

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



Church Magazine for July 2016

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First Words. . .

- We are delighted this month to welcome Tim Gill our new vicar, his wife Mandy and their family Thomas, Emily and Kaden to Ecclesfield and St Mary's. Tim's Institution Service is on 28th July at 7.30pm and I do hope you will be able to come along to that service. As Tim begins his ministry among us I am sure we will allow him the space and the time to settle into his new surroundings and to get used to us all, which in itself is quite some task!
- In-house Retreat – have you signed up to be a part of this which is happening between the 1st and 28th July. We just ask that you sign up for one day during that period, and to use that day to hold Tim and his family in prayer as they leave their parish in Liverpool and move to Ecclesfield, and also to pray for the church members who have signed up to pray for them the next day.
- Over the months of interregnum we have welcomed Bishops and clergy from around the Diocese and beyond to share ministry amongst us, and we do thank each and every one of them.
- Say farewell to Bishop Steven and Ann at a special service in Sheffield Cathedral on Sunday 17 July at 4 o'clock. An opportunity to give thanks for their ministry among us over the last seven years, to pray for them as they prepare to respond to new challenges and opportunities in the Diocese of Oxford. And to pray for the Diocese of Sheffield as we begin to explore how God may be calling us to develop our life and ministry together. **(You do need a ticket for this occasion which has to be ordered through a web link. Please let Pat or Jeni know as soon as possible if you want one).**
- Open Gardens 24th & 25th June 2017 – yes I know it is 12 months away but it would be good to have some different gardens within our community open that weekend for people to view. If this is something you would like to do please telephone our church office on 2450106 or email on office.stmarys.ecclesfield@googlemail.com to let us know you are interested. We will be having a meeting in the Autumn to plan that weekend.

Pat Clarke

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Thought for the Month

Calendars this year seem fuller than usual with important dates, The Queen's 90th birthday on 21st April, her official birthday on 12th June, the start of Euro 2016 on 10th June, The referendum on 23rd June, Wimbledon on 27th June, the start of the Olympic Games on the 5th August and many more, but did you know that the 28 July 2016 is a very important date in the Church calendar, that is St Mary's church calendar. It begins a new chapter in the life, worship and mission of our church here at St Mary's as we welcome our new vicar, Tim Gill, his wife Mandy and their family Thomas, Emily and Kaden.

Whilst our time of interregnum has been longer than we expected it to be, the last 15 months, have been for all of us a time of growing together, encouragement, support and much love as our ever faithful loving God has enabled, sustained, and strengthened us. We have witnessed the power of prayer and God's Holy Spirit at work in our worship and fellowship together and have been truly blessed through the ministry of all visiting clergy including Bishops and former vicars of St Mary's.

Two violins, 1 viola, a cello, double base and a bassoon played by the very gifted and enthusiastic Ensemble Berlin at the Bradfield Music Festival recently had the audience, including me, spellbound. Each instrument has its own voice but plays in harmony with the others. We can't all be great musicians, but each one of us has our own unique gifts. Christians believe that God gives different gifts to each one of us; it wouldn't do if we were all alike. St Paul compares the Church to a body with many parts. He says the Holy Spirit gives different gifts to members of the Church, so that each may contribute to the whole. These gifts are not meant to be kept to ourselves, but shared so that all may work together, supporting and encouraging each other, as we try to do Christ's work in the Church and in the world.

Like musicians, athletes, artists and actors, we need to practise, and to exercise our gifts from God so as to make the best use of them. However, it's important to remember that, whether we are very talented, potential musician of the year, gold medallists, or runners up, we are precious children of God, whose love for us is constant, irrespective of our achievements. It's always good to take a moment to think about and give thanks for our own gifts, and to encourage someone else whose gifts may be different from ours? We all need to ask God to show us the gifts he has given us and the courage to use those gifts as we look forward to working alongside our new vicar, sharing our skills and abilities as best we can..

Yes the 28 July 2016 is a very important date for us here at St Mary's as we welcome Tim and his family and look forward to his leadership and ministry among us and to discerning together God's vision for the next chapter in the life, worship and mission of his church, the body of Christ here in Ecclesfield. Why not come and join us on Thursday the 28th July at 7.30 as we welcome Tim and his family, pray that they may know God's every blessing, his love and his joy in their ministry amongst us.

Pat Clarke



Prayer for the month

Loving God,
with hope and confidence in our hearts,
we celebrate this time of new beginnings.
Be with us and guide us on our way.
We ask this in Jesus' name.

