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Hi there!

Just to let you all know that I retire as Archdeacon of Chesterfield at the end of September. I have enjoyed being Archdeacon working with clergy, churchwardens, laity and wonderful Derbyshire folk. But as they say, “all good things come to an end”.

The good outcome is that I shall lead a less pressured life and be much more available in the parishes of Beeley and Edensor including Chatsworth, Calton Lees and Dunsa. I look forward to getting to know more of you and being a part of the communities.

I thank all those who have been so supportive and understanding about the dual role of archdeacon and parish priest.

One piece of news! A holiday/pilgrimage to the Holy Land is being planned for 21-31 October 2010 at a cost of £1,540. It will be led by Rev'd Clive Thrower and myself. Please ask either of us for a brochure, etc. We will also arrange an evening when you can find out more and watch a DVD before booking. It is an experience of a lifetime.

With best wishes,

David

Weddings and Marriages

The two weddings in the ‘Vicar of Dibley’ make us laugh. Not just because they are good comedy but also because weddings trigger deep emotions. The church is beautifully decorated with flowers, the organ is playing and the bells are ringing. People are dressed up and full of good wishes for the couple to be married. The groom tries to look confident and the best man keeps checking that he hasn’t lost the rings. As a priest, I hardly recognise the bridesmaids who were dressed in tight jeans at the rehearsal! Then comes the bride beautifully adorned for her husband. The wedding reaches the climax when the couple marry each other. “I, John, take thee, Elizabeth, to be my wife, to have and to hold from this day forward, for better

for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish until death us do part". Lifelong commitment and faithfulness are at the heart of all the wedding celebrations and feasting.

No wonder St John (chapter 2) in the Fourth Gospel begins with a wedding. For a wedding and marriage are vivid pictures of what God is like. The marriage of wife and husband manifest heaven, in their commitment to faithful love.

John's Gospel was written about 100 AD, seventy years after the life of Jesus. It is a meditation, under the Spirit, on the meaning of Christ for us. John's Gospel is the only one that gives us the story of the wedding at Cana and the turning of water into wine. Perhaps John was reflecting on a story of Jesus at a wedding and some of his teaching about weddings and celebrations. "The Kingdom of heaven is like a wedding feast" (Mt 22). And again, "no-one puts new wine into old wine skins; if he does the wine will burst the skins and the wine is lost and so are the skins; but new wine is for fresh skins" (Mark 2.22).

I guess John took hold of a story of Jesus at a wedding and retold it to illustrate the theme of his book: "that you may believe Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing in Him you may have life". Or again "The law came through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ". Jesus came that we may have life in all its fullness.

So at a wedding in Cana, the marriage of an ordinary couple is told in such a way as to reveal the extraordinary new life Christ brings.

Their marriage is also a sign of marriage between heaven and earth. For in Christ we have heaven upon earth and earth in heaven! And the changing of water into wine a sign of how ordinary lives are changed by the extraordinary touch of Christ.

By all means take the story literally if you must. But let us not miss the profound truths that John reveals. E.g. a wedding feast at which the wine never runs out. And the best wine is saved for last. It invites us to see that the story of Jesus is about this.

So let's look at the text: "On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee". It was on the third day that Christ rose from the dead. The story, therefore, is about new life. And of how God can raise us up to have new life; life in all its fullness.

"The wine ran out". Not surprising really! After all, Jesus had turned up with twelve drinking men! But dig deeper. "The wine ran out". Let us think of those times when we have run out. "I can do no more". "I am exhausted". Miracles happen at the point we can do no more. Later in the Gospel John will give us lots of examples: a dying child, a lame man who cannot get healing, people who are hungry or afraid and all at sea.

St Paul was an example of someone who had “run out”. “The law came through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ”. St Paul sought to live by the law. In the end before his conversion he probably had a breakdown. He had run out. Perfectionists are prone to burnout. At his conversion, Paul was born again and became a new man. From then on he continually testified to the grace and truth we have in Christ.

