

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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First Words

May looks as if it is going to be a busy month at St Mary's. With lots of weddings during the month. Please pray for the couple who are getting married here this year, particularly those whose weddings will be affected by the ongoing work on the roof.

The main events this month focus on the end of the Easter period with Ascension Day and Pentecost both falling in May. On **Thursday 10th May at 7.30 pm** we will be having a joint Ascension celebration with Chapeltown and Grenoside. The Ascension is the start of Thy Kingdom Come, ten days of prayer leading to Pentecost. There will be a short, simple service each day in Church in the middle of the day. It is an opportunity to pray for the renewal of the Church in Great Britain and to pray for our Church in our mission and ministry.

On **Pentecost Sunday 20th May** we will welcome the guides, Brownies and Rainbows for the annual May Queens' service (outdoors weather permitting). The evening service on the 20th May is cancelled as we will be sharing in the big celebration at the Cathedral which begins at 6pm.

Other events this month for your prayers. Alpha will continue on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm. Prayer Breakfast will be on **Saturday 12th May at 9.30am** and Ignatian prayer on **Monday 28th May at 7.30pm**. PCC members please note that due to the Bank Holiday on the 7th May, the PCC Meeting will be on the 14th, the second Monday in May at 7.30pm.

On Monday 21st May we will welcome Baptism families and godparents into Church at 7.30pm for Baptism preparation. Please pray for the many families who still come to Church to have their children baptised. It is a joy and a privilege for us to welcome them into their parish Church.

God bless you,
Tim



Front Cover – The flower of the passion fruit is the national flower of Paraguay. The intricate structure of the flower has generated Christian symbolism, each part representing a different part of the Passion of Christ.

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Back Cover – Ecclesfield in Bloom Poster

Thought for the Month

Towards the end of April we had a visit from Dr Joe Elders from Church House in London. He was meeting the churches in the Diocese that have recently been awarded Major Church Status. The award is a great honour for St Mary's. It is a recognition not only of our great history and heritage, but also of our relationship with our living community in Ecclesfield and beyond, and it is also looking at the potential of St Mary's for mission in the coming decades and beyond.

The award will involve a lot of work and thought and prayer. We will spend about a year developing a Conservation Maintenance Plan (CMP), looking at the history of the Church for the past 1500 years. We will be working with other groups such as the Archaeology Department of Sheffield University to record the history of the Church building in its wider setting.

But the Major Church award is not simply about the past, it is about the present and the future. We will engage with interested parties looking at how the building meets the needs of those who worship here regularly and the wider community. It is an acknowledgement of the historical and architectural importance of St Mary's to our nation.

One exciting part of the process will be to prayerfully see how the building can be developed by the present generation - just as it has by every generation of worshippers for the past 1500 years - to meet the needs of the community today and in the future.

We are blessed with the care and stewardship of a building that means a great deal to many people in our city and far beyond; we hold it in trust for the nation and for the future. And in everything we remember that this is not our Church, it does not belong to the Bishop or the diocese; it does not belong to the people of the parish. This is Christ's Church, and everything that happens here must honour Him: worship and pastoral care, private prayer and times of fun and fellowship. Church buildings are meant to be 'sermons in stone' where those who enter - whatever their reason for entering - meet with the risen Christ. And as the community of disciples here in Ecclesfield we are called to embody the Father's welcome to every person who enters, whoever they may be, whatever their reason for coming.

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’ - Tiepolo’s Trinity altarpiece

On Sunday 27th May we shall be praising God as the Holy Trinity: three in one and one in three. Preachers will be pointing perhaps to the tree with its root, trunk and branches or to a human being with will, heart and mind. Or to symbols of the Trinity with the triangle or three interwoven circles. They are all images inviting us to ponder our world and be led from here to God: words and signs that take us into the mystery of God’s glory and being. That was the experience of an early pope, St Clement, when he was at prayer. He was granted a vision of the Trinity which is the theme of this sketch of 1735 by Tiepolo – a painting for an altarpiece commissioned by the Archbishop of Cologne.



In true Italian rococo style, it is full of vitality and life and colour. But at heart it is the scene of one man kneeling in prayer. He holds no signs of his papal authority for the cherub has charge of his three-barred crozier. It is a moment in worship: by the cherub, the incense is burning on a step. And above the steps, to St Clement’s amazement, the altar has burst into life. We see the risen Christ holding His cross, the dove hovering and ready to alight, and above, God the Father, leaning down to the saint. Clouds and angels surround the scene like the shekinah, the glory of God that shone out in the Temple and on the mount of Transfiguration.

The vision brings to life the signs of the Trinity we see in churches on altar frontals and in stained glass. It calls us with St Clement not just to ponder, but to offer to God the Holy Trinity our wills in service and our hearts in love. The well-known prayer of St Richard of Chichester expresses those three hopes: to know God more clearly, to love Him more dearly and to follow Him more nearly, not only on Trinity Sunday but day by day.

