

# News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield

## What to Give Up...

Give up complaining ...	focus on Gratitude
Give up pessimism ...	become an Optimist
Give up worry ...	trust Divine Providence
Give up bitterness ...	turn to Forgiveness
Give up hatred ...	return Good for evil
Give up negativism ...	be Positive
Give up anger ...	be More Patient
Give up pettiness ...	become Mature
Give up gloom ...	enjoy the Beauty all around you
Give up jealousy ...	pray for Trust
Give up gossiping ...	control your Tongue
Give up sin ...	turn to Virtue
Give up giving up ...	Hang in there!

Church Magazine March 2019

# First Words

In March the marriage season well and truly begins with weddings taking place on most Saturdays in the month. They are always joyful occasions and it is a great privilege for us to be able to welcome people into our Church. Please pray for all of the couples getting married at St Mary's this year, and pray for all of the hundreds of people who will come into our Church to celebrate the marriages of their friends and families.

The other keynote of this March is **Lent**.

**Ash Wednesday** falls on the **6th March**. We will mark it at **7.30pm** with our usual service of Eucharist with the opportunity of having the Cross marked on our forehead in ashes made from old Palm Crosses.

The **Lent Course** this year, held on **Wednesdays at 7.30pm** in Church, is called *Life on the Frontline* and it encourages us to ask how we can serve God and neighbours in the place where we live.

On **Monday 4th March** it is our PCC meeting. If you have anything that you wish to have raised at the PCC please speak to Tim or one of the wardens.

Finally, a reminder of some regular events at St Mary's:

- **Saturday 9th March 9am** is our monthly **Prayer Breakfast**;
- **Friday 15th March - Lent Lunch 11.30am- 12.30pm** - Homemade Soup and bread £3.00 - Cakes and coffee also available - proceeds to Christian Aid
- **Sunday 24th March at 5pm** we welcome our **Youth Fellowship** as we continue to explore life's big questions with *Alpha Youth*;
- and on the evening of **Sunday 24th March at 6.30pm** it is our monthly **Prayer and Praise**.

God bless,  
Tim

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**Front Cover – What to Give Up...** "Giving up something for Lent is ultimately a form of fasting. We can deprive ourselves of some small pleasure or indulgence and offer that sacrifice up to God. Or we might "give up" a bad habit such as smoking as a way of positively turning our life back towards what God wants for us." *Sharon Tate Soberon*

**Back Cover** – Photo of church path taken 24 February 2019 by Peter Atkin

# Thought for the month

On Wednesday 6th February Bishop Pete made a visit to our Deanery. He met with clergy, wardens, Lay Readers and Deanery Synod representatives. Bishop Pete came with a challenge - we are facing a crisis, not just in Sheffield but throughout the Church of England. It is a crisis of people and finances.

To most of us who met with our Bishop this was not news. There have been warnings for most of the past twenty years; but now we have reached the point where we cannot ignore the crisis. If we do not act quickly, we will see the Church of England continue to decline and simply fade away.

The next ten years will see great challenges as we re-think what it is to be God's Church, the Body of Christ, the community of Jesus' Disciples.

I firmly believe that God is calling us to a healthier and more sustainable way of being Christ's Church, a more Biblical way of organisation and ministry.

However, we are the generation of Christians who are called to live through the period of transition, and that will not be easy. It will need humility, grace and forgiveness. We will make mistakes and we will at times lose sight of our calling in Christ.

Before the changes truly begin we must commit ourselves to pray for our Diocese, our Bishop and our Church. We need to open our hearts and our minds to God's Holy Spirit, and ask God to guide His Church through this difficult time.

I am convinced that we will look back on these years of change as a time of pruning when God was preparing us not only for new mission but also for new growth. I believe that we will emerge a more spiritually healthy Church and a larger and more varied Church.

I am not optimistic about the future of the Church, but I am hopeful. Optimism is about expecting things to work out; but hope is about trusting God with our futures.

I am convinced that there is nothing in the whole of creation, no crisis, no problem, no opposition, that is greater than God's love in Christ. And I know that all things - ALL things (even crises) - work together for good for those who love Christ (see Romans chapter 8).

We do not know what the future holds, but we do know who holds the future, and when we know that we do not need to know any more. We can go forward as a church and as a diocese in faith and in hope and in trust, in love for one another and for our Lord. Amen.

God bless,  
Tim.

