

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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First Words....

- **Harvest Supper** – in the Gatty Hall on Friday 9th October at 6.30pm. All are welcome, and tickets are available from Pat Wood on 246 5086.
- **Harvest Festival** – We will be celebrating Harvest on Sunday 11th October at 10 am in church. We will once again be supporting the work of the Cathedral Archer Project with our gifts, and will also donate towards the work of Farm Africa.
- **Emley Brass Band** – are coming to entertain us on Saturday 17th October at 7pm. This is always a popular and enjoyable event. Tickets and information from Ian Hartshorne on 245 9435.
- **Living Stones** – our monthly service for families, which includes an activity with the children, will be on Sunday 18th October at 4pm.
- **Autumn Fayre** – will be held on Saturday 31st October from 11am to 4pm. There will be stalls in the Gatty Hall and Worsborough Brass Band will play in church in the afternoon.
- **Memorial Service** – Advance notice for this very special service to be held on All Saints' Day, Sunday 1st November at 4pm.

In this period of interregnum at St. Mary's please continue to hold in your thoughts and prayers our Churchwardens, Ministry Team, PCC, and all members of our church fellowship.

Stephanie Dale



Front Cover – John Deere combine in a field.
Massey Ferguson tractor and bogie head home
'Harvest Home' - Wikimedia Commons

Back Cover – Three Posters Harvest Supper –
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Prayer for the Month

Thanksgiving Prayer for the Harvest

Most gracious God, by whose knowledge the depths
are broken up and the clouds drop down the dew:
We yield thee hearty thanks and praise for the return
of seedtime and harvest,
for the increase of the ground and the gathering in of
its fruits,
and for all the other blessings of thy merciful
providence bestowed upon this nation and people.
And, we beseech thee, give us a just sense of these
great mercies,
such as may appear in our lives by a humble, holy,
and obedient walking before thee all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee
and the Holy Ghost be all glory and honor,
world without end.

Amen



Thought for the month

Perhaps most people think the Christian festival for Harvest goes way back in time and we picture joyful peasants and horse-drawn carts, with whole villages coming together to celebrate that ‘all is safely gathered in’; times when whole communities really did rely on a good harvest to sustain them through the winter months because there was no alternative. As a Christian festival Harvest is relatively modern, and our traditional harvest hymns are quite recent too. The tradition of celebrating a Harvest Festival in churches began in the early 1840’s as a thanksgiving service, and the church would have been decorated and gifts of produce would have been distributed to the elderly and the needy.

When Moses passed on God’s commands to the people of Israel over 3,000 years ago, he told them to celebrate the first harvest not simply with thankfulness but also with a generous spirit. (Deuteronomy 8 & 26).

The word Harvest is from the old English ‘haerfest’, which means ‘autumn’, the season of reaping and gathering, and is traditionally held near the full moon, the Harvest Moon.

Most of us don’t actually work in the fields growing crops or tending cattle or sheep, and yet we do celebrate Harvest here in Ecclesfield, a place close to fields and pasture but also close to estate housing and an urban environment, and I think it is right that we should celebrate because it is good to be thankful, it is part of our being whole.

It is also good to acknowledge that others labour to produce much of what we need, and that is not just our daily bread.

It is good to be aware of our environment and our place on this beautiful and fragile planet.

We don’t all sow the crops in the fields and gather in the harvest and we don’t all care for the livestock that produce our meat and milk, (which is proving to be of little economic value to many farmers at present and causing us to question the way we are marketing produce), and yet we often take our seemingly endless supply of food for granted.

So it is good to pause and consider the life we lead, the things we do so easily take for granted, and how much labour, care and consideration is involved in harvesting the foods from all over the world for our weekly shop.

We don’t all sow and reap our basic foodstuffs but we can all sow other seeds, seeds of care and concern, and seeds of thankfulness. Harvest celebrations are both a reminder to us and an opportunity for us to give something that we have gathered in, be it gifts of food, toiletries, or money, to people and organisations in need of support at this time when most of us have sufficient for our own needs, even plenty.

Stephanie Dale

Editor: A bible verse for harvest time - Luke 10:2 (NRSV)

He said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.

On what those adverts from parishes wanting clergy REALLY mean...

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

So, you are being encouraged to look at adverts for parishes for that happy day when you will have charge of your own church. You wonder if you should look to moving to another part of the country; I suspect it may be better if you look to moving to another planet, as your reputation may not yet have travelled that far.

