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The Deanery Synod

The Revd Clive Thrower writes

Is the Rural Deanery Synod (meeting) a redundant talking shop or an essential element of the Church of England's democratic organisation? For some years now there have been questions about its future but first a few basic facts. The Derby Diocese consists of 322 churches grouped into 16 rural deaneries. The norm is one church per parish, however, 48 parishes have more than one church (e.g. Over Haddon is part of Bakewell parish). Edensor and Beeley parishes are part of the Bakewell and Eyam rural deanery consisting of 29 churches stretching from Edale down to Birchover.

At current quarterly synods the clergy and lay representatives tend to be passive participants since most of the business consists of talks, notices and reports. Seldom are briefing papers circulated beforehand so that a proper debate can take place or motions proposed; so the deanery synod has become just a means of disseminating information down to parishes. Our representatives could, however, be the conduit for our concerns being passed up the system if the business of the synod addressed wider issues such as are discussed at diocesan and general synods. This would make for more lively meetings where questions of faith, ethics and politics (small p) are debated.

Bishop Humphrey is suggesting fewer and larger deaneries coinciding with the district local authority boundaries but we would lose the local perspective on important issues and what about the extra travelling? Whatever we do we need a structure to remind us that we are part of the Church of England and Derby Diocese and that we, the ordinary members, feel we have a voice in what the Church does in our name.

Vernon Mather M.B.E.

Many congratulations to Vernon Mather on being made an M.B.E. in the Queen's Birthday Honours for Services to the Community of Edensor & Beeley. Vernon began the journey which has led to this Honour as a choir boy, aged 7, at All Saints' Church, Totley and then at Holmesfield Church. He became a Lay Reader in 1966 and has travelled many, many miles to different parish churches to take services.

In 1986 Vernon and Pauline came to St. Peter's, Edensor, to be part of the congregation but it wasn't long before Rev. Beddoes persuaded him to 'help out' with the occasional service and he was licensed to our churches in 1988. The rest, as they say, is history.

During Ron Beddoes' last years at St Peter's, Vernon was an invaluable help, enabling him to carry on his pastoral care until his retirement in 1997.

For all these years Vernon has helped with the church and community at large and in 1999 he and Pauline moved to Beeley. This meant less travelling but certainly not less work, although I don't think Vernon classes it as 'work'. If he sees a job that needs to be done he does it - simple!

He has supported us through no less than three interregnums, taking much of the weight and responsibility for arranging services so that our worship would not be interrupted during these vacancies. He is Churchwarden at Beeley and has, in the past, been on various village committees and if anyone needs a butcher then they call on Vernon - whether it's for feathered or four-footed creatures!

Vernon gives his services to church and community without stint and is well known by those who live in the villages and to regular visitors, if not in person at least by name. To Vernon, service to others isn't so much a choice, but simply a way of life.

He is a keen gardener and his house, opposite the Devonshire Arms in Beeley, is always a riot of blooms in baskets and tubs.

So, to someone who would never consider himself in any way special, and would certainly not consider what he does for others in any way out of the ordinary we send our warmest wishes and congratulations.

DATES TO NOTE

- Friday 2nd July 'Chatsworth Garden - the evolution of a landscape'
a lecture by Simon Seligman in aid of Pilsley C of E School
8pm in the Theatre at Chatsworth -£15
- Saturday 3 July St. Peter's Church Garden Party - The Old Vicarage
2pm - 4.30pm. Teas served in church
- Wednesday 7 July 'Chatsworth Uncovered - a 21st Century Renaissance'
a lecture by Simon Seligman in aid of Pilsley C of E School
8pm in the Theatre at Chatsworth - £15
- 8 - 10 July Pilsley Well Dressing & Village Fair
- 17 July 'Bakewell by the Sea' - Bakewell Church fun Day
Medway Centre 11am - 4pm Free Admission
- 17 July All Saints Church, Bakewell 7.30pm
Renaissance Voices. Tickets £8 on the door - under 16s free
- 18 July 3.30pm Pet Service & Picnic St. Peter's
- 23 July 2pm Pilsley School End of Term Service - St. Peter's
- Saturday 21 August Chatsworth Horticultural & Produce Show - Cavendish Hall

