

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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First Words

I cannot believe that August has already arrived! I say it every year, but I cannot believe how quickly 2018 is disappearing.

August is traditionally a quiet month in the Church's Calendar, a time for holidaying and a time to relax and enjoy the summer. There are not even many weddings this August.

We are still looking for people to '**Church Sit**' on weekday mornings 10 until 12 during the school summer holidays. We are looking for cover on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you can help out, please see Tim or one of the Church Wardens.

For those not tied to having the family holiday when school is out, there are a few special events at St Marys though. On **Saturday 11th August** we will have our monthly **Prayer Breakfast** starting at 9am. If you have never been before just sign up and come along - you will be very warmly welcomed to a time of prayer and fellowship.

There is a second chance to train as a **Church Guide**. Part one of the training will be held on **Tuesday 13th August at 7pm** in Church.

On **Sunday 26th August** the Mother's Union invite you and your family to **Afternoon Tea at 4pm**, followed by **Songs of Praise at 6.30pm**. Come along to meet with friends and sing your favourite hymns. Tickets for the tea are available now.

Advance notice of the Daytime Alpha Course. We will begin on Thursday 20th September at 11am in Church. If you would like more information, see Tim.

On Saturday 8th September in place of the monthly Prayer Breakfast there will be a Morning of Renewal; a time to go deeper with God. There will be worship, teaching and prayer ministry. We will begin at 9am with breakfast, and begin the worship at about 10am, ending at about 11.30. All are welcome. For more information see Tim.

God bless you, Tim



Front Cover – Gladiolus (from Latin, the diminutive of gladius, a sword), is the birth flower of August and the flower associated with a fortieth wedding anniversary. They are also Dame Edna Everage's signature flowers, which she refers to as "glads".

Back Cover – Friends of Ecclesfield Library CIO Poster

Thought for the Month

During Lent as a Church we read through Mark's Gospel. Many people have commented how much they enjoyed reading through a biography of Jesus in that way instead of just short passages read out of context.

As August is quite a quiet month with very few meetings why not take time to read through John's Gospel. There are twenty-one chapters, so you could read one chapter each day from Monday to Friday. Here are some themes to look out for as you read the biography of Jesus written by one of His closest friends.

One of the main themes is glory, it is found in related ideas and words like 'lifting up' and 'exalt'. What John shows us is that the glory of God is seen best in the death of Jesus on the Cross. There He is lifted up, and there He becomes the Saviour of the world.

Another theme is the Holy Spirit, at work in Jesus and promised to us. John uses two main images for the Holy Spirit: water and breath. When Jesus dies He 'gives up His Spirit' and the risen Jesus breathes on His disciples and says to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Perhaps the main theme of John's Gospel is discipleship - following Jesus. He emphasises the call of the Twelve to follow Him. Jesus teaches the nature of a disciple. It is to 'abide in Him.' The chapters after the Last Supper leading to Jesus' arrest in Gethsemane are some of the most profound teaching on what it means to be a Christian.

Simply put to be a disciple is to be rooted in Jesus (chapter 15) and to be filled with the Holy Spirit (chapters 16 and 17), called in John's Gospel the Helper or Counsellor or Advocate (all translations of the Greek word Paraclete).

The Gospel ends with some of the most challenging words in the Bible: "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." This is what it means to be a Christian. Then come the comforting words: "Receive the Holy Spirit." It is only by abiding in Christ as a branch in a vine and by having the life breath of Jesus in us that we can fulfil our calling.

I pray that as you read through John's Gospel in the next month, you will be filled with the Holy Spirit, like a river of water bubbling up to eternal life (John 7:37-39).

Tim.

God and The Arts

Editor: For 2018, the Rev Michael Burgess is exploring symbols of the Christian faith as found in works of art.

‘He gave us eyes to see them’ - Michelangelo’s Sistine Chapel

‘You need hands to hold someone you care for’ – that song of 1958 reminds us how hands can convey a wide range of gestures and meanings. Hands to embrace, hands to signal ‘Stop,’ hands to sound out applause, and hands to show welcome. In the life of the church, we can think of sacraments that mark out the individual Christian with the laying on of hands at confirmation and ordination.



We can look at the priest at the eucharist where hands offer the peace, take bread and wine, and bless. In church windows and paintings, we often see the right hand of God emerging from a cloud: a sign that takes us back to the opening chapter of Genesis and God’s mighty work of creation.

It is the theme of that incredible ceiling in the Sistine Chapel painted by Michelangelo: 65 feet above the ground and showing a vast array of 300 figures - sibyls and prophets and scenes from Genesis. On the far wall of the chapel the hand of Jesus is raised in judgement, but at the centre of the ceiling the hand of God reaches out to bring life to the body of Adam. Later, the right hand of God will draw forth Eve from the sleeping form of Adam: the only panel in which God stands on the earth. In this central panel God is like an elemental force soaring through the sky and surrounded by 12 figures. Adam looks up, patient and expectant, meeting the concentrated gaze of God, who reaches out to animate and inspire.



