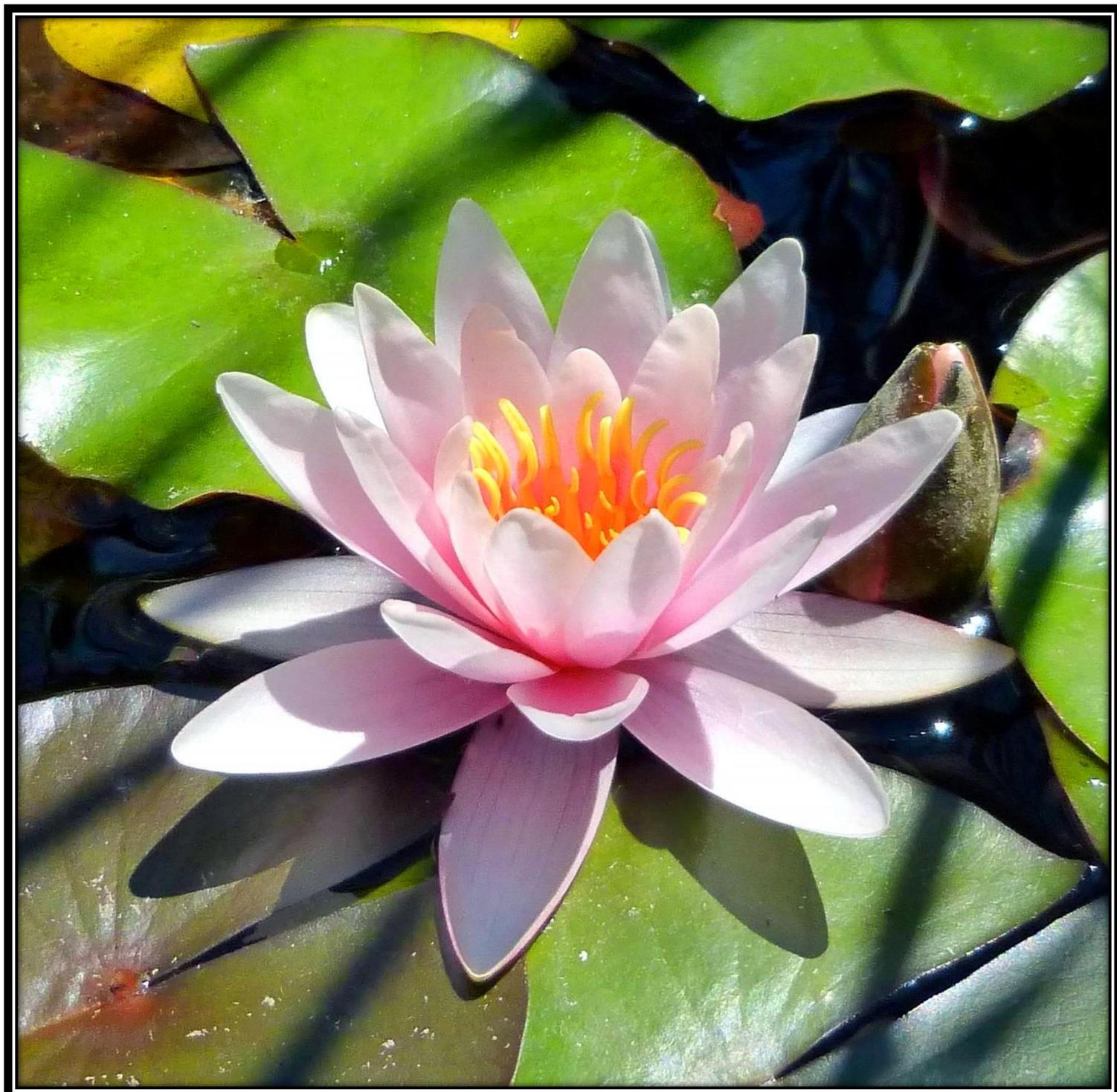


# News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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# First Words

July is looking like quite a busy month, a burst of activity before a quiet August!

On **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm** we will be hosting the second **Ecclesfield Community Forum**. It is good to be part of a community with so many groups working for the good of all; it is also good to know that members of the Church are involved in all these groups.

On **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm** we welcome the **Grenoside Singers** into Church for a 'Top of the Pops' Concert. For tickets or more information see Andrew Robinson.

We will be holding the last of the **Alpha Course** on **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm**. Alpha will be back in the Autumn on Tuesday Lunchtimes - more information to follow.

On **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm** in Church we are going to hold an open consultation on funeral and bereavement ministry. It will be an opportunity to engage with important research commissioned by the Church of England nationally and to review our practices here at St Mary's.

Finally, **Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> July** is a fifth Sunday, so we will have an informal celebration Eucharist at 10am. A time to come along and celebrate the love of God for us seen in Jesus; a time to remind ourselves that we are the people of the risen Christ and our song is always 'Alleluia!'

