

News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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First words

As usual August this year is a very quiet month. We have a couple of weddings towards the end of the month and **visiting bellringers at 10.30am on Thursday 22nd August.**

The monthly **Prayer Breakfast is at 9am on Saturday 10th August.**

Apart from that there is little on the Church Calendar.

The **mid-week Communion is every Thursday 9.30 to 10.15am.**

This quiet month is a good opportunity to relax and refresh. it could also be a time to come along to the Prayer Breakfast or the Thursday communion.

Many people - myself included - will be away on holiday during August.

I intend to use the time for prayer and study. I always see August as an opportunity to prepare myself for the very busy quarter from September to Christmas.

I hope that you find time this August to relax and refresh as well as to re-connect with God.

God Bless
Tim

The Prayer Course

By Pete Greig

We will be holding the course on Wednesday Evenings at 7.30pm in Church starting on **Wednesday 11th September**

Everyone is invited and encouraged to come along.
For more information see Tim

Front Cover – Milan Cathedral, (Turned pink in the evening sunlight - 1st May 2009). Dedicated to the Nativity of St Mary, the seat of the Archbishop of Milan - Archbishop Mario Delpini. The cathedral took nearly six centuries to complete and is the largest church in Italy (the larger St. Peter's Basilica is in the State of Vatican City), the third largest in Europe and the fourth largest in the world.

Back Cover – May Queen - Queen Delphinium II, Hannah Mills. Seen with her big attendants Evie and Fayth and little attendants Elspeth, Elle-Jai, Harriett and Abigail

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Thought for the Month

One of my resolutions for the summer months, when things at church are not as busy as usual, is to take more time to pray and to worship.

I am more and more convinced that prayer and worship are the most important and distinctive things that we do as Christians. Like most people I want to pray more and more ‘effectively’. I am very conscious that in my work I often encourage people to pray, but do not really help them to pray.

Like many people I feel a little guilty when it comes to prayer. I acknowledge its importance. I want to pray, but somehow it is always easy to find something else to do, something more urgent!

Prayer matters because in prayer we meet with God. Supposing someone told me that they were married; they had a wedding certificate to prove it, but that they didn’t spend time with their wife, never spoke to her or listened to her. I would very quickly wonder what sense, if any they could be said to actually be married!

And so with prayer. In prayer both alone and with others, I meet God as He speaks through scripture; I meet God as I pour out my hopes and fears for others and for myself; and I meet God as He draws near in the Eucharist.

As we meet with God so we deepen in our relationship with God and so we grow as Christians in faith and hope and love.

The summer might be a good time to develop your relationship with God through prayer.

You could join the Diocesan Prayer fellowship, reading a few verses of Scripture and praying the Diocesan Prayer and the Lord’s Prayer every day.

Alternatively, you could try coming to the monthly prayer breakfast or the Thursday morning Communion, meeting with others in fellowship and meeting with God in silence and intercession.

In the Autumn we will be running The Prayer Course in St Mary’s. The book that is based on the course is sub-titled “a simple guide for normal people.”

We need a “simple guide” because we often make prayer and the relationship with God our Father that flows from prayer too complicated.

We need a guide for normal people because we were all made for a relationship with God our Father. It isn't only for spiritual super-humans or living saints.

I would urge everyone at St Mary's to come along in September to the first session and join The Prayer Course.

God bless,
Tim

Greaves Road Lunch Club Needs You

We are in need of someone to take over as Organizer and Treasurer as I am retiring at the end of the year.

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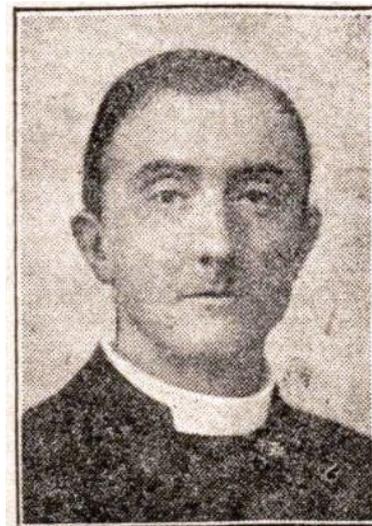
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Francis (Frank) William Pawson

Vicar of Ecclesfield - 1903-1921

We have had some amazing vicars at Ecclesfield with Alfred Gatty and his 63 year “life at one living” perhaps being the most notable. But what about the man who had the difficult act of following Gatty - Francis Pawson? The Pawsons were a long established Yorkshire family and Francis was born on 6th April 1861 at 211 Cemetery Rd. in Sharrow, Sheffield, where the family lived with two servants. His father, Henry, who was born in Wakefield, was a master printer and stationer and set up the Sheffield printing and stationery business Pawson and Brailsford which at its peak employed nearly 100 people. His mother, Alice, Ann (née Furnish) already had two daughters, Ann and Alice, when Francis was born but sadly she died two years after Francis’ birth.



