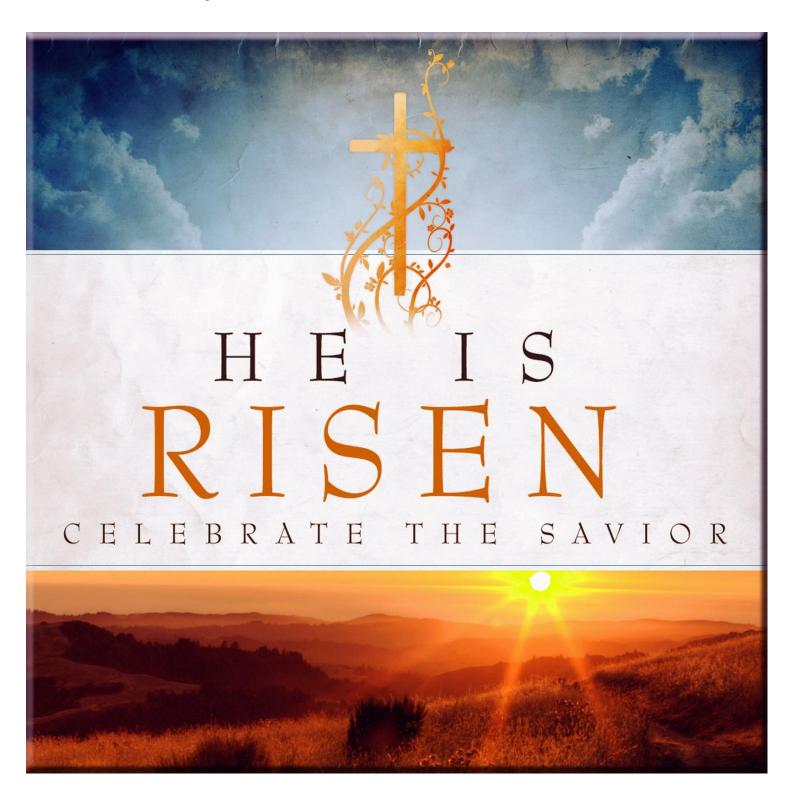
News & Views From St Mary's Church Ecclesfield



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First Words

We had planned for the Church's Annual General Meeting to be held on Sunday 25th April after the morning service. The Diocese are advising that Churches move their AGMs to the end of May when it is hoped that the further easing of restrictions more people will be able to attend.

Thursday Morning Worship will continue to be Live streamed only for a few weeks, but I hope that we will soon be able to meet in Church again as well.

Maundy Thursday falls on the **1st of April**. There will be a "Gethsemane Meditation" starting at **7.30pm** and we will end with Night Prayer at 8.30pm. We will be open for 'in person' worship and also streaming on Facebook. The service sheet for night prayer will be available from the Church website.

Good Friday, 2nd April 12noon to 3pm Three Hours at the Cross (the service will also be live streamed on Facebook).

Easter Day, 4th April, 10am Parish Eucharist with Re-affirmation of Baptismal Promises. (the service will also be live streamed on Facebook).

Sunday 11th April 10am Morning Worship (in-person & live-streamed).

Monday 12th April 7.30pm PCC Meeting via Zoom. Items to Tim by Wed 7th April please).

Sunday 18th April 10am Parish Eucharist (in-person & live-streamed).

Monday 19th April 7pm Fabric Committee via Zoom.

Sunday 25th April 10am Morning Worship (in-person & live-streamed).

On **Wednesday 28th April** we will be celebrating our first Wedding of the year at **3pm**. Please pray for Nigel and Sophie.

God bless you,

Tim

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Prayer for the Month

Thine be the glory
Risen conquering Son
Endless is the victory
Thou o'er death hast won!

Augustine famously said that those who sing pray twice. Of course at the moment we cannot sing, at least not in public. And so this Easter day we will not be singing the great Easter hymn <u>"Thine be the glory."</u>

There isn't room to print the hymn in full - but do have a read of it this Easter. It is a hymn, and therefore a prayer, of triumph - but not of triumphalism. It reminds us that the glory and the victory that we celebrate at Easter belong to Christ - not to us and not to the Church!

It also reminds us that Jesus' Easter victory is not just a fact from the ancient past, it is not just history (although it is history); Jesus' victory is 'endless.' It is for all times and for all people. It is for us and for this generation.

As I write this reflection for our April magazine, we are all too aware that the Covid 19 pandemic has claimed over 126,000 lives in England alone. We know that the global figure is measured in millions. Most of us know someone whose life was claimed by the pandemic.

Here in 2021 death seems very powerful. It seems to reign supreme. And yet, if Christ is risen then death, though still a powerful enemy of life, is ultimately defeated - once and for all.

Throughout history plagues and wars claimed the lives of many innocent people, our experiences in the past year are not new or unique. And we can face it with the same faith that Christians have had for the past two thousand years.

The great English poet <u>John Donne</u> wrote his 'Holy Sonnet' for Easter after he had, miraculously recovered from an illness that threatened to take his life. And in this sonnet, in the light of Easter and the hope of Christ, Donne puts death in its place:

Death, be not proud, though some have called thee Mighty and dreadful, for thou art not so; For those whom thou think'st thou dost overthrow Die not, poor Death, nor yet canst thou kill me. From rest and sleep, which but thy pictures be, Much pleasure; then from thee much more must flow, And soonest our best men with thee do go, Rest of their bones, and soul's delivery. Thou art slave to fate, chance, kings, and desperate men, And dost with poison, war, and sickness dwell, And poppy or charms can make us sleep as well And better than thy stroke; why swell'st thou then? One short sleep past, we wake eternally And death shall be no more; Death, thou shalt die.

