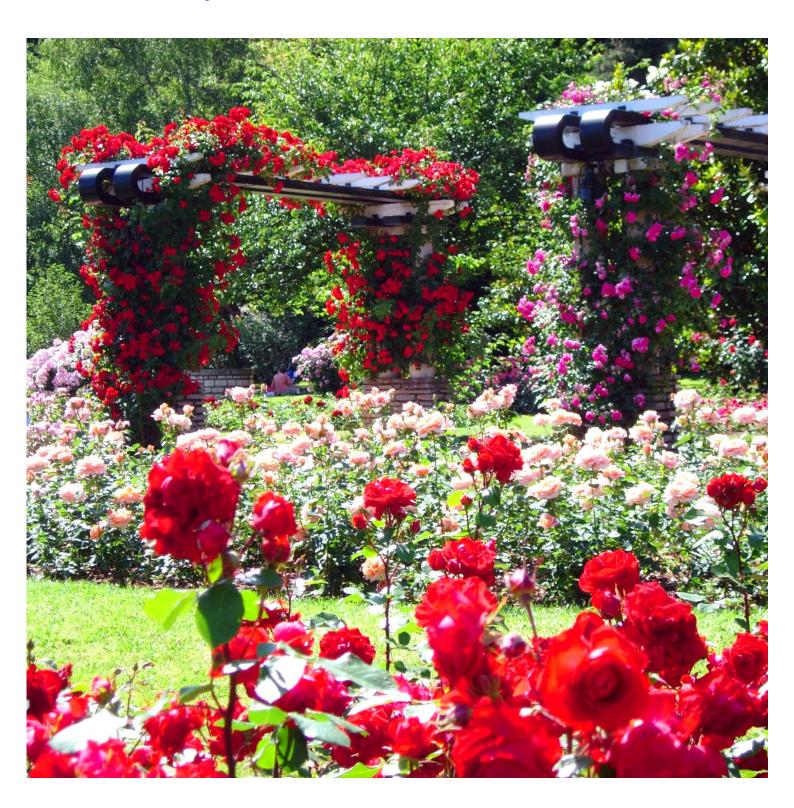
News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



Church Magazine June 2019

First words

June 2019 is here; unbelievably we are almost half-way through the year!

During June please keep in your prayers our schools and their staff, and especially those young people sitting their GCSEs and A Levels.

In the days between Ascension and Pentecost there will be times of prayer in Church as we join in with millions of Christians of all denominations across the world in the *Thy Kingdom Come* prayer movement.

Sat 1st June 10am to 3.30pm we have First Aid training in Church.

Mon 3rd June 7.30pm PCC Meeting in Church - we will be thinking through our response to Bishop Pete's consultation document to deliver the Diocesan strategy.

Pentecost falls on **Sunday 9th June.** At **10am** we will be welcoming the guides, Brownies and Rainbows for the **May Queens** service - in the Churchyard if weather permits.

On **Monday 10th June at 7.30pm** there will be a meeting of the **Mission and Discipleship Committee** in Church.

On **Wednesdays at 7.30pm** we continue our study course on Paul's letter to the Philippians, *Discipleship Explored*.

After the 10am service on Sunday 16th June there will be a meeting of the Healing and Prayer Ministry Team.

On **Sunday 23rd June at 12 noon** we will be having a **Baptism** service. And in the afternoon, we will be having the last **Youth Fellowship** before the summer holidays - time and other details to be announced.

God Bless Tim

Front Cover – The highlight of Parc de la Tete d'Or, a vast urban park in Lyon, France, are three beautiful rose gardens. The park's name, which means "Golden Head Park," comes from a legend about a golden sculpture of Christ's head buried somewhere on the grounds by the Crusaders. Image courtesy Ville de Lyon

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Thought for the Month

Over the next few weeks on Wednesday evenings we will be running a course called Discipleship Explored. It is based on Paul's letter to the church in Philippi. It was written from prison and it is a guide to what it means to follow Jesus, what it means to be a disciple. Although it was written 2000 years ago it still speaks powerfully today, it is still an important guide to living as one of Jesus' disciples today.

In the Church at the moment we hear the words "disciple" and "discipleship" a lot. They have become almost buzzwords, we hear them, and we use them, but what exactly do we mean by them?

In recent meeting of one of governing bodies of the Anglican Communion, the delegates were debating something called "intentional discipleship", when one of the bishops present said that a better phrase to use, one that we can all understand, is instead of discipleship we simply speak of living a "Jesus-shaped life."

Jesus calls us, He teaches us, He shows us how to live as a son or daughter of God our Father. He gives us the Holy Spirit within who enables us to lead a "Jesus-shaped life." He calls us to live this life, to set an example for others and to call them to turn to Jesus, be filled with the Spirit and become disciples too.

In one of His best loved teachings, Jesus said:

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30).

