



News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield

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First Words

Having celebrated Trinity Sunday at the end of May we have now entered into what is sometimes called 'Ordinary Time.' We have had the big celebrations of the Church's year which runs from Advent Sunday in December to Trinity Sunday in mid to late Spring.

Each year we see the circle of time moving from Spring to Summer to Autumn and Winter and then round to Spring again. We also celebrate the Church Calendar each year; from Advent at the start of December through to Christmas and then Epiphany in January. Spring brings Lent and Holy Week followed by the joy of Easter, and then Pentecost and Trinity Sunday. And then we wait for it all to begin again with Advent Sunday.

The year and the seasons are always the same and always changing; Every year we have Spring, every year we celebrate Easter, but each Spring, each Easter is different.

Similarly our Church has welcomed the people of Ecclesfield into God's presence in the whole of life, from Baptism to Marriage to Funerals and it is here for all the people as it has been for centuries. A sign and reminder of the love of God in Christ, for all people and for all time.

During June's ordinary time the **Alpha Course** will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings in Church at 7.30pm. **Prayer and Praise** will be on Sunday **24th June at 6.30pm**. Before Prayer and Praise we will have the last meeting of the **Youth Fellowship** until September (Sunday 24th June 5.15pm).

Prayer Breakfast is on **Saturday 9th June at 9am** and we have **weddings** on the **2nd and 9th of June**.

During the summer we will continue to invite funeral families to a Sunday Morning service at which their loved ones will be remembered and prayed for. This month it will be on the **16th of June** when we will welcome families from May.

One special event for me in June is the **Diocesan Conference** from the **12th to the 14th June** at Swanwick.

During all this work will continue on the Church roof, and the Body of Christ will continue to meet week in and week out as we celebrate the love of God on special occasions and in ordinary time.

God bless you, Tim



Front Cover – David Banham in his role as maître d'hôtel at a fund-raising dinner in church given for 'Tricia's retirement on the 28th May 2010 - PL

Back Cover – Pentecost Service 2018 - AR

Thought for the Month

“If only David could have been here. He would have loved it!” I guess I am not the only person who thought that as we said goodbye to our friend David Banham on Tuesday the 29th of May. A week after he would have turned 80 years old.

The worship led by our own augmented choir with Simon Lindley playing the organ was supplemented by a choir from the Cathedral who sang the two anthems, Thomas Tallis’ *If Ye Love Me*, and *The Russian Kontakion of the Departed*. It was a fitting tribute to a man who has been at the heart of both St Mary’s Church and Ecclesfield village for so many decades. As one man said to me as we waited at the Crematorium “I have known David for over fifty years.”

What would have meant more to David than the music and the worship would have been the people, so many people, who came to celebrate his life, to give thanks for all that he meant to them and to grieve at his loss. I hope that he knew the love and respect in which he was held by so many people. We all miss him. At some point we will find a fitting memorial to him in the Church that he so loved and did so much for.

Since David’s death I have been amazed at the number of people from the Church and the village who have said to me things such as, “I have suffered from depression too,” or “I once suffered a breakdown.” It is like a hidden epidemic.

As well as a monument in Church, perhaps another memorial to David might be that we begin to speak about such things openly. If we who have suffered from depression talk about it, it could give confidence to others to share their own burden.

I often say that it is a pity that depression does not make a person break out in spots! If it did, we might take it more seriously as an illness. It is as wrong to feel ashamed or embarrassed about it as it would be to be ashamed of catching the flu!

At times we do hear unhelpful things. Years ago I once heard someone say that a Christian should not get depressed - which is as foolish as to say that Christians should not become short sighted and wear glasses!

As a Church family let us continue to be open about our own struggles; let us be ready to listen to others without judgement. We do not have to have answers, just a friendly ear, an assurance that we will keep confidences and that we will not judge. The best time to offer a listening ear is usually over a cup of tea and a piece of cake - perhaps at the Coffee shop on a Tuesday or Friday morning?

God bless you and God bless our friend David.

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’: St Erasmus’ mitre

2nd June is the feast day of St Erasmus or Elmo – not a well-known saint, but a bishop who suffered terribly under Diocletian’s persecution and died in 303.

His symbol is a windlass, used to wind up a ship’s anchor, and his name lives on in St Elmo’s fire, the electricity around the masthead during a storm at sea. As a bishop, the saint was usually depicted not only with his own symbol, but also with the signs of his episcopal position: the mitre and the staff or crosier. The mitre began life as a modest headdress.



In the Middle Ages it developed into a high conical cap as a reminder of the flame of fire that alighted on each apostle’s head at Pentecost. The staff is the shepherd’s crook, guiding the sheep and guarding them from predators. When the bishop visits our church for a confirmation or institution or special occasion, he or she will wear the mitre as a living link to the Church of the past; and hold a staff as a sign of pastoral care in the present.

