

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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First Words

This week Autumn arrived. I always reckon that Autumn is here by two events: firstly having to take my torch with me when taking my two dogs, Tara and Oscar, out for their morning walk; and secondly the arrival in the shops of my favourite apples, Cox's and Russets. Both events happened this week - Autumn is here!

There are a number of special events taking place at St Mary's in October. On **Friday 6th October** we have our Harvest 'pie and pea' supper - tickets available, followed on **Sunday 8th October** by the Harvest parish service. As usual there will be a cash collection this year in aid of Farm Africa. There will also be a collection of food and other goods for the Archer project - see the Sunday Notice sheet for details of goods needed.

This month our Time for God meetings will be on **Wed 11th and Wed 25th October at 7.30pm** in Church. It is a time to study, worship and pray together. If you have not managed to make any of the sessions so far just come along one Wednesday - everyone is invited.

On **Saturday 14th October at 9am** we have our monthly Prayer Breakfast. Prayer is central to the life of the Church it is where renewal begins.

On **Saturday 21st October** the Emley Band will be giving a Trafalgar Day concert in Church. Tickets are available now.

Finally on **Sunday 29th October at 4pm** we will be inviting those who have been bereaved in the past year to our annual Memorial Service. This is an important occasion in the life of our Church as we minister to our community. Please support this service by your prayers and also, if possible coming along to support these we will be inviting.

God bless,

Tim



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Thought for the Month

Towards the middle of September the Mission and Discipleship Team met with members of the prayer-ministry team to discuss prayers for healing in the 10am service and to think through prayer at St Mary's more generally.

The first decision was to re-name our regular healing ministry 'Prayer Ministry.' We hope that this will make prayer more accessible and encourage people to come along to seek prayer for themselves and for others - you don't have to be ill to seek prayer!

We also intend to increase the times when prayer is offered at the 10am service from every two months to twice a month. Members of the Prayer Ministry team will be available in the Prayer Corner. This will take place as Communion is distributed.

Prayer ministry often helps a Church to grow in confidence as we see God at work in our lives and through members of our Church. Those who seek prayer are strengthened as they begin to see God at work in their lives, and those who pray are strengthened; they see God working through them. The more we experience God's Holy Spirit active among us the more we grow in confidence and in faith.

Please pray for those who are called to this important ministry at St Mary's. Engaging in prayer ministry is a privilege and it is a responsibility. As we move forward in prayer we will need to find more people that God is calling to this ministry.

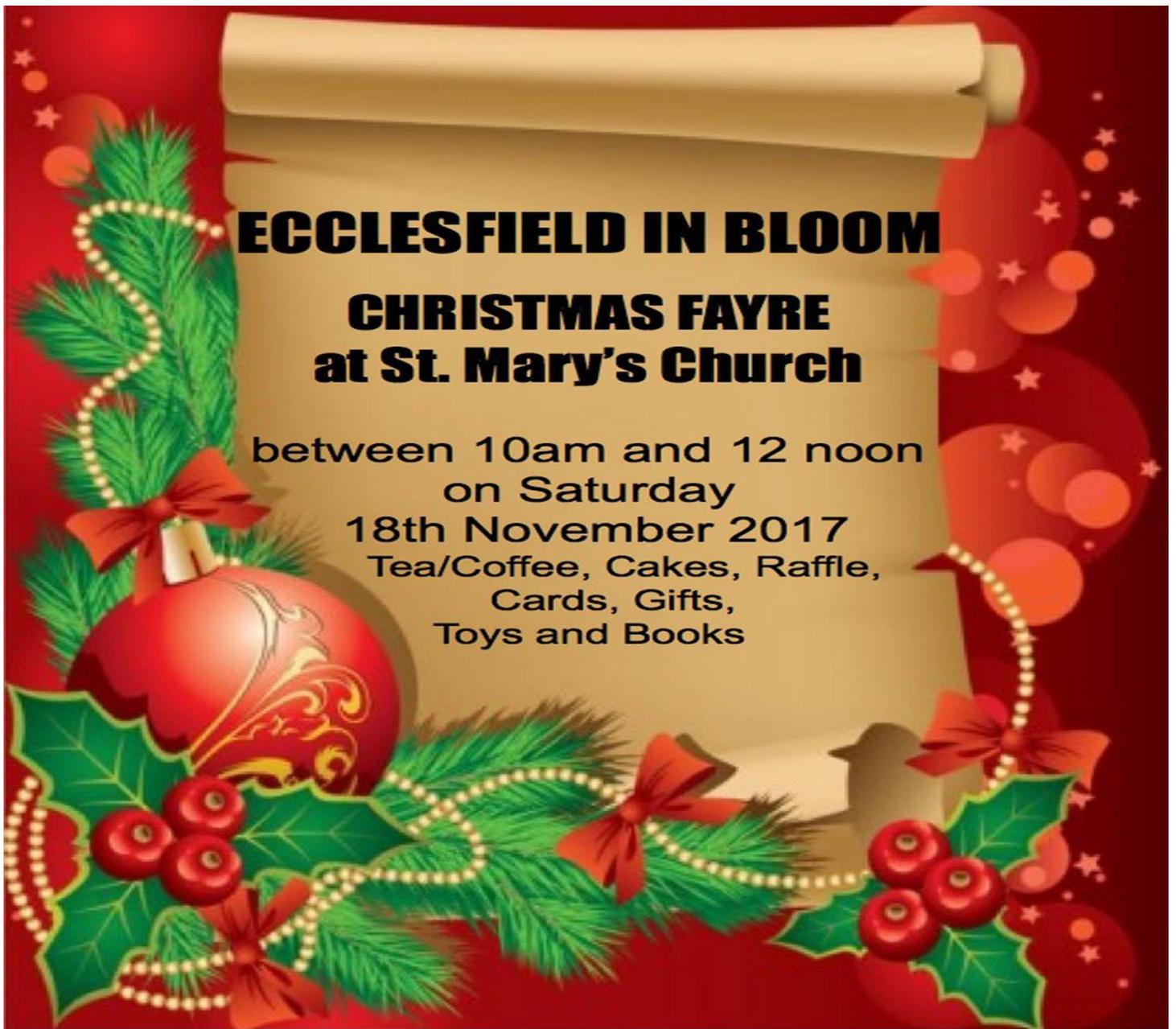
Renewal and revival always begin in prayer and with ordinary Christians like us taking God at His word and acting on our faith. During 2018 there will be opportunities for everyone at St Mary's to engage in prayer for our Church and for all of the Churches in Britain.