God bless you, Tim



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**Front Cover** – The Water Lily is the national flower of Bangladesh and state flower for Andhra Pradesh, India. The seal of Bangladesh contains a lily floating on water. The blue waterlily is the national flower of Sri Lanka. It is also the birth flower for July.

**Back Cover** – Grenoside Singers Poster

# Thought for the Month

At the Alpha course a couple of weeks ago we heard Nicky Gumbel, the vicar of Holy Trinity Brompton and the author of Alpha, speaking about the Holy Spirit, God's gift to all who want His presence in our lives.

After the teaching we laid hands on each other and prayed for one another. I know that I was not the only person present to be deeply touched by God as I was ministered to by God working through my brothers and sisters.

I left that evening with a sense of deep peace and also a sense that we need to focus more on the Holy Spirit present in each member of our Church community, working in and through every member of our Church community.

As we prayed for each other, I was reminded that the Holy Spirit is given not to be kept, but to be given away; given not for our sake but for those people that Jesus sends us to minister to.

As I prayed I was reminded that at Pentecost, the day on which we celebrate the outpouring of the Spirit, the reading from Acts chapter 2 is often matched with an Old Testament Reading, from Genesis chapter 11, the story of Babel.

At Babel the desire of the builders of the great tower is 'to make a name for ourselves' (Gen 11:4). At Pentecost the desire is to glorify, not ourselves, not even the Church, but God. Those who gathered in Jerusalem on the morning of Pentecost heard the disciples proclaiming in their own languages 'God's deeds of power.' (Acts 2:11)

Our calling as Christians and as the Church of Jesus, the body of Christ, is to be Christlike. And Jesus, though he is the only One who is in the form and dignity of God, for our sake emptied Himself (Philippians 2:6-11).

As Christians we pray for the gift and power of the Holy Spirit, to help us to worship the Father, to make us more like Jesus and to empower us to minister to others in Jesus' name with a new confidence.

In the Autumn I hope that we can set aside some time, perhaps one Saturday morning, to reflect on the Holy Spirit, to worship the Father and, above all to pray for each other and for our Church. We will pray that we may be renewed by the Holy Spirit, individually and as a Church family. We will pray that our vision of God's call may be refreshed, and that we may see more clearly God at work in and through every member of our Church, with His transforming love and healing and mercy.

More details to follow...

God bless, 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’: Ludolph Bakhuizen’s ‘Christ in the storm on the sea of Galilee’**

When we enter a church and sit in a pew, we can look up and see the roof of the nave: a reminder that the church is a ship sailing through the ocean of life.

Boats and ships abound in scripture from Noah’s ark and the psalmist singing of seafarers to the New Testament with Jesus calling fishermen from their boats and Paul shipwrecked off the coast of Malta. The ship, like the anchor, is a powerful nautical symbol of the Christian journey.



We all know how the sea can be calm and serene one moment, but stormy and tempestuous the next. This month’s painting captures the terror of that primal element: ‘Christ in the storm on the sea of Galilee’ by Ludolph Bakhuizen. He was a leading Dutch painter of maritime subjects in the 17<sup>th</sup> century with powerful studies of the drama of sea battles and whaling scenes.

Here in this painting of 1695 a boat carrying the anxious disciples is trying to make its way through an angry sea. The waves are high, rain and dark clouds threaten overhead, and the wind is tearing the rigging. Storms like that quickly sprang up on the sea of Galilee. But Jesus is there among the disciples, ready to allay their fear and ready to tame the elements around. We can see the rays of sunlight on the left of the canvas that will soon break through to bring peace again beneath a blue sky.

And we on land sitting in that pew can think of those times when life is stormy and the way ahead unsure. We can take heart from the assurance that Jesus is our captain on the voyage, the sails of our ship are hoisted on the mast of His cross, and the destination is certain. Just as Jesus protected His followers then, we pray that He will be with us on our journeys through calm waters and storms, so that we can raise ‘glad hymns of praise from land and sea.’

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# St James the Least of All

## On the perils of the Ladies' Guild annual outing...

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My dear Nephew Darren.

And so once again we start the annual round of parish treats. While the bell-ringers prefer public houses, and the choirboys want fast food outlets, the Ladies' Guild are centred on lavatories. The itinerary is unchangeable: Coach drive to coffee stop and lavatory. Coach drive to luncheon stop and lavatory. Coach drive to some arbitrary attraction – provided it has a tea shop and lavatory. Coach trip home with a lavatory (stop en-route).

A sub-committee will have been hard at work for the previous six months deciding where to visit. The most disastrous course of action is to present the group with a choice; if two options are provided, they will attract almost equal numbers in favour, thus ensuring that half of the group will rejoice in saying throughout the day that the other option would have been preferable. When it comes to decision-making, Stalin had a lot going for him.