“When the wine gave out the mother of Jesus said to Him they have no wine”. To which Jesus replied, “Woman, what have you to do with me?” Is this Jesus asserting his independence? Possibly, but scratch the surface and there is more to this than meets the eye. Mary stood for all that is best in the old community of the Law. She was the womb from which Jesus came. He was brought up in those religious traditions. Yet, now He is independent of it. The old is being fulfilled and made new. Jesus then says, “My hour has not yet come”. “My hour” is his crucifixion. The hour when he was “lifted up to draw all people to Himself”. And out of that death on the Cross came resurrection life. The abundant life which John is experiencing and all Christians down the generations.

“Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons”. In Jewish thinking six was an imperfect number. The perfect number was seven. So the waters of purification point to the inadequacy of our vain attempts to put ourselves right before God. Purification would come through the shedding of Christ’s blood on the Cross and His glorious resurrection.

So Jesus takes what is imperfect and produces gallons and gallons of wine. New wine which burst the old wine skins. John baptised with water but Jesus baptises with the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life.

The sheer quantity of wine is a sign of the sheer generosity of God. Such an abundance that we can still drink it today.

What does this mean for us today? Either we try to live up to God’s ideals (the Law) with all its demands and become frustrated because we never come anywhere near to living up to it. Or because we find it intolerable we bring down God’s ideal to a nice respectable way of life, which we can comfortably manage. But all the colour and exuberance has gone out of it. Plenty of water but no wine. There is all the difference in the world between trying to do good and rejoicing in the generosity of God. It is the difference between being moral and allowing the Spirit to help us become the wonderful person God created. “The Law came through Moses. Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ”.

A religious community was going through a bad time. And however hard they tried, things went from bad to worse. There were no new vocations, no new blood. In desperation they invited in a consultant who spent several weeks with them. At the

end he told them there wasn't much he could do for them. As he left he commented, "It is just possible that one of you may be the Messiah!"

That night brother Matthew thought surely brother Mark can't be the Messiah, he is so arrogant and devious. And brother Mark is obese and indolent and brother Jonathan is not exactly celibate. The other monks had similar thoughts about each other.

After a while things began to improve. The community began to grow and they received lots of visitors. "What is it that makes the community so attractive?" someone asked. A visitor replied, "because they live as though the Messiah is in their midst".

Useful Telephone Numbers

St. Anne's

Wardens:-

Rupert Turner 01629 732794

Vernon Mather 01629 732317

Treasurer:-

Gloria Sherwood 01629 732983

St. Peter's

Wardens:-

Elizabeth Bradshaw 01246 582421

Duncan Gordon 01629 734099

Treasurer:-

Mark Titterton 01246 582245

e-mail: mtitterton@btinternet.com

St. Peter's Church 100 Club

January 2009

1st Prize No.96 Daphne Feeney

2nd Prize No. 69 Iola Simmons

During 2008 the '100 Club' raised £626.63 for the Restoration Fund. Thank you to all participants for your support.

We need 5 more members in 2009 if anyone would like to join us.

Ann Hall

Go to seed this Spring



The economic crisis has had one good effect: last year it drove one in three Britons into their gardens to try and grow some of their own vegetables.

It seems that last summer millions of us followed the example of the 1970s sitcom 'The Good Life', with Felicity Kendal and Richard Briers, and got busy cultivating our own tomatoes, peas, cauliflowers and potatoes. It seems that celebrity chefs have made gardening 'cool' again, and weeding a potato patch is no longer considered something fit only for grand-dad to do.



Easter Lilies at St. Peter's

This year we are once again having Easter Lilies in Church. Members of the congregation and anyone else are invited to 'buy' a lily by donating £2 (or more) and to complete a card in memory of a loved one. The cards will then be displayed in Church over the Easter period.

This has worked well over the last few years and we hope it will be successful once again and become an annual feature as it is in many churches. Any money left over after buying the lilies will be put into the 'flower fund' and used towards flowers for the remainder of the year.

We need your card to be filled in and returned by 5th April – Palm Sunday.

For more information or to order a lily contact:

Liz Bradshaw 01246 582421 or Mrs Penrose 01246 583197

'SPICE' Jars

It was so pleasing to be told that the January 'SPICE' Sunday harvest amounted to £150. When we signed up to save our 5pence coins all those months ago, we recorded in excess of £100 each time. The first flush of enthusiasm gradually disappeared and the last 'SPICE' Sunday in 2008 produced a disappointing £44.