I believe that God has a wonderful vision for St Mary's as we step out in faith and trust for Him, as we reach out to our parish and our neighbours. Whatever we do, whatever we achieve will be built upon a foundation of dedicated, trusting and faithful prayer.

I believe that in the United Kingdom we need renewal in all of the Churches, to bring healing to our divided land and to bring hope to our nation. I am convinced that renewal will happen and that St Mary's will have the privilege of being a small part of what God will do in our land.

God bless,

Tim



Our 2017 Good Childhood Report

The Good Childhood Report 2017 is the result of listening to young people's voices and conducting in-depth interviews that allow them to present their distinctive views and experiences. The voices of young people indicate that they are not happy in every area of their lives, with fear of crime lowering children's well-being. One in three teenage girls are afraid of being followed by a stranger and one in four boys are worried they'll be assaulted.

Our research explores the reasons behind this worrying trend, finding that in many cases children are faced with serious problems in their lives. Problems such as fear of crime, living in a family struggling to pay the bills, or not having enough emotional support at home.



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Welcome to St Mary's Parish Church, Ecclesfield

St James the Least of All

On the perils of trainers, high heels and soft shoes in church

The Rectory,
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren.

Having informed you of why clergy must always wear black shoes in church, my belief is that all those who hold any office in church should be similarly dressed.

Altar servers have the tendency to arrive wearing what I am informed are called trainers. Were they black it would be tolerable, but they seem to be without exception either brilliant white or luminous pink. When they arrive so attired I insist they remove them and serve in the sanctuary in their socks. Since our church floor is several degrees colder than permafrost, it normally takes them the rest of the morning with their feet in a bucket of hot water before circulation returns. They do not make that mistake a second time.

The rule applies to members of the choir also; my only concession is that ladies are allowed to wear shoes with heels. But that can present its own hazards. Miss Threlfall recently appeared in heels that, by chance, were the exact size and shape of the holes in our beautiful Victorian heating gratings in the nave floor. During the procession at the start of the Service, her heel wedged in one. She is a lady of some determination and refused to stop, thereby holding up the procession and letting the congregation know something was amiss.

So she proceeded, now with a twelve inch square cast iron grid firmly attached to her foot. As she gallantly clanked up the aisle, rocking slightly since one leg was now several stones heavier, one of our basses, completely innocent of what had happened, stepped into thin air. Half of his body disappeared vertically downwards as the other half proceeded in a horizontal easterly direction, scattering tenors like skittles. I continue to visit him in hospital.

Our organist arrives wearing black shoes, but once hidden in the organ loft, removes them and plays the organ in soft shoes. Or he did; these days he never removes his shoes at all. At Evensong on Sundays, my dog comes with me to swell the congregation and wanders round the church benignly as the Service progresses. After one Service, our organist came to retrieve his shoes only to find them missing. Their absence was inexplicable - until two weeks later when I found them buried in the Rectory rose garden.

Churchwardens, of course, know the rules for correct footwear - that is why they have been elected to serve in such a distinguished office - although I do feel that Admiral Hopkinson's practice of wearing white spats on top of his shoes when the bishop is here, a little excessive - even rather flash.

Maintaining this dress policy once you have your own church, will be maintaining the true faith.