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St James the Least of All

On church towers, rock cakes, scaffolding and the merits of confirming bats

The Rectory,
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren.

We are finally about to start repairing our medieval church tower. Would that we still paid medieval prices for having it done; there would be a degree of satisfaction in giving the builders a hogshead of ale and 10 sheep once the work was completed. I would even be prepared to throw in an Indulgence, sparing them 100 days in purgatory (the architect probably claiming 15% of them for himself).

After several endless jumble sales, coffee mornings – where we were obliged to eat Mrs Jarvis's rock cakes (many of us would have been happier to make a substantial donation to the fund provided we didn't have to eat them) – sponsored events (Mr Peat has yet to return, five years late, from his sponsored cycle ride across the Sahara – but fortunately, we had his sponsor money collected before he departed) and a substantial loan from the bank that makes the National Debt seem trivial (and has the same probability of being repaid), we are now able to begin. The only sponsored event I regretted not having was paying to have Lady Trotter remain silent for a month. Even sponsoring her to keep quiet for half an hour would have been pleasant.

We received a substantial donation from a local manufacturer. It was suggested that as a sign of appreciation we advertise their products from the top of the tower – until it was gently pointed out that they produce nuclear warheads. I would have had no objection; knowing that council members possessed tactical nuclear weapons would make discussion at meetings rather brisker.

Scaffolding has now been erected around the tower, with the first 20 feet covered in sheet metal in order to stop the Young Farmers, after refreshing themselves at their Tuesday meetings in the pub, from trying to see who could be the first to reach the top. Personally, I suspect it is to stop the more athletic members of the Ladies' Guild from attempting the same feat. 80-year-olds these days can have fearsome energy and determination.

Fulfilling current safety regulations, there is now a security cordon around the tower of approximately 10 square miles. "Lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone"? These days, a dashed foot would involve court proceedings and damages of several million pounds.

Inside the church, the organ has had to be covered in polythene sheeting in order to protect it. Parish relations were somewhat strained last week when our deputy organist, Mrs French, while playing for Evensong, overheard me refer to the large bag on the organ and got quite the wrong impression.

The greatest inconvenience will be caused to our population of bats, but if it dissuades them from flying into church so much the better. The only other possibility is to get them all confirmed; we will then never see them inside church again.

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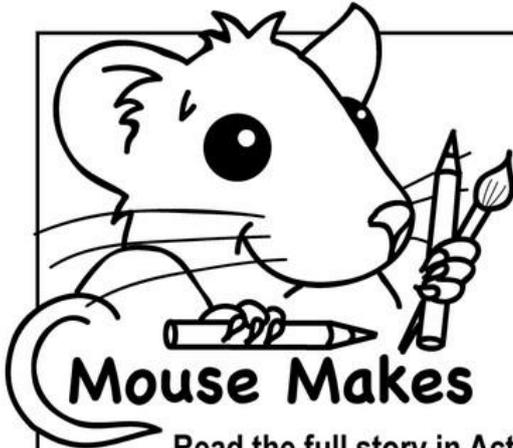
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- Which city were they in?
- Which countries had people come from?
- Who spoke to the crowd?
- How many were baptised that day?

It was the festival of **Pentecost** and the Apostles and other believers were all together in one place, when they heard a sound like a strong **wind** and saw what looked like flames of **fire** which spread out and touched each person. They were all **filled** with the Holy **Spirit** and began to talk in other languages as the Spirit enabled them.

A crowd gathered outside, they were excited and confused because each of them heard the **believers** speaking in their own language about the great things God had done.

The words in **bold** in the story have all been jumbled up in the flames, can you unjumble them?

