

# News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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## First Words...

- **Remembrance Sunday** - On Sunday 9th November we will gather at 10.00 am for our Service of Remembrance. This year commemorates the 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War and so there will be added poignancy. Please join us for this special service as we reflect and remember.
- **Getting Ready For Christmas** - November is the month that our Christmas preparations begin. I'm not talking about Christmas trees and turkeys, I'm talking about Advent. The Season of Advent begins on Sunday 30th November. Make sure that your Christmas 2014 has time and space for the true meaning of Christmas.

*Daniel Hartley*



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## Prayer for Month

### The Collect for Advent Sunday

Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and to put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life,  
in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility;  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

# Lest We Forget

## *The Rev Paul Hardingham meditates on what Peace might look like...*

One of the most amazing sights in London this year has been the art installation *'Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red'* at the Tower of London. The dry moat has been filled with 888,246 ceramic poppies, each representing a British or Colonial soldier killed in the First World War and commemorated in this centenary year.

*'In Flanders fields, the poppies grow between the crosses, row on row, that mark our places; and in the sky the larks, still bravely singing, fly scarce heard amongst the guns below.'*

This is the first stanza of John McCrae's poem, first published in Punch magazine in 1915. Within months, it came to symbolise the sacrifices of all who were fighting in the First World War. Today, the poppy remains a tangible symbol of all those who have sacrificed their lives in war. But why do we remember?

*'They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.'* (Micah 4:3). Writing about 700 years before Christ, Micah's words have to be seen against a background of violence with the fall of Samaria and the instability created by the aggression of Assyria. However, he prophesied a future of hope, a world where nations come together in peace instead of war. His vision saw a time when the arms of war would be turned into farming tools and people would live in peaceful community.

Our understanding of *peace* is more than the avoidance of war or the absence of conflict. It's about building relationships between people, communities and nations, which positively creates a love and care for others founded on justice for all. As we remember the sacrifice of those who died in the First World War, our response must be to look practically at how we can build relationships of peace and justice in our world, starting with our own families, colleagues and neighbourhoods. As Micah says, *'we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever.'* (4:5). We always need God's presence and power to change us into the people who have a passion for peace and justice, and compassion for everyone.

*'They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.'*

# The Vicars' Letter

Many of you will know by now that my family and I are leaving Ecclesfield next year, heading off to the Diocese of Exeter. This month's letter is based on the announcement that I made in Church on Sunday 12th October.

I have been offered, and have accepted, the post of Priest in Charge of the Aune Valley Benefice. It is benefice of 5 rural parishes on the south coast of Devon, a few miles away from the town of Kingsbridge, with the Rectory in the village of Thurlestone. The move to this new post will take place in April 2015. It is my hope that Emma and the children will stay in the Vicarage here in Ecclesfield until the end of the school year and join me in July.

In one sense there is never a right time for a Vicar to leave a parish. Notwithstanding this, you will, I'm sure, have expected me to stay as the Vicar of Ecclesfield for more than 4 years. This was an expectation that I shared up until a few months ago.

After a time of prayer and reflection I have come to the conclusion that, despite the relatively short period of time that I have been with you, now is the right time to move. The reason for this involves two windows of opportunity.

The first window of opportunity involves my family circumstances. Emma and I are committed to doing the best for our children and, as a result of this, we do not want to move them during their secondary school years. Jude is currently in Year 6 and so will be starting secondary school in September 2015. With Nathanael following after him, this means that if we do not move during this year then we will not be able to move for another 10-12 years. In good conscience I cannot commit to being with you for that period of time, nor do I believe that a 16 year incumbency would be good for this parish.

The second window of opportunity concerns the life of this parish. During the past 4 years there has been a huge amount of change and this change is now bedding in well. It is bedding in well and people are coming forward in leadership. In actual fact we are, as a parish, where I hoped we would be after 6 years. 6 years' worth of work has been achieved in a little under 4 years. We are now at a time of consolidation, rather than change. If I had been staying in Ecclesfield then new opportunities for change and development would have arisen, but of course, that is a chapter to be written under the support and guidance of somebody else.

I have grown immeasurably during my time with you. I have learnt a lot about my strengths and weaknesses and I hope that I have imparted some words of encouragement along the way. I have found the people of this Church to be amongst the friendliest that I have encountered and I will take away many happy memories. As I believe that God is calling me away, so I believe that God will be calling somebody to help you write the next chapter in the life of this Church.