In 1524 Matthias Grünewald painted St Erasmus with St Maurice: the two patron saints of the abbey at Halle. One is a shepherd, the other a soldier; one represents Europe, the other Africa. The bishop draws our attention with his windlass, but also with his jewelled mitre and gold crosier. Yet beneath the opulent vestments is a human being – someone touched by God’s Spirit and commissioned to care for the sheep.

Both mitre and staff point us to Jesus as the model, baptised with the Holy Spirit and shepherding the faithful. Libby Lane at her consecration as bishop in 2015 reflected those truths in her choice of the hymn, ‘May the mind of Christ my Saviour live in me from day to day.’ It is our prayer for all who shepherd the flock of the Church as bishops and pastors.

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St James the Least of All

On church tourists and outrageous lies

My dear Nephew Darren.

The Rectory,
St. James the Least

I was sorry to hear of the dawn call by the police because your church had been broken into, although the theft of tambourines, books of choruses and banners proclaiming "Jesus wants me for a Sunbeam" are likely to have a limited market. But you are fortunate that those are the only unexpected call-outs you receive.

Those of us with ancient churches are resigned to receiving telephone calls from people living in remote corners of the globe who happen to be on holiday in England and want to trace long-lost relatives who were married or buried in our parishes. They invariably seem amazed when they find you are not personally familiar with someone who died 400 years ago, what family still exists, where they live and what interesting anecdotes you know about their ancestors - preferably something criminal. Any attempts to put them off will be deflected by being told that they fly home tomorrow and since they are booked at a show in London that evening, could they come round early afternoon?

Once inside the church, they will expect a conducted tour. I have a competition with myself to see how outrageous I can make our history, yet still be believed. One family now thinks that the conical tomb in the churchyard is the last visible tip of the spire of the famous cathedral which once stood on this spot but sank into the ground when cursed by a bride who was jilted at its altar.

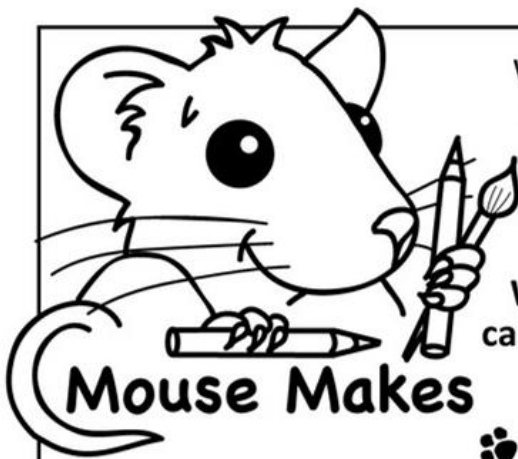
A second couple now know that a locked safe contains a set of pagan gods which were worshipped by an obscure sect in the parish during the time of the Tudor monarchs. They were removed by the incumbent of the day and locked away. Only the Rector is allowed a key and is only permitted to look inside at the contents on the day he leaves office, as the sight is too terrible.

Yet another are convinced that several dozen mediaeval gold chalices are buried in the rectory garden, where they were hidden from Cromwell's soldiers and their exact location has been forgotten (I told that story when I was looking for volunteers to dig over the rose beds).

Should they get as far as the vestry to inspect the registers of baptisms, marriages and burials, you know that the afternoon is lost. It can occasionally hasten their departure by casually telling them to ignore the mice which will be running round the floor - although hardened visitors are likely to set up their tripods to catch them on film.

The ultimate deterrent is to suggest they stay to Evensong which I am about to say. That is guaranteed to remind them that they have an urgent appointment back at their hotel.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace



Which animal did Noah let out of the ark first?

— — — — —
Genesis 8:7

What plague of animals came out of the River Nile?

— — — — —
Exodus 8:6

What insects did John eat in the wilderness?

— — — — —
Matthew 3:4

Which animal can we learn from?

— — — — —
Proverbs 6:6

Which bird did the Holy Spirit appear as?

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Luke 3:22

Which animal did Jesus ride on?

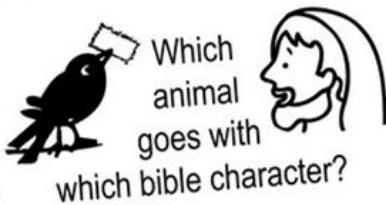
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Matthew 21:7

DID YOU KNOW?



Four of the miracles Jesus performed were to do with fish.