The image would be very familiar in the agricultural society in which Jesus and the disciples lived. When a farmer bought a new oxen, he would yoke it to an experienced animal, and so, by walking and working with the older oxen, the young one would learn how to do the job at hand.

Jesus calls us to walk alongside Him. To learn from Him by prayerfully reading the Gospels and by studying Jesus life and teaching. We see what it means to live as a child of God. We learn how to 'walk through the days of our lives as Jesus would. We begin to live a Jesus-shaped life, not just in Church on Sunday, but every day of the week in every place where we find ourselves.

Jesus calls us to follow Him in the places where we live and work and socialise, among our friends and families and colleagues. We are where God has called us to be, and this is where we serve Him and live as citizens of His kingdom.

Jesus' call is to us as individuals and as a church. Our calling as St Mary's Church in Ecclesfield is to build a Jesus-shaped community.

To embody the welcome of the Father to all, to be a community of worship and welcome, of prayer and forgiveness. Our calling is above all to be above all a place where, by His Holy Spirit, Jesus is present in healing and in renewal.

My prayer for St Mary's is that when people meet us they also, in some measure, meet with Jesus.

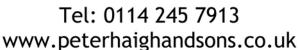
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God and The Arts

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.

Panel depicting the first Pentecost: Barnaba da Modena

Over the last years praying 'Thy kingdom come' has become an important part of church life for the days between Ascension and Pentecost. It has been promoted by church leaders, who have encouraged Christians to follow the pattern of Mary, the mother of our Lord, and the disciples. St Luke tells us in Acts how they gathered in an upper room to pray, while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

It is the theme of this month's painting from the National Gallery – a panel depicting the first Pentecost painted by Barnaba da Modena, a prolific Italian artist, in 1377.



Here we look into that upper room and see Mary and the twelve, their hands in prayer, and the Holy Spirit descending like a dove into their lives.

The disciples had seen their Lord ascend to the Father, and they must have returned from that mount to Jerusalem expectant, but also concerned and anxious about what the future held for them. Afraid and uncertain, they devoted themselves to prayer. The artist has shown us the gift of the Holy Spirit that marks the birthday of the Church and a new day in their lives. The doors of that upper room may have been closed to the world, but the Spirit came to open them and inspire the disciples to go into that world with a new purpose and hope. The closed world of fear and anxiety was changed by their prayer and by the working of the Holy Spirit.

In the days from Ascension to Pentecost we follow that tradition of prayer. We may also be concerned and anxious about our world and our lives. The Spirit calls us to move from fear to trust. Someone calculated that the words 'Do not be afraid' occur 365 times in the Bible – one for the great day of Pentecost, and one for every other day in the rest of the year.

St James the Least of All

Beware the summer strawberry tea

The Rectory St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren.

Never, ever feel aggrieved that your summer strawberry tea has to be held in the church hall rather than on a lawn, since there is hardly a single blade of grass to be found in your entire parish. You have no idea of the potential calamities you are avoiding.

Here, during the previous week, the organisers will be desperately asking the opinion of local farmers about the weather. In doing so, they forget that for the farming community, it is always the wrong sort of weather anyway. I once received a heartfelt plea from the staff at Heathrow Airport for our ladies to stop calling them at hourly intervals to find out if hurricanes may be imminent.

Naturally, the day will start out warm and sunny and so all the tables will be arranged on the vicarage lawn. By 10am, tablecloths will have been laid. By 10.10am, a brisk breeze will have sprung up and someone will be delegated to retrieve them all from deep within the nettle patch. By 11am, clouds will gather, and a decision will be made to transfer everything into the church hall. Once that is completed, just when it is almost too late to change, the sun will re-emerge and there will be a frantic dash to put everything back on the lawn. This ensures that by 2pm when teas start, the ladies will already be in a state of collapse.

Last year, the Dowager Duchess of Trilby graced us with her presence. As she sat with her entourage, elegantly sipping tea under a giant parasol over the table, the thing – equally elegantly – closed around her, leaving her looking like one of those unfortunate insects trapped by a carnivorous plant. To emerge from its depths looking entirely unflustered was beyond even her social skills.

Fortunately, attention was diverted from her predicament by the wife of one of our farmers. This substantial lady had been sitting in a chair with slightly too thin legs for the damp lawn. The rear two slowly sank into the grass, eventually catapulting the dear lady backwards into the lap of the local mayor. Disentangling red flannelette from mayoral chains took some time, and delicacy.

At least when I have had enough, the lawn can be cleared in minutes by drawing the raffle. The moment the last plastic shower cap and set of Christmas doilies has been awarded, there will be a dash to get home, giving my dog the opportunity to retrieve remnants of cream cakes from the flower beds

Your loving uncle, Eustace

Summer Solstice – longest day of the year 21st June

June, of course is the month of the summer solstice, the month of the Sun. Sol + stice come from two Latin words meaning 'sun' and 'to stand still'. As the days lengthen, the sun rises higher and higher until it seems to stand still in the sky. The Summer Solstice results in the longest day and the shortest night of the year. The Northern Hemisphere celebrates in June, and the Southern Hemisphere celebrates in December.