In 2021 as we have every other year, we will greet one another on Easter morning with words of joy and hope in the victory of Christ:

"Alleluia, Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!"

God bless, Tim.

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God and The Arts

Editor: The Rev Michael Burgess continues his series on God and the Arts with a look at 'The Supper at Emmaus' by Caravaggio. It now hangs in the National Gallery.

Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest

'I like the story of the vestry noticeboard of a church in Hampshire: after a Holy Week performance of Stainer's 'Crucifixion', the choirmaster wrote: "The Crucifixion" – well done, everyone!' Later that day, someone had added, 'The Resurrection – well done, God!'

For the two disciples treading the road to Emmaus, there was no such sense of victory and celebration. Their minds and hearts were numb with the sense of loss and failure.



They had seen their Lord tried and crucified. As Luke recounts that walk in his Gospel, he shows how it began with absence and loss, but journeyed to presence. It was a road that took the disciples from blindness and despair to sight and insight. They talked over past events with the stranger who joined them, and Luke uses ten different Greek words to describe that conversation – all stages in their understanding. And when they share a meal with the stranger, who becomes the host, taking the bread and giving thanks, then the understanding becomes vision and insight.

That meal is the theme of Caravaggio's painting of 1601, 'The Supper at Emmaus.' Caravaggio had a reputation for being a violent, irrational artist, given to bouts of anger and forced to spend part of his life in exile in Naples and Sicily. His paintings as well as his lifestyle shocked and provoked comment. This portrayal of Jesus with a plump, youthful face and his depiction of the apostles as ordinary labourers upset the church authorities. But by giving Jesus a beardless face, Caravaggio was trying to show Him in the new likeness of Resurrection – an Easter image of our Lord. The light from that Easter Jesus fills the scene as the two disciples look on, astonished and finally understanding.

When we read the Gospel, we are drawn into the scene. For Caravaggio the movement is the other way: the scene reaches out to us from the canvas. Look at the outstretched hand of Jesus, the elbow of one disciple and the left hand of the other: they are being projected into our world. And that basket of fruit, full of apples and figs and grapes, symbols of the fall and the eucharist: it is about to topple off the table and into our laps. It is an Easter encounter two thousand years ago, reaching out to us through light and shade and the skill of the artist.

In many ways the Gospel story in Luke is of an ordinary encounter between travellers and a stranger. But it is made extraordinary by the transforming power of the risen Lord, talking with the disciples in the open air and then going inside for a meal. However, the doors are not shut to us. For Caravaggio shows how that special moment of encounter for the two disciples can reach out to enter our world. And he shows the hand of the risen Lord beckoning us to step into that Easter world of sacrament and new life.

St James the Least of All

On the best way to run a church council meeting

My dear Nephew Darren.

The Rectory St. James the Least

Thank you for inviting me to speak at your church council yesterday. I began to suspect that my theme of why Eusebius's dislike of Sabellianism led to his condemnation at the Council of Antioch in 324 was a little misjudged, when the only question I was asked after my lecture was if Eusebius was on Facebook.

I never realised how much technology is needed these days just to discuss church matters. It seemed that everyone had brought their laptop, so they could refer to all the diocesan briefing documents and reports that you mentioned. I've been in the diocese 40 years and have never heard of most of those papers. But then I find it too easy to delete the diocesan mailings, unread, with a click of my mouse.

Our church meetings are far more traditional. Since the church floor seems to have been carved out of permafrost, our meetings circulate round members' houses. This introduces a nice element of competition, as each host tries to outdo the previous one in the baking of cakes. Meetings at Colonel Drinkwater's – a more inappropriate name one cannot imagine – are the shortest, since we are always promised wine once the meeting is over. It is remarkable how unanimity is achieved on every subject within minutes, and nothing appears under "any other business".

Mrs Eddington never troubles us with minutes, largely because she can rarely read the notes she takes. She just shares with us whatever she can decipher at our next meeting. Last month, she accidentally brought her shopping list instead, and so read that out. There followed a lively discussion on whether carrots from our local shop were better than those at the supermarket. When it was found out she intended to use them in a venison casserole, endless recipes were keenly debated.

We always leave our church meetings well fed, up to date with village gossip, and totally untroubled by any church council business. And the lack of any minutes ensures that I can then make all the decisions myself, between meetings. I think you will find our system has much to be commended.

Your loving uncle, Eustace

Help needed in the church garden

If you can, mow, weed, strim, sweep, pickup sticks, rake leaves or drive a sit on mower, we need you. If you can spare just one or two hours a week it would be a great help. Not only will the church look good, but you might even feel your spiritual and physical well-being improve and in our small way help the environment. We come to the churchyard every Tuesday and Friday afternoon (weather permitting) followed by a drinks and biscuits, sometimes even a cake.

Any help most welcome. Thank you. Pat Wood

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Thought for the Month

In a couple of days time it will be Easter. I don't know about you but I am ready for Easter; ready for the arrival of Spring; ready for the first phase of the easing of lock-down; ready above all to have something to celebrate.

Easter is about light shining in the midst of darkness; it is about hope breaking into our despair. It is about discovering, when things are at their most bleak that God is with us, that He won't let go and that His love will bring us through.

Easter transformed the first disciples. They had seen Jesus, the best man they had ever known arrested and killed in public humiliation; and they had discovered the limits of their own courage. When Jesus was arrested they had fled, leaving Him to face His enemies alone.

On the first Easter they were not only afraid that the Temple police would come to arrest them; they were deeply ashamed of themselves.

And into their fear and shame broke Mary Magdalene with news that was so good - too good in fact; they assumed that it couldn't be true. They assumed that Mary was deluded. It wasn't until Jesus was standing in the Upper Room with them, eating a piece of fish to prove that He wasn't a ghost, that they finally got it. God had raised Jesus from the grip of death; the tomb was empty and death was defeated.

