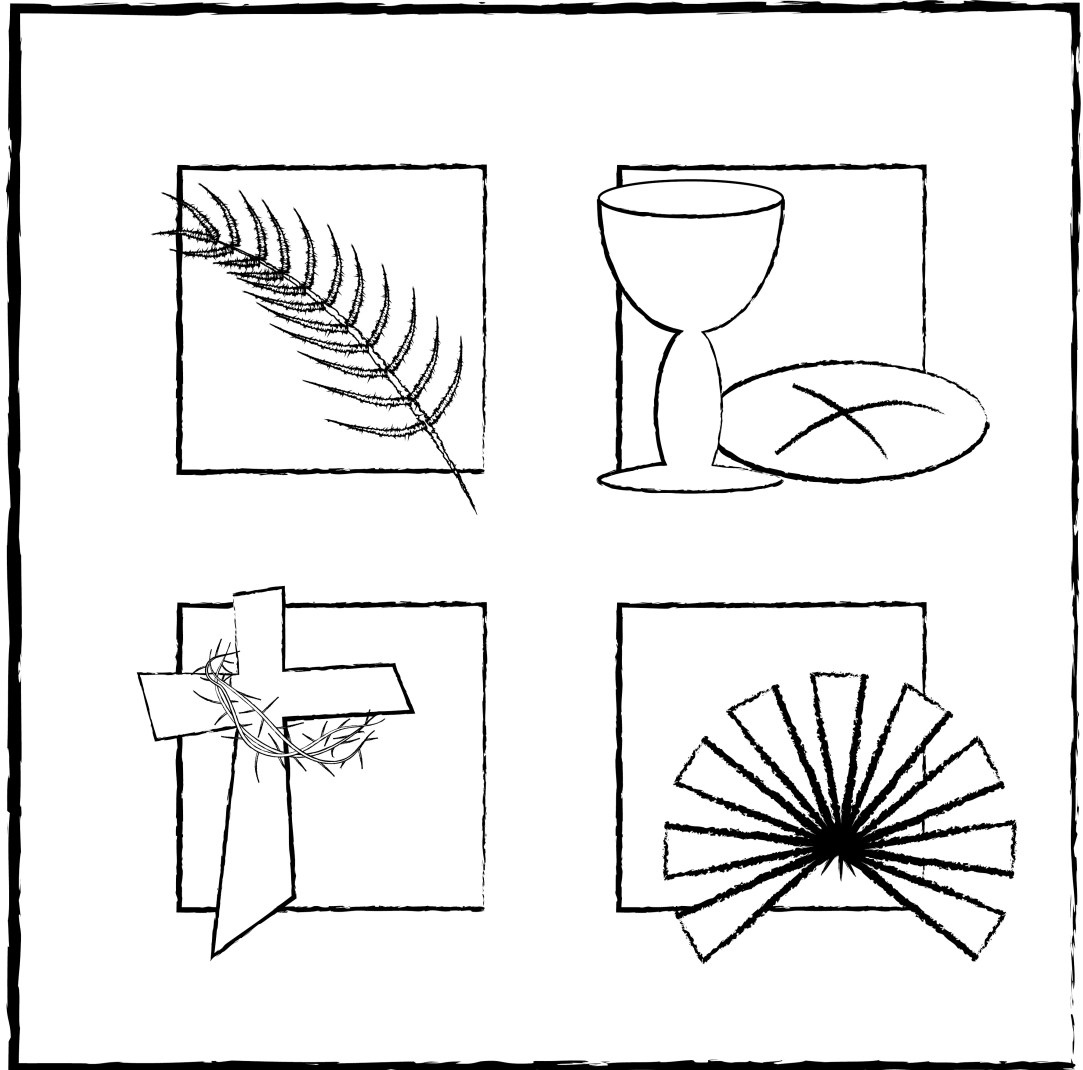




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## Welcome & Cover Illustration

Welcome to all readers of NEXUS and best wishes for the Easter season. It is quite a challenge to find illustrations for this great festival without being drawn into the multiple (and multi-coloured) images of rabbits, chickens and chocolates. The image chosen for this edition reflects what must have been a time of emotional and spiritual turmoil, from the excitement of 'Palm' Sunday, through the bewilderment of the Last Supper and the events that followed, the despair of Good Friday and the climax of the Church Year in Easter Sunday. And after the time we think of as Easter itself, events unfolded that were in many ways just as remarkable for those who had been associated with Jesus. And so the church has continued for more than 2000 years. This issue of Nexus provides a few snapshots of the church locally and throughout the world this Eastertide. And on page 22 you can read about the Tuesday Café, our new initiative for people living with memory loss and their carers.