1. Feeding of the 5000
Matthew 14:15-21
2. The coin in the fish's mouth
Matthew 17:24-27
3. When Jesus called His first disciples
Luke 5:4-11
4. At the Sea of Galilee after Jesus' resurrection
John 21:4-11



LAMB	HOLY SPIRIT
LIONS	BALAAM
LOCUSTS	JESUS
DOVE	JONAH
RAVENS	PAUL
BIG FISH	SOLOMON
DONKEY	DANIEL
BEES	ELIJAH
SNAKE	JOHN
PEACOCK	SAMSON

DID YOU KNOW?

There are four animals that are small but the Bible says are extremely wise... the **ANT**, the **HYRAX**, the **LOCUST** and the **LIZARD**.



Look up
Proverbs 30:24-28
to find out why.

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Find the animals in the word search

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DONKEY • RAVEN
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Will You Remember Them - June

India

Teenage Pakistani Christian maid killed by Muslim employers for “not cleaning properly.”

A 17-year-old Christian young woman who worked as a maid for a Muslim family was murdered on 6th May 2018, “for not cleaning the house properly” Kainat Masih came from a poor Christian family in Gujranwala, Punjab and worked as a domestic staff for a local Muslim family. Her father, Salamet, went to the house where she worked to meet her on 6th May. Arriving around 2pm., he witnessed Kainat’s employer and his wife, along with two other men and a woman, assaulting her.

He later described to police how that were holding down Kainat’s arms and legs and had tied a rope around her neck and were attempting to strangle her. Salamet begged them not to kill his daughter, but they ignored his pleas. Salamet, his daughter was murdered for supposedly not cleaning properly. Kainat’s murder is under investigation by police in Gurjanwala, but no arrests have been made.

The majority of Pakistani Christians live in poverty, confined to menial jobs and are vulnerable to abuse and false accusation by their employers. In 2015, A Christian working in the house of a local Muslim family was beaten by her employer and police officers, after accusations that had stolen money and some gold. She was left with broken leg and hand, and her 20year old son was later taken away and beaten to death in police custody.

Please pray:

For honesty and justice as this case continues to be investigated. **Amen**

JD

Be with you

The vicar at a local church experienced some technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with ‘The Lord be with you’, he said: ‘There’s something wrong with this microphone.’

Not hearing this, the congregation responded: ‘And also with you.’

Mothers Union – 2nd May 2018

As the speaker for our May meeting was unable to come. Heather kindly stepped in and gave a most interesting insight to the high and lows of India.

Having brought many photographs from one of her many visits she and her good friend the late Pam made together over a long period of time. Showing the diverse cultures of India as in the picture of a Garden Party at the Governors Opulent Palace, while outside the gates on the road people were trying to sell their wares trying to make a living. Another picture was of a beautiful flower show in Bangalore, and another of a lovely luxury Barge which was Heather and Pam's treat to each other to stay in. Complete with the driver and cook. We saw lovely shots of the Taj Mahal, but visitors can no longer enter the tomb as people were taking the stones from it.

A Picture of a Tibetan Temple where a piece of waste land was given to the people of Tibet to build on and prosper, and so this beautiful Temple was built on the land and also a school, shops and a Medical centre. In contrast a picture of very small children sat chipping stones which Heather said would be used to make into jewellery, they work long hours with no protection for their eyes. There was also a picture of fishermen waiting for their catch, as they don't go out in boats to fish but spread their nets out as the fish come near. A humorous picture was of a cow on the road near a bus stop, and another cow with its head in a waste bin. Heather told some funny stories about some of the picture, which made it an enjoyable afternoon.

Cat Prayer

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray this cushy life to keep.
I pray for toys that look like mice,
And sofa cushions, soft and nice.

I pray for gourmet kitty snacks,
And someone nice to scratch my back,
For windowsills all warm and bright,
For shadows to explore at night.

I pray I'll always stay real cool
And keep the secret feline rule
To NEVER tell a human that
The world is really ruled by CATS!

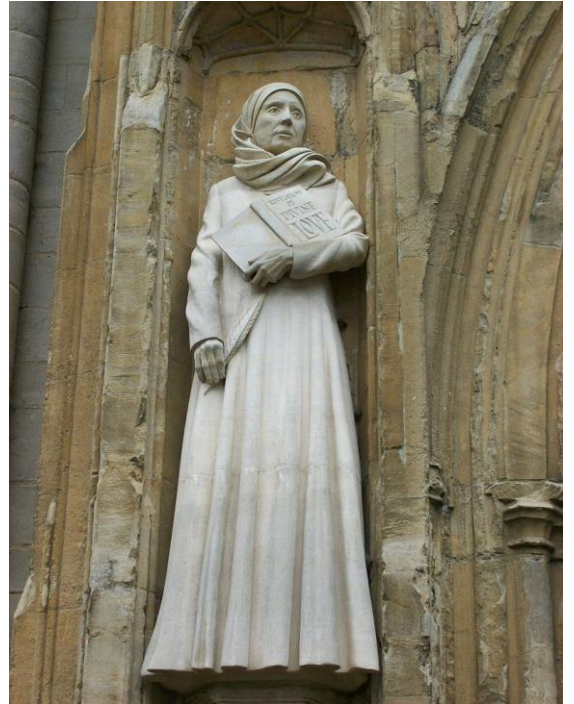
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Prayer for the Month

