

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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First Words

By the time that you read this work should have started on the roof. It will cause disruption, but it is necessary and will ensure that your beautiful Church is still standing and witnessing to the risen Christ in another 900 years' time.

I am very grateful to the Heritage Lottery fund which has made the work possible, and to the Ecclesfield Feoffees who have made a generous grant which will enable us to get the work on the North Aisle done this year.

Please pray for those who will be coming into Church for Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals during the time when the work is going on.

In April there are some important dates for your diary and your prayers.

We begin on the **1st April** with our celebration of Easter and Jesus defeat of death once and for all people.

After the 10am service on **Sunday 15th April** we will be holding the Church's Annual General Meeting. We will be voting for a new Church Warden and PCC members. This is an important occasion in the life of our Church. Please pray for the AGM and attend if you are able.

On **Monday 16th April at 7.30pm** I hope to host a community forum for all of the voluntary groups that work in Ecclesfield.

Regular events to remember this month are Prayer Breakfast on **Saturday 14th April** at 9am and Ignatian prayer at 7.30pm on **Monday 23rd April**.

Our Young People's Group for those in Secondary School will meet on **Sunday 22nd April** at 5.15pm and the monthly Prayer and Praise follows at 6.30pm.

Finally, on **Sunday 29th April** at 10am we will have a focus on prayer ministry and healing at our Sunday Eucharist.

God bless you,
Tim



Front Cover – **Protea** is both the botanical name and the English common name of a genus of South African flowering plants, sometimes also called sugarbushes or Fynbos. In local tradition, the Protea flower represents change and hope.

Back Cover – Sun rise over the Sea of Galilee - KL

Thought for the Month Jesus our Rabbi

I have recently been reading the remarkable story of the walk to Emmaus at the end of Luke's Gospel (Luke 24:13-35). It struck me that no one really knows where Emmaus is -there are, apparently four candidates! In Jesus' day Emmaus was nowhere important, it was unremarkable; it could be anywhere.

Also, we are only told the name of one of the two disciples who shared this journey with Jesus - Cleopas. We don't know who the other one was - it could have been anyone.

Maybe that is the point. Luke was not just a biographer - he was a very astute theologian. I believe that he left these details ambiguous, not because he didn't know, but because he wanted his readers to think of themselves. We are ordinary people in unremarkable places, but the risen Christ is with us just as He was with them. We may not recognise Him. He may not be visibly present with us, but He is with us nonetheless.

This is the first thing that I took from my praying through this familiar passage: the risen Christ is with me - with us - always and everywhere. We are never abandoned.

The second thing that I noted is what the risen Jesus said to the two disciples. He 'opened the scriptures' to them (Luke 24:32). Like any good Rabbi Jesus was teaching His disciples how to read the Scriptures (what we call the Old Testament). What was the risen Christ's teaching on the Bible? He taught that "it was necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into His glory."

He taught them to read the Old Testament in the light of His own passion and resurrection. Because it is in Jesus; in Jesus suffering for us, defeating evil through His abundant life and mercy, and triumphing over sin and death that we see the true face of God.

As Jesus' disciples we read the Bible, Old and New Testaments, in a way that is consistent with the life and death and resurrection of Jesus. In Jesus the Bible is fulfilled, because Jesus is the living Word of God to our world, and the Bible is God's witness to His living Word.

During Lent we have been reading Mark's Gospel. As I read it I was again struck by how in Jesus God becomes vulnerable, suffers and is humiliated and dies - for us. I also saw that in Jesus there is at work the greatest power in the universe, the power of God's love. This love is greater than our sin and foolishness, greater than the forces of evil and chaos, greater than death. Emmaus reminds me that this love of God made flesh in Jesus is with us, wherever we are.

We are all disciples walking to our Emmaus and we know that our Lord and our Rabbi Jesus is walking with us.

God bless,
Tim



In May this year our Guide Unit will be celebrating its 100th Birthday, which we think is a real achievement. During this time, hundreds of girls have thrived & had enormous enjoyment out of becoming members of our Unit.

Our village (Ecclesfield) is very special in the history of Guiding as ‘The Brownie Story’ was written here by Juliana Ewing, the daughter of Dr Alfred Gatty who was the vicar of St Marys Church for 64 years. This story is still told all Brownies around the world.

The following transcript has recently come into our possession & shows a real insight into how our unit has grown over the years. In there, it is mentioned that the Company Colours were presented to the unit in 1919 & the Kings Colours in 1920. Both are still cherished and are in use several times a year when they are paraded within the community by our girls.

We hope that you enjoy reading our early history.

History of the 1st Ecclesfield Girl Guides

by Miss Ivy Phillips

In May 1918 a party of girls from Church were invited to “Raincliffe” (now known as Hartwell House) the home of Mr and Mrs Newton Drew for tea and games. Afterwards Mrs Drew who had recently joined the Guide movement told us about the activities and of course we all wanted to join. She told us of First Aid, knots, signalling and about camp and camp fires.

In July 1918 the first girls met in the Shroggs with Miss H Green as leader, numbers quickly increased so the company started. Three patrols were formed and the PL’s were Connie Baxter (Robin), Sally Gregory (Scarlet Pimpernel) and Annie Ollerenshaw (Heather). The uniform at first was a stiff brimmed navy-blue hat, triangular pale blue tie, a belt, a staff- if possible marked in feet and inches. Miss Green was now Captain and Mrs Lindley the Scout Masters wife was Lieutenant. In 1919 towards the end of the year Mrs Drew presented us with our company colours. I joined the company in January 1919.