There are links to further information contained within the text and readers may find it easier to access those links by accessing Nexus on our web page <http://www.standrewspsalterlane.org.uk/> Nexus is curated by Anne Hollows 07723407054, [anne.hollows@gmail.com](mailto:anne.hollows@gmail.com) Contributions for the next edition of Nexus are most welcome and will be needed by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May.

## Letter from Gareth

Dear friends,

During Jean's recent half-term holiday, we spent a couple of days in Cambridge, where we lived while I was training for the ministry. One of the places we visited (and have always loved to revisit over the years) was a small art gallery called Kettle's Yard. Kettle's Yard was created by H.S. "Jim" Ede, previously a curatorial assistant at the Tate Gallery, who converted four derelict 19<sup>th</sup> century cottages into a single house in the 1950s, and gradually filled it with works of modern art he had acquired or been given, together with beautiful objects, many of them very simple, that he had collected on his travels. In 1970, an exhibition gallery was added to the house, and a further major extension has just been completed. In fact, Kettle's Yard only reopened the week before our visit.

In the 1920s, Ede had got to know the painters Ben and Winifred Nicholson, and through them the work of other artists who, like them, came to be associated with St Ives. These included Barbara Hepworth, from whom the Hepworth gallery in Wakefield takes its name, and Alfred Wallis, a Cornish fisherman and naïve artist, who took up painting in his late 60s. Ede had also become the owner of the residual estate of the French-born sculptor Henri Gaudier-Brzeska, who was killed in World War One at the age of 23. The work of these artists occupies much of the space in Kettle's Yard.

Jim Ede's vision was to create a domestic space in which the contours of the building itself, the furniture, the ordinary possessions and the works of art combined to create a whole aesthetic and spiritual experience. He was himself a deeply spiritual person. In 1984 he put together a book about Kettle's Yard entitled "A way of life", combining black and white photos, his own fascinating commentary on the house and its contents,

and many quotations. The quotations are from Shakespeare, a number of poets such as T.S. Eliot, Rainer Maria Rilke and the Anglican priest-poet John Donne, and, significantly, religious writings including the Bible, Buddhist scriptures, the Book of Common Prayer and mystical writers such as St John of the Cross, Julian of Norwich and Meister Eckhart. I bought the book for Jean some years ago, and even though I was aware of Jim Ede's deep spirituality, I was still surprised and moved to see, almost hidden near the end, the words: "This book is dedicated to God, ever present."

Kettle's Yard is a little gem that brings together art, architecture, daily life and the life of the spirit. Just behind the gallery is an old and redundant church, St Peter's, in which there is a memorial stone to Jim Ede. On this are the words: "Jim Ede 1895-1900, who created Kettle's Yard and helped to preserve this church," and around the edges of the stone, from the 16<sup>th</sup> century poet Edmund Spenser: "So let us love, dear love, like as we ought: love is the lesson that the Lord us taught."

Love and peace,

Gareth



## CONTEMPLATION

### BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD (Psalm 46:10)

Be still ...

and in the quietness, the stillness,  
the silence ...

listen ...

listen

to all that is often passed by,  
unheard, in the rush of the busy life ...

listen ... look ...

and wonder ...  
in awe  
at the softest sound,  
the smallest detail ...  
and in reverence,  
give thanks to God, the Creator,  
the marvels of His creation.

**Be still and know that I am God.**

For He knows the need  
of the human mind and body  
to 'Be still'  
to have time with Him,  
to be nourished,  
to be refreshed ...  
in the quietness,  
the stillness,  
the silence  
He created ...

**Be still and know that I am God**

Be still ...  
and deeply in touch with your inner self,  
be aware  
of your Living, Loving God ...  
whose presence is ever near for you  
in your joys,  
in your heartaches  
in your times of deepest need  
to rejoice with you ...  
to comfort you ...  
to encompass you in His love  
and give you peace.

**Be still and know that I am God.**

## **Talking Point : A century of change**

The centenary of the first votes for (some) women in February gave a renewed impetus to the celebration of International Women's Day this year. Looking back over the lives of some of our senior church members, born in at least one case in the year the so-called Great War ended, is to realise how much in life has changed over the last century. And yet, there remain so many areas of life where women are 'under'. Under paid, under valued under respected and as we have seen in recent months, often objectified. The news that the star of *The Crown*, Claire Foy, was paid less than her consort was only the most recent revelation, and few will forget the striking performance of Carrie Gracie, the former BBC China Editor, as she gave evidence to the House of Commons Digital Culture media and Sport Committee. This time last year, many of us in Sheffield were voicing concern at the appointment of a Bishop who would not recognise the ordination of women. That cloud passed over but there are repeated stories from women clergy about the ways in which their lives and actions are judged by the parishes and churches they serve. A Methodist Minister related the response of stewards when she became pregnant. 'I knew it was a mistake to have a woman' said one. Similar comments have been made internationally about the pregnancy of the New Zealand Prime Minister, Jacinda Ardern (although it seems this is not shared by many new Zealanders who are avidly knitting).

