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Dear Friends,

As a God seeker for over 60 years here are some truths which I have tested and found to be true:

"Your successes make you clever, but your problems make you wise"

I know of very few people who are not carrying problems and worries. And the best people to help you are those who have been there themselves. Scarred hands can touch the wounded.

Jesus risen from the dead bears the scars of his suffering. And very often as followers of Christ we are wounded healers.

"It is better to believe in no god than in false gods." On my own spiritual journey I have discarded many false gods. I have discovered that faith in God is to be given courage to live life in a world that is far from perfect. I have a cousin who tells me he has become an atheist. I am pretty sure that he is rejecting views of God that I also have rejected.

"We need a religious home not a religious prison". Christ came to set us free. So easily religion can become the hardening of the oughteries! You ought to do this or that. Our children say that I have a tendency to tell them: "If I were you I should do this." God wants to make His home with us and enable us to be the wonderful person we are made to be. Let's love people as they are, not as we want them to be.

"If your faith makes you kinder, more generous, and more honest about yourself to yourself,
Then you are on the right road."

David Garnett

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday 1 July	Beeley in Bloom from 11am.
Friday 6 July	Wedding - St. Peter's 1.30pm Daniel Hull & Zoe Darraugh
10 July	BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting -Walk from Chatsworth Bridge to Beeley followed by fish & chip supper at The Devonshire Arms, Beeley
Thursday 12 July	7pm Blessing of the Wells at Pilsley followed by entertainment outside the Devonshire Arms with Hot Pork Rolls for sale
Saturday 14 July	Pilsley Village Fair parade begins 1.30pm Fair opened at 2pm
18 July	CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting - 7.30pm Edensor Tea Cottage Speaker: Kathleen Mason - Embroidery around the World Competition: thimble Mystery parcel: Mrs Beauchamp Tea Hostesses: Mrs Beauchamp & Mrs Claire Newbould Vote of thanks: Mrs Rees
20 July	2pm Pilsley CofE School - Leavers' Service
Saturday 21 July	Visiting Bellringers 11.45am - 12.30pm
23 July	BEELEY Parish Council Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall - Everyone welcome to attend
Thursday 26 July	Wedding - St. Peter's 3.30pm Julian Alwyn Smith & Fiona Leanne Keeling
Saturday 28 July	Wedding - St. Peter's 2.30pm Paul Mayfield & Heather Margaret Goodwin
Monday 30 July	St. Peter's Church - Spring Cleaning Day 9.30am
<u>Sunday 26 August</u>	<i>Secret Gardens of Bakewell - Oxfam Supporter Group</i> 2pm - 6pm A charge of £4 gives access to all gardens

Useful Telephone Numbers

<u>St. Anne's</u>	Wardens:-	Rupert Turner	01629 732794
		Fiona Swain	<i>ex directory</i>
<u>St. Peter's</u>	Treasurer:-	Gloria Sherwood	01629 732983
	Wardens:-	Elizabeth Bradshaw	01246 582421
		David Jackson	01246 583452
	Treasurer:-	Mark Titterton	01246 582245
		e-mail: mtitterton@btinternet.com	
	Lay Reader:-	Vernon Mather M.B.E.	01629 732317

**St. Peter's, Edensor
Service Time**

From Sunday 1st July the time of the service at St. Peter's will be 10.45am and not 10.30am. We have done this for several reasons and with the agreement of the P.C.C and the majority of the congregation.

St. Peter's Patronal Festival

1st July at 10.45am

You are very welcome to come and join us

St. Peter's, Edensor

The electrical work has been completed and we now have a beautifully lit churchhowever the new lights do show up the cobwebs! We having a 'Spring Cleaning Day' on Monday 30th July starting at 9.30am. If you would like to help do please come along and we'll find you a job. The more the merrier!



St. Peter's, Edensor

HELP! WE STILL NEED MORE CLEANERS



Since putting an appeal for more cleaners in the April and May magazines we have had 1 couple come forward asking for their names to be added to the rota. Once we have had the 'spring cleaning day' we will go to weekly cleaning. Without more people, cleaning will come round every 8 weeks - the more people we have the less often they have to clean!

