

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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First Words

I cannot believe that July has already arrived and that we are half way through 2017! There are a few extra events in Church to call attention to in the summer months.

On **July 9th** after the 10am service we will be having a Bring and Share lunch in church. This is an important time to relax together and to get to know one another better. If you want more information, please have a word with Pat Wood.

On **Friday 21st July at 7.30pm** we are hosting an organ recital on behalf of the organists and choirmasters association. I am delighted to be able to welcome Simon Linley as the guest organist. If you want to know more about this concert please speak to our own organist Don Knott.

On **Sunday 23rd July** the Mothers' Union are holding a tea at 3pm (tickets available in advance), followed by a *Songs of Praise* style service at 6pm in Church. For more information speak to Stephanie Hartshorne or any member of the MU.

During the six weeks of the school holidays we are hoping to keep Church open every morning. To do this we need Church sitters. If you are able to do this, please sign up on the sheet at the back of Church. For more information please speak to one of the wardens.

Over the summer there will be many weddings at St Mary's. The volume of weddings, baptisms and funerals that are held here every year remind us that we hold this beautiful Church in trust for all of the people of our parish. Please pray for those couples who are due to be married here.

God bless,

Tim.



Front Cover – Consecration Service 22nd June - York Minster

Main Picture front row: Left to Right: Peter Andrew Eagles - Bishop of Sodor and Man, Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, Pete Wilcox - Bishop of Sheffield.

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Thought for the Month

The Gospel of John is many people's favourite of the four biographies of Jesus in the New Testament. It is certainly the most deeply thought through of the Gospels. One commentator said that there isn't a word out of place in all of the twenty one chapters.

John's was the last of the Gospels to be written, possibly as much as fifty or sixty years after the events of Jesus' life. The Gospel is written by an eyewitness who refers to himself as 'the beloved disciple.' Tradition has identified this disciple with John. We assume that John was only in his mid to late teens when he travelled with Jesus, and that he wrote the Gospel in his old age, after many years of telling the story of Jesus and reflecting on His life and its meaning.

In his brilliant introduction to the story of Jesus, John 1:1-18, comments that the light (of Christ) "shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:5). The word translated 'overcome' can also mean 'understood'; I tend to translate it as "the darkness did not master him."

John is referring, of course to the events of Jesus' life, when the forces of darkness tried to destroy Jesus, but on the third day the Father raised Him to new and eternal life, defeating the powers of darkness, chaos and evil. But John is also making a wider point.

There is darkness in this world; there are people who give themselves to evil and destruction; there are forces of evil and chaos at work. There always have been and until Jesus returns there always will be. But the light and the life of God, which is revealed in Jesus is greater than the darkness and evil.

As followers of Jesus, we are a people of hope and trust. We live and pray and work in a world which has more than its share of evil and darkness; the events of the past month amply bear this out. But the life and light of God, revealed in Jesus, are greater. This is our hope.

Our response to evil is not fear, but firstly hope in God, and then as Christians it is to seek to be Christ like. It is to let the light of the living God shine in us and through us into the world, giving light and hope to others.

And we pray. We pray for victims of terror, and we pray for the perpetrators - that God will break their hearts and change their minds. We pray for healing between communities in the face of those who want to divide. Above all, despite the presence of darkness and evil, we do not despair; we look to the risen Jesus who passed through death and defeat and rose again to a glory a joy and a life that death, hatred and chaos can never master. Because of Jesus, because of His victory we are a people of hope.

May God bless you,

Tim

Prayer for the Month

The Lord's Prayer, Part 3.

In Gethsemane, on the night of His arrest, after the last supper with His disciples, when Jesus had spoken of the Cross that He would carry the next day, Jesus knelt in prayer and anguish. He asked His Father to take away the cup of suffering from Him. He did not want to be arrested, to go to the Cross. But He also prayed, "Not my will but Yours be done."

"Thy will be done" is probably the hardest prayer that we will ever pray, and it is the most Christian prayer we can pray.

Too often our prayers are simply asking God to fulfil our will. We think that we know what needs to happen, we believe that our intentions and decisions are the best. So we ask God's blessing on our plans, we ask God to bring about our will.

To pray, "Thy will be done" is to acknowledge that we are not God, that we do not know best. It is to let God be God, to surrender our will to God's. We do this because God is God and because He is a Father; our Father. This is a prayer that expresses our basic trust in God's goodness and God's wisdom and God's power. It is to put ourselves and the people that we love and the things that we do into God's hands.