*“In His hands He wraps and holds us.
He enfolds us for love and He will never let us go.”*

These are the words of Julian of Norwich from her vision of God’s love. Julian lived in the late 14th and early 15th centuries. When she was still a young woman she fell seriously ill and was not expected to live. She did survive her illness and dedicated the rest of her life to God. While ill she was given a powerful vision of God’s love in Christ. After she had recovered she wrote an account of her vision. “The Revelation of Divine Love” (1395) was the first book written by a woman in the English language.

At the centre of her vision is the revelation that God is as He is in Jesus. He is compassionate, self-giving love. She is convinced that God’s love is greater than our sin and our failings. It is greater than the evil in our world.



Statue of Julian on the front of
Norwich Cathedral, holding the book
Revelations of Divine Love

It was because of God’s great love in Christ that Julian was able to famously write that “All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well.”

The revelation of God’s love that Julian received enabled her to trust God in all circumstances and situations, and to encourage others to trust.

We are always held in hands of love; hands that have been scarred by nails for us. We may face adversity and opposition; life may turn against us and friends may desert us. But we can know that the God whose love is seen in Christ will hold us and never let us go.

Julian tells us that the love of God holds all of creation - including our lives - in existence. As we read her words we know that the most fundamental truth about every one of us is that we are loved and cherished and held by God who is not just our infinite creator but is also our loving Father and our compassionate saviour.

Tim

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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Tuesday 9:00 am to 1.00 pm

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 - June 2018

Day and Date	Time	Item
Saturday 2 nd	10.00 am	Ecclesfield in Bloom Coffee Morning
Monday 4 th	7.30 pm	PCC meets in Church
Wednesday 6 th	1.00 pm	Mothers' Union meet in the Gatty Hall – Speaker from Air Ambulance
	7.30 pm	Alpha Course in Church
Saturday 9 th	9.00 am	Prayer Breakfast in Church
Wednesday 13 th	7.30 pm	Alpha Course in Church
Wednesday 20 th	7.30 pm	Alpha Course in Church
	7.30 pm	Evening Mothers' Union Meeting
Sunday 24 th	6.30 pm	Prayer and Praise Service
Monday 25 th	7.30 pm	Ignatian Prayer in Church
Tuesday 26 th	7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting in Church
Wednesday 27 th	7.30 pm	Alpha Course in Church
	7.30 pm	Finance Team Meeting

From the Registers

Baptisms

6 th May	Harry Joseph Trigg
6 th May	Phoebe Grace Hope
6 th May	Sofia Astéri Wragg

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

Weddings

4 th May	James Derek Baugh and Lisa Marie Casey
12 th May	Andrew Richard Talbot and Kirsty Michelle Fletcher
19 th May	Lee Anthony Feery and Nicola Kempton
26 th May	Adam Paul Robinson and Sallyann Ralph
26 th May	Michael Gareth Hepworth and Charlotte Wragg

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

Funerals

21 st May	Doreen Green	90
29 th May	David Darrel Banham	79

Grant them, O Lord, refreshment, light and peace

Flower Rota June 2018

3 rd June	Jeanne Sutton	17 th June	C. Ambler
10 th June	S. Johns & S. Dale	24 th June	K. Lonsborough & P. Clarke

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The doctor and the ill person



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS



ON ONE OCCASION JESUS CALLED MATTHEW - A TAX COLLECTOR TO BE HIS FOLLOWER.

JESUS EVEN WENT TO MATTHEW'S HOME.



THIS SET PEOPLE'S TONGUES WAGGING. THEY THOUGHT JESUS WAS LETTING THE SIDE DOWN!

BUT JESUS EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO TALK TO EVERYONE!

