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"Done it!" – Mike Reynolds arrives at the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela



The Contemplation Space at The Portiuncula, Clay Cross, Chesterfield

They are both places of pilgrimage and prayer.

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| 1 | Deadline for articles for next issue of the <i>Hallam News</i> . | 12noon, The Annunciation Centre, Spencer Street, Chesterfield, S40 4SD. | |
| 7 | Members of Hallam Ascent Group meet for Stations of the Cross at St Michael's Cemetery Chapel, Rivelin Valley Road, Sheffield, S6 5GL. For more details: 0114 2306797 or email ascent@jngreen.plus.com, or visit the website: hallamascent.weebly.com. | 14 | Sheffield Irish Association Tea Dance with live music and refreshments at the Philadelphia Club, Martin Street, Upperthorpe, Sheffield, S6 3DP, 1-3pm. All very welcome. |
| 13 | Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. | 18 | Hallamshire Faith and Light Group meet at 3pm at Mother of God parish hall, Sheffield, S7 1DX. |
| 14 | Chesterfield Bereavement Support Group Drop-in/coffee morning, 10.30am- | 27 | Sheffield Branch Walsingham Association serves refreshments after 12.45pm Mass at St Marie's Cathedral, Sheffield. |

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Month



This month the diocesan rota for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is as follows:

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| 4 | St Bede, Rotherham. |
| 11 | Holy Spirit, Dronfield. |
| 18 | St Mary, Worksop. |
| 25 | Palm Sunday. |

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A LENTEN DAY WITH THE LORD

All are invited to come for the day or call in at any point during this day of prayer and reflection for Lent. Including the Divine Office, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacrament of Reconciliation, talks and reflections, a production of The Way of the Cross and Mass.

Saturday, 3rd March, from 9.30am
at St Bede's Church, Station Road, Rotherham, S60 1HF.

For more details, please go to
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During this 24 hours of Eucharistic Adoration there will be opportunities to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and special times of prayer and reflection.

Everyone is invited to come and spend some time with Our Lord.

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This is a fundraiser so come along with your friends and family to raise vital money to support St Wilfrid's work with homeless and vulnerable adults in Sheffield.

This is a great way to show your support for the Sleep Out, if sleeping rough for the night is not quite your thing!

Tickets £10 - available from the front office at St Wilfrid's Centre or buy them now online via our website www.stwilfridscentre.org/events/eveningfun.

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WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER (INTERNATIONAL AND INTERDENOMINATIONAL) FRIDAY 2 MARCH

All God's Creation is Very Good!

The interdenominational movement of the Women's World Day of Prayer invites everyone to attend one of over 5,000 services being held on Friday, 2 March with the title 'All God's Creation is Very Good!' We will join an estimated three million people around the world that day in a service which has been written this year by the women of Suriname in South America.

Starting in Samoa as the sun rises, and ending as the sun sets off the coast of American Samoa, the service will have been translated into more than 95 languages and 1000 dialects as we are reminded that we have responsibilities in caring for this wonderful world we live in. With its vast rainforest and wealth of resources, Suriname asks us to pray for conservation and the protection of wildlife, through an awareness of pollution, misuse and abuse, as well as for the situation in Suriname and concerns for the future.

This is not simply a day of prayer for women, but for everyone who cares about our world and those who live in it. For details of services in your area and for further information and resources, please visit the WWDP website: www.wwdp.org.uk.

Service in Rotherham: 2pm at Clifton United Methodist Church, Middle Lane/Lister Street corner, Rotherham. The Mayor and Consort, Cllr Eve Rose Keenan and Mr Pat Keenan, to attend.

DE LA SALLE PLAYERS

Comedy with Music by Martin Green

'The Final Reckoning'

2/3, 9/10 March

7.30pm, De La Salle Club, behind Beauchief Hall

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DE LA SALLE ASSOCIATION RAMBLING CLUB

On Sunday, 4 March there will be a very pleasant walk to Teversall Visitor Centre from Pleasley Colliery. This 5 mile walk will be along well-surfaced tracks created from the old railway lines that served the local pits.

Meet at 10.30am at Pleasley Colliery, Pit Lane, NG19 7PH. The leader is Ted Bennett, tel: 01246 852964, mobile: 07831 293356.

Marriage and Family Life Project: New Resource

The National Board of Catholic Women has published a revised 4th Edition of *A Guide to the Annulment Process*, supported by the Marriage and Family Life Office at the Bishops' Conference for England and Wales.

The Guide seeks to de-mystify the annulment process, making it easier to understand, and hopefully less stressful. The new edition also takes into account *Mitis Iudex Dominus Iesus*, *The Gentle Judge*, our *Lord Jesus, the Shepherd of Souls*, the document published by Pope Francis in 2015 which gives a more streamlined and readily accessible way of proceeding in cases concerning the declaration of the nullity of a marriage.

Printed versions of the Guide are available to purchase from the National Board of Catholic Women priced at £5 including postage and packing. Please visit www.nbcw.co.uk or email: nbcwtreasurer@gmail.com or download an order form at www.catholicfamily.org.uk.

A FREE electronic version of the Guide is also available to download at www.catholicfamily.org.uk and also by visiting: www.nbcw.co.uk and www.marriagecare.org.uk.

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FINAL PROFESSION FOR MEMBERS OF SHEFFIELD LAY CARMEL

Earlier this year the Sheffield Lay Carmel Community rejoiced in the final profession of Temma Osie, Sarah Wallis and Chris Ainslie.

Fr Michael Cox, chaplain to the Third Order of Carmel,

celebrated a Votive Mass of Our Lady of Mount Carmel at the Mother of God Church, Sheffield.