Amen



A prayer for reconciliation after the EU Referendum

Eternal God, Light of the nations,
in Christ you make all things new:
guide our nation in the coming days through the inspiration of your Spirit,
that understanding may put an end to discord and all bitterness.
Give us grace to rebuild bonds of trust
that together we may work for the dignity and flourishing of all;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

On how to baffle the church committee

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren

I was delighted to hear that you have been made chairman of the Missionary Sub-committee; it should help you to hone your skills in appearing to encourage committee members to contribute while ensuring that they only say the things you want to hear. It is a skill that needs not a little practice; democracy only works if all the important decisions have been made beforehand.

However, do remember that sub-committees are only formed in order either to kill an idea stone dead, or to give the chairman of the main committee some time to decide what he wants, since he isn't sure how to handle the issue at that particular moment. I formed a sub-committee in 1999 to discuss Miss Fothergill's suggestion of creating a "water feature" on the Rector's Glebe land, as a way of celebrating the Millennium.

I noted at the time that no one wanted the thing on their own land. It's significant that whenever people suggest some imposing edifice, they always think it will be most appropriate either in the Rector's garden, or in some public place, well out of sight of their own homes.

While this particular group has been working away tirelessly, and endless masons and architects have been approached, a suitable design has yet to be presented. It looks as if a suggestion will eventually be considered by my hundredth successor as we enter the third Millennium. That is the customary rate of progress for St. James the Least, which I find entirely satisfactory.

The procedure for decision-making is always the same: after enormous effort, the sub-committee will produce a carefully worded report, which will be circulated round all members of the church council. At the next meeting, they will be thanked profusely for all their hard work and the matter will be discussed at great length. It will then be proposed that the final decision will be taken at the next meeting, after everyone has had time to consider the matter more thoroughly. Come the next meeting, the item will somehow fail to appear on the agenda, and when it is raised in Any Other Business, it will be pointed out that it is now far too late in the evening to tackle such an important issue. From then on, you can be assured, it will sink without trace.

Always remember the golden rule: a church committee meeting consists of a body of people waiting to go home.

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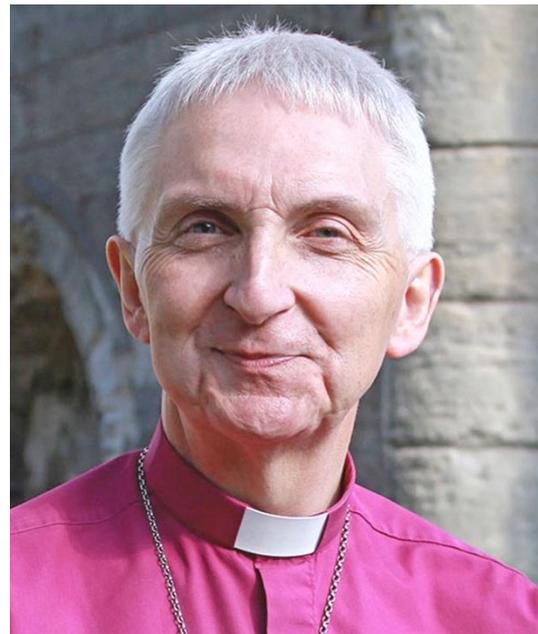
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Bishop's Letter

The next steps towards transition

Posted by Bishop Peter Burrows
28th June 2016

Much has been written in the past few days about the referendum result to leave the EU. The financial markets have been volatile, our political system and structures are in turmoil and many, including myself, are trying to think through the full implications of the decision made - which of course we can't know and won't know until we begin to take the next steps towards transition.



I have written on a number of occasions in the past about my fear of trying to live in isolation and the importance of remaining united in the face of global issues. Sadly, the referendum has not only led to division between Britain and other EU countries, but also division within our own country, in families and amongst friends. We are a divided nation, so I along with others including my colleagues, call for a period of reflection and to unite behind a common task - to rebuild bridges and relationships where they've been broken including our EU partners and together find a way forward that enables us as a nation to grow and flourish and maintain good relations. As our Archbishops said in their own communication "We must therefore act with humility and courage - being true to the principles that make the very best of our nation. Unity, hope and generosity will enable us to overcome the period of transition that will now happen, and to emerge confident and successful. The opportunities and challenges that face us as a nation and as global citizens are too significant for us to settle for less."

I've been following with interest the comments made on social media and not least on Twitter. A number of people have said that they can weather the short and long term impact of the referendum result but call for us to be mindful of those who will struggle. As with most major decisions, the impact of the vote to leave the EU will impact on the most vulnerable and the financial implications on those least able to manage on already hard pressed budgets.

Much has also been said about immigration but again we should recall that many people we know come from overseas and make a huge contribution to the economy. We must not demonise our friends from overseas nor ignore the plight and needs of those seeking refuge and asylum. Our decision will not make their plight go away and it would be morally wrong to just expect and assume that other countries will burden yet more responsibility for this. We must live with the decision we have made as a country but again I say we can't live in isolation. We must take our responsibilities seriously towards the most vulnerable and we must remain a generous, welcoming and hospitable country that shares the concern and the responsibility for those in greatest need at home and from other nations.

