

# News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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# First Words

The first word this month is ‘Thank-you!’

As October looms large in Church we begin to think about **Harvest**, a time to remember all of the good things that we have, and to give thanks to God the source of all goodness and of every blessing.

Being thankful is an important spiritual discipline and it is one of the foundations of contentment. This year we celebrate Harvest on **Sunday 9th October**. We have a chance to express our thanks to God in worship and in sharing with those who have less than us through the work of the groups that we support who distribute food and other necessities to people in our city who are struggling.

This year’s Harvest is an opportunity to say ‘Thank You’ to those who support the life and mission and worship at St Mary’s through their prayers, their work and their gifts. This year before my induction as vicar of St Mary’s you held a stewardship campaign and the generous response of so many people will support our life and mission for years to come.

We also look forward to November’s service of **Remembrance** on **Sunday 13th November** when we give thanks for the peace and the freedoms that we too often take for granted.

Finally in October I am launching *Time for God*, an opportunity to meet for worship, prayer and teaching with a focus on the Holy Spirit who I often describe as ‘God in the present tense’. It is the Holy Spirit who enables us to discern and fulfil our calling as Christians. Jesus spoke of the Holy Spirit to the Samaritan woman as ‘a spring of water gushing up to eternal life’ (John 4:14); and at the festival of Booths He promised that ‘out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water’ (John 7:38).

We will meet in Church on the **2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 7.30pm** during school term time, starting on **Tuesday 11th October**.

**Tim**



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# Thought for the month

During September and October we have been following a short sermon series looking at Paul's letter to the Colossians. The letter was written from prison. Paul wrote three other letters at about the same time: Ephesians, Philippians and Philemon.

Philemon is a personal note regarding a runaway slave called Onesimus who had become Paul's spiritual son. The other three letters are written to small and struggling churches in Asia Minor. Paul writes to encourage the Christians in those communities and to help them to understand what it means to follow Jesus.

Philippi in Paul's day was a Roman colony. The people of Philippi had been granted the privilege of Roman citizenship. This meant that they followed the laws and customs of Rome not of Asia Minor. Philippi itself was supposed to be an outpost of Rome itself and its citizens were expected to live as fully fledged Romans.

Interestingly in his letter to that city Paul writes; "Our citizenship is in heaven" (Philippians 3:20). This simple phrase challenges the readers (then and now) with a vision of what the church and what each one of us is called to be.

As followers of Jesus we are citizens of heaven. We follow the commands and teaching of Jesus, not of the surrounding culture. We are people of forgiveness and mercy to all; we pray for our enemies and we love those who harm us. Our values are shaped around Jesus' Great Commandment to love the Lord our God with all our heart and soul and mind and strength, and to love our neighbour as we love ourselves.

As a Church we are supposed to be an outpost of heaven. What might that look like for us as a community here at St Mary's? The values of heaven, of God's kingdom should shine out in our worship and in our fellowship and especially in the welcome that others receive when they come into Church. Whoever enters our Church whatever their story or their past, we have the privilege and the responsibility of extending the Father's welcome to them. Our relationships with each other, our care for one another should make people ask what it is that makes us so different, and our worship should come from our hearts as well as our voices.

May every person who enters St Mary's find here not a religious institution, but a foretaste of heaven. Amen!

**Tim**

# Prayer for the Month

I like prayers that are memorable, ones that I can draw on wherever I am when needed without having to look them up. This also means that they need to be short!

One of my favourite prayers is only one line long. Easy to remember, but it is also a deeply challenging prayer; something to live up to.

## *Father, colour me Jesus!*

It is a prayer that comes from the late John Wimber and characteristically it is memorable, it raises a smile as we pray it and it makes us ask questions of ourselves. It is a prayer that is so simple even a child can grasp it, yet it is so profound that we will never grow out of it on this side of eternity.

John Wimber began life as a musician, he was a founder member of The Righteous Brothers, but he left the band in the early 1960s when he became a Christian. Shortly after his conversion he had a profound experience of the Holy Spirit which shaped the rest of his life and through him began to shape the church.

Wimber founded the Vineyard movement and he began to influence the mainline churches in America and the UK. Through Wimber and the Vineyard the Charismatic movement began to bring new life and a new reliance on the Holy Spirit's gifts and fruit to traditional denominations. As someone said, 'Pentecost came to Church!'

