

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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First Words

In August many members of our Church family will be taking a break and most of the regular meetings are taking a holiday too! If you are around during August why not take the opportunity to do something different?

The Church will be open **every week-day** morning during the school holidays from **10am until about 12noon**. I love being in Church when nothing is happening. There is a wonderful atmosphere in St Mary's - the walls have soaked up the prayers and the worship of God's people for hundreds of years. The people of Ecclesfield have gathered in these walls to celebrate births and weddings, and to mourn for centuries. When I sit and pray in Church I feel surrounded and supported by those who have faithfully offered their prayers and praise before me. I feel that my prayers are part of an ongoing conversation with God across the years.

Sitting quietly for half an hour, perhaps looking at a passage of one of the Gospels, in the presence of God can be a life changing experience. Why not take time during August to be still in God's presence?

Every **Tuesday and Friday** morning from **10am until 12.30** Church is open for Coffee Shop. An opportunity to eat excellent cake, mix with interesting people and in doing so support our Church. If you are having visitors during August why not treat them to a visit?

Finally every **Thursday morning at 9.30am** we have a simple Communion service in the Chancel. It is a more informal and intimate service than the Sunday Parish Eucharist. If you have never been along on a Thursday morning why not make time during August?

A quiet August is a gift to enjoy. It could be an opportunity to draw closer to God or to our neighbours. Whatever you do this month, whether at home or away or a combination of both, I pray that you will be refreshed by God's Spirit and draw closer to Christ.

Finally, at the back of Church are some slips of paper for visitors to sign up to if they would like to be kept informed of special services and events here at St Mary's. If you are in Church and see any visitors, please draw it to their attention.

God bless,
Tim.



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Thought for the Month

On Saturday 29th April we held a planning morning in Church to begin to seek God's vision for St Mary's. This was the culmination of a time of prayer as we tried to understand what God is calling us to be and to do as His Church here in Ecclesfield in the coming four to six years. The results of the morning were reported to the PCC and fed back to the Diocese. In September's magazine I will be writing more fully on the outcome of that meeting.

One of the things that I have been trying to find is a short phrase which sums up our calling as Jesus' Church. Many people from the PCC and the leadership team have been helping with suggestions. Finally I have arrived at six words which I and others believe are the right ones.

Finding only six words was difficult. A paragraph or even a page would have been easy. The point of having six words is that it is easily memorised.

The words should do three things: firstly remind us of what we believe our vocation as Jesus' Church in this place and time is. Secondly they should tell our neighbours and those who visit our Church who we are, or at least who we aspire to be. Finally the words should challenge us; they are something for us to live up to.

The six words are:

Following Jesus. Celebrating Life. Welcoming All.

I hope that we will begin to see these six words around Church and online. I pray that people will associate St Mary's with these words. I hope that if anyone ever asks any member of St Mary's what we are about as a Church these words will come to mind.

I must confess that I almost went with "Following Jesus. Eating Cake. Welcoming All."! Fellowship and celebrating good things together is a characteristic of St Mary's - I pray that we will always enjoy eating good cake and chatting with one another after services or in the Coffee shop! Life is God's gift, and God made us to enjoy it and to enjoy one another's company.

During the 10am services on the 10th, 17th and 24th September, the sermons will focus on each of the three phrases and 'unpack' them in terms of our worship, our prayer, our ministry and our outreach.

I truly believe that these six words, '*Following Jesus. Celebrating Life. Welcoming All.*' are God's word for us at this time.

God bless,
Tim

Prayer for the Month

The Lord's Prayer, Part 4.

Towards the end of his rule, King David offered this prayer:

“Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our ancestor Israel, for ever and ever. Yours, O Lord, are the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and on earth is yours, ... For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you.” (1 Chronicles 29:11 - 14)

If God is God; the source of all life and of everything that exists, then it follows that anything which we offer to comes from God in the first place: it also means that absolutely everything that we have comes ultimately from God. Everything is a gift; everything is grace, and our offering is a generous response to God's gift.

This idea lies behind the fourth phrase of Jesus' prayer: *“Give us this day our daily bread”*. We ask God to meet our needs. As we pray this we are reminded that we depend on God for absolutely everything. Every skill and ability that is ours is God's gift; time and life itself are gifts, as are the people that we cherish, who make our lives better.

Beginning to trust in God's gracious provision is an important part of learning to live as a son or daughter of God our Father. Asking God to meet our needs is the trusting action of a child of the Father.