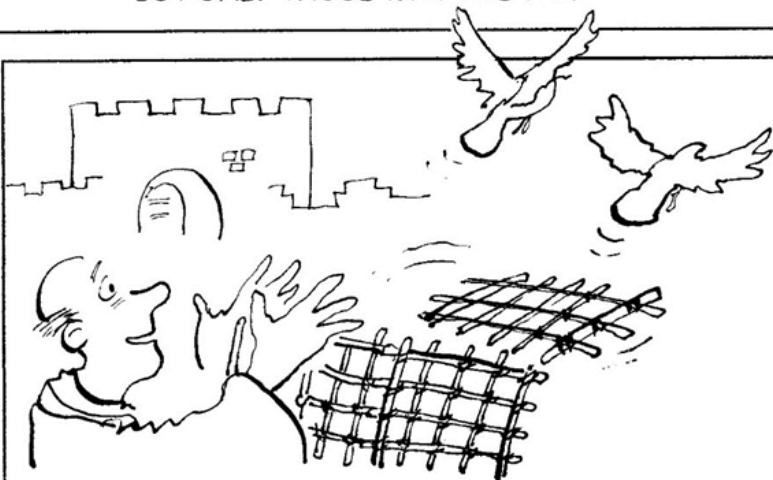


"PEOPLE WHO ARE WELL DO NOT NEED A DOCTOR"



"BUT ONLY THOSE WHO ARE SICK"

"IT IS KINDNESS THAT GOD WANTS"



"NOT ANIMAL SACRIFICES!" see Matthew Ch. 9 v.9-13

The Gardening Year – June 2018

The sun is at its strongest during June, and every care must be taken to keep down weeds and to maintain soil moisture. Pests and diseases must be checked whenever they show the first signs of infesting the garden; early action can do much to keep these enemies under control.

A Summary of the Months Work – during prolonged dry weather water thoroughly the recently planted half-hardy annuals and hardy annuals sown earlier. To help them make sufficient growth before flowering starts. Avoid over-watering, however, especially on rich soils, as this may lead to excessive leaf growth at the expense of flowers.

Vegetables – outdoors, plant Brussels sprouts, leeks, sprouting broccoli, sweet peppers, ridge cucumbers and tomatoes. Stake tomatoes plants with canes and stop the growth at the fourth truss. Feed tomatoes with a liquid fertiliser when the first fruits have set about the size of a pea.

Pests

Codling Moth – the caterpillars are the major cause of ‘maggoty’ apples and may also attack pears and other fruits. Symptoms hollow brown and rotten cores, often with caterpillars inside. Treatment spray with insecticide mid-June and again three weeks later. **‘Whitefly’** affects all greens especially Brussels sprouts, also greenhouse tomatoes and cucumbers. Treatment spray with insecticide every week for three weeks as the insecticide only kills the adult fry and not the eggs. If you are growing tomatoes in a greenhouse, plant French marigolds down the borders, as the fly do not like the smell of this plant.

Colin Williams

Eat the Seasons - Seasonal food for June

Vegetables - Artichoke, Asparagus, 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 Nettle

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

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

Meat - Lamb, Wood Pigeon

Fish - Cod, Coley, Crab, Haddock, Halibut, Herring, Langoustine, Plaice, Pollack, Prawns, Salmon, Sardines, Scallops (Queen), Sea Bream, Sea Trout, Shrimp, Squid, Whelks, Whitebait

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Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here



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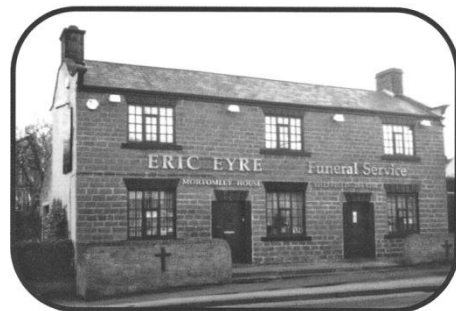
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Saint of the Month – 9th June - Columba of Iona (c. 521 -97)

Missionary to the UK

2013 marked the 1450th anniversary of the arrival of Christianity in the UK. It was brought by St Columba from Ireland to Iona – a tiny island off Mull, in the Western Highlands.

Columba was born in Donegal of the royal Ui Neill clan and trained as a monk. He founded the monasteries of Derry (546), Durrow (c.556) and probably Kells. But in 565 Columba left Ireland with twelve companions for Iona, an island off southwest Scotland. Iona had been given to him for a monastery by the ruler of the Irish Dalriada.

Why would a monk in his mid-40s go into such voluntary exile? Various explanations include: voluntary exile for Christ, an attempt to help overseas compatriots in their struggle for survival, or even as some sort of punishment for his part in a row over a psalter in Ireland. Whatever the reason, Columba went to Iona and spent the rest of his life in Scotland, returning to Ireland only for occasional visits.

Columba's biographer, Adomnan, portrays him as a tall, striking figure of powerful build and impressive presence, who combined the skills of scholar, poet and ruler with a fearless commitment to God's cause. Able, ardent, and sometimes harsh, Columba seems to have mellowed with age.