Henry re-married Maria (née Crookes) and they moved to Fairfield, Montgomery Rd. in Sharrow. The three children now had 3 half-brothers Alfred, Arnold and Herbert. Francis was educated at Sheffield Collegiate School and then went to Caius College, Cambridge (recorded in 1881 census). He received a BA in 1884 and MA in 1887. Francis became a clerk in holy orders and was ordained Deacon in Rochester in 1886 and Priest in 1887. From 1886-1890 he was curate at St. Mary’s Battersea and was warden of Caius House in Battersea from 1888-1889, and curate at Bexhill, Sussex from 1890-1899. He became Rector at St. Thomas à Becket at Cliffe, Lewes, from 1900-1903 before being appointed vicar of St. Mary’s, Ecclesfield, Sheffield in 1903 on Gatty’s death and became Rural Dean in 1914.

Football



How many vicars have been serious football players? Francis played football for Cambridge from 1882-84 receiving a “blue” and captained the team in 1884. While at Cambridge, Francis twice played for the England national football team and was the 107th player to represent England. He was an outside left and centre forward.

England (7) v Ireland (0), 24th February 1883 at Liverpool Cricket Ground; Frances, aged 21 years and 324 days scored 1 goal

England (4) v Ireland (0) 28th February 1885 at Manchester Football Ground

Frank Pawson holding the football

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St James the Least of All

On the discovery of a long-lost crypt

The Rectory
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren.

Since your church is a former cinema, I suspect that were the floor to be removed, cigarette ash, sweet wrappings and tickets for the last Charlie Chaplin film would be revealed. Our marble flooring in the chancel was raised last week to try and find the rat that had died on an underfloor heating pipe. It made its presence so un-ignorable last Winter that it gave me the excuse to use incense.

But we have made an exciting discovery: the long-lost crypt containing the tombs of the Lords Staveley. He flourished in this area, until a little domestic disagreement with Henry II made the family realise that life in Italy might be pleasanter if they wished to retain their heads. The stone from their manor house soon became our lady chapel; an example of re-cycling as a euphemism for theft.

Inevitably, as soon as we had made the discovery, rumours of vast treasure flew round the parish. Long before anyone had descended into it, the treasurer had the fortune earmarked for re-wiring the church, the organist decided it should be spent on enlarging the organ, and Mrs Millington had decided it should keep the flower arrangers in chicken wire until the next millennium-but-one. I confess that even I toyed with the idea of a conservatory with discreet drinks cabinet at the rectory.

Sadly, it was not to be. Our 'treasure' consisted of rows of coffins in various stages of decay, enough bat droppings to keep our Verger's vegetable patch enriched for the coming year and long-lost peppermints dropped by generations of choristers sitting above, as they munched their way through the sermons.

Later that evening, when the workmen had left, I decided to have one last look. Taking a torch, I descended the stone steps, but lost my footing. The now-broken torch went one way and I another. After floundering round in total darkness and unable to find the stairs to get out, I resigned myself to an uncomfortable night in the crypt until daybreak.

In the early hours, I heard steps on the same stairs and in their torchlight, saw it was someone who must have heard the rumours of treasure and decided to liberate some of it. He, too, tripped, fell and lost his torch and in the total darkness I heard him fumbling about at the other end of the crypt among the coffins.

Intending to be helpful, I called to him softly, saying that I'd been trying to get out of here myself for a long time and had never made it, so he may as well give up. But do you know, he found his way out in no time.

Your loving uncle,
Eustace

Mothers' Union - Wednesday 3 July 2019

The meeting started in the normal way with Stephanie Hartshorne giving out the notices and a very thought-provoking short service led by Audrey Sidebottom, using a prayer written by a MU member in Scotland.

We were then given a most interesting and enjoyable talk by Stephanie Dale entitled 'Spin A Yarn'.

Stephanie has been involved with sewing and textiles all her life, starting at the age of nine by making a blouse at junior school. She went on to have a career in teaching of the subject too.

We were asked to consider how and when man first started wearing clothes. It was not as we might have imagined for modesty! As we moved away from warmer climates such as Africa we became less hairy and required clothes for warmth! Samples of fabrics have been found which date back over 20,000 years. These original samples were made of plant fibres, flax, cotton, hemp, jute etc. Then later we came to animal fleeces and silks. Hairy animals to this day can survive temperatures of -45°C , we on the other hand begin to feel chilly when our body temperature drops by only 2°C .

It was discovered that plants could be stripped into long fibres and if twisted together made a strong cord. These cords could then be weaved into longer pieces of fabric. The first weaving was probably done around sticks stuck into the ground.

We were asked to think about how yarn and fabric has shaped history, from Egyptian mummies to the Silk Road into Europe. How fabric like the Bayeux Tapestry has depicted historical events. We must not forget the slavery of the cotton pickers in America or how the wool merchants and cotton industrialists in this country got rich!

Yarn and fabric have clothed us from the beginning of time to today from 'Cradle to Grave'. If we care to think; so much of what we use in everyday life is made up of thread.

Stephanie finished her talk by showing samples of her work, some of which dated back to her school days. She also showed us a piece of work she made while doing her reader training. Everyone else on her course did a power point presentation of their parish. Stephanie did Embroidery showing how St Mary's is involved in all aspects of Ecclesfield's life.

May we take from the talk Stephanie's enthusiasm to inspire future generations in the art of sewing, knitting, crocheting and embroidery etc. Thank you so much Stephanie for a most enjoyable afternoon.