# 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.*

## **Christ blessing John the Baptist - by Moretto da Brescia**

George Herbert wrote a poem entitled 'Lent' which contains these lines:

*Who goeth in the way which Christ hath gone,  
Is much more sure to meet with Him than one  
That travelleth by-ways.*



And so each Lent we seek to journey with our Lord through the 40 days of this season. Lent is an Old English word for 'Spring.' It is not a negative, depressing time, but a season full of hope and promise. We begin it on Ash Wednesday when we are encouraged to look at our lives honestly, seeing what we need to turn from and where we need to grow. Jesus always had a soft spot for sinners, and so aware of our own sins, we begin Lent in a positive frame of mind. We rejoice in the welcome and invitation He gives to follow Him.

This month's painting in the National Gallery has a very unusual theme. It shows Christ blessing John the Baptist by Moretto da Brescia, an Italian artist who died in 1554. It is not a scene we find in the Gospels, but it is likely that the artist was thinking of that moment in Matthew's Gospel when John admits that he needs to be baptised by Jesus.

"Let it be so now," Jesus replies, and He is baptized by John. It is the prelude to our Lord's wilderness experience – that time of testing when Jesus emerged with heart and will purified and refined for His ministry. Around Jesus and John in this painting we see the hills and countryside which lead to that wilderness.

As we are drawn into this intimate scene, we can give thanks for our own baptism and pray that Jesus will bless us as we see Him blessing John the Baptist. George Herbert allowed the Christ he loved to transform his life. We pray for the blessing of Jesus to transform us with His grace and mercy as we say with the poet, 'Welcome dear season of Lent.'

*The First Day of Lent always falls on Ash Wednesday, (6<sup>th</sup> March 2019). It is the beginning of the 40-day fasting period of Lent and ends traditionally on Holy Saturday, (20<sup>th</sup> April 2019). Some consider that Lent ends on the Thursday before Good Friday (18<sup>th</sup> April 2019).*

*(NB: there is no obligation to fast on the six Sundays in Lent as these are days of celebration)*

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# St James the Least of All

## On how to edit a church magazine

The Rectory,  
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren.

So, your vicar has appointed you to be the magazine editor; I wonder what you have done to offend him. I appointed our magazine editor 20 years ago, after her dog dug up my rose bed. Sadly, she seems unaware that I gave it to her as a penance and has been happily carrying on ever since. She has even developed a nasty persistence when it comes to chasing me for a vicar's letter every month. Becoming editor has brought out the tyrant in her.

I applaud your hope that your magazine will be a great force for good in the community, but I fear you may be disappointed. You will hardly believe this, but many readers of our magazine seem to ignore my pastoral letter altogether, and instead scan the adverts for plumbers and undertakers – and even for both - if there has been a major burst in their pipes.

In any case, here are some editorial tips to bear in mind: if you want to keep any piece of church information confidential, then publish it in your magazine. On the other hand, if you accidentally transpose the names of the ladies responsible for the altar pedestal and lectern on the flower rota, it will be spotted within seconds of publication. And you will not be easily forgiven.

Staffing rotas can be helpful, so that people know who to blame when anything goes wrong. Reports of meetings of monthly groups are also welcome, because not everyone who goes to these meetings can stay awake the whole time, and thus a report informs them about the bits they slept through.

Always include a list of contact details for all the church officers, but don't worry if you mix up their various phone numbers. In fact, it can help get people talking to each other, because in order to reach the PCC Secretary, they will have had to phone most of the other PCC members first.

My final piece of advice is to omit any deadline for submission for the following month. A deadline is like a red rag to a bull, and simply incites people to break it. Whereas if you have them a bit worried that they may be left out, they will get you the copy in good time.

I wish you many happy hours reading badly written copy, fending off fearful poems, and stalking your own vicar, in vain hopes of getting his clergy letter.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

# Mothers Union Meeting – 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019

Stephanie welcomed everyone, and Maureen took the Service

Our Speaker for today was Amrit Williams from the Charity Age UK. Sheffield. At the moment she told us that they are based on the first floor in the Fire and Rescue Building, Eyre Street just off the Moor where people can visit them, but they are seeking new premises of their own. Amrit told us that the Age UK shops are separate from them, as they are there to help people with benefits.

People come to them if they need – information on a wide range of issues. These include consumer and legal advice, a full assessment of health with a three-month package, home helps, cleaning, writing letters, for Travel, Home and Motor insurance, Funeral plans.

They also help people in debt like Sue who was housebound with a mental illness and had been abused Sue couldn't fill a form in for help and would spend money she didn't have. They were able to clear her debts and she is now debt free. They have fund raising events which are held at the Crucible.