As his patron and ally, Pope Julius II was not at all well at this time, and so Michelangelo worked at breakneck speed to complete the ceiling. This scene took just three weeks in 1511. We look up and ponder the hand of the Creator in heaven, and we give thanks for the creative hand of the artist on earth.

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St James the Least of All

On the delights of a working party in the churchyard

The Rectory,
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren.

A few weeks ago, some visitors to our church congratulated me on the decision they thought we had taken to let our churchyard run wild, so it could provide a natural habitat for the local flora and fauna. While assuring them that thoughts of rabbits, moths and nettles were rarely out of our minds, I made a mental note that it was time for a working party to be drafted; our local flora and fauna needed reminding who is really in charge.

The request for volunteers produced the usual crop: those young farmers who saw it as an opportunity to compete with one another to prove who was the fittest, the recently retired who were determined to prove that they were just as able as those half their age and those whose main intention was to tell the rest how much better the job used to be done in their day. I explained to them all that naturally I would have been only too delighted to help, but my poor back excluded me. I did, however, offer to sit in the sun and keep watch over their jackets. We all have our own particular ministries.

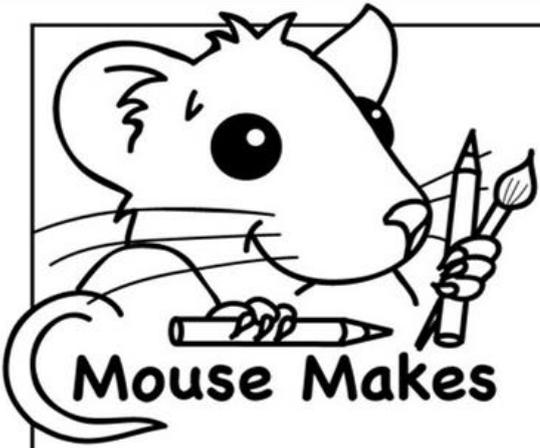
We were all more than a little surprised to see that Lord Euxton had put his name down on the list; the only exercise I have ever seen him doing is lifting a large whisky and soda. But on the day we found that his interpretation of offering his services meant sending round the undergardener.

I never realised that Dr Tomkins could run so quickly until he accidentally scythed the top off a wasps' nest. Hotly pursued by several thousand irate insects, he cleared the churchyard, vaulted the wall and headed across the green to the village pond. Having spent the last three decades complaining about young people in the village diving into it, I suspect he will now be the first to contribute towards its upkeep.

The moment of high drama was when a tree stump was dragged up using a tractor. Such force was needed that if the chains had snapped, a substantial portion of the men of the parish would have been decapitated. When the stump finally gave up the struggle, it emerged with several long-forgotten headstones and a portion of the church's water main. The new feature of a churchyard fountain looked rather charming, until the water board arrived to cut us off.

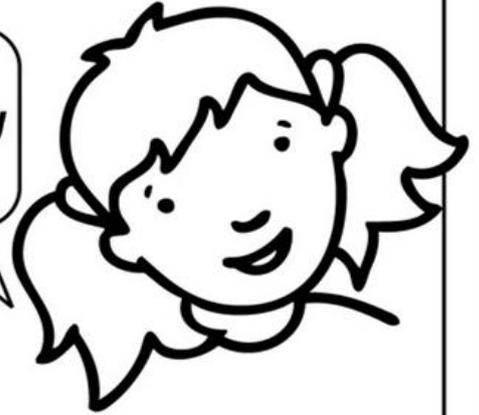
During the lunch break, most had brought packs of sandwiches or flasks of soup – apart from Major Mitchell (retired) who dragged a picnic hamper from the car boot and set about a three course meal washed down with a bottle of chilled Chablis. His decision to have a little nap, empty hamper and bottle beside him, when all the others returned to work was not entirely surprising. Three hours later, with the job completed, we all left for home, with the Major still enjoying his siesta. I woke him up at 6pm when I returned to church to say Evensong

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



What do you say when you pray?

When I pray I say **THANK YOU** to God



When I pray I say **SORRY** and ask God to forgive me



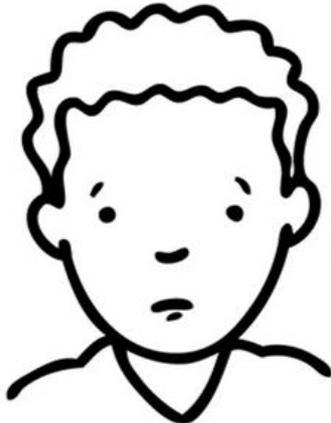
I pray for my **FAMILY** and my **FRIENDS**



I pray The Lord's Prayer from *Matthew 6:9-13*



PATER NOSTER is Latin for 'Our Father' How many other words can you make with the letters from **PATER NOSTER**? Here are two to start you off
SON PEAS
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When I pray I tell God about my **WORRIES** and ask Him to help me

I talk to God all the time about all sorts of things!



