



Rejoice
and be glad

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Jesus, speaking about the Holy Spirit, said, "Whatsoever He shall hear, that shall He speak." St James said, "Be swift to hear and slow to speak." St Francis said, "Preach the Gospel and use words if you must." The Prayer Book says: "That our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found." British Rail at a level crossing says, "Stop, Look, Listen."

STOP

All too easily we can become all accelerator and no brake. Our expenditure outstrips our assets. I am still learning to slow down and simply "be" who I am. I believe we all need to stop and make space for miracles to happen. The Celts said heaven is 1ft 6 inches above our heads. Heaven is so close and waiting for us to become aware of her presence.

"Within each piece of creation
Within each person,
The hidden God waits to surprise us with His Glory."

Exupéry's Little Prince had to be still and quiet before the wild fox visited him. I sometimes think that the Holy Spirit, the presence of God in our lives, is like a beautiful wild bird. She will only approach us if we are still. "Be still and know that I am God."

LOOK

A while ago I took a break from General Synod and all its talk at York. I went to the River Derwent in Troutdale on the edge of the North York Moors. A friendly ornithologist quietly pointed out to me all that was going on. A bird emptying pellets out of her nest, a dragonfly, "Wait and you will see a kingfisher fly under the little bridge." And so on. It was like being on a Retreat. He opened my eyes.

Lord, open our eyes that we sleep not in death,
Awaken us to your glory
Dispel the darkness of night
Open our eyes to your presence.

All things have the extraordinary ability of revealing God to us. "If we have eyes to see and ears to hear." (Jesus)

LISTEN

"Speak, Lord, your servant is listening." And a little less of "Listen Lord, your servant is speaking" !

His thoughts were slow
His words were few
And never made to glisten
But he was a joy



Wherever he went. . .
You should have heard him listen!

Open our ears, Lord to your call
Open our hearts to your love
Awaken us to your glory.

In the Gospels Jesus gave a one word proclamation: EPHATHA – "Be thou open"

Lord , open my eyes
To the wonders of the world
And your presence within it
Lord, open my ears to the calls of creation,
and to your Voice,
Quiet and Near.

David.

FROM THE REGISTERS	
ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR	
WEDDING	
5 th May Benjamin Edward Kerr-Shaw & Nicola Joyce Wifgull	
	
ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY	
28 April - Theodore Frederick Anthony Porter	
	

DATES TO NOTE

- June 12** **BEELEY WI** Monthly Meeting - Tea on the canal - An outing to take tea cruising the canal.
- June 16** **Weddings: St. Peter's**
1.30pm William Robert Cook & Linda Jane Williams
3.00pm Peter Henry Croft & Mary Rebecca Franklin
- June 20** **CHATSWORTH WI** Monthly Meeting
7.30pm Edensor Tea Cottage
Speaker: Joan Ward - Fellons & Fellas of Derbyshire
Competition: Single flower
Flowers & Parcel: Mrs Morris
Tea Hostesses: Mrs Blackwell & Mrs Wood
Vote of Thanks: Mrs McDowell
- Thursday 21st June at 5pm. Pilsley CofE School Summer Fair** – Please come and join the school to enjoy their Summer Fair. Raffle, tombola, jumble jars, cake stall, BBQ, games in the playground, Phoenix Cards and so much more.
- June 25** **BEELEY Parish Council** Meeting 7.30pm Village Hall
Everyone welcome
- Saturday 30 June Edensor Village Day & Open Gardens - 12 - 5**
Stalls - Holymoorside Brass Band - Face Painting - David O (Punch & Judy) Cream Teas in Church - Licensed bar in the Courtyard & more refreshments available at Edensor Tea Cottage

Early Notice

- Sunday 1 July** **Beeley in Bloom from 11am.**
- Thursday 12 July 7pm Blessing of the Wells at Pilsley** followed by entertainment outside the Devonshire Arms & Hot Pork Rolls
- Saturday 14 July** **Pilsley Village Fair**

Useful Telephone Numbers

St. Anne's	Wardens:-	Rupert Turner	01629 732794
		Fiona Swain	01629 732983
St. Peter's	Treasurer:-	Gloria Sherwood	01629 732983
	Wardens:-	Elizabeth Bradshaw	01246 582421
		Fiona Belfiori	01629 735252
	Treasurer:-	Mark Titterton	01246 582245
		e-mail: mtitterton@btinternet.com	
	Lay Reader:-	Vernon Mather M.B.E.	01629 732317

St. Peter's Church 100 Club -

April Draw 2012

1st Prize £30 - no. 39 Jill Gowdey

2nd Prize £20 no. 69 Lola Symonds

Funds to church this month - £50

With St Petertide in mind...

