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10.00 am Parish Communion

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This service can be followed on 'Zoom'

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From the clergy.....

I invite you to ponder the image on the cover of this magazine. What does it make you think of? How does it make you feel?

To me, it is a pleasant image of summer ... bright, peaceful, calm, fruitful, spacious, open ...

a good introduction to the collection of articles we have in this edition of TRIO. We hope for a good summer this year, when we now have more freedom to go out and about as the Covid pandemic subsides. I find it has made me appreciate the locality more. We have plenty of places to visit, in and around the parish – Ecclesall Woods, Millhouses Park with its many facilities including the boating lake (miniature and larger!), Whirlow Farm, Ladies Spring Woods, Abbeydale Industrial Hamlet, the Peak District, to name just a few. And further afield, we have an article about cathedrals that can be visited on a day trip.

Yet, the blue and yellow of the cover image is also a subtle recognition that things in other parts of the world are not as peaceful. In our parish church services, and in the international and local Community of the Cross of Nails litany prayers, we continue to pray for Ukraine, for peace in that country and all other places where there is conflict and hardship or abuse of the planet which destroys the beauty of the environment. We include in this magazine an update from the charity Sheffield: City of Sanctuary, on what it is doing to help refugees who come to our city.

This Summer is also a time of change and new possibilities in our parish. The refurbishments at St. John's are going well and we hope that the church will be back in use in the Summer, with its new flexible space and seating, kitchen area and accessible toilet. The pews which were removed in March have gone to a range of good homes, with a variety of uses – including being remade into a round table and chairs - and you can see pictures of some of them in this magazine.

Most importantly, we are delighted that we shall soon be welcoming a new full-time priest in the Parish – Rev'd Matt Wood, who is currently curate at St. John's, Ranmoor.

You will see Matt in and around the parish from 1 July and there will be a special service at Holy Trinity Church on 3 July when Sophie, Bishop of Doncaster, will welcome him to this role. Matt writes:

“Clare and I couldn't be happier that God is calling us to share in the journey of faith with the people of Abbeydale and Millhouses. I've had the pleasure of visiting both churches to preside during the interregnum, so I've experienced first-hand the warmth of your welcome and your heart for sharing God's love with the community. We're looking forward to being with you very soon and starting to get to know you all.”

We look forward to getting to know Matt and hearing more from him in the next TRIO and we pray for him and Clare at this time of change and new beginnings.

Wishing everyone a peaceful, healthy and happy summer.

Angie



Many are asking **'Why a Curate-in-charge and not a Priest-in-charge?'**

The C. of E. usually appoints newly ordained priests to a three year 'curacy'* under the guidance of an experienced priest. Matt will complete his curacy under the oversight of the Revd Canon Matthew Rhodes, his Training Incumbent.

In order not to undermine the future appointment of an Oversight Minister, Matt will not be moving into our vicarage, but continue to live in Ranmoor.

***According to Wikipedia:**

A Curate, strictly speaking, is a person who cares or cures the souls of a Parish, but it is commonly used to describe clergy who are assistants to the Parish Priest. In the Church of England today, 'curate' refers to a priest who is in his/her first post after ordination and who continues their training for a further three or four years under the tutelage of an experienced priest. The term 'Curate-in-charge' is not new...

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As Russia continues to attack Ukraine, the suffering and fear goes on in Afghanistan, Syria, the Yemen and other parts of the world, we ask **‘Why does God let bad things happen?’**

Down the centuries people have asked this question and obviously there will never be a definitive answer! These are some recent Christian thoughts.

If God is good and all powerful, why does he allow wars, abuse? When the world was created it was perfect. Genesis 1 .. ‘And God saw that it was good’. God gave mankind free will ... the ability to chose between good and evil. It’s not that God wants or allows the suffering, it’s people who make that choice. They choose between trying to follow how God would like us to live and living selfishly.

Think about parent-child relationships. As much as parents wish they could control the behaviour of their children, every child has free will. Parents can teach, chastise, threaten, punish, coerce and use many other ways to control their child’s behaviour, but ultimately it’s the child who makes the choice. Even a very young child, for example, who has been told not to touch say, the cooker, but can’t resist and then gets burnt. Did the parent cause the burn? Though the parent did not want the child to get burnt, they *allowed* it to happen. God allows us to exercise free will, even though there will be consequences.

