

*January*



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“Christmas is cancelled,” said a young mum on T.V. News during the strike on November 30<sup>th</sup>. It reminded me of the affluent Margot and Gerry in “The Good Life”. Margot sent Christmas back to Harrods because the Christmas tree was not big enough. She too declared Christmas was cancelled! However, they did have the best Christmas ever, with Tom and Barbara next door. And it was Christmas on a shoestring.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer was imprisoned by the Nazis and after two years was hanged for his opposition to Hitler. He wrote, “In prison Christmas is a more sincere and genuine occasion than in places where nothing but the name is kept! . . . that Christ was born in a stable because there was no room for Him in the Inn – These are things which a prisoner can understand better than other people; for him they really are glad tidings, and that faith gives him a part in the communion of saints; a Christian fellowship breaking the bonds of time and space and rendering the months of confinement here to insignificance.”

At the end of this month we celebrate Candlemas. Mary and Joseph take the child Jesus to the Temple. Old Simeon and Anna recognise him as the “light of the world”. But they also prophesy his crucifixion. Candles are lighted at the service and we take a last look at Christmas and then turn to Lent and the Paschal Mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Christ.

Back in the 6<sup>th</sup> century B.C. God’s people were in exile in Babylon (Iraq). Jerusalem and the Temple had been destroyed. They were homesick and wept. However, as time passed they discovered God was with them, even in Babylon! They moved from a local God to a universal God. The story of Creation in Genesis 1 came into being at that time. It was not about how God created the world, but about how God is God of ALL the world and every living creation. The prophet Isaiah also called them to see that every race and people are all loved by God. What a breakthrough! When Archbishop Ramsey was an old man a Muslim newsagent used to deliver his paper. One day the newsagent asked

Ramsey how long he had been ordained. "Over 50 years." "That is a mighty long friendship with God," replied the Muslim.

"I will also give thee for a light to lighten the Gentiles, so that all the world may be saved" (Is. 49 v. 6). This prophesy is taken up and fulfilled when Simeon in the Temple holds the Christchild in his arms and says, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word, for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of All People, to be a light to lighten the gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel."

David

## **1 January - The naming of Jesus**

It is Matthew and Luke who tell the story of how the angel instructed that Mary's baby was to be named Jesus - a common name meaning 'saviour.' The Church recalls the naming of Jesus on 1 January - eight days after 25 December (by the Jewish way of reckoning days). For in Jewish tradition, the male babies were circumcised and named on their eighth day of life.

For early Christians, the *name* of Jesus held a special significance. In Jewish tradition, names expressed aspects of personality. Jesus' name permeated his ministry, and it does so today: we are baptised in the name of Jesus (Acts 2:38), we are justified through the name of Jesus (1 Cor 6:11); and God the Father has given Jesus a name above all others (Phil 2:9). All Christian prayer is through 'Jesus Christ our Lord', and it is 'at the name of Jesus' that one day every knee shall bow.

## **Have you ever wondered where the name 'Jesus' comes from?**

The name Jesus is a transliteration of a name that occurs in several languages. It is of Hebrew origin, 'Yehosua', or Joshua. Or there is the Hebrew-Aramaic form, 'Yesua.' In Greek, it became 'Ἰησοῦς' (*Iēsoûs*), and in Latin it became 'Iesus'.

The meaning of the name is 'Yahweh delivers' or 'Yahweh rescues', or 'Yahweh is salvation.'<sup>1</sup> No wonder the angel Gabriel in Luke 1:26-33 told Mary to name her baby Jesus: "because he will save his people from their sins".

## 'The Bridge'

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1st Prize £30 no. 64 - A Johnson

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15 January

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## DATES TO NOTE - JANUARY

- 10<sup>th</sup> **BEELEY WI** - Monthly Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall  
'Burns Night' - Dress up and enjoy Scottish Fayre  
in the Village Hall.
- 18<sup>th</sup> **CHATSWORTH WI** - Monthly Meeting  
7.30pm Cavendish Annexe  
Stephanie Thacker - Dancer  
Competition: Beaded necklace  
Flowers & Produce: Mrs Blackwell  
Teas: Mrs Sutton & Mrs Margaret Oliver  
Vote of Thanks: Mrs Brewer
- 23<sup>rd</sup> **BEELEY Parish Council** - 7.30pm Village Hall.  
Everyone welcome.