Reading the specifications that parishes provide, giving a picture of life in their community, need to be read in the same way as estate agents' specifications for houses for sale. Both demonstrate a triumph of optimism over reality. Let me help you decode some of the statements you will find:

“We look to grow our Sunday School” – We do not have a Sunday School.

“We have an enthusiastic choir” – We have a choir totally out of control.

“Our youth group is always eager to learn.” - Our youth group experiments with some strange substances.

“The new incumbent should be sympathetic to our musical tradition”- The new incumbent must be able to play the organ as well as lead the Services.

“While cherishing our traditions, we see the need for change” – We always see the need for change, but alter anything at your peril.

“Plans for church renovations are in hand” – The building is in imminent danger of collapse.

“We have a large range of church groups” – You will have to run a large range of church groups singlehandedly.

“The vicarage is being refurbished” – The vicarage is a death trap. Its rising damp and dangerous electrics will not be fixed for many months yet.

“There is opportunity for developing ecumenical relations” – No one in living memory has ever spoken to clergy of other denominations in our town.

“The new incumbent should have a sense of humour” – He or she will need it when reading this specification.

My dear nephew, caveat emptor. Let the buyer beware!

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Bishop's Letter – October

The Sustainable Development Goals

Posted by Bishop Steven Croft on 29th September 2015

As churches across the Diocese prepare to celebrate Harvest it's worth pausing to think about a momentous event in world history which took place last week at the United Nations.



World leaders gathered from every continent at the United Nations in New York. The purpose of the meeting was to agree the new Global Goals or the sustainable development goals for the next 15 years.

The media didn't give the occasion that much attention. ITN led that night with Pope Francis' visit to the 9/11 memorial rather than his time at the United Nations.

But it was a really significant moment. Fifteen years ago, the United Nations agreed the Millennium Development Goals. They were shorter, simpler and very effective. The MDG's have had a huge impact in helping to reduce extreme poverty, improving health and education and in helping women and girls across the world.

The new Global Goals have emerged from an international three year process of listening. The UK government, led by the Prime Minister, played a really key role.

There is huge ambition here. According to the UN document: "Never before have world leaders pledged common action and endeavour across such a broad and universal policy agenda". And again, "We can be the first generation to succeed in ending poverty just as we may be the last to have a chance of saving the planet".

The goals are more comprehensive this time. There are 17 goals and 169 targets. They are therefore less catchy but much more realistic. They recognize that all kinds of things are interconnected in tackling poverty. They are also goals for every country not simply for the developing world. The British government has promised to implement them alongside governments in Africa and Asia. There is a much stronger emphasis on building strong, honest, robust governments and institutions as well as on aid and generosity. There is a strong slogan which focuses on helping the weakest so that no-one is left behind.

There is now a massive challenge ahead in bringing the new Global Goals to the attention of the whole world. I hope parishes and schools across the Diocese will play their part in that process.

As we celebrate Harvest together as Christians, we give thanks to God for the good things of the earth. We will focus on sharing what we have and on the care of

creation. It is a good moment to remind each other of the new Global Goals and this common vision to end poverty once and for all.

For more information see <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org>

+Steven



Ecclesfield Library Forthcoming Events

5th October - Monday

Halloween Quiz - Starts - Ongoing until 31st October

21st October - Wednesday 7.30pm

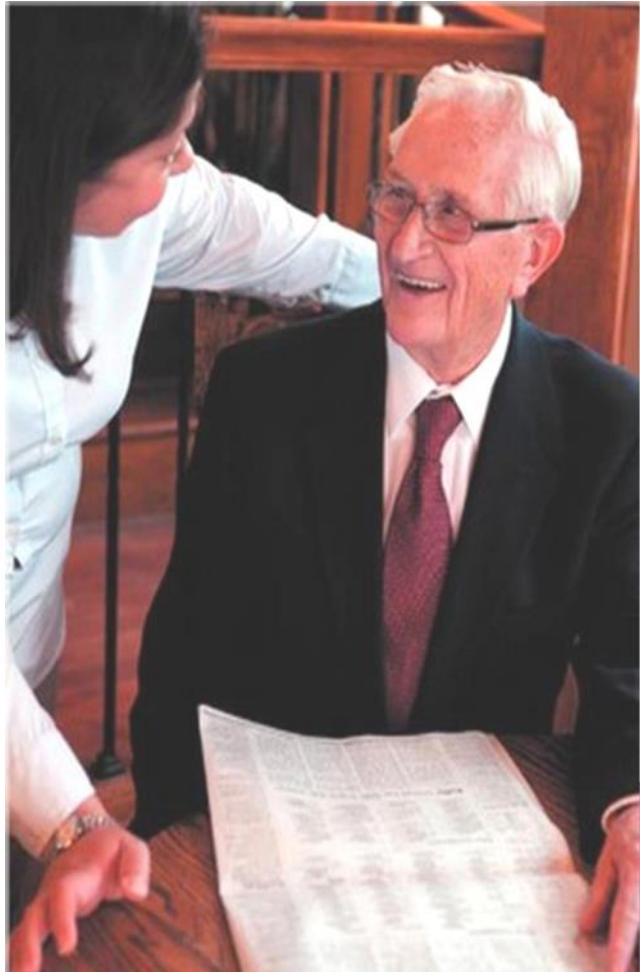
Words and Music with Linda Lee Welch and Craig Booker