Of course I will be with you for several more months and, in one sense, it's business as usual: Church Services, wedding, baptisms and funerals. In other sense though, it is a time of planning and consolidation. I will work with the Church Council in ensuring that the mission and ministry of this Church will continue long after I have gone. It will be a time for the whole Church here in Ecclesfield to reflect on where God is calling you.

There will be plenty of time for goodbyes later on, but for now, I ask that you keep me and my family in your prayers as we keep you in ours.

*Daniel Hartley*

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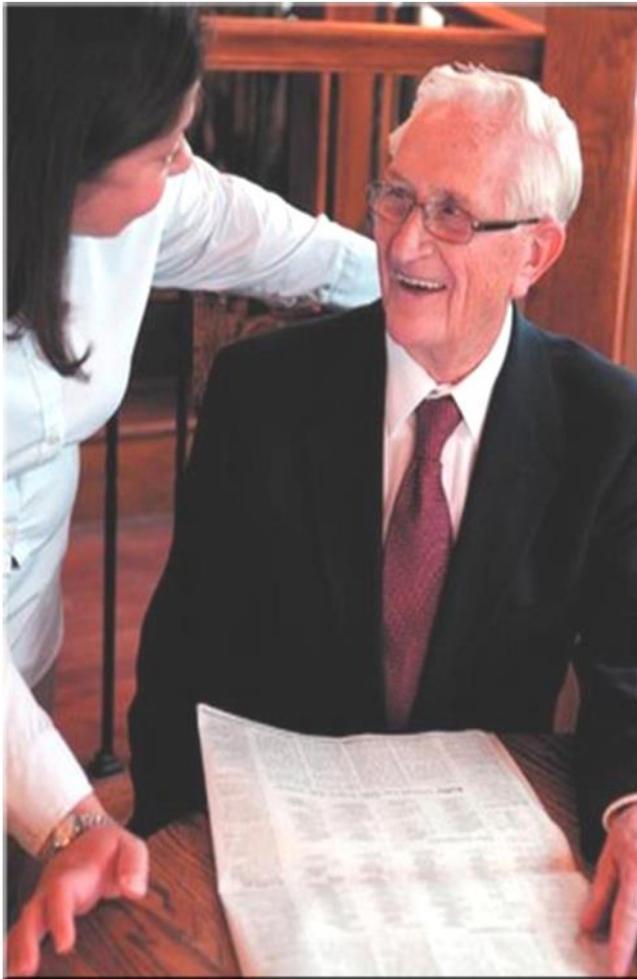
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# On why the C of E should never combine parishes

My dear Nephew Darren

The Rectory  
St. James the Least

I suppose it had to come, but combining parishes is now firmly on the agenda for our villages. I had always wondered what the first Earl of Stowe was trying to prove, building a church here in 1347 to accommodate 800 people when the total population has never exceeded 250. In the short term – which in this village is measured in centuries - it seems to have been to house the tombs of his 13 successors. I now realise it was to make uniting with adjoining parishes in the twenty-first century more difficult. Clearly the first Earl had formidable foresight. None of our neighbouring churches seem too keen to share their reserves to help maintain our cathedral-sized building.

The threat of the closure of St. Herve the Bard has, inevitably, caused outrage – not so much from its regular congregation of three, but from all those in the village who would never think of attending. People do so like to have a church not to go to.

St. Bregowine, built by a wealthy parishioner in the 19th century because she did not like the high church practices of the parish church of St. Iwig, is refusing to re-unite, even though the two churches stand only 100 yards apart, in a village with a diameter of 300 yards. If only they could get over the trauma of seeing the incumbent putting water in the wine on Easter Day in 1894. Although it must be conceded that the Bregowinians were equally affronted that when the daughter church opened in 1895, they found that the Iwigers had provided no brass troughs at the end of the pews for umbrellas. That they have subsequently refused to install them has only compounded the offence.

Meanwhile St. Plegmund is in discussions with the Church of South India as a way of avoiding uniting with anyone. Should it happen, I will be interested to see what travelling expenses the new incumbent claims. It will be difficult to tell when the present incumbent resigns, as he has not been seen at a clerical meeting for the last 30 years. Some of my colleagues suspect he is mythical, that a bloodless coup took place in the 1980s and that the church is now entirely run by the Mother's Union.