The first camp was in the fields at Whitley near the White House. There had been a Garden Fete at Whitley Hall and the Scouts let the water out of the lake and during the night the poor Guides were in inches of water.

Miss Green had to leave the company through ill health, Mrs Drew who was Division Commissioner helped by Mrs Lindley and Mrs Carnelly as helper ran the company. When the Chief Guide came to Doncaster, Mrs Drew and Miss Winder had trained about 30 guides as a signalling squad, three of us were in.

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It was kind of you to send your music group to us last Sunday morning while our choir had a Sunday off for its celebratory lunch. Miss Timmins' ninety-fourth birthday brought the combined choir's age to 1,000; which is quite a distinction for twelve people. Clearly, a Sunday commitment to 'Hymns Ancient & Modern', consumption of industrial quantities of peppermints and pleasant naps during sermons has a positive effect on longevity.

I had rather looked forward to hearing some Bach motets from your group, but now have learned that guitars, drums and choral Matins is not a marriage made in heaven. All your group lacked was a drum majorette leading the procession up the aisle.

It was quite obvious the music was going to be a little different when I arrived to see that the lectern, Lady Tadcaster's flower arrangement and the verger had all disappeared behind an amplifier. The only person not disconcerted by this was the verger, who realised it presented an excellent opportunity to do the crossword unobserved during Divine Worship.

Your display of the hymns on a screen was well intended, but did the screen have to be in front of the pulpit? I had to balance on several kneelers to be seen over it, and throughout the sermon could only think of how to look dignified should the whole pile collapse mid-sentence. The lack of hymn books also terrified the congregation – they had nothing to hold, and so resorted to clutching Kleenex or the pew in front of them.

But the worst moment was when the group gave its 'solo number'. (Couldn't it have been called an 'anthem'?) Half way through, dear Mrs Fitch, who has always been somewhat excitable, felt called to do a spontaneous religious dance down the aisle. The congregation froze in horror. We all avoided catching her eye after the Service, but what do we say when we see her in the village tomorrow morning? Best to simply stay indoors for a few days.

Perhaps your music group could visit us again for our choir's 2000th anniversary – which I suspect it will consist of the same people, as they are all tenacious of note, opinion and age.

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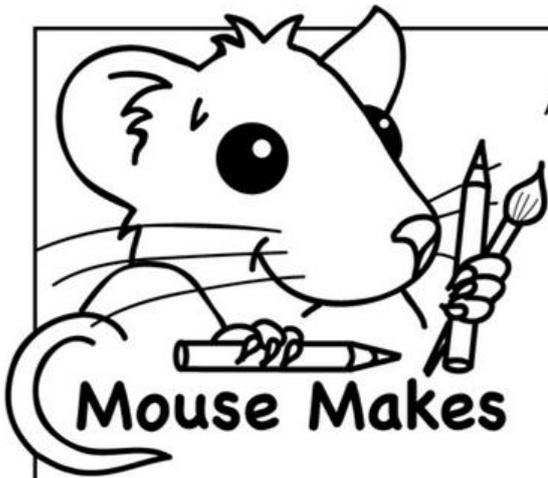
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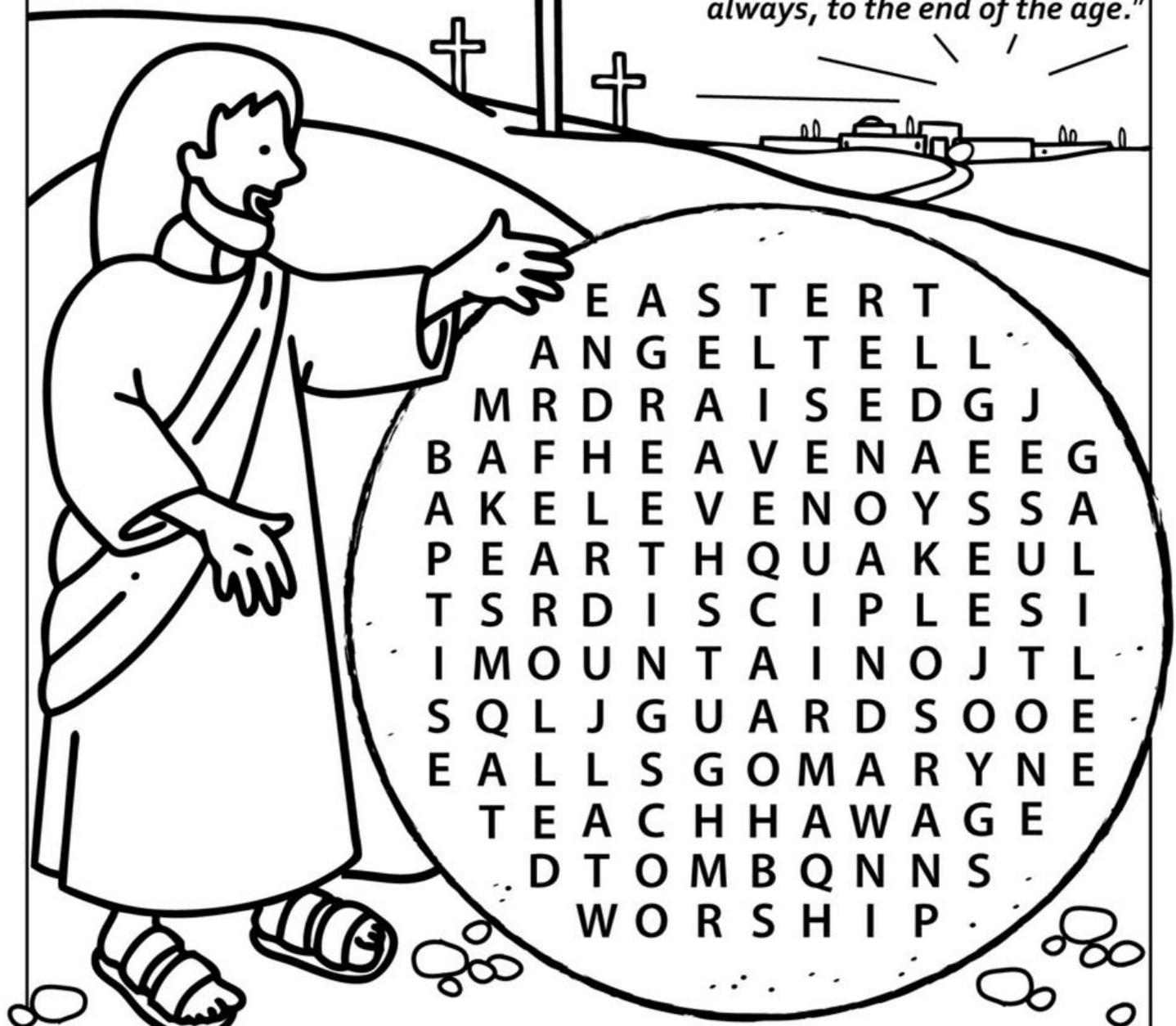