While the Druids worship at Stonehenge and elsewhere, here are some Christian alternatives that honour the Creator rather than the created.

God in All

He inspires all,

He gives life to all,

He dominates all,

He supports all.

He lights the light of the sun.

He furnishes the light of the night.

He has made springs in dry land.

He is the God of heaven and earth,

of sea and rivers,

of sun, moon and stars,

of the lofty mountain and the lowly valley,

the God above heaven,

and in heaven,

and under heaven.

St Patrick

A Canticle for Brother Sun

Praised be You, My Lord, in all Your creatures, Especially Sir Brother Sun,

Who makes the day and enlightens us through You.

He is lovely and radiant and grand;

And he heralds You, his Most High Lord.

St Francis of Assisi



Crucifix with the rays of the Sun

Sun and Moon

Genesis, the first book of the Bible, tells us that God made the sun and moon on the fourth day of creation. They are symbols of the power of light to shine through the darkness, as good will shine over evil.

Sun

The sun can also represent the radiance and glory of Christ as seen on this crucifix. In scenes of the Crucifixion, the moon is sometimes shown on the left of the cross and the sun on the right. This could refer to an early church teaching in which the Old Testament (moon) is lit by the New Testament (sun). Together, the sun and moon reflect the sorrow of all creation at Christ's death.

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Will You Remember Them – Sri Lanka

Churches reopen in Sri Lanka four weeks after Easter Day bombings

Services resumed on Sunday 19 May at Sri Lankan churches that had been closed for four weeks following the Easter Sunday suicide bombings in which 253 people died and more than 500 were injured.

Police advised prominent churches on the island to close their buildings temporarily after the Islamic State terrorist attacks on 21 April. Security was also tightened, and police patrols increased for the prominent churches that remained open.

Police also advised the denominations to give them information about church meeting venues of which they were unaware so they could be protected. But this left many congregations in a quandary, especially house church movements, convert groups and those who worship in rented premises. In recent years the Sri Lankan government has been trying to force churches to be registered, so offering the police information about their meeting places so that they can be given protection in the short-term could open them up to harassment and problems in the long-term. Schools, including Christian schools, are also reopening and children "are slowly returning", according to Barnabas Fund contacts.

Attendance has remained high at Zion Evangelical Church, Batticaloa, where at least 29 people, including 14 children, died. Services for the 800-strong congregation continued at a temporary location because of the extensive damage to the church. Pastor Thrukumaran, whose 12-year-old son, Malaki, was killed in the bombing, said, "Believers are keen to worship. We have not seen any drop in church attendance."

Editor

Mothers' Union - National & Local Subscriptions

Members of the committee have expressed concern over the amount of the annual National subscriptions. These have gone up year on year and this January 2019 was £20.00. This money goes to support the work of the Mothers' Union in this country and abroad. We here at Ecclesfield also pay an additional amount of £10.00 annually, which funds the rent for our use of the Gatty Hall, refreshments and any expenses incurred by our invited speakers, plus any local administration costs.

Starting in June 2019 the committee would like to offer members the opportunity of paying both these subs at a rate of £5.00 a month. We appreciate that on limited incomes/pensions these monies can be a worry for some.

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Thank you - Mothers' Union Committee

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Prayer for the Month

O Lord, give me springs and I will water this land. I will go, Lord. I will hold this people in my heart.

Aidan Bishop of Lindisfarne (died 651)

Aidan of Lindisfarne is one of my heroes. He was a monk living on the Isle of Iona. The monks believed that god was calling them to take the Gospel of Christ south into England, into the kingdom of Northumbria. The monk who was chosen returned having failed among the English.

He spoke of the hardness of the hearts of the Northumbrians. He said that it was a land of darkness refusing the life-giving light of Christ. He said that it was inhabited by a stubborn and unreachable people.

One man, Aidan, heard his brother monk's report, and his heart was stirred with compassion for the land and its people. To open his heart to them would cost him everything that he knew and loved - leaving the beautiful Island of Iona, leaving his brothers and his share in their fellowship, prayer and work.

If he remained seated in the chapter house no one would notice him, no one would know what God had stirred in his heart, the cry, "Come over to Northumbria and help us."

In his heart he prayed his prayer: "O Lord, give me springs and I will water this land. I will go, Lord. I will hold this people in my heart." A moment later, Aidan spoke, "Perhaps, my brother, if you had spoken with more gentleness, and of the love of Christ, giving them the Gospel to nourish them like milk is given to a tiny baby, then you would have won them and remained among them."

And so with Aidan began the Celtic Church's mission to bring the life-giving Gospel of Jesus Christ to the people of the North of England.