Final Profession signifies the deepest form of commitment on the part of members

of the Lay Carmelite Community, whose patron is Our Lady.

Pictured below, left to right: Temma Osie, Chris Ainslie, Fr Michael Cox and Sarah Wallis.



Memories of Joan



Pat Smith of the Sheffield Walsingham Association remembers her friend, Joan.

A Requiem Mass was held at St Theresa's Church on Saturday, 20 January for Joan Mary Duggan, a well known and respected member of the Walsingham Association, Sheffield Branch.

Joan was born in Rotherham and moved, as a child, to the newly developed Manor Estate. St Theresa's was her parish from then on.

She joined the Notre Dame Past Pupils Association and was national president three times. She also served as Secretary and Chairperson of the Sheffield Walsingham Associ-

ation.

She loved her parish, was a long standing member of the choir and put her organisational skills to work. Joan, as her friends would tell you, liked things "done properly"! She would have loved the solemnity of the Requiem, which was well attended by parishioners and friends.

Joan never married, but was closely involved with friends, their children and grandchildren and was always busy with associations and parish.

She died peacefully on 5 January at Brackenfield Hall, aged 96. We will miss you Joan.

Rest in peace.

'LET IT BE' AT ST JOSEPH AND ST NICHOLAS



Parishioners at St Joseph and St Nicholas, Moorends have welcomed the arrival of their new parish priest, Fr Santosh Vazhappally.

Fr Santosh, who previously served at St Marie's Cathedral, is also parish priest of Our Lady of the Assumption, Stainforth.

Parishioners at St Joseph and St Nicholas are pictured above with Fr Santosh at the first session of a new Catholic Faith Exploration (CaFE) Course on Our Lady, entitled 'Let it Be'.

Parishioner, Tony Brookes, said, "After 7 years without a resident priest we are greatly blessed by the arrival of Fr Santosh."

Thank you Fr Brebner

Tony continued, "Both parishes are immensely grateful to Fr Terry Brebner who travelled from Rotherham for many years to celebrate weekend Masses for us. Fr Brebner's input, along with hard work by the laity, kept both parishes going. We can now move forward with confidence with Fr Santosh."

Chesterfield Conference Twinned with Indian Conference

The Padley Martyrs Conference of the SVP in Chesterfield sent a Christmas message to St Paul's Church at Etharla Palli in Andra Pradesh, India with whom the Chesterfield Conference is twinned.

In response they received a photograph accompanied by a message:



"Thank you dear members of your conference for your kind letter. We wish you a Happy Christmas and New Year.

We are a small conference of seven active members.

All of us are dependent on agriculture and earn mostly seven dollars a day on average.

Our conference has 'adopted' five families and we give them thirty dollars every month. Anything re-

maining we use to help children from our village to go to school.

With the money you have provided we have also established a tailoring project which provides employment for two girls, one of whom is a conference member, and have also been able to set up a small shop.

We are receiving your Twinnage payments on time (£150 each year). We are very thankful for that".

The Society of St Vincent de Paul in Hallam

Would you like to make a difference to people's lives by putting your faith into action? This is exactly what the SVP does and in Hallam we are keen to recruit new volunteers to help with its mission to offer practical help and support to those in need, 'wherever the need'.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society – SVP – was founded in Paris in 1833 by a young Catholic student, Frederick Ozanam, who was shocked at the poverty he saw around him. He was moved to do something about it. So, driven by the fundamental demand of his faith to 'love your neighbour' and to serve Christ by helping others, he set out with a group of friends to support those in need.

Taking St Vincent de Paul as their patron, Frederick's group soon developed and, by the time of his death in 1853, there were over 40,000 members across Europe and the Americas. The SVP came to England in 1844 and now have more than 10,000 members in over 1000 groups or conferences across England and Wales.

Unfortunately, in Hallam the SVP is very thin across the Diocese and so the SVP have appointed a membership Development Officer, Lance Philpott, to help with recruitment.

Lance (pictured right) is planning

to contact parishes to arrange to come and make an appeal for new volunteers over the coming months to carry on the work of the society, encouraging people to 'love your neighbour' wherever the need arises in the community. The emphasis will be on the offer of time – no matter how little per week – to provide help in practical ways whilst working within a team structure and backed up by a national organisation.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or would like more details about the SVP please contact Lance on Lancep@svp.org.uk.



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A Marriage Enrichment weekend gives a couple time alone together and helps them to rediscover that vision, no matter how long they have been married.

The weekend offers a communication technique, which helps each couple to explore the choices they are making, their attitudes towards each other, their frustration and their joys, in a spirit of love and understanding.

A Marriage Enrichment weekend (non-residential) will take place at Hallam Pastoral Centre Sheffield on 16 and 17 June. It will provide couples with the opportunity to enrich and refresh their relationships away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

There is no charge for the weekend. Beyond the booking fee of £25, you will simply be asked for a donation, according to your circumstances, to help cover World Wide Marriage Encounter expenses on the Sunday afternoon.

To book your places and to see what other couples have to say visit:
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A typical stretch of the Camino de Santiago

My Camino

Mike Reynolds writes about his pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela.