+Peter

Links:

Bishop Steven's and Bishop Peter's blogs - www.sheffield.anglican.org/blog/

The Archbishops statement - www.archbishopofcanterbury.org/



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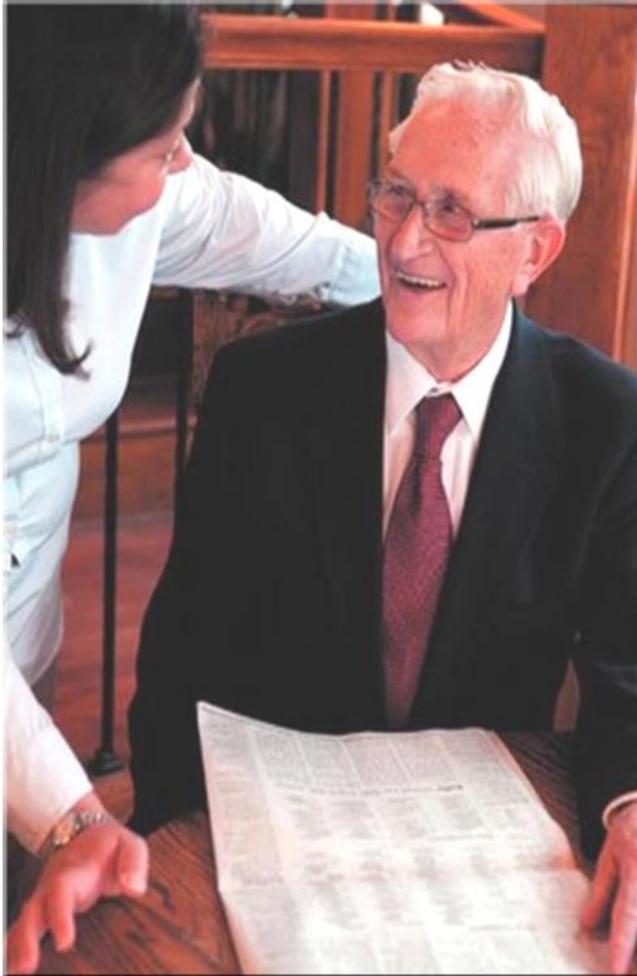
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Will You Remember Them July 2016

Help Us to Keep Helping Our Brothers and Sisters

Muslims who turn to Christ often suffer persecution and rejection from their families and community. They are on their own, with nowhere to turn. As the number of converts in the Middle East and Europe continues to grow, Barnabas Fund is at the fore front of providing converts from Islam with aid and loving support, along with other Christian aid agencies.

“Barnabas Fund has been a father, mother, and sister to me,” Nissar Hussain, a convert from Islam in Bradford, UK, said. Since his conversion 16 years ago, Nissar has experienced multiple attacks to his house, damage to his car and beatings at the hands of the Muslim community in Bradford. At times he was trapped in his house by a mob. “You are shunned, treated as an apostate, a traitor. Your property is continually damaged. I have had physical assaults. You find yourself completely isolated, broken.” The support he has received from Barnabas Fund over the years has made an enormous difference.

“I’m lost for words for the love, support and generosity. They have been a lifeline. At least I could pay off my bills, maintain my dignity and keep a roof over our head.” The mental pressure disabled him from working for several years.

Operation Safe Havens.

Barnabas Fund is also instrumental in helping converts from Islam in the Middle East escape from anti-Christian violence. Through the Operation Safe Haven project they have already brought hundreds to safety to start a fresh life in Australia, Canada, the Czech Republic and Poland.

Please Pray

- That converts from Islam will experience the Lord’s promise to never leave them nor forsake them (Hebrews 13v5) when they are rejected by their family and community.
- Give thanks that other countries have opened their doors to Christian refugees from Iraq and Syria. Pray that more countries will follow.
- That western governments will change their legislation to provide more protection to converts from Islam.

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Come and Sing Moody & Sankey Sunday 17th July 2016

At least one local pub has Moody & Sankey Evenings on some Sundays. These meetings, when they sing from the Moody & Sankey hymn collection, are popular and Ecclesfield Church is going to hold such an evening of song.



Moody was an evangelist who had the very special skills needed to inspire congregations. He had a very difficult life; he was one of a very poor family of three girls and eight boys. Two of the children were born only one month after the death of his father. Dwight Moody was just four years old. His mother a woman of immense courage kept the family together. Moody had religious leanings and after many struggles was accepted into the church having left home at seventeen. He was converted in 1856.