The large cupboard has now been moved and re-arranged so that the brushes and mop can now be found in the tall cupboard where the dusters etc. used to be and the dusters/dustpans & brushes are on the bottom shelf (in a box) of the main part of the cupboard. The mop buckets at the moment can be found in the right hand cupboard under the book table. We are trying to keep the church tidy so that there are no 'clutter corners'.



**BEELEY IN BLOOM
OPEN GARDENS
Sunday 1st July 11am**

Flamenco display! BBQ! Union Jack flag hunt!
stalls, tombola, teas & cakes
Entry £3 (under 16 free)

**St. Anne's Church will be open and decorated during
Beeley in Bloom. Please come in and have a look around.**

**15th July -St. Anne's 'Open Church Day'
Communion 9.30am**

During the day there will be a chance for people who are not familiar with the church to come and have a look round and meet some of the regulars. The church will be decorated and will have displays about the history of the Parish. From 2.30 pm to 3.30 teas will be served in the church and there will be a short organ musical interlude from our small Bevington organ, installed in the 1890s.

At 4 pm there will be a **Pet Service** led by the Ven. David Garnett to which all pets (within reason!) are welcome, and during this service **David Blunkett** will talk about guide dogs for the blind, and his own in particular.



FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

WEDDING

19th May Michael John Leigh & Gemma Houghton

BAPTISMS

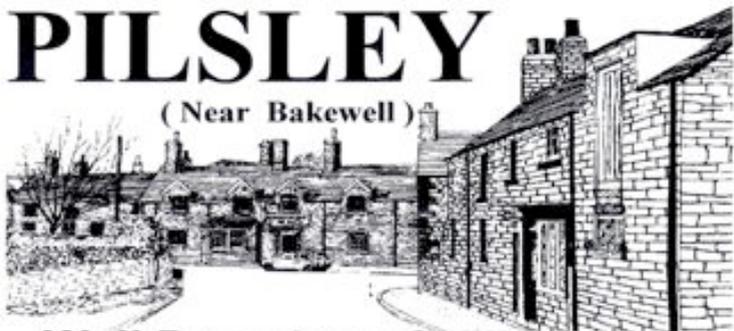
20th May - Samuel John Cooper
Georgia Darcy Simpson & William Oscar Simpson





PILSLEY

(Near Bakewell)



Well Dressings & Village Fair 9th – 11th, 12th and 14th July 2012

Well-dressing in the garage of The Old Smithy, The Green
Monday 9th to Wednesday 11th July

Please come and see us and join in (under supervision!)

Thursday 12th July

7pm - Blessing of the Wells

7.30pm - 9pm onwards:

Live Entertainment outside the Devonshire Arms

Hot Pork Sandwiches on sale

Saturday 14th July – Village Fair

1.30pm : Top of High Street: Fancy Dress. 1.45pm Parade starts

2pm - On Village Green

Opening by: David O

Hathersage Band, Maypole Dancing, Bouncy Castle, Punch & Judy,
Children's Entertainer, Face Painting, Games & Stalls
and Corner Exotics - reptile road show

Stay for the Evening – starting 7.30pm

Live music with the 'Easy Dance'

**St. Peter's Church 100 Club -
May Draw 2012**

1st Prize £30 - no. 58 Ann Newman
2nd Prize £20 no. 92 Roger Bemrose
Funds to church this month - £50

Flower Arrangers

If you love to arrange flowers and would like to help with church flowers, why not speak to Mrs Penrose? - 01246 583197

Want to lose weight?

Well, 'go to work on an egg', as the old advertising campaign advised. Now obesity experts have found that eggs seem to be one of nature's appetite suppressants, encouraging hormones that control hunger and tell us that we are full. It may be that the quality of the protein in your diet, rather than the quantity, can affect how full you feel. The study was carried out at the Biomedical Research Centre in Louisiana.



Joanne and Maud took surreptitious cuttings at each Open Garden they visited.

**SUMMER FUN DAY AT
THE MEDWAY CENTRE
BAKEWELL**

SATURDAY 14th JULY 11.00 – 3.30

All Saints Parish Church is hosting their Family Summer Fun Day at the Medway Centre, Bakewell on Saturday 14th July 11.00 – 3.30.