In Gethsemane Jesus showed us what it means to be a child of God and to live as a child of God. The key to living as God's beloved child is to trust Him. My experience of prayer is that God is faithful. When I trust God, even if the things that I pray for do not come to pass, even when the timing of events is not what I believe to be best, then two things happen. Firstly and most importantly my relationship with God deepens. Secondly I discover, in the long run, that God's way and God's timing are better than mine.

In Gethsemane Jesus knew that he would have to carry His cross the following day. He did not want to die, not in that way, He didn't seek martyrdom, but He trusted His Father. He went to the Cross.

If Jesus' prayer had been answered He would have avoided death; but because He trusted in the Father and took up the cross, death was defeated once and for all. Because Jesus prayed and lived as a trusting Son of the Father, we can all find hope in His victory.

"Thy kingdom come" is not an easy prayer. To pray it and mean it we have to surrender control; we have to trust; we have to pray and live as faithful children of God. The heart of Christian life and prayer is trust.

Tim

Peter Jonathan Wilcox - Bishop of Sheffield

Early life and education

Pete Wilcox was born in 1961 and attended Worksop College in north Nottinghamshire before studying at Durham University where he was a member of St John's College. He graduated from Durham with a Bachelor of Arts (BA) degree in 1984. He then attended Ridley Hall, Cambridge, where he trained for ordination and graduated from the University of Cambridge with a BA degree in theology in 1986. Later, he returned to Durham for post-graduate study and completed a Master of Arts (MA) degree in 1991. He then attended St John's College, Oxford, and completed a Doctor of Philosophy (DPhil) degree in 1993.



His doctoral thesis was titled "Restoration, Reformation and the progress of the kingdom of Christ: evangelisation in the thought and practice of John Calvin, 1555–1564".

Ordained ministry

Pete was ordained a deacon at Petertide (28 June) 1987 and a priest the next Petertide (26 June 1988) - both times by David Jenkins, Bishop of Durham, at Durham Cathedral; his first post was a curacy in Preston-on-Tees. From 1990 to 1993, while undertaking post-graduate study, he was a non-stipendiary minister at St Giles' Church, Oxford and St Margaret's Church, Oxford. He was Team Vicar of Gateshead from 1993 to 1998 when he became the Director of the Urban Mission Centre, Cranmer Hall, Durham. He was priest in charge of St Paul's Walsall from 1998 before becoming Canon Chancellor of Lichfield Cathedral in 2006. He was installed as Dean of Liverpool - first among equals of the chapter of Liverpool Cathedral and senior priest of the Diocese of Liverpool - at the cathedral on 15 September 2012.

Episcopal ministry

On 7 April 2017, it was announced that Pete Wilcox was to become the next Bishop of Sheffield. He was elected to the See by the College of Canons of Sheffield Cathedral on 5 May 2017 and his election confirmed at York Minster on 5 June 2017. On 22 June 2017, he was consecrated a bishop by John Sentamu, Archbishop of York, at York Minster. Pete will take up the role as Bishop of Sheffield in the autumn of 2017.

Personal life

Pete Wilcox is married to Catherine Fox. Catherine is a writer and a lecturer at Manchester Metropolitan University. Together, they have two sons.

St James the Least of All

On the hazards of the annual choir outing

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren.

A local phenomenon invariably occurs at St. James the Least of All each June: large numbers of boys discover a vocation to join the church choir. The fact that their annual outing happens in July is, I am sure, entirely coincidental.

This year, I suggested a cultural tour of the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford. Unaccountably, they wanted a visit to the local Amusement Park. Life is nowadays so degenerate that democracy even exists within the Church, and I was outvoted: 28 to 1.

Time was when you could drop them all off in the car park, give them half a crown each and tell them to be back by 6pm, while I could enjoy a leisurely lunch, a light doze on a deckchair in the park and cup of tea before returning to the coach. Today, each boy has to be accompanied by an armed guard, travelling a pre-planned route and reporting back to central control by mobile phone at half-hour intervals. You are even expected to bring back the same number you took out. The year when we returned home to find that we had unaccountably lost five of them, would no longer be considered acceptable.

