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Death and Forgiveness

“Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us”.

Forgiveness is an immensely costly process. I was preaching in a country parish a while ago. My theme was that the resurrection doesn't cancel out the crucifixion. If we have been badly hurt by someone, the scars and memories can still be there, even if we have forgiven them. “We should forgive from our heart,” said Jesus. For Jesus, in this context, the heart is the seat of the will. We may not feel forgiving but we are exerting our will to do so.

Afterwards a young mother with a 6 year old thanked me for the sermon. “You see”, she said “my husband is in prison. He killed our baby in a fit of rage”. She shared her need to learn to forgive, not least for her own sanity. Then she said: “The greatest problem is that the baby was the victim. Only he has the right to forgive”.

How is forgiveness possible in our violent, torn and wounded world?

“A sound is heard in Ramah,
the sound of bitter weeping.
Rachel is crying for her children
she refuses to be comforted,
for they are dead”

(Jeremiah 31.15, quoted by Matthew 2.16-18 when Herod murdered all the boys under 2 years old in Bethlehem and its neighbourhood).

Ultimately only God has the right to forgive. For when Jesus was crucified we see that God is the victim of all human cruelty and violence. Christ bleeds for us, and that crucified love never comes to an end. His love continues however much we hurt him or are hurt by others.

Hope, resurrection, dawns when we see there is an inexhaustible love that cannot be destroyed by violence and murder. “God is forever wounded but forever loving” (Rowan Williams).

We cut ourselves off from this universal love, at the heart of everything, when we refuse to ask for and trust God's mercy. It can be a long and often torturous process. The Good Friday agreement in Northern Ireland is a process still being realised.

My first experience of God's crucified love was at boarding school. Like so many schools in the 1950s, violence had been institutionalised. You had to be smart to survive. The only highlight was the worship in chapel. At least there no-one could get at you (though one boy threatened to beat me up for bowing my head at the name of Jesus in the Creed)!

There in the chapel I heard as though for the first time the story of the Crucifixion of Jesus. Then followed the words of the Creed: "Crucified, dead, buried, descended into hell and rose again". With the naivety of a child I thought, "if God loves like that there is hope". Some years later I was very moved in a sermon preached by Harry Williams. He ended with the words: "The Cross is the place where we are most forgiven and therefore capable of forgiving others, most loved and therefore capable of loving others, most accepted and therefore capable of accepting others".

Over the years I have discovered that the truly loving people are those who have been wounded. Through them shines an infectious love giving hope. Only scarred hands can touch the wounded. Over the altar on the east wall of Selwyn College Chapel, Cambridge, is a picture of the Risen and Ascended Christ. He still bears the scars and marks of his suffering.

God calls us to be a forgiven and forgiving community. That calling goes right back to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. The vivid and moving story of Joseph makes the point. Joseph's brothers were jealous of him and nearly murdered him. Finally they sold him into slavery in Egypt. Falsely accused by Potipher's wife he was imprisoned. Yet through all this devastation and loss there came a new beginning. He eventually rose to become "Prime Minister of Egypt". By good stewardship during the years of good harvest he stored grains for the future. During the following years of famine his actions were a blessing not only to Egypt but all other nations.

The climax of the story is the visit of his brothers to beg for bread. At first they do not recognise him. Joseph weeps. Once they had recognised him the brothers knew he could have killed them, as they had wanted to kill him. The future now depended on Joseph's willingness to forgive. It was as if the angels were standing on tiptoes! The finale is the address of Joseph to his

brothers: “Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you harmed me, God used it for good. In order to preserve numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones. In this way he reassured them and spoke kindly to them” (Genesis 50).

Hear some words of Desmond Tutu and then JESUS:

“Dear Child of God, if you are truly to understand that God loves all of us, we must recognise that he loves our enemies too. God does not share our hatred no matter what the offence we have endured”.