Home-made cakes, preserves, plants, children's books, china, fair-trade goods, baubles, bangles and beads are some of the stalls to tempt you.

Great value drinks, snacks and light meals are available all day. Admission is free, all very welcome. Follow our signs on the day through Bath Gardens past the infant school to the Medway Centre.

**Saturday 30th June –
Sunday 8th July
Exhibition by Pauline Shone
in
All Saints Parish Church
Bakewell**

Pauline Shone is an author and illustrator of children's Bible stories and there will be original paintings, prints and cards on display. She has an interesting background as a designer for Spode pottery and has also worked in the missionary field. We look forward to welcoming her to our church.

Refreshments 11.00 – 15.00 in the Open Door Cafe.



Traidcraft

Sales this month have been about the same as last at £548 which includes £187 at the Great Longstone Church Flower Festival, £47 at the Oxfam Group's Tea Afternoon and £80 at the two Palestine Awareness events. The latter sales were entirely olives and olive oil produced by the Zaytoun Co-operative in Palestine.

In an area of small villages where employment opportunities are scarce and travel is so difficult under the occupation, the role of women as breadwinners is increasingly important. The women-owned co-operative produces not only income but the opportunities to develop skills and confidence outside the home. The extra income Zaytoun Co-operative provides is used to buy land for a new centre where each woman will own a share in the land and the right to use it.

Besides the olives and oil, Zaytoun also produces Maftoul, which we know as couscous. This has an unusual nutty flavour with larger and firmer grains than normal, as it is prepared by hand. For a recipe using Zaytoun's maftoul go to www.traidcraft.co.uk/couscous, and to order any of these products please give me a call.

Peter Bird (01629 813087 – pabird@gmail.com)

The New Testament - in a different voice

Who? is a new version of the New Testament, reworked for people who do not read the Bible or who find traditional translations hard to access. For example, the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark and Luke) are run together into one story and John's gospel is put at the end of the book to give the full sweep of the story.

Who? was written by Paul Langham, vicar of Christ Church Clifton in Bristol. He says 'this book is for people who don't read the Bible. I have tried to imagine how the New Testament authors might have written had they been alive today.'

This is the first time in its 200-year history that Bible Society has produced a non-literal translation of the New Testament. It's a stepping stone for people who have never made it past the cover of a New Testament, and a refresher for those who have got stuck. *Who?* gets to the heart of the question, 'who is Jesus?'

Commissioning Editor Carolyn Armitage says: "This project is about why people might not find it straightforward to read the Bible, and what might nudge them to give it a first – or another – try." *Who?* (Bible Society, £8.99). Available from:

<<http://shop.biblesociety.org.uk/who>>

Baslow Health Centre – Church Lane, Baslow New Patients Welcome
www.baslowhealthcentre.co.uk

Telephone Numbers:

Reception: 01246 582216
District Nursing Team: 01246 584903
Surgery Fax: 01246 583867
Health Visitor: 01246 583270
Dispensary: 01246 582366
(The Dispensary line is open 12noon – 1.00pm and 2.00pm – 3.00pm)

Normal Surgery Opening Times

Monday 7.30am - 7.30pm
Tuesday - Friday 8am to 6.30 pm (closed Bank Holidays)

Closed for Training – The Surgery will not be closed for training during July.

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.
- We also save a number of 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

! To ease the parking congestion, please collect your prescription between 12:00 – 16:00

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 Marita Qury, Membership Secretary – Tel: 01433 631330 maritaoury@hotmail.com

Important Notice for Parents

(Child Protection) – In order for the surgery to maintain Child Protection and safeguard children, it is essential that parents inform the surgery in writing if your child is cared for by a relative or child minder, who is likely to bring the child to see a clinician at this surgery. If a child is brought into surgery for a routine appointment, vaccination etc and they are not accompanied by the parent or legal guardian; the clinician may refuse to see them. If the child's condition is life threatening then anyone can give consent. Inform the surgery now, in writing if your child is likely to be brought into the surgery by a child minder, grandparents etc.

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).

