Prepared before the world itself began -
And it would have one name -
And that name – JESUS -
At the centre of God's universal plan
To take the world along the course
God's surge of love provoked
Till wholeness flows through everything
With God's Spirit of life unyoked.

By Sam Doubtfire

The Charity-Giver's Lament

Oh, woe is me!
What have I done?
I thought I'd give
A helpful sum
But here I sit
Sad and forlorn
For I filled in
A gift aid form!

The daily stress
Just makes me groan
The ringing, ringing
Telephone
A useful gift
I'd thought, for sure.
But callers say
That they want more!

I'm lost for words
(Dysphonia)
The postman's got
A hernia
'Please give us more!'
'Please change your will!'
This 'Charity'
Just makes me ill.

By Nigel Beeton

Crossword Puzzle

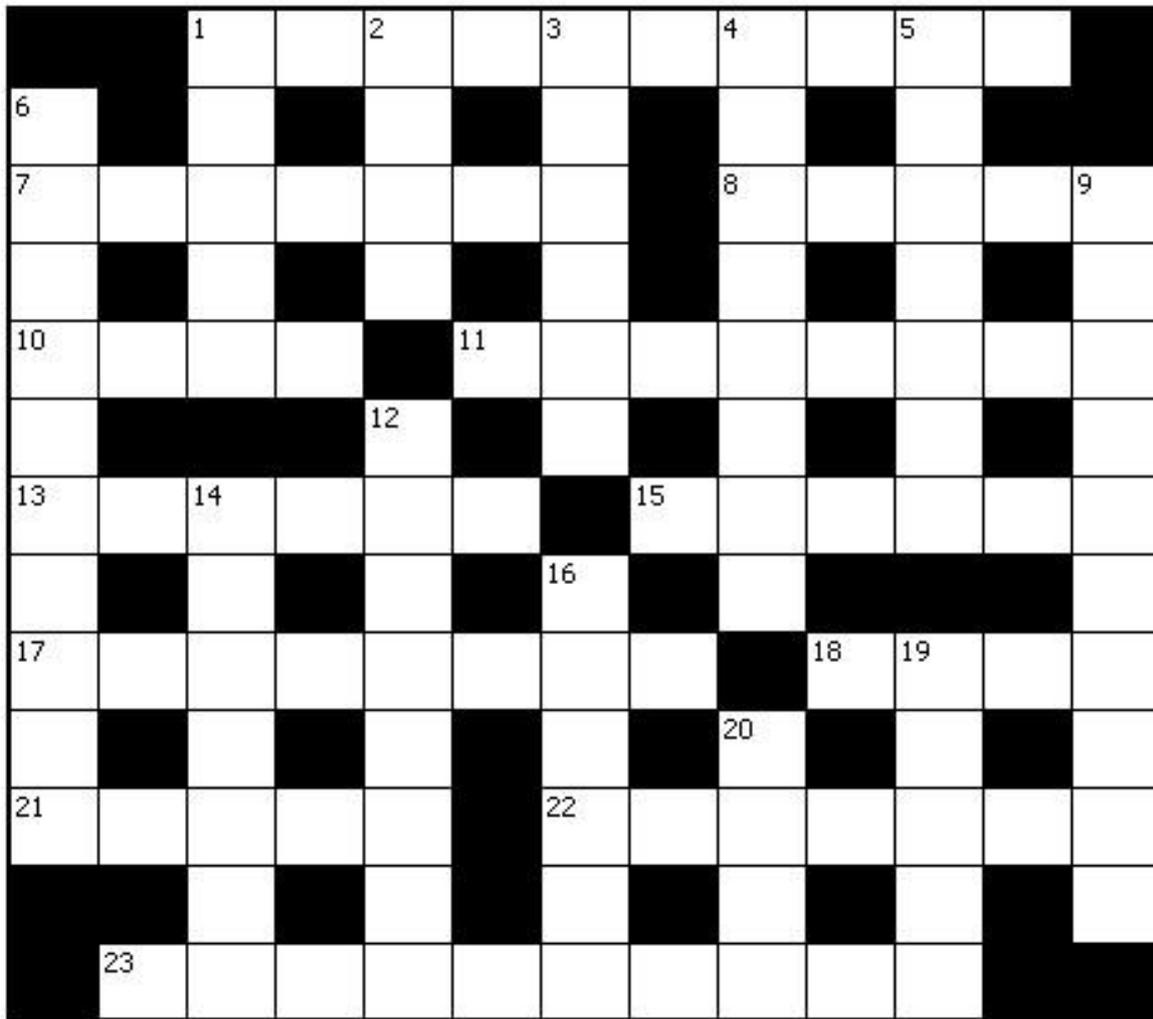
Clues Across

- 1** Sense of right and wrong (1 Corinthians 8:7) (10)
- 7** Coming (John 11:17) (7)
- 8** ‘All I have is — , and all you have is mine’ (John 17:10) (5)
- 10** Smarten (Acts 9:34) (4)
- 11** Hold back (Job 9:13) (8)
- 13** Member of the Society of Friends (6)
- 15** At ague (anag.) (6)
- 17** Citizen of the Greek capital (8)
- 18** So be it (Galatians 6:18) (4)
- 21** Twentieth-century poet and dramatist who wrote Murder in the Cathedral, T.S. — (5)
- 22** Empowers (Philippians 3:21) (7)
- 23** Imposing (1 Samuel 9:2) (10)

Clues Down

- 1** Healed (Luke 7:21) (5)
- 2** Central space in a church (4)
- 3** Co-founder of Spring Harvest and General Secretary of the Evangelical Alliance 1983–97, Clive — (6)
- 4** Moses killed one when he saw him beating a Hebrew labourer (Exodus 2:12) (8)
- 5** Bravery (Acts 4:13) (7)
- 6** It interrupted Paul and Silas singing hymns in a Philippian jail (Acts 16:26) (10)
- 9** Transgression (Psalm 36:1) (10)
- 12** Irish province in which Dublin is situated (8)
- 14** Same hit (anag.) (7)
- 16** ‘The Spirit of God was hovering over the — ’ (Genesis 1:2) (6)
- 19** Author of the immortal stories of Winnie the Pooh, A.A. — (5)
- 20** Cab (4)

Crossword Puzzle - Solution is on page 21



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Saint of the Month - Athanasius (296-373)

The theologian who gave us the Nicene Creed

Saints Day 2nd May