Adapted from Hebrews12Endurance.com

After sending many prophets to help teach people how He wanted them to live, God finally sent His own Son as a human example of the way to treat and love others, but sadly jealousy, fear and cruelty was the choice of the majority and he was killed in an horrific inhuman manner. This was man’s choice, not God’s.

When will we ever learn?

Anon

It’s an age-old question, and among the most difficult to answer. We have all thought about it, tried to explain it, and struggled with it. We all wonder exactly how God can be all-loving and still allow such immense pain. It doesn’t seem right, it doesn’t seem fair, and it is probably the biggest stumbling block that keeps us from truly trusting in God. Yet in a strange way, the pain we experience in life may be the best sign that He truly is good and that through pain we see His love for us.

Jason Soroski

Christianity is the only faith that has at its core the suffering and death of its own God. We sometimes imagine God to be distant and disconnected, and if only he would wave his magic wand to make the bad things go away. But it’s not like that. God is neither distant, nor unconcerned about suffering. On the contrary, God accompanies us and even has an intense, personal knowledge of suffering and loss. In our struggles it can help us to know that God has been there before us.

Chris Goswami, Baptists Together

GotQuestions.org

The [book of Job](#) deals with the issue of why God allows bad things to happen to good people. Job was a righteous man ([Job 1:1](#)), yet he suffered in ways that are almost beyond belief. God allowed Satan to do everything he wanted to Job except kill him, and Satan did his worst. What was Job’s reaction? “Though he slay me, yet will I hope in him” ([Job 13:15](#)). “The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised” ([Job 1:21](#)). Job did not understand why God had allowed the things He did, but he knew God was good and therefore continued to trust in Him. Ultimately, that should be our reaction as well.

Why do bad things happen to good people? As hard as it is to acknowledge, we must remember that there are no “good” people, in the absolute sense of the word. All of us are tainted by and infected with sin ([Ecclesiastes 7:20](#); [Romans 3:23](#); [1 John 1:8](#)). As Jesus said, “No one is good—except God alone” ([Luke 18:19](#)). All of us feel the effects of sin in one way or another. Sometimes it’s our own personal sin; other times, it’s the sins of others. We live in a fallen world, and we experience the effects of the fall. One of those effects is injustice and seemingly senseless suffering.

‘Cathedrals, luxury liners laden with souls, Holding to the east their hulls of stone.’ W. H. Auden

Now that June has arrived my thoughts (hopes!) are turning to glorious sunny weather and that wonderful summertime phenomenon – the day out! But where to go? Living in Sheffield we are spoilt for choice for interesting destinations within relatively easy reach.

Cathedrals have always attracted visitors for a variety of reasons. Of course their primary function is spiritual, being built to the glory of God as places to worship Him. But they can also be appreciated simply for the magnificence of their awe-inspiring architecture and for the sheer sense of history preserved within their walls. The presence of a nice tearoom is usually an added bonus!

Like many establishments (and individuals), our nation’s cathedrals have been ‘feeling the pinch’ recently with their income severely impacted by Covid-19, and their running costs soaring. The Chair of England’s Cathedral Deans has called on all who value cathedrals to visit them and assist their recovery in the aftermath of the pandemic.

Here are a few suggestions of places to visit. (Other cathedrals are available!)

Lincoln Cathedral

Described by John Ruskin as ‘the most precious piece of architecture in the British Isles’, the cathedral occupies a magnificent



position in the heart of Lincoln, literally towering over this historic city. During the Second World War its three towers often guided home allied aircrew returning from missions over Europe. It continues to attract visitors who frequently reach it by climbing the picturesque and aptly named Steep Hill – or taking the shuttle bus!

Construction of the cathedral began in 1072, but the structure we see today took many centuries to complete, hampered by fire, earthquake and other disasters along the way. The results are genuinely awesome with breath-taking vaulted ceilings and beautiful stained glass including two large rose windows which date to the 13th and 14th Centuries.

Children (of all ages!) can enjoy hunting for the carving of the famed Lincoln Imp, and discovering the legends behind him.

Visitors to the cathedral might experience a sense of *déjà vu* when entering the stunning Chapter House: the final scenes of the film ‘The Da Vinci Code’ were shot there.