Samples – if you need to leave a 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

Urgent Calls 01246 582216 or 111

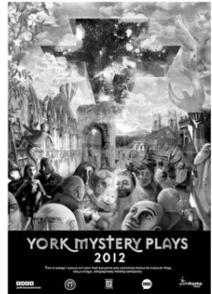
More than 2,500 people unite to stage York Mystery Plays

The *York Mystery Plays*, a medieval cycle of plays which have been performed by the people of York for hundreds of years, returns to the city this year on an epic scale, from 2 to 27 August. Against the magnificent backdrop of the St Mary's Abbey, a cast of professional actors will join more than 1,500 local volunteers as the two casts of community ensemble, musicians, choir and crew.

Telling the story of the cosmic battle between good and evil, from creation to the last judgement, the *York Mystery Plays* have been performed by the people of York for more than

800 years and are a world-famous part of the city's cultural heritage.

The stage for this production will be 357 square metres. 3,250 individual items of costume will be used at each performance. There will be 1,400 metres of cabling – that's from the ground to the top of York Minster 19 times. The volunteers alone would fill more than 17 double decker buses. Details and tickets:



www.yorkmysteryplays-2012.com

Why don't sheep shrink when it rains? (A question for anyone holidaying in the Lake District or Wales!)

I wonder how much deeper the ocean would be without sponges.

Great Expectations..... for a creative summer with Riding Lights

Have you ever fancied a bit of drama? What about joining a week's summer school on theatre this summer? Riding Lights Theatre Company is offering anyone over 14 a chance to have some real creative holiday fun.

This year's theme is: '*Great Expectations – Challenging Society to Act Justly*', as Riding Lights Summer Theatre School for 2012 honours

Charles Dickens, in this year of his bicentenary. A spokesman explains: "We have always aimed to create theatre which grapples with issues of justice and responsibility. Issues that Dickens campaigned against and that are still relevant today, including the oppression and exploitation of the poor and corruption amongst those with power." Riding Lights Summer School is hosted by theatre professionals. More details at: www.ridinglights.org

GOD IN THE ARTS

The Rev Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with a look at sculptures in the west porch of Norwich Cathedral. You can view them by googling images of the cathedral.

TREASURES OLD AND TREASURES NEW: MOTHER JULIAN AND BENEDICT IN NORWICH CATHEDRAL

In the medieval period the city of Norwich grew in importance and population through the wool industry. Thirty-two of the churches built at that time survive, and at their heart is the cathedral.

Originally a Benedictine foundation, it is an amalgam of Romanesque and late Gothic styles with a graceful 15th century spire that soars above the Norman tower. Inside there is a beautiful presbytery at the east end where again we see Gothic windows rising above the Norman work below. As we look higher, there is a glorious wealth of bosses, including Noah's ark (with Noah's family and the animals peering out from the ark) and the Last Supper. By the side of the main building is a large cloister, but if we go back to the entrance, we see two saints welcoming us to the cathedral.

In 2000 David Holgate, a local sculptor, was commissioned to provide two figures for the niches at the west porch. He chose Mother

Julian, modelled on a Spanish lady living nearby, and St Benedict, modelled on a jazz musician. Mother Julian holds her book, *The Revelations of Divine Love*, and St Benedict, with his finger to his lips, holds his Rule. We see the opening words, 'Ausculata' – 'listen.'

Around 500 St Benedict left Rome and withdrew to Subiaco to listen to God and to discern his call. Out of that retreat, his monastic rule was born. Its mood is one of simplicity and moderation, and at its heart is prayer: 'Listen readily to holy reading, and devote yourself often to prayer.' In the 14th century Mother Julian in her cell, which is now part of the church in King Street, received her revelations. She wrote her book to witness to that love of God she found in prayer and contemplation.

Norwich Cathedral stands at the heart of the city just as the two saints tell us that prayer should be at the heart of our lives. Their statues bid us enter the building. We look around and we see the glory within of stone and glass and wood. But more than that, we are invited to fall to our knees in prayer. In 1944 T S Eliot quoted the famous line of Mother Julian in the last of his *Four Quartets*, *Little Gidding*: 'All manner of thing shall be well.' Earlier in the poem we read the words,

'You are here to kneel
Where prayer has been valid....
Here, the intersection of the
timeless moment
Is England and nowhere. Never
and always.'