To raise £1,000 each year we need 100 people to contribute just 4 coins each week. We do not attract 100 people to our Sunday services, which means that we need 'helpers' who will weigh in with half a Nightjar every now and again. This is already happening to some extent but we need more 'helpers' – PLEASE. I am sure that this is the only way to achieve the target we harvest ourselves.

Our slogan is 'Extraction without Pain', which it truly is and it isn't difficult.

St. Peter's Church thanks everyone for their efforts to date. We can beat the so-called credit crunch with very little effort and thereby help to meet the ongoing cost of maintaining the structure and fabric of our church. As Barak Obama has said "The solution can only come from action by the people....Presidents, Prime Ministers (and Vicars) can only point the way".

PS The 'SPICE' club only accepts 5pence coins – NOT £1 coins or £5 notes or cheques. Extraction without Pain.

Tony Gray

'SPICE' Sunday

The next 'SPICE' Sunday will be 12th April 2009.

**MOTHERS' UNION
COFFEE MORNING**

Monday 23rd March 10am-12noon
At Bakewell Town Hall



Refreshments, Cakes, Preserves, Bric-a-brac, Tombola, Books, Toiletries.

For further information, contact Angela Bird, 01629813087.

Bakewell Traidcraft

Sales have been at their customary January low at £347. However we have a new catalogue due shortly with new products to look forward to. Please ask for a copy and place your orders at any time.

Traidcraft, like all companies, has been affected by the current financial climate. Direct sales are about 7% down on last year partly due to the downturn and partly due to increased Fairtrade sales by supermarkets (which is to be welcomed). Supermarket sales of Traidcraft's own products (especially Geobars) have continued to increase which helps to maintain the order volumes for our producers.

To purchase goods from the producers, thus enabling their workers to earn a living is Traidcraft's highest priority by far. So far this year these purchases have increased in volume and the practice of paying for these in advance is a huge benefit to the producers. To continue this in the present climate is a real challenge. UK costs have been cut to the bone and it is vital that sales are maintained and if possible increased, to support our producers.

Please will you do your best to make this happen?
Peter Bird (01629 813087)

OXFAM

Grand Jumble Sale

Monday 2nd March 9.30.a.m. -12.30.p.m.

at Bakewell Town Hall.

There will be stalls selling Clothes, Bric-a-Brac, Toys,
Home Produce, Jewellery* and a Tombola and Traidcraft stall.
Refreshments will be available.

Entrance 30p.

*If you have any jewellery you would like to donate to this Oxfam stall this would be received gratefully. Please Ring 01629 810076.

'Amazing Grace' named as favourite wedding hymn

Amazing Grace is the number one hymn chosen by the 400 couples a month planning their wedding through the Church of England's new online ceremony planner at www.yourchurchwedding.org

More than 1,300 couples have registered with the 'listen and choose' online innovation, which launched in October 2008 when a new law, initiated by the Church of England, made a church wedding more possible for more people.

The ceremony planner at www.yourchurchwedding/planner gives 25 choices for special hymns for weddings and 12 readings from the Bible. Choices are captured in a draft printout, which merges the names of the bride and groom into the marriage service. Couples can then use this draft as a discussion starter when they first meet their vicar.

John Newton's Amazing Grace is the most popular wedding hymn choice, closely followed by Make Me a Channel of Your Peace based on the prayer of St Francis of Assisi. Number three is the schooldays favourite All Things Bright and Beautiful.

The most wanted Bible reading is I Corinthians 13, famous for weddings, which ends at verse 13: "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love." Readings from Song of Solomon take second and third place.

All in all, the ceremony planner at www.yourchurchwedding.org is a wonderful resource which helps couples discover these riches and make choices as they plan a service which is personal to them."

The current top 10 wedding hymns are:-

- 1) Amazing Grace
- 2) Make Me a Channel of Your Peace
- 3) All Things Bright and Beautiful
- 4) Give Me Joy in My Heart
- 5) We Pledge to One Another
- 6) Praise My Soul the King Of Heaven

- 7) Lord of the Dance
- 8) One More Step Along the World I Go
- 9) Morning Has Broken
- 10) Be Still for the Presence Of The Lord

Full list of hymns <http://www.yourchurchwedding.org/hymns-media-player.aspx>

Full list of readings

<http://www.yourchurchwedding.org/yourwedding/readings.aspx>

The Church of England Marriage Measure became law on 1st October 2008.