One of the delights of the IWD celebrations that I attended was to hear the stories of women's strengths in some of the most adverse situations, both at home and abroad. We heard of the campaign to remove convictions for prostitution from criminal records; the campaign for fair pay and value for care workers; for the urgent need to save refuges for women experiencing domestic abuse; for Northern women raising enough money to fund over 40 women students at universities in Gaza; for women having to battle with the 'separation wall' on order to get to hospitals to give birth in Jerusalem; and much more. It would be good, perhaps next year, to celebrate women in the life of the church.

# **Global Church**

The service for Women's World Day of Prayer this year was prepared by the women of Suriname. - a salutary reminder again that there are many communities around the world about whom we know little and think less.

These women come from many different ethnic groups, some indigenous, others descended from Chinese or African slave-labourers brought in to work the coastal plantations. Each community celebrates its own culture , but each has its own development problems.

Environmental issues loom large, with poorly controlled Gold and Bauxite -mining polluting rivers and the immense rain-forest the "lungs of the world", always under threat.

Town-dwellers, including the inhabitants of the capital, Paramaribo, lack effective sanitation and reliable refuse-collection, so that drainage channels become blocked and unhealthy.

Climate-change is an ever-present anxiety, bringing frequent flooding and serious storm-damage. All these women, whether Christian or of other faiths need our prayers and ask us to pray with them.

## **From Women's World Day of Prayer service 2018**

Lord God creator of the world and God of all humanity, we come into your presence to ask for forgiveness for the harm and destruction we have done to your creation. Forgive us for our neglect of the world and our intolerance of others. We commit ourselves to be better stewards of your creation

Creator God, we forget that we are only borrowing the earth.

Guide us to manage your creation responsibly.

Change our minds and behaviours so that we minimise waste.

Protect those who depend on natural resources for their livelihood.

We pray your protection over all your creation. Amen

Janet Clarke



# Shirley House Interfaith Centre



Despite the winter weather we had several successful interfaith events in January to March, including talks on Zoroastrianism and 'My Christian Faith Journey', an art and craft evening and two 'Food and Friendship' bring and share dinners. We very nearly cancelled the last of these due to snow, but decided to go ahead, and welcomed an architecture student who is designing a multifaith worship building. He was wondering whether it would even be a realistic project when 'tension between faiths is higher than it has ever been'. We suggested that while this may be true, there is probably more interfaith dialogue going on than ever before, too. We hope to invite him back for a fuller discussion later in the year. At the art and craft evening we produced some more faith symbols for our wall and were worrying about how to make the Zoroastrian symbol; but our speaker the following month kindly made and donated one.

Unfortunately, however, due to bad weather some committee meetings were cancelled and we do not have dates for the next 'Food & Friendship' dinners. The next definite date is:

- Wednesday April 11<sup>th</sup> Film show 'Four Lions' 7.30 pm

In May we shall have a 'Show and Tell' evening about Faith Weddings; your own, one you have enjoyed, or maybe one that surprised you in some way?

All our events include refreshments and new people of any, all or no faith are always welcome. See the weekly pew sheet, the noticeboard at the entrance to Shirley House car park and [sheffieldinterfaith.org.uk](http://sheffieldinterfaith.org.uk) for details.

## **Theology Everywhere: some thoughts from Palestine**

St Andrews Psalter Lane is a supporting church for Rev John Howard, a Mission Partner at the Methodist Liaison office in Jerusalem . He writes a regular blog at [therevdjohnhoward.wordpress.com](http://therevdjohnhoward.wordpress.com)

It must now be four years since I first went to Wadi Fukin. The place name means “Valley of Thorns.” Tradition has it that the crown of thorns placed on Jesus’ head before the crucifixion came from Wadi Fukin. Today it is a fertile valley with a Palestinian village of the same name within it. It is situated near to the green line in an area where the Separation Barrier has not yet been built. You can observe, from the village, hundreds of people walking up the track that leads to the Israeli town of Tsur Hadasa, to travel on to destinations throughout Israel. For those who don’t have permits to enter Israel it is easy and ready access. (This of course puts paid to the argument that the Separation Barrier has reduced attacks in Israel. There are many ways to enter Israel from the West Bank without going through any checkpoints and without having a permit).