Our choirboys' ability to consume candyfloss, toffee apples, ice-cream and pop, generally doing so simultaneously, is awesome. Were it to become an Olympic event, St. James' would be guaranteed gold. But, the consequences are unvaryingly predictable. The sight of Hutton minor projectile vomiting while travelling at 50 mph 30 feet above the ground on the Big Dipper is an image that, sadly, will never fade. It did, however, hugely increase his standing within the choir. That one disaster may well ensure his election to Head Chorister in future years.

Since we now hold separate events for boys and men, the juniors are at least spared the unedifying spectacle of seeing their Rector unsuccessfully attempting to keep the gentlemen out of the first public house they come to – and then prising them back out when it is going-home time.

It also means that the sing-song on the coach on the return journey delays the juniors learning some unsavoury songs for a little longer – until they are elevated to the men's choir stalls and realise what they've been missing on choir outings for all those years.

And so once again, we return home, happy and tired, the boys longing for yet more food and their Rector for a large gin.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

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A Celebration of Pentecost

From Ascension Day to Pentecost we were encouraged by the Archbishop of Canterbury to pray ‘Thy Kingdom Come’. We were encouraged to pray for people to know who Jesus is, to empower every Christian, all of us, to give us a passion for sharing and witnessing the Good News we have in Jesus Christ.

The two terror attacks in Manchester and London preceded Pentecost, their horror and hate left me, like many others, feeling shaken, outraged and in some ways powerless.

It was against this backdrop that we attended the Street Party and Beacon Event at Sheffield Cathedral – how can we celebrate in the face of those recent events. But we knew we had to be there as we planned otherwise the terrorists have won.

I always find attending Diocesan events special, it reminds us we are part of a much bigger picture and it is great to worship together with people from all parts of the Diocese. Even better that it was an ecumenical event.

When we arrived, there was a low key, but reassuring police presence. There were a number of events happening outside, fire eating, unicycling, bands and a primary school choir. People were enjoying themselves, chatting and listening to the music. Even the weather could not dampen the spirits – it poured with rain so we all sheltered in the Cathedral and one of the bands transferred their performance to inside. What was really wonderful and encouraging, was the range of ages and nationalities who were there enjoying the fun.

The events in London and Manchester were not forgotten, the Dean of the Cathedral, Peter Bradley lead us in a time of prayer for the victims and their families.

We were then shown one of the You Tube videos done for ‘Thy Kingdom Come’. It was by Bishop Bruce Curry of the Episcopal Church. It was extremely powerful especially in these circumstances. He said prayer works, God is listening and that changes the equation of the moment. God came among us in the person Jesus, to show us the way, to change the world and to be changed. He ended with these words ‘God bless you, God keep you and pray’.

One of the readings was Ezekiel 37 1-14, the Valley of the Dry Bones – which contains a real message of hope. It was read beautifully with some background music and somehow it made it more powerful.

The Canon Missioner of the Cathedral, Keith Farrow was interviewed about his experience of sharing faith. He spoke very eloquently about how sometimes you feel you are not working for God, but realising you are, in all the relationships you have. He also told a beautiful story about the moment he realised this.

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A Celebration of Pentecost – Continued

The sermon was preached by the Archdeacon of Hackney, Liz Adekunle. She talked about our love and hope in Jesus, and the joy of the day when the Holy Spirit came down to be our advocate and helper. About love being stronger than hate.

In the prayers, as we prayed the Lord's Prayer, it was prayed at the front by four people in different languages which was very moving. It was a reminder of our multi-cultural society as well as a glimpse of the first Pentecost.

We were offered the option of being anointed for our own personal mission.

The service finished with uplifting songs, Build Your Kingdom here and how great is your God. People were literally dancing in the aisles. Bishop Peter commented that he wished he had that much energy!!

I left feeling uplifted, full of hope and more importantly feeling equipped to discuss any questions that people might ask me about my response to the terror attacks, in light of own my faith.