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The 500th Anniversary of the Reformation

October 31st marks the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther nailing his 95 Theses to the Wittenberg church door in 1517, signalling the start of the Protestant Reformation. He was protesting against the practice of indulgences, where the good deeds of the saints could be purchased to reduce time spent in purgatory, before arriving in heaven. For Luther, this cheapened grace, repentance and forgiveness: *'You can't buy God's friendship!'*

Luther rediscovered the truths of God's grace: *'For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed – a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith.'* (Romans 1:17). He recognised that righteousness (being right with God) and forgiveness is not earned by good works, but faith. The undeserved love of God and His acceptance is a matter of trust. This challenge to the Church of Luther's day remains so today! At the Diet (Council) of Worms, he refused to recant his views: *'Here I stand; I can do no other!'*

Luther stood for the free forgiveness of the gospel, by which God accepts us because of the death of Jesus on our behalf to deal with our sin. Is this what we believe? Only trusting Jesus can make us right with God. In what ways can we slip into a mind-set that seeks God's approval for what we achieve in our spiritual lives, rather than in how we can serve as a response to all He has done for us? We will continue to get things wrong, but God never gives up on us!

'Be a sinner, and let your sins be strong (sin boldly), but let your trust in Christ be stronger, and rejoice in Christ who is the victor over sin, death, and the world.' (Martin Luther).



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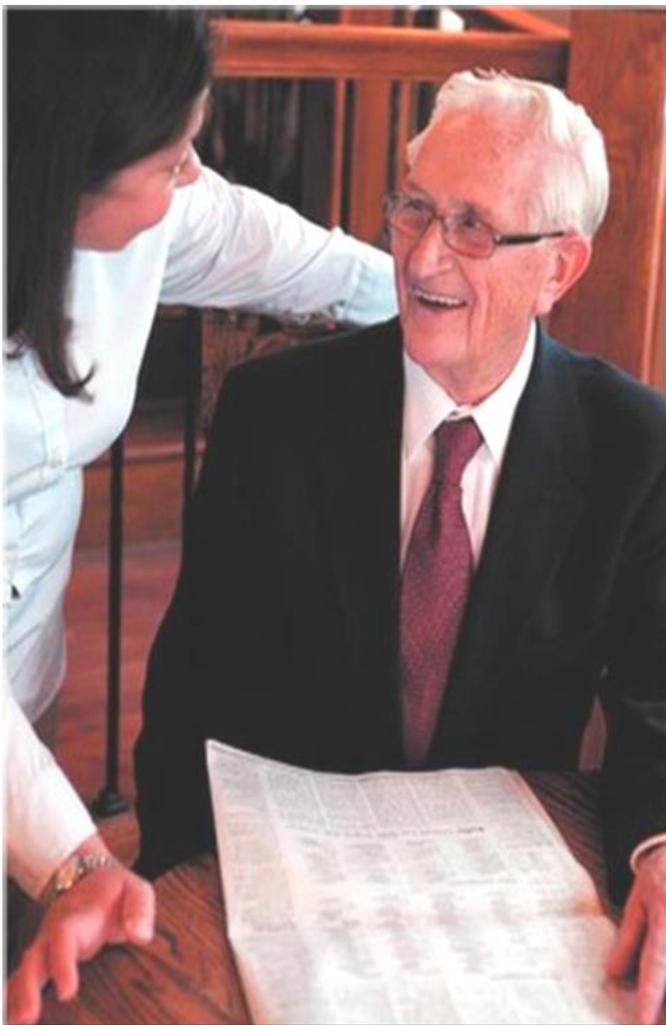
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Will You Remember Them - Iraq

Rebuilding Hope in Karamles

“After the liberation in October we found out that Islamic State had burned our house. I was very sad when I saw it for the first time,” says Noeh. Noeh is 12 years old – his family fled their home in Karamies, Iraq, when he was just nine, to escape the self-proclaimed IS.

“My mum and dad, my brothers and sisters were always around me, and they helped me to overcome the difficulties.” For the last three years they have lived in Erbil with others from their town - they have called the part of Erbil where they have been staying, Little Karamies. Open Doors has been working through local partners to support this community with food aid, trauma training, and income generating projects - some of the people from Karamles have been able to start a small food factory, a bakery, and a restaurant in Erbil. But Noeh and his family are determined to go back to Karamles to rebuild. Noeh says, “We want to return. This is our land”. It is God who gives the hope that he will be able to return to Karamles.

Of the 797 houses in Karamles 97 are now piles of rubble, 446 were completely burnt out, like Noeh's and the others are damaged. Prayer and practical support have enabled Open Doors and local partners to repair 30 homes so far, with 20 more on the list. Father Thabet, a church leader, says “Our budget is limited and the government is not helping us.”

While 50 houses are a good start, 250 families have signed up. Father Thabet says. “It is our mission to live here in this place as Christians, the place of the root of Christianity, without faith I do not have a reason to stay here. But I have faith, so I am here.” Father Thabet has signed the one million voices of hope petition, calling for equality, dignity and responsibility for Christians and other minorities in the Middle East, to be presented to the UN on 11th Dec. 2017. Until more homes and communities have been restored, thousands of families will continue to live in displacement in Iraq.

Please Pray For:

- The people mentioned in this article - Noah and family.
- Energy, wisdom and strength for all Christian workers supporting believers in Iraq.
- That God will continue to use His church in Iraq and Syria as a light in the darkness.

JD



MIXED UP MONTHS

Words that begin with 'oct' mean to do with the number eight – an octopus has 8 tentacles, an octagon has 8 sides. So October should be the 8th month of the year, shouldn't it? But it isn't.