Today Wadi Fukin is a microcosm of what is happening throughout the West Bank. The Palestinian village is being squeezed by two developments, the settlement of Betar Illit and the town of Tsur Hahasar (which strictly speaking under international law has become an illegal settlement though until it developed over the green line it was an Israeli town). The huge building developments go on without any regard for the people already living there. Recently water has flooded a number of houses in Wadi Fukin as pipes from new roads being built in Tsur Hadasa deposit water directly into homes of Palestinians. There has been frequent dumping of sewage from Betar Illit into the valley below – why is not clear, but it seems that as the development has gone on apace, at times the sewage capacity in the settlement has been insufficient for the needs, the excess has simply flowed down onto fields and crops – creating both economic disaster for the farmers and a health hazard for the village.

What with one thing and another it had been six months since I had been to Wadi Fukin. I have to say that I was shocked by what I saw. On both sides of the village the illegal development was getting closer and closer to the village – taking up more and more of the Palestinian land. Some years ago the United Methodist Church gave a grant to develop the children's playground in Wadi Fukin. Over the last two years a football pitch and a seating area has been added. It is the only children's playground in Wadi Fukin. It has a demolition order on it. It is reputed that Betar Illit has sixty children's playgrounds – and of course none of them have demolition orders on them.

I may well sound very cynical and one sided in writing this blog. It's difficult not to feel that way when you sit in the village of Wadi Fukin. When I feel at my most charitable I feel that this is not deliberate mistreatment of Palestinians – it is simply that in these developments the decisions get made without any regard for the impact on Palestinians. I have to say that the longer I live here the fewer are those charitable moments!

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**Wi'am** (One of the Projects supported by the Jerusalem Liaison Office).

Wi'am is the Arabic word closest to the Greek word Agape usually translated "love" in English. Wi'am combines community activity with a style of conflict resolution known by the Arabic word "Sulha." In the condition Palestinians live in today, there are inevitably many conflicts between individuals and families. Wi'am seeks to resolve conflict non-violently by listening carefully to the parties involved and using the wider community to agree measures to address the reasons for the conflict. Wider family relationships are important in Palestine. A while back a murder occurred in Bethlehem and the family from whom the murdered woman came were looking for revenge - not simply against the murderer, who was convicted and imprisoned, but against the family from whom the murderer came. Wi'am arranged the means whereby the children of the murdered woman were taken care of for some of the time by members of the murderer's wider family. This enabled relationships to be rebuilt and at the same time the needs of the children who had lost their mother, to be established as a priority.

The project was founded by Zoughbi Zoughbi and for many years his name was almost synonymous with that of Wi'am. However Zoughbi is now the Programme Co-Ordinator for the World Council of Churches programme "the Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme for Palestine Israel" and the leadership of Wi'am has been passed on to a younger generation.

To know more about Wi'am please visit; [www.alaslah.org](http://www.alaslah.org)

## **A prayer**

Oh God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**Some photos from the blog will be on display in the Narthex.**

**As many of you will know, The World Council of Churches provides teams of Ecumenical Accompaniers for Peace in Palestine and Israel. Each EAPPI serves a three month period. You can find out more about their work at [ww.quaker.org.uk/our-work/international-work/eappi](http://ww.quaker.org.uk/our-work/international-work/eappi) The Society of Friends recruits British volunteers and recruitment for 2019 is currently open until 25<sup>th</sup> April.**

**Northern Women for Palestine and Kairos will be presenting an afternoon of life, food and farming in Palestine at St Andrews Psalter Lane on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May from 3.30 to 5.30pm with recipes and food to sample.**

## **By the book:**

**Mr Mac and Me by Esther Freud**

“My mother warned me early that I’d never go to sea. She’d caught me down by the harbour looking at the boats, watching and waiting for my chance to get offshore. ‘That’ll never do for you,’ she told me. And she turned my face inland and sent me on my way.”