At a YMCA meeting in June 1870, Mr Moody led a prayer meeting in a church adjoining the hall where a meeting was being attended by Ira D Sankey. He heard that Mr Moody was to preach a sermon there. The Rev Robert McMillen, with whom he was well acquainted, asked Mr Sankey to lead some singing after the prayers. Mr Sankey sang with immense feeling that electrified the audience.

Mr Moody stepped forward to ask where he came from, was he married and whether he had family. Mr Sankey said he was married and had one child. Asked what he did for a living, he said he worked for the Inland Revenue service. Mr Moody told him he would have to give up his government position as Mr Moody had been looking for him for some time, saying 'you can do the singing and I'll do the talking'. Mr Sankey demurred despite Mr Moody's pressing as he had a good steady job.

Sometime later Mr Moody invited Mr Sankey to join him at a certain street corner at 6pm that night. Mr Moody arrived and borrowed a soap box from a nearby shop, he then asked Mr Sankey to stand on the box and sing. Those listening, most of them working men on their way home, were electrified. They hung on every word. The crowd grew so large that it had to move. Moody and Sankey wandered down the road singing with the crowd following at their heels.

They toured various cities and states. They came to England in 1873. The joyful, prayerful singing of the gospel hymns was a revelation to the people of the British Isles.

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8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) - On 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

10.00 am Services

1st Sunday of the month - Parish Communion with organ and choir

2nd Sunday of the month - Service of the Word with music group

3rd Sunday of the month - Parish Communion with organ, choir and music group

4th Sunday of the month - Parish Communion with organ, choir and music group

5th Sunday of the month - Sunday Celebration Services

12:00 pm Baptism Service

Baptism Service 1st Sunday of the month – (Except: August no baptisms)

4.00 pm Living Stones Service

An interactive service for children and families 3rd Sunday of the month

6.30 pm Evening Service

Except: 2nd Sunday of the month Holy Communion and 4th Sunday of the month

Prayer and Praise

Midweek Holy Communion – Thursdays at 9.30 am

Eva Ratcliffe Service - Wednesday at 10.30am

St Mary's - Activities & Groups

Church Office Opening times

Tuesday 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Wednesday 9:30 am to 11:30 am

Thursday 9.00 am to 12.00 pm

Coffee Shop

Tuesday 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Friday 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Bell Ringers

Tuesday 7.30 pm Bell ringing practice

Friday 7.30 pm Silent Bell ringing practice

Choir Practice

Friday 7.30 pm Choir practice in choir vestry

Music Group Practice

Thursday 7:30 pm Music group practice in church

Wedding Bookings

Thursday 7.15 pm to 8.45 pm wedding booking evening

Church Diary Items to Note for July 2016

| Day and Date | Time | Item |
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| Monday 4 th | 7.30 pm | PCC Meet in Church |
| Wednesday 6 th | 10.30 am | Service at Eva Ratcliffe House |
| Wednesday 13 th | 10.30 am | Service at Eva Ratcliffe House |
| Thursday 14 th | 2.30 pm | Service at Hartwell House |
| Saturday 16 th | 9.00 am | Prayer Breakfast |
| Sunday 17 th | 4.00 pm | Living Stones Service |
| Monday 18 th | 7.30 pm | Mission Committee Meets in Church |
| Wednesday 20 th | 10.30 am | Service at Eva Ratcliffe House |
| Sunday 24 th | 6.30 pm | Service of Prayer and Praise |
| Monday 25 th | 7.30 pm | Ignatian Prayer in Church |
| Wednesday 27 th | 10.30 am | Service at Eva Ratcliffe House |
| Thursday 28 th | 7.30 pm | Service of Institution and Induction for The Revd. Tim Gill |
| Saturday 30 th | 10.00 am | MU Coffee Morning in Church |

From the Registers

Baptisms

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| 5th June | Poppy Mae Wildgoose |
| 5th June | Isabella Rose Turner |
| 5th June | Archie Froggatt |

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

Weddings

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| 4th June | Aaron James Nell & Sarah Frances Judge |
| 10th June | Christopher James Green & Natalie Lynn Wright |

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

Funerals

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| 24th May | Ruth Eales | 90 |
| 2nd June | Sarah Alice Hinchsliffe | 88 |
| 20th June | Rose Howell | 85 |

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

Flower Rota July 2016

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| 3rd | K. Thompson & B. Fisher | 24th | S. Hartshorne & J. Fryer |
| 17th | M. Lambert & A. Rostron | 31st | P. Clarke & P. Bown |



GRANDPARENTS

July 26th is the feast day of St Joachim and St Ann – and you are probably asking, who are they? Legend says that these are the names of Jesus' grandparents, his mother's father and mother. If these are their real names or not it doesn't matter: what does matter is that Mary's parents brought her up to be a very special person; someone who was calm in a crisis and loved her family. And this comes from being part of a close-knit, loving family.