JESUS IS ALIVE!

After Jesus had been raised from the dead He met Mary and Mary Magdalene "Greetings," He said, "Do not be afraid. Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee. They will see me there."

When the disciples met Jesus in Galilee He said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. **And remember I am with you always, to the end of the age."**

Read the account of Jesus' resurrection in *Matthew 28:1-20*



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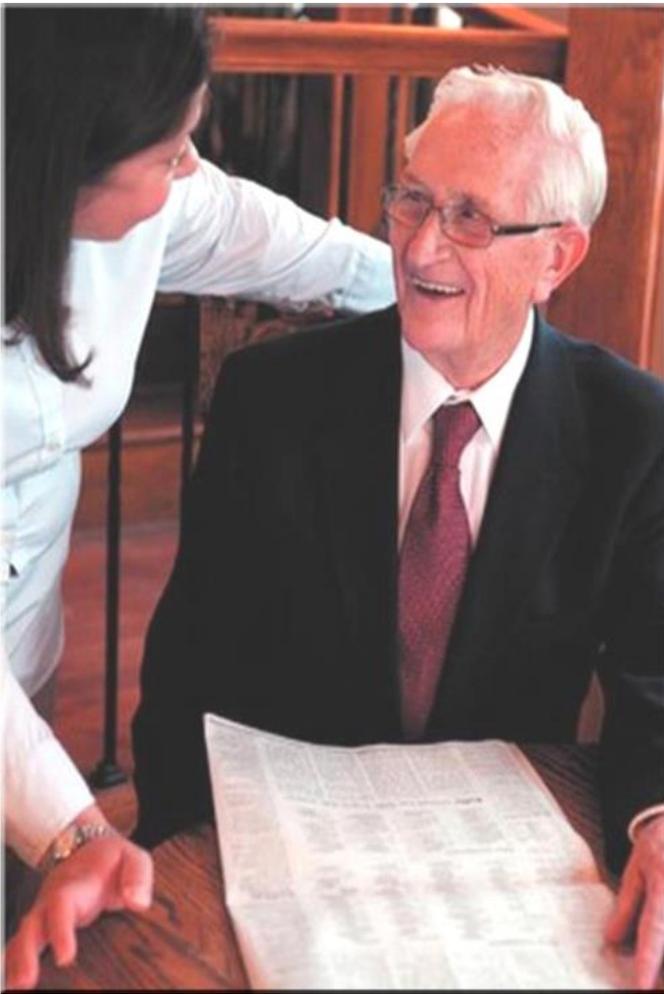
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Will You Remember Them - April 2018

Death toll from Fulani herdsmen continues to rise in Central Nigeria

Hassan John, Anglican Priest

Nine people were killed by militant Islamic Fulani cattle herders in Nzharuvo village, about 15 KM from Jos, Plateau State, on Thursday 8th March.

This happened just as President Buhari was ending a visit where he commended the state government for its “peace building” initiative. Global Christian News was at the mass burial of victims on Friday as families mourned the dead in makeshift graves. The Rev Andrew Okebe, speaking to Global Christian News, said the gunmen could be identified by the language they spoke during the attack - though they wore black gowns and black face masks.

People fled into the bushes and those that were either too old to run or were invalid were killed. An entire family, who could not run out of their home were butchered. A toddler hacked with a machete died two days later in the hospital.