Today we pray again for the light and the love of Christ to be heard and received in the hearts of the people of our land. We know that God loves our nation and its people; we know that Jesus died and rose again for them. May we find inspiration on the love and determination of Aidan. May we respond with the same faithfulness that we see in him.

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

Time for God – Wednesday at 7.30pm

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday during school term time A time for worship, teaching and prayer

St Mary's - Activities & Groups

Church Office Opening times

Tuesday 9:00 am to 1.00 pm Thursday 9.00 am to 12.00 pm

Coffee Shop

Tuesday 10.00 am to 12.30 pm Friday 10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Bell Ringers

Tuesday 7.30 pm Bell ringing practice Friday 7.30 pm Silent Bell ringing practice

Choir Practice

Friday 7.30 pm Choir practice in choir vestry

Music Group Practice

Thursday 7:30 pm Music group practice in church

Church Diary Items to Note - June 2019

June 2019	Time	Item
Saturday, June 1 st	10:00am	First Aid Training in Church
Monday, June 3 rd	7:30pm	PCC Meeting
Wednesday, June 5 th	7:30pm	Discipleship Explored Course
Saturday, June 8 th	9:00am	Prayer Breakfast
Monday, June 10 th	7:30pm	Mission & Discipleship Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 11 th	10:00am	Beginners Photography
Wednesday, June 12 th	2:00pm	MU Deanery Festival Service
Wednesday, June 12 th	7:30pm	Discipleship Explored Course
Saturday, June 15 th	1:00pm	Wedding Service
Monday, June 17 th	7:30pm	Baptism Preparation
Tuesday, June 18 th	5:30pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Wednesday, June 19 th	7:30pm	Discipleship Explored Course
Saturday, June 22 nd	1:30pm	Wedding Service
Sunday, June 23 rd	12:00pm	Baptisms
Monday, June 24 th	7:30pm	Wedding rehearsal
Wednesday, June 26 th	7:30pm	Finance Team Meeting
Wednesday, June 26 th	7:30pm	Discipleship Explored Course
Saturday, June 29 th	1:30pm	Wedding Service

From the Registers

Baptisms

5 th May	Elsie Olivia Rachel Oldfield
5 th May	James Stanley Kennington

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	Daniel Robson & Emma Williams
25 th May	Jon Richard Wall & Gabrielle Frith

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

Funerals

3 rd May	Joan Appleby	90
16 th May	Arthur Graham Greaves	82
22 nd May	Geoffrey Ellis	78

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

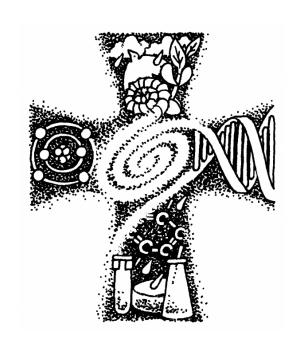
Flower Rota June 2019

2nd June	Jeanne Sutton	23rd June	K. Lonsborough &
9th June	S. Johns & S. Dale		P. Clarke
16th June	C. Ambler	30th June	Vacant

God in the Sciences

Re-Joining the Choir: Why people are the helpers, not priests, of creation

Urbanisation has taken us away from the rest of creation, often reducing it in our eyes to a resource that we draw on when we feel like it or need it. But Jesus said the stones would start praising Him if people didn't (19:40), and in the Psalms and Job, all of creation is praising God. There is no hint here that people are needed to enable creation's praise to happen. The singing is metaphorical, but it draws attention to fact that all creatures praise God by being themselves. They don't only praise with their 'voices', but with everything else they do as well: eating, running, hopping, grooming, reproducing, and so on (which is a reminder to us that our whole lives can be an act of praise to God).



Our isolation from creation's praise can add to our sense that the whole world revolves around us and our needs. In reality, creation is God-centred and 'His name alone is exalted' (Psalm 148:13). The value of creation for God is not necessarily linked to its value for us – it is of value to God because He made it, He cares for it, and it praises Him.

Genesis 1:28 says that we must "rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground". To rule wisely we need to get hold of the fact that, although we have a special responsibility, we are creatures alongside all the other creatures. One way to ground ourselves in this idea is to re-join the choir and worship God together with every other living and non-living thing on earth.

Rather than being needed to help creation praise God, we can actually rely on it to help us in our worship. Sharing God's delight in creation, we can learn to delight in God. In return, the best thing we can do is to let living things recover their full fruitfulness as much as possible so they can praise God fully. We are called to a life of humble service, taking care of each other and everything else on this planet. In this way, we can choose to see other creatures as they are, pointing our attention away from themselves towards God – until we are caught up in their praise of Him.