The reason goes back to Roman times. October was the eighth month in the Roman calendar until July was added to celebrate the birth month of Julius Caesar.

This was followed by Augustus who also added another month (guess what that one was called!). With these two extra months fitted into the calendar what was the eighth month became the tenth month. Which gets more muddled: because words beginning with 'dec' mean to do with the number ten, so under the old way December was the tenth month. Shall I stop now before we all get even more confused?

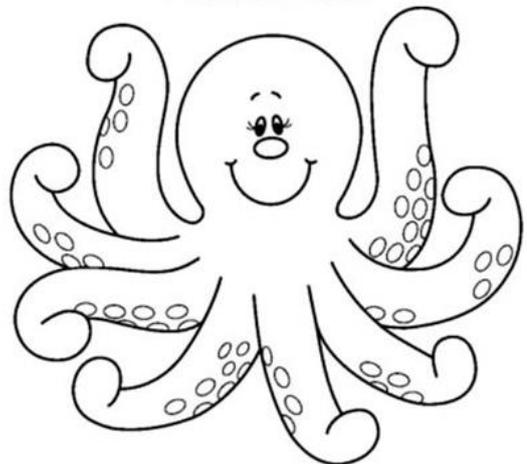
OOOOOOs

All these names begin with O – which ones aren't the real name of a saint?

1. Odo
2. Olaf
3. Osyth
4. Oliver
5. Olympias
6. Odilia
7. Omer
8. Oudoceus
9. Osburga
10. Ouen

How does an octopus go into battle?

Well armed.



What's round, orange and can't sit down?

A seatless Satsuma.

Answers: the answer is that they all are real saint's names! Aren't you glad that they didn't call you after some of these saints?

Prayer for the Month

The Lord's Prayer, Part 6:

“Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

Temptation has become something to laugh at; something that no one takes very seriously anymore. Jesus though thought it important enough to be part of the prayer that he left to His Church.

The word that Jesus uses that we translate as ‘temptation’ really means testing, and implies being tested or tried by fire. It is an extreme test of who we really are deep, deep down.

The word translated ‘evil’ could also mean ‘evil one’ - “deliver us from the evil one” - the source of the chaos which tests our calling as Jesus’ disciples.

Jesus knew about being tried first-hand when He was tested by the devil in the wilderness just after His baptism in the river Jordan by John. In the desert Jesus’ vocation as God’s Son is tested. Will He be faithful to the Father, even if it costs Him dearly? Will He take the way of the Cross or will He take the easier path that the devil lays before Him? But to avoid the Cross is to avoid resurrection.

It is only after Jesus withstands the trial in the wilderness that He begins His public ministry.

The Apostle Paul writes that God will not let us be tested beyond what we can endure (1 Corinthians 10:13). James, Jesus’ brother, advises us to ‘Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you’ (James 4:7-8).

I was once told that I will know if I am growing spiritually or becoming effective in ministry because that is when I will be tested. I was told that the devil only bothers attacking those who are growing in the kingdom of God. Temptation is not fundamentally about our over-indulgence; it is when our calling as Jesus’ disciples is tested; it is those times when we find ourselves under attack. Temptation has a spiritual origin and so our response is spiritual - prayer, seeking God, standing on the victory of Jesus.

We only know our own strength when we are tested; we only know the strength of our enemy when we withstand the testing.

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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

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 October 2017

Day and Date	Time	Item
Tuesday 3rd	7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting in Church
Wednesday 4th	1.30 pm	Mothers' Union meet in the Gatty Hall
Friday 6th	6.30 pm	Harvest Supper
Saturday 7th	10.00 am	Children's Society Coffee Morning
Saturday 14th	9.00 am	Prayer Breakfast
Wednesday 18th	7.30 pm	Evening MU meet at 21 Minster Road
Thursday 19th	10.30 am	Prayer Meeting in Church
Saturday 21st	7.00 pm	Emley Band Concert in Church
Sunday 22nd	6.30 pm	Prayer and Praise Service
Monday 23rd	7.30 pm	Ignatian Prayer in Church
Wednesday 25th	7.30 pm	Finance Team meet in Church
Sunday 29th	4.00 pm	Memorial Service

From the Registers

Baptisms

10th September	Penelope Bee Buttery
10th September	Joshua Thomas Harrison
10th September	Frederick Waddingham-Crabtree
24th September	Jonathan Thomas Swift

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

Weddings

2nd September	Adam Jason Pulford & Cheria Michelle Darby
2nd September	Nitin Balvanbt Kataria & Amy Rees
15th September	Paul Stephen Fish & Lisa Marie Hancock
16th September	Daniel Keith Richardson & Amber Bianca Jade Brooks
16th September	Bradley Joe Swain & Katie Jane Wills
23rd September	David Anthony Edwin Mason & Tracey Helen Burton
23rd September	Lee Gillott & Kerry Cutler

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

Funerals

7th September	Freda Taylor	99
14th September	Joseph Lewis Hague	84

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

Flower Rota October 2017

1 st October	Harvest Flowers	22 nd October	J. Cooper & R. Nutbrown
8 th October	A. Hackett	29 th October	S. Johns & Jeanne Sutton
15 th October	Vacant		

Mother' Union

Meeting - The Mothers' Union welcomed the Rev. Tim Gill to their meeting on 3rd September. Certificates were awarded to those members who had completed 30 and 40 years membership. Reports were then given of activities and money raised during the year.