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Will You Remember Them – Nigeria

Abubakar Abdullahi was given the US International Religious Freedom Award

An elderly imam who saved the lives of hundreds of Christians fleeing a murderous attack by Muslim Fulani militants in Nigeria, received an award recognising his courage on 17 July.

Abubakar Abdullahi was given the US International Religious Freedom Award for selflessly risking his own life on 23 June 2018 to “save members of another religious community” when the militants attacked at least ten villages in the Barkin Ladi Local Government Area in Plateau State, killing scores of Christians and burning homes in a two-day rampage.



Abubakar Abdullahi risked his own life to save fleeing Christian neighbours, remembering how Christians had allowed Muslims to build the mosque in Nghar 40 years earlier

The 83-year-old imam sheltered 262 fleeing Christians, hiding women and children in his home and the men in the mosque in Nghar village. Abdullahi then confronted the gunmen and refused them access, insisting everyone inside was Muslim.

He said later that he wanted to help because, 40 years previously, Christians in the area had allowed Muslims to build the mosque. He said it was the first time he had experienced such “an ugly incident” in all the years that Muslims had lived in a neighbouring village to the Christian farmers.

Editor

Mothers’ Union Caravan Drive

The Mothers’ Union held a very successful Caravan Drive (variation on a beetle drive) on Friday 14 June 2019.

We raised over £225.00 for the ‘Away From It All’ holiday fund. The fund provides caravan holidays to families whose lives have met with adversity; illness, bereavement etc, who have not been able to have a holiday. So a very big thank you to everyone who supported us in this wonderful effort.

We had a very enjoyable evening, good company, fun, and refreshments.

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Prayer for the Month

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. (Colossians 1:3-5:)

Paul writes from prison in Rome where he is chained to a Roman soldier. He writes to the small and vulnerable community of disciples in the city of Colossae.

The Church there consisted of new Christians who were beginning to face pressure and persecution for following Jesus. Paul writes to encourage them and to help them to continue faithfully as Jesus' disciples in a hostile environment.

In his prayer for the church Paul emphasises three things that the Colossian believers have which will sustain them:

their faith in Jesus Christ; their love for all the saints and the hope that they have "laid up in heaven."

Their faith is in Jesus Christ, and not in themselves. They belong to one who has suffered and who has won a victory not only over human evil, not only over the power of the Roman Empire, but who has defeated death and the devil on the cross.

As Christians we have a saviour who is greater than any problem or opposition that we will ever face.

The faith of the Colossian Christians is seen in the love that they have for all who belong to Jesus. Christians in different parts of the Empire supported one another in prayer and in practical ways, such as the collection for the suffering Church in Judea. In Christ though we are many and diverse, yet we are all one.

As Christians we know that nothing divides us: we are one body in Christ irrespective of the differences of race or class, of nationality or gender. We are all children of the one Father in heaven that Jesus revealed to the world.

Finally, the Colossian Christians have a hope in heaven. In the world they faced opposition and ridicule; they faced oppression and persecution as Jesus' followers. But as Jesus followers they are assured of an eternal kingdom which cannot be taken from them.

In Christ we are citizens of heaven, in Christ we have a life which cannot be taken from us.

Like the Colossian Christians in the First Century we too have a sure faith in Christ, we are called to a love that transcends divisions and barriers, and we too have a hope "laid up in heaven." May our faith, love and hope shine in the chaos of the world, may we shine for Christ, bringing His light to the world that He loves. Amen.

St Mary's – Regular Services

8.30 am Holy Communion (BCP) - On 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

10.00 am Services

1st Sunday of the month - Parish Communion with organ and choir

2nd Sunday of the month - Service of the Word with music group

3rd Sunday of the month - Parish Communion with organ, choir and music group

4th Sunday of the month - Parish Communion with organ, choir and music group

5th Sunday of the month - Sunday Celebration Services

Baptism Services - Monthly

Times vary – please contact us for details

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

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 12.00 pm

Friday 10.00 am to 12.00 pm

Bell Ringers

Tuesday 7.30 pm Bell ringing practice

Friday 7.30 pm Silent Bell ringing practice

Choir Practice

Friday 7.30 pm Choir practice in choir vestry

Music Group Practice

Thursday 7:30 pm Music group practice in church

Church Diary Items to Note - August 2019

August 2019	Time	Item
Sunday August 4 th	12pm	Baptism Service
Monday August 5 th	7:30pm	PCC Meeting
Saturday August 10 th	9am	Prayer Breakfast
Friday August 23 rd	2pm	Wedding
Saturday August 24 th	12pm	Wedding
Sunday August 25 th	6:30pm	Prayer and Praise
Wednesday August 28 th	7:30pm	Finance Team Meeting

From the Registers

Baptisms

14 th July	Pedro Michael Crossland
14 th July	Sophie Charlotte Geary

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

Weddings

29th June	Christopher Robert Hughes & Julia Anne Hartley
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May each be to the other strength in need a comfort in sorrow and a companion in joy

Funerals

10th July	Ingrid Sorsby	92
17th July	Rene Greaves	95
29th July	Peter Hughes	75

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

Flower Rota August 2019

4 th	August	W. Brunt & V. Brunt
11th	August	Vicki & Michael Grey
18th	August	Vacant
25th	August	M. Sidy

Humour – Morals...