Tell my priests, when I am gone,
o'er me to shed no tears.
For I shall be no deader then,
than they have been for years!

A Bishop's last directions. (from The Penguin Book of Comic and Curious Verse)



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. We could still do with another 3 or 4 couples so that your cleaning would come round every 11 or 12 weeks. Once the lighting/re-wiring is finished and we have had a 'spring cleaning party' 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!



Choirbook fit for a Queen

Throughout this Jubilee year anthems from the Choirbook for the Queen are being sung by cathedral and collegiate choirs in every corner of the United Kingdom. They will showcase the quality and diversity of the choral tradition in the United Kingdom during her 60 years as Queen. 80 of the country's most prestigious choirs will sing the anthems in services throughout 2012, many of which are also being broadcast.

Poor teapot!

The teapot is in mortal danger. In the last five years demand for teapots has halved, and demand for mugs has trebled. We still love our tea - we drink 165 million cups of the stuff every day - but it seems that these days more and more of us are making our tea in the vessel we drink it from.





PILSLEY
DIAMOND JUBILEE OLYMPICS
Monday 4th June 2012
1.45pm - 4pm
on the Village Greens (Rain or Shine)
Sponsored by Pilsley Village Fair

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| 1.45pm | Team Assembly & Registration |
| 2.00pm | Opening Ceremony |
| 2.05pm | Novelty Relay Race |
| 2.30pm | Pilsley Decathlon* |
| | (10 x 5 min. circuit & 1 min. to move to next station) |
| 3.30pm | Scoreboard + prepare 'pool' on school field |
| 3.40pm | Synchronised swimming (2 min. each team) |
| 4.00pm | Medal ceremony under trees |

After the medal ceremony everyone is most welcome to settle on the green with their picnic.

There is room for 10 teams to compete. We are preparing for 10 teams of 10 people. Team Pre-registration is possible at the Post Office during normal opening hours. Depending on who turns up on the day, teams may be merged or given the opportunity to split into smaller groups. Pilsley Diamond Jubilee Olympics is designed to be a 'FUN DAY', with 'sports' for every level of competitor (pensioner, athlete, toddler!) In some sports all the team can 'have a go' - other sports team representatives can be selected from the team. Synchronized swimming is not in water, but is in pairs. There is an opportunity to prepare/train for this - rules have been hand delivered to all Pilsley addresses. Everyone who has prepared a synchronized swimming performance will have an opportunity to perform it, even if it is after the Medal Ceremony.

*10 Marshals are needed to referee the Decathlon events. Please sign up in the Post Office if you are willing to help with this. It is an opportunity to see the action close up and would be much appreciated.

All welcome to watch. Free of Charge.
Teams welcome from Pilsley residents & their family & friends.

EDENSOR



& OPEN GARDENS

SATURDAY 30th JUNE

12 - 5

Come and join us for a traditional
Village Fete and Open Gardens.

Stalls will include - Raffle; Books; Unwanted Gifts;
Plants; Cakes; Produce; Tombola; Water or Wine; Toys;
Knit & Natter and their creations

For your entertainment -

Holymoorside Brass Band; David O (Punch & Judy); The
Knights of Nottingham Foot Soldiers; Patrick Cook and
his Barrel Organ; Organ music in church; Face painting;

Refreshments -

Cream Teas in the Church; Pimms Bar & food in the
Courtyard with alternative refreshments available in the
newly refurbished Edensor Tea Cottage.

All of this and 19 open gardens to look round!