Katharine Lonsborough



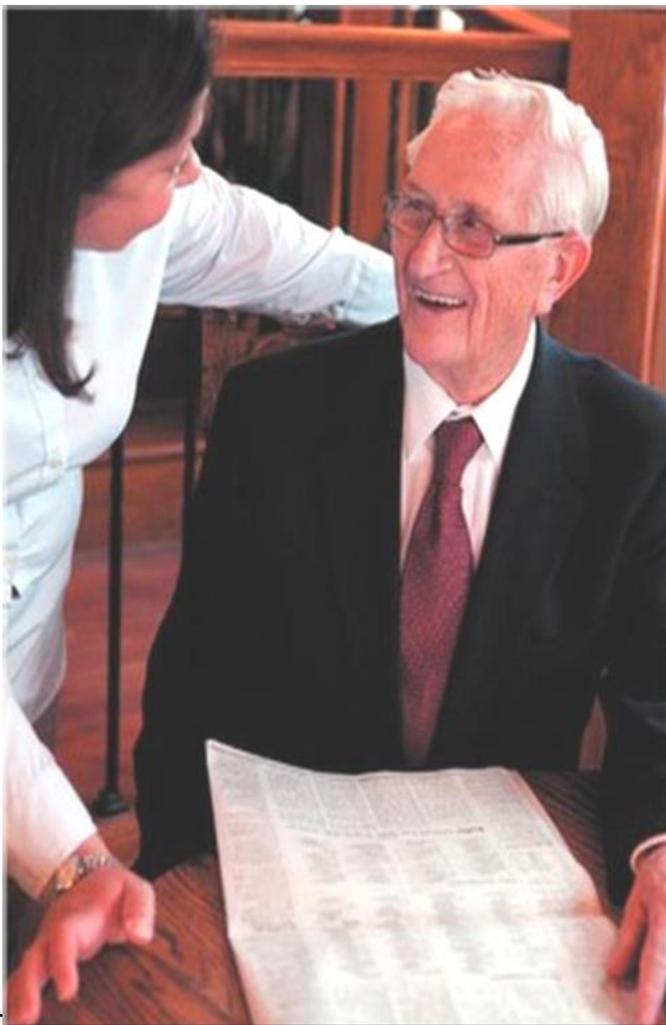
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Will You Remember Them – July 2017

Trafficked Woman Says “THANK YOU” North Korea

An incredible woman called Lady H, who was trafficked from North Korea to China before discovering Jesus at a secret women’s meeting, has written a “thank you” note to everyone who has supported her. “I am writing to you whose name and face I don’t know, because I really want to say “THANK YOU,” she writes. “I will always remember you and your loving support. I wish that one day I can meet you face to face.”

Like many North Korean women, Lady H was trafficked to China after fleeing from starvation in her home country. But life changed for the better when she began attending the secret Bible study group for women. “At first, she was laughing at Jesus, how stupid He was. How could He die for a sinful person?” says an Open Doors contact. “However, later her cheek got wet with tears when she realised there was someone like Jesus who actually cared about her and loved her so much.”

Please Pray:

- Thank the Lord for protecting Lady H and enabling her to discover her own-self-worth through Jesus
- That God would bless Open Doors and its workers in China as they minister to North Koreans
- That there would be breakthrough in North Korea
- That many would come to know Jesus

Amen

JD

Who I am

An elderly woman walked into the local country church. The friendly sidesman greeted her at the door. She wanted to sit in the front row. "You really don't want to do that", the sidesman said. "The minister is really boring."

"Do you happen to know who I am?" the woman inquired. The man shook his head. "I'm the minister's mother!"

"Do you know who I am?" he asked. She shook her head. "Good", he grinned.



St. IGNATIUS of LOYOLA: 31st July

The youngest of 13 children, Ignatius Loyola was born in Spain. When a young soldier he was badly wounded by a cannon ball that shattered his leg. As he recovered he asked for a best selling book of the day, a romance, to read to take his mind off the pain but ended up reading about Jesus and the lives of the saints. His life changed as he resolved to continue being a soldier, but now as a soldier for Christ.

In 1534, at the age of 43, he and 6 others offered themselves to the service of the Catholic Church. They became the Society of Jesus and Ignatius was elected to serve as their first general. When other Jesuits were sent on various missions by the pope, Ignatius stayed in Rome founding homes for orphans and colleges all, in the words of the Jesuit motto, 'ad majorem Dei gloriam' - for the greater glory of God.



BIBLE BOOKS

Can you unscramble these letters to find books in the Bible?

1. ashjou
2. imythot
3. hurt
4. kuel
5. brosprev
6. tonslaminate
7. chaimal
8. theres
9. chainstroin
10. himereaaj



What kind of man was Boaz before he married?
Ruthless.