## BEELEY NEWS

**Village Quiz** – Join us in the Village Hall on 28th January for a Village Quiz. The Hall will be open from 7.30pm with the Quiz starting at 8pm. There will be a bar and nibbles. Test your knowledge and catch up with neighbours – fun guaranteed. Tickets are £4 each to include the first drink and are available from Cllr Maurice Davey (01629 732179), Joy Damarell (01629 733713) and Sarah Porter (01629 732365).

**Heritage Group** - For future meetings please see:  
<http://beeleyheritage.org>

## **Holocaust Memorial Day - 27 January**

It was 70 years ago this month, on 20<sup>th</sup> January 1942, that Nazi officials met to plan the 'final solution to the Jewish question' at the Wannsee Conference in Germany. The Holocaust was the result.

The setting aside of a special day, Holocaust Memorial Day, first began in 2001, and is dedicated to the remembrance of the victims of The Holocaust. The 27<sup>th</sup> was chosen because it is the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz concentration camp by the Soviet Union in 1945. Let us use the day to remember in prayer all the families around the world who lost loved ones in the Holocaust.



**Baslow Health Centre –  
Church Lane, Baslow**

[www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk](http://www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk)

**Name Change:** Ashenfell Surgery  
has changed its name to Baslow  
Health Centre.

**Telephone Numbers:**

Reception: 01246 582216

District Nursing Team:

01246 584903

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Dispensary: 01246 582366

(The Dispensary line is open 12noon –  
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**Normal Surgery OpeningTimes**

Monday to Friday 8am to 6.30 pm

(closed Bank Holidays) Saturday  
morning 8.30am to 11.00 for **pre-  
booked appointments only** and  
collection of prescriptions

**Appointments Access** To  
effectively meet the demand for  
appointments we have two types of  
appointments:

- There are a number of pre-  
bookable appointments where the  
Doctors can be booked up to 6  
weeks in advance and the Nurses  
up to 3 months in advance – please  
do ask us about these when  
booking.
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appointments for same-day  
booking to ensure that  
appointments are available for  
those with more immediate needs;  
these are released from 8.00am  
every morning.
- If you have access to a computer  
you can now register with 'EMIS

Access' and book an appointment  
with a doctor or order your  
prescription on-line. Please speak  
to one of the receptionists about  
registering.

**Ordering Repeat Medication**

All requests for repeat prescriptions  
must be:-

- In writing or with 'EMIS Access'
- Return form to surgery by Post/  
Fax/Box on Dispensary  
Reception
- Allow two working days before  
collection

**Patient Participation Group**

**(PPG)** – we are pleased to have an  
active group now up and running who  
meet on a regular basis. If you would like  
to join, particularly if you have any  
marketing/media experience, please  
contact

David Jackson, Membership Secretary –  
Tel: 01246 583452

**Payments** – please note that should  
you be paying for your prescriptions or  
any other services, we are now able to  
accept most Credit and Debit cards. (We  
do still accept payments by cheque and  
cash).

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sample with us please ensure it is labelled  
with your name and date of birth and in  
the sealed bag.

**Test Results** – As we do not receive  
test results from hospital until  
lunchtimes, please ring for these after  
2pm

**Closed for Training** – our next  
training day is Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January  
2012.

**For Emergencies Call: -  
01246 582216**

## 1952 – 2012 – CELEBRATING 60 YEARS OF THE QUEEN'S REIGN

QUEEN ELIZABETH II came to the throne on 6 February 1952. Her coronation took place on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1953. She celebrated her Silver Jubilee (25 years) in 1977 and her Golden Jubilee (50 years) in 2002. The only other British monarch to celebrate a Diamond Jubilee was Queen Victoria, in 1897. The main celebrations for The Queen's Diamond Jubilee will be from Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June. For your interest, here's how that weekend will look:

### SATURDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE:

The Queen will attend the Epsom Derby.

### SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE:

**The Big Jubilee Lunch** Building on the already popular Big Lunch initiative, people will be encouraged to share lunch with neighbours and friends as part of the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. This might be a traditional street party or even a picnic lunch. Visit: <http://www.thebiglunch.com/>

**The Thames Diamond Jubilee Pageant:** This event will consist of up to 1,000 boats assembled from across the UK, the Commonwealth and around the world. The Queen will travel in the Royal Barge which will lead the flotilla.

### MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> JUNE:

#### **BBC Concert at Buckingham Palace:**

There will be a televised Diamond Jubilee Concert at Buckingham Palace, with tickets being available to UK residents by public ballot. The musical programme will feature British and Commonwealth musicians.

**The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Beacons:** A network of 2,012 Beacons will be lit by communities and individuals throughout the United Kingdom, as well as the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man and the Commonwealth. As in 2002, The Queen will light the National Beacon.

### TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2012

**Service of Thanksgiving and Carriage Procession:** There will be a Service of Thanksgiving at St Paul's Cathedral and a formal carriage Procession by The Queen.

## **‘Royal’ Composer reflects on tribute to Queen**

Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, Master of The Queen’s Music, says that HM The Queen is “absolutely delighted” with the recent publication of the ‘Choirbook for The Queen’. “I think she sees this as a very worthwhile contribution to her very special year in 2012”.

‘Choirbook for The Queen’ is a unique collection of choral music, brought together in recognition of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth’s Diamond Jubilee in 2012. Published by Canterbury Press, the Choirbook contains 44 anthems written in the last decade. 11 anthems have been specially commissioned from leading British composers. During 2012 the Choirbook anthems will be sung by cathedral and collegiate choirs in

every corner of the United Kingdom.

Sir Peter says: “We know that particularly in England, there is a wonderful tradition of Church Music... When you just drop in on any cathedral for evensong there’s bound to be something wonderful happening and I felt this was really something worth celebrating.”

Sir Peter hopes that the choral tradition will long be perpetuated. “Quite a lot of people I know, although they might not be Catholics, they might not be Anglicans; still they love to drop in to a beautiful church just to contemplate, just to get in touch with a part of themselves which is self-transcendent.”

More details at:

[www.choirbooktrust.org.uk](http://www.choirbooktrust.org.uk) and  
[www.choirbookforthequeen.org.uk](http://www.choirbookforthequeen.org.uk).

## **Children in the Way? Creative Opportunities for Churches with Young Children**

By Carrie Kingston; Isobel MacDougall, Monarch £9.51

The first years are critical, a pivotal time when children have powerful curiosity, exuberance for learning, and make strong connections through their experiences. This is also when a child’s attitudes, values and perceptions are formed: “Do I belong here?”, “Am I good enough?” Our grasp of how children learn has developed sharply in recent years.

Schools constantly review their approach, but churches frequently employ antiquated practices. Many alienate children because our methods don’t meet their needs, and because we don’t realise that some of the strongest messages are hidden. Without knowing it, we are inoculating our children against church. The intention is to challenge churches about their children’s work; to inform children’s workers about the latest research; and to provide practical ideas. The authors suggest ways of developing music and movement, creativity and touch, so that children’s experience of church is positive, enriching and intriguing.

## Signs & Symbols: becoming a Christian

*Rev Dr Jo White*

When does one become a Christian? How about, 'When is a person made?' In England there's legislation about when a group of developing cells becomes a human being, but that notwithstanding when is s/he made?

Many of us think it was on 'the night' but apparently it can take up to forty-eight hours for the first cell division to take place. Nothing's simple, is it!