Wakefield Cathedral

Although perhaps not as famous as some, Wakefield Cathedral is definitely worth a visit. It has Anglo

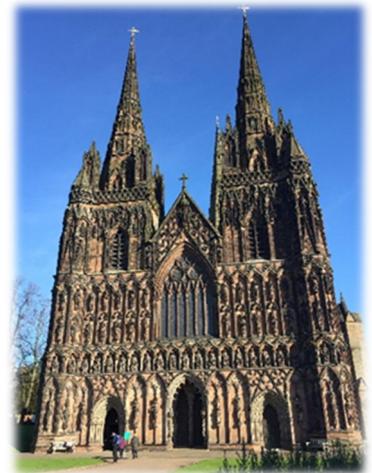


Saxon origins but has been the subject of considerable enlargement and rebuilding over the centuries. The oldest part of the cathedral dates from around 1150, whereas the interior has been extensively remodelled in recent years to reorder the nave, creating an open space for worship. At 75 metres (247 feet) the cathedral has the tallest spire in Yorkshire.

Why not combine a trip to the cathedral with a visit to Wakefield’s award winning Hepworth Gallery, (officially ‘The Hepworth Wakefield’), or have a picnic in Yorkshire Sculpture Park?

Lichfield Cathedral

Lichfield in Staffordshire is home to the only medieval three-spired cathedral in the UK. It is one of the oldest places of Christian worship in England, and the burial place of the great Anglo-Saxon missionary Bishop, St Chad.



The first cathedral on the site was built in 700, but construction of the current cathedral began in 1195. The central spire of this Gothic masterpiece is 77 metres (253 feet) high. (Don’t tell Wakefield!)

Located within one of the most complete cathedral closes in the country, the cathedral has a particularly attractive and peaceful setting, with the surrounding buildings, some of them medieval in origin, giving the place a really historic atmosphere.

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According to the Venerable Bede, Chad once “fasted strictly” for 30 days. Visitors can rest assured they will not have to do likewise: there is a café in the Cathedral Close, and plenty of other eateries within Lichfield.

Derby Cathedral

The Cathedral Church of All Saints Derby sits at the end of the ancient thoroughfare of Iron Gate (an inn on which was visited by Bonnie Prince Charlie on his ill-fated march south in 1745).

Another less well-known example, it only gained cathedral status in 1927. It is, however,



considerably older. The main structure is the result of rebuilding completed in 1725, but the main tower dates back to the 16th Century, and the original church on the site was built around 943. The neo-classical interior combines simplicity with much use of natural light.

The cathedral contains the somewhat flamboyant tomb of Bess of Hardwick (1527 – 1608). In her day Bess is thought

to have been the second most powerful woman in England after Queen Elizabeth I, so the church, despite not being a cathedral, was clearly of considerable importance at the time.

However, by the beginning of the 18th Century the church was in such a state of disrepair that the vicar unilaterally hired a gang of workmen to knock it down overnight! (Those were the days!) Hence the need to rebuild. Fortunately, the original tower remained. In recent years this has become well known as a nesting place for peregrine falcons, which can be observed on-line via several webcams.

Derby offers many other places of interest to the visitor, including one of the UK’s six remaining medieval bridge chapels, several museums and Derby Arboretum (Britain’s first public park).

One final note: as a wheelchair user I have enjoyed visits to all of these cathedrals. However, if you are planning a visit yourself and you or a member of your party have any mobility issues please ensure you make your own enquiries beforehand to ensure that these can be accommodated. Please also check admission charges and any Covid restrictions before you set off!

Happy exploring!

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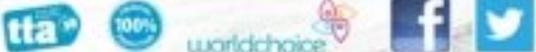
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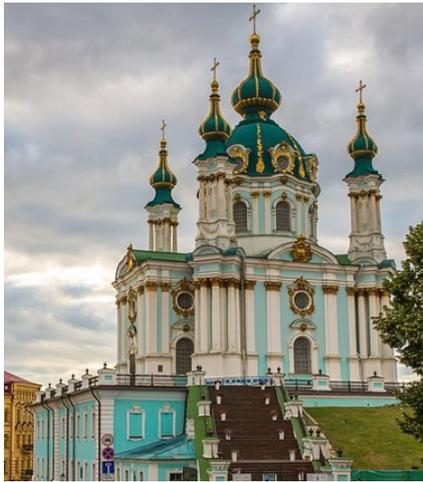
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CHRISTIANITY IN UKRAINE

Christianity in Ukraine dates back to the beginning of Christianity, when the Apostles made mission trips along the Black Sea. There is a legend of St. Andrew ascending the hills of Kyiv, where the current St. Andrew's church is situated, and foretelling the great future of Kyiv as the cradle of Christianity in the Slavic lands.