Whatever Age UK Sheffield does charity wise they get to keep the donations. People can be Members for £12.00 per Year. PB

## Forthcoming MU meetings

6 <sup>th</sup> March	Safety in the home	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Keeping Safe (Police)
13 <sup>th</sup> April	Spring Council	1 <sup>st</sup> May	Artworks

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## Board meeting

“There will be a meeting of the Board immediately after the service,” announced the minister one Sunday morning. So after the service, the Church Board gathered at the back of the church. To their surprise, there was a stranger in their midst. “My friend,” said the minister, “didn't you understand that this is a meeting of the Board?”

“Yes indeed,” said the visitor, “but after today's sermon, I'm just as bored as anyone else who has come along...”

# Andrew Jones

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# Shrove Tuesday: Pancake Day – 5<sup>th</sup> March

Ever wonder why we eat pancakes just before Lent? The tradition dates back to Anglo-Saxon times, when Christians spent Lent in repentance and severe fasting.

So, on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the church bell would summon them to confession, where they would be ‘shriven’, or absolved from their sins, which gives us Shrove Tuesday. At home, they would then eat up their last eggs and fat, and making a pancake was the easiest way to do this. For the next 47 days, they pretty much starved themselves.

Pancakes feature in cookery books as far back as 1439, and today’s pancake races are in remembrance of a panicked woman back in 1445 in Olney, Buckinghamshire. She was making pancakes when she heard the shriving bell calling her to confession. Afraid she’d be late, she ran to the church in a panic, still in her apron, and still holding the pan.

Flipping pancakes is also centuries old. A poem from Pasquil’s Palin in 1619 runs: “And every man and maide doe take their turne, And tosse their Pancakes up for feare they burne.”

Some people have noted that the ingredients of pancakes can be used to highlight four significant things about this time of year: eggs stand for creation, flour is the staff of life, salt keeps things wholesome, and milk stands for purity.

Shrove Tuesday is always 47 days before Easter Sunday and falls between 3rd February and 9th March.

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## Will You Remember Them – March 2019 - UGANDA

### **“I Cannot Leave Jesus—He Has Given Me Eternal Life”**

Susan a young believer from Uganda who suffered life changing injuries after being severely mistreated by her father for leaving Islam, is doing well following two separate operations in the last few months. Susan was found severely malnourished and suffering from poor muscle development and bone fractures in 2012 after her father locked her in a room without food and water for converting from Islam to Christianity. Despite this, she said, I cannot leave Jesus because He has given me eternal life and even if I died there, in that room, I was sure that I would go to him. When they opened the door where I was kept for three months, I felt peace and I knew that God had sent me help.

Since then Susan (16) has had many operations to help her to walk, her surgery being sponsored by Open Doors. The latest ones took place in Kenya. She has great hope for the future and plans to study to be a Doctor. I thank God very much that I am still alive. He protected my life.

### **Prayer**

We thank you god for healing Susan, Lord hear our prayer for all those we pray for.

*JD*

## World Water Day is the 22<sup>nd</sup> March

Clean water is one thing we take completely for granted. After all, when did you last turn on the tap and expect filthy water to come out?

But sadly, bad water is still a daily reality for billions of people. The United Nations wants to help them by ensuring that everyone can access clean water by 2030. It is part of the so-called ‘2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development’, and an enormous challenge.

Meanwhile, this year each one of us can do at least something to help on 22nd March. A donation to Water Aid will help provide safe water to marginalised communities worldwide.

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## Prayer for The Month

*Almighty God, give us wisdom to perceive you,  
intelligence to understand you,  
diligence to seek you,  
patience to wait for you,  
vision to behold you,  
a heart to meditate upon you,  
a life to proclaim you;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God now and forever. Amen.*  
(St Benedict)

This prayer is attributed to the sixth century saint Benedict, the founder of the Western Monastic tradition. I love this prayer because it is clear when I pray it that faith is not something mindless or thoughtless; rather it engages the whole of our mind and intellect.

Too often we hear from Christianity's detractors, that faith is opposed to reason, and that it is not possible to be a person of intelligence and a believing Christian.

Of course this is nonsense. In our age as in every age the faith of Christ has attracted people of all levels of education and intelligence. More than that we are to love God not only with all of our heart, but also with all of our mind (Mark 12:30). Benedict knew that God is the creative mind behind the laws of creation and that all of our gifts and talents, including our minds, are given by God to be used in the service of God's kingdom.

Benedict's great achievement was his 'Rule' for monastic communities. Although it builds on previous regulations and rules for Christian communities, Benedict's rule is marked by a spirit of balance, moderation and reasonableness, qualities which we need in today's world.

As we pray this prayer, we commit ourselves to loving God and our neighbour with all that we are - including our minds!