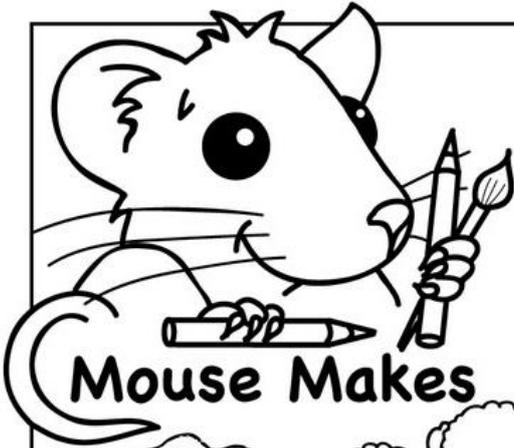
My predecessor in this parish left me a terrible legacy; he always accompanied the Guild on their day out, thus obliging me to do the same. I do, however, travel equipped with armaments. "The Times" crossword rules out any possibility of conversation for at least the first two hours. Three years ago, Mrs Phillips had the audacity to look over my shoulder and give me 12 across; she will not make that mistake again. A brief nap after these intellectual exertions, assuring those around me that I am meditating on the theme for next Sunday's sermon, ensures a morning almost free from having to comment on the weather, other members of the party, or why I so rarely drop in on the Pram Service.

The ideal destination is one where I have a clerical colleague, so while the ladies wander about, shop and analyse why I still wear the same suit I arrived in 30 years ago, we have an agreeable afternoon assassinating the characters of bishops and archdeacons and bemoaning the standards of a new generation of curates. After our different therapies, we all re-assemble at the coach for the return journey.

Naturally, there is the traditional wait for those who have forgotten where the coach park is. As far as I am concerned, a deficit of less than 10% should be entirely acceptable. I can think of several husbands who may be rather thankful that their wives may not be back as soon as they had feared.

Our ladies return, invigorated with the thought of all the bits of information about other members in the party that can be discreetly shared over the telephone, while I am exhausted from 12 hours of attempting to be polite. Meanwhile the sub-committee gets a date in the diary for planning next year's lavatorial sequence.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace



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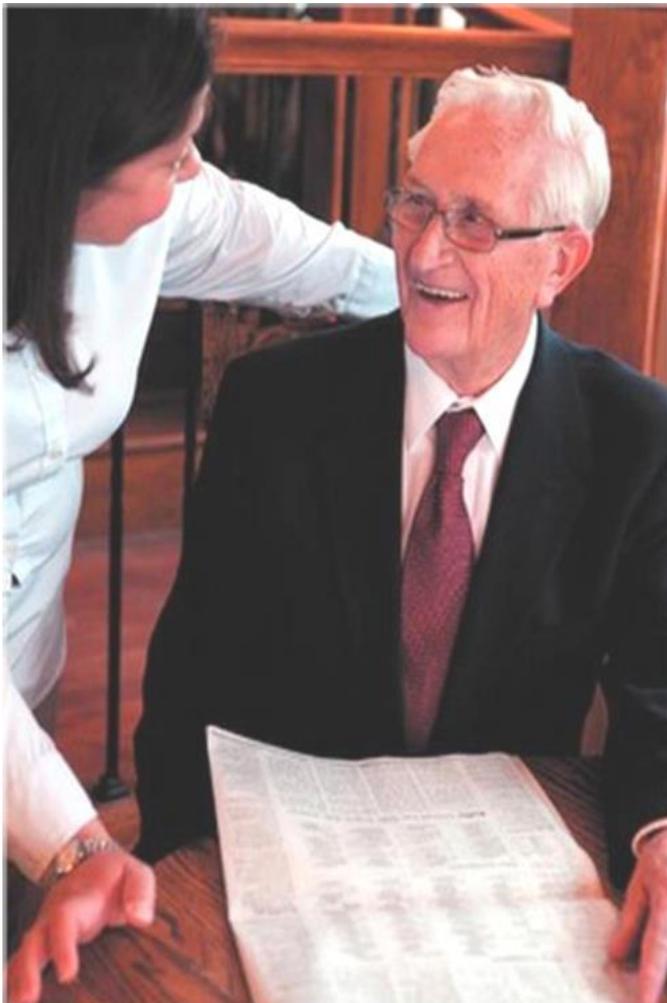
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## Will You Remember Them – Algeria

**Three Algerian churches, which had been closed by officials in the north-western district of Oran, have been allowed to reopen.**

Two churches, L'Oratoire in Oran city centre, and a village church in Layayda, were closed in February, after authorities claimed they did not have state approval. A third church in Ain Turk has been closed since November over claims its bookshop had been used to “illegally print gospels and publications intended for evangelism”.

The Algerian Protestant Churches Association, which has been campaigning against the closures, said the governor of Oran signed off on their reopening on 11 June 2018. “This is a reopening without conditions. Praise the Lord,” said a Barnabas contact. “We are grateful for your unwavering support in prayer.”

The association, which represents 45 churches, spoke out about an apparent increase in discrimination against Christians this year, after Algerian authorities launched a committee to carry out “safety inspections” of churches.