A new vicar had arrived, to replace the one who always ended his lengthy sermons with: “Now the moral of all this is...”

A few weeks later the Bishop ran into one of the churchwardens and asked how things were going with the new vicar. He got an enthusiastic replay: “Oh Bishop, the new vicar is just great, he hasn’t any morals at all!”

God in the Sciences

Keeping Calm in the Storm

One of the most famous stories about Jesus is the calming of the storm (Luke 8:22-25). Of course, anyone could say that the wind stopped suddenly of its own accord, but the disciples were not fooled. They had seen a number of these ‘coincidences’ in Jesus’ ministry, and they weren’t about to ignore this one. Jesus had calmed the waves with only His words. Wasn’t this an act of God? Who else could be in complete control of creation?

Jesus dealt graciously with the very pressing and practical issue of the raging storm before He did a bit of teaching, asking His followers “Where is your faith?” It’s not surprising that they were scared, given the circumstances, but clearly Jesus expected better of them. He had already been teaching them for some time, and clearly knew they were ready to trust Him.

In similar circumstances, Christians often do several things in quick succession. We start by panicking and being afraid. After a while we might remember what we know about God’s character and pray for help, trusting that whatever happens He will help us to handle it. Most often, we don’t get the storm-calming effect when we ask for it, but battling on with faith and God’s help is much easier than trying to keep going in a panic.

‘Peace’ in this kind of situation is a very active holding on to what we know about God. The difference between trusting and not trusting can be like night and day in terms of stress levels. I have found that it can make the difference between unmanageable stress and something that stretches me and teaches me something new.

Knowing some science can help us to trust God. A Being who created the whole universe, sustaining the wonderfully creative processes that produced diverse life on earth, must be both extremely powerful and extremely wise. The God who can both calm the waves and walk on them must be in complete control of the things He made. When this knowledge goes hand in hand with experience of God’s intimate love for us and care for us in every situation that we find ourselves in, I am reassured that He’s got things in hand. I will always need help from others to pray faithfully in stormy situations, but hopefully I’ve seen enough now not to panic for too long.

Time (and my closest friends) will tell!

God and The Arts

Editor: The National Gallery at Trafalgar Square in London houses one of the finest collections of European paintings in the world. It is home to 2,300 works spanning the centuries of artistic creation. During this year we shall be journeying through the gallery to explore one of those treasures each month. By the Rev Michael Burgess.

He gave us eyes to see them: 'The Ambassadors' by Hans Holbein

'We can never know the secret of great art or music until we have learned to look and listen with a self-oblivious reverence.' Those words of Evelyn Underhill remind us that when we visit an art gallery, we are tempted to cram as much as we can into the experience. But then the value of what we see can easily remain at a superficial level.



This month's painting in the National Gallery is a famous work by Hans Holbein: 'The Ambassadors' of 1533. Holbein was born in Germany, and then with the help of Erasmus gained the patronage of Henry VIII. Holbein has portrayed two young men: the one on the left wears sumptuous clothes, and the scholar on the right has become a bishop at just 25 years of age.

They are both learned men for we can see a variety of books and instruments between them. The upper table holds a celestial globe, a sundial and a quadrant to study the heavens above. On the lower table we see signs of this world – a globe, a hymn book, lute and flutes. All are beautifully portrayed against a background of rich damask. The two ambassadors are masters of heavenly and worldly knowledge: figures of wealth, education and authority.

But we need to look more closely. One of the strings on the lute is broken, and the strange shape at the front viewed at an angle is a skull. We see signs of life, but also signs of death. And then, just visible on the top left hand side, is a crucifix. It is virtually hidden and unseen, but with the eyes of faith a sign that gives meaning to the realities of life and death that dominate the canvas. The two globes turn on their pivots, and Holbein is perhaps saying that the lives of these two men move on the pivots of growth, achievement and death. And to what end? The crucifix proclaims an eternal life and salvation for all who look and see their Lord and Saviour.

The Gardening Year – August 2019

A Summary of the Month's Work.

Hedges should be cut in August, so that any subsequent growth can harden enough to resist the winter cold. All gaps in hedges and fences should be repaired, so that the garden is protected against the Autumn gales.

Dahlias – continue to spray against pests. Inspect plants for symptoms of virus infection and mark for later destruction. Feed with liquid fertiliser and keep plants tied to their stakes as they grow. Inspect the plants for mottling or discoloration of the foliage. This may indicate the presence of virus disease especially if the plants growth is stunted. Do not keep for cuttings next year such cuttings would themselves be affected by disease.

Cuttings – Fuchsia and pelargonium cuttings can be taken this month. Choose sturdy young shoots about 3 in. long cut them through immediately below a leaf joint and insert them round the edge of a 3 in. pot in a mixture of equal parts compost and sand. They will root in three or four weeks on the greenhouse staging.

Fruit – strawberry plant rooted runners now to ensure a good crop in the following year. Later planting reduces the crop and runners planted in late October or early November should not be allowed to fruit at all the following year. Runners rooted into pots are most successful and are ideal for cloches. In most areas runners planted before the middle of the month give leaf at the expense of fruit when they are covered.