Editor: 'God in the Sciences'. It is written by Dr Ruth Bancewicz, who is based at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge and writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

Recipe of the month - Salad of Lentilles du Puy

About 6 servings

I like this lentil salad best when the diced carrots, onions and celery are sautéed in olive oil until just-tender, then mixed into the warm lentils along with the vinaigrette. The celery isn't necessary (well, neither are shoes) but it's quite nice if you like it. You can also simmer the vegetables along with the lentils if you want to save a step but be sure to add them to the vinaigrette while warm, which helps them absorb the dressing.

Be sure to use good olive oil for the vinaigrette: yes, it does make a difference! No cheating. Since les lentilles du Puy lend themselves to so many variations, feel free to experiment with your own flavours – chilli – peppers – smoked peppers etc.

For the lentils:

1¼ cup (250 gr) French green lentilles du Puy (dry not pre-cooked)
1 bay leaf and a few springs of fresh thyme
1 carrot, peeled and finely diced
1 medium onion, peeled and finely diced
2 sticks of celery (optional), finely diced
Salt and freshly-ground pepper

For the vinaigrette:

1 tablespoon red wine or sherry vinegar 1/4 cup (60 ml) extra-virgin olive oil 1/2 teaspoon Dijon mustard 1 small shallot (or sweet onion), peeled and finely diced

- 1. Rinse the lentils and remove any foreign matter.
- 2. Transfer the lentils to a large saucepan then cover with a copious amount of water, which should cover the lentils by at least 3-4 inches. Add the bay leaf and thyme.
- 3. Bring to a boil, then reduce heat, add a bit of salt, and simmer for 20-25 minutes, until the lentils are just tender, adding more water if necessary. Be sure not to overcook them.
- 4. While the lentils are cooking, heat a few spoonsful of olive oil in a skillet and add the carrots, onions, and celery (if using). Sprinkle with salt and pepper, and cook, stirring frequently until tender. Set aside.
- 5. In a large bowl, mix together the ingredients for the vinaigrette.
- 6. When the lentils are done, drain them well, then toss them in the vinaigrette with the cooked vegetables. Stir a few times to release the steam. Taste, and season with more salt, pepper, and olive oil if desired. Remove bay leave and thyme sprigs.

Serve warm or at room temperature.

Goes well with cold sliced pork, warm pulled pork or a good homemade terrine or brawn

Cooked lentils will keep in the refrigerator for 2-3 days. They can be reheated in a pan on the hob or in a microwave. If you like lentils of all types, you can boost their flavour by simmering them in a vegetable stock – just add a veggie stock cube to the water as you bring it to the boil.

The Gardening Year – June 2019

Damsons – The Fruit of the Damsons is the smallest of the plum family, but a tree will succeed in exposed wet districts where plums are difficult to grow, and gages may not survive. Damsons are self-fertile so that only one tree needs to be planted to produce a crop. *Planning the Crop* – damsons do best in deep, well-drained heavy loams but they can be grown in most soils. Damsons can be grown as a bush or may be fan trained on a wall or fence. To establish the framework of the tree prune and train basically as for apples but prune in early spring as growth begins – not in winter. Another difference is that a damson should have a more crowded and compact head than an apple. When the tree is established little pruning is needed as Damsons fruit on both old and new wood.

Pests and Diseases – among pests attacking Damsons are aphids, caterpillars, fruit tree red spider mites and plum sawfly. Diseases that may occur are bacterial cancer, brown rot, honey fungus, knothole and silver leaf. **Harvesting and Storing** – pick the fruit by the stalk to avoid bruising.

Gooseberry – If the bushes are carrying a heavy crop, thin the fruit to improve the size of the remaining fruit. At the end of the month nip out the tips of the longest new lateral shoots to about five leaves to encourage the energy of the bush into fruit bud formation. Gooseberry sawfly starts in the centre of bushes and can quickly defoliate them unless eliminated with insecticide spray. Be prepared to spray with fungicide spray against gooseberry mildew, which can make the fruit inedible.

Plum and Damson – watch for attacks of greenfly which can become serious if not checked by early spraying with insecticide. The Leaves of shoots affected by silver leaf have a metallic appearance. If the branches are fruiting pick the fruit and cut out affected branches until there is no brown stain visible on the cut surface. If the stain goes into the main stem there is no cure and the tree must be removed. During this month the disease starts to spread from dead and dying branches left on trees or lying about, so be careful to burn or bin affected branches.

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 Nettles

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

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

Meat – Wood Pigeon, Lamb

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

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On Bank Holiday Monday, May 6th, Whitley 1st XI achieved a fine win in the Viking Cup against Wickersley, with the opponents' 184 matched quite easily in the end with 6 wickets left. Saturday 11th May ended up with the !st XI match abandoned due to the weather but the following Saturday the team achieved a fine win away at Cleethorpes. However, over the May Bank Holiday weekend, two close games resulted in defeats at Wickersley and at home against Elsecar leaving the team in lower midtable. The 2nd and 3rd teams are also in mid-table and the hope is that June will bring some winning perfirmances. All visitors are warmly welcomed and are invited to use the facilities in the pavilion.