The church of St. Maximus of Constantinople in our nearest town has rather grandly offered to take all of our churches under its wing, but as a parishioner has pointed out: how could we possibly consider joining with a parish that fought on the other side at the Battle of Bosworth.

In the meantime, we will serenely carry on, as we seem to have done for the past six centuries; parish mergers and reductions in numbers of clergy seem to be of less interest than debating the suggestion that we change the brand of coffee served after Services.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

# The Bishop's Letter, November 2014

## **This Month, Bishop Peter Writes:**

A few weeks ago I hosted a visit by three colleagues from our link diocese of Argentina and we have also recently received guests from Hattingen-Witten. There are many things that unite us as Christians within the Anglican family and we have much to learn from each other. That is one of the reasons for our exchange visits.



One of the things that struck me most about our visitors from Buenos Aires was the difference in our cultures and behaviour. South Americans are naturally and instinctively much more tactile, enthusiastic, and less inhibited. On a number of occasions they offered to pray with complete strangers on the street. They encountered people with fascinating stories to tell. The chance encounters led to some deeply profound conversations about faith and the power of the risen Christ to transform lives. These encounters took people by surprise but for my colleagues it was a natural thing to do.

Their actions were counter cultural; they went about things in a way that our reserved manner of doing things wouldn't have allowed many of us to do. In acting in a counter cultural way they entered into profound conversations that gently challenged deeply held views and opinions about the church and God and opened people's minds to new ways of thinking and acting.

We believe that Christians are called to be counter cultural; challenging the norms, common held views and expectations of a society that believes true value and worth can be measured by materialistic possessions and wealth. Christians believe that lasting fulfilment, meaning and purpose can only be found in Jesus Christ who showed that there is a different way to live and love in the service and sacrifice of others.

We should challenge society and political structures that appear to devalue the poor, weak and vulnerable; a society that holds up those with greater educational opportunities and wealth - whose life opportunities have enabled

them to have good jobs or hold positions of power and authority - as being the epitome of what we should aspire to.

We should aspire to enable everyone to have the best start and the best opportunities in life that a healthy society and economy like ours can afford but above all we should help them aspire to lives that have been transformed by a personal encounter with the God of salvation. This requires us not only to be counter cultural but through personal witness and testimony demonstrate the effect that the risen Lord has had on us and the way we live our lives. Witness that to others and it will make a powerful statement and will open the God of surprises to them. We may even be surprised ourselves.

*+Peter*



## Mother Union meeting – 1st October 2014

Today we celebrated two special Birthdays of Margaret Roberts who was 90 years and Marie Goodman 80 years who each had a cake with candles.

Our speaker however was much younger at 28 years and an inspiration her name was Rachel Stone and she had come to talk about her work with young people.

Rachel grew up in a Christian family attending church with her parent, when she was 13 years of age her parents told her if she felt that Jesus was not for her they would understand. Rachel was happy with the church, so much so that she went to Manchester University to continue her education learning how to help young people.

She was lucky to secure a grant through St. Thomas's Philadelphia Church where she attended. The team would go out in Firth Park and ask young people who were meeting round the shops if they wanted to join a Youth Club attached to the Methodist church, and they did enjoying the usual pastimes of Pool, Table Tennis and even Baking. They also went out to the Ice Rink, Bowling, and making pancakes, they also had a lady from Sweden who insisted on them visiting her country and through funding some of them did. Rachel also started another Youth Club at St. Christopher's.

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# Will You Remember Them – Pakistan November

## Asia Bibi's Death Sentence Upheld

Asia Bibi, the Pakistan Christian who was sentenced to death for blasphemy in 2010, failed to successfully appeal her sentence on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

Although her defence team argued that the two Muslim women who witnessed the blasphemy lacked credibility and were obviously making false accusations, Judge Anwar ulHaq maintained that their allegations were valid and credible. "Justice is increasingly in the hands of the extremists," said Naeem Shakir, part of Asia's defence team. Asia and her team plan to appeal again to the Supreme Court, the final court of appeal in Pakistan.

## Blasphemy Laws

These laws were introduced in the 1980s. They give the death penalty for defiling Islam or its prophets, life imprisonment for defiling, damaging, or desecrating the Quran, and 10 years for insulting Muhammad. The blasphemy laws have been abused frequently, often to settle personal scores.