Thanks were expressed to members and the wider church for the support they had received at events to raise money for the causes supported by the MU. Nearly £1000 has been raised to give families holidays, support prison playgroups, helping whole villages learn to read and write and for relief after natural disasters. It was good to hear the sick were visited with flowers and a card and that our over80's in the congregation also receive plants and cards on their birthdays and at Christmas.

The Vicar then told us of his hopes for the future and how the MU could help. The church statement was also shared: -

Following Jesus - Celebrating Life - Welcoming All, certainly something the MU could identify with and promote.

Pam's Feast - Was celebrated on Saturday 9th September when we met to remember Pam Prior who died in March.

Pam had held many positions in the Mothers' Union and was Deanery Leader at the time of her death and she knew how hard we worked in helping provide food on many church occasions. In her will she left money for us to have a feast which we didn't have to prepare.

The Stocks public House prepared the feast and a very happy time was had by all after Stephanie Hartshorne said prayers and Heather Johnson read a poem we tucked into the food whilst sharing many thoughts and times of Pam.

The Gardening Year - October 2017

Heathers – Lightly fork ground prepared for planting, and then set the plants soaking their roots if they are dry. Plants bought in weather unsuitable for planting should be put close together in trays of peat until planting is possible.

Fruit – Buy fruit trees and bushes for autumn planting. Prepare planting sites breaking up the subsoil to ensure good drainage. Work fertiliser into the soil while digging. Control weeds around established trees; put grease bands round apple and cherry trees to catch winter moths. Pick apple and pears as they mature. Cut out fruited blackberry and loganberry canes and train new shoots. Spray cherries, peaches and nectarines. Take gooseberry cuttings.

Vegetables – Pick and take indoors the last of the outdoor tomatoes. Cut remaining marrows and store in a dry frost-proof place. Clear away pea and bean haulm and dig vacant ground. Sow spring cabbages in a cold frame or greenhouse.

Herbs – Take cuttings of bay, lavender and rue, putting them in pots of sand in a cold frame. Divide clumps of chives in mild weather, divide roots of mint, re-planting some and potting others to grow in the greenhouse. Dig up fennel and place in boxes of peat to force in a cool greenhouse.

Patios and Town Gardens – Remove plants that are past their best. Pot up tender plants and bring indoors. Move trees and shrubs in containers to a less exposed position or protect with straw. Plant containers with dwarf conifers, heathers and skimmias and under plant with bulbs.

House plants – Soak newly acquired plants in a bucket of water. Place plants where they will be warm but not subject to direct heat, where they will get plenty of light but be out of draughts. Keep them away from frosty windows at night.

General Tasks – Remove summer bedding plants soon enough to plant spring bedding and get it established before severe weather begins. Do not manure flower borders at this time of year, but give a dressing of 40z. Per sq. yd. of bone meal. Clear fallen leaves from the garden and put them on the compost heap.

Colin Williams

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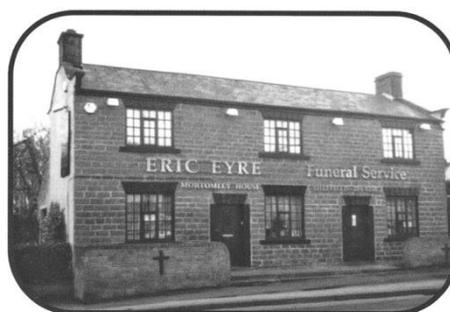
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Saint of the Month – 18th October

Thank you, Dr Luke!

By David Winter

‘Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, bless the bed that I lie on’ - my grandma taught me that one. At least it meant I never forgot the names of the writers of the four Gospels. This month Luke, the writer of the third of them, has his feast day – 18th October.

He was, we learn from the letters of St Paul, a ‘physician’ - an educated man and probably the only one of the writers of the New Testament who was not a Jew. In modern terms, he was Turkish. Paul took him as one of his missionary team on a long journey around the Middle East, and they clearly became close friends. Under house arrest later in his life Paul could write, ‘only Luke is with me’.

However, it is his Gospel which has established him as a major figure in the history of the Christian Church. Mark’s Gospel may have more drama, Matthew’s more prophetic background and John’s a more profound sense of the mystery of the divine, but Luke offers us a Jesus who is utterly and believably real. This man turned no one away, reserved his harshest words for hypocrites and religious grandees, cared for the marginalised, the poor, the persecuted, the handicapped and the sinful. His Gospel is full of people we can recognise - indeed, in whom we can often recognise ourselves.

He was also a masterly story-teller. Try, for instance, the story of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). Read it (this time) not as a sacred text but as a brilliant piece of story-telling: subtle repetitions (‘your son, this brother of yours’), believable characters, drama and profound emotion. There is the older brother, so cynical about his sibling’s alleged reformation, the ‘prodigal’ himself, so hesitant about throwing himself on his father’s mercy after the folly of his earlier behaviour, and there is the father, of course, abandoning the dignity of his role in the family and actually running to welcome his wretched son’s return.