“Our Father in heaven
 Hallowed be your name
 Your kingdom come
 Your will be done on earth as in heaven
 Give us today our daily bread
 And forgive us our sins
 As we forgive those who sin against us...”

David

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St. Peter's Churchyard

REMINDER: Would everyone who tend cremation plots or graves please ensure that any Christmas wreaths etc. which they have placed there, are removed as soon as possible, if this has not already been done. This will make the mowing of the churchyard a much easier task for Richard, who has done such a wonderful job over the last few years.

An evening of Azaleas

in aid of the roof at St Peter's Church, Edensor

A walk in the Garden at Chatsworth
by kind permission of the Duke & Duchess of Devonshire

Tuesday 19th May 2009

6.30pm – 8.30pm

followed by a glass of wine in Flora's Temple

*for ticket enquiries, please contact Bridget Flemming
(on behalf of Edensor PCC) telephone 01246 583315*

Tickets £10

Lucinda Lambton

'A to Z of Great Britain'

in the Carriage House Restaurant, Chatsworth
by kind permission of the Duke & Duchess of Devonshire

Friday 22nd May 2009

in aid of St. Peter's Church, Edensor

6.00pm – Champagne Reception
6.45pm – 'A to Z of Great Britain' – Lucinda Lambton
7.45pm – Dinner
11.00pm – Carriages

Tickets £50 - Lounge Suit

For further details and tickets contact Bridget Flemming, 01246 583315

St. Peter's Church 100 Club

February 2009

1st Prize £30 No. 51 Margaret Rhodes
2nd Prize £20 No.20 Joan Davies

Bibles that are falling apart are usually owned by people who aren't.

Optimist: a cheerful person who is blissfully unaware of what is going on.

DATES TO NOTE

- 3 Apr: Pilsley School End of Term Service at Edensor – 2 pm
14 Apr BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
Slides of Praise – Music & slides with Gill Clifton
15 Apr CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting 7.30pm Cavendish Hall Annexe
Speaker: Nancy Hawksworth – Spot the difference (tasting)
Competition: a napkin ring Flowers & Parcel: Mrs Spencer
Tea Hostesses: Mrs Machin & Mrs Boyd
Vote of thanks: Mrs Spencer
24 Apr: Pilsley School Beginning of Term Service at Edensor – 2 pm
25 Apr SKIP: Baslow Council Houses 7.45-8.15
Nether End Car Park 8.20-10.45
27 Apr Beeley Parish Council Meeting, 7.30pm in the Village Hall –
Members of the public are welcome to attend.
2 May SKIP: Edensor The Green 7.45-9.30
Pilsley Garage Yard 9.45-10.45
4 May 'Bank Holiday Fun' Coombs Road, Bakewell, to launch the 'Friends of
Bakewell Church'. This event to be opened by Lord Edward Manners and
will contribute towards the Bakewell Church Roof Appeal. For more details
contact Chris Shepley – 01629 812988

11 DAY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND 21 – 31 OCT 2010

with
Archdeacon David Garnett
and Revd Clive Thrower

Full-board, all entrance fees, gratuities, local guide. £1540 based on 2 people sharing. Flying from Manchester. Single room and travel insurance extra. ABTA fully covered with McCabe Travel.

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CONFIRMATION

Anyone who would like to be confirmed, please fill in leaflet at back of church and return to the vicar or Vernon.



As another Spring gets underway, all keen gardeners will empathise with this poem!

The Gardeners' Hymn

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

But what we never mention,
though gardeners know it's true,
Is when He made the goodies, He
made the baddies too.

*All things spray and swattable,
Disasters great and small,
All things paraquatable,
The Lord God made them all.*

The green fly on the roses, the
maggots in the peas,
Manure that fills our noses, He
also gave us these.

All things spray and swattable, etc.

The fungus on the goose-gogs, the
club root on the greens,
The slugs that eat the lettuce and
chew the aubergines.

All things spray and swattable, etc.

The drought that kills the fuchsias,
the frost that nips the buds,
The rain that drowns the
seedlings, the blight that hits the
spuds.