St Andrew's Church, Kyiv

Reconstructed in the 17th Century



Before the invasion, modern Kyiv had a population of almost three million and is the seventh largest city in Europe.

Of 44 million Ukrainians, over 60% are **Orthodox** Christian, though a significant minority of Catholics worship with a Byzantine liturgy, similar to that of the Orthodox, but under the spiritual leadership of the Pope in Rome. There are only small percentages of Protestant Christians, Jews and Muslims. In addition to its two national Ukrainian churches, the **Orthodox Church of Ukraine** and the **Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church**, the **Russian Orthodox Church** continues to maintain a strong presence through its former branch, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church under Moscow Patriarchate. Throughout history the Orthodox tradition has shown in Ukraine's self-identity and culture.

The history of the church in modern Ukraine starts as early as the 10th century when Christianity in Ruthenia, an area in Eastern Europe which included parts of Hungary, Poland, Belarus and Ukraine, was established as a state religion.

Historically, the term "Greek Orthodox" has been used to describe all Eastern Orthodox churches, since the term "Greek" can refer to the heritage of the Byzantine Empire. However, after the fall of

Constantinople in 1453, the Greek influence decreased. After the Turkish (Muslim) conquest, Constantinople, as a centre of Christian power, lost a significant part of its authority. On the other hand, the Moscow rulers soon began to consider themselves real *Tsars* (this title was already used by Ivan III), and therefore, according to them, the centre of the Eastern Orthodox Church should be located in Moscow, and thus the bishop of Moscow should become the head of Orthodoxy. With some Eastern Orthodox people calling Moscow the "Third Rome", or the "New Rome", the Russian Church gained influence in the Orthodox world outside the Ottoman empire. After this event, a series of doctrinal and liturgical differences would emerge in the Slavic Orthodox world, being cut off from its Greek counterpart. By the mid-17th century the religious practices of the Russian Orthodox Church were distinct from those of the Greek Orthodox Church. Eventually, Patriarch Nikon of Moscow would reform the Church and bring most of its practices back into line with the contemporary forms of Greek Orthodox worship. This change, however, was rejected, and still is, by a large group of traditionalists.

The three-barred cross of the Eastern Orthodox Church. The slanted bottom bar represents the footrest, while the top is the titulus (often "INBI") affixed by the Roman authorities to Christ's cross during his crucifixion.



At the end of World War II Christianity was officially eliminated by the Soviet Union, but in the 1990s, after nearly 50 years of communist ideology the country was 'free'. In December 1991, President Boris Yeltsin of Russia, President Kravchuk of Ukraine, and Chairman Shushkevich of Belarus, recognised each other's independence and created the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) instead of the Soviet Union. There was a revival of Ukrainian national religions and Catholic and Orthodox churches were allowed to reopen. They enjoyed a flood of worshippers and foreign money for restoration work. The new nation was officially secular and its current President, Volodymyr Zelensky, is Jewish.

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In 2018 the autonomous Ukrainian Orthodox Church (UOC) declared its independence from the Russian Orthodox leadership of Patriarch Kirill in Moscow. Currently, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, based in Istanbul, is the head of 300 million Eastern Orthodox Christians world-wide. In 2019 he granted 'autocephaly' to Ukraine, meaning that they are now governed by their own national synod – similar to the Anglican church world-wide. Bartholomew has strongly condemned the war in Ukraine whereas Patriarch Kirill of the Russian Orthodox church has not.

What is the situation of Ukrainian Christianity now in Spring 2022

A Christian website report states:

“The invasion puts the Ukrainian church at the heart of the conflict, as Christian leaders contend with people’s despair and uncertainty. They are standing, united and strong, and they’re helping Ukrainians find hope in God’s Word..... church leaders working together for peace, and people seeking out the hope of Scripture..... In Anatoliy’s church, people are fearful they will lose everything. In response, he has been sharing Psalm 31 with anyone searching for reassurance. He reports that people are often surprised to hear words that, according to them, sound like they could have been written in Kyiv in 2022: ‘Praise be to the Lord, for he showed me the wonders of his love when I was in a city under siege’ (v. 21).”