“As a pastor, I join other pastors to take our turns every night as part of the community vigilante. We can only take turns to sleep at night, but the issue here is, just as they came, how do we defend our village with sticks and torchlights? We can only raise alarms so that people can run. But how far can you run from the bullet of an AK47 in the dark?” said the Rev Okebe. “It is a shame that the herdsmen chose to prove to us that even with the visit of the president amidst tight security, they can destroy us, and nothing will be done.”

A church elder said, “That is how life is now”

Please pray

- For those who have been injured and killed, those who mourn, that the peace of God will strengthen them at this time of sorrow.
- That the killers may turn from evil and seek the way of peace.
- That God will protect the fearful and political leaders will seek peace

JD

Mothers' Union meeting 7th March

Mary's Meals Mission Statement is 'one meal a day in a place of education for the world's poorest children.

Our speaker went on to tell to explain how this charity began and then told us many stories of how this is happening around the world and how this is changing lives.

Children who used to miss school are now in their classrooms, children who were once too hungry to concentrate can now learn and unhappy children now laugh and play. Another miracle also happens as parents who could not afford to feed their children can see the difference that food makes to their wellbeing and learning.

Over 1.2 million children are fed at school. The donations given to the charity are used to buy food locally, adults are encouraged to grow food and are paid. This is prepared in kitchens attached to the school built by the villages. The parents are then encouraged to be the cooks and servers. The whole process brings village communities together and helps make better lives. The number of children attending school has doubled and attainment has increased by 32%.

Mary's Meals is a private charity started by Magnas McFarlane-Barrow who first began helping with relief work in the former Yugoslavia as a young man. Seeing what difference a little help can be and how people can be motivated to help themselves he wanted to do more.

The work began in Malawi one of the poorest countries in the world where drought, over fishing in the lake and subsistence farming had almost stopped due to the HIV epidemic affecting the adults had left many orphans and old people, younger people had left for the cities. Magnus knew just feeding everyone was not the answer the people had to be involved.

Men and women were encouraged to make bricks and build the kitchens on to the schools and then the meals could begin. The food was provided at first and the farmers encouraged to begin farming again, this was purchased for the meals. As the government saw the success of the venture and the improved attainment of the children more schools were built, and this included secondary schools helping more children out of poverty.

Now the work of the charity has spread to |Liberia, Zambia, South Sudan. Haiti, Ecuador, Uganda, Kenya, India and the refugee camps in the Lebanon for Syrians. No doubt as you read these other places will be blessed with these meals. After all the stories about other charities it is good to hear that only 7p in every £1 is spent on administration because the majority of the work is done by volunteers and there are no costly transport needs. Inspectors are employed to check regularly on the work and spending.

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Norma Priest

Prayer for the Month

This month's prayer comes from the end of the letter to the Hebrews:

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

(Hebrews 13:20-21)

Hebrews is a great letter in the Bible, it is different in tone and content from the other New Testament writings. No one knows who wrote it, but it is by a Jewish Christian who is associated with Paul's mission; someone like Barnabas perhaps.

The prayer at the close of the letter is an Easter prayer, or perhaps we should say it is a prayer for an Easter people. It reminds us in a few words of who God is and who we are as God's people.

God is the one who in Jesus has defeated death once and for all. And this God of peace and of resurrection is with us, is at work in us, enabling us to become the people that we are created to be - the best version of ourselves that we long to be.

This prayer reminds us of who we truly are in Jesus. It tells us that we are 'well pleasing' in God's sight; that God, the creator and sustainer of the universe delights in us. This is a message that every one of us needs to take to heart every day - God rejoices in us. God is an artist and we are God's work.

This prayer also tells us that the one who is the power behind creation; the one who was at work in Jesus defeating death by His love and life, is at work in us and through us.

The challenge of this prayer is that we live out the truth of who we are in Jesus; that we live in the love and grace that is truly ours in Christ every day of our lives. And, as we live in this truth, so we will see signs of God's presence wherever we go and in every person that we meet.

Amen.

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)

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

Time for God – Wednesday at 7.30pm

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St Mary's - Activities & Groups

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Thursday 9.00 am to 12.00 pm

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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 - April 2018

| Day and Date | Time | Item |
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| Wednesday 4 th | 1.00 pm | Mothers' Union meet in the Gatty Hall |
| Monday 9 th | 7.30 pm | PCC meet in Church |
| Saturday 14 th | 9.00 am | Prayer Breakfast in Church |
| Sunday 15 th | 10.00 am | Parish Communion followed by the AGM |
| Wednesday 18 th | 7.00 pm | Training for Church Guides in Church |
| | 7.30 pm | Evening Mothers' Union meet at 21 Minster Road |
| Monday 23 rd | 7.30 pm | Ignatian Prayer in Church |
| Wednesday 25 th | 7.30 pm | Finance Team meet in Church |
| Thursday 26 th | 10.30 am | MU Committee meet in Church |

From the Registers

Baptisms

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| 4th March | Pixie Theodora Brookes-Ramsden |
| 4th March | Faye Matilda Rose Gregory |
| 4th March | Pearl Anna Lister |

May she know the love of God in her life and may all things of the Spirit live and grow in her.

Weddings

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| 3rd March | Nicholas Keen and Jodie Ackroyd |
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May each be to the other strength in need a comfort in sorrow and a companion in joy.