The Church of England celebrates 54,000 weddings a year.

DATES TO NOTE

- 2 Mar** OXFAM Jumble Sale, Bakewell Town Hall 9.30-12.30
- 10 Mar** **BEELEY WI** Monthly Meeting
7.30 pm Village Hall
Wartime memories talk by Jean Henshaw
- 11 Mar*** **CHATSWORTH WI** Monthly Meeting
7.30 pm Cavendish Annexe
Speaker: Rashelle Maltz-Jones—Pearls from small beginnings and the chance to make a bracelet
Competition: the bracelet we make
Flowers & Parcel: Mrs Read
Tea Hostesses: Mrs Brewer & Mrs Wood
Vote of thanks: Mrs Read
- *NB 2nd Wednesday in the month**
- 14 Mar** Visiting Bellringers at St. Peter's 2.50 - 3.30pm
- 14/28 Mar** **SKIP: Baslow** Council Houses 7.45-8.15
Nether End Car Park 8.20-10.45
- 21 Mar** **SKIP: Beeley** Devonshire Square 7.45-8.45
- 21 Mar** **SKIP: Edensor** The Green 7.45-9.30
Pilsley Garage Yard 9.45 - 10.45
- 30 Mar** **Beeley Parish Council Meeting**
7.30-pm Village Hall—everyone welcome

BEELEY NEWS

New Year Honour 2009

Congratulations to Siobhan Spencer who received an MBE for services to community relations. Siobhan, a Gypsy rights campaigner, has battled tirelessly for more than 20 years for greater recognition for gypsies and their way of life.

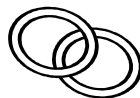
From the beginning of March Evensong at St. Anne's, Beeley will be held once a month - on the 2nd Sunday of the month.

On Easter Day (12 April) there will be an Easter Carol Service at St Anne's, Beeley

From the Register—St. Anne's

Wedding 7th February 2009

Alice Elizabeth Turner & Charles Pearson Hague



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. For information and booking please contact either Revd Clive Thrower on 01629 814863 or post to 5 Vernon Green, Bakewell DE45 1DT or email clive@thrower.org.uk or The Ven. David Garnett on 01246 582130 or post to The Vicarage, Edensor, Bakewell DE45 1PH

How your old mobile phone can top up development work

The Salvation Army wants your old mobile phone. In a new scheme, SALVageID, it is selling on or recycling old mobile phones in order to raise cash for international development work.

Many people upgrade their mobile phones every 18 months, and dump their old handset in a drawer, to gather dust. Why not use it instead to help build a well, or campaign against human trafficking? Each donated handset is worth about £4.

It's easy to donate your old mobile phone. You can hand it in at a number of collection points across the country, or you can

send it in free by post. (Request a freepost envelope to send your phone in by calling 020 7367 4777 or emailing id@salvationarmy.org.uk).

To find out how to donate your old phone, please visit:
http://www.l.salvationarmy.org.uk/uki/www_uki.nsf/vw-dynamic-index/B1E78D8F8085A2FF802575350053EBF1?Opendocument

Or simply send it to:
The Salvation Army, Freepost
London 16281, London,
WC1N 3BR.



ON THE DAMASCUS ROAD

A look at famous conversions in the history of the Christian Church

Sometime in the summer of 165AD seven Christian men were put to death in Rome. Accused of belonging to an illicit religion, they refused point blank to offer sacrifices to pagan gods. Threatened with torture and execution they replied that suffering and death gave them confidence to appear at the Great Tribunal 'of our Lord and Saviour.'

The sentence was pronounced and having been scourged, all seven were beheaded. Their leader was named Justin and we know him in Church History as Justin the Martyr. His conversion to Christianity, although a quiet and low-key affair, is a story that should be known.

Justin was born in the year 100AD in Samaria, near the modern town of Nablus. His family was Gentile and pagan and as a young man Justin was drawn to the study of philosophy. Soon he was a recognised pagan philosopher and he began to travel as an itinerant teacher, wearing the distinctive cloak of the philosophers. He tells us that his search for truth led him to study the various schools of Greek philosophy, but in none of them could he find the assurance he was looking for.