As well as building his monastery on Iona, Columba also converted Brude, king of the Picts. Columba had great skill as a scribe, and an example of this can be seen in the Cathach of Columba, a late 6th century psalter in the Irish Academy, which is the oldest surviving example of Irish majuscule writing. In his later years Columba spent much time transcribing books.

Columba's death was apparently foreseen by his community, and even, it seems, sensed by his favourite horse. He died in the church just before Matins, and it is a tribute to this man that his traditions were upheld by his followers for about a century, not least in the Synod of Whitby and in Irish monasteries on the continent of Europe.

Here is a prayer of St Columba:

Christ With Us

My dearest Lord,

Be Thou a bright flame before me,

Be Thou a guiding star above me,

Be Thou a smooth path beneath me,

Be Thou a kindly shepherd behind me,

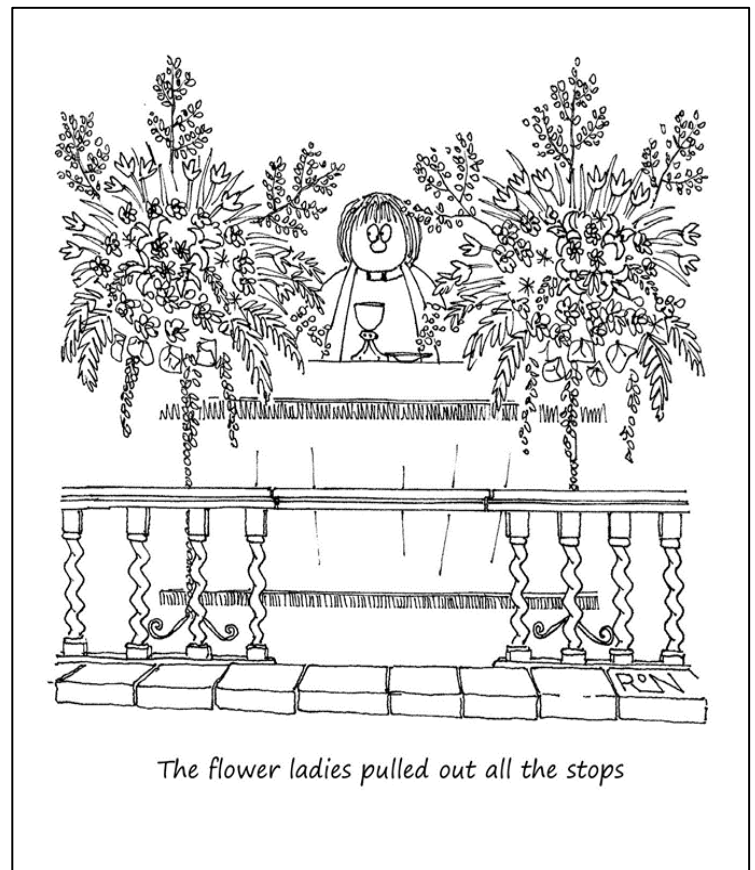
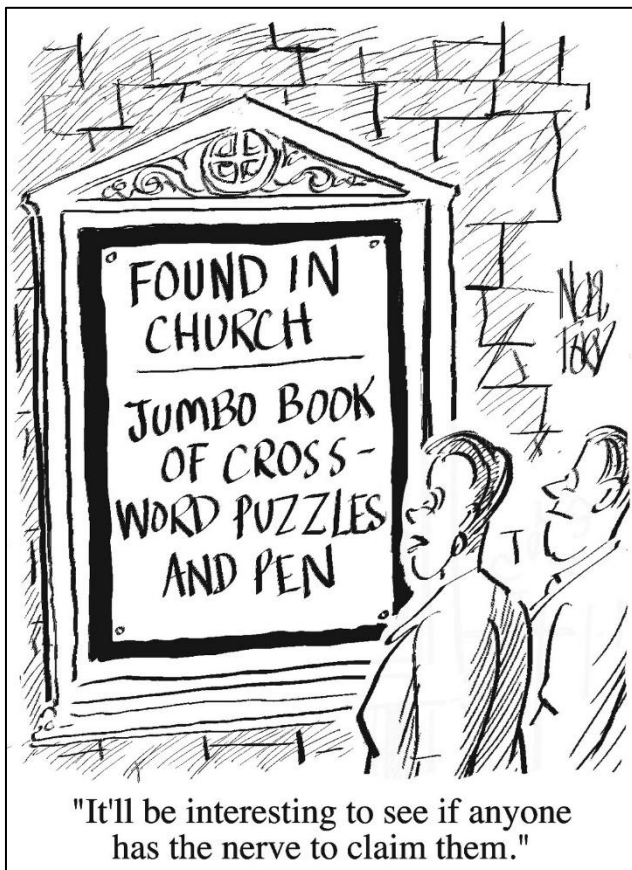
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Crossword Puzzle