Asia, a mother of five, was accused of blasphemy after a dispute with a Muslim colleague. She is the first woman to be given the death sentence under Pakistan's blasphemy laws. Asia's appeal hearing was postponed six times before it was finally heard on October 17<sup>th</sup>, mainly because none of the judges wanted to hear her case. By upholding the conviction, they know there will be a global outcry, but radical Muslims have said that any judge who allows Asia to go free will face consequences. This is not an empty threat. Punjab governor Salman Taseer and minorities minister Shahbaz Bhatti were assassinated in 2011 after calling for reforms to the blasphemy laws in support of Asia.

Please pray

1. For strength and peace for Asia, her husband Ashiq, and their children.
2. For wisdom for her legal team.
3. For a judge who will choose to put justice first and overturn Asia's sentence.

"But let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never failing stream!"  
*Amos c5:24*

**JD**

# Mother Union meeting – 1st October 2014

*Continued*

At one of the Clubs there was a girl called Charlie who was 13 years old, who had a yearning to visit Africa to see what it was like. Rachel was firm on this request and said if she Charlie still wanted to go in five years time they would try for funding but would have to do a lot for themselves as well. The request was granted and so they washed cars, held Boot sales, and received donations from many generous people.



Charlie and Rachel  
at the Kids Club in  
Banda, Uganda.

By this time Rachel had met her future husband Adam and with his help they took a party of seven young people with them to Uganda including Charlie.

As you can see from the Pictures it was wonderful to see children enjoying themselves. Rachel and Adam were married in June this year. At the present time Rachel has a group of young Mums and their babies who come together to pray and help each other.

***PB***

# News from the Friends of Ecclesfield Library

It's been a busy time at the library over recent weeks. September 29<sup>th</sup> saw us finally take over the management of the library from Sheffield City Council. It was a little nerve wracking for our volunteers at first but their confidence soon increased and everyone, especially our users, is just so pleased that we have managed to keep the library open.

By October 9<sup>th</sup> we were ready to host our grand opening ceremony. We chose October 9<sup>th</sup> because it was also the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the library first opening its doors in 1984. The Lord Mayor joined us to reopen the library and we had a celebratory party afterwards, which despite the awful weather was well attended by both volunteers and library users.

As soon as the celebrations were over we had to focus our attention back to the hard work of running the library. We've been working on how we can develop what the library offers based on feedback we've received from the community. One of the first things we've done is arrange for local historians and authors to give monthly lectures at the library.

We had our first speaker Ruairidh Greig join us at the library on the 29<sup>th</sup> October. He gave a very interesting lecture on house visiting customs in South Yorkshire. The history of such things as the Jolly Miners, the Old Tup and the doll in the box, especially in and around Ecclesfield, was something that not many local people knew about before attending his talk. It was great to be able to pass on and preserve this local history, which would otherwise be lost to us.

This month we're very excited to say that our speakers are Mel and Joan Jones who are of course very well known locally. The subject of their illustrated talk is The Remarkable Gatty Family of Ecclesfield. The Gatty family history is a fascinating story. Their achievements were truly impressive and their influence extended far beyond the parish boundaries. Mel and Joan have been researching their history for more than 20 years and have published two books and numerous articles on the subject. We do hope you can join us to hear Mel and Joan speak at the Library on 26<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm. Tickets are £5 including refreshments with all the money raised going towards keeping the library open.

In the meantime, please come in and see us at the library and keep your eyes on the Parish noticeboards for news of our future plans.

*Barbara Russell*

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## COVENTRY'S CROSS

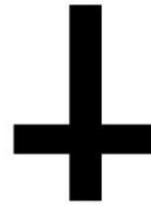
The people of Coventry will always remember the dreadfully long night of 14<sup>th</sup> November 1940. It was the longest air raid of the World War II and when the light dawned the next morning, Coventry was in ruins. So many people were dead, injured or homeless; there wasn't a person who had not suffered during that night.

The medieval cathedral was a burnt out shell. Two of the burnt roof beams were tied together to make a cross and this makeshift symbol was set up where the altar had been. A cross was also made from the 14<sup>th</sup> century iron nails that had held the roof together and this Cross of Nails still remains today as a symbol of sympathy, forgiveness and reconciliation. Copies of the Cross of Nails have been presented to countries round the globe as a reminder that love and understanding bind us together and that we need to remember the horrors that happen when people forget that.