Patios and Town Gardens – continue to water containers daily, to remove dead flowers, and to replace plants that are past their best. If you leave home for a holiday move the containers, if possible to a spot that is in the shade for most of the day. Pack damp peat around the plants to conserve as much moisture as possible.

Colin Williams

Eat the Seasons - Seasonal food for August – a season of plenty

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

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

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

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

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

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Whitley Hall Cricket Club



It has been a tough season so far for all the senior teams and the key feature of the season seems to have been inconsistency with some excellent victories and some surprising defeats. 29th June saw all three senior teams lose with the 1st XI losing away at Elsecar but on Sunday 30th June the 1st team welcomed Dunnington in the quarter final of the Yorkshire Premier Leagues Viking Cup and had an overwhelming win to progress to the semi-finals. The first weekend in July brought a further loss for the 1st XI at home to Treeton in spite of an outstanding performance but with wins for the 2nd XI and 3rd XI. There followed two victories, away at Aston Hall and at home against Wakefield. Rain on 27th July resulted in no games being played but the following day, the 1st XI achieved a notable victory at Woodhouse Grange (near York) in the semi-final of the Yorkshire Leagues Viking

Cup to face Wakefield in the final at Beverley on 28th July. The 1st XI are in mid-table with the other senior teams quite close to the relegation zones. There will be a childrens' cricket summer camp in the week commencing 5th August – please contact Alex Fletcher on 07811 949536 if your children are interested. All visitors are warmly welcomed and are invited to use the facilities in the pavilion.

Remaining Home Games at Cinder Hill Lane – Matches start at 12 noon.

3 rd August	1 st XI	v	Cleethorpes 1 st XI
10 th August	1 st XI	v	Wickersley 1 st XI
11 th August			ECB Yorkshire South under 19s Twenty/20 Finals at Whitley
17 th August	2 nd XI	v	Sheffield and Phoenix Utd 1 st XI
24 th August	1 st XI	v	Hallam 1 st XI
25 th August	1 st XI	v	Viking Cup final against Wakefield Town at Elsecar CC
31 st August	2 nd XI	v	Norton Oakes 2 nd XI
7 th September	1 st XI	v	Barnsley 1 st XI

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The RBLR1000 Ride

What is the RBLR1000 Ride?

The RBLR1000 is a sponsored long-distance motorcycle ride to raise money for the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. The event has been running since 2009 and has always had well over 100 riders taking part every year. There is typically four routes composing of a North (clockwise) route, North (anti-clockwise) route, South (clockwise) route and South (anti-clockwise) route. However, this year was the tenth anniversary of the ride there was also a 500-mile ride both clockwise and anti-clockwise. All routes start and finish in one central location near Leeds in Yorkshire on a Saturday near to the Summer Solstice, meaning that apart from a few hours, the whole route can be ridden in daylight. This ride is also linked to the Iron butt society which you automatically become a member of upon finishing of the ride within 24 hours.

My RBLR1000 Ride 2019

This was the first time that I had taken part in a motorbike ride that would span this long. Although, I was only a pillion (someone sat on the back of the bike). We started the ride at Squires at on the Friday where we camped for the night before starting the 24-hour ride on the Saturday. My dad and I chose to partake in the South anti-clockwise meaning that we went from Leeds to Wales then back to Leeds. Me and my dad started the ride at 05:00 at squire's café in Leeds. In order to complete the ride all riders must make at least six stops (and maintain receipts) which had been predetermined by the organisers of the ride. See the diagram for the full route. This ride was more challenging than I had anticipated, and I found that staying up for long hours was harder than I had anticipated. Which is probably why I began to fall asleep around the Kings Lynn area on the way home. Despite the added stoppages this added to the ride me and my dad managed to finish the ride at approx. 03:30 on the Sunday morning, therefore completing it within the 24 hours. Overall, the ride was enjoyable, I even managed to get sunburnt. And I would like to complete another ride in future years. Overall, my dad raised approximately £200 although the number of the overall amount raised has not yet been released.

Stats for this year's ride:

- Entered and signed up beforehand: 145
- Registered: 131
- Started: 128
- Finished: 123

Written By: Megan Cooper.
(Jennifer Coopers Granddaughter)



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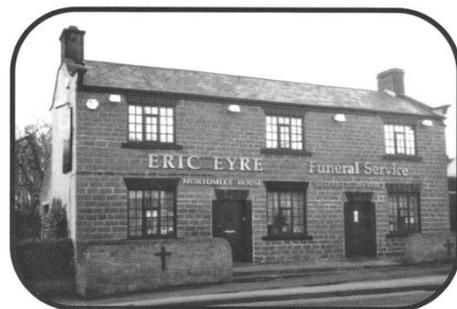
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Saint of the Month - 9th August: Mary Sumner – founder of the Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union is now more than 140 years old. It has accomplished a staggering amount in that time, and nowadays numbers more than four million members, doing good work in 83 countries. That is a far cry from the modest circle of prayer for mothers who cared about family life, which is how it all began with a rector's wife, Mary Sumner.