26th October & 16th November Mondays - 7.00 – 9.00pm

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Will You Remember Them – Ethiopia

Government: Federal Republic - Population: 99 million. (57 million Christians)

Main religion: Christian. (Mainly Ethiopian Orthodox Church) - Muslim (approx. 40%)

Source of Christian persecution: Islamic Extremism, Denominational elitism (Towards NON Traditional Protestant churches, from government and tribal leaders, also, sadly sometimes The Ethiopian Orthodox Church.)

It is good to report that the charges against a group of Ethiopian Christians who were arrested during a baptism service have been dropped. They had previously been released on bail, and the money that they had to pay will be refunded. Thank you to everyone who prayed for them. “The Lord is always good and He can turn everything into the good of His people,” said one of the leaders after the charges were dismissed. “Imprisonment for the name of the Lord is not a curse. The Lord can turn it into a source of strength and courage.” However, other Christians remain imprisoned in Ethiopia, including three men falsely accused of arson and a group of church leaders who have spoken out against persecution.

The conditions in Ethiopian prisons are often poor. When the Christians who were put in prison, 168 inmates were stuffed in a small space, and one of the believers had to sleep in an area used as a toilet. They were very grateful for all who prayed for them. “It was as if you were jailed with us,” the leader of the group of detained believers said. “Satan wanted to frighten us, but we came out stronger from jail than when we entered. We know that they cannot stop God.”

The three men who have been falsely accused of arson, but incredibly through their sharing of the gospel brought a murderer to faith in Christ whilst they have been in prison; they continue to wait for their hearing later this year.

“We don’t why we are here,” one of them told our source. “But it is true that God has His own purpose and plan to let us be here. We thank you for your prayers and concern.”

Please Pray

- For justice for those who remain in prison, and wisdom for their legal team.
- For comfort, strength and provision for the prisoners and their families
- For Christians to be united and led by love and humility, not arrogance or fear.
- That the government will take action against those responsible for damaging churches and harming and harassing Christians.
- For all workers who are seeking to strengthen the church through biblical and leadership training.

JD

World Jamboree - Japan

I, along with 35 other Scouts and 4 leaders from South Yorkshire have just returned from the trip of a lifetime to Japan. Over 18 months of hard work fundraising and participating in many training weekends/days, as well as the initial selection process has definitely paid off. I have now been given the task of squashing a 3 weeklong trip of a lifetime onto two A4 sheets of paper. This is my poor attempt at showing you just how much of an adventure it actually was.

After a coach, 2 flights, a train and a total of 30 hours travelling from Hesley Woods, we eventually arrived at our hotel in Tokyo. Whilst we were in Tokyo we visited many different famous places including a temple. This was my first real taste of Japanese culture. I was amazed by just how much detail there was on the buildings and how many people were there to see the temple, as well as paying their respects. We later that day joined up with 1500 UK Scouts at Sega's virtual theme park called 'Joypolis'. As you can imagine, this was very busy. The next day we visited the Skytree, a 2080ft tall tower with a glass viewing platform at the top. Here we looked over the whole of Tokyo and it began to sink in just how big Tokyo actually is. The same day we also had the opportunity to visit the Earthquake Centre. While there, we experienced a simulated earthquake which measured 7 on the Richter scale. Even though it was only a simulator, it was still terrifying, and hard to imagine how people feel when an actual earthquake takes place. The last activity we took part in whilst in Tokyo was a small festival called 'Tokyo Live'. 1500 UK Scouts (which was half of the UK contingent) gathered at a small arena to watch many acts including sumo wrestlers, singers, drummers and sushi making- right from a live fish. There was a real buzz when the chanting began outside the arena, which was our first insight into what was to come.