So we seek to pray and grow in
prayer in this cathedral or wherever
we are. At its hearts is that silent
attention to God's word. There is a
story of St Benedict riding one day
from chapel and meeting a
peasant. The peasant says he must

*This helps put the Jubilee into
perspective....*

Looking back on the British Royal line....

William the Conqueror was
crowned on Christmas Day, 1066.
In the 946 years between then and
now, there have been 42 monarchs
on the throne of England. The
average length of a reign has been
23 years, but that is probably
misleading, as some of the
monarchs reigned for a very short
time indeed: Edward V was
crowned king in 1483, but died
later that year; Richard Cromwell,
son of Oliver, led the
Commonwealth between 1658 and
1659; and Edward VIII, who both
came to the throne and abdicated
in 1936.

Then there were the five monarchs
who each reigned for 50 years or

have an easy job, praying and
going out riding. The saint
challenges him: 'If you think prayer
is easy, try to say the Lord's Prayer
just once without your attention
wandering and I will give you this
horse.' The astonished peasant
begins, 'Our Father who art in
heaven, hallowed by thy name,
thy...'. There is a pause. 'Will you
give me the saddle as well?' the
peasant asks. No wonder we see
the saint put his finger to his lips!

more. Henry III ruled 56 years from
1216 to 1272, and his great-
grandson Edward III ruled 50 years
from 1327 to 1377. Then there is a
long gap till we come to George II,
King from 1760 to 1820, followed
by his grand-daughter Victoria from
1837 to 1901. Then, of course,
comes our own Queen, Elizabeth
II, who celebrates her Diamond
Jubilee this year.

The practice of praying for the
current monarch in church services
has been common for many
centuries across most
denominations. The Jews also pray
for the current Monarch, the one
prayer that is said in English in an
otherwise Hebrew service.

For more info, visit:
www.kingsofengland.co.uk

Diamond Jubilee: Elizabeth pt 6: Far beyond these Shores

I imagine every British monarch has had one event during their reign that served to remind them that 'uneasy lies the head that wears the crown', as Shakespeare put it. There have been several for Queen Elizabeth, some family, some personal, but there was one long-running controversy back in the nineteen-sixties and seventies which represented an unusual challenge to her authority. It seems a long while ago now, though the country involved still manages to stir up controversy from time to time. That country was Rhodesia, or Zimbabwe, as it's now known.

Named after Cecil Rhodes, who discovered the country's enormous mineral wealth, it was one of several African lands which were the scene of political unrest fifty years ago. The others - Northern Rhodesia (now Zambia) and Nyasaland (now Malawi) - moved from exclusively white rule to multi-racial government, though not without some pain.

Southern Rhodesia set its face against any such progress. The Rhodesian prime minister, Ian Smith, refused to countenance sharing power with black Rhodesians and in 1965 declared UDI (Unilateral Declaration of Independence). The Queen herself became involved, suspending the Constitution. Eventually, in 1970 the

former colony became a republic with a constitution embodying permanent white majority rule. It was not recognised by the United Nations, and economic sanctions and international diplomatic pressure followed.

Eventually, the inevitable happened. Ian Smith's regime fell, and under the new name of Zimbabwe the country became an independent multi-racial nation. The transfer of government was supervised by Britain, but the new president, Robert Mugabe, failed to bring the different racial and tribal groups together and increasingly presided over what was recognised as a 'failed' state. In 2002 her membership of the Commonwealth was suspended by the other member states, and the next year Robert Mugabe took Zimbabwe out of the Commonwealth altogether.

We may remember that the young Elizabeth at the age of twenty-one had promised that her 'whole life, whether it be long or short, shall be devoted to your service and the service of that great imperial family to which we belong'. Twenty years later she described very effectively the change which had come over that 'imperial family'. The Commonwealth, she said, 'bears no resemblance to the Empire of the past'.

There is surely little doubt that the whole Zimbabwean issue would have

represented for her a great personal disappointment. Yet, as Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia said long ago, the transformation of Empire into Commonwealth 'was an achievement made possible because of the personality of Queen Elizabeth. Without that, many of us would have left'.

Love her, love her corgis!

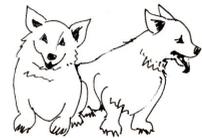
The Queen's Diamond Jubilee has had an unexpected impact on little dogs with short legs, short tails and big ears: the Pembroke Welsh Corgi. After years of decline in popularity, there has been a 37 per cent interest in the breed in the past four months, as people go online, looking to buy a puppy.