Algeria’s Ministry of Religious Affairs claimed the churches were sealed off because they did not have approval and therefore did not “meet standards required of a place of worship.” Claims church representatives vehemently denied.

This week, security services were removing the seals and handing the churches back over to their leaders and the local Christian community.

The number of Algerian Christians is estimated to be in the high tens of thousands. Christians are free to worship in Algeria, but church buildings must have official recognition, which can be difficult to obtain. Since November 2017, Christians have faced increasing persecution from the authorities, including the closure of their churches, police searches, and prosecutions for carrying Bibles or Christian materials.

### **Prayer for Religious Freedom**

*Loving Father, thank you for the gift of life and for the freedom to love and worship You. Through the power of the Holy Spirit inspire us to be your witnesses. Grant us the courage to boldly and joyfully stand in protection of our freedom. In your mercy, guard our religious freedom so we may continue to live out our faith and transform the world in which we live. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen***

# Mothers Union Meeting – 6<sup>th</sup> June

Speaker from Yorkshire Air Ambulance (YAA)

The Yorkshire Air Ambulance started in life in 2000, using an old rented helicopter, based at Leeds/Bradford Airport and housed in an old Portakabin. In 2006 ‘Top Gear’s’ Richard Hammond was rescued from the scene of his serious crash.

Following his recovery, he did lots of work and publicity raising awareness of and funding for the charity. This and the great generosity of ‘Yorkshire Folk’ made replacement and relocation of the old helicopter possible.

Hence, there are now two Air bus helicopters fitted with state of the art equipment. Now based at Nostell (close to the Priory) which is a much better venue perfectly placed and fit for purpose. Flying time increased from Monday to Friday to three hundred and sixty-five days a year until midnight, as night vision goggles are used after dark. When the control unit receive a call it is colour coded, prioritised and a decision is made within two minutes. The onboard staff are trauma trained. The co-pilot is a qualified paramedic and the pilot is often ex-military.

The interior of the helicopter is larger inside than the original craft, thus enabling either two patients or a patient and a relative to be air lifted. Blood can be both transported and transfused en route. The YAA service has four million acres to cover of varying terrain, from Motorways, rural, hills, cliffs, sports venues and much more.

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Being a charitable organisation funds and donations are required for the service to operate. Monies are raised in many ways, Volunteering, Boxes and collection tins in shops, big cheque presentations involving the media, stalls at fayres, re-cycled clothes collections (in Yellow bins at some supermarkets), organisations choosing YAA as their chosen charity for the year. The list goes on not to forget also legacies.

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# Prayer for the Month

## Nehemiah Chapter One.

Nehemiah is one of the last of the Historical books of the Old Testament. You can find it just after 2 Chronicles and Ezra. Nehemiah is probably not the most familiar of the books of the Bible and it's not one that I read very often - no more than once a year.

Nehemiah was born in exile in Babylon about five centuries before the birth of Jesus. He was a high-ranking official in the court of the Persian emperor (the Persians had conquered Babylon some decades before). The Persians allowed the Jewish exiles to return to their homeland and gave them permission to rebuild their Temple in Jerusalem. Nehemiah was the person that God used to see that this task of rebuilding was achieved.

When we read Nehemiah's prayer and the book that follows we can see that the work of rebuilding was not simply restoring the physical city. It was about rebuilding the nation as God's chosen people - chosen to be God's holy nation for the sake of all other nations, to be the agent of God's mission and God's salvation of all peoples and nations.

It has often struck me that Nehemiah's task in his day, and the Church's task in our day, are not dissimilar. I believe that today we are called today to rebuild Jesus' Church, not necessarily physically, but spiritually.

We need to regain our sense of being God's people here for the sake of all peoples; a sense of Jesus' vision for His Church.

Nehemiah had a vision to see the city of Jerusalem rebuilt and Israel to rise up again as God's people. His vision was all-consuming. It threatened his health and drove him to weep and fast and pray constantly for the city and for his people.

My prayer for the Church of Christ today is that we will live up to our calling to be a living Temple, a holy people and a royal priesthood. Called by Jesus to share His mission to welcome all people into the kingdom of the Father.

Nehemiah began his ministry in prayer. He confessed the sins of his people- he did not point at others but confessed his own part.

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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)

## **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

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# 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 - July 2018

Day and Date	Time	Item
Monday, 2 July	7:30 pm	PCC Meeting
Wednesday, 4 July	7.30 pm	Alpha Course in Church
Saturday, 7 July		Church Social and Fun Day
Wednesday, 11 July	7:30 pm	Alpha Course in Church
Friday, 13 July	10.00 am	Deanery Meeting
Saturday, 14 July	11.00 am	Wedding
	1.00 pm	Wedding
	7.15 pm	Grenoside Singers Concert
Monday, 16 July	7.30 pm	Fabric Committee Meeting
Wednesday, 18 July	7:30 pm	Alpha Course in Church
Monday, 23 July	7:30 pm	Ignatian Prayer
Saturday, 28 July	1.00 pm	Wedding Service
Sunday, 29 July	12.00 pm	Baptism Service
Monday, 30 July	2.00 pm	Wedding Service