Clues Across

- 1** Evil (Genesis 6:5) (10)
- 7** Musician called for by Elisha when he met the kings of Israel, Judah and Edom (2 Kings 3:15) (7)
- 8** The request that led to the institution of the Lord's Prayer: 'Lord, — us to pray' (Luke 11:1) (5)
- 10** 'We are hard pressed on every—' (2Corinthians4:8)(4)
- 11** Fraud (2Corinthians6:8)(8)
- 13** 'His troops advance in force; they build a siege ramp against me and — around my tent' (Job 19:12) (6)
- 15** Where Rachel hid Laban's household gods when he searched his daughter's tent (Genesis 31:34) (6)
- 17** 'Now about spiritual gifts, brothers, I do not want you to be—' (1 Corinthians 12:1) (8)
- 18** Nomadic dwelling(Genesis26:25)(4)
- 21** 'As for man his days are like—,he flourishes like a flower of the field' (Psalm 103:15) (5)
- 22** Or I live (anag.)(7)
- 23** Those guilty of 1 Across(Romans13:4)(10)

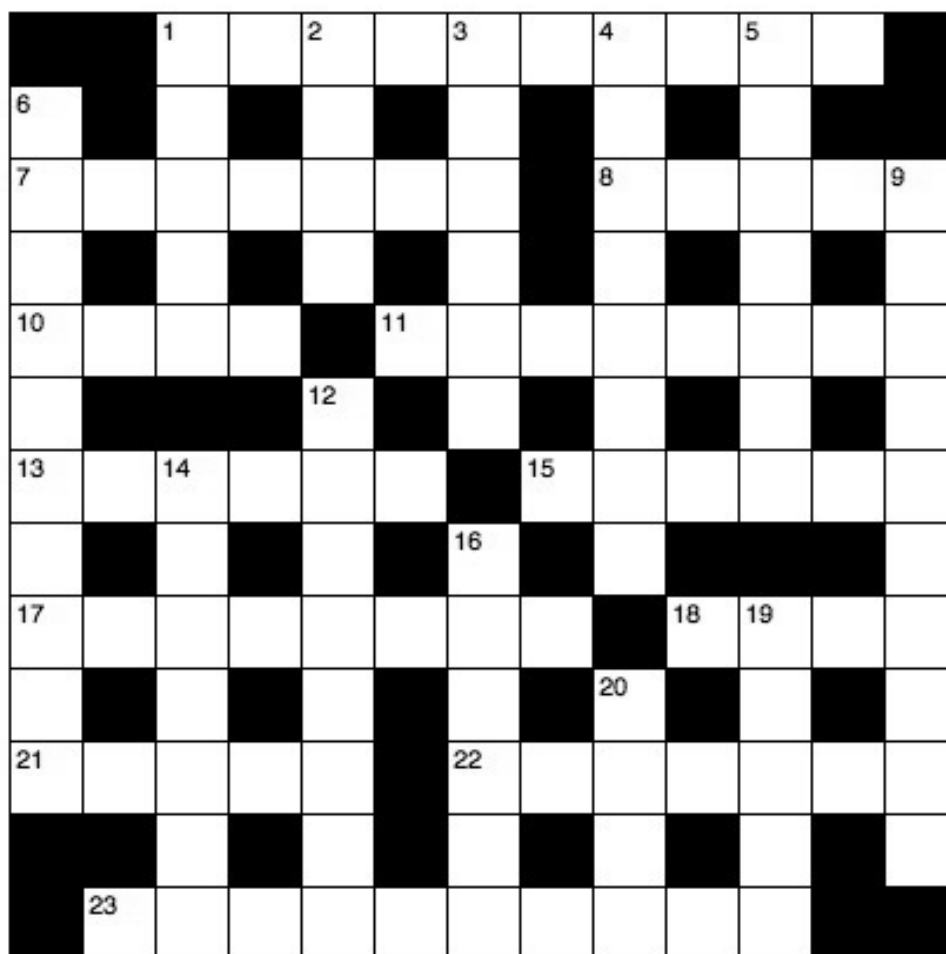
Clues Down

- 1** 'God so loved the — that he gave his one and only Son' (John 3:16) (5)
- 2** 'Away in a manger, no — for a bed' (4)
- 3** Mob ten (anag.) (6)
- 4** 'Each — group made its own gods in several towns where they settled' (2 Kings 17:29) (8)
- 5** Began (Luke 9:46) (7)
- 6** Speaking very softly (John 7:32) (10)
- 9** Workers Ruth joined when she arrived in Bethlehem with her mother-in-law Naomi (Ruth 2:3) (10) **12** Put in jail(Acts22:19)(8)
- 14** Aceturn (anag.)(7)
- 16** Discharge(Acts21:3)(6)

19 ‘All these—come from inside and make a man “unclean”’ (Mark 7:23) (5)

20 ‘Let us rejoice and be glad and — him glory!’ (Revelation 19:7) (4)

Solution is on Page 20



No need to cut the grass weekly

How often should you cut your grass? That depends on how much you want to help the bees. It seems that the ideal ‘gap’ is two weeks. This helps improve the habitat for the pollinating plants that need bees to survive. Cutting the grass more often than every 14 days destroys dandelions and clover and other plants which the insects need for pollen.