July 26th is the 'feast of grandparents'. It reminds all grandparents of their responsibility for generations to

come; to make family traditions and history live.

But the feast has a meaning for the younger family members as well. It reminds younger people that older people's wealth of experience is to be celebrated and appreciated. And we do, don't we?

IT'S ALL RELATIVE

All these people in the Bible are related. Do you know how? Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. Mary and Martha (Luke, chapter 10)
2. Saul and Jonathon (1 Samuel, chapter 14)
3. Naomi and Ruth (Ruth, chapter 1)
4. Lois, Eunice and Timothy (2 Timothy, chapter 1)
5. Joseph and Benjamin (Genesis, chapter 42)
6. Aquila and Priscilla (Acts, chapter 18)
7. Simon Peter and Andrew (Mathew, chapter 4)



Why should Elijah's parents be remembered by all business people?

Because they made a prophet.

How long did Cain hate his brother?

As long as he was Abel.

Answers: 1.sisters 2.father and son
3.mother-in-law and daughter-in-law
4. grandmother, mother and son
5.brothers 6.husband and wife
7.brothers

The Gardening Year - July 2016

Flowers – Roses – Cut blooms for home decoration and remove dead heads as they appear. After the first flush of bloom feed rose bushes with rose fertiliser and hoe it into the soil continue to spray against greenfly black spot, mildew and rust.

Hardy Herbaceous Plants – continue cutting back early flowering plants and dead heading where there are still flowers. Remove dead flowers from peonies, cut Lupins and delphiniums to ground level in mild districts to encourage a second display. Hoe in a further application of fertilizer around Michaelmas Daisies lacking in colour and vigour and dust those liable to mildew with flowers of sulphur. Cut off and dispose of leaves of Campanula infested with rust fungus. Plan position and shape of new beds to be made in the autumn choosing an open site away from trees and fences, begin preparing beds for autumn planting.

Dahlias – continue tying young stems to their stakes, feed plants which are slow to grow with a liquid fertiliser once a fortnight. Disbud at least some of the stems to obtain longer stems and better flowers, regularly remove faded flowers.

Chrysanthemums – reduce the number of shoots per plant to five, except on pompoms and spray varieties. Water plants thoroughly and attend to tying and supporting once a week, apply a balanced fertiliser in the middle of the month, disbud early flowering varieties if they show buds spray regularly to control pests. Reduce large exhibition varieties to three stems, exhibition incurves and decoratives to four.

Fruit – pick soft fruits, summer prune trees grown in restricted form, support heavily cropping branches of apples, pears, and plums. Spray apples, pears, blackberries, loganberries, plums and damsons continue thinning apples and pear fruits. Check that ties on trained trees are not too tight, train in new blackberry and loganberry shoots check weeds growing around trees and bushes growing in cultivated soil. Pick black currants fruit and prune bushes. Tie in replacement shoots on peaches and nectarines, support heavily laden plum branches. Prune trees after picking, pick raspberries cut down old canes and remove weak new shoots, tie in new shoots and control weeds. Tidy up strawberry beds and discard plants which have given three crops.

Vegetables – plant leeks choosing the thickest seedlings cutting the tops back by about a quarter of their length and the roots by about half making holes with a dibber and simply dropping the plants in to the tip of the leek do not firm them into place, but water the plants immediately so that soil is washed over the roots, that's it. Pinch out side-shoots on cordon grown tomato plants do this regularly do not pinch out the side shoots on bush varieties, but cover the ground beneath with straw to keep the fruits of the soil.

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- Thou, O God, dost sell us all good things at the price of labour. - *Leonardo da Vinci*
- I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. - *2 Timothy 4:7*
- Make the least ado about your greatest gifts. Be content to act, and leave the talking to others. - *Baltasar Gracian*
- The quality of life is determined by its activities. - *Aristotle*
- No great achievement is possible without persistent work. - *Bertrand Russell*
- Shattered dreams are a hallmark of our mortal life. - *Martin Luther King*



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No worries - A 102 year-old lady was asked if she had any worries about the future, and replied: “Not since I got my eldest son into an old people’s home.’

Vatican - Once asked how many people worked in the Vatican, Pope John XXIII replied: “Oh, about half.”

Open wide - A lady was very nervous about her appointment at the dentist. She sought courage from her Bible. The verse her finger landed on was Psalm 81:10: ‘Open thy mouth wide and I will fill it.’

Come in - The choir was practising the anthem. The choirmaster said to the trebles: ‘Now don’t forget, when the tenors reach ‘The Gates of Hell’, you come in.’