### From the Registers

#### Baptisms

10<sup>th</sup> June Isabelle Devine  
 10<sup>th</sup> June Emilia Jane Turner

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

#### Weddings

2<sup>nd</sup> June Alister Hill and Lauren Smith  
 9<sup>th</sup> June Ryan Windle and Ceri Cross  
 9<sup>th</sup> June James Squires and Courtney Doak  
 21<sup>st</sup> June Thomas Doolan and Emma Longthorpe

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

#### Flower Rota July 2018

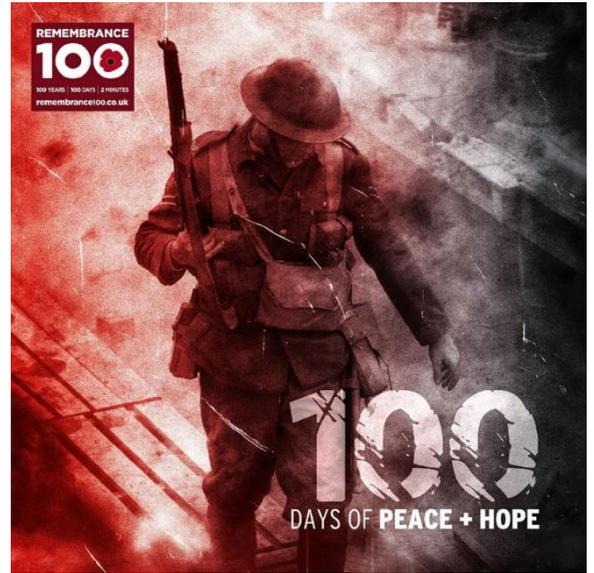
1<sup>st</sup> July Vacant  
 8<sup>th</sup> July M. Lambert and A. Rostron  
 15<sup>th</sup> July S. Hartshorne and J. Fryer  
 22<sup>nd</sup> July Vacant  
 29<sup>th</sup> July P. Clarke & P. Bown

# Remembrance 100

This year, we all have the chance to mark the centenary of the end of World War 1

On Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018, people around the country will observe remembrance Sunday and Armistice. They will be reflecting on the lives that were changed irrevocably, and those that were lost.

Some 65 million men were mobilised across Europe during World War 1. Nearly a third of them – some 21 million – were wounded. Another 8.5 million were killed and some 7.7 million were taken prisoners of war. All of them had family and friends whose lives were changed forever by the events of 1914-1918.



As well as reflecting on loss, this year also gives us chance to look forward as we mark the end of World War 1 and pray for peace.

On the 4<sup>th</sup> August 1918 King George V met to pray with members of the Houses of Parliament - One hundred days later the war ended.

**4<sup>th</sup> August 2018:** One hundred years on from the National Day of Prayer called by George V, this will be the first day of 100 Days of Prayer across the country, running until Armistice Day in November. Every day there will be prayers and actions for peace.

**21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> of September:** There will be an event for peace in London's Trafalgar Square linked to the United Nations - International Day of Peace on 21<sup>st</sup> September.

**11<sup>th</sup> November 2018:** There will be Remembrance Services around the country. Many will be followed by Peace Parties.

## Get Involved:

One of the ways you could get involved is by knitting poppies which will be used as part of our remembrance activities. See page 20 for more information

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# The Gardening Year – July

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## **A Summary of the months' work**

**Roses** – remove dead heads as they appear after the first flush of blooms. Feed Rose bushes with rose fertiliser and hoe it into the soil. Continue to spray against greenfly, black spot, mildew and rust.

**Dahlias** – feed plants which are slow to grow with a liquid fertiliser once a week. Disbud some of the stems to obtain better flowers. Regularly remove faded flowers.

**Bulbs** – this is the chief month for lifting and storing spring – flowering bulbs such as tulips, daffodils, hyacinths and many other small bulbs which require dividing and re-planting. Tulips and bedding hyacinths need lifting annually: daffodils grown for cutting every two or three years, most others much less frequently.

**Greenhouses and Frames** - continue to pay special attention to watering and damping down in hot weather.

**Pests** – pea moth – the ‘maggots’ often discovered in garden peas are in fact caterpillars of this small moth. Symptoms tiny pale-yellow caterpillars eat the peas in the pod, prevention spray with insecticide when the flowers first open. Millipedes pest in greenhouses and on root crops. Distinguished from centipedes by greater number of legs, grey-black colouring and slower movement. Prevention deep cultivation of the ground and good gardening hygiene.

*Colin Williams*

## **Eat the Seasons - Seasonal food for July**

**Vegetables** - Artichoke, Aubergine, Beetroot, Broad Beans, Broccoli, Carrots, Chillies, Courgettes, Fennel, French Beans, Garlic, Jersey Royal New Potatoes, Kohlrabi, Lettuce & Salad Leaves, Mangetout, New Potatoes, Onions, Pak Choi, Peas, Radishes, Rocket, Runner Beans, Samphire, Spinach, Spring Onions, Tomatoes, Turnips, Watercress, Wild Nettles.