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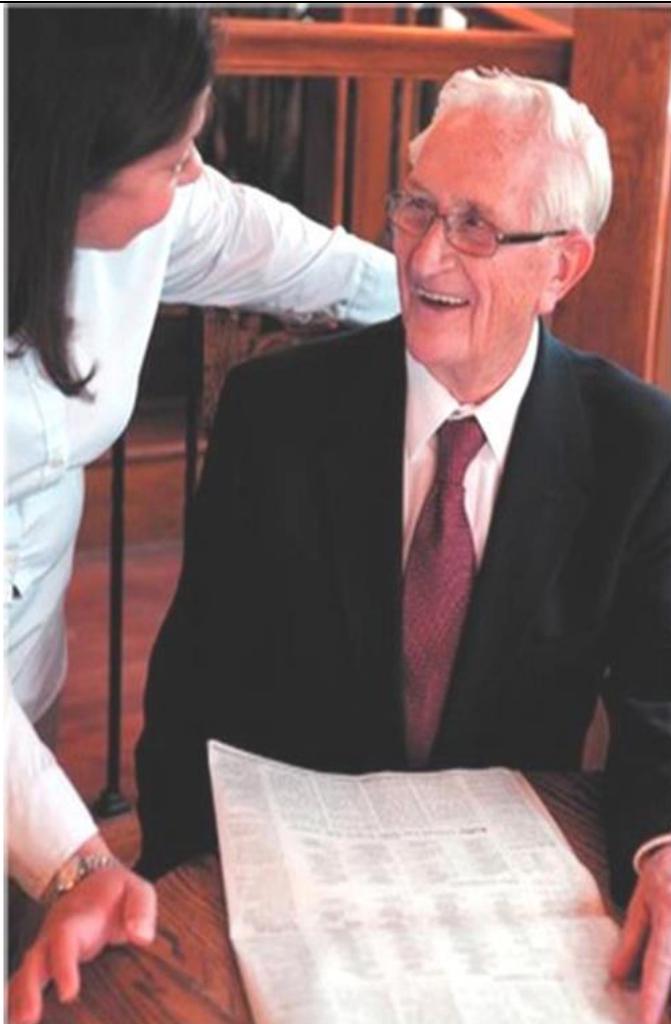
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Will You Remember Them - May

Prince Charles' Message of Support for the Persecuted Church

Persecuted Christians are not forgotten - they are in our prayers, declared the Prince of Wales in a specially recorded Holy week message. The Prince has met with a number of Christian leaders from the Middle East including the Coptic Pope.

“Over the years, I have met many who have had to flee for their faith and for their life - or have somehow endured the terrifying consequences of remaining in their country – and I have been so deeply moved, and humbled, by their truly remarkable courage and by their selfless capacity for forgiveness, despite all that they have suffered,” he said. He said that all three Abrahamic faiths - Christianity, Judaism and Islam had known times of persecution, “when religion has fallen into the barbaric grip of those who distort and misrepresent faith.” Recalling the suffering of Christ, he declared: “We think especially of those Christians who are suffering for their faith in many places around the world. I want to assure them they are not forgotten and that they are in our prayers.” The Prince of Wales expressed hopes for the return of Christians to homelands in Syria and Iraq.

Open Doors press release following the above message from the Prince reported that; For the first time since ISIS drove all the Christians from Iraq's Ninevah plain, the Christian town of Qaragosh celebrates Easter after thousands of its families returned, supported by various Christian aid organisations.

Hope for The Middle East

Open Doors is launching a global campaign to mobilise Christians to bring hope to the Middle East.

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Open Doors is a non-denominational mission supporting persecuted Christians in over 60 countries where they consider Christianity to be socially or legally discouraged or oppressed. They are also engaged in the distribution of Bibles and literature, audio recordings, broadcasting and training.

Open Doors stated aims are to raise awareness of global persecution, mobilising prayer, support and action among Christians from around the world. It is based in Ermelo, The Netherlands. Open Doors is also a member of the Forum of Bible Agencies International.

Open Doors has 25 affiliate offices around the world. Open Doors USA, the United States' affiliate office, is in Santa Ana, California.

Mothers Union April 11th

Our speaker was Pauline from, “Medical Detection Dogs” and with her was Fiona with her dog Barton. The charity uses the powerful scenting ability (300times that of humans) to help detect and assist with managing life threatening medical conditions. The charity was founded by Dr Claire Guest when one of her friend’s dogs persistently licked a mole on her leg which was eventually diagnosed as a malignant melanoma. Claire’s own dog Daisy later diagnosed her breast cancer.



The charity has two aims Bio Detection and Research and Medical Alert Assistance. The Bio Detection dogs are trained to detect minute odours associated with cancers and other diseases.

When cells are changed by disease they produce by products which are eventually removed by the body through breath and urine. The dogs are trained to respond to a particular smell. They are trained only to detect on smell never on people. The charity works in conjunction with oncologists, scientists and NHS trusts and is continuing studies into colorectal and prostate cancers. They are also exploring the dog’s ability to detect other cancers and diseases including: Parkinson's disease, Malaria, bacteria and animal cancers. The research could help in early diagnosis, cheaper and non-invasive detection. It takes four to six months to train a dog and £600 a month to support a working dog. Bio detection trials can cost up to £500,000 and can last up to 5 years. Pauline told us the dogs have a 93% success rate in detecting prostate cancer. A survey showed that 82% of the public would feel comfortable for a trained dog to be used to detect a disease in urine.

The Medical Alert Assistance dogs support people with complex health conditions who often have no awareness of an impending life- threatening medical event. Using their amazing sense of smell, dogs can be trained to identify minute odour changes emitted prior to an emergency and alert the person to get medical supplies, attract attention, fetch help, saving lives. We were given a first-hand example of this. Fiona has diabetes and her dog Barton is an assistance dog, we thought he was sleeping until he suddenly sat up and stared at Fiona until she checked her levels which were slightly low.