**Tim**

# St Mary's – Regular Services

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

## **10.00 am Services**

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

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

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

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

5th Sunday of the month - Sunday Celebration Services

## **12:00 pm Baptism Service**

Baptism Service 1st Sunday of the month – (Except: August no baptisms)

## **6.30 pm Evening Service**

Except: 2nd Sunday of the month Holy Communion and 4th Sunday of the month Prayer and Praise

**Midweek Holy Communion** – Thursdays at 9.30 am

## **Time for God – Wednesday at 7.30pm**

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 - March 2019

March 2019	Time	Item
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	2:00pm	Visiting Bell Ringers
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	5:00pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Beginners Photograph Course
	7:30pm	PCC Meeting
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Ash Wednesday Eucharist
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Deanery Meeting
	2:00pm	Funeral
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	Prayer Breakfast
	1:00pm	Wedding
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Lent Group
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	12:00pm	Wedding
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Fabric Team Meeting
	7:30pm	Baptism Preparation
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	5:00pm	Ecclesfield Feoffees Meeting
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Church Tidy Up Meeting
	7:30pm	Lent Group
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30pm	Wedding Rehearsal
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	12:00pm	Wedding
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Lent Group
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	1:30pm	Wedding

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

3<sup>rd</sup> February      Ellie Grace Brown  
 3<sup>rd</sup> February      George Brian Oldham

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

### Funerals

8th February      Gladys Butterick      92  
 14th February      Maureen Middleton  
 21st February      John Gordon Manterfield      95  
 27th February      George Johnson      98

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

### Flower Rota March 2019

3<sup>rd</sup> March      W. Brunt & V. Brunt  
 10<sup>th</sup> March      Lent - No Flowers  
 17<sup>th</sup> March      Lent - No Flowers  
 24<sup>th</sup> March      Lent - No Flowers  
 31<sup>st</sup> March      Lent - No Flowers

# Lent, Holy Week and Easter at St Mary's

Wednesday 6th March 7.30pm Eucharist to mark the start of Lent.

Wednesday 13th March to Wednesday 17th April (Wednesdays in Holy Week), Lent Course: *Life on the Frontline* a six-week course produced by The London Institute of Contemporary Christianity.

Holy Week: 14<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April

Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Palm Sunday - Service of the Word
	11:30 am	Children's crafts for Easter
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	7:30pm	Compline with Holy week reflection
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Chrism Eucharist at Sheffield Cathedral
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Lent Course
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday - Eucharist of the Last Supper followed by silent vigil until 9pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	All Age worship at the Cross
Good Friday	12:00pm	Three Hours at the foot of the Cross
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10:00am	Easter Day Eucharist
	6.30pm	Evening Worship



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# Recipe of the Month with Lent in mind - Taramasalata

**Taramasalata** - One of Greece's most famous dips, which is widely available in Greek restaurants all over the world. There are many regional recipes and a few contemporary ones for this famous dip.

**Tarama** is the roe (tiny, almost microscopic eggs) of; carp, cod or mullet - **Salata** simply means as a salad.

It is a classic during Lent in the Greek Orthodox Church and is eaten to celebrate Clean Monday - (Greek: Καθαρά Δευτέρα), also known as Pure Monday, Ash Monday, Monday of Lent or Green Monday, which is the first day of Great Lent throughout Eastern Christianity and is a moveable feast, falling on the 7th Monday before Easter.

Traditional versions of Taramasalata use a starch base of either stale dampened bread or boiled potatoes and the fish roe. Olive oil and lemon juice are added along with onion (and garlic if preferred) and then seasoned with salt and pepper.

## **Ingredients:**

100 gr (4oz.) boiled potato (skins removed) or day-old white bread (crusts removed)

150 gr (6oz.) Tinned Cod Roe or poached fresh cod roe - see below

Juice of 1 lemon

A small onion – coarsely chopped

A clove (or 2) of garlic (optional)

100 ml (4fl oz.) virgin olive oil (see Note below)

Salt and pepper to taste

Chopped parsley or coriander to serve (optional)

## **Method:**

Put the potato, cod roe, lemon juice and onion into a food processor, blend briefly. With motor running, gradually pour in the olive oil, blending until emulsified and thick. Add salt and pepper to taste. Serve cold sprinkled with chopped parsley or coriander.

**Note:** you may not wish to add full amount of olive oil; check as you go.

**Serve** at room temperature with pitta bread, bread rolls, or toast

**To poach fresh Cod Roe** – Rinse well, place in boiling salted water, bring back to the boil and simmer gently for 20 to 25 minutes, cool slightly and then remove membrane.