**Fruit** - Apricots, Bilberries, Blueberries, Cherries, Gooseberries, Greengages, Kiwi Fruit, Melons, Peaches, Strawberries.

**Herbs** - Basil, Chervil, Chives, Coriander, Dill, Elderflowers, Oregano, Mint, Nasturtium, Parsley (Curly), Parsley (Flat-Leafed), Rosemary, Sage, Sorrel, Tarragon, Thyme.

**Meat** - Lamb, Rabbit, Wood Pigeon.

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## Knitting A Poppy

Using 41/2mm knitting needles cast on 80 stitches in red.

- Work 8 rows in K1, P1.
- Break off Red and join black — first row purl.
- Next Row K2, K2together to end.
- Next Row P1, P2together to end.
- Next Row K2together to end.
- Break off and thread through stitches pull up tight and fasten oft.

Sew together row ends. Leave Black ends for sewing to frame.



## Crochet a Poppy

(Using a 4.5mm crochet hook and double knitting - please adjust to suit the yarn you have available.)

- Using black yarn ch 4 and join with a slip stitch (creates the centre circle)
- Row 1; Ch three, work 11 tbl stitches into the centre circle —join to first stitch with a slip stitch
- Row 2: Join in the red yarn and chain 3 (counts as 1 tbl) and work three tbl stitches into the next stitch. Work four tbls into each remaining stitch —join to first stitch with a slip stitch
- Row 3: Chain 3 (counts as 1 tbl) and work one tbl stitch into the next stitch. Work two tbls into each remaining stitch —join to first stitch with a slip stitch
- Bind off and sew in tails.

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## Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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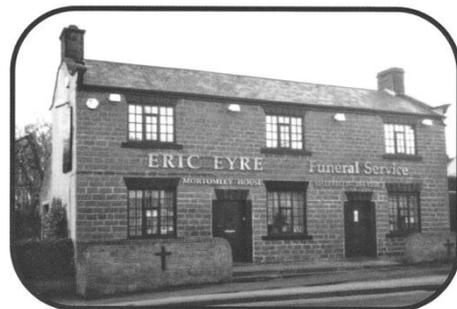
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## Saint of the Month – 25th July St Christopher

### **Patron saint of motorists**

The legend goes that St. Christopher was a Canaanite who lived in the 3rd century. He was a giant of a man, of fearsome appearance. At first he decided to serve the devil, but when he discovered that the devil was afraid of Christ and His Cross, Christopher decided to serve Christ instead. A nearby hermit instructed Christopher in the Christian faith and assigned to him a place near a river: Christopher's job was to help travellers cross it safely.

All went well, and Christopher helped lots of people on their way until one day a child came along and asked to be carried across. Christopher put him on his back and set off, but was soon staggering under the astonishing weight of this child. The child then told him that He was in fact Jesus Christ, and that He carried the weight of the whole world. The Christ-child then told Christopher to plant his staff in the ground: the next day it bore flowers and dates – confirmation that the child was indeed who He claimed to be.

After some time more of helping travellers cross the river, Christopher went to the city of Lycia, where he preached the gospel with such success that the Roman emperor (Decius?) had him arrested and imprisoned – especially when Christopher refused to sacrifice to the gods. Two women sent into his cell to seduce him came out converted Christians instead. So Christopher was beaten, shot with arrows and finally beheaded.

Christopher has been well-loved of the English down the centuries. Many wall-paintings of him have been placed on the north wall of churches, opposite the porch, so that he would be seen by all who entered. There was good reason for this: as patron saint of travellers, it was believed that anyone who saw an image of St Christopher would not die that day. As the ancient saying goes: 'Behold St Christopher and go thy way in safety'.

A kind of daily insurance policy against death – this was so good that in due course St Christopher became the patron saint of motorists. There is even a church in the Javel area of Paris where Citroen cars are made, that is dedicated to St Christopher. In modern times, with the increase in air and motorway travel, Christopher has remained popular. When in 1969 the Holy See reduced his feast day, there was a sharp protest in several countries, led in Italy by a number of popular film stars. If you ever travel in a taxi on the Continent, look out for a little St Christopher hanging from the rear-view mirror beside the driver. Now you know why it is there!

## Prayer for the Month - *continued*

His prayer is not simply a confession, it is also a reminder of God's call and of God's grace.

I pray for Jesus Church in the UK today. That we will remember and live up to our calling as Christ's Body here today. That we will reach out with the mercy and compassion of Christ; that we will proclaim the gospel in our life and our words.

Like the people of Israel in Nehemiah's time we will begin with a confession of our failings and a proclamation of God's glory. And above all we will need to constantly keep in mind our vocation as the disciples of Jesus today, called and chosen, loved and given gifts not for our sake, but for the sake of all.