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Prayer for the Month

“Worthy is the Lamb” (Revelation chapter 5)

In what is undoubtedly the strangest and most misunderstood book of the Bible, the Book of Revelation, the visionary John describes the insight that he has been given into heaven.

His description is very similar to other Jewish visions of God’s throne going right back to the Old Testament prophet Daniel. He tries to put into human words a picture of infinite glory and beauty, holiness and power.

God who occupies the throne of heaven is beyond human words (Rev 4:3). As with other Jewish descriptions of heaven John makes it clear that there is an absolute divide in reality. On one side is God the holy and infinite creator of the universe, and on the other side is creation.

Then in chapter 5 comes the shock. God shares His throne, with one who is called the Lion of the tribe of Judah. We expect to see a royal warrior, looking like a combination of King David and the Roman emperor. Instead the lion is a lamb, a Lamb who has been slaughtered.

John in recounting his vision is telling us that at the heart of the universe, at the throne of glory and power is the slaughtered lamb, the crucified and risen Jesus. He is the one who receives the worship of heaven and earth; He is the one who hears our prayers. He is worthy because He has died for us and triumphed over the powers of evil and death.

Another New Testament writing, the Letter to the Hebrews draws out the importance of our knowing that at the throne of heaven stands the crucified and risen Jesus. The one who hears our prayers knows. He knows “our weaknesses” - He knows the struggles and temptations, He knows the weakness of human flesh when it is met with the forces of evil, when we face sin and death; when our lives are devastated by the hardships of life. Jesus knows because He has lived our life. He who was God with us in the years of His incarnation is now God for us in heaven.

We can pray with honesty and with confidence. Our faith is not simply that Christ is God with us; it is that He shows us the true face of God. God is not to be feared, God is not indifferent to our struggles and our tears. The one to whom we pray, the one that we worship knows us and loves us.

*To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honour and glory and might
for ever and ever. Amen (Rev 5:13).*

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 - May 2018

Day and Date	Time	Item
Tuesday 1 st	7.30 pm	Prayer Meeting in Church
Wednesday 2 nd	1.00 pm	Mothers' Union meet in the Gatty Hall
	7.30 pm	Alpha Course meets in Church
Saturday 12 th	9.00 am	Prayer Breakfast in Church
Monday 14 th	7.30 pm	PCC meet in Church
Wednesday 16 th	7.30 pm	MU meet in The Old Hall (Heather's)
	7.30 pm	Alpha Course meets in Church
Monday 21 st	7.30 pm	Fabric Committee
	7.30 pm	Baptism Preparation in Church
Wednesday 23 rd	7.30 pm	Alpha Course meets in Church
Thursday 24 th	10.30 pm	Prayer Meeting in Church
Monday 28 th	7.30 pm	Ignatian Prayer in Church
Wednesday 30 th	12 noon	Outreach Team Meeting
	7.30 pm	Alpha Course meets in Church

From the Registers

Baptisms

22nd April Sebastian Charles Rudkin

May he know the love of God in his life and may all things of the Spirit live and grow in him.

Weddings

28th April Martin Kinglin and Ruth Walton

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

Funerals

13th April	Dennis Maw	83
25th April	Joan Mary Beever	91
2nd May	Joyce Ryder	93

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

Flower Rota May 2018

6th May N. Priest and J. Rodber
13th May Vacant

20th May A. Briddock and I. Proctor
27th May J. Adams and G. Loxley

News and Events from Ecclesfield Library

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Wednesday 9th May at 10.15

Free Funding Advice Session for Sheffield voluntary and Community groups

Saturday 12th May 10.30 – 11.30

FUN SCIENCE – The Science of Sweets

Children will be making their own sherbet to take home and will also discover how candy floss is made. This is a free event, but booking is advisable as places fill up fast

Friday 18th May 11.30 – 17.30 and Saturday 19th May 9.30 – 12.30

Children's Toy and Book Sale

Other Weekly Events

Wednesdays from 13.00 Knit and Natter

Wednesdays between 13.00 – 15.00 PCSO Dodds will be in the Library for a drop-in-session, so please feel free to visit him.

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Cabbage Root Fly – the maggots of this fly attack the roots of recently transplanted Cabbages, Brussels Sprouts and other brassicas. Symptoms – young plants collapse. The danger period is April to September. Prevention, protect transplants by mixing crushed moth balls around the base of the plant.

Carrot Fly – Maggots of this fly burrow into the edible roots of Carrots, Parsley, Parsnips and Celery. Symptoms – young plants die off; mature roots are spoiled by tunnels. The danger period is June to October.