Preaching hazards - Showing your new parish that you are a forceful preacher may not always be a good idea, as the Rev Sydney Smith found out when he first arrived at All Saints Church in Foston in 1806. ‘When I began to thump the pulpit cushion on my first coming to Foston, the accumulated dust of 150 years made such a cloud that for some minutes I lost sight of the congregation.’



Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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Saints of the Month

St. Camillus de Lellis and The Seven Sleepers of Ephesus

14th July - St. Camillus de Lellis - patron of the sick

Sometimes those who suffer are best at helping others in a similar situation. Discharged from the Venetian army with an incurable leg wound, St. Camillus (1550 – 1614) founded a religious order called the Ministers of the Sick (the Camellians). In their Holy Ghost Hospital in Rome, and by travelling to plague-stricken parts of the world, the Camellians dedicated their lives to caring for the sick. Camillus is the patron of the sick and of nurses.

27th July - The Seven Sleepers of Ephesus – proving a nap is good for you!

Do you tend to avoid conflict? When you feel stressed, do you crave sleep? Then the Seven Sleepers of Ephesus would be good patron saints for you. But - you may find it hard to copy their successful method of avoiding trouble!

Legend has it that The Seven Sleepers were third century Christians who lived in Ephesus during the persecutions of the Roman Emperor Decius. When things got very bad, the Seven Sleepers decided to ‘go to ground’. Literally. They found a cave on the outskirts of the city and walled themselves in. The story goes that then God simply put them to sleep.

200 years later they woke up, and peeped out of the cave again. Things had changed: Ephesus had converted to Christianity. Unfortunately the Seven Sleepers did not get much time to enjoy the new freedoms, because within a short time they all died – of extreme old age.

The story was popularised in the 6th century by Gregory of Tours and Jacob of Sarugh, who venerated the Seven Sleepers as saints. But it was challenged by Baronius and many scholars since. It is sometimes called a Christianised pagan or Jewish legend akin to Rip Van Winkle.

A possible moral for anyone today is that when you find yourself in a storm of conflict, you don't have to fight all the battles yourself. You can indeed seek refuge in God. He may not put you to sleep for 200 years, but He will be a safe hiding place for your soul.

Whitley Hall Cricket Club



After a difficult start to the season with the 1st XI in a precarious position in the league, a change in fortunes gave the team three consecutive victories.

First, a tight away win at Sheffield and Phoenix United on 28th May followed by a home win against Doncaster on 4th June and a fine win against Barnsley on 11th June. There was no play on 18th June due to rain followed by a marginal defeat to Wickersley on 25th June after a fine display. This sees the 1st XI entering July in mid-table in the ECB Premier League South.

The 2nd team is having quite a roller-coaster and also stands in mid-table in South Yorkshire Division 1. The third XI is having a tricky season and currently occupy the relegation zone in Division 4.

Senior Home Games at Cinder Hill Lane

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| 2 nd July | 1 st XI | v | Sheffield Collegiate |
| 9 th July | 2 nd XI | v | Rockingham |
| 16 th July | 1st XI | v | Rotherham Town |
| 17 th July | 3 rd XI | v | Bradfield |
| 23 rd July | 2 nd XI | v | Oughtibridge |
| 30 th July | 2 nd XI | v | Thorncliffe |
| 6 th August | 1 st XI | v | Appleby Frodingham |

1st team matches start at 12.30, 2nd team at 1.00pm

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Crossword Puzzle (Solution is on page 21)