## CROSS PURPOSES

There are many different types of cross in pictures. Do you know what these are called?



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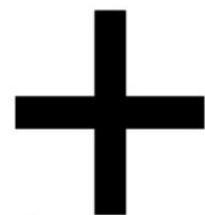
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**What's green and hairy and drinks from the wrong side of the glass?**

A gooseberry with hiccups.

**What's the most common owl in this country?**

The Tea Towl (ouch!)



**Answers:** 1.St Peter's 2.Celtic 3.Papal  
4.St Andrew's 5.Jerusalem 6.Russian Orthodox 7.St Anthony's 8.Greek

# Diary for the Month of November

<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>The Fourth Sunday before Advent</b>
	10.00 am Parish Communion
	12 noon Baptism Service
	4.00 pm Memorial Service
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30 pm PCC meets in Church
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
	1.00 pm Mothers' Union in the Gatty Hall - Maureen Brewis
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am Holy Communion
	7.30 pm Ladies' Group in the Gatty Hall / R. Lawrence – It could be Verse.
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice / Silent Ringing
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Third Sunday before Advent</b>
	8.30 am Holy Communion
	10.00 am Service of Remembrance
	6.30 pm Holy Communion
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am Holy Communion
	2.00 pm Service at Hartwell House
	7.30 pm Ladies' Group / Christmas Dinner at The Plough, Bradfield
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice/ Silent Ringing
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00 am Ecclesfield in Bloom Coffee Morning
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>The Second Sunday before Advent</b>
	10.00 am Parish Communion
	4.00 pm Living Stones
	6.30 pm Evening Service
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm Mission Team meet in Church
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am Holy Communion
	7.30 pm Ladies' Group in the Gatty Hall / Christmas Decorations
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice / Silent Ringing

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>****The Sunday next before Advent**

8.30 am Holy Communion

10.00 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm Prayer and Praise

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 pm Ignatian Prayer in Church

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 am Service at Eva Ratcliffe House

7.30 pm Deanery Synod

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>**

9.30 am Holy Communion

10.30 am Prayer Meeting in Church

7.30 pm Ladies' Group in the Gatty Hall / The  
Revd. Jeni Fryer**Friday 28<sup>th</sup>**

7.30 pm Bell Ringing Practice / Silent Ringing

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Christmas Fayre in the Gatty Hall

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>****The First Sunday of Advent**

10.00 am Parish Communion

6.30 pm Evening Service

**Diary for the Month of November****From the Registers****Baptisms**5<sup>th</sup> October Noah George Smith5<sup>th</sup> October Lennon Harry Johnson*May they know the love of God in their lives and may all things  
of the Spirit live and grow in them.***Funerals**2<sup>nd</sup> October Alice Evans 9515<sup>th</sup> October Alan Moss 7024<sup>th</sup> October Christin Marjorie Johnson 71*Grant them, O Lord, refreshment, light and peace.***Flower Rota**

2nd	Z. Colton	23rd	D. Banham
9th	P. Leach & O. Robinson	30th	Advent 1
16th	Vacant		No Flowers

# The Gardening Year - November 2014

## **Soils continued**

### **Clay Soils**

On poorly cultivated land the exceedingly fine particles of clay which are at least 1,000 times smaller than those of sand – clot – together into a sticky mass when wet and set hard when dry. In these conditions roots have difficulty in extracting the mineral nutrients on which plants feed however, clay contains these minerals in abundance and you can make them available to plants by improving the soil texture. This can be achieved in two ways – by using bulky manures and by digging in the autumn with the aim of breaking down the soil by frost action. If the clay is acid, dressings of carbonate of lime also help in making the soil workable. This should not be applied however on the type of alkaline soil known as chalky boulder clay. Every autumn or early winter dig in all available organic material such as garden compost, well-rotted manure, leaf mould or peat as this continues to decay it opens up the texture of the soil and gives the roots a freer run, weathered ash and coarse sand also help. When digging in autumn leave large clods on the surface to be broken up by the action of frosts. As the ground dries in spring it should then look light brown, rake the surface to give a tilth fine enough for sowing seeds. Every third year after digging is completed spread carbonate of lime on the surface at the rate of 8oz. per square yard. Do not work it into the soil but allow it to wash in naturally. Well cultivated heavy soils are excellent for growing beans, brassicas, peas, potatoes (if given plenty of compost or peat), salad crops, spinach, most soft fruits and many tree fruits.