After another 2 bullet trains and a coach we arrived at the Jamboree site in Yamaguchi, where we were to spend the next 12 days along with 32,000 other Scouts aged 14-18 from all around the world. Camping next to our unit were Italian, Japanese, Danish and American Scouts, with Scottish and South Korean Scouts close by. As soon as we arrived, there were already signs of peace and unity between different cultures, which was the theme for the 2015 World Scout Jamboree. There was a constant atmosphere on

the site, and with someone always being within a couple of meters, there was always someone to talk to. The atmosphere was also enhanced by the chanting on the way to the ceremonies and different music being played from the camps around us. The Scottish brought their bagpipes, which quickly got annoying, and other countries such as Japan brought guitars and drums, which I personally enjoyed listening to. There was one chant, however which was very annoying. Every morning when eating breakfast, the Japanese would repeat the same chant at least five times ending with a high pitched 'wwooo'. We were very pleased once they had finished.

On the site itself, it was very hot. Due to this, our whole day shifted. We were going to bed and getting up early in the morning (around 5.30am) as the tents were so uncomfortably warm. One day while we were on site, there was a heatwave where the temperature reached 51°C. That wasn't a very pleasant day as you can imagine. Due to the high temperatures, we needed a 'toilet buddy' as it was like a sauna in the cubicles. This was just in case we fainted, either from the heat or how much they smelt.

While we were on the site, we took part in many different modules: water, science, global development village, culture, community and peace. My personal favourites were the community and peace programmes. The community module involved my patrol visiting a monkey zoo and a high school, where I tried out calligraphy, which I actually really enjoyed. The peace module involved visiting Hiroshima where 70 years beforehand, an Atomic Bomb was dropped, causing widespread pain and misery. Looking at the peace memorial building, it really did hit me just how destructive the bomb actually was.



There were also 3 shows/ceremonies while we were onsite: an opening ceremony, a closing ceremony and a culture show. While waiting to get into the shows, there was mass chanting (and maybe a small bit of friendly rivalry between the Yorkshire and Lancashire units) as well as songs and games. I especially enjoyed joining in with the Brazilian units games while waiting for the opening ceremony. In my opinion, the culture ceremony was the best. We danced with some Australians, Canadians and Scottish for most of it, which brought us all together.

Another event was culture day. For this every camp cooked something traditional to their homeland. We cooked Sheffield fishcakes (which were made from squid as we couldn't get any other fish), chips and mushy peas as well as serving Yorkshire tea. I tried haggis that day, which I surprisingly enjoyed but the Americans didn't appreciate the Irn Bru which the Scottish were also serving. I also had the opportunity to visit the Americans and Danish one night for tea. It was very interesting speaking to the different cultures to find out more about their lives.

We had some camp pets while we were there. One of the volunteers brought us some fish early on in the jamboree, which naturally we had to keep. We named them Hendos, Yorkshire and Pudding. Unfortunately they didn't last the full 12 days.. When the day eventually came for us to leave the site, we all wanted to stay. As our good friends - the Americans left, we all knew that we would soon be leaving too. We exchanged flags, had some last minute pictures and hugs, and then they left. It was awful.



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Diary for the Month of October

Thursday 1 st	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group meet in the Gatty Hall / Coffee Evening
Friday 2 nd	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)
Sunday 4th		The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	12 noon	Baptism Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
Monday 5 th	7.30 pm	PCC meets in Church
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 meet in the Gatty Hall
Thursday 8 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group meet in the Gatty Hall / Pam Morris – Lovely Leather
	6.30 pm	Harvest Supper
Friday 9 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)
Sunday 11th		The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Harvest Celebration
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion
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
	10.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Church
	2.30 pm	Service at Hartwell House
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group – Celebration Dinner
Friday 16 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)
Saturday 17 th	9.00 am	Prayer Breakfast in Church
	7.00 pm	Emley Band Concert in Church
Sunday 18th		The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	4.00 pm	Living Stones Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Service
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
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group meet in the Gatty Hall / Coffee Evening
Friday 23 rd	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)

Sunday 25th

The Last Sunday after Trinity		
	8.30 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Parish Communion
	6.30 pm	Prayer and Praise Service
Monday 26 th	7.30 pm	Ignatian Prayer in Church
Tuesday 27 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice
Wednesday 28 th	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 29 th	9.30 am	Holy Communion
	7.30 pm	Ladies' Group meet in the Gatty Hall / Filling of Shoe Boxes
Friday 30 th	7.30 pm	Bell Ringing Practice (Silent Ringing)
Saturday 31 st	11.00 am	Autumn Fayre