Funerals

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| 5th March | Georgia Rae Wright | Infant |
| 15th March | Helen Louise Burden | 37 |
| 27th March | Betty Wrigley | 91 |
| 11th April | Alan Loxley | 83 |
| 12th April | George Arthur Rodgers | 86 |
| 16th April | Graham Bailey | 75 |
| 19th April | Roy Harston | 75 |

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

Flower Rota April 2018

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| 1st April | Easter Flowers | 22nd April | W. Brunt & V. Brunt |
| 8th April | D & J Banham | 29th April | Vacant |
| 15th April | J. Sutton & S. Johns | | |

History of the 1st Ecclesfield Girl Guides - continued

The message sent was: 'Guides of the North Division welcome the Chief to Yorkshire' (we all had silk flags). Connie Baxter was now the 1st Wentworth Cub mistress.

In 1920 Mrs Drew presented us with the Kings' Colours. In 1921 the Rev A. Pawson came to Ecclesfield as Vicar and his daughter came to Guides as Lieutenant. She could not become Captain as she was not 21 years old which she had to be before she could take her warrant. Mrs Lindley had to resign because of her husbands' ill health. Miss Pawson became Captain and I (Ivy Phillips) Lieutenant. Miss Green came back into the movement and started Rangers for the girls over 16 years old, but after a short time left to train as a Deaconess so Miss Pawson became Ranger Captain as well. Miss J Hague leader of Brownies in the area, myself Ranger Lieutenant.

Mr Drew died in February 1934 and shortly afterwards Mrs Drew resigned and went to live at Salcombe. Mrs Yates became our Divisional Commissioner for a short while, but she was ill and died, Lady Hughes then took over. We had camps at Starnhill (?) two at Wentworth, Cawthorne and two at Baslow. I became Captain in 1934 when Miss Pawson was made District Commissioner. The Rev Pawson and family left Ecclesfield in 1936.

Our company's 21st birthday was held in the Gatty Hall July 1939, over 200 Guides, Rangers, Brownies and old Guides and a few friends attended, Lady Hughes cut the three-tier cake. In 1940 with the arrival of the soldiers at the Gatty Hall we had to move to the upstairs room at the Council Hall, Yew Lane, after a time there we had to move again to make room for the navy.

For a while we met in Singleton's large room. We had efforts and sent money towards 2 Ambulances and the Guide of Dunkirk, we also collected old iron.

We then moved into the large kitchen of the old Vicarage where we were on the Thursday night of the raid on Sheffield. After the war we moved to the modern school where we had our first May Queen, Brenda Julian (1945).

Miss L V Jefferies came as Lieutenant 1950 and Mrs Blanshard as helper. Again, we had to move and went to St. Pauls' schoolrooms for two years. The PCC then offered us the Gatty again. Rev Penfold (Curate) wrote a pageant, the history of the Church, the Guides represented the windows. On February 11th 1959 we had a party as I had been Captain for 25 years and Mrs Renwick came through snow drifts in her son's Land Rover to attend. We celebrated our 50th birthday July 1968.

The Chief Guide visited Hesley Wood, Chapeltown and Mrs Renwick was made County Commissioner for Sheffield, July 15th 1967. On Saturday 16th May 1970 Beverly Stocker attended the service of Thanksgiving for the Diamond Jubilee in Westminster Abbey.

Julie



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Pests - Black Currant leaf midge maggots of this of this pest feed upon the young leaves of Black Currants. Symptoms tightly twisted leaves at the tips of shoots fail to open. Severe attacks may check growth. The danger period is from April to September. The treatment is to spray with insecticide just before flowering and repeat three weeks later.

Apple Sawfly - Caterpillars of this small flying insect eat into the hearts of young apples. Symptoms young fruitlets drop prematurely: superficial scarring on mature fruits. The Danger period is from May to June, treatment spray with insecticide after petal fall.

Glass house Red Spider Mite - A serious pest not only of greenhouse and house plants, but also of outdoor Peaches, Cucumbers and strawberries. The Symptoms are mottling of upper leaf surfaces, followed by general yellowing. Severely infected plants are covered by a silky webbing. The Danger period is any time under glass: late summer outdoors. The treatment is to spray with insecticide.

Colin Williams

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Grenoside Singers – A Typical Monday Evening Practice

You might be wondering what to expect if you decide to come and join us on one of our Monday evening practice sessions which begin at 7.30pm. Well, first of all you will certainly be given a very warm welcome by all the choir members. After that you might be enticed into buying a raffle ticket to help boost choir funds, and if you are lucky you could win the weekly £10 prize! Music for all the pieces we are singing will be provided as well as a stylish carrying bag bearing our logo. If you know what section of the choir you would like to join that's fine – just grab a seat, but if you're not sure you can get advice from Christian, our Musical Director. After that you will join in practising the pieces we are preparing for any upcoming concerts or weddings. If you don't know any of them don't worry because Christian likes to do lots of "note bashing" until everyone feels confident

!

Half way through the practice we have a break for a hot drink and cakes or biscuits to keep up the energy levels then it's back to the note bashing. When we've finished the piece if we're lucky Christian might concede that it was, "not bad", followed by his absolute favourite phrase, "It just needs a bit of polishing". (We love him really!). The practice draws to a close at around 9.20pm and that's it until the next Monday. It's great fun to sing with a large group of people and if you would like to be part of our group just come along and give it a try.