The Find a Puppy website reports that nearly 6,000 people so far this year have been looking to buy a Pembroke corgi puppy. "It is a wonderful tribute to the Queen," says Caroline Kisko of the Kennel Club. "Dogs go in and out of fashion, so after a long period of

In her jubilee year, we do well to remember that her dignity, wisdom and foresight are highly valued not only at home, but across the world.

worrying decline for the corgi breeds, it is reassuring to see an increase in numbers."

Corgis were first introduced to the Royal Family by King George VI. In 1933 he bought a Corgi puppy, called Dookie, from a local kennel. For her 18th birthday, the Queen was given a Corgi named Susan. The Queen currently owns three corgis: Monty, Willow and Holly. The dogs travel with her to the various residences, with Her Majesty looking after them herself, as far as her busy schedule will allow.



Beware this dangerous mouse

What is the dirtiest thing you are likely to touch at work today? Your computer mouse. It seems that it can carry three times the level of bacteria found on an average lavatory seat.

Our keyboards are also very grubby, and so are our telephones and office

chairs. In recent research, four in 10 desks had at least one item with levels of bacterial and surface contamination so high that they actually posed a risk to health. It seems food residue is largely to blame. Initial Washroom Hygiene, which carried out the tests, recommends regularly cleaning hands and work stations.

GOD IN MUSIC

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

'IN SWEET MUSIC IS SUCH ART': **Chariots of Fire**

This month our country will be hosting the Olympic Games, and London will be welcoming participants from all over the world who come to give of their best in their particular sport. There are always memorable achievements at each Olympic Games, and many of us will remember special moments of triumph - perhaps Steve Redgrave in 2000, Daley Thompson in 1984, Mary Peters in 1972, the first Paralympics in 1960, and Jesse Owens in 1936. Further back in time, in 1924 in Paris there were two remarkable victories: Harold Abrahams in the 100 metres and Eric Liddell in the 400 metres.

The story of these two men is the subject of this month's film, released in 1981, 'Chariots of Fire.' The title comes from Blake's poem 'Jerusalem' where the poet says that he will not rest until he has built God's kingdom in the midst of human lives. We hear the hymn of that great endeavour being sung at the end of the film, but it is the opening credits that captured the hearts when the film was first shown. We see the athletes in training for the 1924 Olympics. They are running in slow motion to the

electronic synthesiser and piano of the music of Vangelis. The relentless beat sounds out, and then we hear a triumphant, exultant melody as we feel the exhilaration of the British team running against the wind at the edge of the sea.

In that year the Olympic Games officially adopted the motto 'Citius, Altius, Fortius' – Faster, Higher, Stronger. That desire to achieve and give of their best is seen in the drama of two lives, Harold Abrahams played by Ben Cross and Eric Liddell played by Ian Charleson. The first runs to overcome anti-Jewish prejudice, the second for the glory of God. Eric tells his sister that he will indeed leave his homeland to serve as a missionary, but first he must take part in the Games for 'God has made me for China, but he has also made me fast. When I run, I feel his pleasure; to run is to honour him.' We hear the hymn verse 'Run the straight race through God's good grace' as Eric reads from Isaiah that those who wait on the Lord will run and not be weary.

There are snippets of Gilbert and Sullivan and other melodies in the film, but it is Vangelis' powerful music that truly expresses the drama and discipline of the two athletes, training and running to their highest endeavour to be an example and inspiration to the world. As we watch the Olympics during these two months, we shall see sportsmen

and women giving of their best. We shall even hear Vangelis' music ringing out as the Olympic flame is carried through the land to London.

St Paul knew something of the discipline and dedication of athletes training in Corinth. In his first letter to the church there, he likens the Christian to an athlete in the race of life as God calls each of us to that sacrifice and offering. In his day the victor in the games was rewarded

with a crown of wild olive. In our day it is a gold or silver or bronze medal. For St Paul the prize is the trophy of immortal life, a wreath that never fades. As we are called to take part in that race, we may even hear Vangelis' stirring music spurring us on to give of our best.