Then something happened that radically changed his life. Walking one evening on a seashore, he fell into conversation with an old man. Justin listened as the old man told him that the prophecies of the Hebrew Bible had been fulfilled and they could be found in the writings of the Christian Bible. He further told Justin that truth can only be known through the one true God and that his Spirit would enlighten Justin. Justin was deeply moved by the conversation, began to read the New Testament – and was converted to faith in Christ.

Now a Christian believer, Justin continued to travel, still wearing his philosopher's cloak but now preaching and teaching the Christian gospel. He wrote two Apologies explaining and defending the Christian faith. He travelled to Asia Minor and finally to Rome where he taught in a Christian school. His strong defence of Christianity came to the notice of the authorities and he was arrested with six of his friends. Refusing to acknowledge pagan gods, they were executed together. Who was the old man who introduced Justin to Christianity? We don't know and Justin doesn't even tell us his name, if he knew it. Justin's conversion happened because a Christian witnessed to him. We should use every opportunity we have to pass on the Good News!
Dr Herbert McGonigle is Senior Lecturer in Historical Theology and Church History in Nazarene Theological College, Didsbury, Manchester.

Driver on a tight budget: "I need three litres of petrol and a cup of oil, please."

Garage: "And shall I cough into the tyres, sir?"



Ring crime stoppers for a financial reward for information.

Hello to you all

The current financial challenges facing our Country are likely to cause an increase in burglaries of houses, businesses, garages and thefts of or from cars. This isn't meant to increase your fear of crime but we have to be realistic to current events and we need to be proactive in taking common sense precautions and not reactive when you have been seen as an easy target and become a victim of crime. If you want to become a K.I.N., (a member of the Key Information Network) or join Neighbourhood watch then please visit the force website. (Details below.)

If anyone was seen acting suspiciously or any unusual activity was taking place then please telephone the police. It is very important to ring the police immediately. Remember, it could be a neighbour that does you a good turn in reporting something suspicious when your property is vacant for a short period.

The Tideswell Governance group met at the Town hall at Bakewell and "The Group" decided that the priority profiles of Parking in and around schools, speeding vehicles and attention to the inappropriate riding / driving of off road recreation vehicles should remain for a further three months.

The next meeting will be at **7pm on Wednesday 29th April 2009 at the Town Hall, Bakewell.**

The Tideswell Governance group represents the villages of **Ashford, Baslow, Beeley, Chatsworth, Edensor, Great Longstone, Little Longstone, Monsal Head, Monsal Dale, Hassop, Litton, Litton Mill, Cressbrook, Pilsley, Rowland, Tideswell, Wardlow or Wheston.**

Any one who has an interest in contributing ideas to priorities that will target keeping your village a safer environment to live in by addressing your concerns is very welcome to attend.

Please be aware that from Thursday 19th February 2009 many parking regulations will be decriminalised. This means that a private company and not the police will be responsible for enforcement. The new car park wardens will be fully equipped with cameras to corroborate the evidence for any tickets that they issue. Bakewell Town and the surrounding villages often suffer certain parking issues either caused by the indiscriminate parking of local persons or by tourists. It is likely that the new car park wardens will be vigorously addressing any parking concerns. The fines vary between £50 as standard, £70 for the more serious offences and a discount for prompt payment. Please be aware of where you park your vehicle or it could become a very expensive hobby.

**Pc 616 Kevin Lowe, Tideswell & Area Safer Neighbourhood Policing Team,
Bakewell Police Station,
Bakewell DE45 1ES**

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DERBYSHIRE POLICE WEB SITE. www.derbyshire.police.uk

There's probably no God. But then again....?

Most people have heard about the new atheist bus campaign, recently launched in Central London. Many bendy-buses now carry the slogan: 'There's probably no God. Now stop worrying and enjoy your life' all over London.

The campaign was the idea of the British Humanist Association and has been supported by prominent atheist Professor Richard Dawkins.