Which Bible character had no parents?
Joshua, son of Nun.

Answers: 1.Joshua 2.Timothy 3.Ruth
4.Luke 5.Proverbs 6.Lamentations
7.Malachi 8.Esther 9.Corinthians
10.Jeremiah

Organ Recital - Friday 21st July at 7:30pm

Dr. Simon Lindley, the Leeds City Organist, will be giving an organ recital in Ecclesfield St. Mary's Church on Friday 21st July at 7:30pm

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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 - 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 July 2017

Day and Date	Time	Item
Sunday 2 nd	12 noon	Baptism Service
Monday 3 rd	7.30 pm	PCC in Church
Tuesday 4 th	7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting in Church
Wednesday 5 th	12 noon	Mothers' Union meet in the Gatty Hall
Saturday 8 th	9.00 am	Prayer Breakfast in Church
Sunday 9 th	10.00 am	Parish Communion followed by a Bring and Share Lunch
Sunday 16 th	4.00 pm	Living Stones Service
Monday 17 th	7.30 pm	Fabric Committee
Sunday 23 rd	3.30 pm	MU Afternoon Tea in Church
	6.00 pm	Songs of Praise Service

From the Registers

Baptisms

4th June	Beatrice Ann Hall Hitchen
4th June	Grayson Wolfe Goodwin
4th June	Jude Vincent Mercer

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

Weddings

10th June	Greame John Bryant & Harriett Margaret Kendall
10th June	Lee Steven Nuttall & Kathryn Louise Pedley
16th June	Jonathan David Waldron & Leanne Slowe
17th June	Thomas Michael Canter & Amy Elizabeth Slinn

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

Funerals

15th June	Elsie Clarke	97
22nd June	Roy Gillott	71
5th July	Shirley Bebbington	76
6th July	Reene Bradshaw	92

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

Flower Rota May 2017

2nd July	K. Thompson & B. Fisher	23rd July	Vacant
9th July	M. Lambert & A. Rostron	30th July	P. Clarke & P. Bown
16th July	S. Hartshorne & J. Fryer		

There's Lots Happening at Ecclesfield Library in July



This summer help the Animal Agents detective Agency solve the case of the graffiti writing or the mysterious missing lunch by taking part in the Summer Reading Challenge. It's free for children aged 4-12 who take up the challenge to read 6 books of their choosing during the holidays. There are fun incentives to collect, certificates and medals awarded on completing the challenge, as well as visiting authors, storytellers and game sessions to join in with.

Check out Ecclesfield Library the fun place to spend time with family and friends. Library events for children qualify for Sheffield Children's University Passport credits. See our full programme of events for all the family on our Facebook page or contact the library for further information and to reserve to your place on the following events: -

New Storytime Sessions for under 5s Monday 3rd & 17th July 2pm to 2.45pm

Friday 7th July 10am to 11.30am

Little Bear Club with Beth Guiver storyteller. Parents/Carers £1.50: babies and children free. Includes refreshments

Wednesday 26th July 10am to 12pm

Meet Children's Author Conrad Burdekin: Writer, storyteller and poet who inspires children to write. Booking required

Saturday 29th July 9.30am to 12.30pm

Imagination Gaming is back with us as part of Sheffield's Festival of Fun. Challenge Gamesmaster Chris for a morning of fun with cool cards, intriguing and exciting board games suitable for all the family. Booking Required

Wednesday 23rd August 2pm to 3.30pm

Join Beth Guiver, children's storyteller for some Animal Antics from every corner of the world. An activity for children aged 4-10 years. Booking Required

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The Gardening Year – July 2017

Lawns – during dry weather, water lawns as soon as a slackening growth rate shows that the soil is drying out. After brown patches appear, it is too late to restore the green appearance of the grass. A wide selection of irrigation equipment is available: either perforated plastic hose or the rotary sprinkler types are suitable. Liquid fertiliser may be introduced in some systems. If the lawn surface is compacted open it up with aeration equipment or a garden fork so that water may penetrate. Do not water in bright sunlight, morning or evening is preferable. A light watering which only wets the top ½ in. of the soil is useless; penetration to a depth of at least 6 in. is necessary. For the best results 2-4 gall of water per sq. yd. is necessary but requirements vary with soil type and climate. Sandy soils require half the volume of water needed for clay soils.