### **Medium or Loam soils**

A balance of clay and sand make these soils highly fertile and easy to work. They are usually dark and contain plenty of hummus when moist they feel neither gritty not sticky they break down to a good tilth when dry but they become lumpy if worked too soon after rain. All types of vegetables and fruits can be grown on loam, more next month on soils.

### **Vegetables**

One important matter in the vegetable garden this month is to collect all fallen leaves. These are useful for making compost or leaf-mould. Look over stored potatoes and any diseased ones should be throw out, if left they rapidly contaminate good ones.

*Colin Williams*

# Christmas Crafts



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Welcome to St Mary's Parish Church, Ecclesfield

## The Remarkable Gatty Family of Ecclesfield

An illustrated talk by Mel & Joan Jones

Alfred Gatty and his wife Margaret arrived in Ecclesfield in 1839 when Alfred was appointed vicar. But the family influence soon extended far beyond the parish boundaries.

Joan and Mel Jones have researched the Gatty family history for more than 20 years and are the authors of two books and a number of articles on the subject. Do come along and listen to the fascinating story of this remarkable local family.

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## Quotes of the Month

- **Means** - Ah well, I suppose I shall have to die beyond my means. (*Oscar Wilde on being informed of the cost of an operation.*)
- **Bury** - At a funeral we bury something, not someone. It is the house not the tenant that is lowered into the grave. - *Verna Wright*
- **Live** - There are only two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle. - *Albert Einstein*
- **Truth** - Suffering from truth decay? Brush up on your Bible.
- **Hardening** - Hardening of the heart ages people more quickly than hardening of the arteries.
- **Wear** - Of all the things you wear, your expression is the most important.
- **Best** - The best vitamin for making friends is B-1
- **Shut** - The two best times to keep your mouth shut are when you're swimming and when you're angry.
- **Step** - For every step you take toward God, God takes two steps toward you; and if you come to God walking, God comes to you running. - *James Martin*

### Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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## Across the Sea to Ireland – Part 2

Following on from last month's journey to Ireland we spent our last day in Killarney exploring the town. Walking by the river to the Cathedral of St Mary (on St. Mary's day) we passed the bronze statue of Hugh O'Flaherty 'the Scarlet Pimpernel of the Vatican' he was born in Killarney in 1898 he was a priest, senior of the Roman Curia and a significant figure in Catholic resistance to Nazism, during the war he was responsible for saving 6,500 Allied soldiers and Jews. At the end of the war 4,000 were found hiding in the Vatican, after the war he made sure the German and Italian prisoners could also return home.

Across from the Cathedral is Killarney National Park it has a lovely thatched Café where we enjoyed Irish coffee followed by a walk along by the river, we also witnessed the devastation caused by the storm earlier in the year where giant trees were uprooted, talking to a local man we noticed that some of the roots had been sawn off and re-planted, so people wouldn't forget what had happened. As we walked through the Town we noticed the Flags and Bunting across the streets and in the shop windows, we had also noticed this in Waterford earlier, much more frequent and numerous than our World Cup Bunting. The houses too were displaying the flags each flag had a colourful shield in the middle with check patterns top and bottom Killarney's were Yellow and Green check. This was for the Hurling Championships the national sport of Ireland.

Each County has its own flag Tipperary's colours were Yellow and Blue. The Game is played with thick wooden hockey sticks very dangerous and photos of their top players are on display everywhere. Attached to our Hotel Gleneagles is the Irish National Exhibition Centre where we watched a famous music group 'Celtic Steps' we are used to seeing 'Riverdance' at home but 'Celtic Steps' played many different instruments with Irish songs as well as the dancing. On the way round the Ring of Kerry we stopped to listen to a harp being played accompanied by a Guitar wonderful.



