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From the clergy.....

First we had the beast from the east, then the long, hot, dry summer. This year, as the seasons have cycled round, we have had some extremes in the weather! Our plum tree has loved it and produced an abundant crop; not so, the sweet peas and runner beans. Farmers have been feeling the effects of this year's dramatic variation in weather, with lower crop yields and the struggle to collect enough to feed their animals through the winter. This gives us an insight into how vulnerable farmers around the world must feel when their whole livelihood depends ultimately on the weather.



Harvest is a time when our church, in thanksgiving for all that we have, seeks to support charities locally and internationally by raising money in our Harvest Appeal. As usual, we will support the Cathedral Archer project which helps the vulnerable and homeless of Sheffield. This year, we will also support Village Aid, an international development charity based in Bakewell. Village Aid works with grassroots organisations in Africa to support them in projects that improve their communities by providing training and resources that help them become independent.

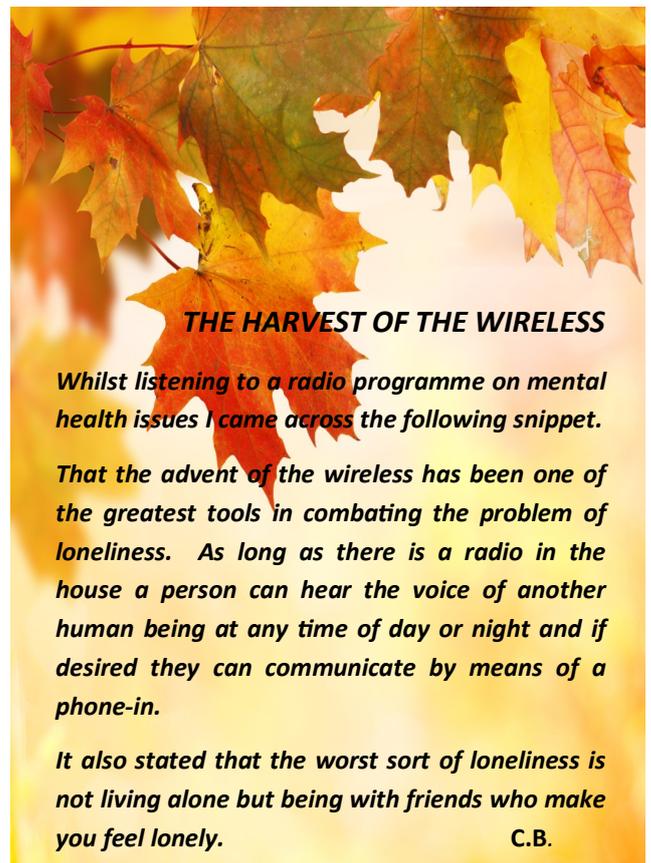
As we reflect on changes through seasons of the year, in this Harvest issue of TRIO we are also reflecting on longer term change 100 years on from the end of the first world war. We have articles about 100 years of health care in Sheffield, 80 years of Scouting in Millhouses, how Millhouses itself has changed, 40 years in the Anglican church, and how football has changed.

Although change is a fact of life, we also believe that God never changes - he is the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. He loves us and is beside us in all of the ups and downs of life, whether we know it or not. We pray for all who may be undergoing change right now - it may be a new school, children leaving home and starting university, a new job, new home, new baby, unemployment, retirement, coming to terms with illness or the loss of a loved one.

We warmly invite you to any of our services in Holy Trinity Church. In particular, in the Autumn months, we have our annual Godparents' Sunday on 23 September when the godparents of people baptised in our church are invited back; Harvest Thanksgiving on 7 October, at which we have a guest speaker from Village Aid; All Souls on 4 November when we commemorate our loved ones who have died, especially the recently departed and Remembrance Sunday on 11 November.

Rev'd Dr. Angie Lauener

Associate Priest



THE HARVEST OF THE WIRELESS

Whilst listening to a radio programme on mental health issues I came across the following snippet.

That the advent of the wireless has been one of the greatest tools in combating the problem of loneliness. As long as there is a radio in the house a person can hear the voice of another human being at any time of day or night and if desired they can communicate by means of a phone-in.

It also stated that the worst sort of loneliness is not living alone but being with friends who make you feel lonely.

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Ramblings of a Reader....

It was New Year's Day 1978. I was conducting the very last Evensong at St. George's church, Brookhill, for the following Sunday the church would close.



I remember preaching about Abraham, the shining example of faith, who at the age of 75 uprooted himself and his family and set off into an unknown

future in obedience to God's call; and about Lot's wife, turned into a pillar of salt because she looked backwards instead of forwards.

The following Sunday I found myself chaplain to Bishop Gordon Fallowes at the service of thanksgiving to mark the closure, after 152 years, of St. George's, and to the strains of Fred Kaan's fine hymn, "Lord, as we rise to leave the shell of worship," we left St. George's building for the last time. But where would we go the next Sunday?

St. George's had been our church ever since our student days in the 1960s, when it was known as the university church. Over the next decade it lost its formal links with the university and chaplaincy, it lost most of its parish due to boundary changes, and in 1977 it lost its clergy. The vicar, Henry Richmond, moved to Lincoln to become principal of the theological college, (and later Bishop of Repton), and the curate, Geoffrey Walker, took up a post at Great St. Mary's, Cambridge. It even lost its organist and choirmaster, a young teacher by the name of Alan East. So the P.C.C. took the painful decision to close the building.

It was during the early 1970s that I felt called to become a Lay Reader, having completed my M.A. in Biblical Studies at the University of Sheffield.

So, encouraged by Henry, I wrote to the secretary of the Readers' Association, a certain Ken Jones, (himself a Reader at that time), and I soon started my training. This was totally different from today's training. I was exempt from any Biblical element because of my degree, and all I had to do was read for, and sit, three exams in Church History, Worship and Doctrine.