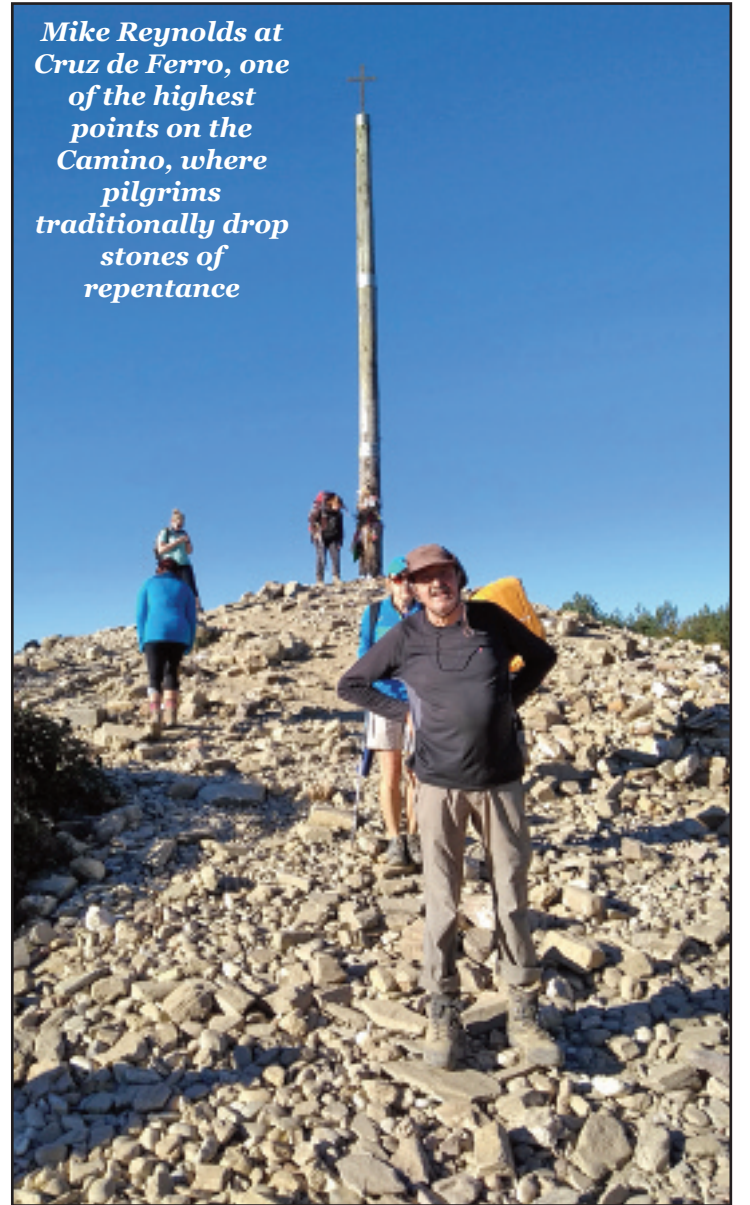
Doing the Camino is a great experience. After thinking about it for about 15 years, I decided that, at 75, I had better do it – or else!

I started my Camino in León, and just over 2 weeks later arrived in Santiago de Compostela; that's 311 kilometres. I met some great and good people, including an opera singer from Brussels who sang a magnificent Ave Maria at breakfast time in the pilgrim's hostel.

I had three reasons for doing the Camino: it's a pilgrimage, I like walking and I love Spain. There's no better way to know a country than to walk it. You not only see it up close, but you feel it, too, under your feet! Walking, preferably alone, gives you time to reflect, and to know yourself.

I managed to raise £810 in sponsorship for Hallam Caring Services and over £2000 for City of Sanctuary Sheffield. Over a thousand of that total amount was raised at St William of York, on Ecclesall Road. Sincerest thanks to my fellow parishioners for this support, and to everyone else who made a donation.

Mike Reynolds at Cruz de Ferro, one of the highest points on the Camino, where pilgrims traditionally drop stones of repentance



Retiring from St Mary's after 25 Years

The end of the Autumn term saw a big change for St Mary's Catholic Primary School in High Green, Sheffield – their longest serving member of staff, admin officer Anne Cheetham, retired after 25 years' service.

Anne, who started working at St Mary's in 1992, has seen many changes over the years and has taken them all in her stride! She began her relationship with St Mary's as a parent and applied for a few hours work in the office – 25 years later that role had expanded beyond recognition yet Ms Cheetham's bubbly personality and smiley face continued to greet all who made contact with the school.

Mrs Alex Healy, Headteacher, said that Anne would be greatly missed and that she had done a sterling job of being the 'face' of the school for so many years and that she epitomised the values of St Mary's.

Anne's time at St Mary's came to an end with a special assembly looking back over the last 25 years and ended with a rousing performance of 'Simply the Best!'

Ms Cheetham said that it had been a privilege to be involved in so many children's lives and to even welcome past pupils back as parents themselves. She said she felt so lucky to be able to do her job at St Mary's for such a long time and that she would miss the community greatly. However, Anne reminded the school that she would still be a familiar face when collecting her grandchildren!

Annie – you will be missed. You are 'Simply the Best'. God Bless.



A Residential Solitude Experience at The Portiuncula, Clay Cross

An experience of prayer and retreat at The Portiuncula at St Clare's Convent, Clay Cross, Chesterfield.

During a difficult time recently, a good friend suggested I might benefit from a short retreat at The Portiuncula in Clay Cross. I hadn't heard of The Portiuncula, but what I read on the Internet intrigued me ... so I booked a two-night Residential Solitude Retreat, including spiritual accompaniment. The following week, I found myself driving along Stretton Road from Chesterfield, through Clay Cross and turning right at the sign for St Clare's Convent.

I was warmly greeted by Sr Patricia Jordan and guided through a beautiful orchard to The Portiuncula. Entering this simple yet thoughtfully constructed building, the sense of peace was palpable. Opposite the entrance is a wonderful, hand-painted depiction of Our Lady surrounded by four angels, and on the right, a small circular chapel. Words cannot adequately describe the beauty of this chapel: the 'cave-like' entrance, gold and red tabernacle, flaming sanctuary lamp, crucifix, statue of Our Lady, stained glass windows and paintings of The Four Angels, have all been prayerfully designed using symbolism from biblical and Franciscan themes.