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 3 July SKIP: **Edensor** The Green - 7.45-9.30am
Pilsley Garage Yard - 9.45-10.45am
- 10/24 July SKIP: **Baslow** Council Houses - 7.45-8.15am
Nether End Car Park - 8.20-10.45am
- 13 July BEELEY W.I. Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
Restoration of Cromford Canal -
Illustrated talk by Mike Kelly
- 17 July SKIP: **Beeley** Devonshire Square 7.45-8.45am
- 21 July CHATSWORTH W.I. Meeting 7.30pm Cavendish Annexe
Speaker: David Tideswell - Blue Tit - raising a family
Competition: Bird Ornament
Flowers & Parcel: Mrs Beauchamp
Tea Hostesses: Mrs Rose & Mrs Rees
Vote of Thanks: Mrs Watts
- 26 July BEELEY PARISH COUNCIL Meeting
7.30pm Village Hall Everyone Welcome

Volcano

A recent letter that appeared in The Independent newspaper: "Following the recent interruption to air travel, I find myself out of pocket, due to what I am informed is an "Act of God." To avoid future financial embarrassment, please could you recommend an atheist insurance company?"

FROM THE REGISTERS

St. Peter's, Edensor

Wedding - Saturday 12 June 2010

Theodore William Trayhurn & Louise Patricia Howarth



Adult Baptism

23 May 2010 Frances Berbank-Read

**St. Peter's Church 100 Club -
May Draw 2010**

1st Prize £30 no. 46 - Louise Rhodes

2nd Prize £20 no. 76 - Sue Wardle

Funds to church this month - £45

We still have space for more members!

KEEP THIS DATE
FREE

Saturday 21 August
2010

Chatsworth
Horticultural & Produce
Show

Cavendish Hall

'SPICE' SUNDAY

The next 'SPICE' Sunday will be on
11th July

Beeley Fun Day

Thank you to everyone who supported Beeley Fun Day on 30th May, which raised £350. There were 289 smarties in the jar and the cake weighed 4lb. 1¾oz.

Useful Telephone Numbers

St. Anne's	Wardens:-	Rupert Turner	01629 732794
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St. Peter's Church, Edensor
GARDEN PARTY



Saturday 3rd July 2010

2pm-4.30pm

At 1, Old Vicarage, Edensor

Entrance to Garden Party £1, children free

By kind permission of the Dowager Duchess of Devonshire

Book Stall, Tombola, Cakes & Home Made Produce, Plant Stall,
New Gifts Stall, Games - Guess the number of logs on a trailer,

Find the egg!, Raffle

DavidO (Magician, Puppets & Punch & Judy),

Barrel Organ

Cold refreshments available in the garden

Teas will be served in the Church.

Tour the Old Vicarage

Home of the Dowager Duchess of Devonshire

2.30p - 4pm

Entry-£5 per person.



PILSLEY

(Near Bakewell)



Village Fair & Well Dressings 5th – 7th, 8th and 10th July 2010

Monday 5th – Wednesday 7th July

Well-dressing in the garage of The Old Smithy, The Green
Please come and see us and join in (under supervision!)

Thursday 8th July

7pm - Blessing of the Wells
7.30 - 9pm onwards: Dales Diva
50 strong female barbershop group
outside the Devonshire Arms Hot Pork Sandwiches on sale!

Saturday 10th July – Village Fair

1.30pm : Top of High Street: Fancy Dress. 1.45pm Parade starts
2pm - On Village Green –

Opening by Queen Imogen and Duke of Devonshire

Hathersage Band, Maypole Dancing, Bouncy Castle, Punch & Judy,
Children's Entertainer, Face Painting & Stalls

Stay for the Evening – starting 7.30pm
Karaoke on the Village Green
Hot food on sale from burger van

"BAKEWELL BY THE SEA" - CHURCH FUN DAY

Saturday 17th July 11.00am to 4.00pm

At the Medway Centre Bakewell

Fun for all the family - free admission, free entertainment

Cake stall, tombola, raffle, games, human fruit machine,
fortune teller, saucy seaside postcards.

Morning coffee, Light Lunches and Cream Teas available

In aid of All Saints Church repair fund.

Renaissance Voices

All Saints Church Bakewell 17 July 2010

at 7.30pm

This Early Music Chamber Choir based in our very own Peak District will present items from the choir's repertoire of Renaissance and early Baroque secular and sacred music. The Church music half of the evening's performance will comprise anthems and motets by William Byrd and Thomas Tallis and continental composers such as Palestrina, Victoria, Monteverdi and others.