Notice that Jesus doesn't instruct us to ask for our weekly or monthly bread. During the Exodus centuries before Jesus' birth, God supplied the slaves who had escaped from Egypt with *manna* in the wilderness (Exodus 16). Each day they gathered one day's supply of manna. Those who tried to stockpile the miraculous bread found that the excess rotted! The point was that God's people had to learn to depend entirely on God each day.

To pray this prayer is also to be reminded that far too many people in the world will not receive their daily bread. For too many of our neighbours are hungry and malnourished. In recent years in Britain, one of the wealthiest countries in the world, we have seen a rapid growth in the number of food banks; many of those who have to turn to them for their basic needs are in full-time employment. When we pray this prayer God nudges us; asks what we can do to ensure that others receive their 'daily bread'.

As we pray Jesus' prayer, so our thoughts are shaped by His thoughts, and our lives begin to reflect His; and so we ourselves begin to look more like God's sons and daughters. We become more like Jesus both in our learning to depend on God and in our noticing the needs of our neighbour.

Tim

Mothers' Union outing to Nostell Priory

On Wednesday 12th July 34 members and friends boarded a coach and went off to Nostell Priory. The sun shone and we had visits around the property, lunching in the open air and some wandering the gardens. It was a lovely day and everyone enjoyed it.



Nostell Priory

The name Nostell Priory refers to an Augustinian priory founded on the site in the early 12th-century, dedicated to St Oswald (an Anglo-Saxon King of Northumbria). After flourishing for over 400 years the priory was surrendered to Henry VIII in 1540, during the Dissolution of the Monasteries. After various owners Nostell was eventually sold to the Winn family in 1654, with whom it has remained ever since.

For three generations the Winns lived in what had been part of the old priory. Sir Rowland Winn (3rd Baronet) added a new stable block before his death in 1722. Sir Rowland Winn (4th Baronet) inherited Nostell in 1722 at the age of 16. After his Grand Tour he returned to Nostell in 1727 and, inspired what he had seen on his travels, commissioned plans for an ambitious new house from the local gentleman architect Colonel James Moyser.

The House was designed in the fashionable Palladian style, intended to be a symbol of Rowland's wealth and fashionable taste. In 1736 Rowland employed the young James Paine to bring Moyser's plans to life. Paine made considerable changes to Moyser's original plans and continued to work for the 4th Baronet on and off for the next 30 years.

Rowland Winn (5th Baronet) inherited Nostell Priory in 1765 at the age of 26. Rather than asking James Paine to continue working on the house he instead employed the up and coming Robert Adam. Adam started work on the interior of the house in 1766 and over the next 10 years created a magnificent series of rooms, starting with the Library and progressing to the Tapestry Room, Saloon and Top Hall.

Alongside Adam worked the painter Antonio Zucchi, the plasterer, Joseph Rose the Younger and cabinetmaker Thomas Chippendale. Work on the house came to a sudden halt when the 5th Baronet was killed in a carriage accident on the road to London. The building project was left incomplete and vast sums of money were owed to Adam, Chippendale and Zucchi.

St James the Least of All - On the joys of exchanging parishes for the summer

From: The Rectory, St. John the Faster, Waterhouses-on-Sea

My dear Nephew Darren.

You will see that I write to you this month from the Norfolk coast, where I am spending August, on an annual exchange of parishes with a clerical colleague. You may have had two weeks in July sunning yourself on an exotic beach on a Pacific island, but I am content with a bracing east wind, punctuated by heavy showers.

Come the happy day when you are an incumbent and have to arrange parish exchanges as a way of getting a holiday, let me give you some advice. First, always exchange with someone who is a worse preacher than you are and whose sermons are at least twice as long; you are then sure to be welcomed back with open arms.

Secondly, since it is normally assumed that you will take care of one another's gardens during the month, make sure that the incumbent you exchange with has an insignificant plot. My colleague should now be largely occupied for most of the month mowing several acres of lawn. The only gardening I intend to do will be in the last week, so I can return with a car full of plums from his trees.

An exchange also gives one an opportunity to undertake helpful improvements in another's home. I have discovered that my colleague's library is carefully organised with books according to subject and then author. On his return he will find a new system in operation: they will be ordered according to size and colour. The poor man also naively thought I would never discover his stock of claret in the cellars; it will be much depleted on his return – although I shall naturally leave a note thanking him profusely for laying on such a splendid present for my visit.

Ministering to someone else's congregation can create another opportunity. For one month in the year, you are able to say exactly what you want. If a dear lady should be foolish enough to ask you after Mattins what you think of her hat, you can tell her with total honesty, knowing that someone else will have to pour oil the following month. Upsetting organists, choristers, vergers, flower arrangers and anyone else who happens to cross your path can be bracingly therapeutic when you do not have to face the consequences.

