

Plague Commemoration Service

Sunday 30th August

Join us at 2.30pm at Eyam Church, moving to the Delph for 3.00pm

The Bishop at the Plague service in August



I am honoured to share in this important commemoration.

In a world where 'health' can be synonymous with a concern for my own wellbeing, we need to remember that 'health' includes a much bigger agenda – the wholeness of all God's children. The Latin word *salvus*, from which we have our Gospel term salvation, basically means

'right health'. The famous sacrifice of so many in Eyam through the community discipline of containing the plague for the sake of protecting those further afield is a sign of how Christian salvation operates: there is no greater love than to lay down your life for others. Such faith is the seed of salvation – we give thanks to God for being heirs of this amazing act of witness.



Oldham Theatre Workshop presents

Eyam

A True Story of Sacrifice and Heroism

*Book by Sarah Nelson,
Music by James Atherton*

Friday 25th 7.30pm

Saturday 26th September 2.30pm & 7.30pm

Eyam Church

The true story of a Derbyshire village that was hit by the plague in the autumn of 1665. The new rector William Mompesson along with non-conformist minister Thomas Stanley persuaded the villagers to stay cut off from the world in order to stop the plague spreading throughout the county, and over the next 14 months 260 of the over 700-strong community died. Within this story of sacrifice and heroism we see how the self-imposed isolation affected the community's individuals. Despite the enormity of the tragedy, this is a life-affirming and still relevant drama, set to powerful music.

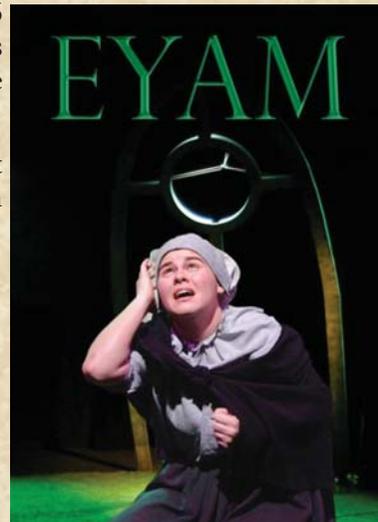
Eyam was made the subject of a BBC One documentary *Greater Love Hath No Man*, which was screened on Good Friday 2006 and won the prestigious Premier Award from the Sandford St Martin Trust.

To book tickets contact
Oldham Coliseum
Theatre Box Office

0161 6242829

www.coliseum.org.uk

Tickets £9.00 or
concessions £6.00



Eyam Plague

350 Years

1665

2015

Good Friday Meditations

*Friday 3rd April,
Radio 4, 3.02pm – 3.30pm*

The BBC has made a programme in Eyam with Mike Gilbert, Joan Plant some children from Eyam School and a doctor who has been working with Ebola patients in Africa. Tune in to hear the meditation on the theme of 'Greater Love'.

Eyam Against Ebola Benefit Jazz Concert

Held by Eyam Village Society

*Bank Holiday Monday
25th May 2015. 7.30pm*

The Marquee at Delf View House, Eyam,
Derbyshire S32 5QH

Wine Bar and Raffle

All proceeds to Ebola Charities

Tickets £15.

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The Roses of Eyam Promenade Play

16th-20th June 2015 7.00pm

The Roses of Eyam Promenade Play uses the real life location to tell the story of the village that lost a third of its population to the plague.

The play begins with the fateful arrival in Eyam of a horse and trap laden with "nowt but the latest fashions" but in fact infested with fleas carrying the deadly plague and charts 13 months of isolation, self sacrifice and heartbreak among the villagers.

Thomas Stanley, the evicted former rector, made an unlikely alliance with William Mompesson, the incomer who had taken his living, to persuade the residents to stay rather than run away and spread the plague. Despite all the despair and doubts they suffered, they were convinced in the end that they had done the right thing.

This promenade play, adapted from the Don Taylor play, uses the actual cottages where villagers lived and died and the village street where tragic and sometimes comic events took place. The result is a powerful piece of theatre which cannot fail to evoke an emotional and affecting response.

Ticket enquiries

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New Perspectives presents
A world premiere

Here We Stay

by David Rudkin



Described by The Observer as 'Britain's greatest living dramatic poet', visionary writer David Rudkin gives the Plague a central voice as narrator in a dramatic new telling of events at Eyam 350 years ago. The region's leading touring theatre company New Perspectives presents a staged reading of this moving and haunting new play, featuring live music and a cast to be announced.

Eyam Parish Church - 10% of ticket price donated to Eyam Parish Church
Saturday 18 July at 7.30pm
Tickets £12/concessions £10 & £8
Age suitability 12+
www.newperspectives.co.uk

Peak Pilgrimage

Summer 2015 will see the opening of the 'Peak Pilgrimage Way', a several-day spiritual walk through the glories of the national park from Ilam to Eyam. Ancient Ilam, itself a pilgrimage destination for over a thousand years, makes the perfect start for a pilgrimage walk, Eyam with its story of sacrificial love for others makes the perfect pilgrimage destination, and the Peak District National Park makes for the perfect setting.

It's not a tough walk, just a lovely one with options for different walking abilities suited to all manner of groups and families. It will feed your soul! To find out more and keep up to date log on to the website from May onwards – peakpilgrimage.org.uk