Return of Chariots of Fire....

On the 13th July, as the UK prepares for the London Olympics, 20th Century Fox is bringing the acclaimed classic "*Chariots of Fire*" back to the big screen in a new digitally re-mastered version. Free official community outreach resources from the Damaris trust will enable people to make the most of the film when it is re-released. Visit the resources page on www.damaris.org/chariots which includes a taster video introducing some of the themes of the film.



Can you spell?

There's a good chance that you are not very good at it. It seems that the use of computers with word spell-checkers has left many of us unable to spell words as simple as 'necessary' and 'definitely'. Researchers carrying out the research for Mencap concluded that the UK has produced an 'auto-correct'

generation. But despite our failings, 96 percent of us say that correct spelling is important, especially when it comes to finding work. One expert advises: "Poor spelling on a CV is fatal, as it says that an individual cannot produce work to a given standard, no matter how highly qualified they might be."

Canon David Winter, a former Head of Religious Broadcasting at the BBC, continues his series presenting a point of view...

The Way I See It: Welcome to the real Olympics!

Just to set the record straight, the Olympic Games - yes, the events that will bring much of London to a standstill this month - were founded in 776BC in ancient Greece. They involved athletics, poetry and music and were held at Olympia (hence their title), a centre for the worship of Zeus. You may recall that mount Olympus - the highest point in Greece - was the dwelling place of the gods and goddesses of Greek and Roman religion.

Once the Christian faith prevailed in the Roman Empire the Games were abolished, in the fourth century AD. What we have this month is a modern revival of the Games, the brain-child of a Frenchman, Pierre de Coubertin. It was he who memorably declared that the object of the Games was not the winning but the taking part.

The ancient Olympic Games had no element of international competition, no rankings, no flags or national anthems. The youth of the world were invited to Olympia to test their prowess against others - not just athletically, as we have noted, but artistically.

By contrast, the modern Games have become a celebration of national triumphalism, a notion far removed from the original Greek model, but also foreign to the vision of de

Coubertin. He would have deplored medals tables, anthems, flag-raising and all the media hype that surrounds perceived national success or failure. Patriotic pride has attached itself to the accumulation of gold medals - many in Britain will write this year's Games off as a failure if Team GB does not win more of them than we did last time.

The ancient Games are conspicuous in the New Testament, especially in the letters of St Paul. He must have been a bit of an athletics fan, because time and again he reverts to the Games for illustrations of Christian pilgrimage. The marathon was the greatest of all the contests, and that provided him with the perfect picture of the faithful life, from the starting line to the distant finish.

The Christian competes, but not against the other runners. Our contest is with all the things that will distract us, slow us down, divert our eyes from the ultimate goal. And at the end of the marathon of life there is the prize, the 'crown of glory' - not just for the winner, but for everyone who completes the course.

'I have fought the good fight', he writes. 'I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.' Not won, you notice, but *finished*. And for that, he says, he will receive the crown - 'and not only me but all who have longed to see him' (2 Timothy 4:8). The apostle and the founder of the modern Games would agree on one thing for sure. The prize is not for winning, but for taking part

Prospecting for trouble?

Philip Barron, Parish Pump's community reporter

As the world searches desperately for new sources of energy, an ominous new word has reached our shores. The word is fracking (derived from fracturing).

It began to appear in the British media a few months ago and refers to a method of drilling for shale gas deposits in rock. Last year, fracking at sites near Blackpool was halted when two minor earthquakes were felt at the surface. A government-appointed panel of experts recently reported its conclusion that there would probably be more quakes but they would be too small to do structural damage above ground. They recommended more monitoring. As I write, the government has not yet reached a decision on the way forward.

It isn't only in North Lancs that fracking is an issue. According to the

British Geological Survey, there are shale deposits stretching under the Pennine Basin from Blackpool to Scarborough, and in Scotland's Midland Valley. There may also be substantial amounts in Somerset, Kent, Sussex and the Vale of Glamorgan.

The concern over fracking goes beyond the risk of earth tremors, as the mining process is highly resource-intensive. High-volume fracking requires huge volumes of water for a single well and the process is also carbon-intensive, due to the energy required in the work. Campaigners also fear that the development of the fracking industry will divert investment from renewable energy sources.