Secular music will include English Ayres, English and Italian madrigals and French chansons by Wilbye, Dowland, Monteverdi, Verdelot and Janequin, with texts covering the usual subjects of pastoral delights and human passion in both light-hearted and serious modes.

Tickets £8 on the door, under 16's free. In aid of Church Repair Fund.

Why fresh-air is the best place to stay fit

Gyms may have great equipment, but the great outdoors is free, and the negative ions in fresh air generate increased alertness and elevate your mood. Also, outdoor exercise burns more calories than equivalent exercise in a gym, especially when it is a bit cold: the body can use up to 50 per cent more calories just to keep warm. Think about it: jogging around a park – with all the changes in incline, stride length, and the various twists and turns you'll make because of the uneven terrain – will tone up a greater number of muscle groups than a running machine will.

Why some people don't do DIY

Are you hopeless at DIY? Does the sight of flat-pack furniture fill you with dread?

Don't let your loved ones mock you – it is not your fault. You simply don't carry the DIY gene, that's all. In fact, it seems that two in three Britons lack the necessary spatial awareness needed to complete DIY tasks, according to recent research.

While overall men scored higher in the experiment, one psychologist explained: "Some people simply do not have the mental equipment necessary to manipulate shapes, and will always struggle to complete DIY tasks successfully."

The research, by Halifax Home Insurance, came up with one scary statistic: damage costing £400million was caused last year by people who lack any genetically pre-determined DIY ability, but who thought they'd have a go, anyway...

The Bible tells us that DIY aptitudes are God-given. "...I have filled him with...skill, ability and knowledge in all kinds of crafts – to make artistic designs... to cut and set stones, to work in wood, and to engage in all kinds of craftsmanship..." (Exodus 31: 3-5)

So, thank God,
if you can do it!
And pray for
help, if you
can't.



Inner Peace

If you can start the day without caffeine,
If you can always be cheerful, ignoring aches and pains,
If you can resist complaining and boring people with your troubles,
If you can eat the same food every day and be grateful for it,
If you can understand when your loved ones are too busy to give you any time,
If you can take criticism and blame without resentment ,
If you can conquer tension without medical help,
If you can relax without liquor,
If you can sleep without the aid of drugs,

.....then you are probably the family dog.

Stretch or shrink

*‘Straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize...’
Phil. 3:13-14*

All rubber bands work on this same principle: they must be stretched to be effective! Every person who has ever achieved anything for God has learned to stretch. There are no exceptions. One of the most common mistakes is thinking that success is due to some genius or some magic ‘something or other’ that YOU don’t possess. Nonsense. Success comes only when you stretch to meet the challenge; failure comes when you shrink back from it.

Dr Jonas Salk, who developed the polio vaccine, was attacked continually for his pioneering work in this field. He found that criticism came in three stages. First, they’ll tell you – ‘It won’t work!’ Then, when you begin to succeed, they’ll say – ‘What you’re doing really isn’t that important.’ Finally, after they see that it’s important, they’ll say: ‘We knew you’d do it all along.’

So don’t be afraid to respond to God’s call on your life. Through the power of God’s Spirit you can make a difference. Just make yourself available to God and let him show you what he can do with your life.



Traidcraft

It’s been a good month for sales at £898. This includes £40 at the Sitwell Singers concert, £321 at the Great Longstone Flower Festival, £32 at the Christian Aid Coffee Morning and £90 at the Derby Diocesan Conference at Lady Manners School.

Our focus this month is on tea all of which is Traidcraft’s own and all of which is Fairly Traded. This means the growers are guaranteed a fair price, the workers are guaranteed a fair wage and conditions and there is a Fairtrade premium for the local community to invest as it wishes. The tea is produced in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and Malawi in Africa and in India. The high quality leaf tea is purely from Tanzania. The English Breakfast and Earl Grey teabags are a high quality, smooth blend of Kenyan and Tanzanian tea, the latter flavoured with oil of bergamot. The Everyday tea bags contain a full strength blend from Africa and India and come in three versions – basic, one cup (the same tea in smaller bags) and de-caf. Finally the African Gold tea bags are filled with a blend of premium quality teas from Africa, and give a golden brew which has a rich, smooth and slightly sweet flavour.

There will be a reduction of 10p per packet on all teas purchased during July.
Peter Bird (01629 813087)

As fine silver...