Our thoughts and prayers are with all Ukrainians



St Sophia’s Cathedral, Kyiv

Built in the 11th Century

The first heritage site in Ukraine to be inscribed on the World Heritage List

Sources/research by A.H and PJ and include:

Wikipedia; www.christianitytoday.com;

The Daily Telegraph et al!

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Thursday afternoon is here once again. Indoor bowling is the game Now! getting the bias would be good. But remember!! Don't hit the wood!. So the bowl travels down the mat. But the aim is to hit the Jack!!! But sometimes it goes off the mat. A break at three with a cup of tea and a chat or too. For someone new it's fun to do!! For someone new it's fun to do!!

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Pews in the church before removal on 8th March

So what has happened to St. John's pews?

Most were bought by family and friends of the church congregation.

13 went to a church furniture reclamation business in Nottingham .

Some have been re-purposed into a large round table and chairs, eventually bound for Sussex.



Octagonal table base made from the front railings



Peter Lauener, grandson Ralph and John Collins, Cabinet Maker, with the completed table at John's workshop

A couple went to Barnsley. The furthest afield is Cornwall! And some are still in people's garages...

Photo-bombed by a cat ...
...and a teddy!



Thanks to several photographers!!



Two provide seating in a cosy dining area

more on next page...

Garden and allotment seating was always going to be popular!



... and finally one has been placed on the green at Greenhill for passers-by to have a rest - but no photo as yet.



Many of our readers and advertisers will be saddened to hear of the recent deaths of Stan Nuttall, TRIO's first editor, and of Peter Quarrell, who very recently retired as TRIO's advertising manager and treasurer. We are extremely indebted to them for their immense contributions to the magazine.

David Cunnington, long-standing and fully committed member of St. John's congregation, also died peacefully at the end of April, aged 93. David was treasurer, Reader and had many other roles serving the church community and will be sadly missed.

May they rest in peace.

A big *THANK YOU* for continuing to support our recycling and 'The Grace Foodbank'. We are still collecting towels, stamps, hearing aids (non-NHS) and electrical leads. These can be left in the collecting box at the back of Holy Trinity or contact Pat Jackson, Editor, (details on p2), who will arrange collection.

(N.B. There is no box at St. John's until the reopening).



Our Reader, Mike Morton-Thorpe, was treated to a surprise 80th birthday cake during the tea-break at a 'Carpet Bowls' session.

Photo from Ann Smedley.

Worship at Holy Trinity and St. John's

Both St. John's and Holy Trinity are open during the week for private prayer:

H.T. 10am - 4.30pm

St. J's 10am - 4pm

June

Sun 12th H.T.	10am	Trinity Sunday Parish Communion
Sun 19th H.T.	10am	Trinity 1 Parish Communion
Sun 26th St. J's	10am	Trinity 2 Parish Communion <i>Helen Blackburn</i>



August

Sun 7th H.T.	10am	Trinity 8 Parish Communion
Sun 14th St. J's	10am	Trinity 9 Parish Communion
Sun 21st H.T.	10am	Trinity 10 Parish Communion
Sun 28th St. J's	10am	Trinity 11 Parish Communion

July

Sun 3rd H.T.	10am	Trinity 3 All Age Worship with band <i>Matt Wood and Bishop Sophie Jelley</i> A big welcome to Matt at his first service as Curate in Charge
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Sun 10th St. J's H.T.	10am 4pm	Trinity 4 Parish Communion Choral Evensong, sung by <i>The Steel City Choristers</i>
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Sun 17th H.T.	10am	Trinity 5 Parish Communion
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Sun 24th St. J's	10am	Trinity 6 Parish Communion
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Sun 31st H.T.	10am	Trinity 7 Parish Communion
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September

Sun 4th H.T.	10am	Trinity 12 All Age Worship = with band
Sun 11th St. J's	10am	Trinity 13 Parish Communion
Sun 18th H.T.	10am	Trinity 14 Parish Communion



Our 10am service is available through zoom. The link remains unchanged:

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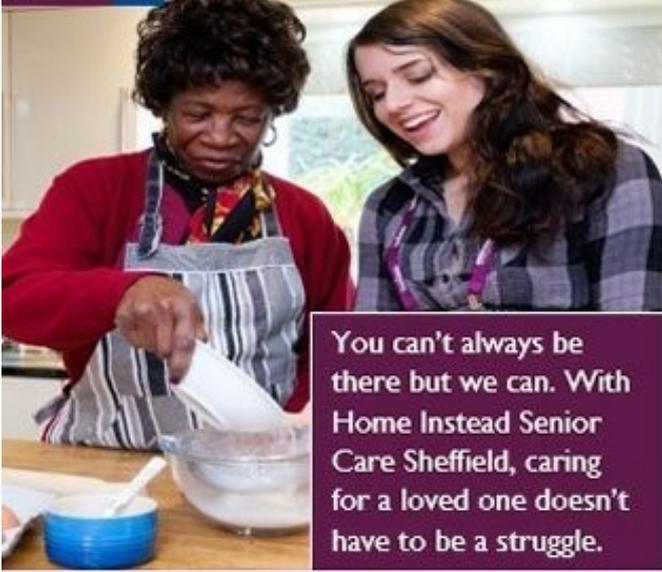
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Following the talk to launch our Lent Appeal in March, Julia Massey has been in touch with Blessan Babu and they provide this information about the current refugee situation.



Creating a Culture of Welcome

SOME DEFINITIONS

Asylum Seeker - Someone who has made an application for asylum and is waiting for a decision on their claim.

Refugee - Someone who has had their application for asylum accepted and have been given a set period of time to remain in the country of application.

“Refused” or “failed” Asylum seeker - All appeal rights have been exhausted.

Internally Displaced Persons - Internally displaced people (IDPs) have not crossed a border to find safety. Unlike refugees, they are on the run at home.

Stateless Person - A person who is not considered as a national by any State under the operation of its law.

SOME NUMBERS **The Global picture mid 2021**

Refugees

More than two thirds of refugees under UNHCR’s mandate and Venezuelans displaced abroad come from just five countries-

Syrian Arabic Republic – 6.8 million
 Venezuela 4.1 million
 Afghanistan 2.6 million
 South Sudan 2.2 million
 Myanmar 1.1 million
 add Ukraine this year ????

Host Countries

The top five countries –

Turkey 3.7 million
 Columbia 1.7 million
 Uganda 1.5 million
 Pakistan 1.4 million
 Germany 1.2 million
 add Poland this year ????

SOME UK POLICIES

- People seeking asylum struggle to meet their essential living needs and are not allowed to work.
- People seeking asylum can be detained indefinitely without knowing when they’ll be released.
- Refused asylum seekers are charged up front for secondary health care.
- Legal provision is incredibly scarce after cuts to legal aid.

Sheffield City of Sanctuary’s MISSION

- ⇒ To create welcoming spaces for people seeking sanctuary.
- ⇒ To work in solidarity with people seeking to promote their safety and wellbeing.
- ⇒ To strengthen, develop and diversify the migrant rights movement in Sheffield.

WHAT THE CITY OF SANCTARY DOES

- ⇒ Provides a drop in welcome centre in Chapel Walk to welcome asylum seekers and refugees with practical help in matters such as - health and welfare, clothes bank, family reunions, speaking to their MPs, housing and homelessness, and destitution support.
- ⇒ Hosts and signposts clients to other services.
- ⇒ Supports clients through the asylum process and supports people oppressed by systematic injustices to have their voices heard.

WHAT THE CITY OF SANCTARY NEEDS

- ⇒ **Volunteers to welcome new arrivals, teach English, challenge asylum destitution, provide a room, work with new refugees, help people access justice, foster young refugees.**
- ⇒ **Monetary donations and support for organisations who aim to make life in the UK safe and welcoming for people from around the world. Local organisations, in addition to City of Sanctuary, include ASSIST, Sheffield Against Asylum Evictions, Student Action for Refugees.**

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NEWS FROM MILLHOUSES METHODIST CHURCH



It was wonderful to be able to celebrate Easter together in church for the first time in three years with a Maundy Thursday Last Supper Communion Service led by our minister, Revd Dr Claude Kimpinde, and an Easter morning service led by Dr Jenny Bywaters, both 'in the round'. We also appreciated once more being able to take part with other local churches in the Good Friday Walk of Witness down Abbeydale Road from Holy Trinity Millhouses to the Mother of God RC Church.

