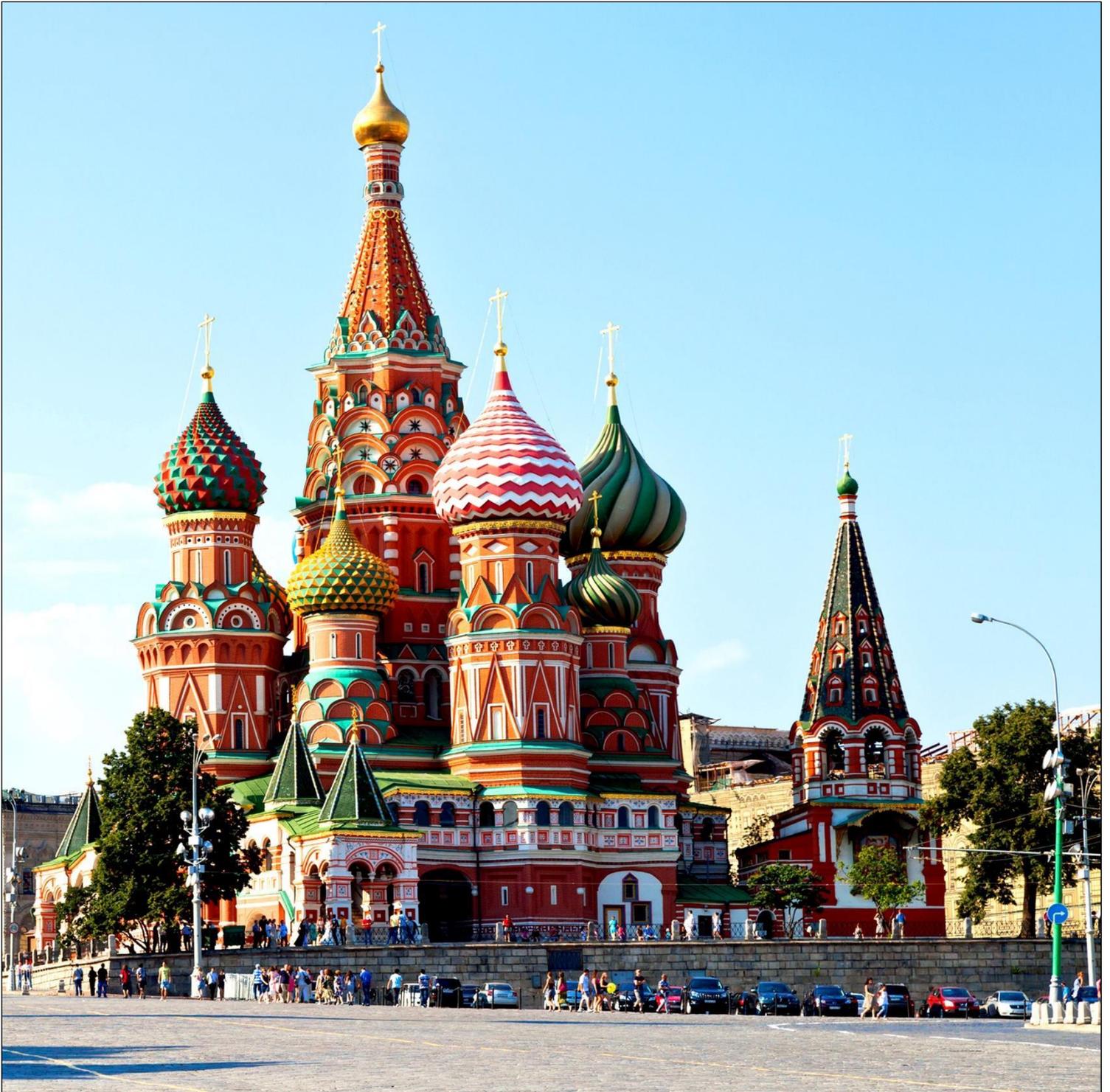


# News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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# First words

For anyone connected to the world of education September is the start of a new year, with children getting ready for school and college after the long summer holiday. Even for those whose children or grandchildren are not involved in full time education September does feel like a new start after the summer.

There are lots of weddings at St Mary's this September. Please pray for those getting married here and for me as I conduct the wedding services, that the couples may experience more than just a beautiful venue but may be touched by the Holy Spirit at the beginning of their married lives.

The **PCC will meet at 7.30pm on Monday 1st September**. If you have any items for the attention of the PCC please speak to one of the wardens.

On **Saturday 14th at 9am** we will have our monthly **Prayer Breakfast** - all are welcome. If you have never been to a Prayer Breakfast, or if you have not managed to get along for a while you are warmly invited.

The **Prayer Course starts on Wednesday 11th September at 7.30pm**. I would encourage everyone who is able to come along to do so. Prayer is the key to the Christian life and the mission of the Church. There are no experts in prayer, every one of us can learn more; and as we grow in prayer so we will grow in our relationship with the God who loves us.

From **Saturday 14th September to Friday 20th** we will be welcoming visitors for the annual **Heritage Open Days**. On the Saturday there will be guided tours of Church at 12noon and 2pm, and the bell tower will be open for visitor. There will also be craft events for adults and young people.