As ever, we will be taking part in wedding ceremonies this year and helping to boost congregational numbers as well as singing pieces from our extensive wedding repertoire chosen by the couple. If you are to be married this year and you would like to book the choir to enhance your happy day, then please contact us (see information below).

If you are interested in joining the choir, you would be very welcome to come along to any of our rehearsals which are held in St Mark's Church Hall on Monday evenings at 7.30pm, or contact the Secretary, Judith Gill for more information. Tel: 07824 112584

Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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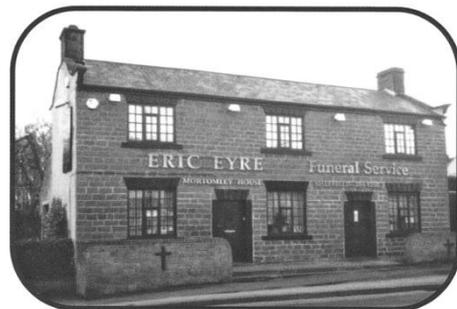
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Saint of the Month – 27th April

Tertullian - the fierce firebrand of the Early Church

Tertullian was born in Carthage, North Africa, about 155 AD. He had pagan parents and his father may have been a centurion. Carthage was a prestigious Roman colony and Tertullian was given a good education in Greek, Latin, literature, history and philosophy. On arrival in Rome, Tertullian probably worked as a lawyer. In Rome, he also enjoyed visits to the arena, to see gladiators kill each other and Christians devoured by lions. However, Tertullian grew impressed with the Christians; by their courage, and willingness to die for their belief in one God. He was also moved by their compassion for the poor, the orphans and widows, and how they prayed for their persecutors. In AD 185, he converted, and married a Christian woman.

On Tertullian's return to Carthage he became a vociferous, if not always orthodox, defender of Christianity. He wrote in Latin, instead of Greek, and used legal terms to persuade the Roman establishment to cease its relentless persecution of Christians. He argued they had a right to a fair trial, instead of just being condemned to death.

Tertullian advocated that Christianity should stand uncompromisingly against the surrounding culture. He addressed a whole range of issues, from appropriate dress and marriage, to idolatry, repentance and baptism. He also wrote essays on prayer and devotion. Tertullian used the Scriptures to refute heresies, especially Gnosticism, which was a major threat to the Church at the time.

His prolific works are full of memorable phrases, puns and wit. While he could be gentle, sensitive, self-critical and reflective, he could also be aggressive and sarcastic. He devised the term New Testament and introduced the words penitence and sacrament. His most famous statement was: "The blood of martyrs is the seed of the Church".

Late in life, Tertullian sadly decided that Jesus and the Holy Spirit were not wholly equal with the Father. This was Montanism, one of the early Christian heresies. Although he coined the word Trinity, a word that does not appear anywhere in the Bible, sadly he did not mean a triune God, but a group of three. This was heresy, and so the Early Church was not able to recognise him as a saint. According to tradition, he died about AD 225.

Editor: Tertullian has been called "the father of Latin Christianity" and "the founder of Western theology."

Pianist required

Please can you or anybody you know help Ecclesfield Guides, Brownies & Rainbows?

We are in search of a committed pianist to volunteer their skills for our 2018 May Queen show. This person will be required to join us on 13th May (dress rehearsal), 17th, 18th & 19th May & also for some practices during the unit meetings from Easter onwards.

The show involves around 100 Girlguiding members of all ages performing songs, dances & sketches concluding in a more formal 2nd half where uniforms are worn & flags are paraded.

This event has taken place each year since 1945. It would be wonderful if you could join in with the fun by helping us to carry on this tradition in the village.