Home Games at Cinder Hill Lane - Matches start at 12.30pm

1 st June	1 st XI	V	Tickhill 1 st XI
Sun 2 nd June	1 st XI	V	Viking Cup Stamford Bridge 1 st XI
8 th June	2 nd XI	V	Hallam 2 nd XI
15 th June	1 st XI	V	Collegiate 1 st XI
22 nd June	2 nd XI	V	Barnsley 2 nd XI
29 th June	2 nd XI	V	Barnsley 2 nd XI
Sun 30 th June	1 st XI	V	Viking Cup Round 3
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Hotpoint

John's Gospel

On the Sundays after Trinity, starting on Sunday 23rd of June, instead of following the 'recommended' readings on Sunday mornings we will be spending some time with John's Gospel.

John builds his biography of Jesus on two 'structures'. First there are the miraculous signs that Jesus performed, starting with the wedding at Cana and culminating with the raising of Lazarus. All of these signs lead to the resurrection. The second structure consists of the people that Jesus encounters, such as Nicodemus or Nathanael. Again these lead to the meeting between the risen Jesus and the apostle Thomas.

As we follow the signs in John's Gospel, Jesus, by His Holy Spirit, will meet us, and we pray that our lives will be transformed by the hope and the promise of our risen Saviour.

Tim

Thy Kingdom Come.

Times for prayer in Church in the season between the Ascension and Pentecost:

Saturday 1st June 9am
Monday 3rd June 8.45am
Tuesday 4th June 12 noon
Wednesday 5th June 7pm
Thursday 6th June 9.30am (Eucharist)
Friday 7th June 11am
Saturday 8th June 9am Prayer Breakfast

Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here



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A lesson in simplicity

A few weeks ago, I was fortunate enough to visit the island of Iona. Iona is situated off the south-west coast of the island of Mull which is situated off the west coast of Scotland. It is about 3 miles long and about 1.5 miles wide. It is probably one of the most beautiful places I have ever visited. Not just for its scenery which encompasses stunning white beaches, rugged coastline, pebble beaches and rough countryside in between. It has an incredibly special atmosphere, a rare tranquillity and slow pace of life.

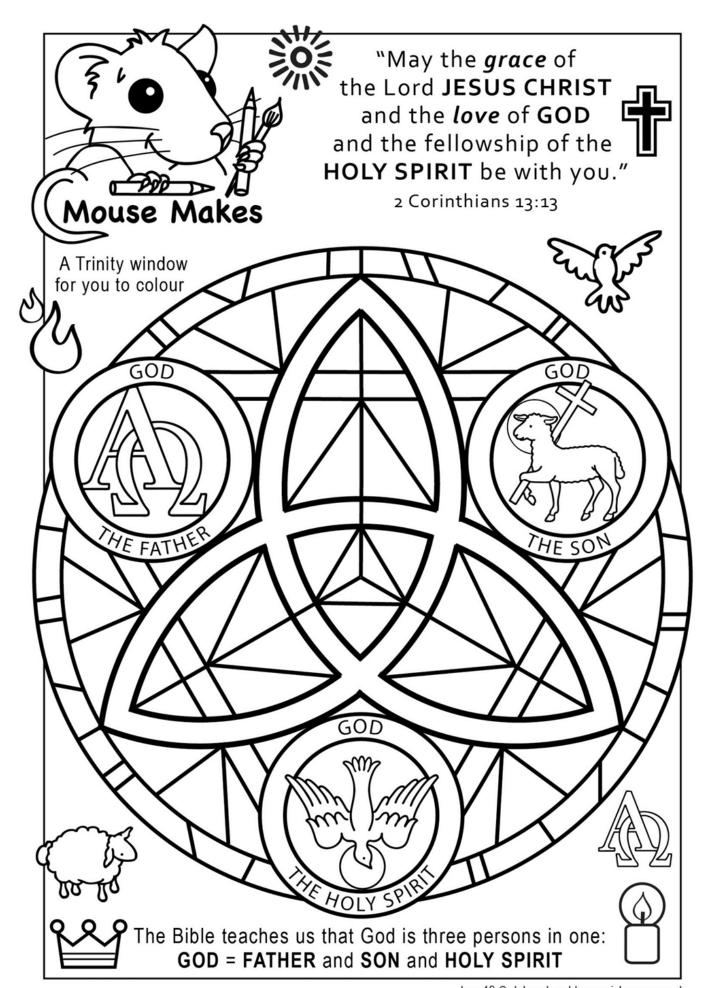
I realised that this is one place where the journey is just as important as arriving. You really feel that you have been on a bit of adventure, a three and a half hour train journey from Glasgow to Oban (one of the most spectacular train journeys I have ever undertaken), a fifty minute ferry journey from Oban to Craignure, Mull, then an hour and half bus journey to Fionnphort and a further five minute ferry journey from Fionnphort to Iona. The expectation builds and to some extent you can't believe you have finally got there. It is a common place for people to come on day trips, and an occasional cruise disgorges its passengers. Once the cruise ships have left and the last ferry has left for the night – the atmosphere is totally different and unique. You feel you are in a different world, a world from yester-year and the peace really gets under your skin.