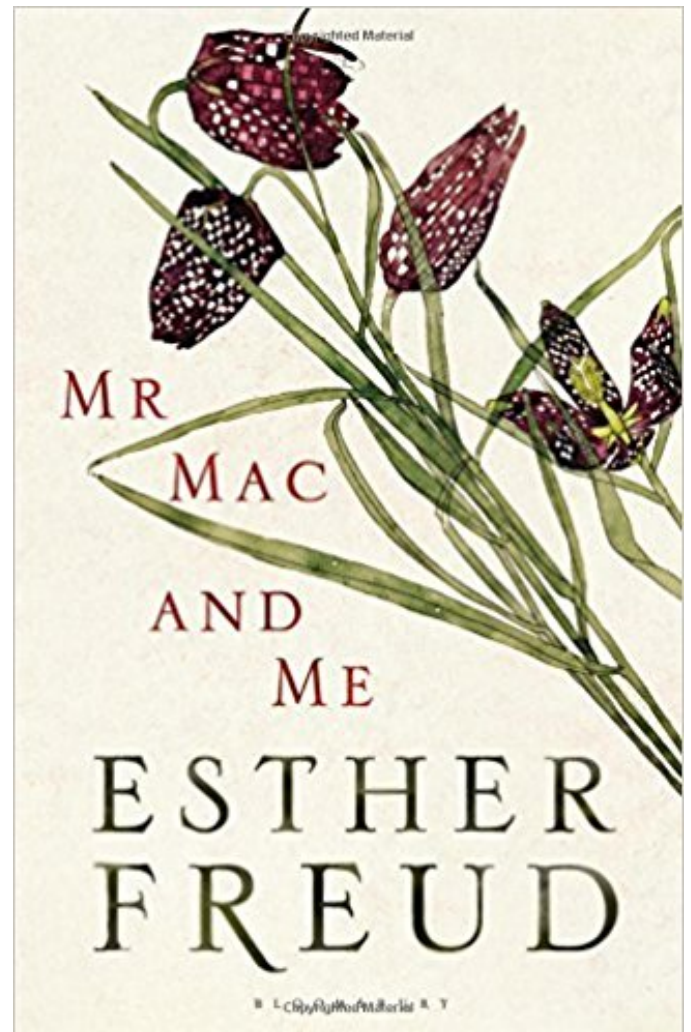
It is 1914 and Thomas Maggs, a young boy with a passion for the sea,

lives in a quiet village on the Suffolk coast. Some unusual visitors arrive: a taciturn Scotsman called Charles Rennie Mackintosh, who keeps to himself and roams the beach before dawn, and his enigmatic wife Margaret. Thomas is fascinated by the couple and gradually gets to know them. He discovers that Charles is an architect and Margaret an artist, and they encourage his love of drawing and design. The start of the war means that villagers are suspicious of strangers, and soon rumours spread about the couple. Thomas is the only one who knows the truth.

The book is based on fact: the Mackintoshes rented a house in Walberswick in 1914, and

Mackintosh was arrested and held in custody on suspicion of spying. Local pre-War life, with the craft of rope-making and industry of herring fishing; and the natural beauty of the area, is beautifully described. The relationship between a disillusioned man at the end of his career and an eager, naïve boy is well drawn.

Esther Freud, descendant of both Sigmund and Lucian, has created a lyrical and compelling portrait of a way of life about to change forever, and the transcendence of art.



Jean Allen

**Food and feasting will return in the next edition of Nexus**

# Gardening Notes: Time, Trees and Terrain

In the on going dispute between the trees and the council here in Sheffield it will surprise none of you to find that I am on the side of the trees. Good news on this front is in short supply. But it seems that the now famous 'Chelsea Elm' has had a reprieve. On February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2-meter lengths were taken from the top of the crown, a dead limb was removed and some low branches that were hanging into the street were removed. The day was cold with a strong easterly wind, it was just before the heavy



snow. The work was done by Amey arbs and supervised by Sheffield Wildlife Trust and an independent observer from Manchester. Through the day the branches that had been trimmed off were checked for butterfly eggs. (The White Letter Hairstreak spends the longest part of its life cycle as an egg, July to April, and they are tiny!) A group of the wildlife trust employees and some volunteers examined every branch removed until it was too dark to see.

One egg was found at 16:30! A bundle of carefully selected twigs were taken to make cuttings of this resistant tree. There was no security presence and the men doing the trimming of the tree thanked us for our cooperation. Apparently plans have been agreed to plant several elm trees in the grass verge all the way between that tree and Chelsea park so that the butterfly colony is not isolated. So there is hope yet!

Now is the time to finish turning over the part of you garden you will use for vegetables. We have had long periods when access has been impossible, now time is short, even though the days are long.

Sowing seeds is the cheapest way to have a big, varied display in your garden. Saving the packets from year to year will only work with larger seeds. Some are not worth the effort after one year. So don't try with Asters or Parsnips. When you plant your seeds into pots put labels on them. No, you won't remember! Mark the name and the date you put them in. The pots and labels ought to be clean. This was not just a job invented by Victorian gardeners to fill the time. Cleaning reduces the risk of passing on plant diseases and pests. Old plastic labels are best dealt with by using a rubber to move last year's script, then washing in soapy water. I prefer pencil to marker pen. It doesn't fade in the sun and facilitates re use.

Don't be in a rush to put your tender subjects outside. The official date for the



last frost is mid-May. I usually leave Pumpkins until June. Cloches are a boon at this time of year or horticultural fleece for larger areas.

Good luck this season. May your only problem be too much produce!

Bill

## **Eco Church**

Your eco-correspondent was saying to a friend the other day that he dislikes news that is “non-news” rather than “fake news”. A good example of “non-news” for him is a journalist’s anticipation of the decision which might (or might not) be made at a significant meeting. Another example is the headline prediction of really bad weather in three month’s time, say a long cold snap in August or even an exceptionally mild 2018/9 winter. Unfortunately this report only contains news of plans and forthcoming events, but hopefully they will make people more aware of the need for a proper stewardship of the whole creation which is God’s gift to us.