God bless,  
Tim

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## Back To Normal After The Scaffolding

A team of willing volunteer cleaners worked with Judy, our regular cleaner, to get the church back to normal on 27th June. Here they are with token man, Michael! A BIG thank-you to all.



The Scaffold (Cleaners) - Thank you very, very much

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# Crossword Puzzle

## Clues Across

- 1** Proverbs describes her as being ‘of noble character’ (Proverbs 31:10) (4)
- 3** ‘Shall we go up again — — against the Benjamites, our brothers?’ (Judges 20:23) (2,6)
- 8** A descendant of Shem (Genesis 10:28) (4)
- 9** ‘Anyone who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my — ’ (Luke 14:27) (8)
- 11** Resentment (Ephesians 4:31) (10)
- 14** In Cain(anag.)(6)
- 15** ‘Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to—’ (Psalm 139:6) (6)
- 17** Intense (1 Thessalonians 4:5) (10)
- 20** Third Order of the Roman Catholic Church (8)
- 21** ‘At midnight the cry rang out, “Here’s the bridegroom!Come out to — him”’ (Matthew 25:6) (4)
- 22** ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in — ’ (2 Corinthians 12:9) (8)
- 23** ‘As the — pants for streams of water,so my soul pants for you, O God’ (Psalm 42:1) (4)

## Clues Down

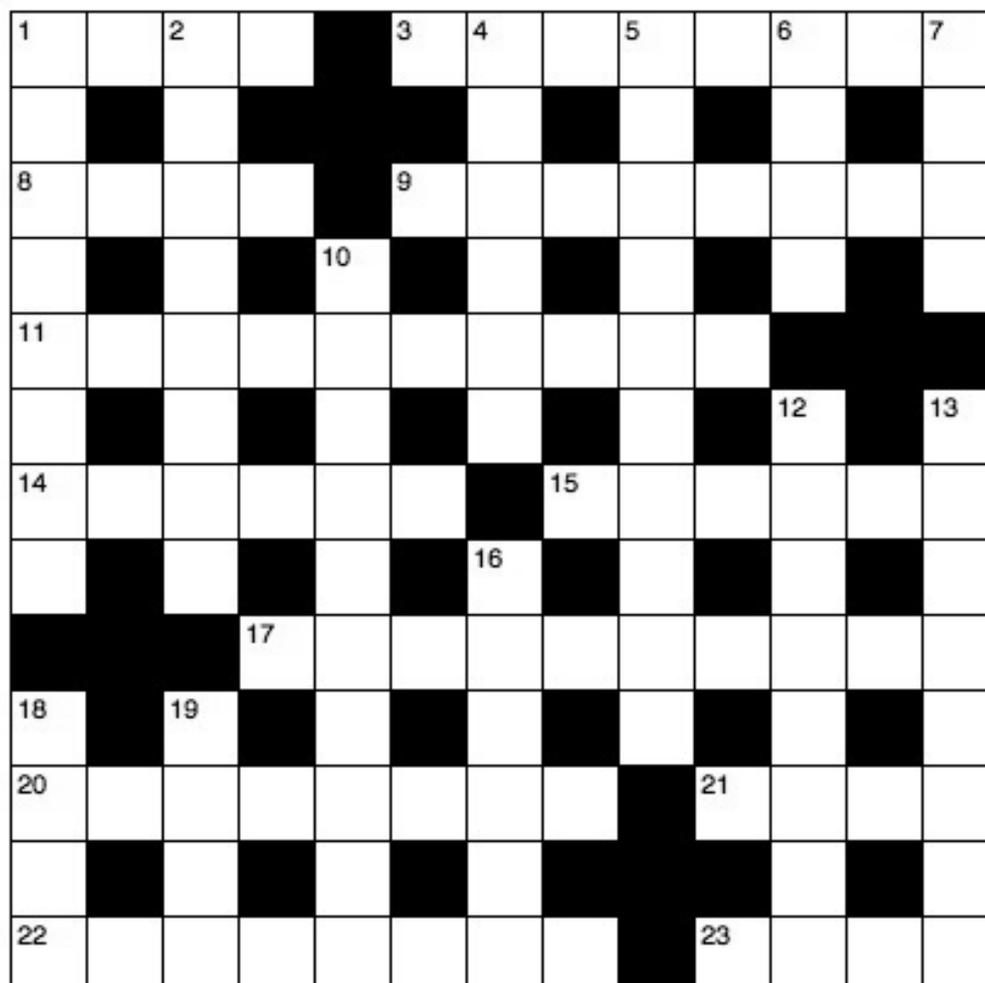
- 1** Nickname of popular First World War chaplain, the Revd G.A. Studdert Kennedy, — Willie (8)
- 2** Occasion of religious joy (Lamentations 2:22) (5,3)
- 4** ‘We three kings of — are’ (6)
- 5** Allegation or charge (Jude 9) (10)
- 6** Kind (1 Chronicles 12:33) (4)
- 7** ‘Open your — and look at the fields!’ (John 4:35) (4)
- 10** Also known as the Feast of Lights (John 10:22) (10)
- 12** Area that saw the healing of two demon - possessed men and a herd of pigs stampeding to their deaths (Matthew 8:28) (8)
- 13** Forebear (James 2:21) (8)