*Father, colour me Jesus!* This prayer reminds us that we are made by God and made for God and that Jesus is the model of our life. Paul speaks of the fruit and the gifts of the Spirit, given to Christians to make us more like Jesus in our life and character.

As I pray this prayer it makes me dissatisfied. Dissatisfied with my own weak discipleship, my half-hearted following of Jesus. God reminds me of who and what I ought to be, and having prayed this prayer I turn to the Father in confession and in asking for the Holy Spirit to fill me anew, to re-shape me in the image of Jesus from the inside out; I ask the God who made me and who loves me to 'colour me Jesus'.

**Tim**

# On how long a sermon should last

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My dear Nephew Darren

I am afraid we will never agree about the appropriate length of sermons. Your 50 minute exposition on the theology of St. Paul concerning women wearing hats in church is, I am sure, of real interest to you. But as your sermon slowly unfolds, I suspect it will prompt quite a different concern among your congregation. Have they set the oven timer to come on too early?

Whenever I even hint that a matter of theological importance may be about to appear in one of my sermons, an expression of benign incomprehension comes over my congregation. You know the look – you see it on golden Labradors whenever they try and work out what their owners are telling them.

There are certain sure signs that should warn you when you have preached for long enough. One is when members of the congregation reach for their prayer books to try to work for the umpteenth time how the date for Easter is calculated. The organist turning on the blower when you say “and finally” is another.

Most members of the congregation will count the number of dead flies on the windowsills during your sermon. But when you can see members of the congregation counting the numbers in the congregation counting the numbers of dead flies, that is absolute proof that it is time to stop.

There has only been one occasion when I preached for longer than my standard eight minutes. Our former organist was in the habit of taking his dog for a walk during the sermon. I knew I had to carry on preaching until I heard the latch on the vestry door for the second time. That meant he was back, and ready to play the last hymn. Unfortunately one Sunday, his dog ran away.

While he searched for it over every field in the parish, I spent the intervening two hours reading the greater part of Leviticus, discussing the food laws set forth in Deuteronomy, and arguing for a Deutero-Isaiah. I was headed for the Babylonian exile when we all heard the vestry door re-open.

After the Service, the congregation left looking as though they had just been rescued from a major shipwreck. And at the next church council meeting, we unanimously voted to buy our organist a stronger lead.

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# Update on the process to appoint next Bishop of Sheffield

When the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft was announced as the next Bishop of Oxford earlier this year, the process to appoint his successor started immediately. During September, hundreds of local people have taken the opportunity to give their thoughts on what skills and qualities they would like to see in a new Bishop of Sheffield.

From 6-9 September, two Appointments Secretaries visited the Sheffield Diocese. They each represent the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the Prime Minister's Office. This will actually be the first bishop that the current Prime Minister, Theresa May appoints. The Secretaries conducted over 110 interviews (a new record for the Appointments Secretaries). These interviews took place with clergy, councillors, civic leaders, other faith groups, the media, sporting groups, charities and youth groups and many more. An open consultation was also held in Sheffield Cathedral.

The process is long, (fairly) complex but also very interesting. When Bishop Steven announced he would be leaving his post it created a 'Vacancy in the See of Sheffield'. Therefore, at this point, a 'Vacancy in See Committee' is called into action. The Vacancy in See Committee (25 members) first met in June 2016. It has been chaired by the Rt Revd Peter Burrows, Bishop of Doncaster, who also acts as the Bishop of Sheffield during this time. At this meeting, they nominated several people to be on the Statement of Needs working group.

The Statement of Needs is a document that acts as a detailed profile of the Diocese. This gives those appointing the new Bishop, as well as potential candidates, a chance to see what abilities and talents may be needed to lead our Diocese.

After a good consultation response, two drafting group meetings, endless proofreads and trawling thousands of Diocesan photographs, the Statement of Needs was completed on schedule. Hot off the press, this can now be shared! It is available to download from - [www.sheffield.anglican.org/news](http://www.sheffield.anglican.org/news)

As well as producing the Statement, since that first meeting in June three more Committee meetings have taken place. At the final meeting of the committee, on 5 September, members nominated and then voted for the individuals they want to represent the Diocese in the next stage of the process on the Crown Nominations Commission (CNC). The six elected members are: the Rt Revd Peter Burrows, the Revd Canon Geoffrey Harbord, Ann Brown, Shaun Clarkson, Mark Russell and the Revd Canon Ian Smith.