Disease Control – apply fungicides for the control of fusarium dollar spot and Corticium diseases, particularly if the weather is hot and humid. If a second crop of weeds has developed or earlier applications have been missed, apply selective weed killers under warm moist growing conditions.

Flowers – this is one of the peak months of the lily display. Pick off dead flower heads unless you wish to save the seeds. Spray with fungicides fortnightly against botrytis disease if the weather is damp or muggy. Spray monthly with a systemic insecticide against aphids which help to spread virus diseases. Keep the beds weeded and water thoroughly if the weather is exceptionally dry.

Fungus disease – botrytis is a disabling fungus disease of the lilies. Though not necessarily fatal in itself, it has a weakening effect which decreases resistance to other diseases. Damp muggy weather encourages the spread of botrytis. The symptoms are brownish – red spots or grey mouldy patches or both. The spores which can over-winter on the surface of the soil multiply on bare damp surfaces. The risk of this disease is much reduced by sunny weather and by spraying with a fungicide. If it does occur, burn the affected foliage.

Trees and Shrubs – Aphids and other pests can breed on hedges and quite tall shrubs. They do little apparent damage but they are a powerful source of infestation, and migrate to other plants where they can do much harm. So, when spraying roses or other plants keep an eye on hedges and shrubs.

Colin Williams

School play

A little boy was given a part in the school play and went home to tell his father. His father was really proud of him, and asked what the part was.

The boy replied: "I got the part of a man who has been married for 25 years."

His father congratulated him. "That's good son, and maybe next time round, you'll get a talking role!"

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Who tore down the walls of Jericho?!

The new minister decided to visit the Sunday school in his new church, to see what the children were like. The teacher explained that that morning they were looking at the book of Joshua. ‘That's wonderful,’ said the new minister, ‘let's see what you're learning. So tell me, who tore down the walls of Jericho?’!

After a short silence, one small lad, Billy, shyly raised his hand. ‘Please sir, it wasn't me.’

Taken aback, the minister said. ‘That's silly, and you know it. Come on, now, who tore down the walls of Jericho?’!!

The teacher interrupted firmly: ‘Vicar, Billy's basically a good boy. If he says he didn't do it, then I believe he didn't do it.’!

Flustered, the minister went to the churchwarden and related the story to him. ‘That child won't tell me who tore down the walls of Jericho!’

The church warden looked concerned. ‘Oh dear. We've had some problems with Billy before. But a wall! Let me talk to him and see what we can do.’!

Really bothered now by the lack of biblical knowledge in his new church, the new minister brought up the subject with his curate the next morning. ‘I was shocked to learn that neither Billy, the teacher, nor the church warden can tell me who tore down the walls of Jericho!’

The curate, a peace-loving young woman, tried to calm the situation. ‘Well, vicar, these things happen. I think we just take the money from the general fund and offer to pay for the walls, and leave it at that.’!



Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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Saints of the Month – July

7th July - St. Willibald – The first ever Anglo-Saxon travel writer

Where do you go on your summer travels? If you enjoy including a Christian element to your trips, such as making a pilgrimage, or visiting places rich in Christian history, then St. Willibald (d. 876) is the saint for you this month. He was one of the most widely travelled Anglo-Saxons of his time.

Willibald began life in Wessex, becoming a monk at Bishops Waltham (Hants). But he obviously had the curiosity that besets all keen travellers – what is it like over there...just over the next hill, round the next corner? And so Willibald set out for Rome, Cyprus, Syria and above all, Palestine. It was an amazing achievement, just to survive such journeys back in the early 8th century.

In Palestine, Willibald made his way round all the Holy Places associated with Jesus, as well as the numerous communities of monks and hermits living there. On his eventual return to Europe, Willibald decided to tell his story. He dictated an account of all his travels to a long-suffering nun, Hugeburc, who wrote it up under the title of *Hodoeporicon* – the first ever travel book to be written by an Anglo-Saxon

After a long stay in Constantinople, the year 730 found Willibald back in Rome, where he settled at the monastery at Monte Cassino. Under his reforming influence, the monastery began to prosper. That got Willibald ‘noticed’, and soon Boniface asked Pope Gregory III to send him on to Germany, where Willibald was made bishop of Echstatt. Here he founded a monastery that became an important centre for the diffusion and development of monasticism. After 45 years as Bishop at Echstatt, Willibald died in c. 786. His relics remain there till this day.