A Harp on 'The Ring of Kerry'



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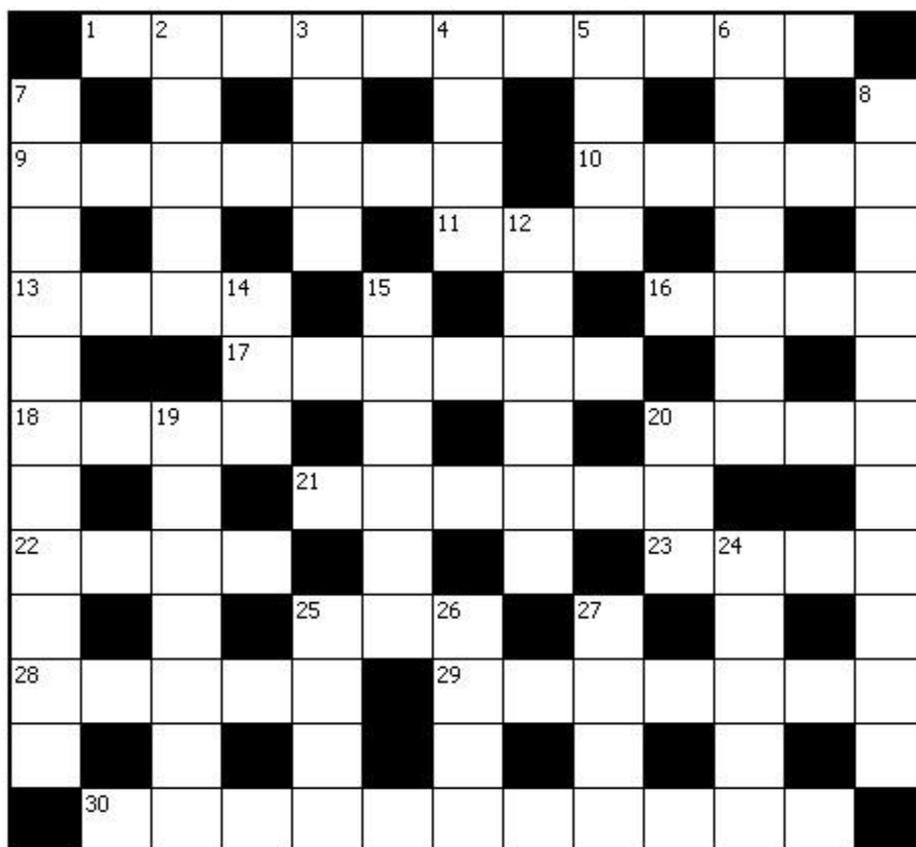
## Clues Across

- 1** and **20** Down ‘Lord of all — , Lord of all — , whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy’ (11,3)
- 9** Moses’ question to a fighting Hebrew labourer: ‘Why are you — your fellow Hebrew?’ (Exodus 2:13) (7)
- 10** Acclaimed cellist who contracted multiple sclerosis at the height of her fame, Jacqueline — (2,3)
- 11** ‘At even — the sun was set, the sick, O Lord, around thee lay’ (3)
- 13** A descendant of Gad (Numbers 26:16) (4)
- 16** ‘Do not leave Jerusalem, but — for the gift my Father promised’ (Acts 1:4) (4)
- 17** Clambers (Jeremiah 48:44) (6)
- 18** Peter’s response to questioning by the Sanhedrin: ‘We must — God rather than men!’ (Acts 5:29) (4)
- 20** Christian paraplegic author, artist and campaigner, — Eareckson Tada (4)
- 21** Bird partial to the nests of other birds (6)
- 22** ‘Such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat — — ’ (Matthew 13:2) (2,2)
- 23** Infectious tropical disease (4)
- 25** Tree (3)
- 28** ‘No fear of me should — you, nor should my hand be heavy upon you’ (Job 33:7) (5)
- 29** For example, to Titus, Timothy or Philemon (7)
- 30** Week beginning with Pentecost Sunday, according to the Church’s calendar (11)

## Clues Down

- 2** ‘O Jerusalem... how — I have longed to gather your children together’ (Matthew 23:37) (5)
- 3** Way out (4)
- 4** Exhort (Romans 12:1) (4)
- 5** Done (anag.) (4)

- 6 Highest of the four voice-parts in a choir (7)
- 7 Concerning the study of God (11)
- 8 Uniquely, it has Abbey, Cathedral and Chapel (11)
- 12 Admonish (Matthew 16:22) (6)
- 14 Frozen (3)
- 15 Established form of religious ceremony (6)
- 19 Inscription often found on gravestones (7)
- 20 See 1 Across
- 24 Behaved (Joshua 7:1) (5)
- 25 Time (anag.) (4)
- 26 Lists choice of meals (4)
- 27 'For the wages of sin is death, but the — of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord' (Romans 6:23) (4)



## Thought for Food

John Paton brought Christianity to the people of the Pacific Islands. He taught them about the love of God and faith. Years later some communists arrived and told the people they had been listening to mere fables and lies. "There is no God." You should thank the God that you do not believe in, the Chief retorted. For if you had arrived before John Paton, we would have eaten you! - From The Link, Seer Green Baptist Church

# Prayers and Poems Page

## **Do good**

Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,]  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can.