This is the name behind the Athanasian Creed. Athanasius was born into a prosperous family in Alexandria in Egypt, studied in the Christian school there and entered the ministry. He was twenty-nine years old when he accompanied Alexander, the bishop of Alexandria, to the Church's first ecumenical Council, at Nicaea in 325.

Although Athanasius could not take part in the Council's debates because he was a deacon and not a bishop, Alexander consulted him on the meaning of biblical texts and theological distinctions. With Emperor Constantine sitting as President, three hundred bishops argued about the Person of Christ. How is he the Son of God? Is he God or man or both together? Did he exist before he was born? If we worship him does that mean we are worshipping two Gods?

The young Athanasius saw that some bishops wanted to impose the teaching of Arius on the Church. Arius was a popular preacher in Alexandria who taught that Christ was not eternal but was a 'Saviour' created by the Father. Athanasius worked with his bishop, Alexander, in framing what became known as the Nicene Creed. Our Lord's full divinity was safeguarded in the words, 'eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father.'

When Bishop Alexander died in 328, Athanasius succeeded him as Bishop by popular demand. For the next forty-five years Athanasius' devotion, scholarship, and forceful leadership established the Nicene Creed in the Christian Church. His enemies, both in Church and state, conspired against him, and he was exiled five times from the See of Alexandria and spent a total of seventeen years in flight and hiding. It was his uncompromising stand for Nicene theology that gave rise to the familiar saying, Athanasius contra mundum, 'Athanasius against the world.'

Athanasius' name will always be linked with the triumph of New Testament Christology over every form of reductionism. Of his many writings the most significant was his great study on the person and work of Christ; 'On the Incarnation of the Word of God', written before he was thirty years old. The whole Church of Christ is always in need of bishops, leaders and theologians in the mould of Athanasius.

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