From the Registers

Baptisms

6 th September	Lincoln Coulby
6 th September	Alfie-Lee Jeffrey Gore
6 th September	Sophia Beatrice Rudkin

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

Weddings

14 th August	Thomas Kirk Wilson & Catherine Ann Turner
15 th August	David Alan Stewart & Sarah Jayne Foster
22 nd August	James David Biggin & Sonia Louise Gornes
23 rd August	Simon Stewart Phillips & Hannah Townsley Fisher
28 th August	Darryl Robert Harvey & Donna Taylor
28 th August	Jonathan Roy Lang & Melanie Jayne Cundy

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

Funeral

8 th September	Harry Devins Mason	76
25 th September	Mary Bulmer	90
5 th October	Stuart Crossland	69

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

Flower Rota October 2015

4 th	A Hackett	18 th	Vacant
11 th	Harvest Flowers	25 th	C. Wright & S. Johns

World Jamboree – Japan - continued



We were then due to leave the site next. 2 coaches and another bullet train later we arrived at the welcome ceremony for our home hospitality where we were invited to live the Japanese lifestyle with a family. Splitting into pairs, we made our way to our host's houses to meet the families. Whilst we were at our HoHo, we had a second welcome ceremony where we were welcomed by both Japanese Scouts of all ages as well as some American Scouts living on the army base in Japan. For this the mother of our family dressed Katherine & myself in traditional kimonos, which were very uncomfortable to wear! We also had fireworks, visited the beach and ate traditional Japanese meals - including curry and a naan bread for breakfast! The family were so lovely and welcoming; I really enjoyed staying with them.

So overall, I have really enjoyed the whole experience and will definitely be volunteering at other smaller jamborees, as well as hopefully being able to volunteer at the next World Scout Jamboree in North Virginia in 2019.

Charlotte

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The Gardening Year – October 2015

Herbs Continued – Not so common herbs, **Bergamot** – Height 1.1/2 – 3 ft. spread varied. Perennial, dark aromatic leaves have serrated edges, flower whorls in shades of red, pink, mauve or white, July to September. Plant in rich moist soil in full sun, cut leaves for drying before plants flower or use both leaves and flowers fresh for flavouring summer drinks. Clumps need splitting and re-planting in spring. **Rue** - height 2-3ft spread 1 ½ to 2ft evergreen shrub, blue/green deeply divided thin foliage has unpleasant scent. Does well in ordinary soil in a sunny position propagate by seed in April or by cuttings in August, chiefly grown for decorative purposes has blue flower throughout the summer months. **Sorrel – French** – Height 2-2.1/2ft spread 12-18ins. perennial, dark green glossy leaves red flowers in clustered spikes but plants should be disbudded to encourage the production of young basal superior in flavour and texture, thrives in moist ordinary soil and in a sunny or semi-shaded position. Propagate by seed or division in March and April. Harvest leaves when young and use for flavouring in salads, sandwiches or soups, may also be used as a green vegetable early in the year.

A Summary of the Months’ Work – Gladioli it is not safe to leave gladioli in the ground through the winter, like dahlias they must be lifted before the first hard frosts, do this about the middle of the month when the foliage is beginning to turn yellowish-brown. Lift the corms with a fork taking care not to bruise them, remove any soil adhering to them cut off all but 1/2in of the main stem then place the corms in a dry airy place for a week or two, when the corms are absolutely dry store them in trays in a shed or frost free greenhouse. **Dahlias** – as soon as the frosts blackens the foliage and stems cut them down to about 6in. above ground carefully dig up the plants without damaging any of the fleshy tubers. Remove as much soil as possible then stand the plants upside down in a frost free place for about a week to allow the sap in the stems to dry out. Place the plants in boxes and cover with damp peat or compost store in a frost free place until spring. **Fruit** – If you are planting new fruit trees of any kind begin to prepare the site. Most fruits will succeed on a wide range of soil types but the ideal soil is a deep well drained medium loam, add fertiliser such as fish blood and bone, or Growmore at 4oz per sq. yd. **Vegetables** – clear away the growth of peas and beans as picking is completed: start to dig this and other vacant ground once the ground is cleared of used vegetables. If you want to ripen greenhouse tomatoes strip the leaves completely of the plants and reduce watering to an absolute minimum, plant autumn onion sets, if you plant them now they will be ready early June next year.

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Mothers' Union Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 2nd September. – The meeting opened with the joyful Celebration of Janet and John Daniels Golden Wedding.

This was followed by Wine and Cake. We also had our AGM with the current members of the Committee all re-elected for a further year.