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). Both 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.

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Crossword Puzzle

Clues Across

- 1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)
- 4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)
- 7 'Praise the Lord, O my — ' (Psalm 103:1) (4)
- 8 See 5 Down
- 9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)
- 13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)
- 16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)
- 17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)
- 19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)
- 24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)
- 25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)
- 26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)
- 27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

Clues Down

- 1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)
- 2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)
- 3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)
- 4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)
- 5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards — ' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)
- 6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
- 10 Trout (anag.) (5)
- 11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)
- 12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
- 13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)
- 14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who — bread into the bowl with me"" (Mark 14:20) (4)

15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)

18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)

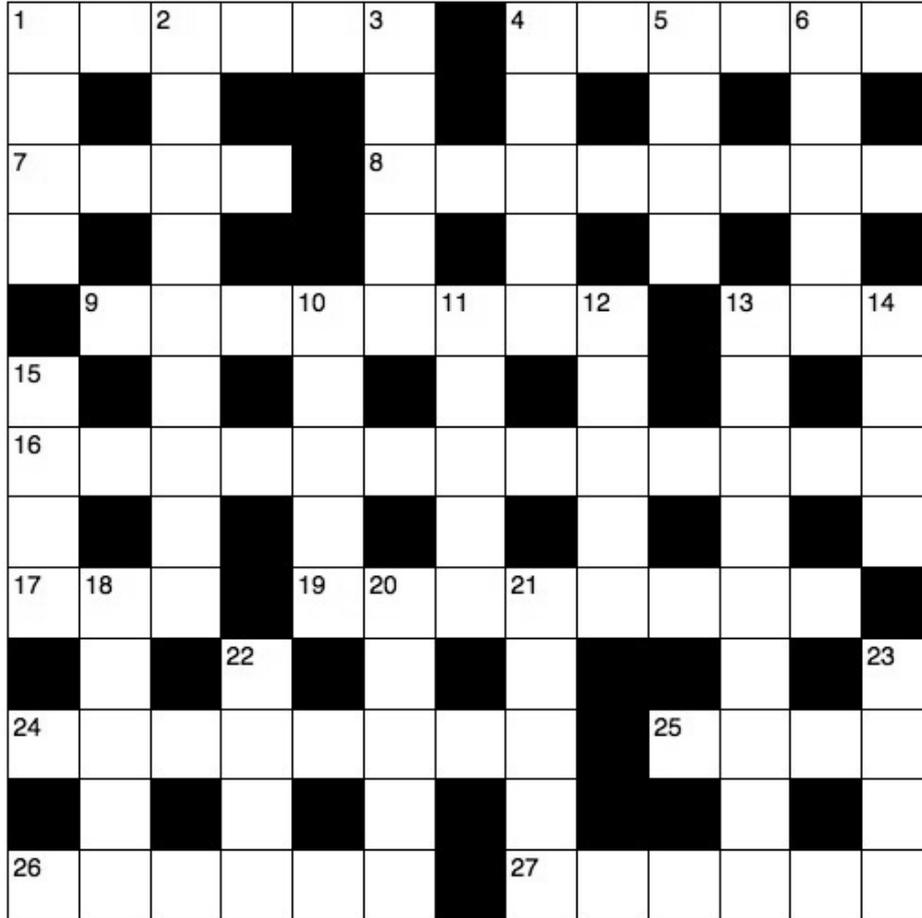
20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)

21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)

22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)

23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)

Solution is on Page 20



Euodia and Syntyche

Euodia and Syntyche were Paul’s good friends
Who for the gospel did contend;
But all we know about them now
Is that these ladies had a row!

So, if YOU have a heated spat
It’s wise to check who knows of that;
A row’s a cause of bitter tears
Remembered for two thousand years!

by Nigel Beeton

Editor: *Nigel Beeton* observes:

“In the opening verses of Philipians 4 we read of Euodia and Syntyche, who seem to have had some kind of falling out, such that the Apostle feels obliged to write and plead with them to make it up!

Can you imagine a disagreement with a friend at church that passes into Holy Canon and is still spoken about 2,000 years after you’ve died?