At least one of these was taken in the attic of St. George's Vicarage in Favell Road - completely unsupervised, I might add! So, on 16th June 1973, I was licensed as a Reader at St. Mary's, Bolsterstone, by the Bishop of Doncaster, Hetley Price, (Pam's husband). Our eighteen month old daughter, Clare, had been crying so Janet took her outside and managed to miss the actual licensing!

Church of England Lay Reader's Insignia



So began my Reader ministry. Then, as now, I would be deacon and sometimes preach at Parish Communion on a Sunday morning, but the big difference was that Matins and Evensong were still major services in the Church of England. It wasn't long before I was being sent all over the Diocese to lead these services - Maltby, Bradfield, Woodsetts, Wortley, Oughtibridge, Rotherham, Deepcar and Woodhouse Mill to name but a few. Looking back I find it amazing how much I did in those days. In 1977 I preached 38 times. By contrast, in 2017 I preached seven times. It was at the Parish Church of Woodhouse, one Sunday morning, that I simply had to ask why the congregation were all sitting at the back. The answer was simple - the radiators were fixed to the rear of the back pews! It was in that same church in 1986 that I attended the induction of the new vicar - the Revd. Brian Cranwell.

To return to my earlier question, "Where would we go next Sunday?" At that time we lived in Beauchief and it was our neighbours, Ted and Betty Brown and Lily Dring, who persuaded us to join them at Holy Trinity, down the hill in Millhouses. And the rest, as they say, is history. It wasn't long before the vicar, Donald Thorpe, was making use of me and later, in 1978, I was licensed to Holy Trinity.

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Chris celebrating 40 years at Holy Trinity in our traditional way - cake and wine after the 10am service!

In my 45 years as a Reader, (40 at Holy Trinity - a good Biblical number!), I have only once forgotten my sermon notes, which I write with a pen on small pieces of paper. I have worked with five vicars at H.T. Donald Thorpe who was a fine musician. I remember him playing a cello duet with our son, Mark, at a charity concert. The next was Ron Howell who had many creative and artistic talents, and was brave enough to sit in the stocks and have wet sponges hurled at him at a church fair.

I had already become re-acquainted with Ken Jones, (now ordained), as by now I was head of a Church of England Primary School and he was Chair of the Diocesan Education Committee. So it was a great joy when he was appointed vicar of Holy Trinity and we were able to work closely together in a parish setting. Under Emma Percy we had wonderful weekends away at Scargill House and Sneaton Castle. Peter Ingram, our present vicar, has had the mammoth task of uniting the parishes of St. John's Abbeydale and Holy Trinity, Millhouses, into the Parish of Abbeydale and Millhouses. It has been a privilege to work with all these clergy in the great task of serving God's people and building His Kingdom in this place, and I am indebted to them all.

I close with a remark that has made a profound impression on me. I was taking Evensong one Saturday at the Cathedral and, apart from the verger and me, there was no-one there. Afterwards, I remarked on the absence of a congregation, and probably implied that the whole exercise had been rather a waste of time. The verger looked at me and said, *"There was you and me and the whole company of heaven."*



Perhaps those of us who lead worship, and those who participate in it, would do well to remember those words.

Chris Saunders

More about St. George's.....

- *After its closure St. George's stood unused for a number of years until it was acquired by the university in 1994. The building remains intact and is now owned by the university. It houses a lecture theatre and student accommodation.*



The interior of St. George's as a lecture theatre.

- *St. George's was the first of three Commissioners' churches to have been built in Sheffield under the 200 year old Church Building Act of 1818. The other two were St. Mary's, Bramall Lane, still used for worship, and St. Philip's, Netherthorpe, which was demolished in 1951. St. Philip's Way, the dual- carriage way with tram-tracks down the centre, now runs from the university roundabout.*
- *St. George's is a Gothic Revival building and cost just £15,181 to build! (Probably around £1.25 million today). It took four years to build and could seat 380 people.*
- *In 2010 a nest box was placed on the church rooftop. This is now home to a breeding pair of peregrine falcons that can be seen via live stream webcam!!!*



The Battle of the Somme started on 1 July 1916. The Sheffield City Battalion (Sheffield Pals) of the York and Lancaster Regiment were on the left of the British front line whose objective was the village of Serre. At 07.30 the whistle blew and the waiting soldiers climbed out of their trenches. By 07.50, the advance had failed as the German machine guns mowed down the attacking troops. The battalion had achieved precisely nothing during the day except for 512 casualties of which 248 had been killed.

Fast forward to August 1927 when the Sheffield-Serre Memorial Committee, under the chairmanship of Alderman W F Wardley JP (Lord Mayor of Sheffield 1920-1921), had an opportunity of securing for all time a Memorial Park at Serre-les-Puisieux which had been the front line from which the ill-fated attack had been launched.

Fast forward again to 2016, the 100th anniversary of the battle. A Civic party from Sheffield consisting of the High Sheriff of South Yorkshire, Lord Mayor of Sheffield and Consort, the Mayors of Barnsley and Rotherham, the MP for Penistone and Stocksbridge were joined by the French Mayors of Bapaume and Serre-les-Puisieux, together with friends and families of those who fought there, totalling about 250-300 in the Memorial Park that day. Barnsley rededicated their memorial to the two battalions of Barnsley Pals who fought there and the Bishop of Sheffield took the Service of Remembrance. Buglers from the Band of the Yorkshire Volunteers provided the fanfares and Sheffield Pipe Band the lament.

In November of that year I received a phone call from a man called Richard Eyre asking me to meet him for coffee

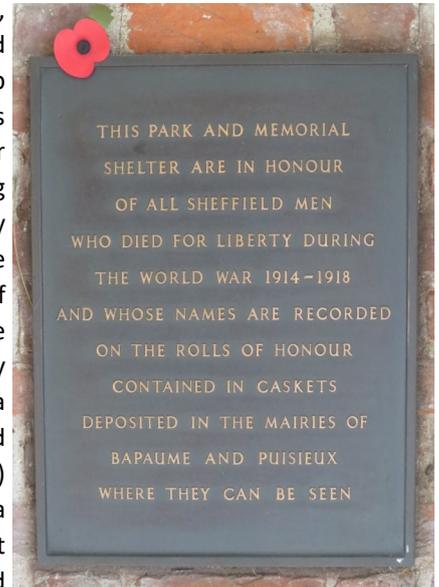


to discuss the possibility of a team of cyclists raising money for improvements to the facilities at Sheffield Memorial Park.