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Mothers' Union – July Update

At our July committee meeting it was proposed that a donation would be made to the prison crèche at Woodlands Prison, Doncaster. The crèche is run by Mothers' Union members. Paper, crayons, paints, glue and plenty of sticky items were bought.

I met up with Issy Mears, at her home, to hand over the purchases. Issy assured me that the children would greatly appreciate them.

Issy has been invited to come to Ecclesfield, next year, to give our members an insight into the work members do at Woodlands Prison.

Jennifer Armeson



Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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Saint of the Month - Louis Bertrand – October 9th

Patron Saint of Columbia

Do you want your life to make a difference - for the good – in this world? Then Louis Bertrand (1526-81) is the saint for you. This fearless Dominican priest so inspired tens of thousands of people in Latin America that he was chosen as patron of Columbia.

Louis Bertrand was born at Valencia in 1526. He joined the Dominican Order in 1544, and was priested in 1547. Bertrand started with the most important thing any Christian can do: he became a man of profound prayer. The rest of his ministry was built on this deep personal walk with God.

Louis Bertrand was appointed ‘novice-master’, and right away put his faith into action: he began to reform the priests of his own order. Like a John the Baptist, Bertrand preached both the fear and the love of God – urging people towards a proper repentance and a turning to God in faith and humility.

But Spain was just the beginning for Bertrand. In 1562 he was sent on the hazardous journey across the Atlantic to life in a priory in Cartengna, Latin America. Here he spent six years preaching to the Indians in Spanish, by way of a translator. His holiness and love were infectious - tens of thousands of Indians responded to him, and were baptised. He met the same response when he moved on to the Leeward Islands, the Virgin Islands and the Windward Islands.

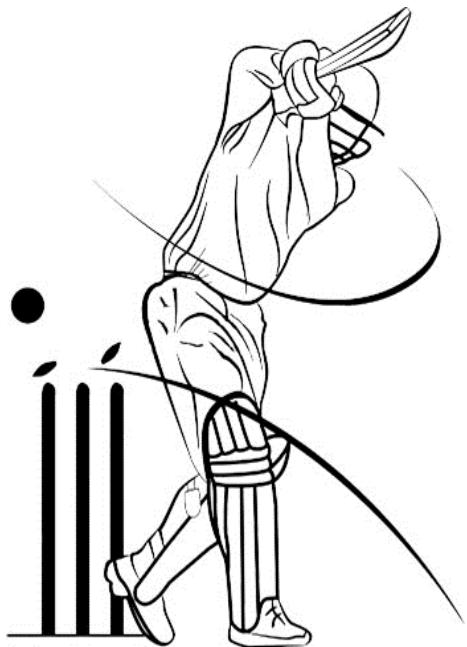
Perhaps the Indians loved Bertrand so much because he did not just preach to them. He was one of the first to openly criticise the cruelty and rapacity of many of the Spanish ‘adventurers’, whom the Indians both feared and hated.

Back in Spain in 1568, and now 42, Bertrand decided it was time for him to concentrate on training other preachers for the missions. Betran stressed to them the importance of both prayer and of doing good works that matched their own preaching. For this he won wide respect from all around him. By the time he was 54, Betran was worn out. In 1580 he preached his last sermon in Valencia Cathedral, and then was taken ill, dying a few months later.

Bertrand’s example of a life of prayer, humility, integrity, reformation, witness and concern for social justice is very much needed today.

Editor: A statue of Louis Bertrand (sometimes called the "Apostle of South America") is on the north Colonnade of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Whitley Hall Cricket Club



What an eventful season! The 1st XI has had some difficult matches and 4 games lost to the weather. The last three matches resulted in defeat to Tickhill followed by a win away at Coal Aston and a defeat at home by Treeton in a final day match which was rain affected. The good news is that the team ends in 3rd position and are promoted to the new Yorkshire Premier League South together with champions Aston Hall and Treeton and Wickersley. Together with winning the Whitworth Cup and equaling Elsecar's record of 9 wins, 6 of them in the past 7 years, it is has been a very good season but not quite what had been anticipated. The 2nd XI has managed to

finish mid-table in Division 1 and consolidate their place in what has been a testing first season following promotion. The 3rd XI, the Whitley Colts, has had a great season and ended up Champions in Division 5 achieving promotion. With the under 13s and under 15s each winning the Sheffield and District Cup in their age groups and all performing well in their leagues, it has been another very encouraging year for the club -

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Crossword Puzzle (Solution is on page 21)