The key word in these matters is sustainability. In the long term (if there is to be a long term), the answer to the energy crisis must surely be to reduce waste and maximise renewable resources.

Government agrees £30 million extra to resolve VAT concerns

The Church of England has welcomed the new agreement with the Government over the future funding of alterations and repairs to its 12,500 listed buildings, which will provide £30 million a year extra money. This is on top of the £12 million already in the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (LPWGS).

Despite not persuading the Government that maintaining zero rated VAT for alterations is the best way forward, church leaders today said that the £30 million a year extra money that the Chancellor has committed to the LPWGS will enable the equivalent to the VAT bill to be paid out on all alterations and repairs to listed church buildings. The Scheme pays out to those denominations and faiths with listed buildings

The King James Bible given to schools....

Copies of the King James Bible have been given to every state school in England to mark the 400th anniversary of the translation. The funding has come from a variety of benefactors. The AV version of the Bible has been widely recognised as a 'landmark' in the English language, and as a book which has had overwhelming influence on the English language and culture.

Lord Bragg, the broadcaster, calls it: "the most influential book in western civilisation over the last 400 years", as it has transformed the language and is the source of some of our most common phrases. Lord Harris of Peckham, the Carpetright founder, and Lord Fink, the Conservative Party treasurer, are among eight donors who raised the £370,000 to pay for the project.

The Diamond Jubilee New Testament is a 'bestseller'

UK churches of all denominations have bought more than 400,000 copies of the Diamond Jubilee New Testament to give away to their communities - more than double the expected amount. Produced by the Church of England, HOPE and Biblica, the souvenir Diamond Jubilee edition of the New Testament was created to be given away by local churches in schools, at street parties and via other Diamond Jubilee events and initiatives. It includes eight pages of images from the Coronation and the Queen's life, linking her 60-year reign and her Christian faith.

Smile....

Come

Minister: How come I never see you in church anymore, Morris?

Morris: There are too many hypocrites there, Reverend.

Minister: Don't worry, Morris; there's always room for one more.

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SERVICES & ROTAS FOR JULY 2012

ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

FLOWERS

1	9.30am	Holy Communion		Mrs K Reeve
8	9.30am	Holy Communion		“ “
15	9.30am	Holy Communion	4pm Pet Service	Mrs Swain
22	9.30am	Holy Communion		“ “
29	9.30am	Holy Communion		Mrs Turner

ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

SIDESMEN

1	10.45am	Holy Communion (Patronal Service)		Mr & Mrs Gordon
4	10am	Midweek Communion		
8	10.45am	Holy Communion		Mr & Mrs Jackson
15	10.45am	Matins		Mr & Mrs Machin
20	2pm	Pilsley CofE School Leavers' Service		
22	10.45am	Holy Communion		Mr & Mrs Wardle
29	10.45am	Holy Communion		R .S. Sherwood/Diana Walters

COFFEE

CLEANING

FLOWERS

1	Mr & Mrs Dempsey	Mr & Mrs Harding	Edensor Day Flowers
8	Clive & Joy Thrower		Wedding Flowers
15	Mrs Cooper/Mrs J Clarke	Mrs Sherwood/Mrs Kembery	Angela Dempsey
22	Mr & Mrs Bosett		“ “
29	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	Wedding Flowers

READINGS

ST. PETER'S

ST. ANNE'S & SUNDAY SCHOOL

1	Acts 12: 1-11 John 21: 15-22 Sunday School	Roger Wardle Trinity 4	Judith Fraser-Martin
8	1 Peter 3: 8-15a Luke 5: 1-11 Sunday School	Gloria Sherwood Trinity 5	Lynda Hinxman-Allegri Diane Homer
15	Romans 6: 3-11 Matthew 5: 20-26 Sunday School	Molly Marshall Trinity 6	Sarah Porter Rupert Turner/ Linda Hinxman-Allegri
22	Song of Solomon John 20: 1-2 + 11-18 Sunday School	Michael Douglas Mary Magdalene	Fiona Swain Sarah Porter
29	Romans 8: 12-17 Matthew 7: 15-21 Sunday School	Diana Walters Trinity 8	Lynda Hinxman-Allegri Fiona Swain Sarah Porter

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