Although the Park is well maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, the farm track approaching it is not and in bad weather is virtually impassable even when walking. It is only dry in hot summers and even on 1 July 2016 was so wet that it was very difficult to drive disabled people to the site.

When we met, Richard explained to me that a group of up to 20 cyclists had ridden over four days raising money for charity and, because of the importance of remembering the Sheffield Pals, they were considering a ride for them. Had I got a charity (yes) and had we got a project in mind that money they raised



would help (also yes)? Richard is the Sheffield City Centre Manager and the charity cycle rides are promoted by Sheffield City Council and Meadowhall Shopping Mall. The project includes better parking for vehicles at the entrance to the track and the track itself which is quite long. Between then and now the details were agreed.

So to 2018. On Wednesday 20th June, 17 cyclists assembled at the Town Hall prior to departure at 09.00. Sadly there should have been 18 but the Lord Mayor, (Cllr Magid Magid), fell down some stairs the day before and, as his arm was in a sling, all he could do was wish them “bon voyage” when he had expected to ride with them.

The first leg was 75 miles from Sheffield City Centre to Hull to take the overnight ferry to Rotterdam. The second leg from Rotterdam to Antwerp was also 75 miles and the third, from Antwerp to Wevelgem, a distance of 90 miles. In the evening they went to the Last Post Ceremony at the Menin Gate in Ypres. Saturday saw them cycle the final 75 miles to Bapaume, the town which recognizes Sheffield as “godmother” for helping the rebuilding there after the end of WW1. On the Sunday they came by transport to Sheffield Memorial Park for a service of remembrance and thanksgiving before returning to Sheffield by transport.

The ride has raised £20,000 towards the improvements needed in France and, it is hoped, that when these are completed the many visitors to the Park will find it much easier than it is at present. The York and Lancaster Regiment is very grateful to the cyclists, whose endeavours will soon enable the project to proceed.

Col. Geoffrey Norton

Chairman of the Trustees of the York & Lancs Regiment



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Celebrating 70 years of free health care in Sheffield

by Professor Brian Edwards

We have much to celebrate about the improved health of our communities over the last 100 years. On average we live over 30 years longer than did our forebears, [although there remain worrying variations across the city]. Our children are no longer ravaged by fatal childhood infections. Diseases such as smallpox and tuberculosis have been largely conquered. Our city and its factories are much safer. We live longer and healthier lives.

Before the NHS working people and sometimes their families joined health insurance clubs of various kinds and were cared for by club doctors. Hospital care was provided at municipal hospitals such as Northern General which began as a workhouse for the poor or at the Royal Hospital on West Street. As a voluntary hospital the Royal had to cover much of its costs through endowments, charitable donations and fund raising flag days. The rich could endow a bed and have some say into who was admitted to it. The Children's hospital, which opened in 1876, provided free care for children and the Jessop Hospital for Women did the same.

As the Second World War approached the city's fragmented health care system was pulled together in what was called the EMS in preparation for the thousands of expected casualties in both the armed forces and the civilian community as a consequence of bombing. Emerging from this experience came the NHS in 1948 with the remarkable promise to treat everybody free at the point of need.

The NHS has been through many changes over the last 70 years as it responded to advances in medical science but the NHS principle has remained intact. The Royal Hospital closed in 1978 and was replaced by the Royal Hallamshire. Northern General has grown and developed into one of England's major clinical centres. Together the two major hospitals provide highly specialist care for the whole of South Yorkshire. Over the years they have absorbed the services provided at hospitals such as Nether Edge

and Lodge Moor when no longer needed to treat tuberculosis and smallpox.



Immunisation and vaccination programmes, driven by new information technologies, proved to be highly effective with children.

General Practice has over the years changed and expanded enormously and they now lead extended clinical teams who work alongside a wide range of community services. The single handed general practitioner has largely disappeared. General Practitioners through what are called clinical commissioning teams now shape the local NHS and the services it provides for the community. The challenge for the future is remodelling services for the growing number of elderly patients and learning from bad experiences such as Gosport.

Like other cities Sheffield had large asylums for the mentally ill. It was to take over 125 years to replace the care provided at Middlewood Hospital with care in the community. In their early years at least the asylums provided care and safety rather than treatment. People with a learning disability often ended up in the asylum system. Despite their negative image the asylums did care for their patients and had many dedicated and loving staff.

The reasons for the huge gains in life expectancy are complex but better sanitation and clean water play a major role. Championed by "Smokey Joe" Batey Sheffield City Council cleaned up the city's air.

For the first 60 years of the NHS Sheffield was the headquarters of the NHS in the East Midlands with the Regional Hospital Board [Health] based in Fulwood. Sheffield Teaching Hospitals Trust now manage both major hospitals and adult community services. The Children's Hospital remains an independent Trust.



Many of Sheffield's health professionals built national reputations. Dr Eric Wilks the Professor of General Practice was a leading expert in hospice care and founded St Luke's Hospice. Professor Geoffrey Smith was one of the country's leading cardiac surgeons and started the heart transplant programme at Northern General. Professor John Lillyman from the Children's Hospital, one of the country's leading experts in children's cancer, became President of the Royal College of Pathologists.

Today Sheffield is a thriving, skilled and ambitious clinical community that operates at the leading edge of medical and dental science and for that we can be both proud and grateful.

MILLHOUSES NOW and THEN

The upper Sheaf Valley from Bannerdale Road through to Baslow Road has seen many changes over the last 800 years. The changes have been most varied in the last 100 years. I find the history of the area and the way it has developed and been changed by man's requirements quite fascinating. I hope it is something we can explore further in future issues.