On **Sunday 22nd September** the **Youth Fellowship will meet at 5pm** for the first time after the summer, and at **6.30pm** we will have our monthly **Prayer and Praise**.

On **Monday 23rd September** we welcome our Mission Partners from High Green, Chapelton and Grenoside for an **S35 Partnership Meeting**.

Finally, two events on **Saturday 28th September**. At 4pm the Diocese will gather in Doncaster Minster to say our formal farewell to Bishop Peter. There will be an opportunity to contribute to a farewell gift - see the weekly notice sheet. In the evening at 7pm we will have a concert in Church celebrating the 50th anniversary of the moon landing by the Emley Band.

It looks like a very full month at St Mary's!

Tim

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# Thought for the Month

In the weeks after Trinity Sunday we have been working our way through the Gospel of John in our Sunday Morning worship. We will come to an end of this series on the last Sunday of September.

John's Gospel was written by one of Jesus' closest friends. He was there when many of the events that he reports happened. In the Gospel he simply refers to himself as 'The disciple that Jesus loved.'

The Gospel is written in a very simple style that anyone can follow, but there is a depth to John's Gospel that has always challenged saints and scholars.

John builds his Gospel narrative on two structures: the seven miraculous signs that Jesus performed and a series of encounters that Jesus had with a wide variety of men and women.

The purpose of the Gospel is laid out for us in chapter twenty:

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name (John 20:30-31).

John wants his readers to meet Jesus through the words that he writes and the stories that he tells. As we read about the signs that Jesus did, John wants us to ask with the disciples: "Who is this man?" Who is the man who can turn water into wine and feed the crowds with someone's packed lunch? Who is the man who can heal with a word and who death flees from in fear that it has met its match?

He wants us to bring our questions and our fears, our hopes and our disappointments to Jesus and find in Him the answer to our longing for eternity.

John does not give us answers nor does he tell us what to think or believe. Rather through his Gospel he brings us to Jesus. Every time I read through John's Gospel I meet Jesus. I find healing and answers; more than this I find that the Jesus I meet in John's Gospel is present with me.

I believe that the reason that John calls himself, "the disciple that Jesus loved" is because he wants us to see ourselves in his place. He wants us to know that we too

are Jesus' disciple - we are called and chosen by Jesus; and he wants us to know that we too are loved by Jesus.

John's Gospel is one of the most remarkable and life changing books ever written. It is an invitation to its readers to come to know Jesus, and in finding Him to find life in all its fullness and eternity.

God bless you and all those you love.

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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# 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:**

## **St Michael the Archangel by Bartolomé Bermejo**

When we sing the Sanctus in the Eucharist, we are affirming that our worship here on earth is caught up in the worship offered by the angels in heaven. They praise God around His throne of glory, but they are also agents of His care and guidance in our lives. Leading them is the archangel Michael, and we celebrate his feast with all the angels on 29th September.

Churches were often built in his honour on high places: St Michael's Mount in Cornwall, Mont St Michel in Brittany, and Glastonbury Tor.



St Michael's influence extends both high and low because he is the prince of the angelic host. He is ready to slay the dragon as we read in the book of Revelation. He is armed to fight for light and right over might and darkness.

St Michael's triumph over the devil is the theme of this month's painting by a forgotten Spanish artist, Bartolomé Bermejo. He died in Barcelona around 1501, and only 20 paintings of his exist. Seven are in the National Gallery, and his work has been given a special exhibition there until the end of this month.

As we look at the painting, we can think of St Michael the archangel in Revelation or Milton's 'Paradise Lost' where he leads the 'flaming warriors' who defeat the devil. He dominates the canvas in his glorious armour. At his side is the patron who commissioned this work, and at his feet the vanquished devil, like a nightmare creation of Bosch.

We know only too well that St Michael's battle is reflected here on earth, where the vulnerable and the innocent are threatened by the forces of violence. Light or darkness, truth or falsehood, protection or oppression – those are the mighty opposites that come home to us as we ponder this painting, and pray:

'Lord, give thy angels every day  
Command to guide us on our way.'

# St James the Least of All

## On the peculiar stains and smells of old choir robes

The Rectory  
St. James the Least

My dear Nephew Darren.

Your withering comments, saying that our choir robes, were ‘surplice’ to requirements did not go down well at last week’s practice. I will concede that Mr Baddeley’s robes smell somewhat kippered and are laced with burns - but you can expect little less from 40 years of enjoying a final cigarette behind a gravestone before the start of Matins.

Certainly, Mr Timmin’s surplice has a strange series of red and blue polka dots, but that is only because he uses his time in the choir stalls, when not singing, to catch up on marking his pupils’ essays. The red gash on Miss Thrupp’s surplice may look as if the choirmaster has just stabbed her, but it was only a jam doughnut she ate, just before that wedding five years ago.

Our robes are steeped in history – they have seen their way through the death of Queen Victoria, the relief of Mafeking, and two World Wars.