Sr Patricia then showed me the Carceri

Hermitage, which would be my sacred and personal space during my solitude experience. The walls were painted a gentle yellow, which in iconography symbolizes truth, light, happiness and joy. The room was comfortable, clean and welcoming, with stunning views across the hills of the Amber Valley. Each of the five en-suite hermitages is named after scenes and themes from the life of St Francis of Assisi.

I spent some time before lunch in the peaceful Contemplation Space, prayerfully listening to water rippling gently from the fountain, water that has been blessed at Masses and from shrines all around the world, and gazing at a stunning replica of the San Damiano cross and a beautiful glass plaque symbolising the transcendence of the Holy Spirit.

A hot lunch was provided in Bethany Dining Room, where fellow pilgrims can eat in companionable silence. After this I walked up to the Peace Garden and spent some time sitting in the sunshine, in quiet preparation, before entering and walking the labyrinth and the Way of the Cross.

In the afternoon, tea and a light snack was provided in Bethany Dining Room, and at 3pm the Blessed Sacrament was exposed in the chapel for a Holy Hour of adoration and prayer. Before dinner, I



enjoyed some time resting, reading and reflecting in my hermitage, and enjoying the lovely view. I had begun to adjust to the blessed silence by now and already felt much calmer than when I arrived. As the sun set over the Amber Valley, I gave thanks for this time of peace and healing.

The two days passed all too quickly and it was soon time to return to hectic 21st

century life. But I brought back with me an inner peace that has continued to sustain me over a difficult time.

Sr Patricia's two books: *Come Apart and Rest for a While* and *An Affair of the Heart* (www.gracewing.co.uk) offer a prayerful guide for a time 'set apart' – whether at home or in a hermitage – including detailed and illustrated descriptions of The Portiuncula.

For further information or to book a Solitude Experience contact:

The Franciscan Sisterhood, The Portiuncula, St Clare's Convent, Stretton Road, Clay Cross, Derbyshire, S45 9AQ.

Tel: 01246 251870/01246 862621, email: portiuncula@franciscansm.org, website: www.franciscansm.org/portiuncula.



The Peace Garden

PRAYING TO ST JOHN PAUL II

As we approach the fourth anniversary of the canonisation of St John Paul II, Jo Southby, a parishioner of the Church of the Annunciation, Chesterfield feels she has more reason than many to celebrate this event. Jo has always felt drawn to pray for Pope John Paul. "It was a great thrill for me when he became Pope," she explained. "When he was shot and then diagnosed with Parkinson's disease, I

prayed even harder for him," continued Jo. Six years after Pope John Paul II died in 2005, Jo's own health, which had been poor all her life, took a turn for the worse. Jo is clear that her continued devotion to St John Paul II, now praying to him rather than for him, has really helped her health. Jo, now aged 84, would like her experience to help others in their prayer life and their faith.



Jo Southby in the Church of the Annunciation



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Helping Our Fellow Christians in the Holy Land

Friends of the Holy Land, a registered charity launched in 2009, are supported by Bishops in Catholic and Anglican Dioceses in England, Scotland and Wales. Bishop Ralph has recently appointed Fr John Cooke as the Friends of the Holy Land Diocesan Coordinator.

Friends of the Holy Land currently give hope and provide practical support to 2000 Christians in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan.

Imagine no Christians in the land of Our Lord

In 70 years, the number of Christians has reduced from 28% to 1.5%. The position is becoming acute and your help to preserve a Christian presence in the land where our Lord was born, ministered, died and rose again, is needed now.

Imagine being told you have a treatable illness such as diabetes, asthma, high blood pressure or heart disease but you are not able to pay for the treatment you require.

There is no state health service. This is the case in the Holy Land. Friends of the Holy Land help fund drugs, operations, treatments and medical centres that enable fathers and mothers to support their families.



Jordan family support ~ Iraqi Christian Refugees

Imagine being a child with Special Needs and being abandoned by your family, through shame and embarrassment, with nowhere to go.

Friends of the Holy Land funds the School of Joy, for those with Special Needs, doubling its capacity in 4 years.

Imagine going to work to do the job you love and doing it well only to find you are not paid at the end of the month. Christian teachers in the Holy Land do.

Friends of the Holy Land help fund salaries for Christian Teachers in the Holy Land.

Imagine not having running water for up to 3 weeks at a time. Families in the West Bank have to put up with this.

Friends of the Holy Land funds water tanks and solar panels to put on the roof of homes plus community water projects.

Imagine growing old and having no-one to care for you as there is no state pension and often there is no family around you as they have emigrated due to lack of work opportunities, lack of housing, poor health and education and fear that peace will never come. This happens to the elderly in the Holy Land.

Friends of the Holy Land provides emergency and sustainable help to try and help people to remain in their birth place.

Friends of the Holy Land provides 90% of the running costs for St Martha's House which provides a permanent Day Care facility in Bethlehem for elderly ladies.

These examples are some of many of the projects funded by Friends of the Holy Land, supporting Christians with education, employment, health and housing challenges, including over 90 families on their Family Support programme. The majority of Friends of the Holy Land's grants contribute to the emergency requirements of our Christian brothers and sisters.

We raise nearly £3/4 million a year from donations. Thanks to the generosity of a single benefactor who funds most of our overheads to manage and run the Charity, and the many volunteers, close to 100% of every donation goes direct to those most in need.

The Christians in the Holy Land need our help by praying for them, visiting them on Pilgrimage to let them know they are not forgotten and by supporting them with donations.



Arab Episcopal Medical Centre

Imagine studying hard at school and university to gain qualifications and finding there are no jobs available for you in your country of birth and the only opportunities are to go abroad. This is the situation in the Holy Land.