What do you pray to God about?

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Will You Remember Them – August 2018

Pakistan Asia Bibi

Pakistan's Chief Justice to preside over Asia Bibi's Blasphemy Case

He will soon decide the fate of Asia Bibi, a Christian mother of five who was sentenced to death for blasphemy in 2010. Asia learned of the chief justice's intentions giving praise to God and was full of hope. As part of his decision to hear her appeal,

Justice Nisar ordered police protection for her legal team to be restored.

Please Pray:

- For freedom for Asia Bibi and others who are imprisoned for blasphemy
- For comfort for Asia and her family
- For protection for Asia, her family, her legal team, and those involved with her case
- For wisdom and courage for Pakistan's leaders to reform the blasphemy laws

JD

The Asia Bibi blasphemy case involves a Pakistani Christian woman, Aasiya Noreen (born c. 1971; better known as Asia Bibi), convicted of blasphemy by a Pakistani court, receiving a sentence of death by hanging in 2010. In June 2009, Noreen was involved in an argument with a group of Muslim women with whom she had been harvesting berries after the other women grew angry with her for drinking the same water as them. She was subsequently accused of insulting the Islamic prophet Muhammad, a charge she denies, and was arrested and imprisoned. In November 2010, a Sheikhpura judge sentenced her to death. If executed, Noreen would be the first woman in Pakistan to be lawfully killed for blasphemy.

The verdict, which was reached in a district court and would need to be upheld by a superior court, has received worldwide attention. Various petitions, including one that received 400,000 signatures, were organized to protest Noreen's imprisonment, and Pope Benedict XVI publicly called for the charges against her to be dismissed. She received less sympathy from her neighbours and Islamic religious leaders in the country, some of whom adamantly called for her to be executed. Christian minorities minister Shahbaz Bhatti and Muslim politician Salmaan Taseer were both assassinated for advocating on her behalf and opposing the blasphemy laws. Noreen's family went into hiding after receiving death threats, some of which threatened to kill Asia if released from prison.

Mothers Union Meeting – 4th July 2018

The Meeting was opened with a short service and prayer by Maureen and Norma, followed with notices and thank you card were read. Our speaker for our meeting introduced and read.

Pauline Reynolds (diocese President) and Sylvia Charles (Deanery Leader) who thanked us for asking them and welcomed us to listen and learn the meaning of MULO which stands for “Mothers Union, Listening, Observing, Acting”.

We were then asked to look at symbol road signs and asked how each one could relate to the MU. We then read a bible reading, 1Corinthians 12, 12-27 and write down what we as an individual thought this might mean to the MU. We also discussed what our own branch do to help with other groups both MU groups and area groups. All of our comments will be collated along with others passed on to Mary Sumner House and studied to further the work of the Mothers Union around the world.

The Mothers Union organisation does lots to help both here and abroad i.e.: when disasters arise around the world M.U. helps with funding etc. Helping when funds are needed for providing much needed holidays to support families (AFIA). Helping financially where needed. Transforming Communities abroad through delivering the M.U. Literacy Programmes. We also run and support many Toddler and Safe Play areas as well as getting involved in wider projects.

Pauline and Sylvia finished with this thought: -

“We hope you will leave this meeting today – refreshed, revitalised and renewed – able to listen and understand the needs of other M.U. members and enable the M.U. organisation to move on.

Our members thanked Sylvia and Pauline and we then went on to celebrate Anne Briddock and Pat Blackburn’s 80th Birthdays before our meeting closed.

HR



Prayer for the Month

This month's prayer is simple, memorable, ancient and powerful. It is simply:

“Come, Holy Spirit.”

I pray it before leading worship or preaching. It reminds me that the Church and its ministry belong to Jesus; it reminds me that I can only be fruitful if I abide in Christ. I pray that God will take my words and make them His.

I often pray this aloud at the beginning of a Church service or a time of worship; because as we gather in Church, as we raise our voices in prayer and praise, we want above all to meet with God.

We gather in Church for many different reasons. Some come seeking to give thanks while others are asking for forgiveness and a new start. Still others come with heavy hearts, praying for a person or a situation in which Christ's healing presence is needed.

I pray, “Come, Holy Spirit” before I minister to someone in prayer, knowing that my words are not what is needed. Instead I pray for the powerful, life-giving, life-changing Spirit of God to work through me as I pray.