Mary was born in late 1828 in Swinton, near Manchester. When she was four, her family moved to Herefordshire. Mary's father, Thomas Heywood, was a banker and historian. Her mother has been described as a woman of "faith, charm and sympathy" – qualities which Mary certainly inherited. Mrs Heywood also held informal 'mothers' meetings' at her home, to encourage local women. Those meetings may well have inspired Mary's later work.

Mary was educated at home, spoke three foreign languages, and sang well. While in her late teens, on a visit to Rome she met George Sumner, a son of the Bishop of Winchester. It was a well-connected family: George's uncle became Archbishop of Canterbury, and his second cousin was William Wilberforce. Mary and George married in July 1848, soon after his ordination. They moved to Old Alresford in 1851 and had three children: Margaret, Louise and George. Mary dedicated herself to raising her children and supporting her husband's ministry by providing music and Bible classes.

When in 1876 Mary's eldest daughter Margaret, gave birth, Mary was reminded how difficult she had found the burden of motherhood. Soon she decided to hold a meeting to which she invited the local women not only of her own class, but also all the village mothers. Her aim was to find out if women could be brought together to offer each other prayer and mutual support in their roles as wives and mothers. That meeting at Old Alresford Rectory was the inaugural meeting of the Mothers' Union.

For 11 years, the Mothers' Union was limited to Old Alresford. Then in 1885 the Bishop of Newcastle invited Mary to address the women churchgoers of the Portsmouth Church Congress, some 20 miles away. Mary gave a passionate speech about the poor state of national morality, and the vital need for women to use their vocation as mothers to change the nation for the better. A number of the women present went back to their parishes to found mothers' meetings on Sumner's pattern. Soon, the Mothers' Union spread to the dioceses of Ely, Exeter, Hereford, Lichfield and Newcastle. By 1892, there were already 60,000 members in 28 dioceses, and by 1900 there were 169,000 members. By the time Mary died in 1921, she had seen MU cross the seas and become an international organisation of prayer and good purpose.

Francis (Frank) William Pawson - continued

Vicar of Ecclesfield - 1903-1921

He also played for the Swifts FC, Sheffield FC, Casuals FC, and Corinthians FC from 1885-1889 (15 appearances). He was on the FA Committee 1882-83, represented Surrey FA and in 1886 broke his leg while playing for Corinthians against his alma mater, Cambridge University, when he collided with the opposition goalkeeper.

Personal Life and Death

In December 1898, while in Bexhill, he married Sophie Marks Bishop. They are recorded as living at 1 Albion St., Lewes in 1901 with three servants. By 1911, they are living at Ecclesfield vicarage with 5 servants. Francis and Sophie had 6 children, George H., (who became a clergyman), Rachel Frances, (Mother of the 1970s star of The Goodies, Tim Brooke-Taylor), Mary Rosemond, David Francis, John Michael and Paul.

Francis died on 4th July 1921, aged 60 and his funeral took place at Ecclesfield on 7th July. The service was conducted by Leonard Burrows the Bishop of Sheffield, assisted by Revd. Arnold Pawson (his half-brother), Vicar of St. James, Scarborough and Revd. Walker Watts of St. Mary's, Lincoln.

The Sheffield Telegraph reported *“For the funeral service there gathered, in the church where he had ministered, a crowded congregation representative of all classes of people and all kinds of organisations in the parish and there were also many friends from Sheffield and the surrounding District. It was a typical village funeral, at which not only the public men but people occupying humble positions assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to one with whom they had been brought into contact in a variety of ways. The church was in fact all too small to hold all who wished to attend and the paths of the churchyard leading to the grave were lined with mourners”* (the church would have held at least 500 people!).

Arnold Pawson succeeded Francis Pawson serving as Vicar of Ecclesfield from 1921-1936. Francis Pawson left £32,105 net in his will.

With thanks to Tim Brooke-Taylor (Grandson of Francis), Robin Bursell (Grandson of Arnold) and Yvonne Ridgeway. To be continued in a later magazine with more about Arnold Pawson.

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Editor: Francis's England teammates included: Nevill Cobbold, Herby Arthur, Norman Bailey, Charlie Bambridge, Jimmy Brown, Jimmy Forrest, Joe Lofthouse, Benjamin Spilsbury, Harry Cursham and Arthur Melmoth Walters.

You can find further information on all England matches at: www.EnglandStats.com

See also: <http://EnglandFootballOnline.com/TeamPlyrsBios/PlayersP/BioPawsonFW.html>

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Crossword Puzzle

Clues Across

- 1 'The people were — at his teaching' (Mark 1:22) (6)
- 4 'He saved —; let him save himself' (Luke 23:35) (6)
- 8 He addressed the crowd in Jerusalem on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:14) (5)
- 9 Father of James and John (Matthew 4:21) (7)
- 10 One who charges another with an offence (Job 31:35) (7)
- 11 ' — thy ministers with righteousness' (Book of Common Prayer) (5)
- 12 and 15 Down 'All — is God-breathed and is — for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness' (2 Timothy 3:16) (9,6)
- 17 'No — of the field had yet appeared on the earth and no plant of the field had yet sprung up' (Genesis 2:5) (5)
- 19 Made to feel embarrassed (Isaiah 24:23) (7)
- 21 This man built his house on sand (Matthew 7:26) (7)
- 22 David's hypocritical message to Joab on the death in battle of Uriah: 'Don't let this — you' (2 Samuel 11:25) (5)
- 23 Detest (Job 10:1) (6)
- 24 'God made two great lights, the greater light to govern the day and the — light to govern the night' (Genesis 1:16) (6)