For those first disciples, and for Christians for the past two thousand years Easter means that even when the very worst happens there is still hope. Easter says that whatever life and the world throw at us, God has not and will not desert us. And if God is with us, the God who meets us in Jesus, then there is always hope.

Easter is a beacon of hope in the chaos of life; it is a light shining in the darkest night. And for the disciples it meant an end to living in fear and shame.

The first disciples went from the Upper Room to take the Gospel out into the world. The world was often hostile, they faced set-backs and opposition, threats and violence. But because of Jesus those disciples were no longer afraid.

Those disciples brought Easter hope to people living in fear and darkness.

At this time of year I always quote the North African Bishop Saint Augustine who reminds us that "We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song!" It is a message that we need to hear every year, but especially this year. As we move out of lockdown many people are afraid, many people feel alone and isolated; and many, too many, of us are mourning the loss of those we love.

Easter tells us that God is with us. Always and in every situation. We are not alone. Easter tells us that death has been defeated once and for all; that even as we grieve we do not grieve as those who are without hope. Easter tells us that there is nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

As Christians we are a people of hope. And God gives us this hope, not only for ourselves, but also for those who despair. As Christians Easter is our hope, but it isn't our possession. God gives us hope for the sake of others.

God bless you this Easter, may the light of Christ shine in your life and through you into the lives of others.

Tim

Covid Poem

About 10 days ago I discovered the following poem which reminded me just how difficult a year the last one has been, not just for us in the UK, but for the whole world. We have all had our fair share of disappointments and have longed to be able to see and spend time with family and friends and gather together in church to worship. Reflecting on non-Covid times it is easy to see how much we do take for granted as we go about our daily lives. The poet's words urge us not to take for granted all that we are able to enjoy, but to be thankful. Just being able to meet friends for coffee and a catch up is what I am looking forward to, also being able to worship and sing God's praises with all of our church family.

Her second verse has become, for me, a prayer which I say each day. Just think how amazing it would be if we could stay better for each other because of the worst. Have a blessed Easter.

Pat Clarke

When this is over

When this is over, may we never again take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbours
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine check-up
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.

When this ends, may we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be we were called to be we hoped to be and may we stay that way--better for each other because of the worst.

Laura Kelley Fanucci

From the Registers

Funerals

Monday 1st March	David Rusby	92
Thursday 4th March	Christine Keyworth	90
Monday 8th March	John Taylor	84
Monday 29th March	Archie Adam	95

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

"Timeless Love" Ellie May Blackburn

On this special Diamond Day I would very much like to convey My pride in looking up to you both & your precious connection that grows in depth with each passing day.

Patience, understanding, loyalty, friendship & love with these qualities between you it's not surprising you fit together like a glove.

Love is a kaleidoscope A beacon of hope walking a tightrope & knowing you could fall but still having to get to the other side above all else.

I admire your relationship deeply and fond Nothing could come between your unbreakable bond During our trips to St. David's you've shown us exactly what love means I'm grateful then that this should be passed down thanks to genes.

With as much love as you both give each other wholehearted thanks, My Grandad and Grandmother.

The Children's Society

Hello to everyone who has a Box for the Children's Society or who simply donates. In spite of the covid lockdown last year we managed to increase our giving.

If you have a Christingle Money Box you can bring it to church now the Church is open again. You can also open your own box and let me have the contents and I will return it with the label stating the amount you have given. I am also doing a Sponsored Walk in the Summer and will let you know the Date later.

Thank you for the support you have given the Children's Society over the years.

With Much Love Pat x

God in the Sciences

This series is written by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith.

Science and Society: How Can We Approach New Ethical Issues?

Science tells us how the world works, and technology offers applications of that knowledge, but neither can tell us what we ought to do. All scientific discoveries or new technologies can be used to either help or harm others. For example, a smartphone can be used to stay in touch but also enables bullying.

It is important to get past our initial reactions: the 'yuk!' or 'wow!' These feelings may well change once we learn more about the science and other factors behind a new development.

Ethical thinking can be divided into three main categories. The consequentialist approach is demonstrated in Proverbs, when Wisdom calls young men to consider the outcome of their actions. Utilitarianism is a form of consequentialist ethic that tries to maximise the greatest good for the largest number of people affected, but unchecked it leaves minorities out in the cold.

Duty or law-based ethics start with intrinsic values, asking what is the correct course of action, or our duty? These values might be God-given, such as the ten commandments, or worked out by human reason. It is possible, however, to do harm while obeying the law, especially if someone asks 'What can I get away with?' Also, what happens when rules collide? For example, who should be treated first when resources are limited?

Virtue ethics are about building character, growing in wisdom and the fruit of the Spirit. There are plenty of biblical principles to guide virtuous living, such as the idea that we are 'made in the image of God' which supports the value of every human life (e.g., Genesis 1:26–27, Genesis 9:6, James 3:9–10), but the right decision can vary depending on circumstances

So how can we make ethical decisions about new technologies? The five Cs bring together a number of different types of ethical thinking into a helpful framework for decision-making.

Clarify the facts and key questions.

Consider our choices: what could we achieve?

Constraints: External - what must we do?; Internal - how should we behave?

Compare the pros and cons of each approach.

Choose what is best, with all parties in mind.

Finally, we have to recognise that the information available to us will change over time, our knowledge of God and His word will keep growing, and we cannot avoid making mistakes - so our ethical decisions will need to be revisited and revised from time to time.

