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Sunday

8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion (2 nd & 4 th Sundays)
10.30 a.m.	Sung Communion and Junior Church (4 th Sunday – Family Service)
18.00 p.m.	Occasional Special Services as announced

Tuesday

10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
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To receive Communion at home when you are sick or housebound, or to have the name of a departed friend or relation entered in the Book of Remembrance, please contact one of the clergy or Wardens.

For Baptisms, Marriages or Funerals please phone Philip (Priest-in-Charge) on 0161 338 2368. Baptisms are usually conducted at 12.30 pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

From Our Book of Remembrance

1 Aug	Norman Wood	1956	16 Aug	Walker Ratcliffe	1938
	Jesse Brierley	2000		Colin Mark Press	1982
2 Aug	Patricia Anne Southerin	1991		Gertrude Ireson	1997
	John David Southerin	1991	17 Aug	Arthur Cottrill	1985
3 Aug	Florence Newton	1982	20 Aug	Fred Wrigley	1998
	Anthony Wray	1982		Rose Kemp	2003
	Ellen Cooper	1996		Richard Arthur de	2006
4 Aug	William Smith	1990		Yarburgh-Bateson	
	Agnes Swindells	2013	21 Aug	Richard Grantham	1979
5 Aug	George Buckley	1956		Mary Maddock	1997
	Thomas Hudson	1984		Adele Ann Clifford	1981
6 Aug	Norman Holt	1976	23 Aug	Jack Mitchell	1964
	Mary Turner	1998		Wadsworth	
8 Aug	Olive Greenwood	1988		Charles Horner	1997
	Esther Mary Osgood	2013	25 Aug	Florence May Gee	1975
9 Aug	Elsie Andrews	1993		Ernest Lomas	1991
	Ethel Rebecca Hirst	1989		Harry Swindells	1994
	May Longden	2013	26 Aug	Adam Kirk Gordon Tye	1988
10 Aug	Louis Vickers	1997		Frederick Cook	1998
11 Aug	Amanda Jane Sedgwick	1951	27 Aug	Martin James Sweeney	1966
	Joseph Parkinson	1958		Joan Roberts	2001
	Bernard Gudgeon	1987		Joan Cathrine Hartnett	2004
	Beatrice Newton	1990		Owen Bartley	2007
13 Aug	Vera Lydiate	1990	29 Aug	Frank Charlesworth	1981
14 Aug	Edward Barlow	1975		Marion Styan	1994
	Hugh Darbyshire	2006	30 Aug	Peter Steven Turnbull	1982
	Mildred Standing	2009		Harold Davenport	1999
15 Aug	William Frederick Ireson	1942		Mona Jones	2010
	Ellen Mawdsley	1985	31 Aug	John Cowman	1989
	Ann Dunn	2007		Jean Cooper	2010
				Diane Bardsley	1994



BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

To have the name of a loved one entered into this special book, and remembered in our intercessions for their anniversary please have a word with one of the wardens or one of the clergy.

The cost for the special inscription is £10 per entry

From the Registers

Baptisms

We welcome into the Lord's family

5 July

Eva Leigh Turner, Longridge Avenue, Stalybridge

Lucy Elizabeth Egan, Wells Drive, Dukinfield

18 July

Thomas Edward Stevenson, Regina Avenue, Stalybridge

Charlotte Lily Hannah Stevenson, Regina Avenue, Stalybridge

Amelia-Paige Stevenson, Regina Avenue, Stalybridge

19 July

Ricco Kayden Wenjere, Hawkshead Close, Stalybridge

Amelia Grace Abigail Winters, Copley Park Mews, Stalybridge

Weddings

God is love, and those who live in love abide in God, and God lives in them

4 July

Gary Lee Wilding and Kayley Jane Sanderson

18 July

William and Lucy Louise Yates

Blessing after Civil Marriage

25 July

Leslie John and Dawn Watts

Blessing after Civil Marriage

Funerals

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

2 July

Glenis Welsh (age 70 years) Stamford Court Nursing Home, Stalybridge

5 July

Kenneth Bradshaw (age 83 years) Dewsnap Lane, Dukinfield

Interment of ashes

23 July

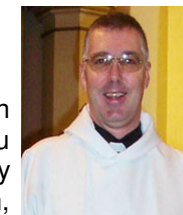
Joan Howarth (age 89 years) Blandford House, Stalybridge