Mostly I pray, “Come, Holy Spirit” every morning at the start of the day, dedicating my day and my life to God, asking that by God's grace I may live to the Father's glory. Throughout the day this is my constant prayer as I hold in my heart the people that I meet, the people that I love, and the people that I have promised to pray for.

Paul in his letters calls Christians temples of the Holy Spirit. When we turn to Christ God's Spirit falls on us and dwells in us. We cannot please God, we cannot be the people that God calls us to be and we cannot do the things that Christ calls us to do in our own strength - either as individuals or as a Church. We need the Holy Spirit in us and working through us every day.

So, this is our prayer:

“Come, Holy Spirit.”

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

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday during school term time

A time for worship, teaching and prayer

St Mary's - Activities & Groups

Church Office Opening times

Tuesday 9:00 am to 1.00 pm

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 - August 2018

Day and Time Item
Date

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| Friday 3 rd | 13.00 | Wedding |
| | 15.00 | Wedding Rehearsal |
| Saturday 4 th | 14.00 | Wedding |
| Wednesday 8 th | 10.30 | DAC Visit |
| Saturday 11 th | 09.00 | Prayer Breakfast |
| Sunday 12 th | 13.00 | Wedding |
| Monday 13 th | 19.00 | Church Guide Training |
| Sunday 26 th | 16.00 | MU Afternoon Tea |

From the Registers

Baptisms

1st July Mia-Lily Gore
 1st July Penny Rose Dawson
 1st July Luna Louise Dawson
 1st July Olivia Rose Mason

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

Weddings

14th July Lewis Lisle and Amy Coopland
 14th July Luke Hedley and Rachel Cooper
 28th July Brent Bayliss and Joanne Liversidge

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

Funerals

13th June George Henry Scaife 86
 10th July Lynn Sharon Hetherington 62
 19th July Peter Bramhall 68
 25th July Nicola Diane Allender 47

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

Flower Rota August 2018

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| 5th August | W. Brunt and V. Brunt | 19th August | Vacant |
| 12th August | Vicki and Michael Grey | 19th August | M. Sidy |

Remembrance 100



THERE BUT NOT THERE

COMMUNICATE. EDUCATE. HEAL



This project aims to **Commemorate, Educate and Heal**, it is a nationwide project marking the centenary of the final year of the Great War and providing support for today's wounded heroes.

- **Commemorate** those who died in the First World War.
- **Educate** all generations, particularly today's younger generation, born nearly 100 years after the outbreak of WW1, to understand what led to the deaths of 888,246 British and Commonwealth service personnel.
- **Heal** today's veterans who are suffering from the mental and physical wounds.

The Tommy we now have in our church acts as a token of remembrance, it is based on a photograph taken in WWI by Horace Nicholls (1867-1941). whose eldest son, George, died at Arras in 1917 aged 22. In 1917, Horace was appointed as the Home Front Official Photographer and subsequently the Imperial War Museum's first official photographer. He was present at the interment of the Unknown Warrior in Westminster Abbey and the unveiling of the Cenotaph in Whitehall.

In the run up to the November anniversary of the 1918 Armistice 'our Tommy' represents those brave young men, who would if given a choice be stood alongside you in church today. It also represents the sacrifices mothers, wives and families made for our freedom today. They are **There but not There**. We salute you all.

Our Tommy will join us at the Cenotaph, as a fitting reminder that we will not forget.

Profits from the purchase of 'our Tommy' will go to six military related charities including Help for Heroes and the Commonwealth War Graves Foundation.

The Big Bash!



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ONE STORY WAS ABOUT A RICH MAN WHO DECIDED TO HAVE A PARTY

HE SENT OUT LOTS OF INVITATIONS

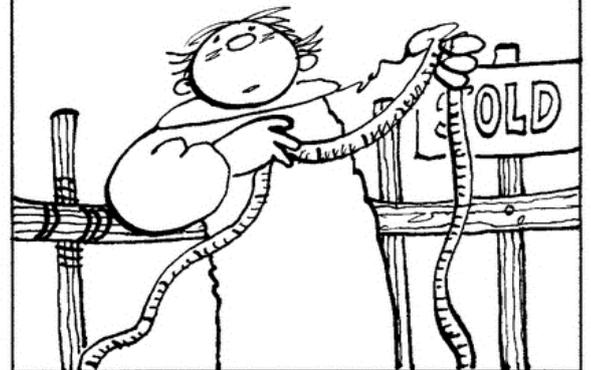


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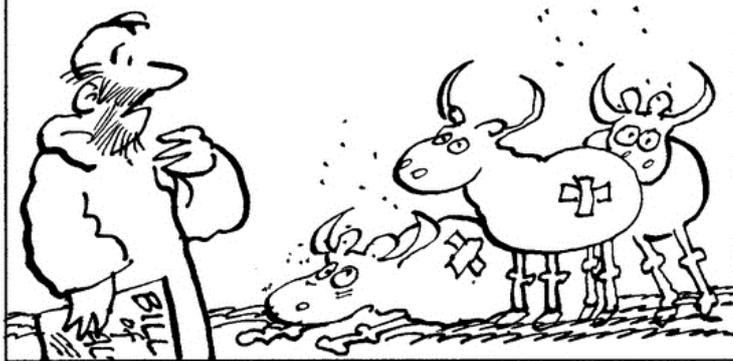