When one morning Admiral Flagg developed an ostentatious cough, I gave him a cough sweet from the pocket of my own cassock. He later commented that it had a strange taste. Not surprising – it had been in the pocket when I was given the cassock 50 years ago from Canon Ball’s widow after he died.

In an attempt to improve the look of the surplices, Mrs Wigg offered to starch them all. Unfortunately, her enthusiasm is only surpassed by her ineptitude. She worked on the principle that if one packet of starch was good, ten would be better. When the choir arrived the following Sunday, they found twenty surplices standing round the vestry floor looking like a circle of tents at Scout camp.

Once the choir had struggled into them, they had to process up the aisle in single file, as they were all about 6 feet wide. The choir stood rigidly throughout the Service, knowing that any rapid movement risked severing a major artery.

But our style of choir dress has one advantage which yours can never equal. Within our choristers’ voluminous robes, there is ample space for peppermints, packs of cards, the Sunday newspapers and balls of wool and knitting needles. Your music group in their jeans and tee-shirts must feel utterly bereft during the sermon.

Your loving uncle,  
Eustace

## Where are the Choir Boys?

David Whitham recalls his time in Ecclesfield as a choir boy and summarises the rest of his life.

During a recent visit back to Ecclesfield I was handed a copy of the Church Magazine. It set me thinking about my childhood in the village.

I was born in the Hallamshire Nursing Home in Chapeltown in 1948 and lived my early years on The Common, almost opposite Creaser's smithy. I remember watching the horses being shod, wary of the sparks flying around and wondering why it was not a painful experience for the horses. It was where my first garden swing was made.

Aged about four we move to 235 The Wheel and I began my education at Rawson's Infant School. I gather this is now the Police station. Here I met a lifelong friend, Andrew Robinson, who will be well known to many of you. Opposite lived Richard Walker, another longstanding friend, whose father owned the Garage on The Common (now Eric Stead's). I understand the Walker home is now the Vicarage. We three and Stephen Moss, son of the village vegetable and fish monger (where Bella's nails now is), spent many hours playing in the woods, fields and park in the village. Some might say we were a bit feral!

At junior school I joined the choir and being a regular at Sunday school in the Gatty Hall I guess progression to the Church Choir was inevitable. This would be around 1957 when 'Pop Whitehead' was choir master. Andrew and Richard were also members and what splendid times we had. Especially I recall the Whit Sunday service on Stocks Hill where a huge crowd gathered, the Christmas celebrations and getting paid to sing at weddings when Ada Gillott was the organist. Around 1959, Harold Fullylove took over the baton and we had a choir of around 16 boys, a few men but no girls or women. How times have changed, along with the interior of the Church which I see now has a coffee bar, toilet and where the organ is now re sited.



Richard Walker, David Whitham (with beard)  
Andrew Robinson

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# Will You Remember Them – Sulawesi

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Church hall number eleven hosted its first Sunday service on 4 August and building number twelve is almost complete. The first ten multipurpose halls, which are used for Sunday services, prayer meetings, and women's and children's ministries, were completed by the end of May.

Barnabas Fund set up an appeal to construct the twelve new buildings in the Palu area of Sulawesi shortly after the region was struck by the powerful earthquake and devastating tsunami in September 2018. At least 2,256 people were killed in the disaster and more than 70,000 homes and about 300 church buildings were damaged or destroyed.

As well as providing financial aid to construct new church buildings, Barnabas' ongoing appeal has so far generated enough funds to help build 277 homes for Christian families.

"They feel safe because this building is strong and comfortable," the pastor told Barnabas Fund.

Pastor I Wayan Darmadi of the Filadelfia Lakuta Church, also in Sigi District, said his fellowship was flourishing in their new building and more and more newcomers are attending services.

"Praise the Lord! The life of our church members here was very difficult, especially after the earthquake last year. We were hopeless ... but after we have our new building, we are filled with joy," he said.

After receiving requests from Christian survivors of the disaster, Barnabas Fund initially provided disaster relief such as food, water, medicine and electricity generators, school supplies and, crucially, baby milk powder, which was not available locally.

*Editor*

## Coming Soon - Duo Piccolo e Grande

Musical treasures from the Italian baroque come to St. Mary's on November 9th in the form of Duo Piccolo e Grande. The Lincoln and Nottingham-based professional musicians present a programme of rarely heard works on equally rare instruments. Enzo Puzzovio plays mandolino, a precise replica of the ivory and ebony 1752 original in the V&A museum. His antique hurdy-gurdy adds to an already interesting programme and all the music is accompanied by Stewart McCoy on the theorbo.

The duo was formed in 2012 and their concerts take them nationwide as well as the International Lute Festival in Füssen, Germany. They'll be playing music by well-known composers such as Vivaldi and Scarlatti but the duo will add rediscovered works that have lain un-played since the 18th century.

The concert begins at 7.30pm. Admission is free and there will be an interval for refreshments. A collection will be taken at the end to raise funds for St. Mary's.

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# Prayer for the Month

*“Lord teach us to pray as John taught his disciples”* (Luke 11:1).