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## Miscellaneous observations on life

People who sing their own praises usually do so without accompaniment. *Anon*

Confidence is keeping your chin up; overconfidence is sticking it out. *Anon*

A man shows his character by what he laughs at. *Anon*

There is no better proof of friendship than to help our friends with their burdens.  
*Augustine*

Knowing is not enough; we must apply. Willing is not enough; we must do. *J. Wolfgang*

Activity which lacks thought is blind. *John Murray*

I not only use all the brains I have, but all I can borrow. *Woodrow Wilson (US President 1913-1921)*

Man is the only animal that blushes. Or needs to. *Mark Twain*

Half our mistakes in life arise from feeling where we ought to think, and thinking where we ought to feel. *J. Churton Collins*

Interest does not tie nations together; it sometimes separates them. But sympathy and understanding does unite them. *Woodrow Wilson*



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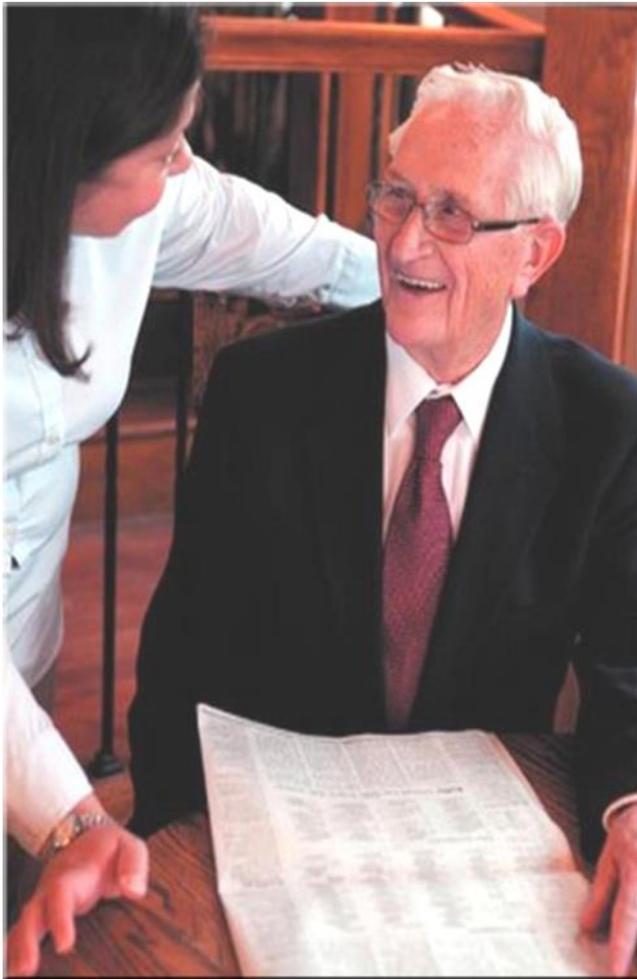
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# Will You Remember Them October 2016

## **The West must not forget Ethiopian Christians**

The New Testament records the conversation of the Ethiopian eunuch, a minister of Candace, Queen of the Ethiopians, (Acts. c8v27.) In the fourth century Ethiopia became one of the first kingdoms in the world to embrace Christianity after Frumentius, a young Christian who had been shipwrecked nearby, entered the royal service and led the king and then much of the country to faith. Ethiopia was also the location of the first recorded conversion from Islam to Christianity.

In recent years Ethiopia has seen extraordinary church growth, with 57 million Christians. Yet Christians in Ethiopia are struggling. The country has the second largest population in Africa and is also the second poorest with 87% people living in desperate poverty. Although Ethiopia is predominantly Christian with Muslims making up only 34% of the population, there has been a creeping Islamisation process. Also a huge explosion in the building of mosques and Islamic schools, much of it funded by Saudi Arabia, along with radical Islamic teaching, intimidation and violence. Ethiopian Christians are increasingly experiencing attacks by Ethiopian Muslims and others from Sudan and Somalia. In the last eight years 2,000 church buildings have been burnt or demolished and over 5,000 Christians have been wounded or killed by Islamic extremists.