You may have returned from sunnier climes relaxed and tanned, but I shall arrive at September refreshed from knowing I leave behind a trail of devastation and chaos, which will ensure that my host will also be welcomed back by a relieved congregation. Remember the golden rule of parishioners: every new incumbent is worse than his predecessor.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

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Mothers' Union – July Talk

'A funny thing happened to me on the way to the crematorium'

We wondered just what the talk would be about, would it be funny or sad? We were treated to forty-five minutes about the hilarious things that can happen when arranging a funeral and some excellent advice in between on what to do when we have to arrange one. How do you get the kind of funeral you want for your loved one and how to avoid being ripped off.

All the stories related to actual events from five people turning up, no hymns, no service just silence until one the congregation commented that God would have his hands full with her. Another occasion was when leaving the chapel to bury the ashes the strains of 'Hokey Cokey ' came over the loud speakers and everyone went out laughing and saying the deceased would have loved that .Family rivalries and even hostilities were sometimes experienced.

The majority of funerals are done with decorum and according to the deceased's wishes but sometimes there are misunderstandings or the music isn't quite right and on one occasion the minister was left singing 'Jesus wants me for a sunbeam - all the verses.

We were encouraged to take our time when arranging a funeral and to make sure the undertakers understood our requests. It is possible to request the minister you want if the time and place is right.

We all went away knowing what we would do or would not do and it is better if the instructions are written down.

What would we like to happen, which hymns, which readings, where everything will happen, flowers?

At a time like this families really appreciate knowing all these things.

NP

Life does not cease to be funny when people
die any more than it ceases to be serious
when people laugh.
George Bernard Shaw

I am ready to meet my Maker.
Whether my Maker is prepared for the great
ordeal of meeting me is another matter.
Winston Churchill

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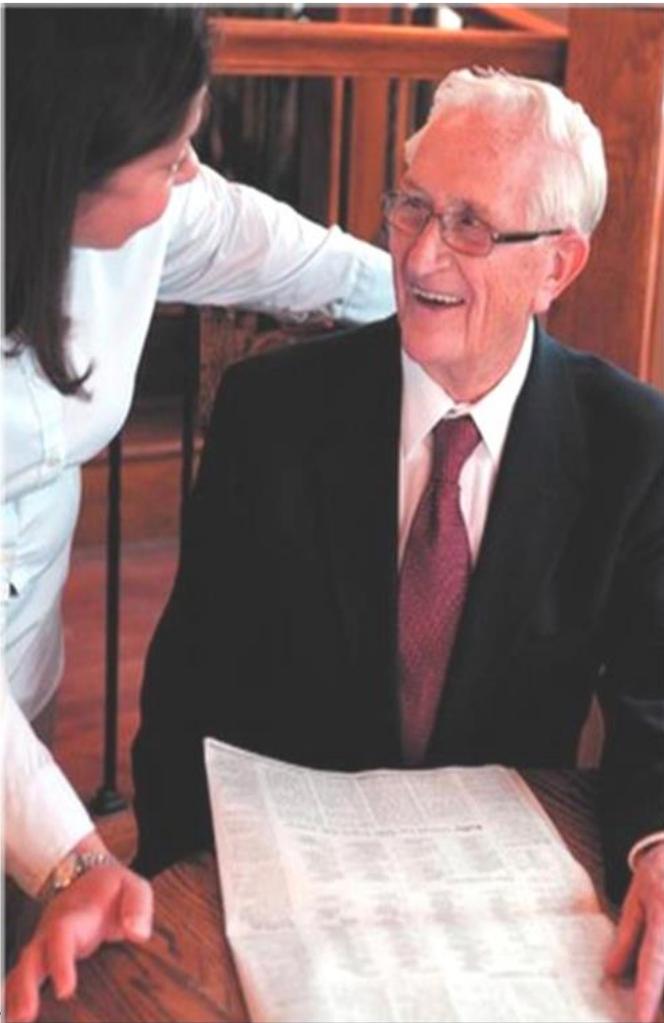
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Will You Remember Them – August 2017 India

Indian Archbishop Speaks Out About Persecution

Archbishop Thomas Menamparampil, spoke to Nirmal Carvalho for Crux magazine (A catholic news site) in July 2017 about the situation of Christians in India.

Since 2014, India has been ruled by the Hindu-nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which has strong links to the RSS, a militant Hindu national organisation. Incidents of harassment have increased over the past few months, with various Christians being detained or arrested for “attempted conversion”, and places of worship being vandalised. Even the best church worker also can be accused of a conversion bid.