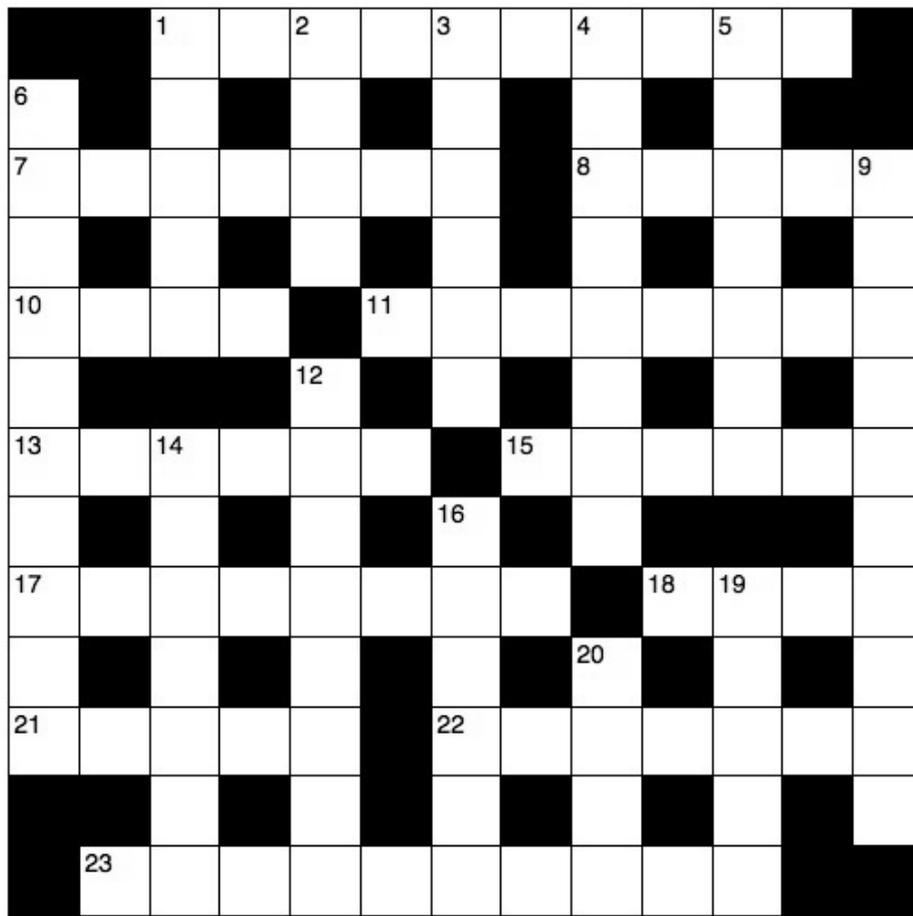
Clues Across

- 1 Relating to the Jewish day of rest (10)
- 7 Point of view (Matthew 22:17) (7)
- 8 20th-century Brethren philanthropist whose construction company became one of the UK's biggest, Sir John — (5)
- 10 Girl's name (4)
- 11 Peter was accused of being one in the courtyard of the high priest's house (Luke 22:59) (8)
- 13 The fifth of the 'seven churches' (Revelation 3:1–6) (6)
- 15 'Now the famine was — in Samaria' (1 Kings 18:2) (6)
- 17 Banned by the seventh Commandment (Exodus 20:14) (8)
- 18 Insect most closely associated with itching (1 Samuel 24:14) (4)
- 21 Bantu tribe which gives its name to tiny landlocked country in southern Africa (5)
- 22 Familiar material in churches that use an overhead projector (7)
- 23 Last book of the Bible (10)

Clues Down

- 1 The young David's favourite weapon (1 Samuel 17:40) (5)
- 2 'Your vats will — over with new wine' (Proverbs 3:10) (4)
- 3 Once yearly (Exodus 30:10) (6)
- 4 Milled it (anag.) (3-5)
- 5 Region north of Damascus of which Lysanias was tetrarch (Luke 3:1) (7)
- 6 Comes between Philippians and 1 Thessalonians (10)
- 9 Lake where the first disciples were called (Luke 5:1–11) (10)
- 12 Abusive outburst (8)
- 14 Are loud (anag.) (7)
- 16 Printing errors (6)
- 19 'Take my yoke upon you and — from me' (Matthew 11:29) (5)
- 20 Jacob's third son (Genesis 29:34) (4)

Solution is on Page 21



The Battle of the Somme

On the 1st July 2016 we commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Battle of the Somme and remember those who fought and died during the battle. The Somme was one of the deadliest battles of the First World War. During five months of combat, the total number of men killed, wounded and missing reached over one million.

A century later the battle scars still remain. It's still difficult to make sense of what happened and see God's place in the conflict. It challenges any image of a safe, problem-solving God who protects at all costs from pain and suffering. As Jesus' prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane demonstrates, God is to be found alongside in the pain: '*Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet not my will, but yours be done.*' (Luke 22:42).

Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy, the chaplain popularly known as '*Woodbine Willie*', served at the Somme said: '*We have taught our people to use prayer too much as a means of comfort: the comfort of the cushion, not the comfort of the Cross.*'

He is saying that prayer in itself won't save us from suffering, as it didn't save Christ from the cross. But it does enable us to fight evil in a way that will transform the situation, like Jesus going to the cross.

Prayers and Poems Page

Time Prayer

Father, We are all so busy. We rush here and there, trying to meet deadlines, trying to fit more and more into our already full days. So often we seem to run out of energy and time. Sometimes we wonder what it's all about.

Help us, Lord to recognise that we have time. You have given us every day of our lives. Help us to choose wisely how we use our life time. Help us to spend time with you first; to learn your ways; to encounter the living Jesus in the Bible and in prayer. And everything else will fall into place.

In Jesus' name, **Amen.**

By Daphne Kitching

Come reign in me

Oh God, who made the world so fair,
And formed the earth, the sky, the sea;
Who gave us ears, and eyes, and minds,
To hear, to see, to know all love is thee.