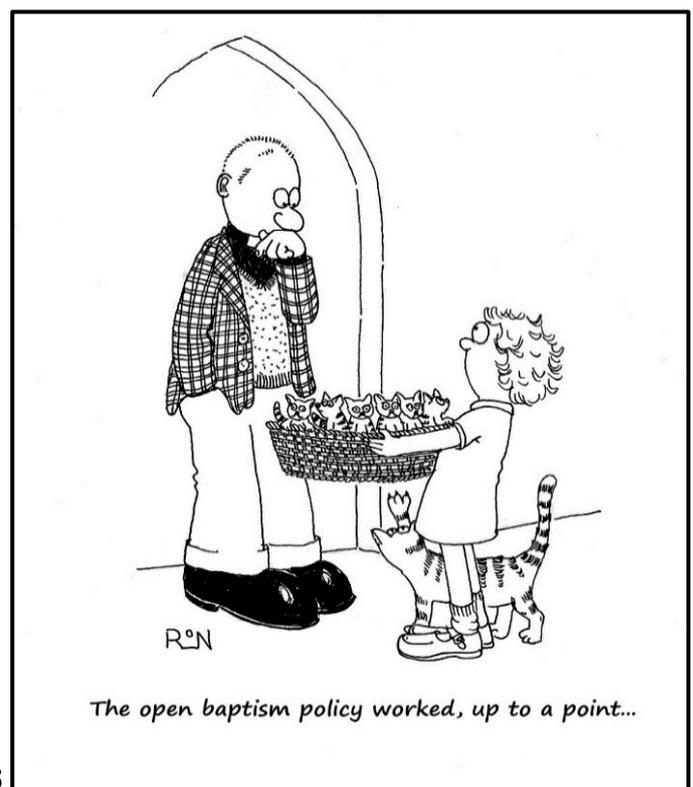
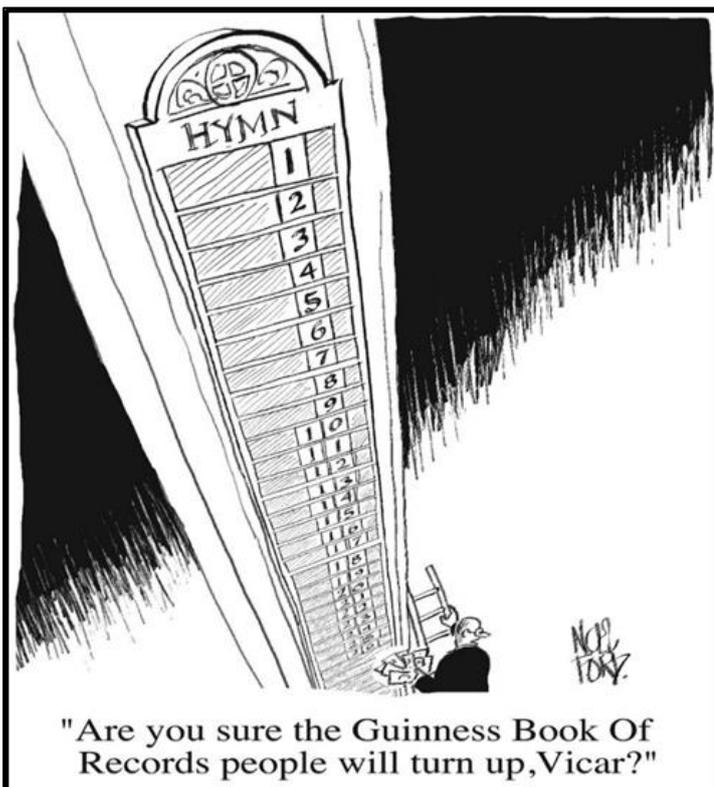
Ecclesfield is very special in the history of Guiding as 'The Brownie Story' was written there by Juliana Ewing, the daughter of Dr Alfred Gatty who was the vicar of St Marys Church for 64 years. This story is still told to all Brownies around the world.

This year is very special to us as our Guide unit will be celebrating its 100th birthday.

If you would like any further information or feel that you could help, please email ecclesfieldguides@gmail.com or contact Julie on 07712807974



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Crossword Puzzle

Clues Across

- 1** 'The baby in my — leaped for joy' (Luke 1:44) (4) **3** A 'don't know' in matters of faith (8)
- 9** In the distant past (Jeremiah 2:20) (4,3)
- 10** Armada (1 Kings 10:22) (5)
- 11** Where Moses was confronted with the burning bush (Exodus 3:1) (5)
- 12** Hair colour indicative of skin infection (Leviticus 13:30) (6)
- 14** 'The worries of this life and the — of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful' (Matthew 13:22) (13)
- 17** Expel (2 Kings 13:23) (6)
- 19** What Jesus wrapped round his waist when he washed his disciples' feet (John 13:4) (5)
- 22** The sixth plague to afflict the Egyptians (Exodus 9:9) (5)
- 23** For nine (anag.) (7)
- 24** Where there is no time (Psalm 93:2) (8)
- 25** Goliath's challenge to the Israelite army in the Valley of Elah: 'This day I — the ranks of Israel!' (1 Samuel 17:10) (4)

Clues Down

- 1** 'I will become angry with them and forsake them; I — — my face from them' (Deuteronomy 31:17) (4,4)
- 2** Usual description of prophets such as Amos, Hosea, Micah, and so on (5)
- 4** 'They cannot see the light of the gospel of the — — — , who is the image of God' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (5,2,6)
- 5** An animal's internal edible parts (Leviticus 4:11) (5)
- 6** Popular 20th-century religious novel by Lloyd C. Douglas, which became a 1953 film starring Richard Burton (3,4)
- 7** 'A — on a hill cannot be hidden' (Matthew 5:14) (4)
- 8** One of the exiles, a descendant of Bebai, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:28) (6)
- 13** Old Testament hymn-singing (8)
- 15** 'And O what transport of delight from thy pure — floweth' (7)