Around 1190 the De Ecclesall family gifted Ecclesall Corn Mill with the surrounding land to the Monks of what we know as Beauchief Abbey. Much of the area remained as agriculture and with small industrial use, by the monks of a blacksmith's forge and lead smelting, this developed with waterpower and heavier forging at what we now know as Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet.

The growth of Sheffield and the push into the suburbs naturally spread up the Sheaf Valley, the advent of the railways gave the area Millhouses and Beauchief stations. The expansion also brought places of worship, St John's 1876, a Chapel of Ease on Grove Road 1897, (later to become Holy Trinity in 1937), Millhouses Methodist 1892 and St Oswald 1910.

The railway brought a maintenance yard and sidings, (now Tesco car park), including an engine turntable which could be watched from the Millhouses end of Archer Road. Also on Archer Road were engineering works at Jacob Guylee and Laycock's, The Sheffield and Ecclesall Co-Op dairy (complete with stables) and a large shoe repair workshop, Thornton's Toffee Factory, and Gregory Brick works, now Sainbury's site. There was a very deep quarry where Aldi is now.

[I remember them all when as I was growing up on Archer Road in the 1940s and 50s! – Editor]

Rail travel was very popular, so much that both local stations were expanded to four platforms at the beginning of the 20th Century.

This brings us to the jewel of the area, Millhouses Park - For many Millhouses Park was a magical place as a small child and later as a teenager it was an exciting place to visit. It had the feel of an oasis that was like a visit to the seaside without the long journey. It epitomized freedom, fresh air and exercise with the added treat of a picnic and ice cream. I remember the park from the early 1960's as an excursion by train from Heeley Station to Millhouses Station, the walk down the steps from Archer Road and into the park, to experience the paddling pool, now a trout ladder, the pool that was vast and very cold now a play area and of course the boating lake.

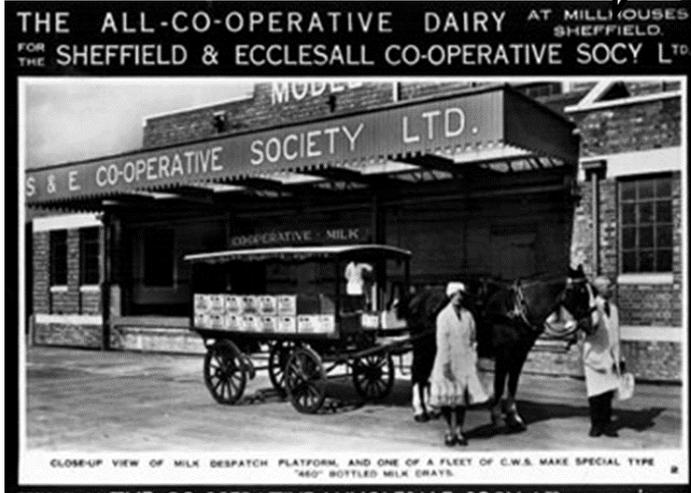
The park was so accessible that as many as 50,000 would visit at the weekends. The park has seen many changes; the stations have now gone due to the arrival of the tram and the motorcar.

I am sure we shall explore the area more in future editions. I have added images from over the years; see if you can recognize the locations.

Ian Hunter



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Our exciting new

Café Church !

This September, we will be launching a new type of service at Holy Trinity – Café Church. Our Children & Families Worker, Philippa Wilson, explains more:

What is a Café Church?

A Café Church can take many different forms, but it will usually be a fairly informal, relaxed gathering with modern worship: it is also a chance to meet and chat with others and of course there will be tea and coffee. Café Church is a Christian event, but it is equally accessible to people who are already Christians and those wondering about faith.

What will happen at it?

Each month we will meet for around 45 minutes in the church hall at Holy Trinity, sitting around tables (café-style) rather than sitting in rows. Drinks and biscuits will be available when you arrive and throughout the “service”. We will open with a short prayer and sing some songs together, followed by a short Bible-reading. Then we will have some time to reflect on the reading together, usually by doing a simple activity together at our tables. We’ll finish up with some prayers and a final song. Of course, you can stay for longer to carry on playing or chatting!

We hope it will be engaging for grown-ups and children of any age but there will also be toys for children to play with and you’re welcome to bring a favourite toy or activity with you too. Everyone is welcome to join in as much or as little as they feel comfortable.

Who should come?

Everyone is welcome and the service is designed to be family-friendly, so it might be especially suitable for people who:

Like to move around rather than sit still

Enjoy chatting and doing as well as listening

Like to make a joyful noise with cymbals, shakers and other instruments

Find it hard to concentrate for too long

Don't go to church regularly on a Sunday

Are worried about doing the “right” thing at church

Children who like to be seen AND heard



When is it?

Café Church will be held on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 4pm (but don’t worry, we won’t start right on time). Our themes for the services for the rest of this year are:

16th September Joy for Everyone

21st October Time for Everyone

18th November An Invitation for Everyone

16th December Family Carol Service (held in church)

Whether you’re a familiar face from the congregation or one of our toddler groups, or if we’ve never met you before, you are warmly welcomed to join us at Café Church – we’d love to see you there. If you have any further questions, Philippa can be contacted at philippa@wilsondand.co.uk

“For where two or three come together in my name, I am there with them.” Matthew 18:20

HOLY HABITS

From September onwards, Millhouses Methodist Church will be participating in the Holy Habits Programme being offered across the Sheffield Circuit. At the time of writing 45 churches have opted to take part.

The programme is based on St. Luke’s portrayal in Acts Ch.2 vs.42-47 of the life of the early church, with disciples growing spiritually and the Lord adding to their numbers. Ten “holy habits” have been identified from this passage: biblical teaching; fellowship; breaking of bread; prayer; sharing resources; serving; eating together; gladness and generosity; worship; and making more disciples.