Shortly after April 2015 Ethiopia was hit by a further tragedy with the worst drought in 50 years - worse even than that of 1984 in which nearly 1million people died as famine followed crop failure. Then in May of this year (2016), the country was hit by floods which ironically made the food situation worse. Since then the country has largely disappeared from world news. Yet even with rain, crops don't grow overnight. Various Christian aid agencies and others have launched appeals to raise funds for this. People are still at risk of starvation, and the pressures of growing Islamisation remain for Christians.

### **Please Pray**

- That the Ethiopian Christians may remain steadfast in their faith.
- That the Ethiopian government and others, including this country, secular and religious groups will continue to provide aid.
- That climatic conditions will enable sowing, growing and harvesting of crops.

*JD*

# Update on the process to appoint next Bishop of Sheffield

*Continued*

## **The next stage...**

The Crown Nominations Commission will meet on 1 November and 28-29 November in York. As well as the six elected members from the Sheffield Diocese, this is made up of:

- The Archbishops of Canterbury and York.
- Three members of the House of Clergy: The Revd John Dunnett, The Revd Canon Dr Judith Maltby and The Very Revd Andrew Nunn.
- Three members of the House of Laity: Aiden Hargreaves-Smith, April Alexander and Jane Patterson.

Together they will look at the Statement of Needs, along with the responses from the interviews, and start to discuss a short list of potential candidates who will be approached and interviewed. Taking all things into consideration, the CNC will nominate two names to the Prime Minister. The Prime Minister usually selects the first name recommended and, as long as the candidate accepts, informs HM The Queen who then formally nominates them.

Please keep them in your prayers. A prayer has been created by the Diocesan Spirituality Adviser, Revd Neil Bowler, for those in the process of discernment, based on the Collect for the Guidance of the Holy Spirit:

Almighty God,  
you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church  
to lead us into all truth:  
bless with the Spirit's grace and presence  
those who will discern and choose the next Bishop of Sheffield.  
Keep them steadfast in faith and united in love  
that they may seek your will and hear your voice.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
**Amen.**

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## **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 October 2016

<b>Day and Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	12.00pm	Baptism Service
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7.30 pm	PCC meets in Church
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	2.00 pm	Service at Hartwell House
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	1.15 pm	Primary School Harvest Service
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Autumn Fayre
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	Living Stones Service
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6.30 pm	Service of Prayer and Praise
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Ignatian Prayer in Church
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Service at Eva Ratcliffe House
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Finance Team meet in Church
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 pm	Emley Band Concert in Church
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	Memorial Service

## From the Registers

### **Baptisms**

4th September	Florence Dacia Webb
4th September	Liliana Sophia Webb
4th September	Ella Rae Walsh
4th September	George John Jackson

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

### **Weddings**

27th August	Brett Crawford & Lauren Bradley
28th August	Jason Tompkins & Genine Nuthall
3rd September	Stephen Battey & Georgina Clayton
9th September	Jordan Marshall & Shonte Scholey
10th September	William Clayton & Joanne Chandley

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

### **Funerals**

1st August	Ethel Anne Higgins	91
8th August	Annis Hobson	96

## Funerals - continued

16th August	Rene Rees Deans	71
12th August	Christine Swindles	72
18th August	Hazel Stansfield	85
23rd August	Winifred Yeardley	89
7th September	Anne Julia Wilson	65
16th September	Sean Holloway	33

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

## Flower Rota October 2016

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23rd	Vacant
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# The Gardening Year – October 2016

## **Flowers –**

Herbaceous plants of all kinds can be planted out now. Old established borders can be rearranged and replanted when necessary. Sever carnation layers and plant them out in well prepared soil. Lift gladiolus corms tie them in bunches or place them in a frost free place for the winter. Summer sown flowers should be planted out at the same time that bulb planting is done. A few plants that are useful for carpeting the ground of bulbs beds are wallflowers, silene compacta, polyanthus, arabis, and aubrietia. Double daisies, pansies and violas may be planted as edgings to borders. All spring flowering bulbs can be put out this month including daffodils, hyacinth, crocuses, snowdrops, fritillaries, lilies, grape hyacinth etc.

## **The Rock Garden –**

Top dress the surface of the soil round alpines with stone chippings or with grit sand. Put slug pellets or traps to protect the plants. Plant small bulbs in drifts where colour is lacking in the spring rock garden, those suited to this purpose are muscari, crocus, snowdrops, narcissus, and scillas.