Although freedom of religion is guaranteed by the country’s constitution, several Indian states have anti conversion laws aimed at preventing ‘forced’ or ‘induced’ conversions.

The Archbishop noted the Christian presence is small in the country - about 2.3% of the population, and the Hindu majority is alarmed when they hear the word ‘conversion’, seeing it as a threat to their community’s culture and identity.

The Archbishop said the government pushes policies such as protecting cows which are sacred in Hinduism but a food source in Christian and Muslim communities - and opposition to conversion because most of the poorer members will not be impressed with “boasts about achievements in the field of economy.”

He also warned Christians against appearing as a “contentious group,” and said the minority should not contribute to the polarization of society. However, he did say the Church needs to remain vigilant, observe and intelligently interpret events, and not become alarmist; while always being open to dialogue.

“Christian hope is a force that gives confidence, not to the believer only, but is capable of planting the same confidence in the hearts of others” “May we flourish together!” **Amen**

JD

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Ecclesfield Ladies Group

On Thursday 29th June the ladies group speaker for that evening was Martyn Johnson who came to talk about the making of the book 'Black Diamonds' the story of coal and its connection to Wentworth Village and the big house. The author of this book Catherine Bailey asked for Martyn's help in meeting the people of Wentworth during her research for details of their memories, this happened over a period of three years and the book was a huge success for Catherine who has kept in touch with Martyn and his wife calling them her 'Northern Mum and Dad'.

Martyn talked a lot about his time as a Bobby in the police force from the 1960's and his enjoyment of the job on the Beat in Attercliffe. In those days the police had more help from the general public in catching criminals as times were hard and money scarce. I too worked in the Attercliffe area at English Steel and would see children running around without shoes and warm clothes during winter. He used to talk on Radio Sheffield and his friend Brian Elliott a local editor and author urged him to put his stories into book form and the result was: - "What's Tha Up To?" Memories of a Yorkshire Bobby and its sequel. A really enjoyable evening.

Our last meeting on the 13th July before the summer holidays was a party with a difference. First of all we watched chocolate making, using a cake base which our chef mixed together and cooked in the microwave oven, adding milk he then proceeded to roll the mixture into balls and dip these in dark chocolate and leave to set. All this while talking into the microphone about the chocolate making business they worked for and various demonstrations they had the misfortune to attend, some were hilarious. Meanwhile his helper had been busy making Afternoon Teas for everyone and she served these out whilst the demonstration was going on. There were sandwiches and scones with cream and jam which included tea or coffee. We also enjoyed a glass of wine too.

This was followed by the entertainment. The chef exchanged his white coat for an evening jacket and with the help of backing equipment and arc lights came the transformation and an evening of 'Tom Jones' 'The Bee Gees', 'Cliff Richard', and a wonderful memory of songs which had us foot tapping and singing along to. A rather lovely end to our Thursday evenings until the next meeting in September.

If you feel like joining us we meet every Thursday evening from 7.30pm to 9.30pm in the Gatty Hall.

Pat Blackburn

St Mary's – Regular Services

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 - 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month 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

Church Diary Items to Note for August 2017

Day and Date	Time	Item
Wednesday 23rd	7.30 pm	Finance Team meeting

From the Registers

Baptisms

2nd July	Rory James Hill
2nd July	Dillon Talbot - Murray
2nd July	Kearen James Hill
9th July	Kadan Jack Lee Gill

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

Weddings

1st July	Joshua Anthony White & Joella Louise Whitham
15th July	Daniel Metcalfe & Danielle Kirsten Larkin
22nd July	Paul Andrew Heath & Amy Juliet O'Flarherty

Renewal of Vows

7th July	Mr. and Mrs. Marrison
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May each be to the other strength in need a comfort in sorrow and a companion in joy.