So in a similar way, can we speak of an exact moment for becoming a Christian? Baptism is the outward visible sign, but it usually comes some time after the person has requested it, and that application will probably have followed a time of exploration and discovery. Even if we are talking about infant baptism, the parent(s) will have undertaken these same steps in some form.

In some countries, at a baptism service the candidate changes their

clothes immediately after their immersion; or for babies they may be naked and are then dressed in brand new clothes afterwards. Visible signs of a change in their lives.

When a new Pope is elected, he puts on new robes in a room just off the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican. So, in 2005 Joseph Ratzinger entered the 'Room of Tears' as the Dean of the College of Cardinals and left it as Pope Benedict XVI.

*This month:-* Have a think about the time you became a Christian – did it happen gradually, in an instant of change, or are you perhaps not ever conscious of having made that choice? If you could begin today - this very moment - the life of a Christian, what changes would you make in your appearance, to where you live, or in your behaviour as signs to those around you of that decision?



*With Burns Night in mind....*

### **The Selkirk Grace** (Used at Burns Suppers)

Some hae meat and cannot eat.  
Some cannot eat that want it:  
But we hae meat and we can eat,  
Sae let the Lord be thankit



Sales this month have been very good at £1720 with many Christmas orders still to come. This includes £48 at the Oxfam Ceilidh, £70 at the WI AGM, £79 at the Choral Society Concert and £38 at the

Cancer Group's Christmas Sale. The Great Longstone Coffee Morning also raised £481 including orders, thanks to a splendid band of helpers.

2011 has certainly ended on a high for Traidcraft, Bakewell – I'll be able to give you the year's total next month. This is a really huge benefit to the hard working producer groups throughout the world who want nothing more than a chance to earn enough to feed and clothe their families.

As we look forward to next year, we can be both proud and thankful at the huge strides Traidcraft in particular and the whole Fairtrade movement in general have made. When Traidcraft was first started in 1979 as a trading company dedicated to improving the opportunities for small producers in developing countries, Fairtrade was not even a word let alone a concept or a reality. When the Fairtrade Foundation was first established by Traidcraft, Oxfam and Christian Aid in the early 1990's, it was driven by a desire to enable the world's poorest communities to work their way out of poverty. Now the UK Fairtrade market runs to £1 billion a year.

That can only be good, but there is still more to be done. There are many products which do not yet qualify for Fairtrade status. There are many producer groups which are too small to be able to apply for it. It is these producers in particular which Traidcraft focuses on and we can help them gain what others have already found by buying Traidcraft products.

Happy New Year.

Peter Bird (01629 813087 - [pabird@gmail.com](mailto:pabird@gmail.com))

## Did you wake up grumpy?

Beware – if you start your working day in a bad mood, it will affect how much you can get done, and how well you can do it - for the rest of the day. In a study it was found that a person's mood at the beginning of their day shapes the way they perceive events, and

affects how they see their colleagues and their work. 'Negative spirals' can do a lot of harm, warns business management consultants at Ohio State University.



## GOD IN THE ARTS

*The Rev Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with a look at the magnificent West Front of Wells Cathedral.*

### TREASURES OLD AND TREASURES NEW

Jesus in his teaching talked of the scribe who is ready for the kingdom and said he was like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is old and what is new. In these articles for this year we shall be looking at the cathedrals of our land and seeing how they are like that master, with treasures old and treasures new. Each month we shall visit one particular cathedral to explore some of its special treasures – some will be centuries old and others more modern.

The Church has always been a patron of the arts. Cathedrals were built as expressions of humanity's faith, but also to house its cultural achievements. That important work of patronage has continued to the present day with cathedrals commissioning new works and welcoming exhibitions from contemporary artists.

Not always with public approval, it has to be said. You may remember the outcry provoked by the statue of The Golden Man in Lincoln Cathedral in 1990. And the concern expressed when the cloisters of

Gloucester Cathedral became the corridors of Hogwarts school. There is now an organisation called Art and Christian Enquiry which looks at how contemporary art can be displayed in sacred settings. In this series we shall be looking at some of these works in their cathedral homes.