Clues Down

- 1 To make a serious request (1 Corinthians 1:10) (6)
- 2 Launches an assault against (Genesis 32:8) (7)
- 3 'The wicked man — deceptive wages' (Proverbs 11:18) (5)
- 5 Tuba ale (anag.) (7)
- 6 'The day thou gavest, Lord, is — ' (5)
- 7 Old Testament measure of weight, equivalent to about 12 grammes (Exodus 30:13) (6)
- 9 Where Elijah restored life to the son of a widow with whom he lodged (1 Kings 17:10) (9)
- 13 Paul said of whatever was to his profit, 'I consider them — , that I may gain Christ and be found in him' (Philippians 3:8) (7)
- 14 City visited by Paul, described by the city clerk as 'the guardian of the temple of the great Artemis' (Acts 19:35) (7)

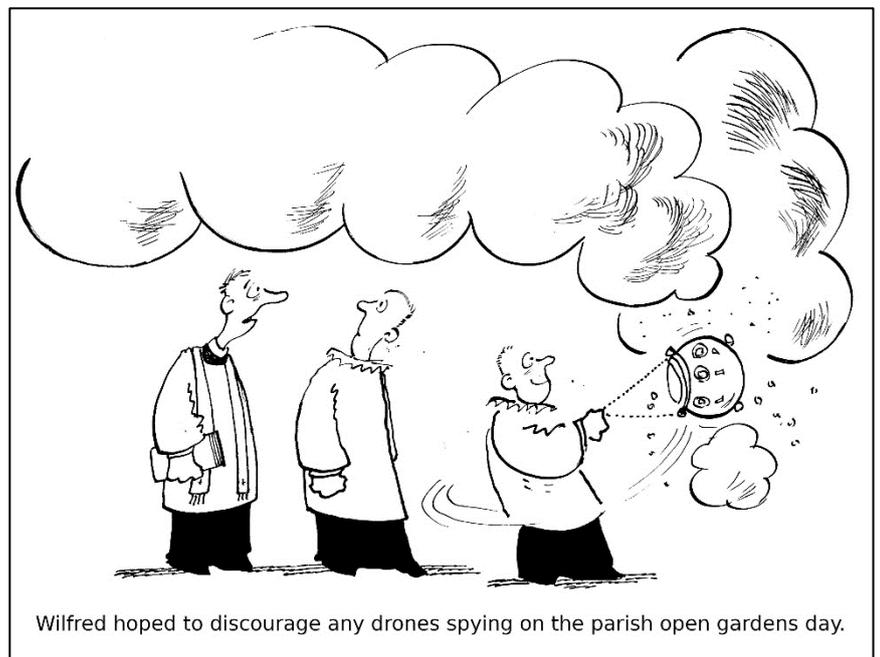
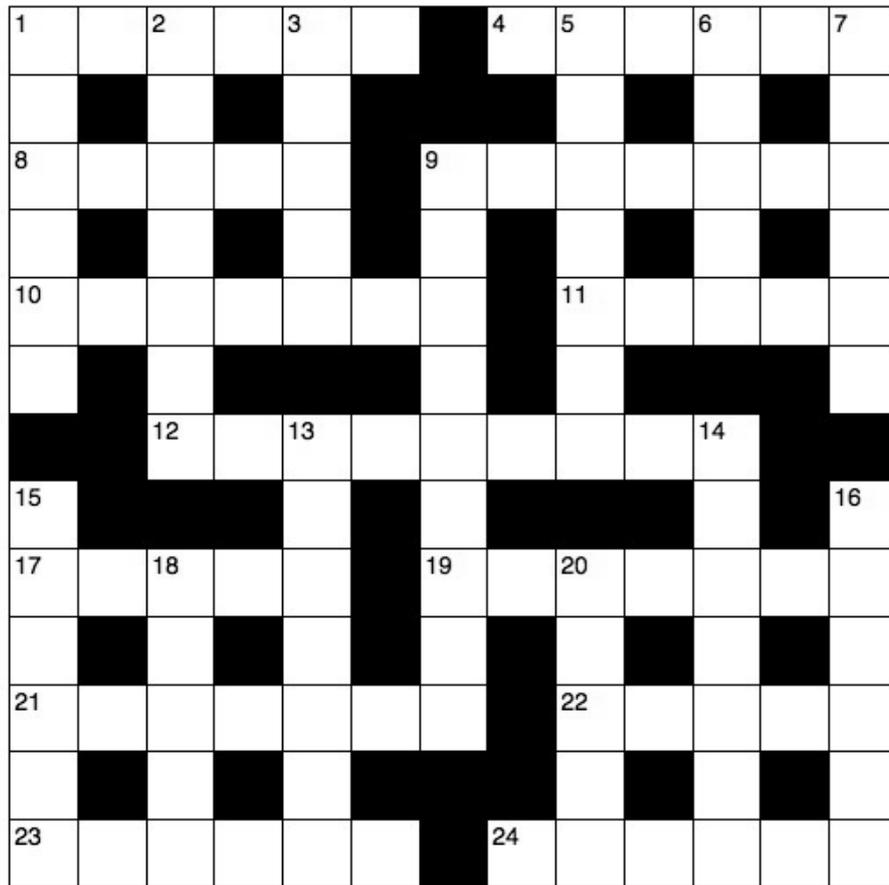
15 See 12 Across