## **Fruit –**

Gather all fruit as soon as it ripens. To test the ripeness of apples, lift them in the hand: if they separate easily from the stem gather the crop at once. Apples and pears which are allowed to drop become bruised and unsuitable for storing. Store sound fruits on shelves in a frost-proof place, where air can circulate freely and they will keep many months according to the variety. October is the best planting month for most fruit trees. The fine roots are able to take hold of the soil before the cold months of winter arrive and the plants are then ready to take advantage of the first warm day of spring. Orchards should be looked over for signs of diseased trees. Trees suffering from canker should have the disease portion cut right out.

## **Vegetables –**

Summer crops can be cleared away and the plot prepared for the next crop. Bring un-ripened tomatoes on stems indoors and hang up to ripen. Clear off stems of late peas and beans and burn, remove pea and bean sticks and store for future use. The main crops of onions should now be thoroughly dry. Remove any rubbish from them and spread the onions thinly on shelves in an airy shed, or string them together and hang them in the shed out of the way of frosts.

*Colin Williams*

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## Miscellaneous observations on our Christian pilgrimage

- The fruit of the Spirit is not push, drive, climb, grasp or trample.... Life is more than a climb to the top of the heap. *Richard J Foster*
- He who passively accepts evil is as much involved in it as he who helps to perpetrate it. *Martin Luther King*
- Your Rock is Christ, and it is not the Rock which ebbs and flows, but your sea. *Samuel Rutherford*
- No one is so much alone in the universe as a denier of God. *Johann Richter*



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## Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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## Saint/s of the Month October

### **October 14<sup>th</sup> - Donation - North Africa Christian martyr**

Some Christians today have the curious idea that being a Christian guarantees a prosperous life in this world. St Paul was more realistic – throughout his epistles he urges Christians to pray for patience and endurance in this world. Donation (martyred c 484) is a timely reminder that we are called to be witnesses, and that that may not be easy.

When Hunneric, the King of the Vandals, closed all the churches in North Africa in the late fifth century, Donation and his friends were tortured, driven into the desert, and left to die of exposure. Many Christians in Muslim Africa today face similar dangers for Christ. Pray for them, that they find the courage and endurance they need.

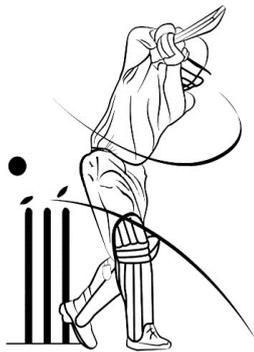
### **October 22<sup>nd</sup> - Donatus - and the danger of exploring an unfamiliar church**

When you are out and about on the road far from home, ever feel tempted to pop in and explore an unfamiliar church? If so, think of Donatus as your patron saint – and beware. You don't know what you may be letting yourself in for....

In 829 Donatus, an Irish monk, had completed a prayerful pilgrimage to Rome, and thought his adventures were over. Now there only remained the long road home to Ireland. He had got as far as the beautiful little town of Fiesole, which sits high above Florence in Tuscany, when he saw a lot of people milling about the cathedral. Curious, he decided to look in.... as he entered the cathedral, the bells rang, the lamps were lit and wham! Without any diocesan paperwork at all, he was acclaimed to be the new bishop the people had been praying for.

Donatus was very surprised, but accepted that this turn of events must be God's will for his life. So he became bishop, in a time when bishops did even more dangerous things than they do nowadays. Instead of verbal forays into the national press, Donatus was given the job of leading Pope Louis the Pious' troops against the Saracens. Safely back in Fiesole, Donatus settled down as a scholar and teacher of his new flock. But he never forgot his native Ireland, and so did the 9th century equivalent of 'twinning' his diocese, for he opened a little hospice where any Irish pilgrims passing through Tuscany could stay in safety. He died in 876, and 12 centuries later, his relics lie in the present cathedral of Fiesole.

# Whitley Hall Cricket Club



The final matches of the season for the 1st XI have seemed rather like a damp squib. The home match on 29th August was abandoned due to rain and the following Saturday, the away match at Treeton was never started due to heavy rain. The 1st XI did manage to play at Sheffield Collegiate on bank holiday Monday achieving a fine win but the final match of the season at Whitley ended in defeat to Wickersley.