Christian response to the bus campaign has been mixed, and includes:

A Church of England spokesman said: "We would defend the right of any group representing a religious or philosophical position to be able to promote that view through appropriate channels. However, Christian belief is not about worrying or not enjoying life. Quite the opposite: our faith liberates us to put this life into a proper perspective. Seven in ten people in this country describe themselves as Christian and know the joy that faith can bring."

The Roman Catholic newspaper The Universe quotes Fr Stephen Wang, of Allen Hall Seminary, as providing the official RC response: 'He said he believed the campaign had started as a "bit of fun" and was not sure how seriously atheists were really taking the idea. "But I think it is great to get people thinking. I love the idea of this bus winding its way through the

streets of London, and someone stopping to think, 'Mmm ... Maybe there is no God ... But maybe there is'....

"My only sadness is that these posters betray such a negative view of religion - as if religious believers are walking around oppressed by worry all the time...Hard-line atheism doesn't make sense. It's simply not rational to say, for example, that there is no ultimate cause behind the whole universe, or that there is no deeper meaning to our lives. I like this advert because it is so hesitant, and in its own casual way it opens you up to very serious religious questions."

For the Methodists, the Rev Jenny Ellis, the Methodist Church's Spirituality and Discipleship Officer, is quoted as saying: "We welcome the atheist bus campaign as an opportunity to talk about the deepest questions of life. The God many atheists have rejected is not the God we recognise and this campaign has opened up a dialogue between Christians and atheists which allows these types of misconceptions to be challenged."

One Christian summed it up well: "Isn't it great these rich atheists are using their own money to put the name of God on the sides of buses



across
London?
"

Nature is wonderful. A million years ago she didn't know we were going to wear spectacles, yet look at the way she placed our ears.

Rev Dr Jo White Signs and Symbols: The Sanctuary

When you think of a 'Sanctuary' you probably think of somewhere safe: in a retreat, perhaps a refuge from harm, or a shelter in a storm. In the Middle Ages one could flee from the law to a place of sanctuary for so many days.

Even today one hears of cases where people have moved into the sanctuary of a church building to prevent their being taken either by the police or perhaps the immigration authorities.

The word Sanctuary comes from the Latin, 'Sanctus' meaning 'Holy', so hence a church or other sacred place would count as a place of 'sanctuary'.

In a church the most holy place is considered to be where the bread and wine are consecrated and become, or represent, the body and blood of Christ himself – the altar. So hence the close area around the altar is called 'The Sanctuary'. You can normally

see where it begins by it having steps rising up to it and there being a rail around it. The rail reminds people that they are approaching a special place, and not to enter unless authorised to do so.

Some people will genuflect or bow to the altar (give it reverence) when they pass in front of it – whether a service is taking place or not - as their recognition of the uniqueness of what takes place there at the consecration.

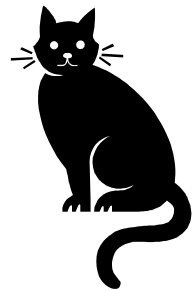
In the days of the Temple in Jerusalem only the priests could enter the sanctuary, and the most central area – the Holy of Holies – was entered by only one priest on one day of the year. Hence the importance that Christians place on the tearing apart of the temple cloth when Christ died on the cross – the Holy of Holies is now visible and accessible.

Why a cat is good for you

Do you own a cat? Then your risk of heart attack or a stroke could be reduced by more than a third.

Apparently, owning a cat lowers your stress and anxiety levels. (Unless of course, kitty scratches the new couch, or flatly refuses to come home at night.) But even so, a recent study at Minnesota University has found that cat owners tend to outlive non-cat owners.

It is thought that stroking a cat could reduce the level of stress-related hormones in the blood. Reducing stress is known to help protect against heart disease, by lowering blood pressure and reducing the heart rate. Which sounds purr-fect...

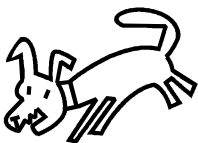


A senior moment
I made a list.
I checked it twice.
I left it at home.

Teacher: 'What is the difference between results and consequences?'

Bright pupil: 'Results are what you expect; consequences are what you get.'