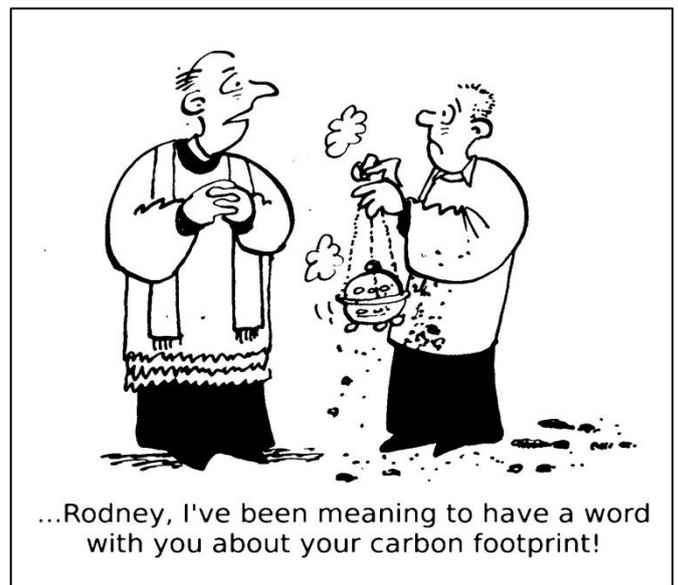
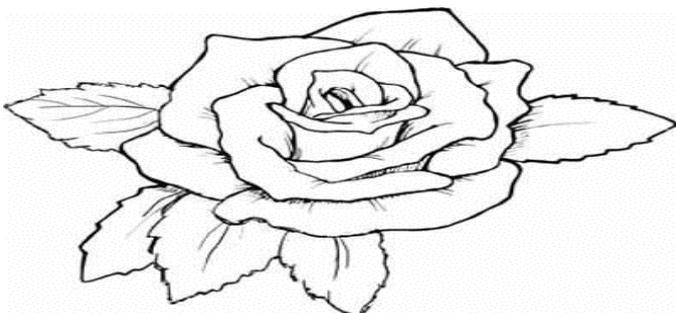
Funerals

6th July	Jeanne Anne Webster	90
19th July	Molly Harwood	

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

Flower Rota August 2017

6 th	W. Brunt & V. Brunt
13 th	Vicki & Michael Grey
20 th	Vacant
27 th	M. Sidy



There's Lots Happening at Ecclesfield Library in August



The well-attended Annual General Meeting held on the 26th June appointed a new board of Trustees to continue the development of the library for the community to enjoy.

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There's still time for children aged 4-12 to join in the fun and sign up for the **Summer Reading Challenge** and take part by reading 6 books of their choosing during the summer holidays. It's **FREE** and there are rewards to collect along the way and certificates and medals to collect for completing the challenge. By taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge children gain Sheffield Children University Passport Credits and further information on the scheme is available in the library.

Monday 7th August 2.00- 2.45p.m. Free Storytime session for under 5s.

Bring your little ones along and share the joy of stories with Carol.

Wednesday 23rd August 2-3.30pm

Come and join **Beth Guiver**, children's storyteller for some Animal Antics from every corner of the world. Meet a fox who gets too big for his boots, a tricky spider who convinces his friends to go to a magical island and find out how a fast talking hare won the competition against all the other animals. **After the storytelling, Beth will lead a craft activity in animal mask making.** An activity for children aged 4-10 years. Please contact the library to book your place at this **free** Summer Reading Challenge event.

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The Gardening Year – August 2017

A Summary of the month's work. – New lawns, apply fertiliser dressings to sites for new lawns. A week after this sow grass seed. Roses – remove blooms as they fade, cease applying fertilisers continue spraying.

Hardy Herbaceous Plants – continue dead heading, remove supports from plants which have finished flowering and cut off tall weak stems, dig over old beds needing a complete overhaul. Plan arrangement of flowers to be planted in the autumn before ordering them from a nursery.

Dahlias – continue to spray against pest, inspect plants for symptoms of virus infection and mark for later destruction. Feed with liquid fertiliser and keep plants tied to their stakes as they grow.

Chrysanthemums – disbud where large blooms are wanted leaving one bud per stem, complete disbudding of outdoor flowering varieties. Water once a week in dry weather, apply fertiliser to fatten buds keep plants well supported. Prevent earwigs entering flowers by smearing Vaseline round stems. Water pot grown plants and give balanced fertiliser every 10-14 days. Disbud large exhibition and October flowering varieties.

Under Glass – water late flowering varieties in greenhouse borders as necessary and reduce to three shoots per plant.

Gladioli – cut gladioli for indoor decoration, but leave at least four leaves on each plant, control gladioli thrips as necessary.

Irises – complete planting or re-planting or bearded irises, order bulbous irises for autumn planting. Examine iris bulbs which have been lifted and bin any which show signs of rotting. Spray or dust irises with insecticide if caterpillars are present.

Lilies – buy lilies for autumn planting spray with fungicide against aphids, sow home saved seeds as soon as ripe.

Carnations and Pinks – take action against pests and diseases. Continue to layer border carnations and sever rooted layers. Remove dead flower stems. Order border carnations and pinks for autumn planting and prepare bed for them, dig and manure the site. Dress with lime if below PH 6.5.

Colin Williams

Helpful signs

Sign on a door: Push. If that doesn't work. Pull. If that doesn't work, we're closed.