This month we focus on the cathedral setting itself. We stand outside on the threshold, waiting to enter its sacred space. It is the west front of Wells Cathedral. Inside there is Gothic glory in abundance: the remarkable transverse arches, graceful piers supporting the structure and marvellous misericords.

But outside, the west front causes us to stop and wonder. It was begun in the early 13<sup>th</sup> century with the two towers completed some 200 years later. There were originally nearly 350 sculpted figures on the west front, some life size and others even larger. About half of them have survived the ravages of time and religious change, and even now the front presents a magnificent statement of Christian faith.

Few of the prophets and apostles at the lowest level remain. But above we can see angels and biblical scenes, amid the whole company of saints – martyrs, virgins, confessors and bishops.

In the centre are the Virgin and Child, then higher up the resurrection of the dead, and even further up Christ in majesty. For all the effects of iconoclasm, it is still an amazing creation. We can sense the vision of the bishop and cathedral authorities, the skill of the master mason, and the energy of what must have been a vast number of masons who worked on these sculptures from 1215-1240. In the

museum nearby, the lower half of Christ in majesty is displayed, along with a carving of the boy Jesus with the teachers in the temple. This glorious west front of Wells cathedral draws us, like the child Jesus, to the Father's home. As we look, we can hear our Lord himself saying, 'Why even these stones will cry out glory in the highest heaven.'

*You can view it by googling images, Wells Cathedral.*

## **Where were YOU when you heard that King George VI had died?**

60 years ago next month (6<sup>th</sup> February) King George VI died peacefully in his sleep at Sandringham House. He was 56, and had a serious lung condition. The official announcement from Sandringham, given on 6<sup>th</sup> February at 1045 GMT, said the King was found dead in bed at 0730 GMT by a servant. Princess Elizabeth, who was at the Royal hunting lodge in Kenya, immediately became Queen, at the age of 25. She flew back to London to take the Royal Oath, which sealed her accession to the throne.

60 years is a long time ago, but some of us were children back then. What can you remember of the day that King George VI died? Can you remember where you were when you heard the news, and who told you? If you have any memories at all of the fateful day, we would love for you to share them with us! Please contact the editor of this magazine this month, so that for our February issue, the anniversary month, we can include your memories in this magazine.

### **What makes you fall asleep?**

It seems that noise, not counting sheep, works best. Wayne Rooney admits that the sound of a vacuum cleaner or hair dryer can put him out. Other more usual helpful sounds are listed as the sound of waves, soft music, the wind, a ticking clock, the drone of a bee, or the hum of traffic. Sadly 10 per cent of us only have to talk with our partner to feel sleepiness stealing over us...

## **Extra £736 needed a year – just to stand still**

Have you planned your household budget for the coming year? It probably won't cheer you up. The cost of living has risen so quickly that by late last year we needed to spend an extra £736 just in order to maintain the same living standard as we had in 2010.

Rising energy bills, petrol prices and food prices can be scary: the average

household electricity bill rose by 7.5 per cent between August and September 2011, while the average gas bill rose by 13 per cent in the same period. The price of clothing went up four per cent. As the supermarket chain Asda warns: "Families have never had it so tough". (*Figures from the Office for National Statistics.*)

### **Why go to Church?**

*(sent in by a reader) If you're spiritually alive, you're going to love this! If you're spiritually dead, you won't want to read it. If you're spiritually curious, there is still hope!*

### **Why go to Church?**

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday.... "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 203,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this...They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

All right, now that you're done reading, send it on! I think everyone should read this! "When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, 'Jesus, could you get that for me?'"