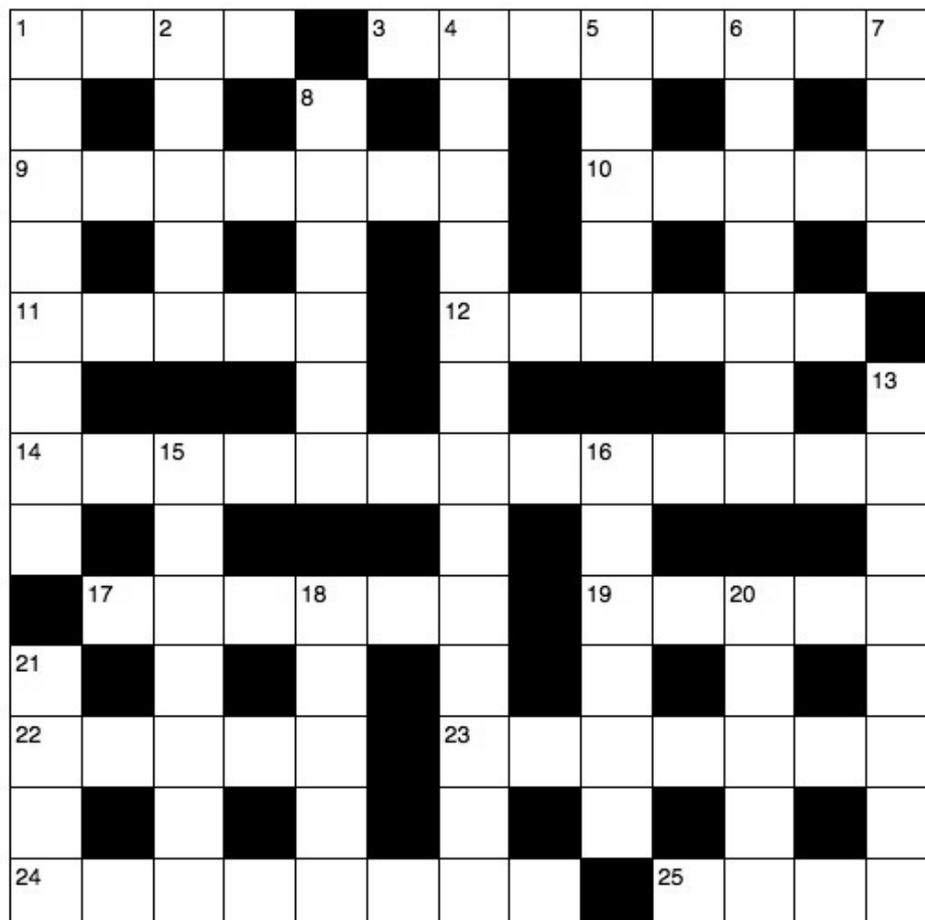
16 Of felt (anag.) (3,3)

18 'So — the — sets you free, you will be free indeed' (John 8:36) (2,3)

20 Comes between 'bad' and 'worst' (John 5:14) (5)

21 'Neither height nor depth... will be — to separate us from the love of God' (Romans 8:39) (4)

Solution is on Page 20



Show and Tell

An infant school teacher gave her class a "show and tell" assignment. Each student was instructed to bring in an object to share with the class that represented their religion.

The first student got up in front of the class and said, 'My name is Benjamin. I am Jewish, and this is a Star of David.' The second student got up and said, 'My name is Mary. I'm a Catholic, and this is a Rosary.' The third student got up and said, 'My name is Tommy. I am a Baptist, and this is a casserole.'

Prayers and Poems Page

Prayer for faith and freedom

Almighty God,

Lord of life, we thank you for the life and death of Jesus. Most of all we thank you for His resurrection which changed the world and made it possible for us to know you as our loving, gracious Father.

Lord, when we feel locked in, imprisoned by fears and circumstances, help us to remember that locked doors mean nothing to you. You can set us free. You can help us. You give strength for today and tomorrow. You give us new life as your children, through faith in Jesus.

May we open our hearts to your help today; to receive from you the peace and power that we need – and then to share it.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

But who do you say I am?

A teacher, a good man, a story teller
All of these things people will say,
A prophet who spoke of heavenly things
But upsetting the religious men of His day?

He healed so many, raised the dead
Easy to see how these tales would grow,
Walking on water, stilling the storm?
These are just stories of long ago!

He loved little children, was friend of the
sinner,
So many kindnesses He would do,
And then He said He was one with the Father,
Delusions of grandeur, this could not be true.

He said He would die and rise again,
He said He had come to seek the lost,
He'd come from the Glory and was going
home,
This sounds like a mad man – or else He is
God!

By Megan Carter

The precious gift

The echoes of the angels' tears
Ring deep within my soul;
The music of celestial spheres
Sweeps o'er me as they roll.
O loving Lord, I kneel and raise
My song of worship deep;
For melodies of love and praise
And songs that make me weep.

For those who have Your precious gift
To make, or play, or sing
The songs that make my spirit lift
O such a wondrous thing!
How glad am I, a mortal man
To sing their songs of love;
And, through their songs this mortal can
Know more of God above!

By Nigel Beeton

Whitley Hall Cricket Club



We are hoping that spring and summer are on their way as the new cricket season is upon us. The first matches of the season start on Saturday 14th April and some sun and warm weather would be welcome after an old-fashioned winter. Whitley will be fielding three senior teams in 2018 and a range of junior teams and it is the nearest that you will find a good quality club with the 1st XI in the ECB Premier League. But we also proudly teach and train young people to play cricket. If you are a cricketer interested in playing or a young person (boys and girls) interested in learning, please contact our secretary. Everyone is welcome at the club to use the facilities in the pavilion where refreshments and drinks are available.

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| 5 th May | 1 st XI | v | Appleby Frodingham 1 st XI |

Contact: Steve Fletcher, Secretary: 0114 245 2406

Calming the storm

I was telling my children the story of when Jesus and the disciples were in a boat, crossing the Sea of Galilee, and a storm came up and threatened to sink them. I went on: ‘Meanwhile, Jesus had fallen asleep in the stern. So, the disciples, scared of drowning, went back and woke Jesus, hoping He could save them. Then Jesus woke up and said, "Be quiet..."’

To which my son interjected, ‘I’M TRYING TO SLEEP!’

Praying for wheels

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Gatty Hall
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