Participating churches will focus on one of these habits for a two- or three-month period over the next two years. Each period will start with a launch service to introduce the particular habit, after which it will be up to us to work out how we want to pursue that topic locally, using a set of resource booklets provided by the Circuit.

The programme will be starting with a two-month focus on prayer during September and October, beginning with a launch service on Sunday 2nd September. Then from November to January we shall be thinking particularly about gladness and generosity, which of course will fit well with the Christmas season.

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10.00 am **All Age Worship**
- Wed 5th 10.00 am Holy Communion
- Sun 9th 15th Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Communion
6.30 pm Evening Worship
Millhouses Methodist Church
- Wed 12th 10.00 am Holy Communion
- Sun 16th 16th Sunday after Trinity**
 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) **St.J**
10.00 am Parish Communion
4.00 pm Café Church
- Wed 19th 10.00 am Holy Communion
- Sun 23rd 17th Sunday after Trinity**
Godparents' Sunday
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am **All Age Joint Communion**
Celebrating Godparents
- Wed 26th 10.00 am Holy Communion
- Sun 30th 18th Sunday after Trinity**
NO 8.00 am Service as 5th Sunday
10.00 am Parish Communion

OCTOBER

- Wed 3rd 10.00 am Holy Communion
- Sun 7th 19th Sunday after Trinity**
Harvest Festival
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) **St.J**
10.00 am Parish Communion
All Age Worship
Harvest Service and Parade
- Wed 10th 10.00 am Holy Communion
- Sun 14th 20th Sunday after Trinity**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Communion
Harvest Lunch at St. John's
- Wed 17th 10.00 am Holy Communion
- Sun 21st 21st Sunday after Trinity**
 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) **St.J**
10.00 am Parish Communion
4.00 pm Café church

- Wed 24th 10.00 am Holy Communion
- Sun 28th Last Sunday after Trinity**
Bible Sunday
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Joint Parish Communion
with Millhouses Methodists at St. John's
- Wed 31st 10.00 am Holy Communion

NOVEMBER

- Sun 4th 4th Sunday before Advent**
Celebrating All Saints
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) **St.J**
10.00 am **All Age Worship**
6.30 pm Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls)
- Wed 7th 10.00 am Holy Communion
- Sun 11th 3rd Sunday before Advent**
Remembrance Sunday
 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP)
10.00 am Parish Communion with
Act of Remembrance & Parade
6.30 pm Evening worship
at Millhouses Methodists

- Wed 14th 10.00 am Holy Communion
- Sun 18th 2nd Sunday before Advent**
8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) **St.J**
10.00 am Parish Communion
4.00 pm Café Church 
- Wed 21st 10.00 am Holy Communion

- Sun 25th Sunday next before Advent**
Christ the King
8.00 am Holy Communion
10.00 am Joint Parish Communion
with Children's Society speaker
- Wed 28th 10.00 am Holy Communion

DECEMBER

- Sun 2nd First Sunday of Advent**
 8.00 am Holy Communion (BCP) **St.J**
10.00 am **All Age Worship**
Christingle & Parade
6.30 am Advent Carol Service **St.J**
- Wed 5th 10.00 am Holy Communion



Autumn events in our churches and halls..... With more on page 24!



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Sally Buck will talk to us about
"Village Aid" (see page 19 for details)

Harvest Lunch at St. John's

Sun 14th October 12 noon

Book through a Church Warden—p 2

More favourites.....

Sun 4th Nov 6.30pm "All Souls"

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Sun 11th November



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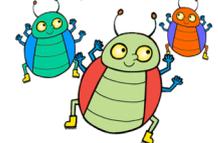
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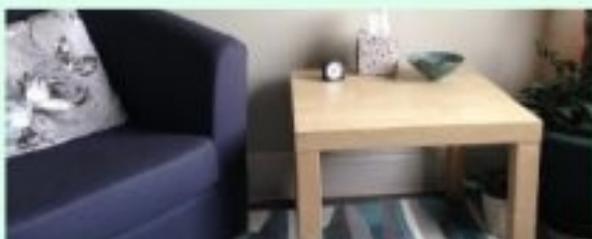
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Nearly 100 years in Millhouses!



Noreen Thompson (née Cowgill), aged 99, is the oldest member of Holy Trinity's congregation, and has worshipped here since it was the former Chapel of Ease to St Oswald's. These are her memories of growing up in Millhouses .

When she was three her parents moved from Grindleford to Station Villas, Hathersage, on the main road with a view up the valley as far as Hope. After four years they moved on to the newly-built houses at the bottom of Dobcroft Road in Millhouses in 1926. Until then Noreen was educated at home by her mother.

Her first school was Millhouses Day School, at 74 Grove Road — one of the slightly larger houses near the top of the road. The school was owned by Miss Child, who had bought it from its founder, Miss Ashton. Nearby further up Millhouses Lane was a tennis club next door to Miss Child's uncle — a Mr May, who owned a dry cleaning business, with several branches in Sheffield. Uncle and niece lived together.

Children from Ecclesall also came to the school. They were allowed to stay there at lunchtime, writing their names on their hard-boiled eggs, but local children had to walk home for lunch, (a round trip of nearly 1¼ miles for Noreen), and they were jealous of the Ecclesall ones.

Local children used Millhouses Park a lot — perhaps because there were not so many ways of passing the time in those days: no TV or even Children's Hour on the radio. They met at a tree near the tennis pavilion, and were terrified by one of the park keepers who made sure they didn't get up to mischief.

One local boy was Herbert Wardale. Later he was a keen cyclist and became chairman of the Cyclists' Touring Club. He cycled well into old age, and his bicycle — the envy of local boys — had a 4-gear Sturmey Archer hub and also derailleur gears, a combination which allowed him to reach the top of Springfield Road without having to get off and push.

The Sunday School was held in the Chapel vestry, but moved in 1926 to the new Church Hall, (on the site of today's Parish Centre), in Dobcroft Road.