Caterpillars – the Larva stage of Moths and Butterflies. Most eat leaves, but some eat roots, stems or fruit. Symptoms – ragged holes in leaves. Plants may be destroyed. The danger period is March onwards outdoors, any time in the Greenhouse. Before planting Carrots, all types of greens, try watering the ground with a spray strength of Jeyes Fluid. Do not plant seed for at least one week later.

Colin Williams

Eat the Seasons - Seasonal food for May

Vegetables - Asparagus, Broccoli, Carrots, Jersey Royal New Potatoes, Lettuce & Salad Leaves, New Potatoes, Peas, Radishes, Rocket, Samphire, Spinach, Spring Onions, Watercress, Wild Nettles

Fruit - Bananas (Windward), Kiwi Fruit, Rhubarb

Herbs - Basil, Chervil, Chives, Coriander, Dill, Oregano, Mint, Nasturtium, Parsley (Curly), Rosemary, Sage, Sorrel, Tarragon

Meat - Lamb, Wood Pigeon

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Mothers Union April 11th - continued

Fiona told us when she was younger her Mother never let her out of the house and her husband can relax going to work knowing she is safe with Barton. We were given other examples of the difference these dogs make to people's lives giving confidence, freedom, and independence. 29,000 children have type 1 diabetes and Shirley an assistance dog is the first to accompany a child into mainstream school. The dogs are chosen for their good temperament and people orientation it takes eighteen months to two years to train a dog and costs £13,000. There is an eighteen month to two year waiting list for one. The dogs are currently working for people with Type 1 diabetes, Addison's disease (low steroid levels), POTS, Pain seizures and non-epileptic seizures and severe nut allergies.

The charity has a no kennel policy meaning the dogs live in a loving environment when not detecting or before being partnered with someone. The charity relies solely upon the public's generosity and good will. We were all very impressed by these amazing dogs and the wonderful work of the charity saving lives and enabling people to lead a full and happy life.

To find out more visit medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk or call 01296655888

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Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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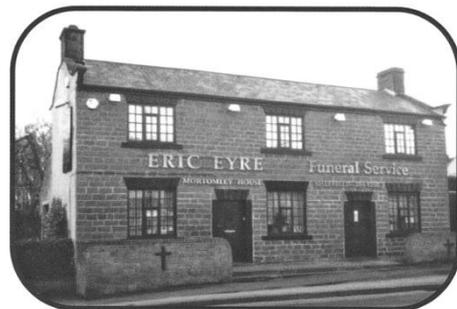
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Saint of the Month – May

21st May Helena, Protector of the Holy Places

Helena should be the patron saint of all mothers who help their sons achieve great things.

Helena was born at Drepanum in Bithynia about 250. Although only a stable-maid or innkeeper's daughter, she caught the eye and affections of a Roman general, Constantius Chlorus, while he was stationed in Asia Minor on a military campaign. She bore him a son, Constantine, in about 272.

But Constantius was ambitious, and when he became co-emperor (Caesar) in the West in 292, he abandoned Helena in order to marry the stepdaughter of his patron. Helena and her son were sent to live in the court of Diocletian at Nicomedia, where Constantine grew up as a member of the inner circle. Helena never remarried, and lived close to her son, who was devoted to her.

Then, in 306, Constantius died, and Constantine became Augustus of the Roman Empire. He brought his beloved mother to live at the imperial court.

When Constantine became the first Christian emperor of Rome, Helena also became a Christian. She was devout, dressing modestly, and giving generously to churches, the poor, and to prisoners. But soon Constantine had other plans for her: they agreed that she would help him locate the relics of Judeo-Christian tradition in Palestine. To aid her, Constantine gave her the title Augusta Imperatrix, and unlimited access to the imperial treasury.