It is what the Celts would call a 'thin place'. These were places where they believed the spiritual world and our physical world met: where literally the veil between the two worlds was so thin that a person could sense the spiritual in a powerful way. This is certainly true of Iona in my experience.

The party I went with relaxed into the atmosphere. We had a very simple schedule, some teaching where we experienced surprising new insights into the Mary & Martha story, an act of worship each day and plenty of time and space to experience the spirituality of the place and pray. We met in the early evening to eat together. I was staying at the Catholic House of Prayer – no television, no mobile signal etc. I had brought books to read, but somehow I just wanted to use the time to the full and just be and be with God. This meant I was early to bed each evening. Not something I do much of at home. At this time of year one of the joys of Iona is it does not go dark until about 10.30pm and then dawn is around 3.30am. I never drew the curtains!

It is strange how your body clock starts to adapt to its natural rhythm. Early to bed meant early rising and I found myself waking around 6am fully refreshed and ready for the day.

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Clues Across

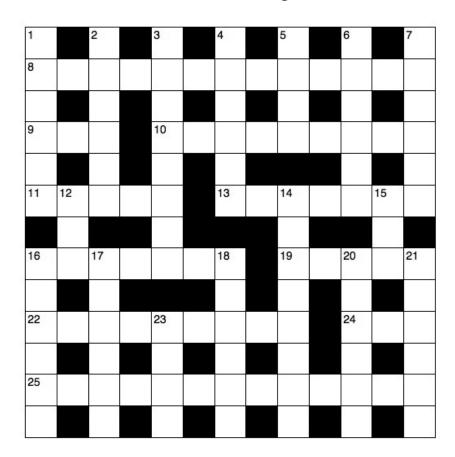
- **8** Laban complained he had not been allowed to kiss them when Jacob fled with his family (Genesis 31:28) (13)
- 9 In favour of (3)
- 10 'The child's father and mother at what was said about him' (Luke 2:33) (9)
- **11** Swagger (Psalm 12:8) (5)
- 13 'Terrors him on every side and dog his every step' (Job 18:11) (7)
- **16** Bay bits (anag.) (7)
- 19 Preach, address an audience, speak in public (5)
- **22** Holy Communion (9)
- **24** 'On their way to out the land, Joshua instructed them, "Go and make a survey of the land" (Joshua 18:8) (3)
- **25** Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint these to administer his grain storage plan (Genesis 41:34) (13)

Clues Down

- 1 'Assyria's pride will be brought down and sceptre will pass away' (Zechariah 10:11) (6)
- 2 'And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in with God and men' (Luke 2:52) (6)
- **3** The descendants of Esau (Genesis 36:9) (8)
- **4** The components of the crown that Jesus was made to wear before his crucifixion (John 19:2) (6)
- 5 Colour of cloth which was to cover holy objects in the tabernacle when moving camp (Numbers 4:6–12) (4)
- **6** One of the gold articles plundered from the Midianites offered to the Lord by the Israelite army 'to make atonement' (Numbers 31:50) (6)
- 7 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set ——' (Jeremiah 31:29) (2,4)
- **12** Ate (anag.) (3)
- **14** 'We ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our as sons' (Romans 8:23) (8)
- **15** Abram's nephew (Genesis 14:12) (3)
- **16** Rupture (Job 30:14) (6)
- 17 'Yet to all who received him... he gave the right to children of God' (John 1:12) (6)

- **18** 'I... asked him the true meaning of all . he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things' (Daniel 7:16) (4,2)
- **20** Military units (Exodus 14:20) (6)
- **21** 'Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to her to public disgrace' (Matthew 1:19) (6)
- 23 Diva (anag.) (4)

Solution is on Page 20



Mother's Union Caravan Drive

Come and Join us for a Caravan (Beetle) Drive 6.30 pm – 9 pm Friday 14th June 2019 in The Gatty Hall

Come along and have some fun at the same time as raising money for AFIA (Away From It All) who provide much needed holidays for families who are experiencing stress.

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Prayers and Poems Page

Courage to die for You

There is brutal persecution of Christians today in many parts of the world. To them the prayer of a man who died nearly 18 centuries ago would be very relevant.... Cyprian of Carthage was martyred during the terrible persecutions of the Roman Empire in 258.

We believe and trust, Lord, that at the time of terrible persecution, you will hear and answer our prayers with the utmost urgency. We pray with all our hearts that you will give us courage to remain true to the Gospel, and proclaim your Name right up till the moment of death. Then may we emerge from the snares of this world with our souls unscathed, and rise from the darkness of the world into your glorious light.