24 July

Marjorie Lofthouse (age 83 years) Kingsfield Care Home, Ashton-under-Lyne

Interment of ashes

The Plague and the Cross



High up in the Derbyshire hills is a pretty little village which shows the signs of being one of those peaceful places you might wish to retire to. However, three hundred and fifty years ago this month, the signs which were evident then, were not at all pleasant, nor pretty. For this is the terrible plague village of Eyam, or, as one of the locals quite forcefully put it to me on a visit there, not Eyam, as I had pronounced it, but E'em as in ice-cream.

The bubonic plague was rife in London, having been brought to this country from China via the trade routes. The carriers of this dreadful disease were not the black rats as we commonly think, but fleas which lived on the rats.

Late in August 1665, the local tailor, George Viccars, ordered a parcel of cloth from London. When it arrived, it was damp, so he decided to dry it in front of the fire. Just two days later Viccars developed a fever and swellings, with a rose-red rash covering the whole of his body. On 7th September, the tailor became the first victim of the bubonic plague in Eyam. The plague had come with ferocity to this quiet Derbyshire village. It is now thought that the cloth which came from London was infected with the dormant germs, which, when warmed, became ever active.

Within six weeks, two more people from the same house where Viccars was lodging, caught the plague and died. Neighbours, too, became ill, and many fled for their lives. The Rector of the parish, Revd William Mompesson, assisted by his non-conformist colleague Thomas Stanley, persuaded his parishioners, through his wisdom and courage, that their Christian duty was to stay within the boundaries of the village and so stop the epidemic from spreading to the rest of Derbyshire. Eyam literally cut itself off from the outside world in an act of communal heroism, knowing full well that everyone in the village would probably die after catching the plague. Neighbouring villages came to their aid by leaving food for the people at what is now called Mompesson's Well, one and a half miles from the village, and payment was made with coins left in jars of vinegar, so as to disinfect them, or left on the Coolstone, again using vinegar to disinfect the coins.

As the number of victims gradually increased, doctors tried to stamp out the plague by quarantining the sufferers and their families. Healthy and sick were enclosed together and their doors marked with a red cross. The medicine prescribed was a mixture of olive oil, dragon water (whatever that is!), onion and pepper, garlic and vinegar, sage, elder and bramble leaves. If that didn't kill the germs, it was sure to kill the patient! People were also

advised to carry nosegays, or posies of sweet smelling flowers, to ward off the plague. This ritual has been passed on to us in the well-known nursery rhyme, Ring A Ring o' Roses...

Needless to say, these measures had little effect.

The dead were quickly buried in rough graves near to their homes. One of the sadder moments of the plague's death grip was the suffering of the Hancock family. Mrs Hancock buried her husband and six children in the space of eight days, in what are known as the Riley graves on Riley Lane.

Eyam church itself was closed and services were held in the open air in a natural hollow known as Cucklett Delf, so that there would be less danger of catching the plague from anyone sitting nearby in a pew.

For fourteen months, between 1665 and 1666, out of the village population of three hundred and fifty people, at least two hundred and sixty of them died from the dreaded plague.

Some people will go to any lengths to rescue others in distress. You only have to think of firefighters or those who man lifeboats in today's world to realise that this is true, as it was true for the villagers of Eyam in days past.