Newer homes in Millhouses were built in the period between the wars, usually by developers, but many of those nearer to Holy Trinity were built at the turn of the century. Initially the area between Abbeydale Road South, Millhouses Lane, and Whirlowdale Crescent was entirely residential. The only shops were at the foot of Springfield Road. The tram service to Sheffield terminated at the beginning of Abbeydale Road South.

Once that area had been developed, in about 1935, the tram route was extended and a new terminus was built between Hartington Avenue and Pingle Road, with a loop where Ranulf Court is now. Terminus Road was built and named, and new shops there saved people in that end of the parish a walk or cycle ride.

There were no supermarkets, of course. Both shopping centres met most needs. The terminus had a sweet shop, a butcher, a chemist, (with Miss Bryce the hairdresser above), a bakery and a greengrocer. The older centre at Springfield Road had Gowers' grocery, Davys' bakery, and the Millhouses Engineering garage at the bottom of Hastings Road. Part of the garage was next to a fish and chip shop, where a good serving of cod and chips cost 3 old (1 new) pence in 1935.

In December 1940, the Millhouses Methodist Church was damaged by a bomb. Holy Trinity's Vicar, Oliver Tomkins, immediately offered its minister the use of Holy Trinity, and the two congregations have held occasional joint services ever since.

(Concluded on p24)

News from MILLHOUSES METHODIST CHURCH

September to November will, as usual, be a busy time for our church. In addition to the regular events, services and festivals, this year also sees the introduction of the 'Holy Habits' programme which is being followed by many churches throughout the Sheffield Methodist Circuit (for further details see Jenny Bywaters' short article on next page). At our **Harvest Festival** morning service on September 30th we are looking forward to welcoming as preacher the Rev John Howard, a Methodist minister who has been working for some time as a mission partner in Jerusalem. He will no doubt have some interesting and challenging things to tell us about the Israel/Palestine situation and we shall be able to continue discussion over a bring and share lunch.

We are pleased that there are to be several joint services of worship with Holy Trinity and St John's, (see *below and p.14 for dates and details*). Our evening Reflective Worship services, at which all are welcome, will continue to be held once a month, (*again see below*).

Of course, we must not forget to mention our **Autumn Fayre** on Saturday November 3rd, an event always widely anticipated and well supported by the Millhouses community and neighbouring churches! Our similarly anticipated **Christmas Tree Festival** will have its church launch at the morning service on 25th November and a Launch Party, with musical entertainment from Sheffield Performing Arts and others, will take place on the afternoon of Saturday 1st December. Details of further opening dates and times will be given in the Christmas edition of TRIO.

Selected services and events are listed below but for information on **all** our activities please look at our website:

www.millhousesmethodistchurch.org.uk.

Sun 2nd Sept	10.30am	Launch Service for Holy Habits (Prayer) Preacher: Dr Jenny Bywaters
Sun 9th Sept	6.30pm	Holy Communion at Millhouses Methodist, with Holy Trinity and St John's Preacher: Rev <i>Graham Wassell</i>
Sun 23rd Sept	6.30pm	Reflective Worship
Sat 29th Sept	3.30-5.30pm	Messy Harvest (all families welcome)
Sun 30th Sept	10.30am	Harvest Festival Preacher: <i>Rev John Howard</i> Followed by a Bring & Share Lunch
Sun 28th Oct	10.00am	Joint Eucharist at St John's
	6.30pm	Reflective Worship
Sat 3rd Nov	10.30am-2.00pm	AUTUMN FAYRE
Sun 4th Nov	10.30am	Launch Service for Holy Habits (Gladness and Generosity) Preacher: <i>Mrs J Sproson</i>
Sun 11th Nov		Remembrance Sunday
	10.30am	Preacher: Dr Jenny Bywaters, with Act of Remembrance
	6.30pm	Reflective Service at Millhouses Methodist, with Holy Trinity and St John's, led by <i>Mr. Keith Blinston</i>
Sun 25th Nov	10.30am	Christmas Tree Festival Launch Service
	6.30pm	Reflective Worship
Sat 1st Dec	4.00-6.00pm	Christmas Tree Festival Launch Party



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Change and continuity

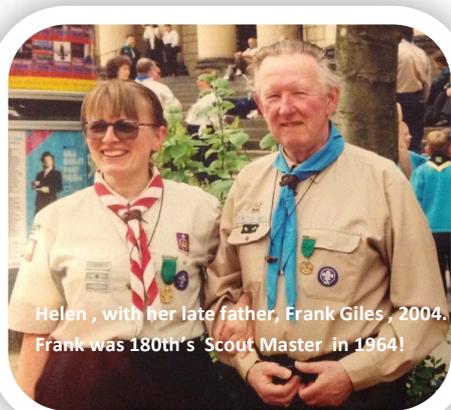
The 180th (Holy Trinity Sheffield) Scout Group celebrates 80 years!

Angie Lauener went to talk with their leaders

The 180th Sheffield (Holy Trinity Millhouses) Scout Group provides fun and adventure to over 100 young people in its Beaver, Cub and Scout sections and 'Wanato', (one-eight-o), Explorer Scout unit. The Group celebrates its 80th anniversary this year.

David Mangles (aka 'Spangs'), Helen Wragg, Jeremy Holmes and Andrew Bullock have been involved, as young people and leaders, for at least half of that time, and have won national awards for their contributions to Scouting

What changes have they seen during their time in Scouting in Millhouses?



Hearing their stories, it is clear that there has been both change and continuity.

So, what has changed?

The most visible changes have been **uniforms** – caps and berets are no longer worn, and trousers are definitely long; **badges** – traditional activities now sit alongside things like circus skills, media relations and IT ; the **'Promise'** – to include people of all faiths and none; **age ranges** of the different groups have changed, including the introduction of the youngest group, Beavers for 6-8 year olds (very popular!), and the introduction of Explorers for 14-18 year olds, to replace Venture Scouts. And a big change was the introduction of girls into Scouting.