Sir Richard Scott

Ecclesfield Church has long been associated with a famous Scott, Revd. Dr. Alexander John Scott who was Nelson's chaplain and is often portrayed in pictures cradling the dying Nelson. He was Father-in-Law of probably our most famous vicar, Revd. Dr. Alfred Gatty.



But Situated alongside the south wall of St. Catherine's Chapel, in the south east corner of Ecclesfield Church, is by far the most magnificent memorial in the building, to the memory of another Scott, Sir Richard Scott. Richard, son of Thomas Scott and Isabel Alcock, was born at Barnes Hall which had been built as long ago as 1327 and had been the Scott family home since 1447 when an ancestor, Thomas Scott (who chose to use the name Rotherham)

purchased it. Rotherham served as Archbishop of York and Lord Chancellor in the 15th century. Richard Scott is difficult to research as there is little on record or on the internet and only sketchy information via the Fitzwilliam Wentworth Trust and the Wentworth Woodhouse Trust, so an enigmatic person but one who was clearly seriously respected and loved. We know he was Comptroller of the household of Thomas Wentworth [1] and was his Privy Counsellor and deputy in Ireland. Scott lived at Barnes Hall, Ecclesfield, but died in Ireland. He was married but only had a stepdaughter, Catherine Norcliffe, to whom he left his possessions.

In his work for the Wentworth family, Richard Scott spent a considerable time abroad, especially in in Ireland where the Wentworth family owned a significant amount of land and Thomas Wentworth was Lord Deputy for 8 years. Scott sat as an Irish MP for Boyle in County Roscommon. He was knighted in 1635 and left a legacy to Trinity College, Dublin, in 1637. In the reign of Charles 1, politics in England, Scotland and Ireland were brutal and it is believed he was killed during fighting in Ireland in 1638, 3 years before Thomas Wentworth was executed on Tower Hill.

The memorial, by William Wright, was erected in 1639 following the death of Scott in 1638 in Ireland where he is buried. Most of the memorial was made in London and then transported to Ecclesfield by sea and with horse drawn carts. Constructed of marble, with some granite and with iron railings believed to have been made locally, the memorial represents Scott in armour, recumbent and with his head resting on his left hand. The iron grill is original, and the monument was restored in 1749 by John Watts who lived at Scott's old home, Barnes Hall. Other minor restorations have been carried out. The memorial is

quite exquisite but is again in need of a more general restoration to reveal its true splendour.

The inscription is in Latin and a loose translation reads:

To the memory of Richard Scott, born in Yorkshire with Scottish ancestors, a man of merit and the order of knights. From the family of Thomas Scott, Archbishop of York whose legacy includes Jesus College Rotherham and the College of Lincoln in Oxford.

Worthy to be from such stock, Richard Scott was a man of piety towards God and of integrity towards humans. The most outstanding of which has been to the poor and it is to be marvelled at his friendliness to society, his friendship and faith observed in action, and generosity. A man who was so popular.

He primarily was devoted to the study and work of the same mind, having traversed the country and overseas and returned from Spain having demonstrated firmness to his religion in the face of inquiries. He then lived his life in happiness in Ireland although often away from those dear to him.



His unforeseen death occurred in Ireland while loyally serving Thomas Wentworth, Earl of Strafford, other famous men, & the next king.

His death is recorded on August 17, of the year 1638, aged 55.

In his memory, following his death and according to his will, his patricians have gladly erected this monument for posterity. He leaves his stepdaughter, Catherine Norcliffe, and her sons to take his place.

With thanks to Dr. Andrew Somerville, Trinity College, Dublin

ACR

Ref: [1] Thomas Wentworth, 1st Earl of Strafford (13 April 1593– 12 May 1641) was an English statesman and a major figure in the period leading up to the English Civil War. He lived at Wentworth Woodhouse (in a previous building) in South Yorkshire, and he served in Parliament and was a supporter of King Charles I. From 1632 to 1639 he instituted a harsh rule as Lord Deputy of Ireland. Recalled to England, he became a leading advisor to the king, attempting to strengthen the royal position against Parliament. When Parliament condemned him to death, Charles signed the death warrant and Wentworth was executed.

Editor's Lockdown Humour

don't forget to click on the pictures and links to learn more!

Minute and minute shouldn't be spelled the same, I'm not content with this content, and I object to that object. I need to read again what I read again. Someone should wind this post up and throw it in the wind, excuse me but there is no excuse for this...

Here is a question for the mind readers out there.

Historians in Ireland have discovered what is believed to be the headstone of the world's oldest ever living man. He was 193 and his name was Miles from Dublin

10-year-old girl: - Mom, what's it like to have the greatest daughter in the world? Mom: - I don't know dear you will have to ask <u>grandma</u>...

My wife didn't order anything from Amazon yesterday, so the delivery guy knocked on the door to see if we were OK

Dear Lord, please keep your arm around my shoulder -- and your hand over my mouth.

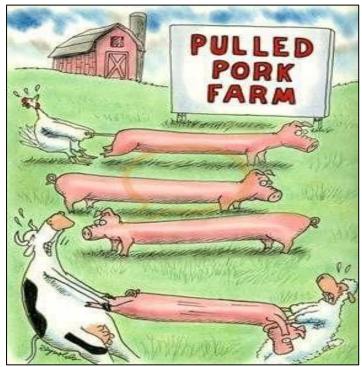
The nice thing about becoming forgetful is that you can hide your own Easter eggs.

In order to keep a true perspective of one's importance, everyone should have a dog to worship him and a cat to ignore him.