Even today, people are still moved by an example of supreme love: "The greatest love a man can have for his friends is to lay down his life for them". Jesus Christ went to the lengths of the Cross to save, not just a village, but the whole world from an even greater plague - the plague of sin and death. Unlike the bubonic plague, sin is no flea-bite. It is an overwhelming infection, which rages through human nature. Its invisible germs cause envy, greed, hatred and murder. Sin breaks apart everything that is good and wholesome - it depraves the innocent, exploits the weak and holds nations to ransom. Human remedies are about as effective as a 'pocket full of posies' - a children's ill-reminder of the deep-seated illness. Politicians, educationalists, sociologists and psychologists cannot find the cure. Only an acceptance of Jesus' finished work will make us fully whole. It is a personal invitation to each one of us, and the whole family of humankind in general.

Today, you can still see the grim reminders of an unhealthy past at Eyam. The way in which the community stayed together as a total commitment to the outside world has earned them a place in history. The family of villagers saved its life by being willing to lose it. They followed the example of our Lord's love which stopped at nothing short of death as it descended to the depths. It is this downward movement which is the

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symbol of Christian service, for, however low humanity sinks into sin, Christians must always be ready to step down, to place their arms underneath and lift them up.

If we isolate ourselves from the world, we too, will die, but ours would not be a sacrifice of Christian love and giving, rather the opposite. Our work is in the world. We must always be alert to the dangers of self-centredness. Not that we should be opposed to the family circle, providing it is always seeking to enlarge its circumference, setting no limits to its relationships.

In the months and years ahead, will we be an inward-looking family? Or one which will not be afraid of infecting other people with God's love, and our Lord's saving power of the Cross. Pray to God that it's the latter.

Philip

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**.....One Man Went To Mow (but
he'd like some help,
please)**

The team of volunteers who keep the graveyard looking so well cared for are in desperate need of more help. If you are able to do a bit of mowing - either as a regular thing or just periodically, then please turn up any Tuesday morning (unless the weather is really bad) and you will be welcomed with open arms. Liquid refreshment is also provided. Maybe you know someone who is retired, has some spare time and enjoys gardening - if so, please spread the word around. Many thanks.



200 CLUB

The 200 Club winners for July are:

1st Prize	£30	89	Margaret Smith
2nd Prize	£15	49	Rod Mellor
3rd Prize	£ 5	55	Nancy Neild

There are still some spare numbers available and new members are always welcome—remember the more members we have the more money is raised for Church Funds. The cost is £12 per year per number. If you would like to join please see Rose Hayward or ring 303 1731.

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Smile Lines - A lighter look at life!

Newspaper headlines where you know what they meant, but....!

Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide

Red Tape Holds Up New Bridges

Man Struck By Lightning: Faces Battery Charge

New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group

Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft

Kids Make Nutritious Snacks

Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half

Hospitals are Sued by Seven Foot Doctors

Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead

Techie trouble

The vicar at our local church experienced some technical problems with the sound system one Sunday. Instead of starting the service as usual with 'The Lord be with you', he said: "There's something wrong with the microphone."

Not hearing this, the congregation responded: "And also with you."

Keep it short

The minister stood up and said: "Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. You'll be glad to know that when I asked my secretary to type this sermon out for me I asked her to eliminate any thing that was dull or confusing. So in conclusion...."

Grace

The graduation banquet was about to begin when the master of ceremonies was informed that the invited clergyman would not be able to attend. He quickly asked the main speaker to give the blessing. The speaker nodded, rose, bowed his head and in all sincerity, said: "There being no clergyman present, let us thank God."