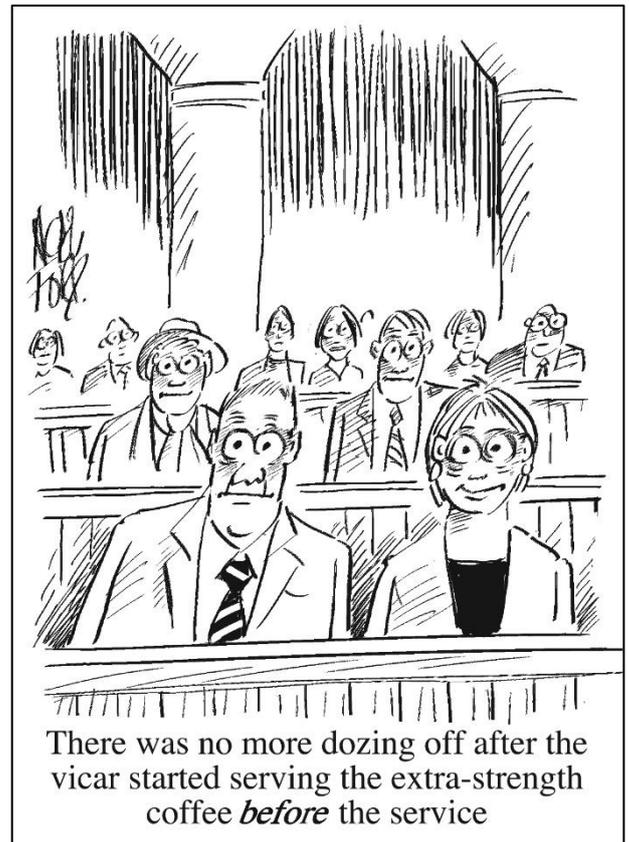
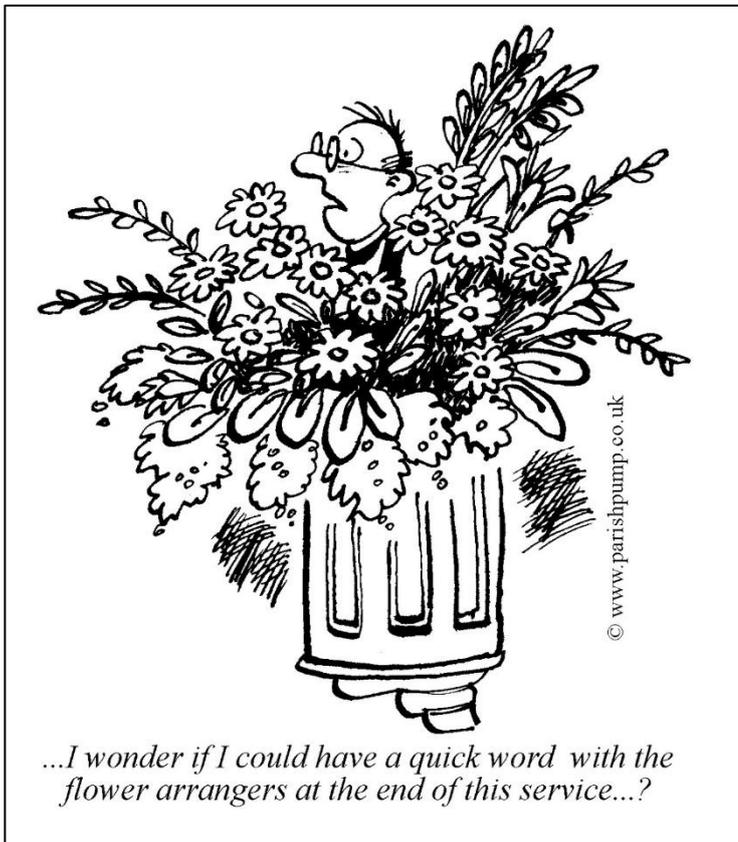
And so, from 326-28, even though she was very old, Helena explored the Holy Land on behalf of her son, the Emperor. She went to Bethlehem and founded the Church of the Nativity. She went to the Mount of Olives and founded the Church of Eleona. She went to Calvary and tore down a temple built to Venus over the tomb of Jesus. Constantine then ordered the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Helena also seems to have also founded the chapel at St Catherine's Monastery.

Helena died in 330 in the Holy Land, with Constantine at her side. He brought her body back to Constantinople and buried her in the imperial vault in the Church of the Apostles.

We owe to this special mother and son the preservation and honouring of the most famous sites of Christianity.

A prayer for young people

Loving God, who promises to be faithful and righteous,
Help us to make real your vision for all young people,
So that they are valued for who they are,
Not who will be,
So that they are encouraged and supported,
Not abused or neglected,
Listened to and challenged,
Not ignored or stifled,
Free to play safely
Not forced to grow up before their time.
Loving God, wise parent to us all,
Inspire us to be people who
Let the young play,
Encourage them to grow,
And enable them to flourish,
In communities of faithful people,
Sharing wisdom and joy.
Amen.