So what is going on eco-wise in and around SAPLC over the next few months?

The eco-survey to be carried out by two Sheffield City Council experts, has been arranged and approved by our Church Council. It concerns the part of the churchyard land to the south of the drive leading to the church’s side door, and which also includes the fenced off and gated area adjacent to this and the church building itself. It is only when we receive the report on this survey that we will be able to make good plans for the ecologically effective use of this area.

The eco-group is going to host and help set up a “Carbon Footprint Drop-in” on the afternoon and evening of Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May in Shirley House. This will be part of Sheffield’s Environment Weeks 2018. The ideas for this are now being developed and it promises to be a really worthwhile event.

The eco-group works closely with the churchyard volunteer gardeners in their efforts to keep tidy, ordered, and even to beautify our land. This work begins in earnest in April and continues through to November. Of course there is always lots to be done in the winter,

when snow permits. There are only a few of us who regularly on the first Saturday of each month, pitch up to help. The few really do need to be the many (parallel with the feeding of the 5000?) for our Church properly to manage its land and develop the ideas arising from the survey (see I.) Please, please can you lend a hand? Gardeners of all levels of expertise and enthusiasm are so welcome even if their only previous experience is looking into the garden shed.

May your own gardens, green areas and window boxes welcome the Risen Lord on Easter Day.

*Anthony Ashwell on behalf of the eco-group.*



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## **Church and Community**

### **Knit and Knatter**

Mondays 10-12 noon Knit and Knatter. In Shirley House. Contact:  
Alison Gregg, 266 5638.

**Parent and Baby Group: New baby in the family?** Join our friendly group of parents - Mums and/or Dads with babies up to 12 months. Friday mornings during term time 10.00 – 11.30 at St Andrew's Psalter Lane Church. It's a chance to meet other new parents in friendly relaxed surroundings. Refreshments teas, coffees, other beverages and home made cakes. Cost: £1. 50 per family per week Contact Muriel on 2551473 or Jean 2550198

### **17<sup>th</sup> Sheffield Monday Brownies**

Mondays at St Andrew's Hall from 5.45pm – 7.15pm. If you are at all interested, please contact Chris Venables. 07950 432487 for further information.

### **17<sup>th</sup> Sheffield Brownies – Chris Venables**

During the Spring Term, as well as traditionally popular activities such as cooking and swimming, the Brownies have participated in some special one-off events starting with a visit from Julie MacDonald, a former County Commissioner for Girlguiding, Lady Cutler and more recently High Sheriff of Yorkshire – the latter being by Royal appointment.

To celebrate their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the Trefoil Guild (for former



members of Girlguiding) produced a special badge for members of Girlguiding which led to the Brownies, after looking at Julie's High Sheriff's costume, trying on some old Brownie uniforms and with the help of a 1943 – 2018 Timeline, considering how life has changed over the decades. We then shined some old pennies and talked about what Brownies used to have to have in their pockets.

To help test Girlguiding UK's new Brownie activities, the girls chose and have trialled Soapy Solutions (how to clean hands covered in paint), Doggy Language (considering dog's feelings) and Triple Boxer (3 boxing moves). For our annual Thinking Day celebrations in February, we cooked pancakes and with Carla, a PhD student from America, tried out some American Brownie resources including a self reflection challenge. In March, the girls enjoyed their visit to Southcroft to sing songs and restart a Pen-pal relationship with some of the residents.

## **Church Family**

**Congratulations to** Congratulations to Jayarna Burnham, Lanaya Silverwood, Rex Hardy and Jay Holmes and their families following their baptisms.

**We remember with gratitude** friends who have recently died: We remember with gratitude the following current or former church members who have died, and hold their families and friends in our prayers: Katharine Lamb, John Shuker, Joan Lee and Isolyn Jackson.

**Our thoughts and prayers are with** Barbara Charles following the death of her brother Dr Gordon Sharpe; those who are unwell or have been in hospital, especially John Naylor, Jenny Banks and Lisa Solk, daughter of Margaret and Trevor Mann.

## **John Shuker: a tribute from Barbara Shuker**

John was born on 14<sup>th</sup> September 1941 in Cresswell, Derbyshire to Lawrence and Mabel Shuker. He was the eldest of four siblings. Shortly after his birth, his father joined the RAF and was sent to serve on Gibraltar. His grandfather John became a father figure and a strong

influence and John loved him dearly.

John was confirmed in the Church of England but later joined the Methodist Church where he built up a Youth Club from around 4 members to 70 or 80.