In front of a church: Don't give up. Moses was once a basket case.

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EPPiC Theatre, High Street, Ecclesfield, S35 9TP, Tel: 0114 2402624

Presents

“An Evening with --- Welsh John (and Friends)”

On

Saturday 2nd September 7.30pm

Welsh John (aka John Snook) will be hosting an evening of entertainment on the main stage of the theatre. The show will be an evening of variety, based upon his acapella singing and poetry readings at the coffee mornings, with additional performances by invited friends of John's and members of the audience.

We would like you to take part

Do you sing or play a musical instrument? Have you a favourite poem or piece of prose that you would like to share with us? Perhaps you would like to do a monologue or a sketch with a friend!

The stage is yours for 5 minutes!

John is putting the programme together so please contact him for more information and to discuss how you would like to contribute. Please e-mail or telephone John Snook johnvaljohn@talktalk.net 0114-245-8204

This is a fund-raising event. Details of tickets will be released later



Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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Saint of the Month – August

14th Maximilian Kolbe - Christian witness amidst 20th century suffering

Some people's lives seem to epitomise the suffering of millions, but also to shine with a Christian response to it. One such person was Maximilian Kolbe, 1894 - 1941, a Franciscan priest of Poland, and publisher extraordinary.

Maximilian was born at Zdunska Wola, near Lodz, where his parents, devout Christians, worked in a cottage weaving industry. Like thousands of others at the time, the family and their village were ground into poverty by Russian exploitation. In 1910 Maximilian entered the Franciscan Order, and studied at Rome. After his ordination in 1919, Maximilian returned to Poland, where he was sent to teach church history in a seminary. But a new factor had entered his life: he was diagnosed with tuberculosis.

Living in post-war Poland was difficult enough, but with tuberculosis as well? Most people would have quietly withered away. Not Maximilian Kolbe. Instead, the tuberculosis gave Maximilian a sense of urgency - a sense of the transitory nature of life. He knew his time was slipping away.

Instead of teaching history, he determined to do something to help the Christians living in Poland now, in the tatters of Europe after the First World War. And so he founded a magazine for Christian readers in Cracow, who badly needed effective apologetics to help them hold to their faith in a chaotic world.

Soon, the obsolete printing presses (which were operated by Maximilian's fellow priests and lay brothers) were working overtime - the magazine's circulation had leapt to 45,000. Then the printing presses were moved to a town near Warsaw, Niepokalanow, where Maximilian now founded a Franciscan community which combined prayer with cheerfulness and poverty with modern technology: daily as well as weekly newspapers were soon produced. The community grew and grew, until by the late 1930s it numbered 762 friars.

Then in 1939 the Germans invaded Poland. Maximilian sent home most of his friars home, to protect them from what was to come. He turned the monastery into a refugee camp for 3,000 Poles and 1,500 Jews. And the presses continued: taking a patriotic, independent line, critical of the Third Reich.

Kolbe was arrested by the Gestapo along with four friars. They were taken to Auschwitz in May 1941. Their names were exchanged for tattooed numbers; and they were sent to brutal forced labour.

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But Maximilian Kolbe continued his priestly ministry. He heard confessions in unlikely places, and smuggled in bread and wine for the Eucharist. His sympathy and compassion for those even more unfortunate than himself was outstanding.

Then came the final scene in his hard life. At the end of July, 1941, several men escaped from his bunker at the camp. The Gestapo, in revenge, came to select several more men from the same bunker who were to be starved to death. A man, Francis Gajowniczek, was chosen. As he cried in despair, Kolbe stepped forward.

“I am a Catholic priest. I wish to die for that man. I am old; he has a wife and children.” The officer in charge shrugged his shoulders - and obliged.

So Maximilian went to the death chamber of Cell 18, and set about preparing the others to die with dignity by prayers, psalms, and the example of Christ’s Passion. Two weeks later only four were left alive: Maximilian alone was fully conscious. He was injected with phenol and died on 14 August, aged 47.

He was beatified by Paul VI in 1971. In 1982 he was canonised by Pope John Paul II, formerly Archbishop of Cracow, the diocese which contains Auschwitz. Present at the ceremony that day was Francis Gajowniczek, the man whose life Maximilian Kolbe had saved.

Ecclesfield Scout Celebration

On Saturday June 17th 25th Sheffield (Ecclesfield) Scout Group embraced the Great Get Together a national celebration of our communities and togetherness inspired by the late MP Jo Cox. The Scout Group has boys and girls at all levels and from a range of different backgrounds and supports the scouting ethos of inclusiveness and togetherness.