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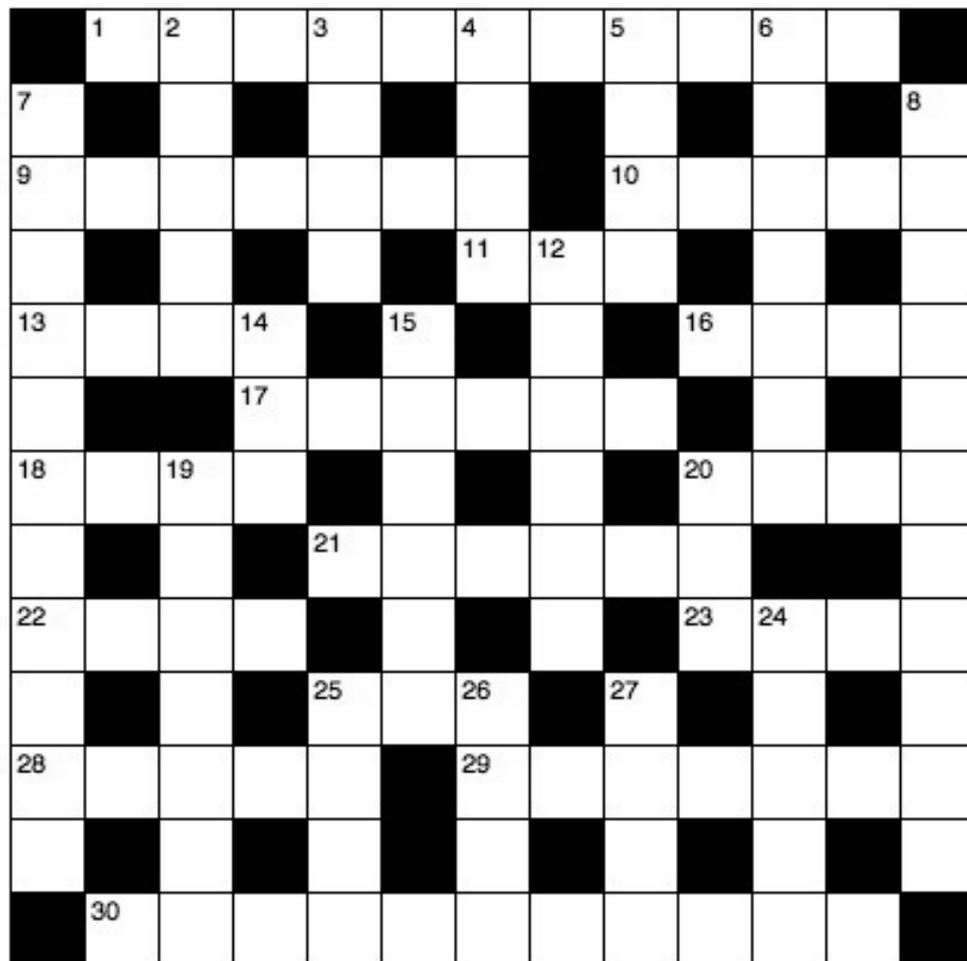
- 1** Overpowered (Deuteronomy 11:4) (11)
- 9** 'The — are mantled with corn' (Psalm 65:13) (7)
- 10** 'Each man—a sword to his side'(Exodus32:27)(5)
- 11** On the death of Jesus the curtain in the temple was torn from—to bottom (Matthew 27:51) (3)
- 13** Stagger(Isaiah 28:7)(4)
- 16** 'Anyone,then,who knows the good he ought—and doesn't do it, sins' (James 4:17) (2,2)
- 17** Stir up or provoke(Acts13:50)(6)
- 18** Burden(Luke11:46)(4)
- 20** 'As far as the east is from the—,so far has he removed our transgressions from us' (Psalm 103:12) (4)
- 21** Sign(Luke23:38)(6)
- 22** 'After that,Jesus poured water into a basin and began to—his disciples' feet' (John 13:5) (4)
- 23** The nature of the seven ears of corn which swallowed up the good ears in Pharaoh's dream (Genesis 41:23) (4)
- 25** Has(anag.)(3)
- 28** 'This is the account of Shem,Ham and Japheth,—sons' (Genesis 10:1) (5)
- 29** 'I will...make them drunk,so that they...sleep for—and— awake' (Jeremiah 51:39) (4,3)
- 30** Paul said of him,'he often refreshes me and is not ashamed of my chains' (2 Timothy 1:16) (11)

Clues Down

- 2** Worth (Matthew 13:46) (5)
- 3** 'A bruised — he will not break' (Matthew 12:20) (4)
- 4** 'Suddenly a great company of the heavenly — appeared with the angel' (Luke 2:13) (4)
- 5** Slip (anag.) (4)

- 6 'Take an awl and push it through his — — into the door, and he will become your servant for life' (Deuteronomy 15:17) (3,4)
- 7 Bountiful (2 Corinthians 8:2) (11)
- 8 'Therefore, as we have — , let us do good to all people' (Galatians 6:10) (11)
- 12 Acquire(2Timothy2:10)(6)
- 14 Container cover(Numbers19:15)(3)
- 15 'He...became obedient to death,even death on——!' (Philippians 2:8) (1,5)
- 19 Refrain(1Peter2:11)(7)
- 20 'She began to—his feet with her tears'(Luke7:38)(3)
- 24 One who worships Brahma,Vishnu or Shiva(5)
- 25 'Give to everyone who—you'(Luke6:30)(4)
- 26 'I lift up my eyes to the hills; where does my—come from?' (Psalm 121:1) (4)
- 27 One of those whom the Lord said would be taken from Jerusalem and Judah as judgment on them (Isaiah 3:2) (4)

Solution is on Page 20



Prayers and Poems Page

Pentecost Prayer

Father,

Thank you for sending Jesus to be one of us and to show us how you want us to live.