He studied Maths, Physics and Chemistry past A level and went to work in the Research Laboratories at General Refractories. Deciding on a change of profession, he joined his father working with the Eyres Group and this was the start of his life in the furniture trade. He rose through the ranks and was given the task of running the Roberts Brothers store, rather like the John Lewis store today, situated on the Moor in Sheffield. He changed it from a multiple departmental store into carpets and beds, no mean feat!

When the privately owned group decided to sell out the stores were vacated and John decided to buy the Worksop store and subsequently the Mansfield store. Working seven days a week, together with his brother, Paul, the stores became very successful and John's son Richard continues to run the stores to this day. He was delighted to be entered into Who's Who as a noteworthy person with an impact on British Life. John married Pat (Janie) in 1960 and Sally was born in 1967 followed by Richard in 1970. They were blessed with four granddaughters and just two and a half years ago a great grandson. Sadly Pat developed breast cancer and passed away at the age of 57.

John loved sport. From the early 90's and into the 200's he was a director, and subsequently chairman of Worksop Town football club. Possibly even more than his love of football, he was an absolute cricket fanatic.. Whilst working at the Chesterfield store he would spend his lunch hours watching Chesterfield Cricket Club play at Queens Park. He visited many cricketing venues including the Long room at Lords. Never one to miss an England game and although he was a solid sleeper and not normally an early riser, Barbara would wake at 4 am and notice that he was missing, only to find that England were playing Australia and John was in front of the television. He and Barbara would go to all the Cricket Lovers' dinners at the Omega where many of the famous cricketing legends were guest speakers. At the last one he attended, Joe Root signed his autograph.

It was at a cricketing dinner at Abbeydale Sports Club that John met Barbara. It was an instant attraction, which John interpreted as 'love at first sight'. John proposed on a Mediterranean Cruise, visiting Rome

and going down on one knee in the Sistine Chapel. They were married at Hassop Hall 11 years ago, surrounded by family and friends, followed by a blessing at St Andrews Psalter Lane on a beautiful sunny Easter Day. It was the start of a wonderfully happy marriage, full of love and laughter and Barbara has promised John to focus now on treasuring the years they have shared together.

In John's own words, 'he has had a great life'. He enjoyed his years in business and his relationships with colleagues. He travelled the world, visiting 47 countries at a recent count. He has had two happy marriages and a wonderful family. He will be sadly missed but remembered as a gentleman, always immaculately dressed, generous and genuine, down to earth with a quick wit. He never had a hangover in spite of enjoying a gin and tonic at 6pm and a couple of whiskies at 10pm. So here's to you John – may you rest in peace.

## **Young SAPLC**

**Sandcastles:** Our monthly service for younger children and their parents/carers is on the second Sunday of the month at 9.15. All church members are welcome to attend these services and share in the worship with this part of the church family.

**Junior Church:** (Pebbles 3-5, Stones 6-10,) is during the main service at 10.30. Children between 2 and 3 can join in the youngest group (Pebbles) with a parent/carer)

## **About our services**

### **Sunday Services**

**Normal pattern:** 10.30 am Service: 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays Holy Communion service; 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Morning Worship

**Monthly services:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Sandcastles at 9.15 am

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday – Holy Communion at 9.15 am (using Common Worship and the Book of Common Prayer)

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday – Holy Communion at Southcroft, 6.30 pm

Please note that the bread used in our communion services is gluten free. Both fermented and unfermented communion wines are used.

### **Wednesday Services**

At the 10.00 Communion service on Wednesdays, we reflect together

on a piece of spiritual writing. This may be from one of the Christian traditions, or sometimes from another tradition of faith. The person leading the service will make copies of the piece of writing to give out to everyone. Come and enjoy an oasis of reflective calm in the middle of a busy week, and join us for coffee or tea afterwards.

## **The Church AGM**

The Annual Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April after the morning service, in church. There will be reports on the work of the church and associated organisations, and we will elect the new Ecumenical Church Council. Please make every effort to attend, and consider standing for election as a Warden or Steward, or member of the Ecumenical Church Council. It would be good to bring the average age of the ECC down by a decade or so!

We need to find a new person to join the team of Stewards and Wardens to replace Rodney Godber. The post is open to all Joint and Anglican members. Please think seriously about whether you could fill this position, which is vital to the life of the church. If you wish to stand, or would like to find out what is involved, please speak to Gareth or the current team (Rodney Godber, Judith Loveman, Muriel Roberts, Anne Hollows)

## **The Tuesday Café**

The Tuesday Café, our café for people living with memory loss or dementia and their carers opened in the middle of March. The café takes place in the narthex in church on Tuesday mornings between 10.00 a.m. - 12 noon . We intend that it will be open every Tuesday of the year (except Christmas Day!) The café offers hot drinks, biscuits and homemade cakes, music, memory activities, and the opportunity for a chat. The café already has a good group of volunteers from the congregation and we are also grateful to those who have offered to

bake for us. If you know anyone who might be interested in coming to the café, do please take flyer with all the information. If you are interested in helping, please speak to Judith Roberts.