But it has been a fine season, in spite of the weather. Although the 1st XI had a shaky start in the new ECB Premier League, they have ended up in 3rd place ahead of previous Yorkshire League sides such as Sheffield Collegiate, Barnsley and Sheffield United and have witnessed Doncaster and Rotherham being relegated. This is a tremendous result and the team is to be congratulated on achieving something which a generation ago would have been no more than a dream.

Supporting this impressive season, the 2nd XI has finished 5th in Division 1 and the 3rd XI 5th in Division 4 (West). Focus will now be on preparing the ground and wicket for the winter and we will be reporting back next Spring.

## Contacts:

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# Crossword Puzzle (Solution is on page 21)

## Clues Across

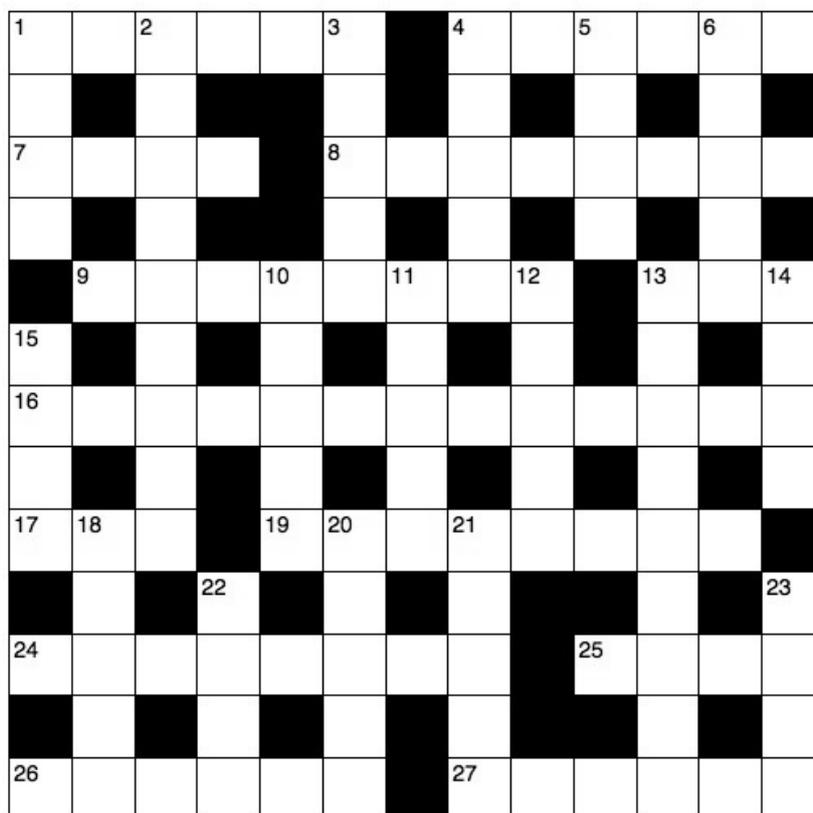
- 1 He must be ‘the husband of but one wife and must manage his children and his household well’ (1 Timothy 3:12) (6)
- 4 ‘For we must all — before the judgement seat of Christ’ (2 Corinthians 5:10) (6)
- 7 ‘They reeled and staggered like drunken men; they were at their — end’ (Psalm 107:27) (4)
- 8 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 a 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



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**Choice** - Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president, and 50 for Miss America?

**If you understand it...** - When you get to the point where you really understand your computer, it's probably obsolete.

**No** - A curt reply to a bishop who had suggested that a certain incumbent consider moving read: Dear bishop, I REMAIN, yours faithfully....

**Not any more** - Two young tourists went into a Quaker Guest house in Lakeland. As they were strangers, the warden approached them and asked; 'Are you Friends?' The answer came back politely, 'Oh no, not now, we are married.'

# Prayers and Poems Page

## **The Word of God**

(Heb 4:12, Isa 55:11, Jn16:33)

Changes,  
so many changes  
in a world fragmenting and frightening,  
where hatred and prejudice destroy  
and shock even the un-shockable.

Only the Word of God is constant;  
living, active  
and powerful in proclamation.  
Still able to accomplish  
everything God desires.

The Word of God;  
everlasting lamp for our feet  
and a light for our path  
that darkness can never dim.

The Word of God;  
unchanging, unchangeable,  
revealing and revealed  
in Jesus, who has overcome the world.

Take heart!