Weight

Signing the register at a wedding, the groom had difficulty in making his ball-point pen work. "Put you weight on it," said the vicar. So the groom complied: 'John Smith (eleven stone, four pounds)'



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Readings and Psalms for August 2015

Sun 2 nd	9th Sunday after Trinity 10.30 Exodus 16.2-4,9-15; Psalm 78.23-29; Ephesians 4.1-16; John 6.24-35
Tues 4 th	10.30 Numbers 12.1-13; Psalm 51.1-8; Matthew 14.22-end
Sun 9 th	10th Sunday after Trinity 8.30 1 Kings 19.4-8; John 6.35,41-51 10.30 1 Kings 19.4-8; Psalm 34.1-8; Ephesians 4.25-5.2; John 6.35,41-51
Tues 11 th	10.30 Deuteronomy 31.1-8; Psalm 107.1-3,42-end; Matthew 18.1-5,10,12-14
Sun 16 th	11th Sunday after Trinity 10.30 Proverbs 9.1-6; Psalm 34.9-14; Ephesians 5.15-20; John 6.51-58
Tues 18 th	10.30 Judges 6.11-24; Psalm 85.8-end; Matthew 19.23-end
Sun 23 rd	12th Sunday after Trinity 8.30 Joshua 24.1-2a,14-18; John 6.56-69 10.30 Joshua 24.1-2a,14-18; Psalm 34.15-end; Ephesians 6.10-20; John 6.56-69
Tues 25 th	10.30 1 Thessalonians 2.1-8; Psalm 139.1-9; Matthew 23.23-26
Sun 30 th	13th Sunday after Trinity 10.30 James 1.17-end; Mark 7.1-8,14,15,21-23 BCP Holy Communion



If anyone would like to take up the bread and wine at the offertory—to celebrate a special occasion, in memory of a loved one or just to take part, please have a word with one of the wardens or clergy for any Sunday this year.

All in the month of AUGUST

It was:

250 years ago, on 14th Aug 1765 that the colonists in Boston, Massachusetts staged their first challenge to British rule – a protest against the Stamp Act.

175 years ago, on 7th Aug 1840 that the British Parliament passed the Chimney Sweepers and Chimneys Regulations Act (1840) which banned the use of climbing children to clean the inside of chimneys.

150 years ago, on 12th Aug 1865 that British surgeon Joseph Lister became the first person in the world to use an antiseptic dressing (lint dipped in carbolic acid) to treat a wound. It healed successfully and his results were reported in the medical journal The Lancet in 1867.

100 years ago, on 21st Aug 1915 that Italy declared war on the Ottoman Empire (now Turkey).

90 years ago, on 5th Aug 1925 that the Welsh nationalist political party Plaid Cymru was founded.

75 years ago, on 17th Aug 1940 that Germany began a naval blockade of the British Isles.

Also 75 years ago, on 20th Aug 1940 that Winston Churchill paid tribute to the Royal Air Force in a famous House of Commons speech, saying, 'Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.'

70 years ago, on 14th Aug 1945 that V-J Day took place. Japan announced its unconditional surrender ending WWII in the Pacific.

65 years ago, on 15th Aug 1950 that Princess Anne, the Princess Royal, was born.

50 years ago, on 20th Aug 1965 that the song 'I Can't Get No Satisfaction' was released in the UK by the Rolling Stones.

30 years ago, on 22nd Aug 1985 that a British Airtours Boeing 737 burst into flames at Manchester Airport after an engine caught fire and a fuel tank ruptured. 55 people were killed.