Thank you that He chose to live for us and to die for us.

Thank you that when He returned to you, He didn't leave us to flounder but sent us His Spirit to live in us and to equip us to continue the work He had begun.

Thank you for that Day of Pentecost when the Spirit became freely available to everyone who believes in Jesus and is willing to receive Him.

May we be willing Lord, willing and confident that whatever challenges life throws at us, we can face them and overcome them because you are with us and in us.

Please fill us afresh daily with your Spirit, that we may overflow with your love and peace and joy.

In Jesus' name, **Amen**

By Daphne Kitching

Rise and Shine! (from Isaiah 60)

Rise and shine – your light has come!

Glory of the rising sun!

See! God bids us all to shine

With the countenance divine!

For the earth in darkness lies

Hear the lost benighted cries.

See! God's glory now appears!

Comfort to the nations' tears!

Raise your eyes and look about!

Hear the people's joyful shout!

People travel from afar –

Come to see how glad you are.

Filled with joy you then shall be

Filled with holy radiancy!

Round about – the joyful crowd

See God's splendour thus endowed.

God will be your guiding light

No more day and no more night

All our nights and all our days

Spent within His gates of praise!

Days of sorrow then shall end

On God's word we can depend

Sun won't set and moon won't wane

When our Saviour comes again!

By Nigel Beeton

Meals with Jesus

The tax collector had climbed a tree

Trying to see what it was all about

'Come down Zaccheus, I'll eat at your house',

And Zaccheus' life was turned inside out.

Simon the Pharisee invited the Lord

And at the meal a woman came in,

With tears and perfume she anointed His feet

And Jesus responded forgiving her sin.

Breakfast was ready, fish on the coals

They'd toiled all night and were cold and tired,

'Put your nets down again' the Master called

And fish were caught on the other side.

And now we come to the feast of all feasts,

The Marriage Supper of the Lamb,

Hallelujahs resound over victories won

As we celebrate with the great I Am.

By Megan Carter

Your dwelling- place

Lord, grant me a simple, kind, open, believing,

loving and generous heart, worthy of being your

dwelling- place.

By John Sergieff, Russian priest, 1829 – 1908

Whitley Hall Cricket Club



In spite of summer weather thoughts in the April magazine, all our matches on 28th April were cancelled because of rain. Only two matches have been played so far this season resulting in a loss for the 2nd XI and a win for the 3rd XI. We are hoping for a fine and sunny May! We proudly teach and train young people to play cricket. If you are a cricketer interested in playing or a young person (boys and girls) interested in learning, please contact our secretary. Everyone is welcome at the club to use the facilities in the pavilion where refreshments and drinks are available. Matches in May start at 12

Senior Home Games at Cinder Hill Lane

5 th May	1 st XI	v	Appleby Frodingham 1 st XI
12 th May	1 st XI	v	Treeton 1 st XI
19 th May	2 nd XI	v	Upper Haugh 1 st XI
26 th May	1 st XI	v	Whiston 1 st XI
2 nd June	2 nd XI	v	Warmsworth 1 st XI

Contact: Steve Fletcher, Secretary: 0114 245 2406



Thy Kingdom Come 2018

For our '10 Days of Prayer' this year we will be following the national theme - Thy Kingdom Come.

We begin with our Eucharist on Ascension Day (10th May 7.30pm) and we continue with prayers every day until Pentecost (20th May).

'Between Ascension and Pentecost, we are seeking to pray for people to know who Jesus is. We pray for the Holy Spirit to empower every Christian, all of us, to give us a passion for sharing and witnessing to the good news that we have in Jesus Christ'

Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury.

Building on the success of the 2017 Beacon Event, Sheffield Cathedral will again host the event on Pentecost (20th May) from 18:00-19:30 which will see a mix of lively prayer & worship to celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to resource and empower us. Entry to the event is free and no tickets are required.

Please note that there will not be an evening Service at St Mary's on this day.

Contact Numbers for Local Groups ☎

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Tel: 07860 471793

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Gatty Hall
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Ecclesfield Brownies

Gatty Hall
Tuesday 6.15 pm to 7.45 pm
Leader - Mrs A. Kendall
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Gatty Hall
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Leader - Mrs C Topham
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EPPIC Theatre
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Wednesday 7.30 pm to 10.00 pm
Secretary –Carol Travis
Theatre Tel No. 0114 240 2624

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Tel: 0114 245 2780

Ecclesfield Beavers

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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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