I have a friend called Francis; he is a retired Anglican minister. He is gifted in mission and ministry, a bit chaotic in his admin, but what most impresses me is his prayer or rather his relationship with God.

Now there are many things that I could learn from Francis, but what I most want to learn from his is the secret of that relationship. When he speaks to or about God it is not only very natural, not in any way forced or ‘religious’. He speaks to God as to a close friend; and he simply calls God, “Dad.”

I guess that there was something of this happening with the disciples when they asked Jesus to teach them to pray. Jesus called God His “Abba”, His Dad. He spoke to god as to one who was always present and always available. He spoke with trust in God’s love and power whatever the circumstances.

It wasn’t just Jesus’ words that impressed the disciples it was His life; specifically it was where God was in His life. They saw something unique and they wanted something like that for themselves. They too wanted to live closely with God; they wanted a deep relationship with the Father that touched every aspect of their lives every day of their lives. They wanted a faith and trust in the Father’s loving presence that no misfortune or opposition or adversity could ever break.

In short they wanted the relationship with the Father here and now that they were promised was waiting for them in the eternal kingdom. They saw that it was possible because they saw that this was how Jesus lived.

My prayer this summer, in preparation for the Prayer Course that we will be starting on Wednesday 11th September at 7.30pm, is the prayer of the disciples: “Lord, teach me to pray.”

I want to know how to pray because I want a deeper, more real and closer relationship with God. I want something of what I saw in Francis. I want something of what the disciples saw in Jesus.

The course follows the shape of the Lord’s Prayer and is for everyone. If you want to know how to pray. If you want to grow into a deeper and more trusting relationship with God, if you want to know God as your Father, your Dad who will never forsake you, and who can always be trusted, then this course is for you. If you have questions about what prayer really is or if you have known the silence of heaven when you prayed desperately, then this course is for you. If you simply want to know what to do when you are supposed to be praying, then this course is for you.

I would encourage everyone who is able to come along to this course to do so. It could be the best decision that you make this year!

God bless,  
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

## **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  
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**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 - September 2019

## September 2019

		<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>
Monday	2 September	7:30pm	PCC Meeting
Thursday	5 September	10:00am	E-Bound AVX Limited - Completion of work
Thursday	5 September	10:30am	Visiting bell ringers
Saturday	7 September	1:00pm	Wedding
Wednesday	11 September	7:30pm	Finance Team Meeting
Wednesday	11 September	7:30pm	Prayer Course 1
Saturday	14 September	9:00am	Prayer Breakfast
Monday	16 September	7:00pm	Ecclesfield & Hallam Deanery Readers
Monday	16 September	7:30pm	Fabric Team Meeting
Wednesday	18 September	7:30pm	Prayer Course 2
Friday	20 September	10:00am	Macmillan Coffee Morning
Saturday	21 September	1:00pm	Wedding
Saturday	21 September	3:00pm	Wedding
Sunday	22 September	10:00am	Baptism Service
Tuesday	24 September	5:00pm	Ecclesfield Feoffees Meeting
Wednesday	25 September	7:30pm	Prayer Course 3
Saturday	28 September	1:30pm	Wedding
Saturday	28 September	6:00pm	Emley Band Concert

## From the Registers

### Baptisms

4th August	Frankie Alexander Lee Fletcher
4th August	Teddy Ray Brett Hartley
4th August	Beau Willow Pilmore
4th August	Amelia Heather Wroe

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

### Weddings

23rd August	Nathan Green & Nina Danielle Wiggington
24th August	Damien Joseph Thompson & Amanda Louise Donnor

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

### Funerals

9th August	Joan Gregory	87
13th August	Victor Ainsley Wall	88
19th August	William Singleton	90

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

### Flower Rota September 2019

1 <sup>st</sup> September	Vacant
8th September	H. Rollins
15th September	N. Priest
22nd September	Vacant

# God in the Sciences

## Moon Landing: Big perspective, big questions



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This summer we celebrated the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing, and in October we mark the 60th anniversary of the Soviet space probe, Luna 3, sending back the first images of the far side of the Moon.

Those of us who grew up in an age when ‘astronaut’ was a career option (albeit a pretty specialist one) might struggle to identify with the wonder of these events. But this recent photograph captures the true scale of the challenge. Human beings developed the technology to send first a probe, then living people, out of Earth’s atmosphere, and cross the 252,000-mile gap to the moon. The Luna 3 probe managed to send back grainy images, and Apollo 11 managed to actually land on it, take off again, and arrive back in one piece. It’s the safe arrival home that gets me – like hitting the bullseye twice in a row.

For some space-travellers, seeing Earth from a distance is a life-changing experience; a shift in thinking dubbed ‘the overview effect’. The observer feels a sense of awe at seeing the whole planet as a single entity rather than a fragmented collection of countries, and getting a sense of the fragility of the whole system. It brings people out of themselves – something psychologists call a ‘self-transcendent experience’.

Some people claim to have a ‘nothing but science’ approach to life that trusts only in things for which we can produce very concrete, measurable, evidence. Is it perhaps ironic, then, that this overview of the whole globe – which is made possible by science – can trigger such a deep sense of meaning?