*I know we've used this in 'The Bridge' before but I'm sure there
will be some readers and 'new' gardeners who don't know it.*

All things spray and swattable, etc.

The midges and mosquitoes, the
nettles and the weeds,
The pigeons in the green stuff, the
sparrows on the seeds.

All things spray and swattable, etc.

The fly that gets the carrots, the
wasp that eats the plums,
How black the gardener's outlook,
though green may be his thumbs.

All things spray and swattable, etc.

But still we gardeners labour midst
vegetables and flowers,
And pray what hits our
neighbours' will somehow bypass
ours.

All things spray and swattable, etc.

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Barbara Robinson explains the background to her popular poem:

The poem came to me, sitting looking out of the window at the garden. I sang it at the Harvest Festival supper at All Saints' Leamington Spa, and lots of the congregation wanted copies to send to their friends. So I asked Les Twoby, an artist and art teacher, to illustrate it for me. He wrote it out beautifully, and made a lovely drawing and decorated border. We printed 300, some we gave away, some were sold in the church porch.

Then I moved back to Wiltshire and showed the poem to the cathedral bookshop. They liked it and started to sell it for the benefit of the cathedral. It sold well, they photocopied more and then asked if they could get their normal supplier to print it commercially. This he did, but sadly without Les Twoby's art work. Every-now-and-then someone writes to the cathedral to ask if they can print it in their parish magazine. I've always agreed to it, and I'm very pleased to have it included in the Parish Pump.

The new version is now sold in churches and garden centres. It's proved very popular; I'm not absolutely sure why but it does seem to strike a chord with people. Alan Titchmarsh recorded it and used it as part of his stage show, *An Evening with Alan Titchmarsh*. The organist at Leamington was on tour in America, and found that one of his hosts had it stuck to the fridge door. It's been sung by choirs for harvest supper, printed in one of the less salubrious national newspapers and sung as a barber shop quartet on local radio. It's now on lots of forums on the internet. Sometimes it's printed with the wrong name as the author, and I would like to take this opportunity to say it was me who wrote it! I hope your readers like it as well.

Don't be grumpy

Have you ever started the day cheerful, then run into someone very grumpy... and realise soon after that your cheerfulness had been damped down? Well, it seems that bad moods are indeed contagious – so much so that they can spread through friends, and family members even miles away.

Every grumpy 'connection' with someone will decrease your happiness by seven percent, according to *New Scientist* magazine. Every happy 'connection' will raise your chance of happiness by nine per cent.

So - take care when you choose your friends! (You have less choice with your family.)

12TH April - EASTER

Easter, of course, is the most special day of the Christian year: the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Why does the date move around so much? Because the date of Passover moves around, and according to the biblical account, Easter is tied to the Passover. Passover celebrates the Israelites' exodus from Egypt and it lasts for seven days, from the middle of the Hebrew month of Nisan, which equates to late March or early April.

Sir Isaac Newton was one of the first to use the Hebrew lunar calendar to come up with firm dates for Good Friday: Friday 7 April 30 AD or Friday 3 April, 33 AD, with Easter Day falling two days later. Modern scholars continue to think these the most likely.

Most people will tell you that Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox, which is broadly true. But the precise calculations are unbelievably complicated and involve something called an 'ecclesiastical full moon', which is not the same as the moon in the sky. The earliest possible date for Easter in the West is 22 March, which last fell in 1818 and won't fall again until 2285. The latest is 25 April, which last happened in 1943 and is next due in 2038.

Why the name, 'Easter'? In almost every European language, the festival's name comes from 'Pesach', the Hebrew word for Passover. The Germanic word 'Easter', however, seems to come from Eostre, a Saxon fertility goddess mentioned by the Venerable Bede. He thought that the Saxons worshipped her in 'Eostur month', but may have confused her with the classical dawn goddesses like Eos and Aurora, whose names mean 'shining in the east'. So Easter might have meant simply 'beginning month' – a good time for starting up again after a long winter.