There are more women in Luke’s Gospel than in any of the others, but also more poor people, more lepers, more ‘sinners’ and tax-collectors, more ‘outsiders’ who are shown to be ‘inside’ the love of Christ. This, for many of us, is the great Gospel of inclusion and compassion. Here is a Jesus for the whole world and for every one of us. Thank you, Dr Luke!

Prayer for the Month – *continued from page 13*

The Lord's Prayer, Part 6:

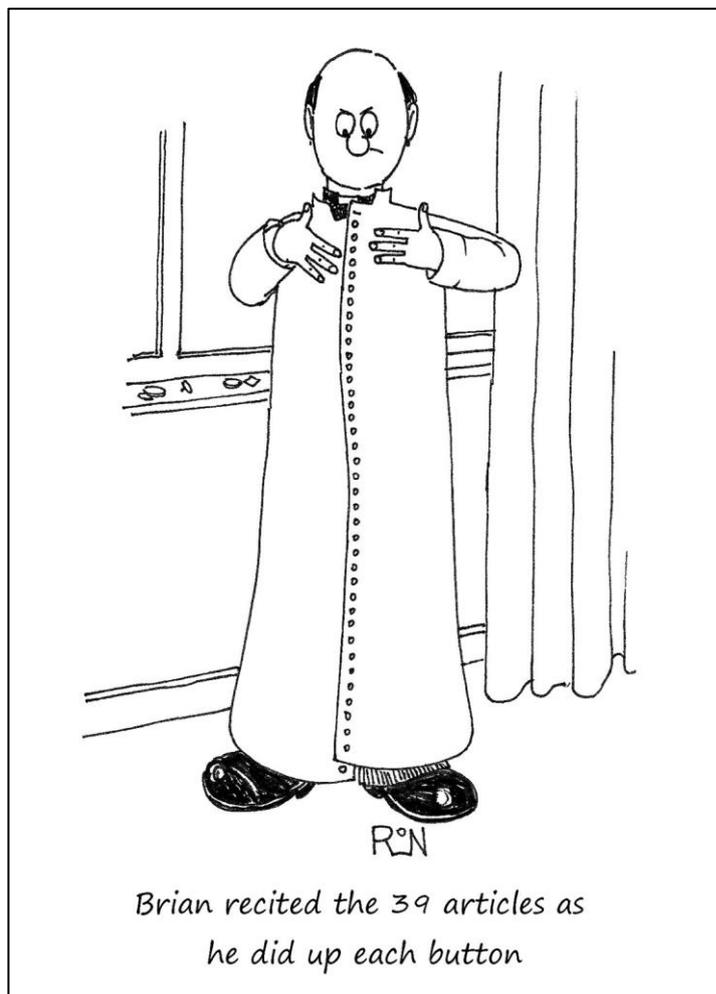
“Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

Jesus is the only one who truly knows the full extent of the power of evil because He is the only one who has faced such testing and has never been defeated, never given in (Hebrews 4:14-16). So when we turn to Jesus in prayer' He knows what we are enduring and He is the one who can help us.

As we try to follow Jesus' call to follow Him there will be things that will make us doubt our call or God's love. At times like these, when we are in the fires, being tested, all that we can do is turn to God in prayer. We can be confident that God will hear our prayer and in Him we will find the strength to endure.