Over the summer we expect to be sharing some Sunday services with other churches. Please keep an eye on our noticeboard and website www.millhousesmethodistchurch.org.uk for information nearer the time.



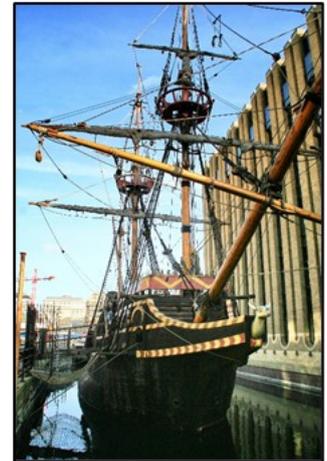
The country and people of Ukraine have of course been foremost in our prayers as we have followed the devastating news during the past few months. We have shown support with collections taken during Sunday services and have hosted a concert by John Wade Singers in aid of the Ukraine appeal. We shall continue to offer prayer and support in any way we can.

Sailing Through Life

John Smith reflects on 'sails' and 'anchors'

Cutty Sark, Gipsy Moth, Golden Hind, Mayflower, Dawn Treader, HMS Victory. What is the common denominator that connects all these names? Of course, they are all famous sailing vessels of one form or another.

There are many biblical stories that involve boats and ships. One of the most well-known is the famous story of 'the calming of the storm'. Jesus told his disciples to board a boat so that they might set sail for the other side of Lake Galilee, about seven miles across the lake. The disciples were well able to do this as some of them were fishermen. Their voyage is often compared to our voyage of life; our life illustrated as a body of water and our passage through this 'sea of life'.



The Golden Hinde, a full size replica of The Golden Hind.

As they sailed across Lake Galilee, a great storm blew up and the huge waves threatened to swamp their boat. Fearing for their lives the disciples called to Jesus and begged him to calm the storm, which Jesus did, calling out to the storm, "Peace, be still." The winds ceased and the sea became calm. The disciples were absolutely amazed; *"Who is this man, that even the winds and the seas obey him?"*

Jesus can still help us and give us direction today. All we need to do is ask him. With Jesus 'on board' our lives have direction.

All sailing ships, of course, have sails but all sailing ships have anchors too. An anchor is attached firmly to the ship by a cable or chain and is lowered to the sea bed to hold a vessel securely in a particular place, whether in calm or stormy waters. As Christians, we believe that Jesus is our hope and our anchor and that he is immovable. We can rely upon him to keep us steady in the midst of the storms and difficulties of life.



There is a rousing hymn, written by Priscilla Owens in the nineteenth century called "Will your anchor hold?" It is sung regularly and has been adopted as an 'anthem' by the Boys' Brigade, whose motto is "Sure and Steadfast". The motto comes from Hebrews 6:19 in the Bible – "Hope we have, as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast.", which is used in a line in the chorus of the hymn. Within its verses, the hymn asks strong questions about our faith, but nevertheless, assures us that if our anchor is grounded in Jesus Christ, we shall overcome the wild winds of life and make it to the 'City of Gold and the Harbour Bright'.

Sailing..... in Millhouses Park

A Community Activity for the young (and not so young!)

You might not know it – but in addition to cricket, tennis, bowls and other ball based activities, people can actually go sailing in Millhouses Park.



Millhouses Park is located within the parish of Abbeydale and Millhouses, approximately three miles south-west of Sheffield City Centre. Part of the park was gifted by Earl Fitzwilliam & Marquis of Zetland in 1909, with the remainder purchased by Sheffield City Council.

Sheffield Ship Model Society (SSMS) was formed in 1937 and in Sheffield in those days most large parks had a boating lake (Millhouses, Hillsborough, Firth Park, High Hazels), and many a day was spent either riding the paddle boats or sailing pond yachts, which was enjoyed by both young and old. Model boating consisted of either pond yachts (you let it go and it sails using the wind to propel it from one side of the pond to the other) or scale models of ships, run by either electric motors or even simple steam engines.

Fast forward a few years and with the advent of electronics and plastics, model making took off. More sophisticated models were being built, and



larger clubs were forming up and down the country, not only in local parks but on lakes, reservoirs and even in the sea.