BUT PEOPLE STARTED MAKING EXCUSES

ONE MAN SAID HE HAD BOUGHT A FIELD, BUT NEEDED TO MEASURE IT



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE NEEDED TO TEST DRIVE THE OXEN HE HAS JUST PAID FOR



ANOTHER MAN SAID HE HAD JUST GOT MARRIED - AND HIS WIFE WOULDN'T LET HIM OUT!

SO THE RICH MAN INVITED ALL THE POOR AND NEEDY INSTEAD.



THE PARABLE MEANS WE SHOULDN'T MAKE EXCUSES FOR NOT FOLLOWING JESUS.

The Gardening Year – July

A Summary of the Months' Work – Lawns – new lawns apply fertiliser dressings to sites for new lawns. A week after this sow grass seed. Established lawns, Inspect and decide which areas need renovation. (Continue applying weed killers and fungicides).

Roses – Remove blooms as they fade. Cease applying fertilisers. Continue spraying against pests.

Irises – complete the planting or re-planting of irises by the end of the month. Examine iris bulbs which have been lifted and are awaiting re-planting in September. Bin any which have inky black blotches on them. This is caused by a rot fungus for which there is no cure. Also bin any iris bulbs which are soft and look as if the basal plate is rotting – a trouble known as green mould of bulb rot. Spray with insecticide if caterpillars are seen.

Bulbs – plant daffodils by the end of the month, daffodils recommence their root growth in late summer, and these roots should grow into soil from which they can draw moisture and plant food. Plant all but the smallest bulb 6.in. deep.

Tomatoes – to speed up tomato plants remove the growing tip of each tomato plant by the middle of the month to encourage rapid development of the fruits on the top trusses. At the end of the month discontinue feeding and reduce watering. This helps to prevent splitting of the fruits. If the nights turn chilly, close the ventilators early in the evening.

Bugs – Gooseberry sawflies - various species of sawfly caterpillars cause severe damage to gooseberries, and currants, symptoms leaves stripped to skeletons: entire bush may be defoliated, danger period – April to August, treatment spray with insecticide. Leaf hoppers, these small creatures are related to aphids they feed on the sap of a wide range of plants, symptoms green insects leap from undersides of disturbed foliage, danger period April to October Treatment spray with insecticide.

Colin Williams

Eat the Seasons - Seasonal food for August

Vegetables - Artichoke, Aubergine, Beetroot, Broad Beans, Broccoli, Carrots, Chillies, Courgettes, Cucumber, Fennel, French Beans, Garlic, Kohlrabi, Lettuce & Salad Leaves, Mangetout, Marrow, Onions, Pak Choi, Peas, Peppers, Potatoes (Maincrop), Radishes, Rocket, Runner Beans, Spring Onions, Sweetcorn, Tomatoes, Turnips, Watercress, Wild Mushrooms

Fruit - Apricots, Bilberries, Blueberries, Cherries, Damsons, Figs, Greengages, Loganberries, Melons, Nectarines, Peaches, Plums, Raspberries, Redcurrants, Strawberries

Herbs - Basil, Chives, Coriander, Oregano, Mint, Parsley (Curly), Parsley (Flat-Leafed), Rosemary, Sage, Sorrel, Tarragon, Thyme

Meat - Beef, Lamb, Rabbit, Venison, Wood Pigeon

Fish - Cod, Coley, Crab, Dab, Dover Sole, Grey Mullet, Haddock, Halibut, Herring, Langoustine, Lemon Sole, Mackerel, Monkfish, Pilchard, Plaice, Pollack, Prawns, Red Mullet, Salmon, Sardines, Scallops (Queen), Sea Bass (Wild), Sea Bream, Sea Trout, Shrimp, Squid, Whelks



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Researching Ecclesfield during the Great War (1914-1918)

I am writing this article with the hundredth anniversary of the end of the 1914-1918 war approaching. It was known as the Great War; the war to end all wars. For the last five years I have been researching the men and women of Ecclesfield who served in that war, and any other information I can find about Ecclesfield during that period.