*By John Wesley*

## **O love**

O love that casts out fear,  
O love that casts out sin,  
Tarry no more without,  
But come and dwell within!

Great love of God, come in!  
Wellspring of heavenly peace;  
Thou Living Eater, come!  
Spring up, and never cease!

*By Horatius Bonar*

## **A Distant Grave**

A distant grave, a foreign land  
Kept neatly, with respect  
Though not at all what he'd have planned  
Yet what he did accept.

The Yorkshire lad, from Rotherham  
Just twenty short years old  
Like thousands of his fellow men  
Fought up a beach, named 'Gold'.

And he survived, though many died  
He fought his way through France  
And, though quite likely terrified  
To Holland he advanced.

Then 'Market Garden' – a quaint name  
For brutal deeds of war  
But none heard those brave troops complain  
In darkest forty-four.

And there our soldier met his fate  
His life cut short too soon;  
A shell fell close, to detonate  
At far-off Overloon.

And so he lays, so far from home  
So far from kith and kin  
But he, with fallen comrades showed  
The way to fight and win.

For none of these have died in vain  
He and his fellow men;  
They died – but we have freedom gained  
We must remember them.

*By Nigel Beeton*

## **Paul the man of God**

Holding the clothes while Stephen was  
stoned  
Breathing out fire and filled with hate  
Determined to stamp out the Christian  
message  
Imprisoning all he found in his wake.

Thrown to the ground on the way to  
Damascus,  
A voice from heaven and Paul was made  
blind  
'Who are you Lord?' the reply was given  
'I Am Jesus the one that you have denied'.

He was sent to the Gentiles to open their  
eyes,  
To turn them from darkness into the light,  
God's plan was to graft them into the vine  
Which Paul then embraced with all his might.

Shipwrecked and beaten and left for dead  
He never abandoned the path he trod  
Faithful in all until the end  
We're so grateful for Paul the man of God.

*By Megan Carter*

# Saint of the Month Leo the Great (d 461)

## Saints Day 10th November

### The Pope who rescued the doctrine of the Incarnation

How do you think of Jesus? As the Lord of lords in glory? Or as a human baby soon to be born in Bethlehem? November brings the glorious climax of the church year with the Sunday of Christ the King on 23rd November – only to begin a new ‘year’ a week later, with Advent. So the ways in which the Church speaks of Jesus this month could not be more dramatically different.

How can Jesus be both God and Man? Trying to get your head around the Incarnation is not easy, and so this is a good month to remember Leo the Great. In the 5th century, he ‘rescued’ the doctrine of the Incarnation at a time when the Church was really struggling with the onslaught of various attacks.

Leo, a deacon of Tuscan descent, became Pope at a time when Rome was reeling under repeated assault by the barbarians. As well as trying to patch up the material and spiritual damage they had done, Leo faced an even more deadly attack: the Church was being torn apart on the inside. There were various heresies raging, each trying to claim that their view of the person of Christ was the only right one.

Between the barbarians on the outside and the distortions of Manichaeism, Priscillianism, and Pelagianism on the inside, Leo was not in for an easy time. Yet this man of indomitable energy and devotion to duty pressed on. Leo was pope for 20 tumultuous years, but undoubtedly the most important contribution that he made was at a famous church council.

It was the Council of Chalcedon, in 451 – often regarded as a highlight in Christian history. Leo presented a dogmatic letter (or Tome) to the Council. He wrote with remarkable clarity of thought and understanding. Jesus Christ, said Leo, is one Person, the Divine Word. In Jesus the two natures, the divine and the human, are permanently united without confusion or mixture.

When the Council read this document, it was exclaimed: ‘Peter has spoken by Leo.’ Leo’s understanding was seen to encompass all the Bible teaching on the subject of who Jesus was. It became thenceforth part of the official teaching of the Christian Church.

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