Most models were based on full size designs, being either commercial vessels, (fishing boats, ferries and steam liners), racing yachts of the day or even experimental craft.

With the advent of radio control more complicated designs could be built with many animated features or allowing for greater range of operation and multiple persons at the same time.

Advances in real boating were echoed in models, hovercraft and submarines being a couple of examples. If a modeller could design or copy it, they could make it. Real designers of full size boating would often make scale models to test designs out before building full size. Modellers have always been regarded in high esteem.



Sheffield Ship Model Society has used many of the ponds in Sheffield for boating over the past eighty years. Wire Mill Dam was once a regular spot, but when the club changed to holding regular meetings in Millhouses Park the club really took off. The pond here offers many advantages such as a safe, shallow area of water (good for retrieving stuck boats with only a pair of waders needed), level ground (ideal for both children and older people), toilets, a really good cafe and easy local parking.

The water is shared with the paddle boats, but over the years the club has developed a close understanding with the owners, who have helped run events and have kept the pond clean and tidy. The local council staff are also great, very friendly and of course every few years they empty the pond to clean and refurbish it.

Sheffield Ship Model Society has always had a fairly large membership, with a current total of about 50. Most members are retired, come from all walks of life and are drawn to Millhouses from a large area, not just from Sheffield but from South Yorkshire, Nottingham and beyond. People who have left Sheffield often come back to visit the club.

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Some of the club's members are national champions or recognised authors write articles for specialist magazines. It is surprising how many members find, after chatting with each other for a few sessions that they have other similar interests such as fishing, cycling and bowling as well as radio controlled planes and cars. There is plenty to do and meeting three times a week gives people who might live on their own a place to go to get out of the house, to talk to other like-minded enthusiasts and generally socialize. During Covid, there was a period when members could not get out but thankfully nearly all activities are now back to normal.

If you want to come and see us, our main days are Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday mornings. The Club starts at about 8:30-9:00, because the paddle boats start operating on Sundays and holidays at about 11am, so we try to finish by then. When the children are at school there is less chance of the paddle boats being in operation so we can stay on the pond for longer without getting in anybody's way.

There are three main categories of boating done at Millhouses pond, scale boats (fishing boats, commercial etc), sailing yachts and mini fast electric. all have their own designated area of the pond to start with, mainly because the mini fast electric boats take up one edge with a course set by buoys, but they are usually finished by about

10am, and then the rest can use the whole pond. There are others, submarines and even pond yachts, yes some of the members still have them!

Sailing regattas are organised during the year, buoys and a course are put out with as many races as possible run, depending on the state of the wind. The most the club has had is 23 boats racing at once - what a sight that was! and many members of the public pause, sit on the many benches, the walls and the cafe to watch the fun.

Any member of the public can use the pond for model boating as it is a public park, but if in doubt come and ask any of the club members, who will gladly provide as much information as they can. If you come down to the Park, come over and ask questions, ask to have a go, we don't bite!

Ronnie Mallett

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Sheffield Ship Model Society

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Guiding and Scouting are *always* short of leaders, but it's great to see two young ladies starting out on their leadership path.



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Interested? For more information or an informal chat please contact:-

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Abbeydale and Millhouses Parish is raising funds for the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal. Please send donations to Abbeydale and Millhouses PCC at the Church Office — details on p2



The whole world now recognises the flag of Ukraine but did you know that it was designed to represent the golden wheat ripened under the clear blue summer skies?

Hence our cover picture!

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Regular Parish Activities – for special events see p.13



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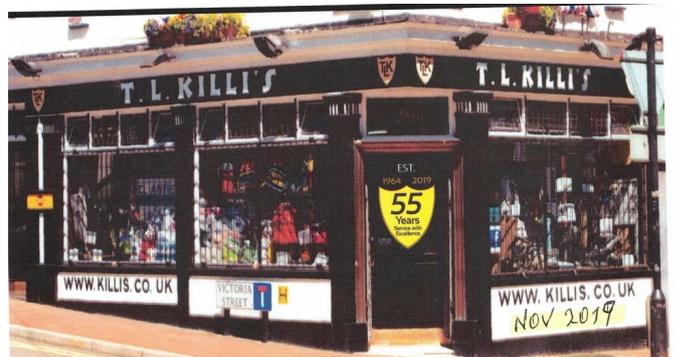
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