Prayers and Poems Page

Prayer along the Way

Father,

We have so many questions. Life is sometimes difficult and we can't see our way. Thank you for Jesus who told us He is the Way. It doesn't matter if we don't always understand as long as we are on your special Way – in relationship with you through your precious Son, who died on the cross to make that possible. Help us to join the Way by putting our trust in what Jesus has done.

Help us to make it easy for others to find the Way – to find Jesus. Please give us revelation to know the right words to use and the right actions to take to draw people to you.

We ask in Jesus name and for your glory alone,

Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

The Church Mouse meets his Foe

Here among the neat-hung cassocks
Amidst the rows of tidy hassocks
I dwell, a mouse of notoriety
Of whom the poet wrote a diary.

But since that day, my life is meaner
For now the church has got a cleaner!
The congregation come on Sunday
But do not know that, on a Monday
The muck and mess that they created
By her is swiftly dissipated!

She races hither and rushes thither
Efficiency that makes us quiver!
She scrubs and cleans and mops and hoovers
She cleans the windows, dusts the louvres;
And any food that's left around
Is very swiftly run to ground.

Her industry's so very great
That we shall have to emigrate!
So you, who come to church on Sunday
Remember those who clean on Monday!

By Nigel Beeton

Weeping may endure for a night but joy comes in the morning

Psalm 30:5

Mary and Martha cried out to the Lord,
Distressed that Lazarus their brother had died,
Jesus wept as He went to the tomb,
Calling Lazarus forth, though dead he revived.

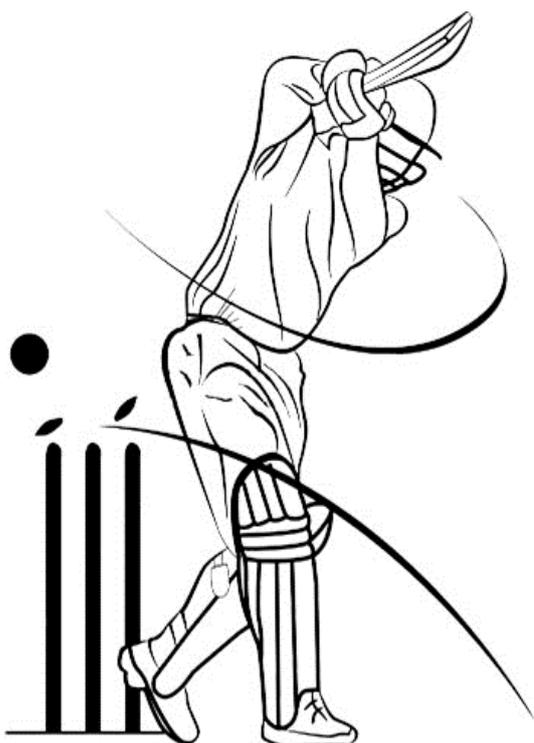
Looking over the city Jesus wept,
Jerusalem, Jerusalem, city of God,
The day of their visitation had passed,
And sadly the city knew him not.

Mary wept as she looked for her Lord,
'Why are you weeping?' the angel said,
'The tomb is empty He is not here,
The one you seek has been raised from the dead'.

A day will dawn when time will end,
With no more weeping or death or sorrow,
For God will wipe all tears from our eyes,
It's with joy that we wait for that glad tomorrow.

By Megan Carter

Whitley Hall Cricket Club



The 1st team has had an excellent season so far in the ECB Premier League, finishing at the end of May in equal 1st spot with Sheffield Collegiate. The next game on June 3rd at Appleby Frodingham was an extremely tight affair and resulted in a tie with both teams on 189, allowing Sheffield Collegiate to take the top spot. However, since then, a home win against Barnsley and two away wins at Wakefield and Sheffield and Phoenix United leaves us at the top as we enter July with a fine margin of 4 points over Collegiate. Unfortunately, the 1st XI was soundly beaten in the Heavy Woollen Cup quarter final on 25th June by Hoylandswaine.

The 2nd XI has had a tough start to the season but wins over Shiregreen and Norton Oakes with a single run loss against Wakefield and leaves the team in mid-table at the end of June. The 3rd XI is in lower mid-table at the end of June following a win against Silkstone, a loss at home against Warmsworth and a cancelled match. Everyone is welcome at the club to use the facilities in the pavilion.

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8 th July	2 nd XI	v	Coal Aston
15 th July	1 st XI	v	Hallam
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5 th August	2 nd XI	v	Norton Woodseats

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