## **Hints:**

Cooked Cod Roe freezes well and will keep for 6-months or more

Boiling or roasting potatoes in their skins makes for drier mashed potatoes

# The Gardening Year – March 2019

As the days lengthen and a stronger Sun dries out the soil, planting begins, and the gardener's year gets under way.

**Water Plants and Pools** - March is an important month in the water garden whether you are looking ahead to a summer display of water lilies in an existing pool, planting new schemes for the bog garden or starting a pool from the beginning. When the ice on your pond has thawed with the approach of warm weather drain about three quarters of the water off and replace with clean fresh water. This will reduce the concentration of salts and toxic material accumulated during the winter from the decomposition of plant remains and will benefit the fish in the pool. While the water is half drained remove any small masses of algae (blanket weed) the minute plants which multiply in standing water and turn it green. Remove the tops of marginal plants that were left to give winter protection. Take care not to throw out water snails which clean the pool of plant and animal remains. If growth the previous season was poor scrape away some of the mud around the water lilies and marginal plants and top dress with good fresh soil mixed with John Innes base fertiliser 1oz per bucketful.

**Greenhouses and Frames** - A greenhouse adds a new dimension to gardening enabling tender and exotic plants to be grown and providing colour and interest throughout the year. This is particularly welcome during the drab winter months when most gardens contain little to please the eye. Though a considerable range of plants can be grown in even and unheated greenhouse the possibilities are vastly increased if a minimum temperature of about 7°C (45°F) is maintained during the winter. Not the least value of a greenhouse is the interest derived from propagating a wide range of plants from seeds, bulbs and cuttings. The warmer weather of March sees a considerable increase in such activities.

*Colin Williams*

## Eat the Seasons - Seasonal food for March

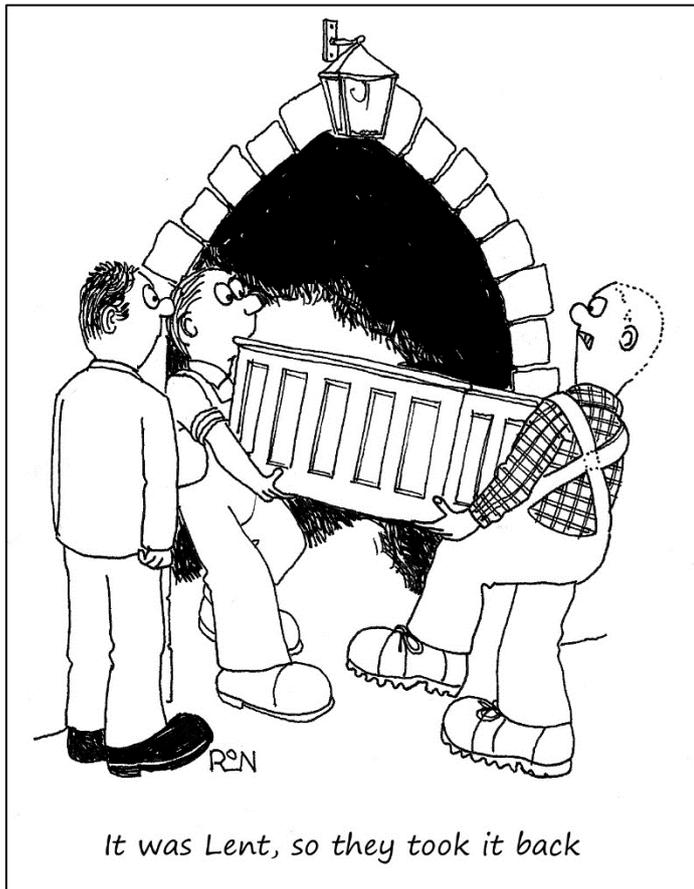
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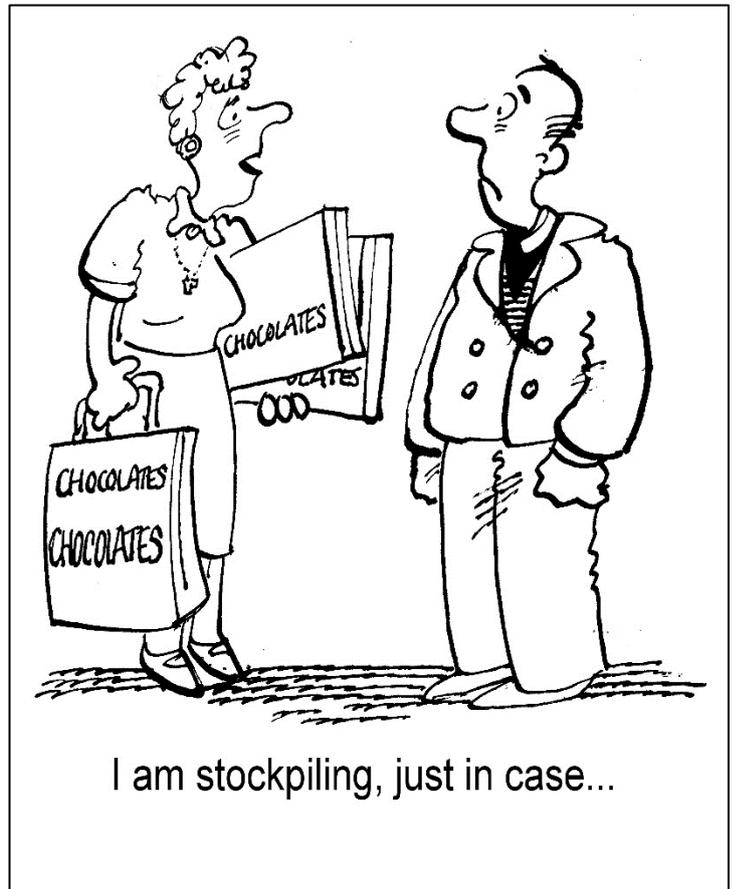
**Meat** – Chicken, Lamb (in the days before intensive rearing very little red meat was eaten in the spring)