These are all changes that keep Scouting current and enable it to continue to fulfil its reason for being – **“to make young people’s lives better, helping them realise their full potential and take their place in society.”** However, as the world has changed, affecting attitudes and the culture and society in which we all live, inevitably this has an effect on the children and volunteer leaders in Scouting. There is more of 'life' going on outside Scouting that it is no longer 'the one thing' they do, so there are competing demands on time and energy, including help with fundraising. The scouts used to have jumble sales, paper collections, a regular car wash service and spring fayres to raise funds for the group. Jeremy has run book sales recently.

We now take for granted the use of IT, mobile phones, child protection and safeguarding, health and safety. Yet, 50 years ago, boys would be taught how to use a public phone box! Andrew remarked how the introduction of IT has revolutionised communications and administration, making it much more efficient.

The 24/7 culture has changed what happens on Sundays. Spangs recalled how he was playing football with his fellow Scouts in the 1960s, and the police came and stopped them because they were playing organised games on a Sunday!

What has stayed the same?

Although much has changed, superficially and in the world around Scouting, the core values have stayed the same – respect, integrity, care, belief and cooperation. Andrew believes that children will always enjoy the less sophisticated activities – playing games, making fires, going into the woods, camping.

Spangs believes that Scouting is a place

to learn things for life. My son Paul started in Beavers almost 30 years ago, then moved on to Cubs and Scouts. He described it as *“a place to just be a young boy...”* It was at a Cub event that he first finally understood how to tie his shoelaces.

One big thing that has not changed is the dedication and commitment of all the Group’s leaders. We thank them all, and particularly Spangs, Helen, Jeremy and Andrew who, between them, have notched up getting on for



180 years of involvement in Scouting in Millhouses!

DAD

Dad was born in August 1897 and when war was declared in 1914 he was just short of his 17th birthday. Was it a sense of duty, bravado or a yearning for adventure, (we shall never know), but at the tender age of 17 he decided to enlist, only to be dragged back by an equally determined mother. Some months later his stubborn nature kicked in and, lying about his age *again*, he joined the York and Lancaster Regiment, in the footsteps of one of his older brothers.

He was soon posted to France and none of us can imagine what fighting in the trenches did to the mind of a 17 year old. There were two events that, as children, we were aware of.



Firstly, he was awarded the Military Medal. The citation, on the back, read "for bravery on the battle field". He apparently went 'over the top' under enemy fire to drag a wounded colleague into the trench. This meant nothing to us children but

the fact that he had a bullet through the leg, was extremely lucky to get out of the field hospital back to England, and spent time in Middlewood hospital was of great amusement to us. Middlewood was, when we were growing up, a mental hospital!

The inter war years were a difficult place for this young man, flitting from job to job. With his personality and intelligence he was eminently employable and promotable but he shunned responsibility and moved on whenever his foot got on a career ladder. His saving grace was my mother nearly 12 years younger than him, whom he married in 1935. By 1949 he was father to the five of us!

Much to his disappointment, Dad was considered too old for active service when war broke out in 1939. He did, however, ride out the war on a motorcycle and sidecar as a member of 'Dad's Army'. As we were growing up in Archer Road, Millhouses there were always great stories from these



years, the windows coming in over my older siblings beds, Dad riding home, at the height of the blitz, over incendiary bombs and the night he brought home half a pig (from the black market) for my pregnant mother to deal with!

I was always fascinated by Dad's stories from the Second World War but could never get him to speak about his experiences in the First.

Dad continued his love of the army and worked tirelessly for the army cadet force, two nights a week at the Edmund Road Drill Hall and every Sunday on parade. By this time he was Major Jackson, immaculately dressed with his cap on his head and stick under his arm. It was his four daughters who polished his shoes, ironed his shirts and cleaned his buttons with Brasso! Smart and punctual until the day he died, he always believed all young men should serve their time but his only son had no interest in following his father's footsteps—except for a love of motor-bikes and cars!

Out-going and, on the surface, a confident, clever, popular character, who was very good at sports, the life and soul of a large group, Dad frequently found comfort in drink and then came home angry and abusive. Mum with the patience of a saint, protected us from these times and cared for Dad until he died aged 87 - in many ways a young lad to the end.

What did Dad go through in France? Were his mood swings a result of post-dramatic stress disorder, from which he undoubtedly suffered? Or what? I often wonder.

Sue Jackson

Answers to 'Millhouses now and then', page 11

1. Millhouses Park. NB VERY large swimming pool
2. Millhouses Park. Pool now a 'Lido'
3. Millhouses Park paddling pool
4. The same area as number 3 as it is today!
5. Beauchief station, Abbey Lane
6. Millhouses station—there were 4 platforms
7. Bottom of Whirlowdale Rd, (not a cul-de-sac), and Millhouses shops.
8. The Sheffield & Ecclesall Dairy—the drive is now the road to Esporta/Virgin Fitness Centre.
9. The Beauchief Hotel on a Bank Holiday.
10. Millhouses tram terminus—now Ranulph Court
11. Bottom right, Marriott Road rooftops, looking across them to the railway and Laycock's Engineering works. The large building is Laycock's offices on Archer Road. The brick-works chimney is to the right with the quarry above.

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“Nearly 100 years in Millhouses”

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Two side-by-side photographs of a white car's front headlight. The left photo is labeled 'BEFORE' and shows a damaged, cracked headlight. The right photo is labeled 'AFTER' and shows the same headlight after being repaired and polished, appearing clear and smooth.

In case you had forgotten.....

“Christmas is Coming” !

*As usual it will be coming early to Holy Trinity, this year
on **Sat 24th November***

*Once again there will be children’s activities, stalls, food,
inc. the ever popular bacon butties, Traidcraft and of
course Father Christmas.*

Football Crazy,

Football Mad.....



'You must be mad' is a phrase often used when I declare that my wife and myself are avid football fans, but there again madness runs in the family for it is documented that my great grandfather, a former player and director of Sheffield Wednesday, insisted in joining in the training sessions before the 1935 Cup Final even though he was 87 years old, mind you he bought a motor cycle when he was 76 ! The discussions that can ensue from the above comments as to the merits or otherwise of the game, Association Football, which, of course, has many of its roots in Sheffield, Hallam being the oldest ground in the world and Bramall Lane the oldest major football ground with Sheffield F.C. being the world's first and oldest football club, are often excellent.