Finally, why Easter eggs? On one hand, they are an ancient symbol of birth in most European cultures. On the other hand, hens start laying regularly again each Spring. Since eggs were forbidden during Lent, it's easy to see how decorating and eating them became a practical way to celebrate Easter.

Smile..._Egg

Farmer: "Isn't it wonderful how the little chicks get out of their shells?"

Visitor from city: "Indeed. But what gets me is how they get in there, in the first place."

Why Easter chocolate and wine are good for you



As Lent comes to an end, and you reach for your Easter chocolate, here's some great news: eating chocolate and drinking wine or tea can improve your memory.

In recent research, people who regularly consume modest amounts of all three performed best in a series of brain tests. Apparently chocolate, wine and tea all contain micronutrients called flavonoids, which may reduce the risk of dementia.

But – the bad news is that the positive effects of wine level out after just half a glass, while all your brain needs is four squares of chocolate. Most depressing. Better put the kettle on....

Less is more

How much food will you eat tonight? Apparently the recession has even led to many families buying smaller amounts of food, freezing their leftovers, and cutting out luxuries. Asda says that “frivolity is no longer acceptable, and frugality has become cool.”

Do any of our readers have favourite recipes for hard times... or tips on how to save money in buying food? Let me know and we'll try to publish some of them in this magazine.

Spring cold? Have a hot drink!

Next time you get the snuffles and a cough, here is a simple remedy: drink some hot fruit cordial. It really does help alleviate the symptoms of a cold. It will give you some relief from your runny nose, sneezes and general fatigue. Best of all, it is cheap and totally safe!

In the money: a condition many hope for, but only a banker experiences.

Get a piggy bank

The great old-fashioned piggy bank is back in fashion – though perhaps in a more discreet form. Whatever the shape, sales of moneyboxes are booming: up by 150 per cent this past year alone, according to Debenhams. With interest rates so low, savings accounts have lost their appeal, and banks have lost a lot of our confidence.



Signs and Symbols: Fair Linen to celebrate Easter

The Rev Dr Jo White continues her series on Christian 'Signs & Symbols' in our churches

When you go out to dinner at a restaurant or to friends, how do you feel when you see the eating area? If everything is clean, shiny bright and arranged neatly, do you get a good feeling of expectation?

Well, it's just the same at church on a Sunday morning when you come to a Holy Communion service – especially the one on Easter Sunday! When you enter and look towards the altar area it should be ready, attractive and give you that eager feeling. God is here. Today you will receive him in bread and wine – whether that is by reality or in remembrance – or by a blessing. What an amazing thought!

The altar will have been carefully prepared for this very special occasion. Some churches will cover the front with a coloured frontal to reflect the church's season. But on the top of the altar will be laid a white 'Fair Linen' cloth.

The fair linen symbolises the burial cloth of Jesus and normally extends the whole width of the altar and down on both sides – often it's only these sides that can be seen from the nave area. The fair linen should be plain with only five flat crosses embroidered on it to remind the worshiper of the five wounds that Christ received for us. These, when they exist, are usually sewn in white, so they do not contrast, and are placed where the Bishop when consecrating the altar itself would have signed with a cross: the four corners and the centre.

The fair linen cloth is meant to be kept 'spotless' and great care is normally taken to make sure this is so. Hence the care needed when lighting and extinguishing candles. Some churches remove and store it after each service, while others leave it on the altar but cover it with a slightly different coloured cloth to protect it.

In order to keep it spotless and creaseless the fair linen cloth is always rolled after laundering rather than folded.

This month

This Easter Sunday, will you have a sense of anticipation when you come to worship? Are there spots in your life that need cleaning away? If so, now is the time to do something about them.

Are you wrinkled with burdens? Come to the church for a facelift.

Is your home properly protected?