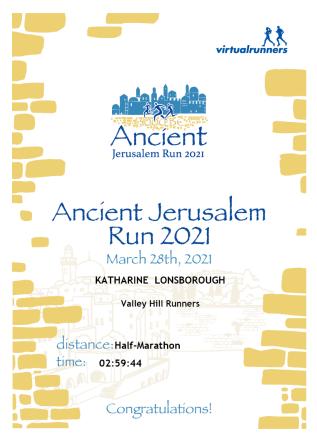


Jerusalem Virtual Half Marathon - Palm Sunday 2021

On Palm Sunday, I complete the Jerusalem Virtual Half Marathon, running from Langsett to Hillsborough via Bradfield. It was a windy and wet day, and I questioned myself more than once why I was putting myself through all the pain!

Three years ago, Peter and I went on a pilgrimage to Jerusalem, which was led by the then Bishop of Doncaster, Peter Burrows. Unfortunately, during the pilgrimage Peter was taken ill, we were well looked after by Bishop Peter and his team. However, it did mean that Peter and I had to remain in Jerusalem for a further week after everyone else had gone home.

During this time, I spend time walking around and getting to know Jerusalem. One day the Jerusalem Marathon was taking place. I thought how amazing it would be to do an event running round such an amazing city. I had recently just passed my second degree blackbelt and committed to training for a third degree.



This entails setting yourself a challenge and talking about it on the day of your third-degree test – something that you can't do today, but can work towards over the next 3 years. I decided, I would challenge myself to do the Jerusalem Half Marathon (I am a very average 5km runner), probably in 2021 – that way we could go back to Jerusalem so Peter could see the city.

In gratitude to Bishop Peter, I decided to raise money for Alzheimer's. Sadly, Bishop Peter's lovely wife, Jane, died of early onset dementia a few months after the pilgrimage. When I wrote to Bishop Peter thanking him for all his care and support, I promised him I would take part in the Jerusalem Half Marathon and raise money for Alzheimer's.

Unfortunately, the Jerusalem Marathon and Half Marathon cannot take place, so I explored the possibility of doing it virtually. I was a bit late with exploring the possibility but found out just after Christmas it was taking place on Palm Sunday. At that time, I had not run for two weeks due to being in isolation. Icy weather and the dark nights made it difficult to train and it is only over the past few weeks I have been doing anything near the training I needed. However, I had promised Bishop Peter and I was determined to do it – whether I had to run, walk or crawl. It became less of a physical challenge and more of a mental one. They say the bigger the why, the easier the how! I am pleased to say I made it in just under 3 hours – the last mile was the hardest, but I was still smiling!

I wanted to share my story with you. If you would like to sponsor me, please click on the link below:

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Saint of the month - St George of the Golden Legend 23rd April

The Saint of an English Army before he was Patron Saint of England, St George may have been a soldier, but he was no Englishman. Some stories say that he was an officer in the Roman army under Diocletian, who refused to abandon his faith during the Terror, and was martyred at Lydda in Palestine about the year 300 AD - supposedly 23rd April. Over the years St George became the example of a Christian fighting-man, a powerful helper against evil powers affecting individual lives. He was the soldier-hero of the Middle Ages, of whom remarkable deeds were reported.



In the Golden Legend of the 13th century, Jacobus de Voragine gave St George a handsome write-up. The story runs thus:

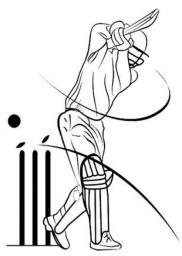
One day, St George rode up to the heathen city of Sylene in Lybia, where he found the citizens in great distress. A neighbouring dragon had forced them to surrender two sheep each day for its dinner, and when the sheep gave out, two of their children; and now they were about to sacrifice the King's daughter, dressed as if for her wedding. St George encountered the little party by a stagnant lake, where the dragon lived, and persuaded the sobbing Princess to tell him why she was so miserable. At that moment the dragon appeared, looking inexpressibly revolting. St George charged forwards and drove his spear into the dragon's gaping mouth. To everyone's amazement, he tumbled the monster over and over.

Then St George borrowed the Princess's girdle, tied it round the dragon's neck, and persuaded her to lead it back to Sylene herself. The sight of her approaching with the befuddled dragon on its makeshift lead emptied the town. When the inhabitants timidly crept back, St George promised to behead the dragon if they would all believe in Jesus Christ and be baptised.

It was a most effective form of evangelism, for everybody said 'yes' at once. So, 15,000 people were baptised, and four carts were commissioned to remove the dragon's body.

St George thus became a symbol of the war against evil, and he is usually portrayed trampling the dragon of sin under his horse's hoofs. The Crusaders had a vision of him helping them against the Saracens at Antioch, during the first Crusade, and so brought the story of St George back with them from Palestine. Presently England put herself under the protection of the Saint. His day was declared a holiday in 1222. A red cross on a white field is the flag of St George.

Whitley Hall Cricket Club



With outdoor sport due to start on 29th March and other restrictions due to be relaxed on 12th April before the season starts, we have finally received confirmation from the League and the ECB that fixtures can go ahead as scheduled with a full season. There will be COVID precautions which will be followed and if control of infections is successful, these may be gradually relaxed during the season. There will also be restrictions in using the facilities in the pavilion until the national lockdown easing works through.

The new practice nets, shown in last month's article, are planned for completion by Easter and the players are all looking forward to taking advantage of these superb practice facilities. Everyone is welcome

to come to the club and spectate – there is now less parking than previously, so if you are able to walk to the club, that would be a good option.