Oh God, who in the Lord Jesus,
Gave us a light to light our way;
Let our life's lamp be lit by Him
Whose strength will see us safely through
each day.

Oh God, whose Spirit gave us birth,
And holds all life secure, e'en mine;
Take all I am, and all I have,
Bless and redeem them for they both are
Thine.

Oh God the Father, God the Son,
And God the Spirit, three in one;
Blessed be thy name, come reign in me,
And in me let thy will be done.

By Sam Doubtfire

A Precious Life

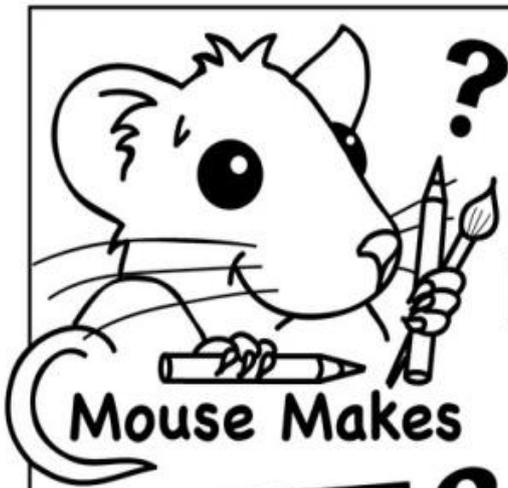
A precious life laid down
No love can greater be!
No king had humbler crown
Than him who died for me;
A king who died
Who died for me
That I should be
Now justified.

Each day I feel His breath
Each day I touch His hand
For through my Jesus' death
I walk the Promised Land!
And side by side
Thro' ev'ry day
I walk and pray

Cling to His wounded arm
Observe His wounded brow
Tho' men may cause me harm
My Saviour shows me how
My life to live
Those cruel men
He prayed for them
"Father forgive."

One day, my greatest friend
Will bring me home to Him;
Eternal life to spend
Despite my former sin!
Then no more strife
With Him I'll stay;
O blessed day
O precious life!

By Nigel Beeton



Mouse Makes

WHO AM I?

The last letter of one name is the first letter of the next name.

J _ _ _ S

- Mary's first child
Luke 1:30-31
- Hannah's son
1 Samuel 1:20

M _ _ T

- He wrote the second Gospel
- Followed Elijah
2 Kings 2:15

A _ _ M

- The first man
Genesis 2:20
- Baby in a basket
Exodus 2:1-10

_ _ _ S

- A wise king
1 Kings 4:29
- He built an ark
Genesis 6: 13-14

H _ _ _

- Wrote the 28th book of the Bible

A

WHICH BOOK IN THE BIBLE...

- ... is the **first**?
- ... is the **last**?
- ... has the **most** chapters?
- ... is the **last** in the Old Testament?

How many books are there in in the Old Testament, the New Testament, and the whole Bible?



FIND THE BROTHERS

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| BENJAMIN | HARAN |
| ISAAC | MOSES |
| AARON | JOSEPH |
| GAD | SHEM |
| JAPHETH | JAMES |
| JACOB | ASHER |
| JOHN | ESAU |
| CAIN | ISHMAEL |
| PETER | ABEL |
| ABRAHAM | ANDREW |

DID YOU KNOW?

In the Bible there are: 31,173 verses, 1,189 chapters, 773,692 words.

The longest word is in Isaiah 8:1
The longest verse is Esther 8:9

The Bible was originally written in Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek

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T H A D D E U S L E H D U
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N O T H O M A S P E T E R
A B A R T H O L O M E W S

Can you find **JESUS** and all the Apostles in the word search?

-
- ANDREW
 - JOHN • JAMES
 - THOMAS • MATTHEW
 - SIMON • THADDEUS
 - BARTHOLOMEW • PETER
 - PHILIP • JAMES • JUDAS

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Tel: TBA

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Theatre Tel No. 0114 240 2624

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Leader - Mrs J Steel
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Thursday 6.00 -7.15 pm
Rachael Otter 0114 246 1752

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Group Scout Leader
John Otter Tel. 0114 246 1752

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| | Stephanie Dale | 245 2392 |

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Church Office:

Tuesday - Wednesday 9:30 am to 11:30 am

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| Thursday 9.00 am to 12.00 pm | 245 0106 |
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Church Choir Practice in Church

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| Friday 7:30 pm - Contact: Don Knott | 246 8430 |
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Music Group Practice in Church

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| Thursday 7:30 pm - Contact: Andrea Whittaker | 246 0746 |
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Mother's Union in Gatty Hall

1st Wednesday of month 1:00 pm

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| Contact: Maureen Lambert | 246 9690 |
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Ecclesfield Ladies Group in Gatty Hall

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| Thursday 7.30 pm - Contact: Anne Rostron | 245 5492 |
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