I became interested in names on Ecclesfield War Memorial back in 2013. They intrigued me, because only initials and surname are engraved. With the passage of time, their identities had been, for the most part, lost. Additionally, the bell ringers were contemplating ringing a quarter peal to mark the hundredth anniversary of the death of each man – but in 2013, there was no list of the men or the dates they died. I set myself a challenge, to see if I could identify each of the men on the memorial who died in the Great War.

My research has taken me not only to online resources, but also to local and national archives. I have also been fortunate enough to be able to visit the graves of many of these men, in this country and abroad.

In late August 2016, I was on a battlefields tour in Flanders, studying the battles of 1914. On that tour, there were a couple of ladies, sisters I think, whose grandfather died in 1918 and was buried near Le Cateau. Our battlefield guide found time to allow a private visit to their grandfather's grave. By chance, he was buried in Highland Cemetery, the last resting place of one of the Ecclesfield lads – Carey Stinger - who died aged just 19, less than a month before the Armistice. I was able to pay my respects and sign the cemetery visitors' book.

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Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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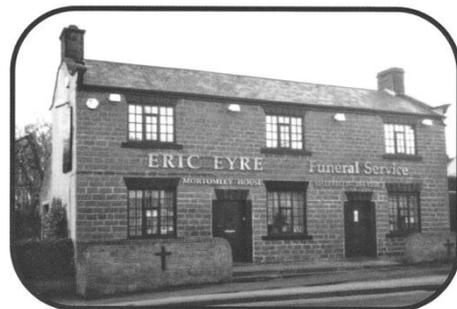
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Saint of the Month – 28th August - Augustine of Hippo

Augustine of Hippo - the Christian for all seasons

After St Paul, who was the most influential Christian writer ever? St Augustine of Hippo (354 – 430), whose feast-day is on 28th August. He lived and wrote in a time of social and spiritual chaos. The Roman Empire was collapsing, the world was about to slide into the dark ages and the Church was under serious threat from both heresies within and paganism without.

What St Augustine wrote at this time helped the Church both to avoid perversions of Christianity, and to stand strong and unafraid amongst the violent tumult of the times. His writings held sway over Christianity for the next 15 centuries or so, and still influence us heavily today.

Augustine was born at Tagaste, in modern Algeria. His father was a pagan, but his mother, Monica, was a Christian. After studying rhetoric at Carthage to become a lawyer, Augustine instead became a scholar-philosopher. He abandoned Christianity for Manichaeism and lived with a mistress for 15 years. He moved to Rome and then Milan to teach rhetoric, but slowly grew disenchanted with Manichaeism.

After a long interior conflict, vividly described in his ‘Confessions’, Augustine was converted and baptised a Christian in 386-7. He returned to Africa in 388 and joined some friends in establishing a quasi-monastic life. He was ordained priest in 391, and four years later became coadjutor-bishop of Hippo. From 396 until his death in 430 he ruled the diocese alone. Augustine had a brilliant mind, an ardent temperament and a gift for mystical insights. Soon his understanding of the Christian Revelation was pouring forth in his many voluminous writings.

So what did he write? Most famous is ‘The Confessions’, the sermons on the Gospel and Epistle of John, the De Trinitate and the De Civitate Dei. This last, ‘The City of God’, tackles the opposition between Christianity and the ‘world’ and represents the first Christian philosophy of history. Many other works were undertaken in his efforts to tackle various heresies: Manichaeism, Pelagianism, or Donatism, and led to the development of his thought on Creation, Grace, the Sacraments and the Church.

Augustine’s massive influence on Christianity has mainly been for the good. Few others have written with such depth on love, the Holy Trinity and the Psalms. (The preamble to the marriage service in the BCP is closely based on Augustine.) But his views on Predestination and some of his views on sex (that it is the channel for the transmission of Original Sin) have since been mainly ignored by the Church.

As bishop, Augustine fearlessly upheld order as the Roman Empire disintegrated around him. By the time of his death, the Vandals were at the very gates of Hippo.

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Last September, I went to France again, with James Kay, to visit the graves of several of the Ecclesfield soldiers. Some of the men do not have known graves, so we also visited several memorials to the missing – Tyne Cot, Thiepval and Arras. We ordered a poppy cross for each of the graves we would be visiting from the Royal British Legion. I also made a small, laminated commemoration card for each man, which included a photograph in most cases, to leave by the graveside.

More recently, I have been researching the “H. Gregory” on the war memorial, whom I now believe I have identified. I believe that he was Henry Gregory of 189, High Street, Ecclesfield; a single man and farm/general labourer who lived with his sister, Elizabeth Ashton, and her family. Henry volunteered for the army within days of the outbreak of war in 1914.

He served with the York and Lancaster Regiment, but appears to have been badly gassed. Before his discharge from the army on health grounds, he served with the Royal Jersey Garrison Battalion on home defence duties. Henry died suddenly on 30th March 1921 from a fatal seizure at home. My research has led me to believe that the valvular heart disease that killed him was attributable to his war service. I have applied to the Commonwealth War Graves Commission to see if they will officially recognise this, although I believe that their process is stringent, and can take many months. Henry appears to have been buried in Ecclesfield churchyard extension, in an unmarked grave.