**AMEN!!**

## Hope for 2012

Paul Hardingham

'For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.' (Isaiah 9:6)

As the start of this New Year we are all aware of the uncertainties which we face, especially in terms of our finances, jobs and economic prospects. We have to face the big questions of life: *what shall I do?; who can help me?; who cares for me? and what do I say?*

The familiar words of the prophet Isaiah were also given by God in a time of political and economic uncertainty. The Assyrians had just conquered the northern kingdom of Israel, fulfilling Isaiah's warnings to the people, who had turned their back on God and his ways. However, Isaiah also brings a word of hope, *'The people walking in darkness have seen a great light'* (2). For Isaiah, it felt as if the future had already arrived! However, after 700 years the promised child was fulfilled in the birth of Jesus. For us, facing a New Year, he continues to be an answer to both our needs and questions:

*Wonderful Counsellor:* he will give us the wisdom we need, when we have difficult decisions to make at work

or home, or in dealing with our finances or future direction.

*Mighty God:* he will provide the help and strength to face the difficult diagnosis, the family crisis or relationship breakdown, as we trust his plan and purpose for our lives.

*Everlasting Father:* he cares for us as a father cares for his children, so we can come to him when we feel alone or we are really struggling, knowing that he hears and will answer our prayers.

*Prince of Peace:* he has secured peace by his cross and resurrection, and so we can find in him true acceptance, forgiveness and peace for our lives, relationships and future.

Therefore at the start of 2012, may *'our joy be increased'* (3) as for the people in Isaiah's day. For only Jesus can truly turn our sorrow into joy and save us from the vicious spiral of sin and death. Whatever the mess and mistakes we have made over the past year, he can deal with them. With him both our present and future are secure. This is no pipe-dream, for *'the zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.'*



## GLORIOUS THE SONG WHEN GOD'S THE THEME :

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

### 'IN SWEET MUSIC IS SUCH ART'

In the age of silent films, each cinema had its own in-house pianist who would play while the film was shown. The piano music would reflect the moods and emotions of the film and provide a background for the drama on the screen. With recorded sound, music assumed a greater importance, and studios would often commission the leading composers of their day to write for their films.

Now the musical score is almost on an equal footing with the film itself. We think of the Harry Potter films, and the evocative music of John Williams comes to mind. The James Bond films would be the poorer without John Barry's music. And Bernard Herrmann's nervous, eerie string score provided a brilliant reflection of the mystery/horror film 'Psycho.'

During this year we shall be looking at a variety of films and seeing how music plays a crucial part in them. H G Wells wrote to the composer Arthur Bliss 'A film is a composition and the musical composer is an integral part of the design.' Aaron Copland called film

music 'a lamp you place beneath the screen to warm it.'

In this month's film the musical score is not so much the lamp below the screen as the light shining from the film. In 2004 the French film 'The Chorus' ('Les Choristes') was released. It is the story of a new teacher, Monsieur Clément Mathieu, who arrives at a boys' boarding school. The children's lives are dragooned by an oppressive head teacher, Monsieur Rachin. His motto 'Action – Reaction' is a warning that any misdemeanour will receive its due punishment. M. Mathieu has up to then been a failure, but in the course of the film he discovers how his musical gifts can bring new life to the school.

He forms a choir, and with his guidance and with the enthusiasm of the pupils, the choir excels. We hear how the boys progress in their singing from popular melodies to the beautiful 'La Nuit' by Rameau and 'Caresse sur l'océan.' Music and singing bring a new dimension of light and hope in the school, and later M. Mathieu saves the lives of the boys in a different way. Sadly, the film ends with him being dismissed and leaving the school, but we know that the gift of music and song lit by him will not be extinguished for the story is told through the eyes of one of the pupils who has gone on to be a great conductor.

'The Chorus' is both funny and sad, moving and heart-warming, as it shows how music can be both a gift and a grace in human lives. Thomas Carlyle wrote, 'It seems somehow the very central essence of us, song; as if all the rest were but wrappings and hulls.' This film shows how song and music can awaken a new

down in the boys' lives and open up new horizons for them. Music and song can do that for all of us: they show us horizons that reach out into eternity, where, as the book of Job describes, 'The morning stars sang together, and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy.'

**Juggling technology** - A quarter of us check our mobile phones within three minutes of waking up. 69 per cent of us work on our laptops while talking on the phone... and watching TV – all at the same time.