Provisional Early Fixtures at Cinder Hill Lane

Sat 10 th April			Practice Match
Sat 17 th April	1 st XI	V	Doncaster 1 st XI
Sat 24 th April	2 nd XI	V	Upper Haugh 1st XI
Sat 1 st May	1 st XI	V	Barnsley 1 st XI
Sat 8 th May	2 nd XI	V	Green Moor 1st XI

Contact: Joe Webster, Secretary: 07969 014592

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A Quote by **Edward Paul Abbey**

One final paragraph of advice: do not burn yourselves out. Be as I am - a reluctant enthusiast.... a part-time crusader, a half-hearted fanatic. Save the other half of yourselves and your lives for pleasure and adventure. It is not enough to fight for the land; it is even more important to enjoy it. While you can. While it's still here. So get out there and hunt and fish and mess around with your friends, ramble out yonder and explore the forests, climb the mountains, bag the peaks, run the rivers, breathe deep of that yet sweet and lucid air, sit quietly for a while and contemplate the precious stillness, the lovely, mysterious, and awesome space. Enjoy yourselves.



The Gardening Year – April 2021

Growing your own food is something that is easy to become passionate about, which I am. There is nothing to beat the incredible feeling you have, when you realize that a good percentage of the food on the table originates from your own plot, and was grown by you raised from a small plant, or perhaps from just a sprinkling of seeds, and then fed and watered until that wonderful day when crops were first ready to harvest.

Food growing really produces the best, feel good factor. I know you would like to grow your own food but lack the time to manage a vegetable plot. Would you like to save money, and reduce your food miles and improve your health? Then container gardening is for you. The most important requirement for all plants is sunshine.

The correct amount of light is the difference between a substantial crop and a major flop. Although you can grow most things in a limited space, you cannot grow anything without sunshine. The first thing to do is spend a few hours tracking the sun around the space you want to grow your food and see if it gets enough light for a successful harvest. Most crops need a minimum of eight hours sunshine each day, it might be that part of your plot gets sunshine, in this case this is the area to grow your vegetable garden.

Compost multipurpose is the most common type and is the one I use for my pots. Most supermarkets offer multiple packs 40L or so at quite low prices, so shop round.

This month you can plant early potatoes, Swift is the best for pots as its tops only grow to about one foot, onion sets, peas and carrots can also be planted. If you are growing carrots in a pot at least one foot depth is needed, mix half compost and half grit sand, a good variety to try is Nantes 2.

Colin Williams

Eat the Seasons – April

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

Fruit - Bananas (Windward), Kiwi Fruit, Rhubarb

Meat - The Season of Easter And Spring Lamb, Wood Pigeon

Fish - Cockles, Crab, Langoustine, Lobster, Plaice, Prawns, Salmon, Sea Trout, Shrimp, Whitebait, other fish may not be so plentiful

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Easter Hope

Canon Paul Hardingham considers the eternal promise of Easter

"So many people right across the country are anxious about employment, anxious about food, isolated from loved ones and feel that the future looks dark."

These are words from the Archbishop of Canterbury's sermon on Easter Day 2020. Who would have thought that we are experiencing the same uncertainties this Easter!

Yet the Easter story remains one of hope overcoming darkness and despair. The women arrived at the tomb on Easter morning with mixed emotions, as they came to anoint Jesus' body. 'But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away.' (Mark 16:4). They were confused, as they tried to make sense of Jesus' death. Their hopes were dashed with an uncertain future. In the current pandemic, we too are left asking: Where is God in all this?

The young man at the tomb reminds them that God is still in control:

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him." (Mark 16:6).

The women had forgotten Jesus' promise to the disciples that He would die and rise from the dead. Jesus' resurrection is also the sure foundation of hope for us in the present crisis. He turns our confusion and fear into joy and wonder! We can trust Jesus' plan for the future of our world and lives, despite the fact that things can't return to the way they were:

"There needs to be a resurrection of our common life, a new normal, something that links to the old, but is different and more beautiful. We must dream it, build it, make it, grasp it, because it is the gift of God and the call of God." (Justin Welby).

Crossword Puzzle - Solution is here



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It is time to eat Rhubarb

The outlandishly coloured vegetable that thinks it's a fruit. Rhubarb makes deliciously comforting puddings, but its sharpness works extremely well with meat and oily fish. It also makes a good wine if you don't mind waiting a year or two to drink it.



Forced rhubarb (grown in the dark) has yellowish leaves and usually appears in January. As Yorkshire is home to the Rhubarb Triangle – Yorkshireman should considered it a local delicacy. The field-grown variety replaces it around April and is less tender, slightly tart but often more flavourful.

Rhubarb was used as a medicine in ancient China. It was brought to Europe by Marco Polo and has been eaten as a food since the eighteenth century. Rhubarb is a member of the family Polygonaceae and is related to sorrel. It grows best in cool climates and the effect of forcing was discovered by accident at the Chelsea Physic Garden early in the 19th century. My favourite variety is Victoria, quite an old variety but very reliable with a good flavour.

Rhubarb is a good source of fibre and contains moderate levels of vitamin C and calcium. Studies have linked the fibre from rhubarb in the diet with reduced cholesterol levels. When buying choose crisp, firm, plump stalks with good colour. Store in the fridge, fresh rhubarb will stay in reasonable condition for 1-2 weeks. Raw and cooked rhubarb freeze well, but don't freeze the custard or it will become ice-cream.

Cooking - Wash and trim both ends of the stalks and discard the poisonous leaves. Rhubarb, in particular the later field-grown variety, is tart and requires considerable sweetening. As with other relatively acidic foods it is recommended that it is not cooked using aluminium pots.

Rhubarb Crumble Recipe

Ingredients - For the filling

500g rhubarb, chopped into 25mm (1") lengths 100g golden caster sugar

3 tbsp port, madeira, or sweet sherry (optional)

For the crumble topping

140g self-raising flour 85g salted butter, chilled

50g light brown muscovado sugar

50g chopped walnuts, chopped pecans (optional)

Method Heat oven to 390F/200C/180C fan/gas 6

Tip the chunks of rhubarb into a saucepan with 100g golden caster sugar and 3 tbsp port, if using. If not using add 3 tbsp cold water.