Friends of the Holy Land funds employment projects in Gaza and are seeking funds for a new project in Nazareth.



West Bank employment support ~ olive wood products



Jordan employment support ~ Iraqi Christian refugees



West Bank family support

If you would like to learn more, please visit the website www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk or contact the Friends of the Holy Land office, tel: 01926 512980, to ask for the current newsletter. Alternatively contact Sandra Brinkley, a member of the Friends of the Holy Land Group based at St William's Parish in Sheffield, e-mail: sandrabrinkley@doctors.org.uk.

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Appeal for Bell Ringers Prompts Overwhelming Response

The response to an appeal for members of the congregation at the Cathedral Church of St Marie's to train to become bell ringers has left organisers stunned and delighted.

More than 30 signed up for taster sessions following the appeal at weekend Masses for parishioners to, in the words of the Psalm, "Ring out your joy to the Lord."

There are around 7,000 churches, mainly in the British Isles, but also in India and Pakistan, Africa, Australasia, North America, Belgium, Holland and Spain, that have sets of bells designed for Change Ringing.

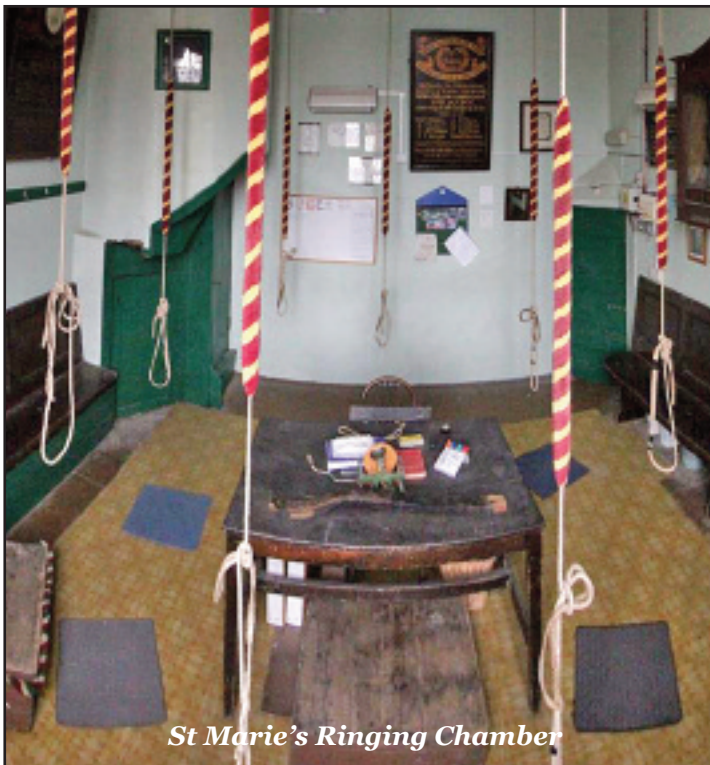
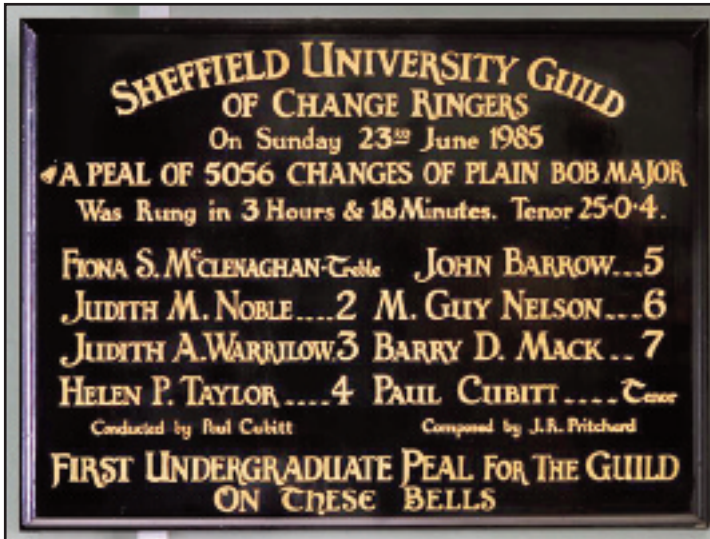
However, only 50 of those 7,000 churches are Roman Catholic - and St Marie's is one of them. St Marie's has had a ring of eight bells for more than 150 years and for 80 of those years, it had its own active band of ringers.

Sadly, the band declined in the 1960s and since then the Cathedral has relied on members of Sheffield Universities' Guild of Change Ringers and visiting ringers to give voice to its bells. The number of student ringers has fallen in recent years, but, three St Marie's parishioners started learning to ring after visits to the bell tower were organised by the Cathedral's former heritage officer, two years ago.

Their appeal for more to join them - prompted by Cathedral Dean, Fr Christopher Posluszny, and backed by Bishop Ralph - resulted in a response way above their expectations.

The success has left them with the problem of finding a way to train a new St Marie's band, likely to be well into double figures.