In fact, the average person spends an average of three hours a day watching TV, five hours on computers, and about an hour on the phone. The research was for Esure insurance.

## **Famine in the Horn of Africa**

Famine still haunts the Horn of Africa, following two failed rainy seasons and conflict in Somalia.

According to the United Nations, over 13 million people in Somalia, Kenya, Ethiopia and Djibouti have now been affected.

Since last July, an unprecedented number of Somalis – nearly 900,000 – have crossed the borders into neighbouring countries like Kenya and Ethiopia. The Dadaab camps, designed for 90,000 people, are now home to over 400,000 refugees.

Andrew Edwards, MRDF Programme Manager for Kenya and Ethiopia, said: 'Dry seasons are common in the Horn of Africa, but the failure of the last rainy season hit when people were yet to recover from the 2010 drought.

"In parts of Ethiopia, for example, people were unable to harvest the short maturing crops such as cabbage and sweet potatoes. Then the prices of staple crops such as maize and sorghum soared. So many families had no choice but to make the long trek to the refugee camps. With millions affected, this is a crisis that will not be resolved quickly."

Over £385,000 has been donated to this Africa food crisis appeal to date. This is providing emergency food supplies through the Methodist Church's emergency relief partner, the Action by Churches Together (ACT) Alliance. As a result of MRDF support, people are also receiving tarpaulins for temporary shelters, blankets, plastic sheets, impregnated mosquito nets and sleeping mats. If you would like to help, please visit: [www.mrdf.org.uk/](http://www.mrdf.org.uk/)

## **The Way I See It: RING OUT THE OLD, RING IN THE NEW**

*Canon David Winter is a former Head of Religious Broadcasting at the BBC.*

It's probably because I'm just a Grumpy Old Man, but I do find it hard to see the point of 'celebrating' New Year. For me, the event has all the stupendous excitement of the milometer in the car clicking over from 39,999 to 40,000. It isn't the solstice or equinox. Nothing actually happens. It doesn't commemorate anything, except that we're all that much older, that much nearer a pension or the great retirement home in the sky.

Nevertheless, whatever the weather, New Year always sees vast crowds on the streets of our great cities, cheering, getting drunk and dancing in the fountains of Trafalgar Square. Dark men for some obscure reason carry bits of coal into neighbours' houses, and people who have no idea what the words mean, sing 'Auld Lang Syne'. So what is it that they're celebrating?

Surely not 2011 and its miserable economic news, recession and unemployment? Surely not, either, the remorseless tread of time. I suspect in fact most of them have simply turned up for the party, or perhaps it's not 2011 at all that

they have in mind, but the new year, 2012 - hope triumphing over experience.

Of course the gloom of 2011 was lightened by personal highs - the birth of a child or grand-child, perhaps, a marriage, a new friend. But reason (and in my case long experience) tells me that 2012 will be very much like 2011, but, hey, hope springs eternal.

So is it stupid, or pointless, or even wrong to celebrate the New Year? No, of course not. Time is too serious, too important for us to take it lightly. The Old Preacher in the Bible assures us that 'for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven'. He sees the passing of time as part of the way the Creation works - 'God has made everything suitable for its time; moreover, he has put a sense of past and future into our minds' (Ecclesiastes 3:11). Humans, in other words, have an understanding of past, present, future: we live in a world with *tenses*. And he has done this 'so that all should stand in awe before him'. Time, a gift of God, is awesome, and its passage deeply significant.

No reason, then, not to mark the passing of the old year and the birth of the new one, but every reason to recognise that we too

are part of the process, carried along by time's tide but not helpless to make choices. Some of those choices may change us, or our families, or our neighbours during the coming year. Some may eventually change the world In God's purpose, there is no reason at all why 2012 has to be like 2011. Let the old year go, with all its memories, joys and hurts. And turn to the new one with faith and

prayer and - yes - hope. For myself, definitely no freezing fountains, excess alcohol or lumps of coal. But even this Grumpy Old Man will raise a glass, say a prayer, and watch the clock tick past midnight into a brave new year.