Malachi 3:3 says: *"He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver."*

This verse puzzled some women in a Bible study. They began to wonder what this statement meant about the character and nature of God. One of the women offered to find out the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible Study.

That week, the woman called a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver.

As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest, so as to burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot, and then she thought again about the verse that says: "He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver." She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time the silver was being refined.

The man answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed. The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, "How do you know when the silver is fully refined?"

He smiled at her and answered, "Oh, that's easy - when I see my image in it."

If today you are feeling the heat of the fire, remember that God has his eye on you and will keep watching you. His aim is not to abandon or destroy you, but to refine you - until he sees his image in you.



'Honking' encouragement

Why are some churches vibrant and growing while others seem to be struggling and discouraged? It may be a difference in attitude. If the people build up and encourage one another, the whole atmosphere is optimistic. But a critical, negative spirit breeds discouragement and failure. Bruce Larson illustrated the power of encouragement in his book *Wind and Fire*.

Writing about sandhill cranes, he said:- "These large birds, who fly great distances across continents, have three remarkable qualities:-

- They rotate leadership. No one bird stays out in front all the time.
- They choose leaders who can handle turbulence.
- All the time one bird is leading, the rest are honking their affirmation."

Larson commented, "That's not a bad model for the church. Certainly we need leaders who can handle turbulence and who are aware that leadership ought to be shared. But most of all, we need a church where we are all honking encouragement."

Beware hot dogs!

Don't risk cooking your dog alive this summer. A dog left in a car, conservatory, greenhouse, caravan or even a shed will quickly begin to suffer from heatstroke and can die an agonising death. On a warm day these places can quickly resemble an oven, and can well kill the dog. It is NOT enough to leave a window open and a bowl of water. A dog is covered up to 90 percent in hair – a warm airless place will cause them great discomfort and soon heatstroke and death.



If an animal does become overheated, give it a cool shower of water immediately, and call a vet. Once it goes into shock and loses consciousness it may be too late.

WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?

An Introduction to the Books of the New Testament: ROMANS

'This Epistle is really the chief part of the New Testament and the very purest Gospel, and is worthy not only that every Christian should know it word for word, by heart, but occupy himself with it every day, as the daily bread of the soul. It can never be read or pondered too much, and the more it is dealt with the more precious it becomes, and the better it tastes.' (Martin Luther)

Paul probably wrote his letter to the Christians in Rome in AD 57 at Corinth, on his third missionary journey, ready to return with an offering from the churches for poverty-stricken believers in Jerusalem. The original recipients of the letter were predominantly Gentile, although Jews would have constituted a substantial minority of the congregation.

Paul sets out to explain the relationship between Jew and Gentile in God's overall plan of salvation. The Jewish Christians were being rejected by the larger Gentile group in the church, because they wanted to observe dietary laws and sacred days. Paul begins by showing that both Jews and Gentiles are sinners in need of

salvation. He shows how the life, death and resurrection of Jesus eternally affect world history and the life of every person on the planet.

This salvation, secured by Jesus, must be received by faith, as the example of Abraham shows. As salvation is not just about starting the Christian journey, Paul moves on to show how believers are freed from sin, law and death. This is made possible both through their union with Christ in His death and resurrection and by the indwelling presence and power of the Holy Spirit. None of Paul's other letters states so profoundly the content of the gospel and its implications for both the present and the future.

The theme of the book centres on the Gospel of Christ: 'I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: "The righteous will live by faith."' (Rom. 1:16, 17). He wants his readers understand how they can be in a right standing before God (ie 'righteous') and live by faith (cf Habakkuk 2:4).

How to boost your memory power

If you learn something and want to remember it - take a break. Immediately.

It has long been known that sleeping helps to consolidate memory by allowing the mind to sift through recently gained knowledge and 'file' it. But now it seems that even a short rest, while conscious, can help the

brain sort and retain the information just gained.

So – taking a coffee break after a class, for example, could actually help you to retain the information you have just learned. Or so say scientists at New York University. Proverbs (18:15) observes: 'The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge; the ears of the wise seek it out...' and once you've got the knowledge, have a short rest – and you'll be more likely to remember it!