Two weeks is ideal – it gives time for the grass to attract a greater diversity of insects. The number of bee species and the abundance of lawn flowers were up to 2.5 times higher when home owners mowed lawns every two weeks compared to once a week.

Don’t be a martyr, though – as three-weekly cuts are also not recommended. The high grass then makes it more difficult for bees and other insects to access flowers.

Prayers and Poems Page

A prayer for the lonely and lost

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for loving us. So many people feel lonely and isolated and unloved today. In a culture that values I above all things, help us to look beyond our i- phones and i- pads and selfies. Help us to see with your eyes, to love with your heart; to reach out to the lost and lonely and marginalised with your compassion. Help us to reflect your Kingdom values and, by the way we live, enable your love to be experienced by all who so need you.

In Jesus name,
Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

John and Jesus

Isaiah's words were ringing out
As John called out 'Prepare the way'
For one who would come who was greater than
he,
How Moses had longed to see His day.

Clad with a garment of camel hair,
John's special ministry had begun,
His call to repent and be baptised
Announcing the coming of God's own Son.

Jesus came near and was baptised by John,
The Spirit appeared in the form of a dove,
As He rose from the water a voice was heard,
'This is my Son, the one whom I love'.

He came as a servant, God's own sacrifice,
As He filled all scripture in the path that He trod,
John the Baptist had opened the way
For us to meet the Lamb of God.

By Megan Carter

A Grace Anon

We bless thee, Lord, for this our food
For life and health and every good
May we, more blest than we deserve
Live less for self and more to serve.

Editor: June is the time of the midnight sun –
the Summer Solstice! It reminded me of this...

I Am the Great Sun

I am the great sun, but you do not see me.
I am your husband, but you turn away.
I am the captive, but you do not free me,
I am the captain you will not obey.

I am the truth, but you will not believe me.
I am the city where you will not stay,
I am your wife, your child, but you will leave
me,
I am that God to whom you will not pray.

I am your counsel, but you do not hear me.
I am the lover whom you will betray.
I am the victor, but you do not cheer me.
I am the holy dove whom you will slay.

I am your life, but if you will not name me,
Seal up your soul with tears, and never blame
me.

(from a Norman crucifix of 1632)

Whitley Hall Cricket Club



The weather has brightened up a lot following the damp start to the season although results have been mixed. The 1st XI started off brightly with two wins in the league but followed this with two defeats leaving them standing in mid-table at the beginning of June. Defeats in the Heavy Woollen Cup and the Yorkshire Premier Cup have made it a disappointing start to the season. The 2nd XI have started quite brightly with 3 victories out of 5 games played standing fourth in the Division 1 table and the 3rd XI has had a robust start standing 5th in Division 6.

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. Matches in June start at 12 noon

Senior Home Games at Cinder Hill Lane

26 th May	1 st XI	v	Whiston 1 st XI
2 nd June	2 nd XI	v	Warmsworth 1 st XI
9 th June	2 nd XI	v	Wickersley 2 nd XI
16 th June	1 st XI	v	Collegiate 1 st XI
23 rd June	2 nd XI	v	Norton Woodseats 1 st XI
30 th June	1 st XI	v	Hallam 1 st XI
7 th July	2 nd XI	v	Thorncliffe 1 st XI

Contact: Steve Fletcher, Secretary: 0114 245 2406



Quotes - *with our Christian faith in mind...*

The noblest revenge is to forgive. *Thomas Fuller*

All but God is changing day by day. *Charles Kingsley*

We trust not because 'a god' exists, but because THIS God exists. *C S Lewis*

God's gifts put man's best dreams to shame. *Elizabeth Barrett Browning*

God loves his children as well in adversity as in prosperity. *Thomas Watson*

Grace is the sum and substance of New Testament faith. *J I Packer*

Most men pray more for full purses than for pure hearts. *T Watson*

History is the long story of man trying to be God. *V Havner*

God cares not for phrases but for affections. *Joseph Hall*

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Gatty Hall
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Leader - Mrs J Hutchinson
Tel: 0114 257 8609

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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

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Thursday 6.00 -7.15 pm
Rachael Otter 0114 246 1752

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