Science can bring us to the big questions of meaning and purpose, but it doesn’t answer them. It’s important to recognise that science, wonderful though it is, has limits. Beyond those boundaries we step into other ways of knowing, such as philosophy or theology. At the interface between science and theology we can have some fascinating conversations.

The discussions about science and religion that I enjoy most happen when people share what really matters to them. What do you find beautiful? Which scientific discoveries changed the course of your life? How do you see yourself in relation to the cosmos? As we remember these anniversaries this year, we have an opportunity to have conversations that reflect the same sense of wonder experienced by those first moon walkers.

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# Where are the Choir Boys?

*Continued*

The vicar's Hayes and Hawes were in situ, the former giving me much encouragement as I began to play cricket first at Whitley Hall, then for Ecclesfield. My father was a local cricketer of talent but despite input from Ike Baxter and Herbert Frost I never quite made the grade. They were good times. I am still involved umpiring local league and school matches across the East Midlands, hoping that I can put something back into the game.

Ecclesfield Secondary closed in my second year there and I moved to Yew Lane, where I lost touch with many friends who transferred to different schools. Brightside Foundry also closed shortly after I joined but I especially remember Don Bamforth who was a great help to me. I had a short spell at Davy United before changing career to become a Social Worker.

I obtained my qualification at Hull and eventually was appointed Principal Social Worker at University Hospital Nottingham. Here I led Nottinghamshire's care response following the Kegworth Air Crash and became a member of the national team organising care for the bereaved and injured following the Hillsborough Disaster. As an Owls fan and regular supporter this experience had several consequences. I have never been back to the ground though I still eagerly await news of their match reports.

Subsequently there were many invitations to speak at national and international conferences about the care and support of 'disaster victims'. I was asked to provide advice in the aftermath of the Oklahoma Bombing, the events of 9/11 in New York and the Tsunami in the Far East. I collected a lot of air miles. My career ended a few years ago whilst I had a senior post with Nottinghamshire County Council managing adult care services in the North of the County.

It has certainly been an interesting time. I often reflect on the early grounding and guidance I received from the people of Ecclesfield. I left the village in 1967. Thank you all.

I now live in North Nottinghamshire with my wife, have a daughter and three grandchildren who keep me busy. So, what did happen to the other chorister's and the many friends I had in the village? I made a recent list of those I still remember....it contained the names of far more girls than boys. I wonder why? It would be good to hear from some of you.

*David Whitham*

# The Gardening Year – September 2019

**Flowers** – The Roses varied forms – Roses are as different in form as the garden in which they grow. The compact bush roses are today's most popular border plants. For other situations there are the charming miniatures or the upright and weeping standards where a wall or screen needs to be concealed or a pergola brightened up. There are wide spreading climbers and ramblers. There is hardly anywhere in the garden where roses cannot be grown to advantage. Remove faded blooms. Continue to spray against mildew and greenfly, for quality blooms or hybrid teas remove small side buds from flower stems. Scatter sulphate of potash on the rose beds and hoe in.

**Lawns** – Using a hand fork or turf aerator spike or hollow tine the lawn. Apply a dressing of sharp sand or compost depending on the soil type and brush in well, repair damaged areas in the lawn by re-seeding or by laying turves.

**Gladioli** – the corms that were planted in the spring will have been shrivelling throughout the growing season but a new corm will have formed on top of each. Tiny bulblets will have formed too and these will produce flower spikes two or three years after propagation.

**Flowers from Seed** – remove fading annuals to make room for spring bedding. In mild districts and on well-drained soil sow the hardiest of the hardy annuals to over winter outdoors. Plants that are 2-3 in. high at the turn of the year stand the best chance of coming through hard weather. Plant out hardy biennials watering the rows of young plants the day before, also thoroughly water the ground to be planted if the weather is dry. Set the plants out with a trowel and settle them in well with a generous watering around their roots, In dry weather water again a few days later.

**Vegetables** - Spring Cabbage can be planted this month. Plant spring cabbage in land used for potatoes if possible. Apply bone meal at about 4 oz. per sq yard before planting. Set the plants with their bottom leaves at soil level forming them in with your heel and then watering.

*Colin Williams*

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Visit - [www.eattheseasons.co.uk](http://www.eattheseasons.co.uk)

# Whitley Hall Cricket Club



On 28th July, 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 Elsecar on 25th August. The first weekend in August saw a disappointing defeat at home to Cleethorpes followed by a reduced-overs match against Wickersley when James Moorhouse and Neil Longhurst put on a fine batting display with a partnership of 111 runs to win the match. The following week saw a bizarre match at Tickhill with Tickhill managing only 123 all out and Whitley managing only 85 all out. Normal service was resumed the following week with a finely balanced home win against Hallam, thus ensuring Premier League cricket

at Cinder Hill Lane in 2020. However, the following day, in the Viking Cup Final at Elsecar (while England were managing a tremendous win at Headingley), the team failed to add the cup to their 2019 tally and were beaten by Wakefield. With the 2nd XI almost certain to remain in Division 1 next season, the challenge remains for the 3rd XI, who still need wins to avoid relegation. 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