Naming the baby

Choosing a name for your baby can be fraught with difficulties: family sensitivities, fashion and phonetics all need to be taken into account if you are not to land your offspring in life-long difficulties. Parents' top 10 choices since 1837 are these:

Boys: 1 John; 2 William; 3 Thomas; 4 James; 5 George; 6 Joseph; 7 Robert; 8 Arthur; 9 Charles; 10 David.

Girls: 1 Elizabeth; 2 Mary; 3 Mary Ann; 4 Margaret; 5 Ann; 6 Jane; 7 Ellen; 8 Sarah; 9 Alice; 10 Annie

What is in your attic?

Britain is a nation of hoarders – we've got £31 billion of goods we never use, just cluttering up our homes. That works out to about £581 per person.

A recent study has found that two thirds of us hold on to everyday household items that we never use. We carefully stash away our spare DVDs, CDs, toasters, music equipment, clothes and computer games. The research, by the website Gumtree.com, indicates that 12 per cent of us feel unsure of how actually to best get rid of our unwanted possessions, or how much they are worth.

Ecclesiastes observes: "there is a time to keep and a time to throw away" (3:6b).....happy is the person who can discern when the time has come for a clear-out!

Our PILGRIM PLACES: historic Christian sites in Britain : IONA

Off the end of the Mull peninsula in the Inner Hebrides in Scotland lies a small island, Iona. It is situated a mile from the mainland and is little more than three miles in length and one mile in width. While it is very likely that Ninian (died c.430) brought Christianity to southwest Scotland around the year 400, we have much better historical records for what happened at Iona.

In 563 a boat arrived at the island bringing a group of monks from Ireland. They had braved the storms of the Atlantic Ocean since leaving the Irish coast and their arrival in Iona began a new chapter in the history of Scottish Christianity. Their arrival would also have important consequences for English Christianity.

The monks were led by Columba. He was born in county Donegal, in the northwest of Ireland, probably sometime in the 520s. By birth he was connected to Irish kings and he was schooled and trained in Celtic Christianity. Patrick had founded the Celtic faith in Ireland in the previous

century and Columba was one of a number of outstanding monks and scholars that the Celtic Church produced.

Although the details are uncertain, Columba became involved in controversy about biblical manuscripts with another Celtic scholar, Finnian, who headed a monastery at Clonard. If the traditions can be believed, this controversy led to a local war and soldiers were killed. Columba was judged to be in the wrong and he was forced into exile. With some fellow monks, he left Ireland by boat, bound for Scotland, and landed at Iona.

It was indeed a momentous event. Although there is evidence that Ninian had evangelised parts of southwest Scotland, the inhabitants of the country, the Picts, were pagans when Columba arrived. For the next forty years Columba and his monks travelled and preached and catechised and evangelised much of the south and west of Scotland.

Iona was their headquarters and Columba founded an abbey there. The little island was soon recognised as a centre both of Christian spirituality and

Christian learning. In Columba's lifetime and in the centuries following, Iona, in spite of its isolation, became a place of pilgrimage. Columba and his monks established churches and monasteries, ordained priests and appointed monks according to

the Celtic faith and customs they had learned in Ireland.

Continued next month. Dr Herbert McGonigle is Senior Lecturer in Historical Theology & Church History at Nazarene Theological College, Manchester.

Remember the seafarers

11 July brings along Sea Sunday, when we remember the plight of seafarers worldwide.

Look around your house. How many things do you own that were made abroad? Ever wonder who brought them to you? Seafarers did – the men who work on the vast ships that ply the sea trade routes of the world. Theirs is a lonely, isolated life, spent far from home and family.

2010 has been designated by the United Nations International Maritime Organisation as the 'Year of the Seafarer'. Two Christian organisations who work with seafarers are asking for your help in supporting them. You might organise a coffee morning to raise funds, knit some woolly hats, or simply pray for these men. Visit two websites: www.scfs.org or www.missiontoseafarers.org to find out more about what is being done – and how you can help!

A new website for your Christian books

The Christian publishing house, IVP, has recently launched a brand new website – EQUIP. It offers a wide range of Christian books and resources from a selection of publishers - putting thousands of gospel-centred resources at your fingertips.

Incorporating a unique category browsing system, EQUIP is the new place to buy your books, Bibles, church resources and much more to resource your Christian journey.