16 Rioted (anag.) (6)

18 She had a surprise when she answered the door and found 8 Across outside (Acts 12:13) (5)

20 Maltreat (1 Chronicles 10:4) (5)

Solution is on Page 24



Prayers and Poems Page

Take – and receive

Take, Lord, and receive all my freedom, my memory, my intelligence and my will – all that I have and possess. You, Lord, have given those things to me. I now give them back to you, Lord. All belongs to you. Dispose of these gifts according to your will. I ask only for your love and your grace, for they are enough for me.

A prayer of Ignatius of Loyala (1491 – 1556) founder of the Society of Jesus.

Request *by Daphne Kitching* **(Lk 11:1b)**

Well Lord God, here I am,
believing in you,
trusting in Jesus,
knowing that you sent your Spirit
to connect us.
But sometimes the signal seems weak,
As though I've wandered out of range.

Lord, I want to grow closer,
to hear your voice
and know your guidance
in the nitty-gritty
of the life you have given me.
I know it's been said before, Lord,
but please, teach me to pray.

The Sound of Worship *by Nigel Beeton*

As we gather for the service
Greeting, laughing, chatting we,
While a genius is working
Deep in electricity.

Checking all the wires are plugged in,
Running gremlins down to ground.
1,2,3 - that mike is working!
No more faults there to be found!

Have you seen that desk he/she uses?
Sliders, switches, buttons, knobs;
Looks to me just like a flight deck -
Someone really knows their job!

While you listen, learn, and worship
May a prayer of thanks be found
Then, perhaps a little feedback
For the one who does the sound.

Queen of Grace

Fair is her foot and smooth is her hand,
And graceful her form upon the strand,
Winsome her voice and gentle her speech,
Stately her mien on the ocean beach,
Warm doth she look, and mild is her face,
While swelleth her lovely breast of grace
Like black-headed seagull up and down
On the gently heaving water's crown.

The shield of God's Son doth cover her,
God's Son's inspiration over her,
The word of God's Son is feeding her,
His star is a guide-light leading her.

From an ancient Celtic poem

*For any parent whose son or daughter will be
leaving for Uni, come September....*

Hands off

You have been speaking to me, Lord, about my
children and grand-child. You loaned them to me
for a season. Now I am to take my possessive,
managing hands off – strictly off. You will perfect
them in your way and in your timing. Years ago,
you began this work. It is your business to
complete what you start. You have promised that
you will. It's as good as done.

Catherine Marshall

The Churchyard - Issue 8

From piles of scribbled notes and rough drawings the plans of the churchyard are now complete. We know now that there are 1,157 stones. The second half of the work is the recording of them and details of the inscriptions and the preparation of an alphabetical index of the names. 960 inscriptions have already been noted and it is hoped that they will all be complete by mid-summer, weather permitting. It is intended to have one set of plans and records to be kept in the church safe as a permanent record, and a second set which can be used for reference purposes. The plans can be duplicated by printing, but the records must be typed. Is there a typist amongst our congregation who would do this work? It will be a big task, but it will be of great use in the future. It certainly is interesting and in no way morbid. Could anyone interested please let me know? (Note: no one did!)

Generally, over the years, members of any one family have been buried in graves scattered over the yard making it impossible to see any continuity at a glance. There are however some interesting family vaults which cover many years of burials. One such is the Fowler vault which spans 172 years, starting with Joshua Fowler of Wincobank who died on 27th April 1742. The family later moved to Wadsley Hall where succeeding generations lived for many years; the last named, Annie Fowler, died there on 15th February 1914 at the age of 86. As a memorial to Henry Fowler who died 16th January 1854, the stained glass window on the south side of the sanctuary was installed. He was a rising engineer of great promise, and had been engaged in important works in India Holland, where the climate undermined his health. He died at the age of 32.

To the left-hand side of the main path' to the church porch is a group of graves containing members of principal families of the Southey part of the parish. The old houses are gone, but their names live on in new street names, Hukin, Deerlands and Southey. The Swift family occupied the Hukin for four centuries and Deerlands for well over a century. Southey Hall was occupied by the Twybell family as early as 1637 when James Twybell was holding a tenement called 'Southall' and lands, at a yearly rent of £20.

He also held an office in the household of the Earl of Shrewsbury. By marriage Southey passed into the Vickers family, which is most apparent from the mixture, of the two names on the tombstones. The list of churchwardens includes at various times,' Swifts from 1643 to 1851, Twybells from 1579 to 1757 and Vickers from 1786 to 1834.

F. S. Hague

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