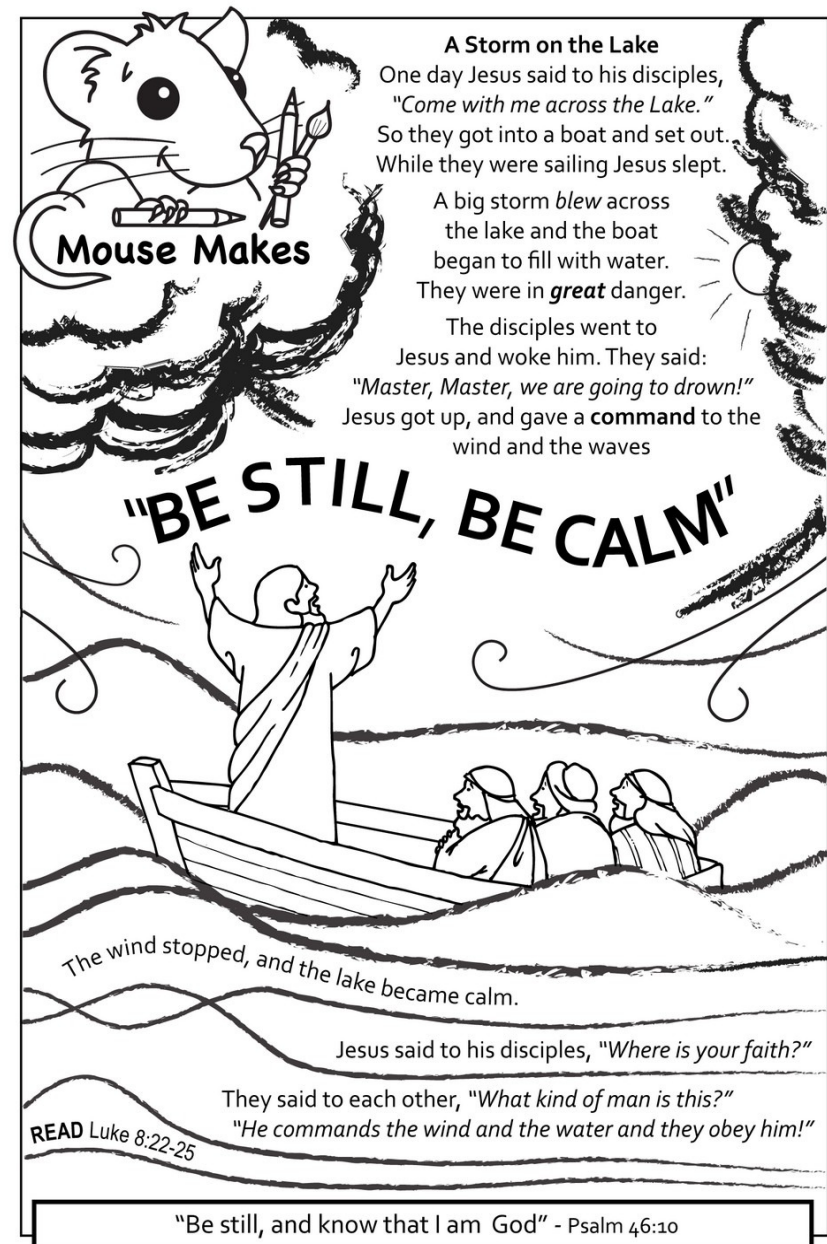
25 years ago, on 2nd Aug 1990 that Iraq invaded Kuwait during the Gulf War. This led to Operation Desert Storm in early 1991. Coalition victory. Also 25 years ago, 24th Aug 1990 that Irish teacher and writer Brian Keenan was released after being held hostage in Beirut, Lebanon, for more than four years.

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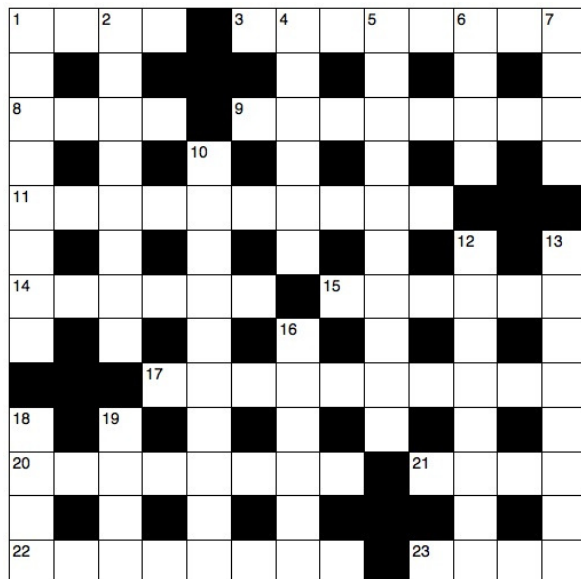
15 years ago, on 4th Aug 2000 that Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, celebrated her 100th birthday.