Visit: <http://equip.ivpbooks.com/>

GLORIOUS THE SONG WHEN GOD'S THE THEME' : J S BACH JOY AND DANCE

*The Rev Michael Burgess continues his series
looking at great works of music.*

In 1956 a small novel by a German writer, Johannes Rüber, appeared in an English translation. It was called 'Bach and the Heavenly Choir' and tells of Pope Gregory XIX's desire to elevate Bach to the ranks of the saints. To bring together the Lutheran bishop and his own cardinals, he organizes a great Bach festival in Rome. At the festival he announces his plan and the reasoning behind it: that in J S Bach 'faith has become music.'

In that realization lies the grace and glory of Bach's achievement, and why we treasure his works today. The irony is that the bulk of his music was never published in his lifetime. The six Brandenburg Concerti, beautifully copied out and offered, were never performed and the music put in a cupboard. His music in all probability would have been lost for ever had it not been for a young Mendelssohn, who just happened to find a manuscript of the St Matthew Passion in his music teacher's house. He recognized it for its brilliancy and beauty and ordered a massive search to unearth the decaying manuscripts.

Last month we saw how so much of Bach's music is inspired by his joy in believing. Out of that treasure house, this month I would like to focus on

one of the six motets, 'Jesu, meine Freude' (Jesus, my joy). It was probably written for a memorial service in July 1723. In his other works, Freude, or 'joy', releases new movement. In this motet, the word is kept within the constraints of the chorale melody that acts as a framework for the motet. The word that brings a joyous release is Geist, Spirit – when it appears, then each voice joins in the chase as notes spill over the page and into our ears, proclaiming the inspiration of God's Spirit in human life.

This spirit of joy helps us realize that what makes his music so vital and rewarding is that total sense of movement and dance. Wilfred Mellers wrote a book 'Bach and the Dance of God,' showing how so much of Bach's music is dance-inspired from lively gavottes to more stately sarabandes that can be heard in both the instrumental and choral music. Widor, like Bach a great organist, wrote that 'For me Bach is the greatest of preachers.'

And what does he preach? That in the end, all is dance and life in the power of God's Spirit. In 'Jesu, meine Freude' as in all his music we hear and relish the movement and pulse of his compositions that open up for us a world where all is joy and dance. That is how Dante ended his vision of Paradise, where everything is movement and dance, and what moves the sun and the other stars is love.

Nigel Beeton writes: You hear people - Scientists, Christians, anybody - pontificating about the Creation. God says, 'Were you actually there?' This is a reflection on Job 38, and may be sung to the tune 'Hyfrydol' (Alleluia, sing to Jesus)

Where were you?

Where were you, at Earth's creation?
Tell me, if you understand.
Who marked off the globe's dimensions?
Were you there when it was planned?
Have you ever called the morning?
Or shown dawn its rightful place?
Did you set ablaze the sunlight?
Or blow clouds across its face?

Can you bind the seven sisters?
Can you loose Orion's cords?
Will you bring forth stars and seasons?
Can you do this, with your words?
I'm your God, the Lord Almighty
The beginning and the end,
Can you test me, without knowledge?
My own laws, can you defend?

Do not strive, just let Me help you
Do not try to understand.
Let Me lead you through life's pathways
Let Me take you by the hand.
Do not struggle, rage, and question
Leave it all for Me to do,
You cannot begin to fathom
The great depth of My love for you.

Book review....

A Very Private Grave

By Donna Fletcher Crow, Monarch, £8.99

Felicity Howard, a young American studying at the College of the Transfiguration in Yorkshire, is devastated when she finds her beloved Fr. Dominic bludgeoned to death and Fr. Antony, her church history lecturer, soaked in his blood ...A Very Private Grave is a contemporary novel with a thoroughly modern heroine who must learn some ancient truths in order to solve the mystery and save her own life as she and Fr. Antony flee a murderer and follow clues that take them to out-of-the way sites in northern England and southern Scotland.

The narrative skillfully mixes detection, intellectual puzzles, spiritual aspiration, romance, and the solving of clues ancient and modern. The book is in the same genre as Umberto Eco's *The Name of the Rose*, the novels of Kate Charles and Julia Spencer-Fleming and P. D. James' *Death in Holy Orders*. This is the first in a series of priest/sleuth novels featuring Felicity Howard and Fr. Antony.

All in the month of: July

450 years ago: - on 6th July 1560 that the Treaty of Edinburgh was signed by Scotland and England, resulting in the withdrawal of the French from Scotland, and Scotland's official religion changing from Catholic to Protestant.