Fortunately, experienced ringers from St John's, Ranmoor and other churches are rallying round and



St Marie's Ringing Chamber



Looking up the inside of the spire

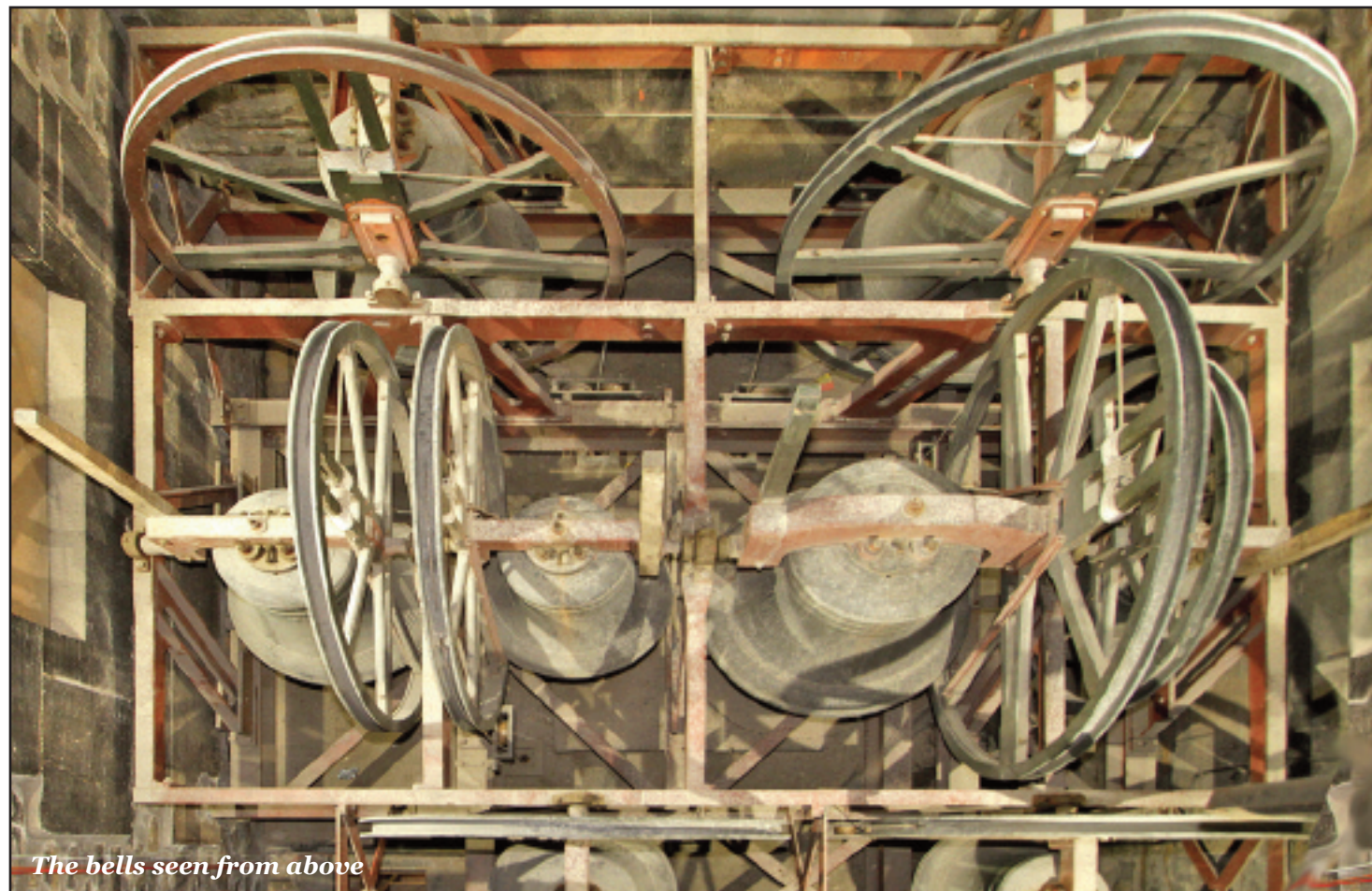
weekly St Marie's practice sessions are expected to start shortly.

The new band is also open to recruits from other parishes in the Diocese of Hallam.

The St Marie's ringers stress that bell ringing is about technique, rather than strength and people who are slight and short can ring just as easily as those who are taller and stronger. You don't need any musical training and age isn't a limit either. People can start learning at 14 and younger and could be 60 and older.

Anyone wanting to find out more about becoming a bell ringer at St Marie's should contact Bob Rae, e-mail: bob.rae@stmariecathedral.org.

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The bells seen from above

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Welcome to the Children's Liturgy Section

This month our page looks at the celebration of Palm Sunday, when we remember the day Jesus arrived in Jerusalem on a donkey.

People waved palms and put them down before Jesus. In the days of Jesus, palm leaves were a sign of homage and they were thrown before people with great respect.

However, just a few days after this triumphant day Jesus was betrayed, put on trial and sentenced to death.

St Mark's gospel tells us the story of the arrival of Jesus into Jerusalem and the things that happened afterwards.



I wonder ...

Why the people waved palms at Jesus and were so pleased to see Him?