31 <sup>st</sup> August	2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	v	Norton Oakes 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI
7 <sup>th</sup> September	1 <sup>st</sup> XI	v	Barnsley 1 <sup>st</sup> XI

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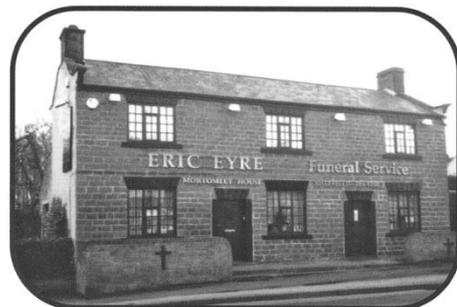
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## Saint of the Month – September

### Captain Allen Gardiner founder of SAMS

Captain Allen Gardiner is a saint for anyone who refuses to give up on their calling. For this courageous and indomitable man founded what became the South American Mission Society, though he sacrificed his own life in the process.

Gardiner had not started out to be a missionary. Born in 1704, he had left Berkshire to embark on a naval career which took him to Cape Town, Ceylon, India, Malaysia and China. But the death of his first wife in 1834 caused him to turn back to Christianity. He left the navy and became missionary.

With his second wife, Elizabeth, Allen Gardiner felt called to South America. But from 1838 onwards he faced implacable opposition from the authorities there, both secular and religious. His efforts to evangelise among the Chilean Mapuches - which included a family journey of 1000 miles overland by pack mule from Buenos Aires to Santiago and Concepción - met with hostility. So, in 1842 he settled on the Falklands, and tried to reach the Patagonian Indians. By 1844 he had founded the Patagonian Mission, because no other British Christian society felt able to take on responsibility for his work.

Next, Gardiner reached out to the Bolivian Indians of the Gran Chaco. But again, he was repulsed. So, he then decided on a bold attempt to evangelise the Indians of Tierra del Fuego.

He tried to raise the funds for a 120-ton schooner, which would have provided him with a secure base near Picton Island. But in the end, he could only manage two 26-foot launches, the Pioneer and Speedwell. Nevertheless, in December 1850 Gardiner and six other men sailed to Picton Island. But again, nothing went well. Fierce weather, Indian hostility, a series of errors and logistical problems led to disease and finally disaster. By March 1851 the group had had to flee for their lives. They sailed eastwards to Spaniard Harbour, a bay at the mouth of Cooks River. Here they waited in vain for fresh stores to arrive, and by September all six men had died of starvation.

Gardiner's journal, water-damaged but readable, was found in his hand the following year by the crew of HMS Dido, and includes the plea to God, "Let not this mission fail", and this prayer:

*"Grant O Lord, that we may be instrumental in commencing this great and blessed work; but should Thou see fit in Thy providence to hedge up our way, and that we should even languish and die here, I beseech Thee to raise up others and to send forth labourers into this harvest..."*

The work of the South American Society in the subsequent 160 years and the growth of the Anglican Churches of South America are God's answer to that prayer. Gardiner had to face many failures in his life, but his solid, resolute faith is an inspiration.



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## *The Prayer Course: A simple Guide for Normal People*

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.

I have often encouraged people to pray in my ministry, I have not so often helped people to know how to pray. This course is a good introduction which will help and encourage us all to grow in our relationship with God.

Come along, bring your questions and prepare to grow in faith and hope and confidence.

For more information see Tim.

# Crossword Puzzle

## Clues Across

- 1** ‘A little later someone else saw Peter and said, “You — are one of them”’ (Luke 22:58) (4)
- 3** Giving (1 Peter 2:5) (8)
- 9** They came to Jerusalem seeking an infant king (Matthew 2:7) (3,4)
- 10** ‘An athlete... does not receive the victor’s crown unless he competes according to the — ’ (2 Timothy 2:5) (5)
- 11** Pacifist, temperance advocate, open-air preacher, leading 20th- century Methodist, Donald — (5)
- 12** ‘Come quickly to — — , O Lord my Saviour’ (Psalm 38:22) (4,2)
- 14** ‘The God of Abraham, — — — , the God of our fathers, has glorified his servant Jesus’ (Acts 3:13) (5,3,5)
- 17** Sear by intense heat (Revelation 16:8) (6)
- 19** ‘It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust — — ’ (Psalm 118:8) (2,3)
- 22** Goods (Nehemiah 13:15) (5)
- 23** i.e. train (anag.) (7)
- 24** Surrounding area (Luke 24:50) (8)
- 25** ‘Righteousness will be his — and faithfulness the sash round his waist’ (Isaiah 11:5) (4)