It is a sad fact that burglaries cause a lot of grief and take up a significant amount of police time. Neighbourhood Watch Associations have an important role in reducing crime, but we can all help the police by taking appropriate precautions in respect of our own property. So here are a few tips based on the advice of crime prevention officers:

1. Letter boxes can be used by criminals to extract goods close to the door, commonly door or car keys, or even to work vulnerable locking devices from the inside. So letter plates should not be closer than 400mm from the door lock (an internal cover plate provides additional security). Some people who have a letter basket remove the bottom it, allowing mail to fall to the floor (preventing theft of the mail).

2. To make a door secure, a rim latch (Yale type) on its own is not sufficient. The door should be fitted with a 5-lever mortice deadlock, though insurance

companies will accept a rim automatic deadlock. The rim latch and the mortice should be fitted 18-24 inches apart. For added safety fit a spy hole and door chain or limiter.

3. The back door should be fitted with a 5-lever 2-bolt mortice sash lock, half way up the door. This should be to British Standard 3621. Bolts should always be fitted at 90 degrees to the grain of the wood, reducing the likelihood of the wood splitting under pressure.

4. Patio doors are often used as a means of entry, so unless yours is fitted with a multi-locking system, it is advisable to fit extra locks. These are usually “push to lock and key to open” which makes them easy to use. If in doubt, consult the installer or manufacturer.

Many police stations have a dedicated Crime Prevention Officer who will be pleased to advise anyone who feels vulnerable.

Money, money, money

Are money worries keeping you awake at night? If so, you have company – almost half of us are having the same problem these days.....and men worry more than women. A recent survey by The Body Shop found that people worry most about paying heating bills, credit card bills, and about their jobs.

What everyone wants: an allotment

As Spring gets underway, it seems that thousands of us are dreaming of one thing: the chance to dig over our very own allotment.

The latest figures show that now up to 100,000 people in Britain have their names down for an allotment. A survey of councils by the National Society of Allotments and Leisure Gardeners shows that in just a quarter of England's local authorities, some 24,000 people are waiting hopefully for a plot, compared with only 2,700 in 1997.



Waiting lists are longest in Sheffield, where 2,200 people want a plot, compared with only 35 a decade ago. More than 1,000 people are waiting in Blyth Valley, North Tyneside, Sunderland and Wandsworth, south London.

In the 1980s and 1990s councils sold off almost 200,000 plots because they were unwanted, leaving a total of only about 330,000. But the appeal of vegetable growing has rocketed, as people seek cheaper food.

Seven hours is your minimum

How much sleep do you get? If it is less than seven hours a night on a regular basis, be careful: it could increase your risk of getting heart disease.

Apparently people who get enough rest are likely to have less calcium clogging their arteries. Too much calcium, and you risk heart attack and heart failure.

The research, carried out at the University of Chicago, found that even one extra hour a night could cut your chances of hardening of the arteries by 33 per cent. "Sleep is essential for our body's ability to repair itself," says one senior cardiac nurse. Experts recommend that adults get between seven and eight hours a night, teenagers nine hours, and children between 10 and 11 hours.

How do you get to sleep...?

Smile....

Heat

Teacher: "Give me an example of how heat expands things and cold contracts them."

Pupil: "Well, the days are much longer in the summer."

Having had enough sleep, exercise 'Those little grey cells...'

Exercise even helps to keep your brain fit, by reducing the amount of sugar in the body as you age. According to recent research at Columbia University Medical Centre, memory loss can be partly due to those rising blood-glucose levels. Certainly high blood sugar can lead to diabetes and stroke.

Stay alert!

Here are some simple tips to keep your mind active:

- 1) Each night, spend a few moments recalling the events of your day. Write them down, if you like. Then – try and remember what happened yesterday!
- 2) What was the sermon about last Sunday?
- 3) Read on a regular basis – it keeps your language skills active.
- 4) Mix with other people. Too much prolonged solitude can even lead to confusion.
- 5) Eat fish, nuts, fruit, vegetables, chocolate... they all boost mental reaction times.