He had no home

He had no home,
The birds of the air had nests
But He had nowhere to lay His head.
He lived as a poor man
Supported by friends,
But fed the thousands with fish and bread.

He preached three years
Persecuted by Pharisees
Who thought He came to destroy the Law,
But the people listened
And some believed
That He was the One they all waited for.

He came to save
When He was lifted up
On Calvary's cross of suffering and pain,
The curtain tore,
The way made through
And man once lost was found again.

By Megan Carter

Peace to the End

The peace of God to dwell with you,
The peace of Christ to dwell with you,
The peace of Spirit dwell with you,
And peace dwell with your children too,
From the day we have here to-day
To the last day of your life's way,
Till come the day that ends your way.

From Poems of the Western Highlanders

Peter (Mt 26:71-75, John21:15-18)

I don't know the man. I don't know Him. I don't know Him.

But I did.
From the moment I turned to Him,
That day by the Sea,
I knew Him,
Knew He was the Lord.

I so wanted to serve Him, Speak for Him, Follow Him, Fish for Him Live and give my life for Him No matter what.

He is the Lord And I let him down Again and again and again. I go on letting Him down.

But Jesus,
Who knows the best and worst of me,
Who knows how I rush in and blurt out,
Mix and mess things,
Fail and fall asleep,
Who feels the agony of the denied one,
Understands the agony of the one who denies.

He is the Lord And He forgives Again, and again and again. He goes on forgiving.

Feed my lambs, Take care of my sheep Feed my sheep.

By Daphne Kitching

The Churchyard - Issue 6 - First Published not known

One of the oldest tombs is at the side of the church near the south-east corner. Unfortunately the inscription is badly eroded, but once again Eastwood has recorded the detail in his "History of Ecclesfield". The tomb contains members of the Silvester family. Thomas Silvester of Chapeltown, buried 21st August, 1679; Eleanor his wife, 20th May, 1669; children by her, Mary 1668, Nicholas 26th September, 1702; Anne 11th August, 1711, Mary, wife of Nicholas Silvester 4th July, 1702; Mary second wife of Thomas Silvester 15th February, 1679; by her he had Hannah buried 3rd October, 1677, Elizabeth 20th March, 1682 and Martha 6th April, 1683.

The family of Sylvester resided somewhere about High Green or Chapeltown, and the name occurs very frequently in the Parish records, the earliest being Robert Sylvester buried 1583, Edward Silvester, Churchwarden in 1594, Feoffee in 1616. The latter is described in the Parish Register as 'of Hyegrene' (*High Green*) in September 1599. They were very generous donors to the charities of the Parish. Edward Silvester, of the Tower of London, founded the Mortomley Lane End Hospital on 21st April, 1693, when he conveyed for a term of 6,000 years certain lands at Womersley to John Parkin of Mortomley, Nicholas Silvester, and John Allen, in trust for the use of the poor of Ecclesfield to build for them a hospital consisting of seven rooms for seven poor men or women from the north side of the Parish. The hospital was recently demolished.

An interesting side issue to the reference to the Tower of London is that Edward's brother John was the smith at the Tower who constructed a strong iron chain to be drawn across the Thames at a time when it was supposed that the Dutch fleet would attempt to sail up the river as high as the bridge. He acquired a large fortune and was buried at Darton.

Ann, spinster sister of the above Edward and John, left in her Will, dated 14th August 1711, the income of £200 to be distributed yearly to the poor children to trades. This fund was known as Silvesters' Dole. The same Will granted an endowment and inspiration to build the Lound School in the following words: -

"I give and bequeath the income of one hundred pounds for teaching so many poor children to read as the executor hereafter named, together with the feoffees in trust, shall think convenient, belonging to Chapeltown, Mortomley Lane End, and Burn Cross, provided that the Inhabitants of the above places shall erect a school house in some convenient place for that purpose".

F. S. Hague

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A lesson in simplicity continued

Some of you may know that I go running – I took my running gear with me on the trip – not really knowing whether I would use it or not. As I was up so early, I thought it would be a good time to go for a run. But I was unsure, in this tranquil place it seemed so wrong on so many levels to rush about by going running. My energy levels were high, so I decided I would go (and figured there wouldn't be many people around at that time).

I ran from coast to coast running along the most beautiful white beaches, the sky seemed vast and from behind a cloud shafts of light emerged from the sun – it made me think of a multitude of angels. Suddenly the words from a song came into my mind: 'I sing for joy at the work of your hands, forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand. Nothing compares to the promise I have in you.' There I was running along singing God's praises with tears of joy running down my face. I was so full of joy and exhilaration – I felt so close to God. Even the effort of running seemed easy.

I will carry the memory of that moment – that perfect moment – forever. When my life is busy and overcrowded, I will be reminded of the simplicity of that moment and remember how rewarding it was for me and how I much I need to recover the simple things in life.

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