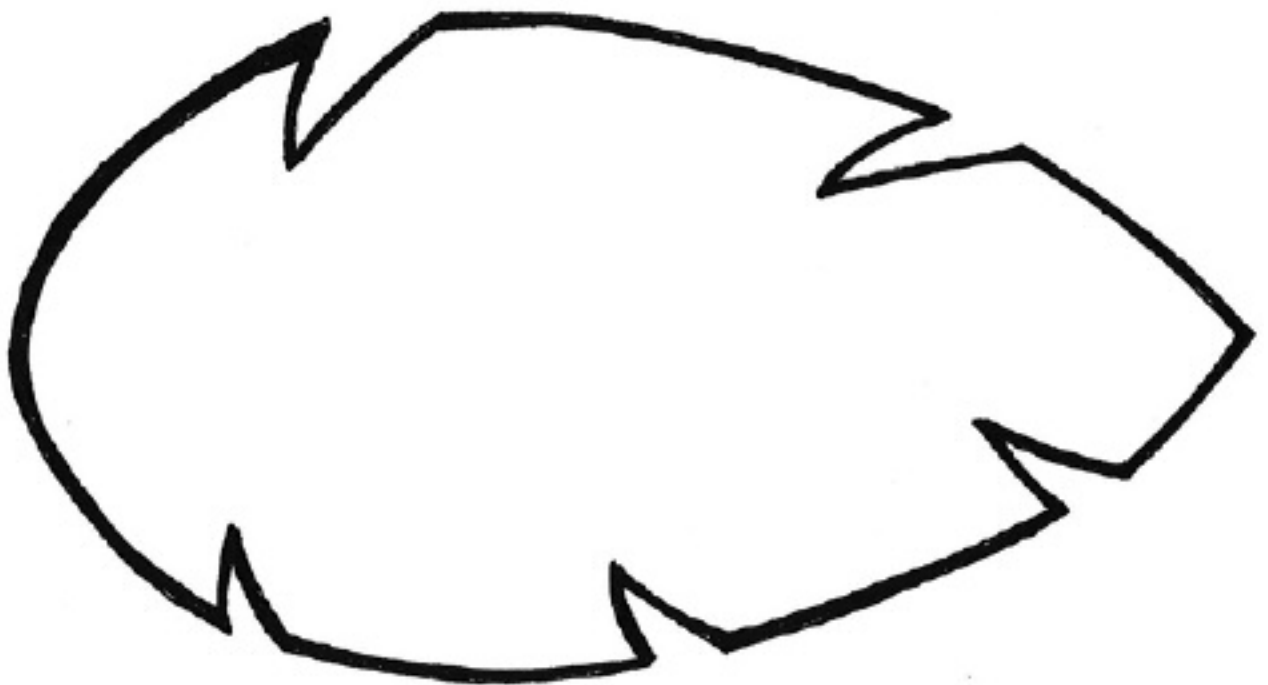
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What does the word betray mean?

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Have you ever felt betrayed by your friends?

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On this leaf, write or draw how you might have felt when you saw Jesus entering into Jerusalem on the donkey on Palm Sunday.

EDUCATION IN THE FULLNESS OF HUMANITY

Pope Francis Asks the Church to Listen to the Voice of the Young

In January 2017, Pope Francis called for a Synod of Bishops to take place in October of 2018 on the topic of, "Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment". All dioceses have been asked by the Holy Father to provide input.

With this in mind the Chaplaincy Coordinator at All Saints Catholic High School decided to invite Bishop Ralph, students in Y11 and above and all the Chaplaincy Coordinators from all the Catholic schools in the Diocese to dine with Bishop Ralph at the Pastoral Centre, so that they could have their say on the Church.



Tuesday, January 16th saw students from All Saints, Notre Dame, St Mary's, St Bernard's and St Pius X Catholic High Schools gather for an informal chat and a bite to eat with Bishop Ralph.

The students plan to meet again in the near future.

St Joseph's School Success in Premier League Writing Stars Competition



Children were invited to write poems and raps in a National Premier League Writing Competition for the region, and children from St Joseph's Catholic Primary School, Retford came in first place.

The winning poem is 'Never Give Up' by Kristian Macioszek, Edward Ducksbury and Oliver Stocks from Y5.

During a celebration assembly each

child received a signed Doncaster Rovers football and tickets to the Doncaster versus Bristol game in January.

Their poem was published in the programme at the game.

The school community is very proud of the children's achievements. It is great to see the children engaged in writing for a real purpose.

Well done boys!



You can use both sets of clues to solve the puzzle: the solutions are the same. So, if you want to try the CRYPTIC puzzle, for instance, but are unsure, use the QUICK clues to help you work out the solution.

Similarly, if you try the QUICK clues, use the CRYPTIC clues to help you prove the solution

CRYPTIC Across

- 7 Statement of faith in writing that long after Paul, for instance (8,5)
- 8 Attempts to convey in a letter how it's reported (6)
- 9 Turkey: it says to eat quickly (6)
- 10 Ballerina, thus far, is making a come back – among names the Foreign Office advanced (7)
- 12 One hundred rules for nippers (5)
- 13 Large mammals lack height in this country (5)
- 15 One looking after actor perhaps from 13 set up in the kitchen (7)
- 19 Wild, liberated name for a girl (6)
- 20 See part of the capital with Henry (6)
- 21 A confident 'yes' in translating God's name in the Daniel of King James (7,2,4)

CRYPTIC Down

- 1 Some Anglicans identified special piano arrangement riffs eventually (13)
- 2 Obliquely link, like to a philosopher (6)
- 3 Nervous after some flying thing nearly gets into stout (6)
- 4 Operation from America evacuated Greece (5)
- 5 Test Benjamin, initially imprisoned, about his extended family (6)
- 6 Chicken and new potatoes for riders in advance of the Tour de France (6,7)
- 11 Bob gets what a dozer can do (3)
- 14 Retreat connected with top city