Why you should NOT share your Easter egg with the dog



This is good news for any chocoholic: DON'T share your Easter chocolate with your dog. It could kill it – quite literally. Expensive brands of chocolate and cocoa-rich chocolate have high levels of theobromine in them. It is a chemical compound which is harmless to humans, but lethal to dogs. Even a 30g bar of dark chocolate can contain more than 700mg of theobromine, enough to kill a small dog such as a cocker spaniel. Toxicity symptoms include vomiting, hyperactivity, salivation, increase in heart rate and fits.

Pastoral care

The young clergyman was walking through the village when he met one of his elderly parishioners. 'How's your cold?' he asked.

"Verra obstinate," came the bleak reply.

"I'm sorry." The clergyman decided to try again. "Well, how is your arthritis?"

"Verra obstinate," came the reply.

"Oh dear, I am sorry," soothed the clergyman. He tried a third time: "And how is your wife?"

"About the same."

Review

The Road to Emmaus: Companions for the journey through life

By Helen Julian CSF, BRF, £7.99

Described by the Church Times as 'an exercise in delight and sensitivity', this book reflects on the experiences and teaching of seven key figures in English spirituality: Julian of Norwich, Thomas Traherne, The Venerable Bede, John Donne, John and Charles Wesley, Aelred of Rievaulx, and the anonymous author of The Cloud of Unknowing.

We learn something of their stories, their historical context, and the themes unique to their writing. Through the intervening centuries, their words still speak to us, illuminating truths, enriching our faith and affirming in us our own walk with God. With links to relevant bible passages, Helen Julian suggests imaginative exercises for groups and individuals to put into practice what has been learned.

The Road to Emmaus is suitable for people looking for an accessible way into understanding more about some key historical Christian figures, and is ideal group discussion material. It could also be used as retreat reading and is recommended for church history courses.

Helen Julian CSF is an Anglican Franciscan sister, a member of the Community of St Francis and presently serving as Minister Provincial for her community. She has also written Living the Gospel and The Lindisfarne Icon for BRF.

SERVICES & ROTAS FOR MARCH 2009

St. Anne's, Beeley

Flowers

1 Mar	9.30am	Holy Communion		No flowers in Lent
8 Mar	9.30am	Holy Communion	2pm Evensong	" "
15 Mar	9.30am	Holy Communion		" "
22 Mar	9.30am	Holy Communion (Mothering Sunday)		" "
29 Mar	9.30am	Holy Communion (Passion Sunday)		" "
5 Apr	9.30am	Holy Communion (Palm Sunday)		" "

St. Peter's, Edensor

Sidesmen

1 Mar	10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>Lent 1</i>	Mr & Mrs Machin
8 Mar	10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>Lent 2</i>	Mr & Mrs Wardle
15 Mar	10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>Lent 3</i>	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters
22 Mar	10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>Mothering Sunday</i>	R A Gray/J Bowns + 2 children
29 Mar	10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>Passion Sunday</i>	Margaret Thomas/Jayne Boyd
	3pm	Sheep Service		Mr & Mrs Gordon + 2 children
		Speaker: Graham Hind, Agricultural Chaplain		
5 Apr	10.30am	Holy Communion	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	Mr & Mrs Jackson
		<i>followed by St. Peter's PCC AGM</i>		

Coffee

Cleaning

Flowers

1 Mar	Pat Cree	Mr & Mrs Wardle	No flowers – Lent
8 Mar	Mrs Mather	-----	" "
15 Mar	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mrs Bateman/Mrs Robinson	" "
22 Mar	Mrs Bradshaw	-----	" "
29 Mar	Mr & Mrs Dempsey	Mrs Day & Mrs Owen/Mrs Nelson	" "
5 Apr	Joy & Clive Thrower	-----	" "

Readings at St. Peter's

Epistle

Gospel

Reader

1 Mar	Psalm 25.1-9	Mark 1.9-15	Joan Davies
8 Mar	Romans 4.13-25	Mark 8.31-38	Doreen Gaynor
15 Mar	1 Corinthians 1.18-25	John 2.13-22	Molly Marshall
22 Mar	Exodus 2.1-10	John 19.25b-27	Diana Walters
29 Mar	Jeremiah 31.31-34	John 12.20-33	Margaret Thomas

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The Duke was made a Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order – KCVO – for services to Her Majesty the Queen as her representative at Ascot Racecourse.