*By Daphne Kitching*

## **Agape Love**

(God's love for man)

There is a love that no man really knows,  
It's heaven sent and comes down from above,  
To undeserving man it gently flows  
This gift of grace is God's agape love.

They watch in wonder as the child is born,  
This mystery as God becomes a man  
The angels see Him taking on this form  
As God becomes encompassed in a span.

For sinners still Christ pays the awful cost,  
At Calvary He bears our sin and dies,  
Forgiveness ours comes flowing from His cross  
And man now free from guilt stands justified.

Such love as this, such wondrous sacrifice,  
That God Himself descends from heaven above,  
To rescue fallen man He pays the price  
God knows no other way - for 'God is Love'

*By Megan Carter*

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## **Prayer of trust in God's Word.**

Father,  
Thank you for your written Word to us in the Bible, inspired and interpreted by your Holy Spirit.  
Thank you that from beginning to end it reveals Jesus, the living Word, sent by you to rescue us from  
the mess of selfishness and disobedience. May we treasure your revelation to us and allow you to  
guide us by it through the confusion and pain of this world, confident that your Word is unchanging  
and powerful and trustworthy.

In Jesus name,

**Amen.**

*By Daphne Kitching*



## St FRANCIS

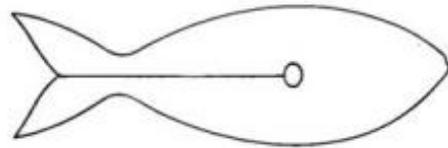
4<sup>th</sup> October is the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. When Francis came to God people thought he had gone mad and even his own father disowned him. But Francis' simple way of life soon attracted others. He and his companions went out to preach two by two. Unlike the preachers and priests that people were used to, they wore sackcloth and went barefoot. They were different in other ways too; they lived a very simple life and celebrated God's creation.

And to Francis all of God's creation was equally important. In one famous story a wolf had been eating people. The town wanted to kill the wolf but Francis talked the wolf into never killing again. And the townspeople made sure that the wolf always had plenty to eat.

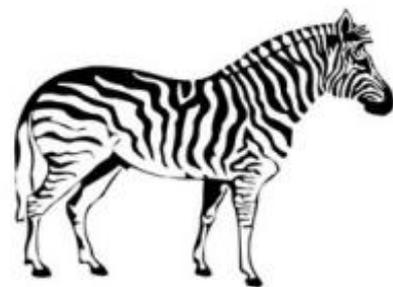
Even blindness did not discourage Francis' spirit when he wrote his beautiful 'Canticle of the Sun' praising God through the miracle of His creation. Francis died aged only 45, worn out with years of poverty and wandering.

## SWIM, FISH, SWIM

How do you make a paper fish swim? Cut a fish shape from a sheet of ordinary writing paper. Make it 10-12cm long, and decorate it making sure that the colours won't run when the fish gets wet. In the centre of the fish's body cut a small circle and then a very narrow slit from the tail to the circle.



Now, keeping its surface dry, gently lay the fish on the surface of a bath or large bowl of water and carefully place a few drops of cooking oil into the central hole. The oil will expand through the slit and drive the fish through the water.



**What's black and white and goes round and round?**

A zebra stuck in a revolving door.

**Why did the homeless turtle cross the road?**

To get to the Shell station.

## Contact Numbers for Local Groups ☎

### **Ecclesfield Rainbows**

Gatty Hall  
Tuesday 4.45 pm to 6.00 pm  
Leader - Mrs B Travis  
Tel: TBA

### **Ecclesfield Brownies**

Gatty Hall  
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Leader - Mrs J Hutchinson  
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Leader - Mrs A. Kendall  
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### **Ecclesfield Guides**

Gatty Hall  
Thursday 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm  
Leader - Mrs C Topham  
Tel: 0114 246 1289

### **Ecclesfield Priory Players**

EPPIC Theatre  
Monday 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm  
Wednesday 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm  
Secretary –Carol Travis  
Theatre Tel No. 0114 240 2624

### **Ecclesfield Community Garden**

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Leader - Mrs A Hancock  
Tel: 0114 245 2780

### **Ecclesfield Beavers**

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Rachael Otter 0114 246 1752

### **Ecclesfield Scouts**

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John Otter Tel. 0114 246 1752

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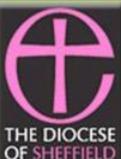


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