## Clues Down

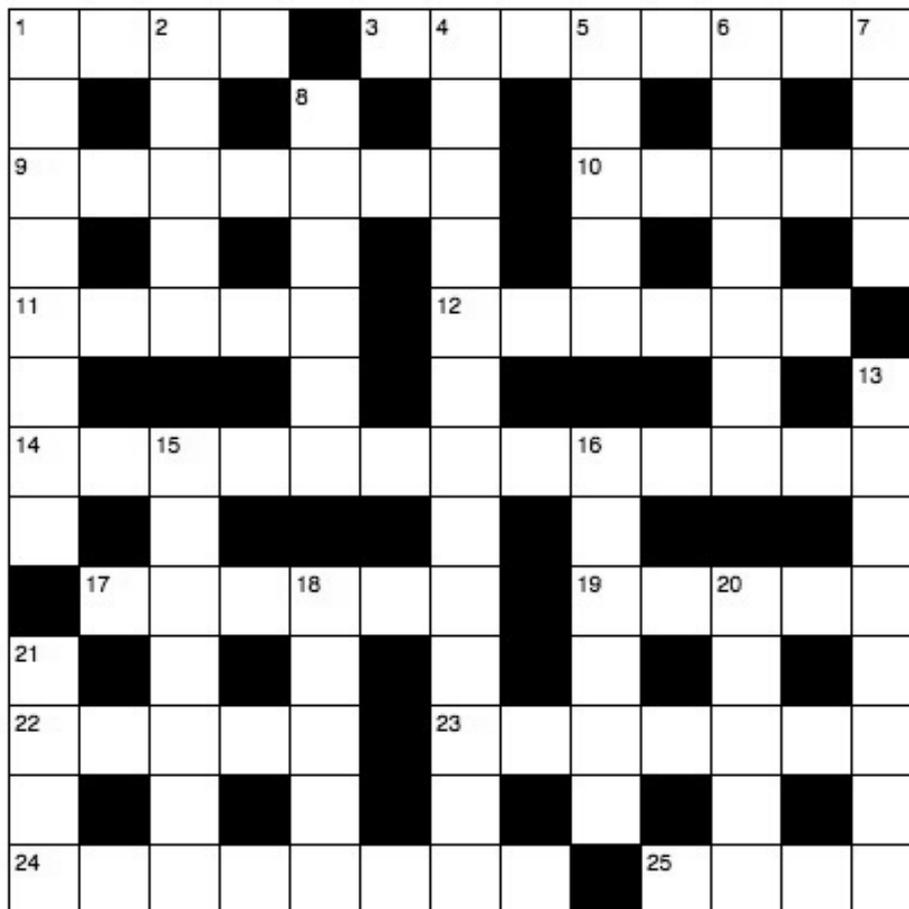
- 1** Elegant and creative (Exodus 31:4) (8)
- 2** ‘Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all — , but we will all be changed’ (1 Corinthians 15:51) (5)
- 4** ‘I... delight to see how orderly you are and how firm your — — — is’ (Colossians 2:5) (5,2,6)
- 5** Enlist (2 Samuel 24:2) (5)
- 6** Of the Muslim faith (7)
- 7** Sharp intake of breath (Job 11:20) (4)
- 8** Woven cloth (Ezekiel 16:13) (6)
- 13** Plentiful (Romans 5:17) (8)
- 15** CIA char (anag.) (7)
- 16** Paul and Silas stopped him committing suicide after an earthquake in Philippi (Acts 16:27–28) (6)

18 One of the ingredients in the making of incense for the Lord (Exodus 30:34) (5)

20 Episcopal headwear (5)

21 Inhabitant of, say, Russia, Ukraine, Poland, Slovakia or Bulgaria (4)

Solution is on Page 20



## E.P.P.i.C. Theatre - Heritage Open Weekends

Saturday, 14<sup>th</sup> September and Saturday 21st September  
10 am until 4pm

The usual people will be doing their coffee mornings on these dates but extra help is needed as we are open until 4pm. There may be people who want to have a guided tour and see the slide show of the conversion of the building. Please come and help if you can.

**The Montenev Original Art Group** will also be holding their annual exhibition in the theatre from the 14<sup>th</sup> September until 19<sup>th</sup> October. The theatre is usually quite busy with visitors to see the artwork.

# Prayers and Poems Page

## Presence

Expecting Him, my door was open wide:  
Then I looked round  
If any lack of service might be found,  
And saw Him at my side:  
How entered, by what secret stair,  
I know not, knowing only He was there.

*By TE Brown (1830-97)*

## O How Lovely

O how lovely, Lord Almighty  
Is the place where thou dost dwell;  
How my yearning soul is fainting  
For the courts I love so well!  
How my heart and flesh are crying  
Living God thy grace to tell!

Lo – the sparrows have found somewhere  
Where they go for nightly rest  
See – the swallow feeds her fledglings  
In the safety of her nest.  
Those who dwell beside thy altar  
Those, O Lord, are truly blest!

Blessed are those whose strength is in you  
Those whose hearts are ever true,  
Those whose songs of praise, cascading  
Rising as the morning dew.  
They, from strength to strength proceeding  
Till in Zion they meet you!

Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty  
I would rather keep your door  
For one day within your presence  
Better than a thousand more  
Spent with those whose ways are wicked  
Spent with those who spurn your law!

For you are our sun and shelter  
Honour on our paths you strew  
Nothing good are you withholding  
From the ones whose ways are true;  
O most holy Lord Almighty  
Blessed is he who trusts in You!