Happy New Year!

### How to reduce your pain

It seems that laughter really is a great medicine, if recent research at Oxford University is anything to go by. Researchers found that hearty laughing with friends for 15 minutes a day was enough to raise a person's pain threshold by 10 per cent. Laughing makes us exhale several times in a row, which prompts the brain to release pain-killing chemicals known as endorphins.

### See, Amid the Winter's Snow

*Nigel Beeton*

See, amid the winter's snow  
Lots of cars that just won't go;  
It is not the drivers' fault –  
Councils have run out of salt!

*Here, we sit the whole night long!  
Where have all the snowploughs  
gone?*

*If we'd known we'd be delayed  
We'd perhaps have brought a  
spade!*

Say, ye cheerful children, say  
Why aren't you in school today?  
'We are skating round and round  
'Cos the heating's broken down!

*'Yes, the heating's gone beserk!  
'Mum has missed a day at work!  
'Though she's cross and seems on  
edge,  
'We can ride upon our sledge!'*

Sages on the weather show  
Said the sun would surely glow,  
And, said they, we may be sure  
Of a glorious day in store!

*But they missed a detail, small  
And the snow did thickly fall!  
But the met-men feel no shame –  
Their computer takes the blame!*



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## SERVICES & ROTAS FOR JANUARY 2012

### ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

				<u>FLOWERS</u>
<b>1</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion		Mrs Hopkins
<b>8</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	2.30pm Evensong	Barbara Hawksworth
<b>15</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion		“ “
<b>22</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion		Mrs K Reeve
<b>29</b>	9.30am	Holy Communion		“ “
5 Feb	9.30am	Holy Communion		Mrs Swain

### ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

				<u>SIDESMEN</u>
<b>1</b>	10.30am	Holy Communion		Mr & Mrs Jackson
<b>4</b>	10.30am	Mid-week Communion		
<b>8</b>	10.30am	Holy Communion		Mr & Mrs Machin
<b>15</b>	10.30am	Matins		Mr & Mrs Wardle
<b>22</b>	10.30am	Holy Communion		R S Sherwood/Diana Walters
<b>29</b>	10.30am	Holy Communion		John Bowns/Michael Pindar
5 Feb	10.30am	Holy Communion		Mrs Thomas/Stan Liddicot

### COFFEE

### CLEANING

### FLOWERS

<b>1</b>	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	Christmas flowers
<b>8</b>	Mrs D Cooper/Mrs J Clarke	-----	Diana Walters
<b>15</b>	Mr & Mrs Bosett	Machin/Thomas/Pindar	Marriage Blessing
<b>22</b>	M Douglas/Diana Maskery	-----	Liz Bradshaw
<b>29</b>	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mr & Mrs Jackson	Angela Dempsey
5 Feb	Mr & Mrs Dempsey	-----	Mrs Penrose

### READINGS

### ST. PETER'S

### ST. ANNE'S & SUNDAY SCHOOL

<b>1</b>	Isaiah 62: 10-12 Matthew 1: 18-end.	Gloria Sherwood	Fiona Swain <i>(no Sunday School)</i>
<b>8</b>	Romans 12: 1-5 Luke 2: 41-end. <i>Sunday School</i>	Molly Marshall	Di Homer  <i>Sarah Porter</i>
<b>15</b>	Romans 12: 6-16a John 2: 1-11 <i>Sunday School</i>	Doreen Gaynor	Judith Fraser-Martin  <i>Fiona Swain</i>
<b>22</b>	Romans 12: 16b – end. Matthew 8: 1-13 <i>Sunday School</i>	Michael Douglas	Rupert Turner  <i>Lynda Hinxman Allegri</i>
<b>29</b>	Malachi 3: 1-5 Luke 2: 22-40 <i>Sunday School</i>	Diana Walters	Sarah Porter  <i>Fiona Swain</i>

**Lint** - Considering all the lint you get in your dryer, if you kept drying your clothes would they eventually just disappear?