I am reasonably confident that I have identified the names of the Great War dead from the Ecclesfield war memorial, the challenge I set myself in 2013. I have supplied information to the Sheffield WW1 website, “Ecclesfield Remembered,” (a reminiscence group that meets monthly at Ecclesfield library), and to the Reverend Tim Gill. My research continues. I am currently working on presenting some of my work in a display at Ecclesfield Library this autumn.

I am working with Ecclesfield Parish Council and the Friends of Ecclesfield Library to preserve memories of the 1914-1918 war for future generations. If anyone has any family stories, photos or letters relating to Ecclesfield in the Great War period, I would love to hear from them. You can email me at ecclesfieldww1@gmx.com, or alternatively contact Vic Bowden of the Friends of Ecclesfield Library.

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Crossword Puzzle

Clues Across

- 8** One of the titles given to the Messiah in Isaiah's prediction (Isaiah 9:6) (6,2,5)
9 International Nepal Fellowship (1,1,1)
10 Single(1Corinthians7:27) (9)
11 Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's seminal book about Soviet prison camps, The — Archipelago (5)
13 Treachery(2Kings11:14) (7)
16 Of India(anag.) (2,3,2)
19 'God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like men condemned to die in the — ' (1 Corinthians 4:9) (5)
22 Follower of a theological system characterized by a strong belief in predestination (9)
24 'Put these old rags and worn-out clothes under your arms to— the ropes' (Jeremiah 38:12) (3)
25 They brought together all the elders of the Israelites in Egypt (Exodus 4:29) (5,3,5)

Clues Down

- 1** The season when kings 'go off to war' (2 Samuel 11:1) (6)
2 Simon Peter's response to Jesus by the Sea of Galilee: 'Go away from me, Lord; I am a — man' (Luke 5:8) (6)
3 Beaten with whips (1 Kings12:11) (8)
4 'You shall not — adultery' (Exodus 20:14) (6)
5 Encourage (Hebrews 10:24) (4)
6 Service of morning prayer in the Church of England (6)
7 'Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and — — him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving' (4,2)
12 Run(anag.)(3)
14 Member of 17th-century party that denied the right of autonomy to the Church (8)
15 'We will triumph with our tongues; we—our lips'(Psalm12:4) (3)
16 Earnings(1Corinthians16:2) (6)

17 'I rejoice greatly in the Lord that——you have renewed your concern for me'
(Philippians 4:10) (2,4)

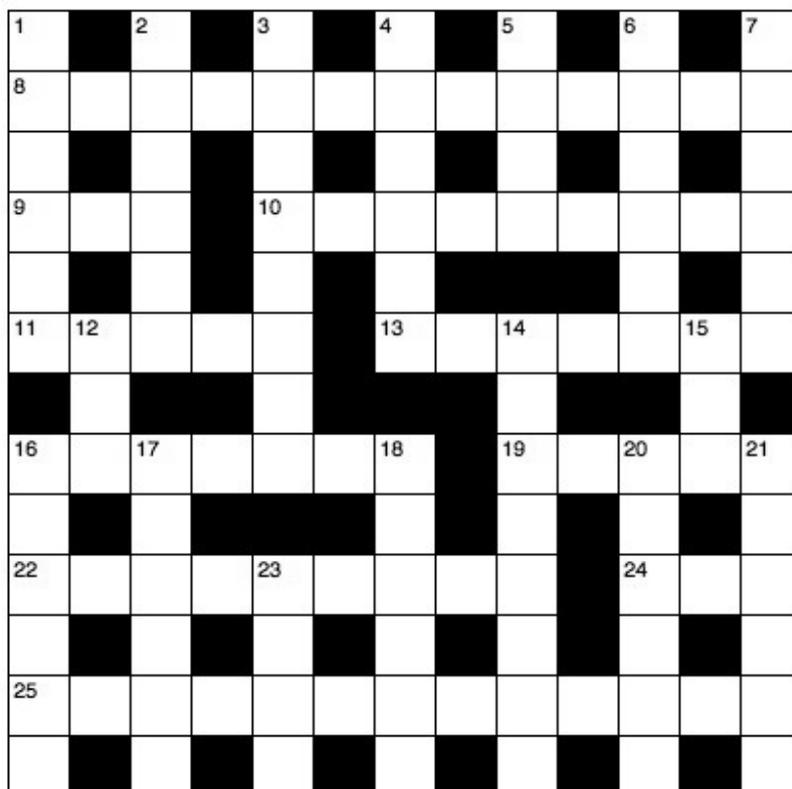
18 How Paul described Philemon (Philemon 1) (6)

20 Multiple territories under the rule of a single state (Daniel 11:4) (6)

21 'You have been unfaithful; you have married foreign women, —to Israel's guilt'
(Ezra 10:10) (6)

23 This month(abbrev.) (4)

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Heritage Open Days 2018

Church will be open Friday 14th & Saturday 15th of September 10am to 12.30pm
Refreshments will be available and there will be displays about the inspiring women of
Ecclesfield.