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# Here's the Lord's Prayer in Cockney (Warning: Cringe worthy)

'ello, Dad, up there in good old 'eaven,  
Your name is, well, great and 'oly,  
and we respect you, Guv.

We 'ope we can all 'ave a butcher's at 'eaven  
and be there as soon as possible.  
And we want to make you 'appy, Guv,  
and do what you want 'ere on earth,  
just like what you do in 'eaven.

Guv, please give us some Uncle Fred,  
and enough grub and stuff to keep us going today.  
And we 'ope you'll forgive us when we cock things up  
just like we're supposed to forgive them who annoy us  
and do dodgy stuff to us.

There's a lot of dodgy people around, Guv;  
please don't let us get tempted to do bad things.  
'elp keep us away from all the nasty, evil stuff  
and keep that dodgy Satan away from us,  
'cos you're much stronger than 'im.

You're the Boss, God,  
and will be forever, innit?

Cheers,  
Amen.

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## Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here

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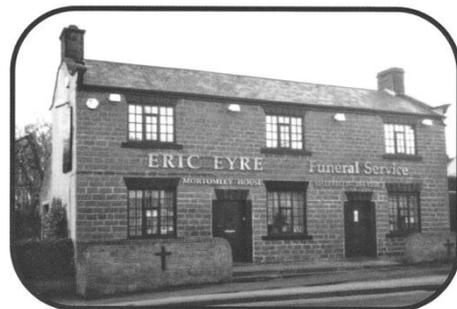
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## Saint of the Month – 17<sup>th</sup> March

### St Patrick: beloved apostle to Ireland

St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland. If you've ever been in New York on St Patrick's Day, you'd think he was the patron saint of New York as well... the flamboyant parade is full of American/Irish razzmatazz.

It's all a far cry from the hard life of this 5th century humble Christian who became in time both bishop and apostle of Ireland. Patrick was born the son of a town councillor in the west of England, between the Severn and the Clyde. But as a young man he was captured by Irish pirates, kidnapped to Ireland, and reduced to slavery. He was made to tend his master's herds.

Desolate and despairing, Patrick turned to prayer. He found God was there for him, even in such desperate circumstances. He spent much time in prayer, and his faith grew and deepened, in contrast to his earlier years, when he "knew not the true God".

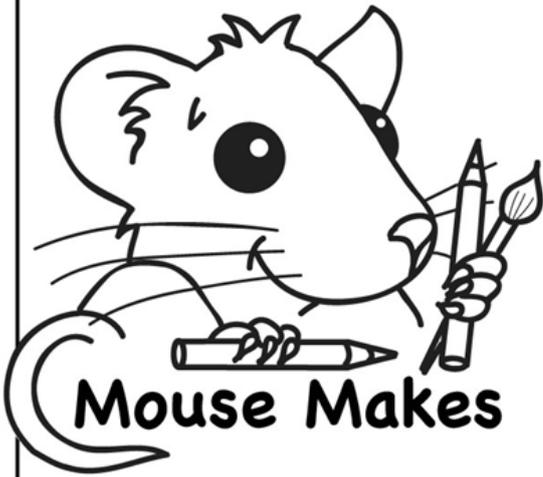
Then, after six gruelling, lonely years he was told in a dream he would soon go to his own country. He either escaped or was freed, made his way to a port 200 miles away and eventually persuaded some sailors to take him with them away from Ireland.