Cover and simmer on a very low heat for 15 mins, adding more sugar if you want. When soft (but still holding its shape) and sweet enough, pour the rhubarb into a medium baking dish.

To make the topping, rub the self-raising flour and chilled butter together with your fingers until you have a soft, crumbly topping.

Now add 50g light brown muscovado sugar and 50g chopped nuts, if using. Mix together gently with your hands.

Scatter the topping over the rhubarb and bake for 30 mins or until golden brown on top. Serve hot with vanilla custard.

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Chapeltown & District Probus Club

The club is continuing to meet using Zoom as the method of having virtual meetings. It is now unlikely that face to face meetings will resume before June 2021, possibly even later depending on how well the vaccination program goes. Until then, we will be continuing with virtual meetings which have proved to be successful and easy to use, even for those who are not very technical.

The Wednesday 11th March meeting was our AGM, the committee offered to continue in post for the next 12-months as we (hopefully) exit lockdown, and were voted in en block. The club voted to rebate this year's subscription by £ 10 making a renewal for 2021 of £ 15. The annual dinner and Christmas lunch have been booked for this year – details on the website.

Although there will be no lunch, the next meetings, will be: -

Wednesday 14th April – David Templeman "Street Names of Central Sheffield"

Wednesday 12th May – John Hope "Time through the Ages"

Guests and potential new members are very welcome and until normal meetings resume, you can join for the special price of £10.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact the secretary,

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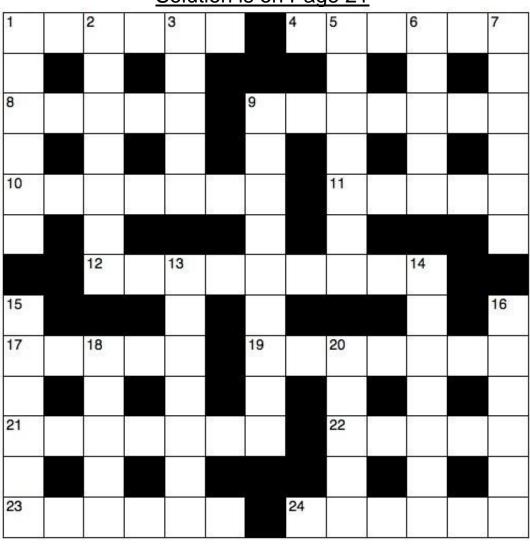
Clues Across

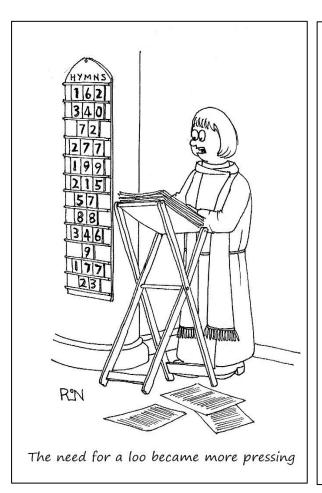
- 1 Relating to the whole universe (6)
- 4 The disciple who made the remark in 8 Across (John 20:24) (6)
- 8 'Unless I see the nail marks — hands, I will not believe it' (John 20:25) (2,3)
- **9** He urged King Jehoiakim not to burn the scroll containing Jeremiah's message (Jeremiah 36:25) (7)
- **10** Baptist minister and controversial founder of America's Moral Majority, Jerry (7)
- 11 'Look, here is . Why shouldn't I be baptized?' (Acts 8:36) (5)
- **12** Repossessed (Gen 14:16) (9)
- 17 Port from which Paul sailed on his last journey to Rome (Acts 27:3–4) (5)
- **19** 'Moses was not aware that his face was because he had spoken with the Lord' (Ex 34:29) (7)
- 21 Roonwit, C.S. Lewis's half-man, half-horse (7)
- 22 Grill (Luke 24:42) (5)
- 23 'The lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the apostles' (Acts 1:26) (6)
- **24** 'I was sick and you looked after me, I was in and you came to visit me' (Matthew 25:36) (6)

Clues Down

- 1 Coastal rockfaces (Psalm 141:6) (6)
- 2 Academic (1 Corinthians 1:20) (7)
- 3 Publish (Daniel 6:26) (5)
- **5** For example, the Crusades (4,3)
- 6 11 Across is certainly this (5)
- 7 He reps (anag.) (6)
- 9 Liberator (Psalm 18:2) (9)
- **13** Man who asked the question in 11 Across was in charge of all her treasury (Acts 8:27) (7)
- **14** They must be 'worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine' (1 Timothy 3:8) (7)
- **15** The human mind or soul (6)
- **16** 'O Lord, while precious children starve, the tools of war increase; their bread is ' (Graham Kendrick) (6)
- **18** 'We played the flute for you, and you did not ' (Matthew 11:17) (5)
- **20** Bared (anag.) (5)

Solution is on Page 21







Prayers and Poems Page

Easter Prayer

Dear generous, loving Father,

How can we thank you for the precious gift of your Son Jesus, for His life of obedience and servanthood, for His choosing to die that agonising death on a cruel cross, so that we can be forgiven, and most of all for His death-defeating resurrection on the first Easter morning and the gift of His Spirit to those who put their trust in Him?

We can't possibly thank you adequately Lord, but we want to try! Thank you, thank you Father, that Jesus, our Servant-King is alive, Lord of heaven and earth - and yet still serving us, so that we too can live and serve.

Help us to be your Easter people and live lives of faithful witness to the living Lord, empowered by your Holy Spirit, building in all that we think, say or do for your kingdom to come. Hallelujah! Amen.