God bless,

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Clues Across

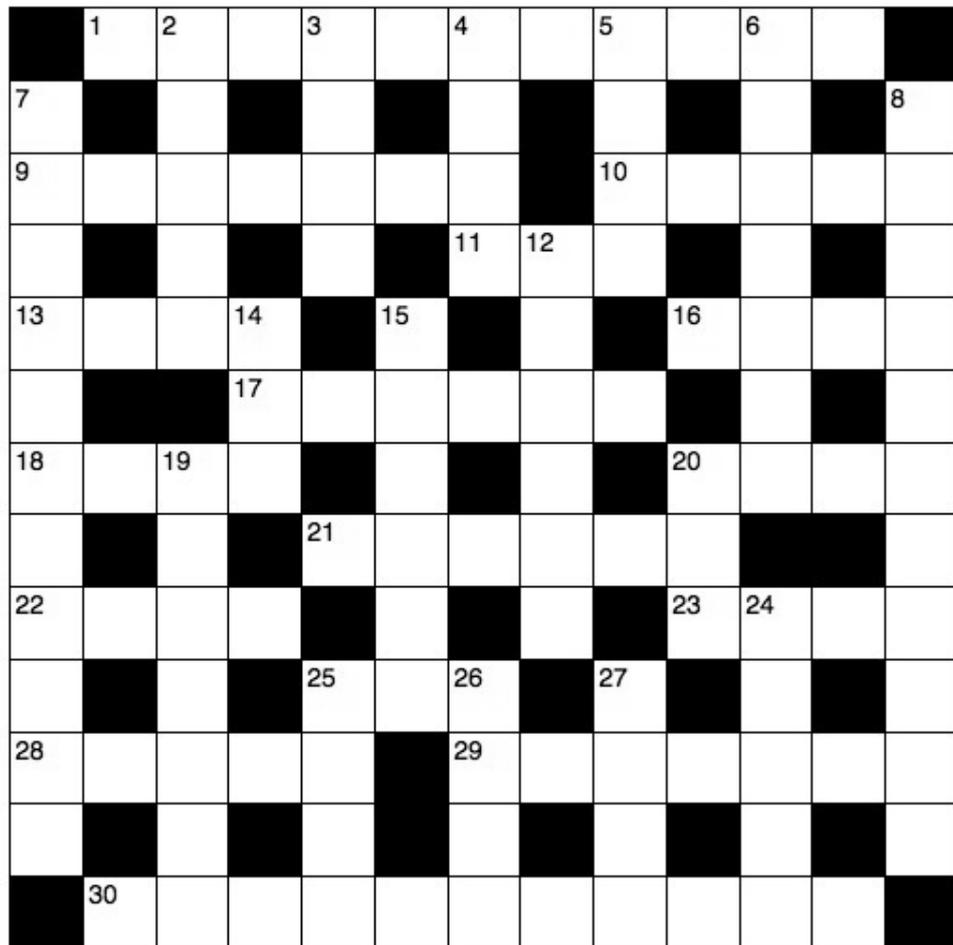
- 1** The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11)
- 9** 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the — — ' (Matthew 6:13) (4,3)
- 10** Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5)
- 11** From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46) (3)
- 13** One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after Gideon's victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4)
- 16** Metallic element (4)
- 17** At line (anag.) (6)
- 18** 'Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree' (Galatians 3:13) (4)
- 20** Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey's jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4)
- 21** He succeeded Moses (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 22** 'When he saw him, he took — on him' (Luke 10:33) (4)
- 23** 'For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction' (Matthew 7:13) (4)
- 25** 'The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (3)
- 28** Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5)
- 29** 'We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf' (1 Corinthians 10:17) (7)
- 30** Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11)

Clues Down

- 2** 'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made — ' (1 Corinthians 15:22) (5)
- 3** 'After supper he — the cup' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (4)
- 4** The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul's vision: 'Come — to Macedonia and help us' (Acts 16:9) (4)
- 5** He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother's wife (Genesis 38:9) (4)
- 6** I veto me (anag.) (7)
- 7** Fourth king of Judah (1 Kings 15:24) (11)

- 8** Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18) (11)
- 12** 'I have made you — — for the Gentiles' (Acts 13:47) (1,5)
- 14** Implore (1 Samuel 15:25) (3)
- 15** 'Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the — , something sweet' (Judges 14:14) (6)
- 19** 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do — — a man's understanding' (Proverbs 30:2) (3,4)
- 20** 'Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under — , but under grace' (Romans 6:14) (3)
- 24** Native of, say, Baghdad (5)
- 25** The last word in the Bible (Revelation 22:21) (4)
- 26** Heroic tale (4)
- 27** 'Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you — ' (John 8:32) (4)

Solution is on Page 20



The glass

To the optimist, the glass is half full. To the pessimist, the glass is half empty.
 To the engineer, the glass is twice as big as it needs to be.

Prayers and Poems Page

Thank you prayer

Father,

You are almighty and all powerful. You created the universe and yet you love and care for each one of us. Thank you. Thank you for loving us so much that you sent your precious Son Jesus to save us when we couldn't save ourselves. Thank you for offering life forever with you to all who trust in Jesus and what He did on the cross. Thank you for today. Help us to use it to reflect your love to others.

In Jesus name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

The Reformation

The light had dawned, now Luther saw
That all his works would count for nought,
Indulgencies could never sway God
Or make him fit for Heaven's court.

Such realisation changed his life,
And Martin now saw things anew,
It's only by grace he could be saved
And not by anything he could do.

It was the Son's redeeming death
That paid the price for sin in full,
Not by works that any should boast,
And not by any Papal bull.

Such is the wonder of salvation
When the Father from above,
Poured out His peace and grace upon us
And kissed our guilty world in love.

By Megan Carter

The Abbey

They thought things could not change
The Abbey – always there;
The mighty church, the nearby Grange
All in the Abbott's care.

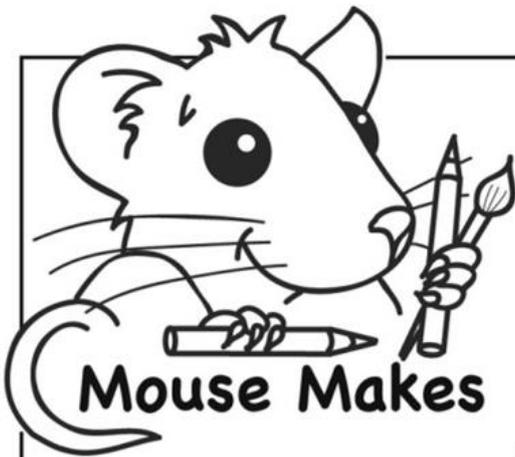
The massive, lofty towers
The daily services rites
That filled their time's repeating hours
With long familiar notes.

But then an angry king
Took issue with the Pope
And soon those monks would cease to sing
And gone would be their hope.

Today there's little sign
Of their monastic home
No evidence of church or shrine
Just ruined walls and stone.