Clues Across

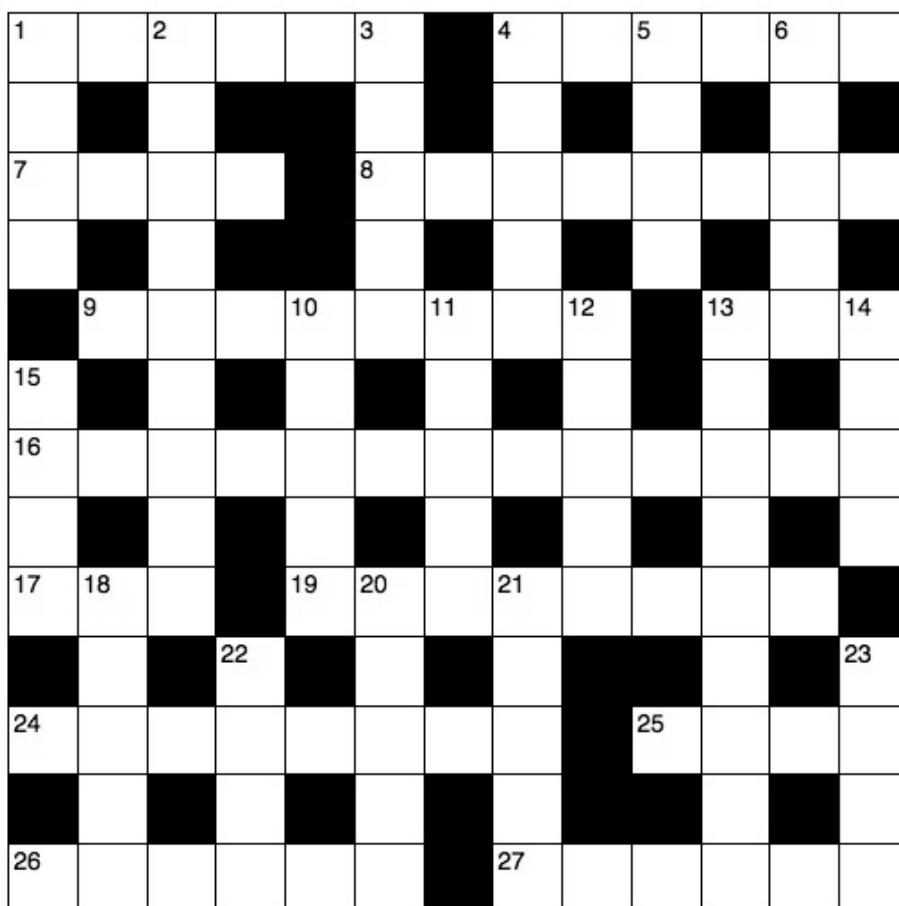
- 1** He must be ‘the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well’ (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4** ‘For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ’ (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7** ‘They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end’ (Ps 107:27) (4)
- 8** See 19 Across
- 9** It concerned who among the disciples would be the greatest (Luke 9:46) (8)
- 13** Formed by the Jews in Thessalonica to root out Paul and Silas (Acts 17:5) (3)
- 16** ‘He has sent me to bind up the — ’ (Isaiah 61:1) (6-7)
- 17** Moved rapidly on foot (Matthew 28:8) (3)
- 19** and 8 ‘ — a great company of the — host appeared with the angel’ (Luke 2:13) (8,8)
- 24** Hindrance (Romans 14:13) (8)
- 25** Comes between Luke and Acts (4)
- 26** Empower (Acts 4:29) (6)
- 27** ‘Get these out of here! How dare you turn my Father’s house into a — !’ (John 2:16) (6)

Clues Down

- 1** Sunrise (Psalm 119:147) (4)
- 2** The part of the day when Cornelius the Caesarean centurion had vision of an angel of God (Acts 10:3) (9)
- 3** He was one of those who returned with Zerubbabel from exile in Babylon to Jerusalem (Nehemiah 7:7) (5)
- 4** ‘No one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born — ’ (John 3:3) (5)
- 5** Animal hunted or killed as food (Ezekiel 22:25) (4)
- 6** ‘He encouraged them — — remain true to the Lord’ (Acts 11:23) (3,2)
- 10** Ruses (anag.) (5)
- 11** Jewish priestly vestment (Exodus 28:6) (5)
- 12** Visible sign of what had been there (Daniel 2:35) (5)
- 13** This was the trade of Alexander, who did Paul ‘a great deal of harm’ (2 Timothy 4:14) (9)