250 years ago: on 8th July 1760 that the British defeated the French in the last naval battle in New France, Canada.

225 years ago: on 6th July 1785 that the US Congress adopted the dollar as the official monetary unit of the USA.

125 years ago: - on 20th July 1885 that British football clubs were allowed to employ professional players for the first time, provided they had been born locally or had lived there two years.

100 years ago: - on 12th July 1910 that Charles Stewart Rolls, British driver, aviator and car manufacturer, co-founder of Rolls-Royce, first person to fly across the Channel and back non-stop, became the first British pilot to die in a plane crash.

90 years ago: - on 12th July 1920 that the Panama Canal was officially opened by US President Woodrow Wilson (although it had been operating since August 1914).

80 years ago: - on 13 July 1930 that the first FIFA Football World Cup was held in Uruguay.

75 years ago: - on 30th July 1935 that the first ten Penguin paperback books went on sale in Britain.

70 years ago: - July 1940 was a dramatic month in World War II.

1st July - Guernsey and Jersey were occupied by German forces.

10th July - The Battle of Britain began.

23rd July - Britain's Local Defence Volunteers were renamed the Home Guard.

60 years ago: - on 11th July 1950 the BBC's children's TV show 'Andy Pandy' was first broadcast.

50 years ago: - on 6th July 1960 that Aneurin ('Nye') Bevan, the British politician responsible for establishing the National Health Service, died.

30 years ago: - on 5th July 1980 that the Swedish tennis player Bjorn Borg won the Wimbledon singles championship for a record fifth consecutive time.

25 years ago: - on 7th July 1985 that the German tennis player Boris Becker, aged 17, became the youngest ever men's singles champion at Wimbledon, and the first unseeded player to win. *Also 25 years ago:* on 13th July 1985 that Live Aid, two simultaneous concerts in London and Philadelphia, plus other venues including Sydney and Moscow, raised millions of pounds for victims of famine in Africa.

10 years ago: - on 25th July 2000 that an Air France Concorde crashed outside Paris shortly after taking off for New York, killing all 109 people on board and four people on the ground.

SERVICES & ROTAS FOR JULY 2010

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>			<u>FLOWERS</u>	
4	9.30am	Holy Communion		Mrs M Fearn
11	9.30am	Holy Communion	6pm Evensong	Mrs Homer
18	9.30am	Holy Communion		" "
25	9.30am	Holy Communion		Mrs Hopkins
1 Aug	9.30am	Holy Communion		" "
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>			<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
4	10.30am	Holy Communion		R S Sherwood/Diana Walters
11	10.30am	Holy Communion		R A Gray/John Bowns
18	10.30am	Matins		Mrs Thomas/S Liddicot
25	10.30am	Holy Communion		Mr & Mrs Gordon
1 Aug	10.30am	Holy Communion		Mr & Mrs Jackson
	<u>COFFEE</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>		<u>FLOWERS</u>
4	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mr & Mrs Wardle		W.I.
11	Mr & Mrs Dempsey	-----		" "
18	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mrs Bateman/Mrs Robinson		Angela Dempsey
25	Mrs D Cooper & Mrs J Clarke	-----		" "
1 Aug	Mr & Mrs Bosett	Mrs Day/Mrs Nelson		Cynthia Gordon
<u>JULY READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S & SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>	
4	Galatians 6. 7-16 Luke 10. 1-11 & 16-20 <i>Sunday School</i>	Doreen Gaynor	Lynda Hinxman-Allegri	Di Homer
11	Psalms 25. 1-9 Luke 10. 25-37 <i>Sunday School</i>	Diana Walters	Rupert Turner	Fiona Swain
18	Genesis 18. 1-10 Luke 10. 38-42 <i>Sunday School</i>	Margaret Thomas	Judith Fraser-Martin	Sarah Porter
25	Acts 11. 27-end & 12. 1-3 Matthew 20. 20-38 <i>Sunday School</i>	Molly Marshall	Rupert Turner	Lynda Hinxman-Allegri
1 Aug	Ecclesiastes 1. 1-14 Luke 12. 13-21 <i>Sunday School</i>	Diana Symonds	Lynda Hinxman-Allegri	Fiona Swain
			Fiona Swain	Judith Fraser Martin
			Sarah Porter	Sarah Porter

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