So fix not life or love
Upon these things of earth;
But look instead on things above
On God's eternal worth.

By Nigel Beeton



Mouse Makes

Ezekiel the prophet had a special dream from God. In his dream he stood in the middle of a **valley full** of a **great** many **bones**. God made him **walk** around them, then God said;

“**Son** of man, can these bones **live**?” Ezekiel replied; “**Sovereign Lord**, you know.”

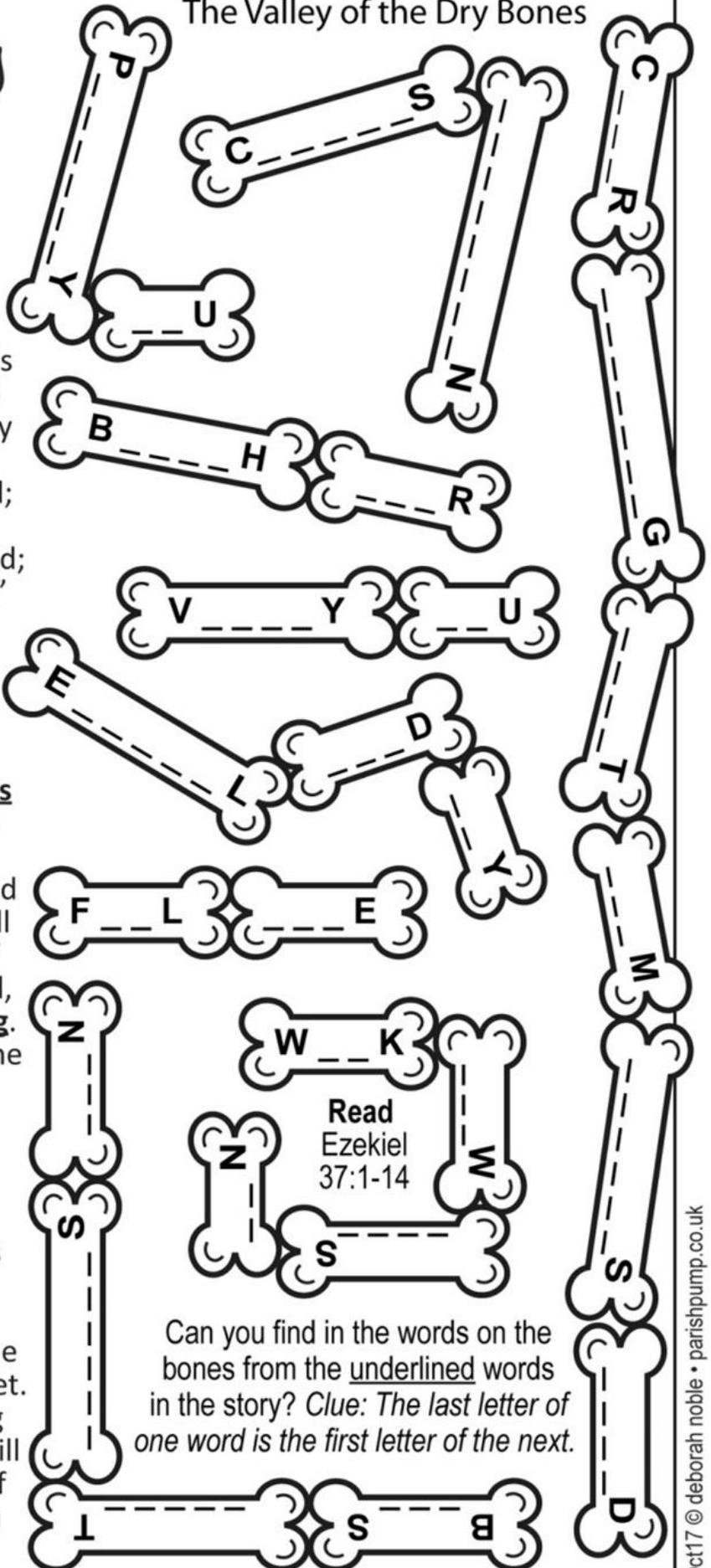
God told Ezekiel to **prophesy** over the bones, to tell **them**; “**Dry** bones, **hear** the word of the Lord, I am about to put **breath** into **you** and you will live. I will put **tendons** on you and **muscles** over you and **cover** you with **skin**,

I will put breath in you and you will live. Then **you** will **know** that I am the Lord.”

So Ezekiel did as God had said, he heard the **sound** of **rattling**. The bones came together bone to bone, then tendons and muscles and skin appeared on them. God told Ezekiel to say to the breath; “Come, breath, from the four **winds** and breathe on these corpses so that they may live.”

Ezekiel spoke what God had told him and the **corpses** came alive and stood on their feet. God explained the meaning of the dream and said; “I will put my **Spirit** in the people of Israel and they will know I am the Lord and they will live.”

The Valley of the Dry Bones



Read
Ezekiel
37:1-14

Can you find in the words on the bones from the underlined words in the story? Clue: The last letter of one word is the first letter of the next.

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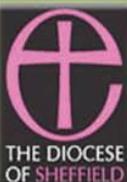
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