## During Holy Week

The church will be open Monday to Thursday (26th - 29th March) and Saturday (31st March) in Holy Week between 11.00 am and 1.30 pm for prayer and reflection.

## CHURCH DIARY

### APRIL

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am onwards	Working Party	
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Interfaith event - Film show 'Four Lions'	Interfaith Centre, Shirley House
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am onwards	Working Party	
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	12 noon	Annual Church Meeting, followed by Soup & Puddings lunch	Church
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Eco-Group Meeting	Narthex
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Property and Finance Meeting	Interfaith Room
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	Worship Planning Group meeting	

### MAY

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	7.30 pm	Leadership Team Meeting	Narthex
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am onwards	Working Party	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.30 pm	ECC meeting	Narthex
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am onwards	Working Party	
<b>13<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup></b>		<b>Christian Aid Week</b>	
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 – 8.00 pm	Eco- event - Carbon Footprint Drop-In	Shirley House

## APRIL – MAY SERVICES

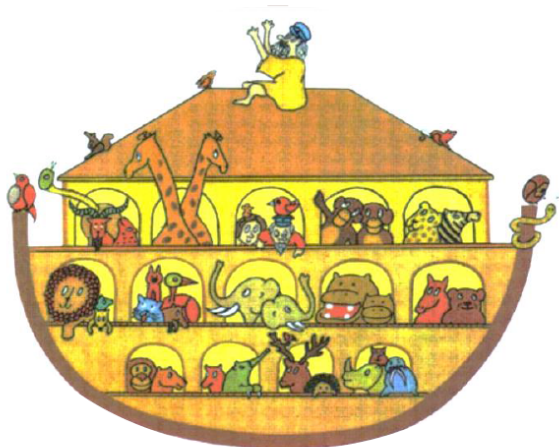
<b>April 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Easter Day</b>	
10.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Gareth Jones</i>
<b>April 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>	
9.15 am	Sandcastles	
10.30 am	Morning Worship	<i>David Humphreys</i>
6.30 pm	Holy Communion at Southcroft	<i>Revd Anthony Ashwell</i>
<b>April 15<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	
10.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Gareth Jones</i>
<b>April 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b>	
9.15 am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Gareth Jones</i>
10.30 am	Morning Worship	<i>Judith Roberts</i>
<b>April 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b>	
10.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Anthony Ashwell</i>
<b>May 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	
10.30 am	Holy Communion . <i>We welcome our friends from Nether Edge Quakers to our service this morning</i>	<i>Revd Gareth Jones</i>
<b>May 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	
9.15 am	Sandcastles	
10.30 am	Morning Worship	<i>Imogen Clout</i>
6.30 pm	Holy Communion at Southcroft	<i>Revd Gareth Jones</i>
<b>May 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Pentecost</b>	
10.30 am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Gareth Jones</i>
<b>May 27<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Trinity Sunday</b>	
9.15 am	Holy Communion	<i>Revd Gareth Jones</i>
10.30 am	Morning Worship	<i>Judith Roberts</i>

# Sterndale Singers

Conducted by Robert Webb

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2018 – 6.00 to 8.00pm**

**St Andrew's Church, Psalter Lane, S11 8YL**



*Flanders and Horovitch*

**Captain Noah and  
His Floating Zoo**

*Matthew Harris*

**Shakespeare Songs**

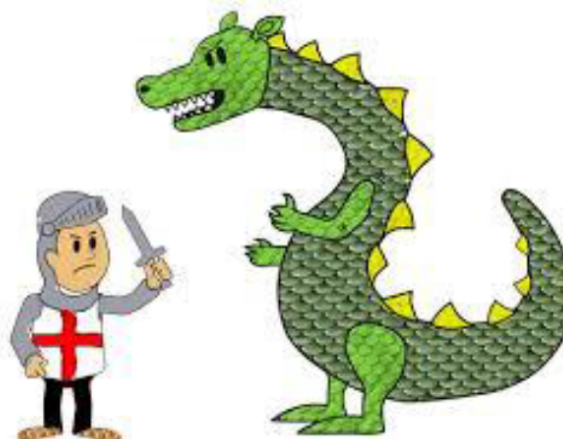
*Robert Webb*

**St George  
and the Dragon**

Piano: Jonathan Gooing

Percussion: Matthew Dabbs

Soloists: Clare Wheat, David Watkin-Holmes, Peter Taylor



Tickets in advance: £8.00; Students: £5.00

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