After various adventures in other lands, including near-starvation, Patrick landed on English soil at last, and returned to his family. But he was much changed. He had enjoyed his life of plenty before; now he wanted to devote the rest of his life to Christ. Patrick received some form of training for the priesthood, but not the higher education he really wanted.

But by 435, well-educated or not, Patrick was badly needed. Palladius' mission to the Irish had failed, and so the Pope sent Patrick back to the land of his slavery. He set up his see at Armagh, and worked principally in the north. He urged the Irish to greater spirituality, set up a school, and made several missionary journeys.

Patrick's writings are the first literature certainly identified from the British Church. They reveal sincere simplicity and a deep pastoral care. He wanted to abolish paganism, idolatry, and was ready for imprisonment or death in the following of Christ.

Patrick remains the most popular of the Irish saints. The principal cathedral of New York is dedicated to him, as, of course, is the Anglican cathedral of Dublin.



**Lent** is the name given to the **40 days** before Easter and is a time to *pray*, to *read* the bible and to *turn* to God. The first day of Lent is **Ash Wednesday**, a day to *repent* and say *sorry* to God for the wrong things we have *said* or *thought* or *done*.

During Lent read through the Gospel of Luke and each day pray for God to help you become more like Jesus



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# Crossword Puzzle

## Clues Across

- 1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
- 9 'You will not — me to the grave' (Psalm 16:10) (7)
- 10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
- 11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
- 13 Mede (anag.) (4)
- 16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
- 17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
- 18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
- 20 Controversial religious book of the 1970s, The — of God Incarnate (4)
- 21 'He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear' (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
- 22 'You — me together in my mother's womb' (Psalm 139:13) (4)
- 23 Edit (anag.) (4)
- 25 'Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?' (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
- 28 Abraham's brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
- 29 'When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes' (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
- 30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

## Clues Down

- 2 'That was why his parents said, "He is — —; ask him"' (John 9:23) (2,3)
- 3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
- 4 'Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands' (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
- 5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
- 6 'Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law' (Romans 3:31) (7)
- 7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
- 8 'I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
- 12 'Out of the same mouth come — and cursing' (James 3:10) (6)
- 14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)

15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)

19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)

20 'So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people' (Acts 11:26) (3)

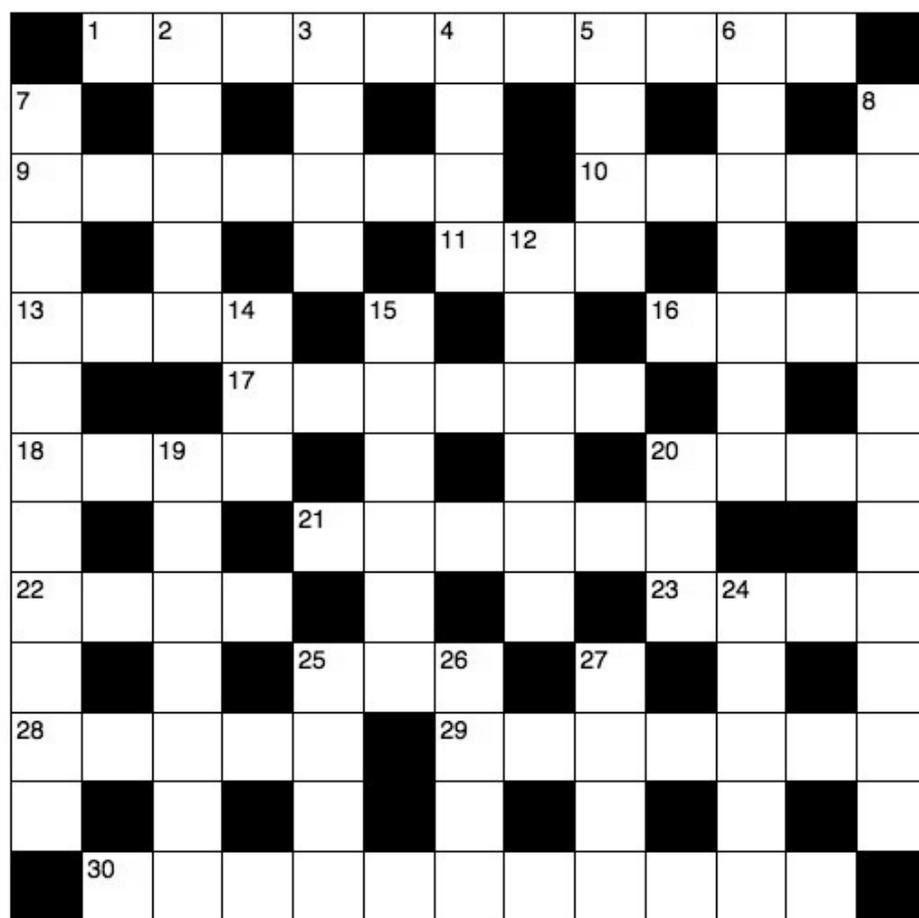
24 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ' (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)