10 years ago, on 23rd Aug 2005 that Hurricane Katrina hit the Bahamas, Cuba and the southern US states. New Orleans was 80% flooded for several weeks. More than 1,800 people were killed, and it was the most costly natural disaster in US history.

Children's Page



August Crossword



Across

1 and 3 Two of the disciples who witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus (Luke 9:28) (4,3,5). 3. See 1 Across , 8. 'Let us draw — to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith' (Hebrews 10:22) (4), 9. O Simon is (anag.) (8), 11. Form of government under the direct rule of God or his agents (10), 14. How Jesus found his disciples when he returned to them after praying in Gethsemane (Luke 22:45) (6), 15. In The Pilgrim's Progress, the name of the meadow into which Christian strayed, which led to Doubting Castle (2-4), 17. Glad sin rat (anag.) (10), 20. Spinal column (Leviticus 3:9) (8), 21. Valley of the Balsam Tree with a reputation of being a waterless place (Psalm 84:6) (4), 22. The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one — — sees clearly' (Numbers 24:3) (5,3), 23. Adam and Eve's third son (Genesis 4:25) (4)

Down

1. David's great friend (1 Samuel 20:17) (8), 2. 'The Lord... will bring me safely to his — kingdom' (2 Timothy 4:18) (8), 4. 'I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; — — or wine touched my lips' (Daniel 10:3) (2,4), 5. Seeking to vindicate (Job 32:2) (10), 6. Female servant (Isaiah 24:2) (4), 7. 'For Christ died for — once for all' (1 Peter 3:18) (4), 10. 'Offering spiritual sacrifices — to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Peter 2:5) (10), 12. Jesus said that some people had renounced this 'because of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 19:12) (8), 13. One of the three men thrown into the furnace for refusing to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image (Daniel 3:20) (8), 16. 'You have — of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry' (Luke 12:19) (6), 18 'There before me was a white horse! Its rider held — — , and he was given a crown' (Revelation 6:2) (1,3), 19. Equipment to Charity Hospitals Overseas (1,1,1,1),

Some dates for your diary - August 2015

Saturday	1st	2.00p.m.	Ladies Day Afternoon Tea and Bubbly
Sunday	2nd	Trinity 9 - Proper 13	
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist
Tuesday	4th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Saturday	8th	2.00p.m.	Wedding
Sunday	9th	Trinity 10 - Proper 14	
		8.30p.m.	Holy Communion
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist
Tuesday	11th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Saturday	15th	2.00pm	Fair Trade Afternoon Tea
Sunday	16th	Trinity 11 - Proper 15	
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism x 2
Tuesday	18th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Saturday	22nd	1.00p.m.	Wedding
Sunday	23rd	Trinity 12 - Proper 16	
		8.30a.m.	Holy Communion
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist
		2.00p.m.	Men's Crown Green Bowling
Tuesday	25th	10.30a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday	30th	Trinity 13 - Proper 17	
		10.30a.m.	Parish Eucharist - B.C.P
		12.30p.m.	Holy Baptism x 2

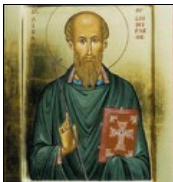
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July Crossword Solution

ACROSS: 1, Sabbatical. 7, Opinion. 8, Laing. 10, Olga. 11, Galilean. 13, Sardis. 15, Severe. 17, Adultery. 18, Flea. 21, Swazi. 22, Acetate. 23, Revelation.

DOWN: 1, Sling. 2, Brim. 3, Annual. 4, Ill-timed. 5, Abilene. 6, Colossians. 9, Gennesaret. 12, Diatribe. 14, Roulade. 16, Errata. 19, Learn. 20, Levi.