This Saturday saw over 100 people gather at the Scout Hut including young people and their families and scouting leaders for their AGM and BBQ.

Events like this bring so many different people together and help build friendships and bonds within our community. Also in attendance was the Lord Mayor, Councillor Anne Murphy, who dedicated the partly refurbished Scout Hut, by naming the building after two local heroes in the Scouting Community. They were Pauline Marsland who recently reached an impressive achievement of 40-years’ service with Ecclesfield Scouts and the late Bob Brookes.

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Crossword Puzzle

Clues Across

- 1 'The people were — at his teaching' (Mark 1:22) (6)
- 4 'He saved —; let him save himself' (Luke 23:35) (6)
- 8 He addressed the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14) (5)
- 9 Father of James and John (Matthew 4:21) (7)
- 10 One who charges another with an offence (Job 31:35) (7)
- 11 ' — thy ministers with righteousness' (Book of Common Prayer) (5)
- 12 and 15 Down 'All — is God-breathed and is — for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness' (2 Timothy 3:16) (9,6)
- 17 'No — of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up' (Genesis 2:5) (5)
- 19 Made to feel embarrassed (Isaiah 24:23) (7)
- 21 This man built his house on sand (Matthew 7:26) (7)
- 22 David's hypocritical message to Joab on the death in battle of Uriah: 'Don't let this — you' (2 Samuel 11:25) (5)
- 23 Detest (Job 10:1) (6)
- 24 'God made two great lights, the greater light to govern the day and the — light to govern the night' (Genesis 1:16) (6)

Clues Down

- 1 To make a serious request (1 Corinthians 1:10) (6)
- 2 Launches an assault against (Genesis 32:8) (7)
- 3 'The wicked man — deceptive wages' (Proverbs 11:18) (5)
- 5 Tuba ale (anag.) (7)
- 6 'The day thou gavest, Lord, is — ' (5)
- 7 Old Testament measure of weight, equivalent to about 12 grammes (Exodus 30:13) (6)
- 9 Where Elijah restored life to the son of a widow with whom he lodged (1 Kings 17:10) (9)
- 13 Paul said of whatever was to his profit, 'I consider them — , that I may gain Christ and be found in him' (Philippians 3:8) (7)
- 14 City visited by Paul, described by the city clerk as 'the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis' (Acts 19:35) (7)
- 15 See 12 Across

Prayers and Poems Page

Prayer in a storm

Faithful Father,
Storms come! No matter who we are, no matter what we have done or not done, storms come. Please protect us. Reassure us that you are with us in any and every storm; that you will never leave us or forsake us. May we know the peace of your presence whatever our circumstances today. Alone we would sink and give up. With you we will be strengthened to stay afloat. We will be encouraged to face each day, confident that you are above all things - and that we belong to you.
Thank you Father, in Jesus name.
Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Jonah

Now Jonah, one fine sunny day,
Was told by the Lord, "Nineveh!"
So he upped and got dressed
But turned and went west
When east was the Nineveh way!

Ignoring the Deity's wish
He boarded a boat for Tarshish
But up blew a storm
Till, wet and forlorn
Poor Jonah was gulped by a fish!

Three days and three rather yuk nights
He "enjoyed" its internal delights
But though it was smelly
He prayed in that belly
And the Lord heard his prayer from the heights.

Dear friend, if you're broken and poor
And you're lost 'cos you fled from God's law,
Like Jonah, cry out
God will hear your shout
And will reach out and bring you to shore!

By Nigel Beeton

FREEDOM

Joseph the boy with the multi-coloured coat
Was sold by his brothers and made a slave,
But he rose to become Pharaoh's right-hand man
And from famine his family was able to save.

Moses was called to lead God's people
Out of slavery in Egypt's land,
The Lord had seen and heard their cries
And brought them out with a mighty hand.

Daniel was taken captive to Babylon
He became renowned for interpreting dreams,
And through visions revealed prophetically
Future events, some as yet unseen.

Satan holds this world in his grip,
Bound by sin, never to be free,
But the Father sees and sends the Son
Bringing salvation and freedom for you and me.

By Megan Carter

Whitley Hall Cricket Club



Whitley 1st XI ended June in top position in the Premier League but the first league match of July was against Collegiate at home. Collegiate fielded Yorkshire player Azeem Rafiq although Joe Root's brother, Billy, was missing playing for his county. In a tough game, Collegiate set what seemed to be an achievable score of 208 all out but good bowling and fielding by Collegiate were too much for Whitley who could only manage 179 in reply, relegating them to 2nd place in the league. This was followed by an unexpected defeat at Aston Hall and then a home win against Hallam. Unfortunately, a further comprehensive defeat at Tickhill leaves the 1st XI in 3rd position, 14 points behind leaders Wakefield.