25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)

26 'In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them' (Genesis 1:27) (4)

27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)

Solution is on Page 20



## Would You Adam & Eve It?

At Sunday School the children were learning how God created everything, including human beings. Little Josh was especially intent when the teacher told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs. Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down and looking scared. "Josh, what is the matter?"

Josh whispered "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."

# Prayers and Poems Page

## Prayer for help and healing

Father,

You are always loving, always generous and kind to your children.

Please have mercy on us as a nation at this time of turmoil and division.

Help us to be tolerant and understanding of those who have different, sincerely-held opinions.

And guide our leaders so that your will be done in our country and in our relationships with each other and with Europe and the rest of the world.

Lord, have mercy on us, forgive us and heal us.

In Jesus name,

**Amen**

*By Daphne Kitching*

### The Cold Caller

I sit me down for evening food  
After a day at work  
The phone then rings, I think, "How rude!  
"I've barely raised my fork!"

"I'm sorry to disturb you, sir,"  
(Now that's a fearful lie!)  
"But I would like now to confer  
"About your PPI."

I try to be a Christian, real.  
And, though it isn't fair  
To interrupt my evening meal,  
I really mustn't swear.

So, if the chappie wants to chat  
Well, that is fine by me:  
"I have good news for you in fact –  
"Christ died to set you free!"

Usually I hear a click  
And then there's no-one there  
But then I follow up this trick  
By offering a prayer:

"Dear Lord, I thank you very much –  
"I can resume my food  
"But in your mercy, would you touch  
"His heart, and do him good?"

*By Nigel Beeton*

Editor: *Nigel Beeton writes: All through the year we need to take time to just stop and consider what Jesus means to us. Lent, of course, offers an opportunity to deepen our worship of and our love for our incredible Saviour. Here are a few lines that I've penned to help us do that.'*

### Jesus my Lord

My spirit soars to hear the name  
Of Jesus my Lord;  
His Spirit sets my soul aflame  
O Jesus my Lord!  
No evil vexes while I cling  
To Jesus my Lord,  
So shall my joyful spirit sing  
Of Jesus my Lord!

He gave His life that I should live  
O Jesus my Lord!  
My sinful soul He will forgive  
Sweet Jesus my Lord!  
Of His salvation now I'm sure  
Through Jesus my Lord  
I'll sing His praises evermore  
Dear Jesus, my Lord.

*By Nigel Beeton*

# The Churchyard - Issue 3 - First Published September 1961

Ecclesfield is extremely fortunate today in the number and quality of its schools and teachers. In age the old Parish school goes back many years, though at times its efficiency was questionable. The Church warden's accounts refer to the cost of repairing the early school in 1573 and a new one was built at the corner of the lane leading to the Hall in 1722. This building was used until 1852 when the school moved to the old workhouse vacated by the building of the Union at Grenoside. Finally, it would be closed at the introduction of the National schools.

The earliest reference to a schoolmaster by name is to Francis Poole who combined that duty with that of curate. How many pupils he had it is hard to say, but in 1713 he was paid £7 16s 0d by the feoffee-collector for teaching twelve poor boys. He was buried on 24th February 1722, at the age of 50, in a grave on the south side of the Church.

At the right-hand side of the path leading to the Communion door, just above the War Memorial, is the grave of another teacher, George Howson who died in 1755. The stone reads: -

'He had his pen at command by law,  
Though he could not hang yet he could draw.  
In mathematicks he was well bred,  
Both land, sea and sky he measured;  
He gave pleasant copies unto many,  
And in teaching pleased as well as any.  
He gave good counsel unto youth,  
Bid them fear God and speak the truth.  
No blot on scutcheon ever did fall  
Whilst living set a good example to all.  
Aged 68 he to a period is gone  
Interr'd underneath this adamant stone.  
Only the actions of the just  
That smells sweet and blossom in the dust.'

Another old master was William Hague who, according to his stone, laboured hard for the public good 12 years in the free school at Ecclesfield. He died at the age of 38 on 29th Sept 1789. This stone has caused much thought due to the inscription recording the death of his infant son being in Latin. Perhaps the teacher was trying to impress his pupils. He certainly set a problem for the would-be translators.

*F. S. Hague*

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