16 Name given to the first two books of the Apocrypha (6)

18 Esau sold his birthright for this (Genesis25:34) (4)

19 Rear(anag.) (4)

Solution is on Page 20



## Some miscellaneous observations on life:

- I used to recommend the regular use of incense (as a deterrent to bats), partly because I'm very High Church. But even that is not now guaranteed to do the trick – clearly bats have gone up the candle in their churchmanship.' *The Rt Rev Graham James, Bishop of Norwich*
- Great opportunities come to all, but many do not know they have met them. The only preparation to take advantage of them is simple fidelity to what each day brings. *A E Dunning*
- 'Just think,' exclaimed the enthusiastic young husband coming home from the July sales, 'By the time we get all this furniture paid for, we'll have genuine antiques!'

# Prayers and Poems Page

## Prayer to our unchanging Father God

Gracious Father,

You created us. You know us through and through and still you love us. Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, you accept us and call us your children when we put our trust in Him. In this world of change and uncertainty you are our still point. You know our names, you provide for us and have good plans for us. We are completely safe and secure in you. How wonderful that is! Thank you loving Father. In Jesus name, **Amen**

*By Daphne Kitching*

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## Mary of Magdala (Lk 23:49, Jn 20:1-18)

She watched, she followed,  
she wept, she loved.  
She looked into darkness,  
she turned to the light.  
She didn't know Him,  
then she did –  
in His speaking of her name,  
then she did!  
And everything was different, forever,  
because the living Jesus spoke her name,  
Mary.

He is alive today and always.  
He still speaks to those who will turn and listen.  
He knows my name.  
He changes everything for me as he did for Mary.

*By Daphne Kitching*

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## The Church Florists

They have done splendidly!  
Through many hours  
No moistened eye did see  
So many flowers!  
The rainbow's range of hues –  
The yellows, reds, and blues  
They are, with love and care all used  
By skillful florists!

*By Nigel Beeton*

## Working together for good

Joseph the boy with the multi-coloured coat  
Sold by his brothers and made a slave  
But he rose and became Pharaoh's right-hand  
man  
And he rescued his family when famine came.

Moses saved from death in the Nile  
Raised up as a leader in Egypt's land  
Empowered by God to deliver his people  
As the Lord brings them out with a mighty hand.

Daniel led captive to Babylon  
Became promoted by interpreting dreams  
And through visions revealed prophetically  
Future events, some as yet unseen.

And can it be whatever befalls  
Above it all God has a plan?  
What's seen as evil is turned around  
And works for good to benefit man.

*By Megan Carter*

# Whitley Hall Cricket Club



The summer weather has arrived and brought good fortune to two of our three senior teams. Unfortunately, this has not worked for the 1st XI in the Premier League and they have now suffered a run of 7 league defeats in a row, the most recent on June 23<sup>rd</sup> away at Wakefield, as well as having been knocked out of the two main cups. This is the worst run for many seasons and, at the half way mark, will need a significant change in performance to avoid relegation. In contrast, the 2nd XI has had a very good run beating Norton Woodseats 1<sup>st</sup> XI on 23<sup>rd</sup> June and currently sit in the 2nd promotion spot (but if the 1st XI are relegated, the 2nd XI cannot be promoted into the same division of the league). The 3rd XI continues to emulate their 2nd team colleagues and are also on a winning streak, beating Wombwell in the cup on 24<sup>th</sup> June, and sit in the 3rd promotion spot. Everyone is welcome at the club to use the facilities in the pavilion where refreshments and drinks are available. Matches in July start at 12 noon.

## Senior Home Games at Cinder Hill Lane

30 <sup>th</sup>	June	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Hallam 1 <sup>st</sup> XI
7 <sup>th</sup>	July	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Thorncliffe 1 <sup>st</sup> XI
14 <sup>th</sup>	July	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Aston Hall 1 <sup>st</sup> XI
21 <sup>st</sup>	July	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Wath 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI
28 <sup>th</sup>	July	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Norton Oaks 1 <sup>st</sup> XI
4 <sup>th</sup>	August	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Doncaster Town 1 <sup>st</sup> XI
11 <sup>th</sup>	August	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Barnsley 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI

Contact: Steve Fletcher, Secretary: 0114 245 2406



## Some spiritual observations:

‘I am sorry’ and ‘I forgive you’ are the hardest things a human being can ever say – but also, the most liberating. When the wars and scandals are over, those words can rebuild nations. *Tim Stanley*

Every development in AI (Artificial Intelligence) asks the question “what does it mean to be human?” That’s why the church needs to be involved in technology, because the heart of our faith is incarnation.’ *Bishop Stephen Croft*

The web of our life is of a mingled yarn, good and ill together. *Shakespeare*

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