*By Nigel Beeton*

## Tear Here

A biscuit pack can bring great cheer,  
But therein lies a trap –  
You pull just where it says ‘tear here’  
And they all land in your lap.....

*By Nigel Beeton*

## Saint Michael

Saint Michael, angel of the sea,  
Lord of the horses he,  
Saint Michael, of the angels king,  
Of war, of shepherding;  
On steed he flies across the skies;  
The first-fruits of the harvest corn,  
The first-fruits of the flock-lambs born,  
Are his, he meets the soul forlorn.

The saints and angels watch o’rhead,  
Their wings and prayers o’erspread:  
The righteous ones in heaven wait,  
St Peter at the gate;  
In might arrayed they shield and aid;  
Be with us e’er, archangel powers,  
Be with us, angels, life’s long hours.

*From an ancient Celtic poem*

## Veni Vidi Vici (He came, He saw, He conquered)

He CAME from the Glory, the Holy One  
Down Heaven’s stairway to a bed of straw,  
From the realms of splendour and blazing light  
He left riches behind and for us became poor.

He SAW His creation now spoilt and marred,  
But it was for this reason He came to earth,  
His great love for the world had caused Him to act  
That man now lost be redeemed through new birth.

He CONQUERED and ruined the Devil’s plan  
By an awesome battle He knew He would win,  
Through His death on the cross – and a mighty  
shout!  
With His blood now covering all of man’s sin.

*By Megan Carter*

## The Churchyard - Issue 9

Below the east window of the church is the 'grave of the Booth family. My interest is drawn to it for two reasons, first they occupied Brush House which has for many years housed Firth Park Grammar School which I attended, and secondly for the colourful occupations of the members of the family.

Brush House or, as previously known, the Brushes existed as early as 1681 when it was recorded as the home of John Nutt from whose family it passed to the Booths by marriage. The present house, substantially built with its commanding circular tower, was built by John Booth who died unmarried in 1797. He spent the latter part of his life in mathematical and philosophical studies, was unwilling to be separated after death from the scene which he had in a great measure created, & accordingly was buried within the grounds in a small mausoleum on the 'top of a knoll. Most of the grounds of the house must have been lost by the building of the Stubbin estate and the extensions since it became a school but we are told that they were very picturesque with the beauty of trees and shrubs.

The first named on the grave stone is William Booth previously of Masborough House and then of Brush House who, died 3rd May, 1800 aged;57. He was the brother of the builder John Booth who had left the house, to his nephew John Kay Booth a son of William. William was a partner in the Walker iron foundry of Rotherham and was also connected to the Walker family by marriage. He had a large family of six sons and five daughters.

The eldest son, John Kay Booth, who is buried in the grave, was a doctor and lived for many years in Birmingham. He was a magistrate in that city where he took prompt and energetic measures for the suppression of the riots on one occasion. He was afterwards Honorary Principal of Queens College, Birmingham, and a magistrate for the West Riding of Yorkshire. Three sons entered the army, one became a major in the 15th Hussars, one a lieutenant of the 52nd Reg. Light Infantry, who was killed at the storming of Badajoz in Spain (1812) and the other a lieutenant colonel of the 43rd Reg. Light Infantry and who also had two sons in the army. One son later resided at Hazelshaw and Darfield. The last son was educated at Eton, Cambridge, and Oxford, and took Holy Orders.

What an appropriate house to be taken over as a grammar school! The Booths set a wonderful example of study and ability to become leaders in industry, medicine, the Church and the Services, with a very apparent abundance of personal character

*F. S. Hague*

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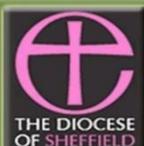
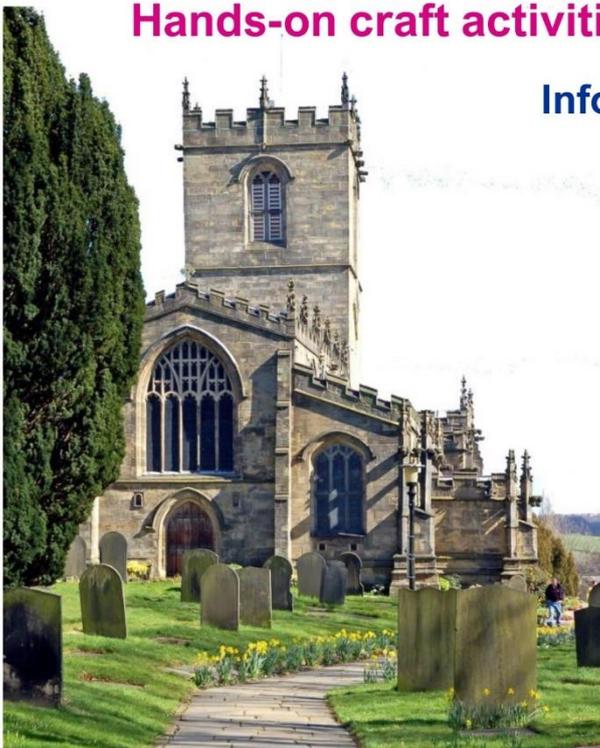
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