But with 12 points for a win and 8 matches left to play, there is still plenty to play for. The 2nd XI in South Yorkshire Division 1, where most of the teams they play are 1st XIs, are now in mid-table. The 3rd XI in South Yorkshire Division 5 have had a tough season so far and go into August just below the relegation zone. Everyone is welcome at the club to use the facilities in the pavilion.

Remaining Senior Home Games at Cinder Hill Lane

29 th July	1 st XI	v	Wickersley 1 st XI
5 th August	2 nd XI	v	Norton Woodseats 1 st XI
12 th August	2 nd XI	v	Rockingham 1 st XI
19 th August	1 st XI	v	Appleby Frodingham 1 st XI
26 th August	2 nd XI	v	Shiregreen 1 st XI
2 nd September	1 st XI	v	Wakefield 1 st XI
9 th September	1 st XI	v	Sheffield and Phoenix United 1 st XI
15 th September	2 nd XI	v	Upper Haugh 1 st XI

Contacts

Joe Webster, Secretary: 0114 245 2518

Steve Fletcher, Director of Cricket: 0114 245 2406

Website: <http://www.whitleyhallcricketclub.co.uk>

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Contact Numbers for Local Groups ☎

Ecclesfield Rainbows

Gatty Hall
Tuesday 5.00 pm to 6.15 pm
Leader - Debbie
Tel: 07860 471793

Ecclesfield Brownies

Gatty Hall
Monday 5.30 pm to 6.45 pm
Leader - Mrs J Hutchinson
Tel: 0114 257 8609

Ecclesfield Brownies

Gatty Hall
Tuesday 6.15 pm to 7.45 pm
Leader - Mrs A. Kendall
Tel: 0114 246 8866

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

Ecclesfield Park - Located between
Ladycroft bridge/stream and Bowling
greens. Open Wednesday + Saturday
10 am to 12 noon
Tel : Angela 0114 2461095

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email: ecclesfieldlib@gmail.com

Ecclesfield Cubs

Scout Hut (off Yew lane)
Wednesday 4:45 pm to 6:15 pm
2nd Pack 6.30 pm to 8.0 pm
Leader - Mrs A Hancock
Tel: 0114 245 2780

Ecclesfield Beavers

Scout Hut (off Yew lane)
Monday 6.00 pm to 7.15 pm
Leader - Mrs J Steel
0114 246 0218
Thursday 6.00 -7.15 pm
Rachael Otter 0114 246 1752

Ecclesfield Scouts

Scout Hut (off Yew Lane)
Tuesday 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Leader - Bryony Hemming
Tel. 07983 719155
Group Scout Leader
John Otter Tel. 0114 246 1752

The Grenoside Singers

Practice Monday in St Mark's
Church Hall at 7:30 pm
Secretary: Judith Gill Tel: 07824 112584
www.grenosidesingers.co.uk

Whitley Hall Cricket Club

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to play or learn.
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If you would like your local group
advertised please contact:
Mrs P Blackburn ☎ 0114 246 8453

Ecclesfield Scout Celebration - *continued*



MP Angela Smith presented the annual Bob Brookes Award to Cub Scout Jake Andrew. This award is given to the Cub or Scout that had always tried their hardest, in line with the scout promise, "I promise to do my best".

On receiving this Award Jake said:-

I like being a Cub it's given me the chance to meet new people and to do things that I don't think I would have been able to do. I am very enthusiastic and like to help people out. I am able to work with my six and also I can work alone. We have learned how to do many things, cooking, cleaning, sewing, climbing, archery and many more things. I can't wait to learn more with my time with the Cubs and then Scouts. Jake

To thank them for their support over the last few years, in helping with grant funding, also in attendance at the event Jim Fulton of the Sheffield Town Trust, Michael Appleby Chairman of Ecclesfield Parish Council, Steve Wilson Councillor for East Ecclesfield, Zoe Sykes, Ecclesfield Parish Councillor and Andy Bainbridge, Councillor for East Ecclesfield.

If any young people or adults would like to join 25th Sheffield (Ecclesfield) Scout Group, get involved in any way or can offer help with further fundraising they can be contacted at <http://ecclesfieldscouts.org.uk/>

Alternatively you can talk to them in person at the Ecclesfield Gala in Ecclesfield Park on Sunday September 3rd.



As soon as my parents realised it was only £20 for a weekend camp, they gave Akela £40 and asked her to take me away again ...