Church highlights Darwin's 'forgotten' parish work

A new page paying tribute to the 'forgotten' church work of Charles Darwin in his local parish of Downe, Kent, has been published on the Church of England's website, at www.cofe.anglican.org/darwin/downe.html, to illustrate, once again, how science and the work of the Church can combine together. The page is part of a bigger section on the website celebrating the life and works of Darwin.

The page 'Darwin at Downe' is one of a number of pages on the website celebrating the naturalist's significant scientific progress, marking the bicentenary of his birth, and anticipating the 150th anniversary of the publication of the ground-breaking text 'On the Origin of Species', in November.

It lists how Darwin supervised church and school finances, founded a Friendly Club and served as its treasurer for 30 years, ran the local Coal and Clothing Fund savings club for 21 years, and built up a close friendship with parish priest Revd John Brodie Innes - who once wrote: "I never saw a word in his writings which was an attack on Religion. He follows his own course as a Naturalist and leaves Moses to take care of himself."

The new page concludes that, whilst Darwin lost his own personal Christian faith, he did not become anti-church or anti-religious, and his valuable contributions to the world extended beyond his scientific writings into the local parish in which he lived and served for 40 years. It quotes 'A History of Darwin's Parish' (1933), by OJR Howarth and Eleanor K Howarth: "If his own thoughts led him away from the doctrines of the established church, he did not cease to second its social activities in Downe."

SERVICES & ROTAS FOR APRIL 2009

St. Anne's, Beeley

Flowers

5 Apr	9.30am	Holy Communion (Palm Sunday)	No flowers in Lent
9 Apr	7pm	Holy Communion (Maundy Thursday)	
11 Apr	5pm	Easter Vigil (Holy Saturday)	
12 Apr	9.30am	Holy Communion (Easter Day)	Mrs Swain
	6pm	Easter Carol Service (<i>followed by PCC AGM</i>)	
19 Apr	9.30am	Holy Communion	" "
26 Apr	9.30am	Holy Communion	Mrs Turner

St. Peter's, Edensor

Sidesmen

5 Apr	10.30am	Holy Communion <i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>followed by St. Peter's PCC AGM</i>	Mr & Mrs Jackson
10 Apr	2pm	Devotions of the Cross (Good Friday)	
12 Apr	10.30am	Holy Communion for <i>Easter Day</i>	Mr & Mrs Machin
19 Apr	10.30am	Matins	Mr & Mrs Wardle
26 Apr	10.30am	Holy Communion	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters

Coffee

Cleaning

Flowers

5 Apr	Joy & Clive Thrower	-----	No flowers – Lent
12 Apr	Mrs Cooper/Mrs Clarke	Mrs Sherwood/Mrs Kembery	Easter Lilies
19 Apr	Pat Cree	-----	Mrs Penrose
26 Apr	Mrs Mather	Mrs Davies/Mrs Walters	Mrs Nelson
3 May	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	-----	" "

Readings at St. Peter's & St. Anne's

		<u>St. Peter's</u>	<u>St. Anne's</u>
5 Apr	Mark 11.1-11	Diana Symonds	Mrs Homer
	Mark 15.1-39		Mr I Dempsey
12 Apr	1 Corinthians 15.1-11	Tony Gray	Mr R Turner
	John 20.1-10		Mrs R Turner
19 Apr	Exodus 14.10-14	David Jackson	Mrs Porter
	John 20.19-31		Mrs Fraser-Martin
26 Apr	1 John 3.1-7	John Bowns	Mrs Coombe
	Luke 24.36b-48		Mrs Allegri

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Items for inclusion in the May magazine should reach me by Monday 13th April (Easter Monday). e-mail: raybradshaw@onetel.com

SPICE' Sunday – 12th April

Remember to bring your 5 pence pieces and because it's Easter Sunday, why not put on your Easter Bonnet or just 'dress up' for the occasion?