By Daphne Kitching

Easter Morning - (John 20:1-18)

Who is it you are looking for? Who?

Mary,
Looking for her Lord,
Early in the morning,
While it was still dark,
Looking for Jesus,
Expecting His death-wrapped body,
Finding, instead, the stone of surprises and loss.

The men come and go, But Mary stays and weeps For the love of her Lord. Looking, looking into the darkness, She weeps.

Angels in white turn her to the light, And the possibility of grace.

And in the speaking of her name, the world changes.

Mary.

Looking, looking no longer, The Lord lives, gloriously, For Mary.

He lives for all who look. Who is it you are looking for? Who?

By Daphne Kitching

SPRING (Acrostic Poem)

Spring has arrived with armfuls of blossom, Petals of every colour and hue, Rain and sun caressing the earth Inspiring spring bulbs to come into view Now is the time of new beginnings Giving us pleasure all season through.

By Megan Carter

The Way

Come, still your hearts, let troubles go For you believe in Me, And I am with you, I will show The way ahead of thee.

My Father's house has many rooms You know my words are so! My Spirit and my Word illumes The way that you shall go.

I am the Way, the Truth, the Life Believe and you shall see The way through tempest and through strife To My eternity.

By Nigel Beeton

Fighting the pandemic of shame

When it comes to preaching the gospel to 21st century people should we be talking more about shame? And will the Covid pandemic change our thinking?

For many years, the Church has focused our gospel appeal around guilt, pointing out that men and women need to repent of their sins and turn to Christ. Which, of course, is perfectly true. But would our gospel message resonate better with today's generations if we first helped to address a widespread feeling of shame, before looking to guilt? Guilt says 'I did something wrong.' Shame declares 'I am profoundly wrong.' That feeling of shame is one experienced by many today.

Rebecca Winfrey, a theological and pastoral researcher for a homelessness charity, explains: "God is intimately concerned about relieving the shame of His people. Never has this been more relevant than in today's culture, in which shame is rife and yet largely unrecognised."

In 'The Cross and Shame' (Grove Books), she says: "Shame is much bigger than guilt in most people's concept of what is wrong with themselves."

I believe the Covid pandemic could also make the situation much worse, with people experiencing the 'shame' of debt, redundancy or bankruptcy, or maybe the perceived shame of not being actively involved on the 'front line' of fighting the virus, or facing mental illness.

Jesus showed people on the margins that they were worthy of love and being connected with wider society. In His interactions with the Samaritan woman at the well, with the tax collector Zacchaeus or the woman accused of adultery, He shows compassion and affirms the dignity and worth of the individual – addressing their shame – before implying any guilt.

Jesus's death by public crucifixion was designed by the Romans to be painful, humiliating and shameful. Having been subjected to profound human shame, the resurrected Christ brings humankind salvation and redemption from shame's dehumanising impact.

In the Hebrew scriptures, Adam and Eve experience shame after they have eaten from the Tree of Life in Eden and have to clothe themselves with fig leaves. The Exodus is an account of the Jewish people being released from the shame of slavery into the freedom of their worth in God's eyes. Paul writes to the Thessalonians of believers "sharing in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." To the church in Ephesus, Paul writes that "we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Rebecca Winfrey encourages church leaders to teach and model true humility, acknowledging their own struggles with shame, and ensure that churches are communities that care for people affected by shame.

New Christians should be taught that they could face shame in a secular culture and to know their intrinsic value in God's sight.

Winfrey recommends healing prayer and Ignatian-style meditation, where people encounter Jesus as they immerse themselves in gospel stories.

Confession of sin and repentance of our wrongdoings are vital parts of our Christian message, but maybe preachers and pastors could also be addressing the pandemic of shame in our society.

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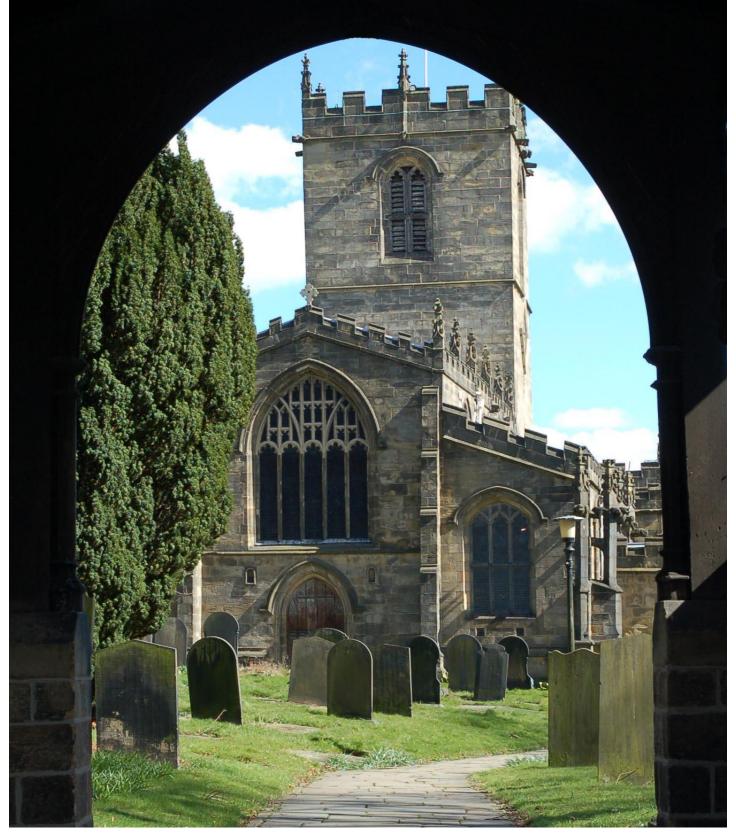
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