Saint of the Month 31 August

Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, Missionary, 651

Aidan was a monk of Irish origin and Celtic faith. He lived at the monastery in Iona, and was sent to Northumbria in answer to a request from the King of Northumbria, Oswald (feast day 5 August), for missionaries. Iona was the powerhouse of Celtic Christianity and the principal monastery of the Irish and Picts. Aidan was chosen to lead the second group of missionaries to Northumbria. The first mission was under the leadership of a severe bishop who returned home complaining of the uncouthness of the people.

Aidan was given the island of Lindisfarne by King Oswald, and was consecrated bishop in 635. He travelled widely on the mainland, often in the company of Oswald, who initially acted as his interpreter. He is recorded as being a man of charity, miracles and kindness.

We learn much of Aidan's life from Bede, who writes of him with praise and affection and states simply that Aidan was held in high regard because he lived as he taught. He introduced monastic values of penance and prayer to his converts, celebrated Easter according to the ancient Celtic date and tradition, and established monasteries as centres of faith and education. As such, Aidan is the supreme example of the passion and power of Celtic Christianity.

After the death of Oswald at the hands of Penda, the pagan ruler of Mercia, Aidan continued to evangelize the region, aided by more monks from the monastery at Iona. He supported King Oswin of Deira, (a kingdom in Northern England which stretched from the Humber to the Tees, and from the sea to the western edge of the Vale of York) and continued to enjoy freedom to preach and travel. During his time Christianity was firmly rooted in Northumbria, and Lindisfarne established as a leading monastic base. A representative of the Celtic tradition, Irish by birth, Scottish by education and monastic by formation, Aidan Christianized Northern England, and established Celtic Christianity as a credible force, which Bede (feast day 25 May) acknowledges

[Aidan] loved to give away to the poor who chanced to meet him whatever he received from kings or wealthy folk.

Whether in town or country, he always travelled on foot unless compelled by necessity to ride; and whatever people he met on his walks, whether high or low, he stopped and spoke to them. If they were heathen, he urged them to be baptized; and if they were Christians, he strengthened their faith, and inspired them by word and deed to live a good life and to be generous to others. Bede: Ecclesiastical History, III.5

Picnic in the Park

(with Rounders...19th July 2015)

After the morning service on 19th July children and leaders from Junior Church plus members of the church family at St. George's went to Cheetham's park for a picnic and a game of All Age Rounders. This was to celebrate the wonderful time we have had in Junior Church during the past year and continue these celebrations from the prizegiving during the morning service into a time of fun and fellowship at a lovely park.

The weather didn't look promising, but after we had set up our base with rugs and cool boxes the sun started to shine. We enjoyed our picnics and were ready to pick teams. We asked Caroline and Julie to be the team captains and they chose very even teams ranging from the youngest at 18 months to our oldest participant at 73 years.

The 4 bases were positioned and the teams were ready to bat or field, with bowler, back-stop and everyone else eager to play. Rounders were scored by those who managed to hit the ball far enough so that they could get round all the bases - the highlight being Joan Catlow who scored an excellent rounder after 'whacking' the ball a fair distance. Philip was fielding admirably until, in his enthusiasm, he threw the ball at third base and managed to hit Joan on the head!! No injury was sustained but we had to remind our fielders to be careful where they aimed their throws!

After both teams had batted the result was 6 rounders each - therefore a draw - which was the best result we could have hoped for as both children and adults gave of their best.

Everyone then had a well-earned rest while the children continued to enjoy themselves on the apparatus at the end of the field. The parents and friends of Junior Church continued to chat and share in the fun and laughter while the children played happily. All in all a good time was had by everybody and we felt it was a huge success. May God bless all the children and young families at St. George's and we thank the church family for always supporting us. See you after the summer break.

Joyce Hansell