At 7pm on Saturday evening there will be a Talk by Mel & Joan Jones on the theme of the
'Gatty Women'

Launch of Mel's new book about the Gatty's - 'Picture Perfect' copies available to purchase.
Tea/coffee refreshments.

Tickets available from Coffee Shop, Office and the Eventbrite website
Church open for services as usual Sunday 16th

Prayers and Poems Page

Prayer of co-workers

Father,

You sent Jesus to save us, when we put our trust in what He did on the cross. Thank you for your great love for us. You send your Spirit to equip us as you send us to continue your work in our generation. Thank you for your acceptance of us and willingness to include us in your purposes and plans. Please bless us and empower all that we think, say and do as believers in Jesus. We ask in His name, for your glory alone. Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

What must we do?

(Jn6:28-29)

Rushing,
serving on this committee or that,
attending courses, meeting to pray,
committed to study
and give thanks for each day.
Trying so hard,
trying so hard,
longing to get it right for you, Lord.
How can we know what we must do?

Stop trying,
stop doing,
stop stressing.
Be still and believe.

The whole work of God
is to believe in the one He has sent,
then thoughts, words and actions
will be the natural fruit of that believing-work.

Believe in Jesus –
That's it!

By Daphne Kitching

Church Bells

We hear the bells give out their sound
They tell of God's unfailing love
Of Him who sits enthroned on high,
Touching earth from heaven above

Their voice is heard throughout the land,
Let them ring, let them sing
Of One who reigns, always the same,
He is our God, our coming King.

In times of war and times of peace
We hear their chimes throughout the days
And know that God is always near
An ever present help always.

Campanology tells a story,
Bringing hope to those who hear,
The ringing bells proclaim a message
Telling all that God is near.

By Megan Carter

A Breton fisherman's prayer

Protect me, dear Lord;
My boat is so small,
And your sea is so big.

Whitley Hall Cricket Club



The 1st team has had a challenging season in spite of one of the best squads for several years. Up to the end of June, the team had suffered a run of 7 league defeats in a row as well as 2 cup defeats. The tide finally turned on 1st July with a win at home against Hallam followed by wins against Cleethorpes and Aston Hall. The run was spoilt by a defeat at Appleby Frodingham on 21st July with the team in mid-table in the league but only 14 points from the relegation zone; with 12 points for a win this leaves plenty of work for the rest of the season. In contrast, the 2nd XI had a run of 7 wins broken on 1st July when they lost away to Hallam followed by a defeat

at Thorncliffe. Successive wins at Aston Hall and a home victory against Wath on 21st July, leaves the team currently in the promotion places. The 3rd XI has worked to emulate their 2nd team colleagues and are just 4 points outside the promotion zone although their attempt to win the Cup ended on 22nd July with a home defeat against Thorpe Hesley and High Green. Everyone is welcome at the club to use the facilities in the pavilion where refreshments and drinks are available. Matches start at 12 noon.

Senior Home Games at Cinder Hill Lane

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| 11 th | August | 2 nd XI | v | Barnsley 2 nd XI |
| 18 th | August | 1 st XI | v | Barnsley 1 st XI |
| 25 th | August | 1 st XI | v | Wickersley 1 st XI |
| 1 st | September | 2 nd XI | v | Oughtibridge 1 st XI |
| 8 th | September | 1 st XI | v | Wakefield 1 st XI |
| 15 th | September | 2 nd XI | v | Hallam 2 nd XI |

Contact: Steve Fletcher, Secretary: 0114 245 2406



Hole for one

A golfing priest, after having been beaten by an elderly parishioner, returned to the clubhouse somewhat depressed. ‘Cheer up,’ said the layman. ‘Remember, you’ll eventually be burying me some day.’ ‘Yes,’ said the priest bitterly, ‘but even then it will be your hole!’

Contact Numbers for Local Groups ☎

Ecclesfield Rainbows

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

Ecclesfield Brownies

Gatty Hall
Monday 5.30 pm to 6.45 pm
Leader - Mrs J Hutchinson
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Ecclesfield Brownies

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

Ecclesfield Guides

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

Ecclesfield Priory Players

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

Ecclesfield Community Garden

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Tel: 0114 245 2780

Ecclesfield Beavers

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

Ecclesfield Scouts

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Leader - Bryony Hemming
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