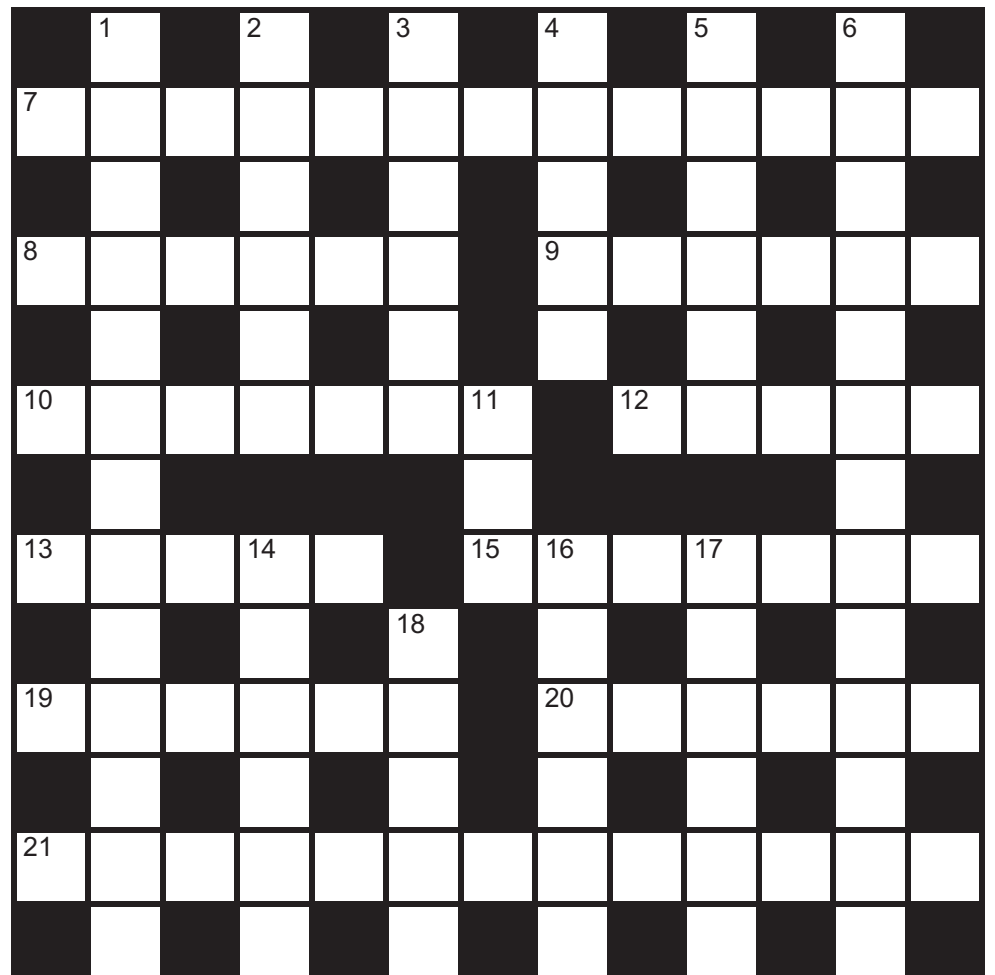
- confection (6)
- 16 New parrot is a bird of prey (6)
- 17 Big step including Rex in rewrites (6)
- 18 Smell trouble? (5)

QUICK Across

- 7 Statement of faith used in the Western Church (8,5)
- 8 Dissertations (6)
- 9 Eat hastily without proper chewing (6)
- 10 Dame Margot ----- (1919-1991), British ballerina (7)
- 12 Pincers (5)
- 13 Country, part of the Union (5)
- 15 Kitchen cupboard with shelves (7)
- 19 Variable colour that lies beyond blue in the spectrum (6)
- 20 Local church community (6)
- 21 Designation of God, as in the Book of Daniel (KJV) (7,2,4)

QUICK Down

- 1 People belonging to a Church governed by its bishops: Anglicans (esp in US) (13)
- 2 Sceptically (6)
- 3 Overweight, corpulent (6)
- 4 Tradition, practice (5)
- 5 Clannish (6)
- 6 Items of clothing that identify the over all leaders of the Tour de France (6,7)
- 11 'Land of ----': in Genesis it is east of Eden (3)
- 14 Chocolate and choux pastry cream



- cake (6)
- 16 Bird of prey: informally a bipedal voracious dinosaur (6)
- 17 Lope (6)
- 18 Olfactory obnoxiousness (5)

SOLUTION

14 EC+lair, 16 anag, 17 'R' in 'edits [rev]', 18 double def.
 Down: 1 anag, 2 as+kant, 3 tie(-a)+shy, 4 USA+G(-ree)c(e), 5 tri(B)al, 6 yellow+Jerseys, 11 double def, FO+n(yet[rev])n, 12 c-laws, 13 W(-h)ales, 15 (Welsh) dresser, 19 Viole(-n)!, 20 Paris+H, 21 anag.
 EXPLANATIONS Across: 7 apostle+streed, 8 'say' in the homophone 'ess', 9 double def, 10 low jerseys, 11 Nod, 14 Eclair, 16 Raptor, 17 Stride, 18 Stink
 Down: 1 Episcopalians, 2 Askant, 3 Fishy, 4 Usage, 5 Tribal, 6 Yel-let, 20 Paris, 21 Ancient of Days. Down: 1 Episcopalians, 2 Askant, 3 Fishy, 4 Usage, 5 Tribal, 6 Yel-



Sheffield North Deanery Liturgy and Spirituality Group, together with Bishop Ralph, are hosting a morning to explore possibilities of

How we can be Church community without a resident parish priest?

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Cathedral Church of St Marie Thomas Lewis Organ Project is Complete

After substantial financial help from the Heritage Lottery Fund the restoration of the 1875 instrument took place over the last couple of years, and the work to re-instate it into the Cathedral Church of St Marie was completed just after Christmas. It will take a few months to settle in – it was removed from the Cathedral before the major re-ordering within the church 5 or 6 years ago. According to the organ builder, Andrew Carter, and the project manager, organ consultant Paul Hale, “it now needs playing”.

An ‘Organ Launch’ is to take place at St Marie’s on **Thursday, 12 April** at which Bishop Ralph will bless the Thomas Lewis organ and, after that, there will be a concert of organ and choral music, together with audience/congregational participation. Full details of the ‘Organ Launch’ will appear in next month’s Hallam News and will include the names of those who will be taking part (both local and international). It promises to be a wonderful occasion.

Hugh Finnigan, Cathedral Organist



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