I recently watched a programme on Bill Shankly, the legendary Liverpool FC Manager. Shankly is often remembered for the following words,

"Some people believe football is a matter of life and death. I am very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much, more important than that".

The documentary portrayed Shankly as someone with a great community spirit with football, like the church, placed firmly at the centre of the community. This is not surprising as many of our football teams developed through churches and religion, some Protestant and some Catholic, great examples being Rangers and Celtic. In the 19th century the Reverend Ben Chambers was an advocate of Muscular Christianity, encouraging healthy bodies and healthy minds and, as a result of this movement, following the adoption of the Sheffield rules and the formation of the Football Association a number of football clubs were founded by churches. Aston Villa developed from Aston Wesleyan Chapel, Everton from St. Domingo's Methodist Church, Fulham from St. Andrew's Church Sunday School F.C., Man City from St. Marks Anglican Church in West Gorton and Southampton from St. Mary's Church Southampton. I well remember an elderly gentleman, a staunch church worker and a good friend, telling me, *"Don't think we were all wonderful in my day just because the Sunday Schools were full, the truth is we all wanted to play football and the only league we could play in was the Bible Class League."* which was still run in Sheffield until recent years. To get into the team you had to attend a Sunday School or Bible Class.



Another wonderful Minister who was a Wolves/ Sheffield United fan, once informed me that the love of football was the greatest gift God had given him as it enabled him to break the ice with people from all walks of life and anywhere in the world. We have found this to be true ourselves. I well remember sitting at a pavement café in France with the then Honorary Polish Consul for Sheffield, when a group of foreign football fans passed where upon he proudly lifted his Polish football scarf and was warmly applauded by the passing fans. A few years ago whilst sitting in the Vet's waiting room on Abbeydale Road I found myself sitting next to Lord Hattersley, (a fellow Owl), and Buster his dog. Again football not politics became the easy path into conversation. We have also had wonderful conversations with taxi drivers, waiters and restaurateurs whilst touring Europe. There is also much humour from both spectators and participants. I remember the P.A. at Hillsborough putting out the message, *"Will Mr. Smith please return home immediately as his girlfriend has gone into labour."* Straight away a voice behind us shouted out, *"Aye, and his wife's none too pleased."*



When Ron Atkinson was asked about the spectators slow hand clapping at one of his games he replied, *"Think about it - I started it ! "*

In similar vein once at Rotherham when Tommy Docherty was asked what he thought they would come away with after playing Millwall he replied, *"Come away with, we'll be lucky to come away with the wheels on the coach ! "*

We all know about the football game that took place on Christmas Day in no-man's land between the German and English soldiers. Again football playing its part as the common denominator.

Although football has changed greatly since its inception and many would say that it is no longer the sport of the local community or the working man, it still has a large role to play in many people's lives. Some people regard the football club as their anchor in life, something to believe in and hold on to. For others it is escapism from the normal strain and stresses of life. It also brings pleasure, though sometimes heartbreak to millions. In looking at the development of football we should not forget the amount of charity work that is done by the clubs and often by individual players, trying to bring hope and joy often to sick children. There has also developed a tradition of showing appreciation for those fans or players who have passed away, by having a minute's applause. Michel Quoist in his book 'Prayers of life' draws a parallel between the ceremony of a football match and the ceremony of life. As long as there are Owls and Blades in the City of Sheffield many wonderful debates, reminiscences, rivalries and friendships will take place. *Cont.....over*

Continued from previous page *Chris and Jane Beardsell* conclude with:

Football at Night - Taken from: Michel Quoist, Prayers of Life. Published by Gill and Son 1963

*This evening at the stadium the night was stirring, peopled with 10,000 shadows.
And when the floodlights had painted green the velvet of the great field,
The night intoned a chorale, filled by 10,000 voices.*

*The master of ceremonies had given the signal to begin the service.
The impressive liturgy moved forward smoothly.
The ball flew from celebrant to celebrant,
As if everything had been minutely planned in advance.
It passed from foot to foot, slipped along the field, and flew away overhead.
Each was at his post, taking the ball in turn, passing it to the next one who was there to receive and pass again.*



*And because each one did his part in the right place,
Because he put forth the effort required,
Because he knew he needed all the others,
Slowly but surely the ball gained ground
And made the final goal!*

*While at the end, the immense crowd flowed laboriously into the narrow streets,
I reflected, Lord, that human history, for us a long game, is for you this great liturgy,
A prodigious ceremony initiated at the dawn of time, which will end only when the last celebrant has completed his final rite.*

*In this world, Lord, we each have our place.
You, the far sighted coach, have planned it for us.
You need us here, our brothers need us, and we need everyone.*

*It isn't the position I hold that is important, Lord,
But the reality and strength of my presence.
What difference whether I am forward or back, as long as I am fully what I should be?*

Here, Lord, is my day before me
Did I sit too much on the side-lines, criticising the play of others, my hands in my pockets?
Did I play my part well?
And when you were watching our side, did you see me there?
Did I catch my team-mates pass and that of the player at the end of the field?
Did I co-operate with my team without seeking the limelight?
Did I play the game to obtain the victory, so that each one should have a part in it?
Did I battle to the end in spite of setbacks, blows and bruises?
Was I troubled by the demonstration of the crowd and of the team, discouraged by their lack of understanding and their criticisms,
Made proud by their applause?
Did I think of praying my part, remembering that in the eyes of God this human game is the most religious of ceremonies?

*I come in now to rest in the pavilion Lord.
Tomorrow, if you kick off, I will play in a new position,
And so each day ...
Grant that this game, played with all brothers, may be the imposing liturgy that you expect of us,
So that when your last whistle interrupts our lives we should be chosen for the championship of Heaven.
Amen*



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