- 14** ‘This is my — , which is for you; do this in remembrance of me’ (1 Corinthians 11:24) (4)
- 15** One of Noah’s great-great-grandsons (Genesis 10:24) (4)
- 18** Traditionally the first British Christian martyr (5)
- 20** Relationship of Ner to Saul (1 Samuel 14:50) (5)
- 21** Jacob had one at a place he named Bethel while on his way to Haran, fleeing from Esau (Genesis 28:12) (5)
- 22** Bats (anag.) (4)
- 23** ‘You strain out a — but swallow a camel’ (Matthew 23:24) (4)

Solution is on Page 21



Laodicean hymns

*The Laodicean Church was described in the Bible as being lukewarm.
So here is another list of hymns they might sing:*

Teach Me, Lord, Thy Easy Way
We Are Milling Around in the Light of God
When Peace, like a Trickle
When the Saints Go Sneaking In

Prayers and Poems Page

The Light of the World

Many hearts in darkness lie
Cold and blind bereft of light,
Until God's Word can enter in
The darkness then must take its flight

From heaven He came, He was the Light
His mission was to rescue man
To bring new life where death once
reigned
Frustrating all the Devil's plan

The Word of God came to our world
To seek the lost, to open eyes,
Where man was bound to loose his chains
To grant a freedom once denied,

The Saviour knocks on our heart's door,
The Light of the World – He stands outside ,
We alone can ask Him in
For the lock to the door is on the inside.

By Megan Carter

God of All

Our God is the God of all,
The God of heaven and earth,
Of the sea and of the rivers;
The God of the sun and of the moon and of
all the stars;
The God of the lofty mountains
and of the lowly valleys.
He has his dwelling around heaven and earth,
and sea, and all that in them is.
He inspires all,
He gives life to all,
He dominates all,
He supports all.
He lights the light of the sun,
He furnishes the light of the night,
He has made springs in dry land...
He is the God of heaven and earth,
of sea and rivers,
of sun, moon and stars,
of the lofty mountain and the lowly valley,
the God above heaven,
and in heaven,
and under heaven.

A Hymn of St Patrick

Gathered in

All is safely gathered in
Frozen, cured or sealed in tin,
Then sent quickly off to store,
Tesco, Aldi, many more.

There the seasons are no more
As they were in days of yore,
Summer fruits in winter days,
Far away they're grown and raised.

Autumn treats in Spring to choose
And even more exotic foods,
Things we never knew when young
Brought to us from lands far flung.

All to satisfy our taste,
Tons of which will go to waist,
And supermarket shelves to fill,
Yet millions are starving still.

So just remember while you feast
On food from north, south, west and east
And celebrating this harvest
To spare a thought for those with less.

By Allan Lewis

RHS Success for Community Garden

The Community Garden in Ecclesfield Park has been successful in achieving a prestigious Award from the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS).

The Community Garden entered the RHS Yorkshire in Bloom 'It's Your Neighbourhood' Competition which specifically covers Community Projects.

The RHS Judge visited the garden in early July to assess the project against the following criteria: -

- A) Community participation
- B) Environmental Responsibility
- C) Gardening Achievement

The Community Garden Group received the exciting results late September.

We were awarded **Level 5 = OUTSTANDING**.

This is the highest award that can be achieved in this category, being equivalent to a Gold Medal.

The Judges' comments included "The whole project is a great achievement, turning a derelict site into a vibrant Community Garden ... Overall an excellent project".

The Community Garden is run by volunteers and works with local Schools, Community Groups and the general public giving the opportunity to learn about and grow fruit, vegetables, herbs and flowers. Numerous events and activities are held throughout the year to help raise awareness.

Our thanks go to everyone that has supported the Community Garden helping us go from strength to strength.

Anyone is welcome to call in to look around the garden and have a chat.

We also sell our seasonal organic produce. Monies from sales are reinvested in buying more seeds and plants for the next season, helping us to become self - sufficient.

**The Community Garden is open
Wednesdays + Saturdays
10 am to 12 noon**

For more info:

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Ecclesfield Brownies

Gatty Hall
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Gatty Hall
 Thursday 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm
 Leader - Mrs C Topham
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Ecclesfield Priory Players

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 Monday 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm
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Ecclesfield Community Garden

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	Mr Michael Waldron	246 3091

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Mother's Union in Gatty Hall		
1st Wednesday of month 1:00 pm		246 9690

Ecclesfield Ladies Group in Gatty Hall		
Thursday 7.30 pm - Contact: Anne Rostron		245 5492

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		257 7191

Weddings: Contact – The Church Office		
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