Entrance £4 includes access to Open Gardens

Chesterfield



The Chesterfield Bach Choir
presents

Ave Maria

An evening of choral and instrumental music
written in honour of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Chesterfield Bach Choir
and Chamber Orchestra
directed by
Paul Hayward

including:
Buxtehude *Magnificat*
Hassler *Missa super Dixit Maria*
Rheinberger *Stabat Mater*
Britten *Hymn to the Virgin*
and other works

at

**St Peter's Church,
Edensor**

Saturday 23rd June 2012

at 7.30 pm

Tickets are £10 each
(including refreshments),
available on the door or by
calling the box office on
01246 273038



Sunday 1st July from 11am. Beeley in Bloom

Enjoy a stroll through some of Beeley's beautiful gardens, enjoy tea and cake in the Hall with WI produce stall, BBQ, Flamenco display and more. Children very welcome too with a flag trail.

Day ends with our own Olympic event – The Beeley Duck Race.

If you can help at all on the day please contact Di Bakel,
Joy Damarell or Sarah Porter.

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)

Bank Holiday Closure The surgery will be closed on Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th June 2012.

Closed for Training – The Surgery will be closed for training on the afternoon of Wednesday 13th June 2012.

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



Traidcraft

Sales this month have totalled £547 which includes £46 at the Bakewell in Bloom morning.

In the last year more people have bought from Traidcraft than ever before, although they spent less in total – an inevitable consequence of the current economic climate. This is proof that people still care, but we cannot help but be aware that, however bad the situation may be here, it is always the poorest who are hit hardest by recession.

That includes Traidcraft's producers many of whom have felt the impact of

the global downturn this year. Exports to key markets in Europe have been hit hard while the costs of raw materials and energy are significantly higher. Severe weather conditions in many places haven't helped.

Traidcraft works with some of the most vulnerable producers, so our efforts to help them are particularly important. Our supporters have done their best to ensure that what they spend delivers maximum benefit to those in need and long may that continue.

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

Illegal tree works to protected trees

Since the increase in energy prices, there has been a distinct increase in illegal tree work in the National Park as a source of firewood. Some illegal tree work has been carried out within village Conservation Areas. Trees are protected in many ways. They can be protected by Tree Preservation Orders, Conservation Areas, Planning Conditions and the Wildlife and Countryside Act so we would recommend people always to check with the tree team at the Peak Park before carrying out any tree works. Much of the work carried out would not have been objected to by the National Park Tree Conservation Officers and would have been supported. There could have been grant aid towards good tree care but, sadly, important and attractive trees that add to the quality of all our lives have been disfigured, or sometimes completely lost. The tree team in the National Park's Environment and Economy Service endeavour to operate a pragmatic customer focused service. Their objective is to encourage good tree management and care. Their aim is to retain important trees in our villages with minimum fuss and maximum encouragement.

The National Park Authority tree team can be contacted on 01629 816200. The advice and service is free and impartial, and no query is too small.

GOD IN THE ARTS

The Rev Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with a look at just some of the treasures in Winchester Cathedral. You can view them by googling images of the cathedral.

TREASURES OLD AND TREASURES NEW: WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL AND THE MERITS OF FISHING

I think Winchester is the only cathedral in England to be honoured with a pop song, and you may remember it from the 1960s. But Winchester Cathedral goes back hundreds of years beyond that song, to Saxon roots. Rebuilt after the Norman Conquest, it became the longest Gothic church in Europe – 556 feet with 12 bays that seem to stretch into the distance of the east end. Historians tell us that the exterior is disappointing, but inside we are confronted with ‘a slow rhythm of great majesty’ as the eye looks up and then along the glory of the arcades.

And treasures abound. There is a 12th century font from Tournai depicting the miracles of St Nicholas, a 15th century sculpture of our Lady and the Holy Child, 14th century misericords in the stalls, wall paintings in the Lady Chapel, and the tomb of William of Wykeham who did so much for the cathedral. There are the graves of

St Swithun and Jane Austen, and a memorial to William Walker, the diver, who between 1906 and 1911 worked tirelessly to shore up the foundations of the building.

And in a side chapel to the south there is the tomb of Izaak Walton 1593-1683. The window shows St Peter holding a fish and St Andrew with the boy who has the two fish and loaves. This is Prior Silkstede’s Chapel, but it is also known as the Chapel of St John and the Fishermen Apostles. The modern work continues this theme of fishing with sensitivity and strength: the same two apostles hold candles and stand between the altar carved by Peter Eugene Ball with fish and swirling water. The benches around are the work of Alison Crowther, and they resemble waves of water.

Izaak Walton is now remembered for his book ‘The Compleat Angler.’ He was a friend of the poet John Donne and married a niece of Archbishop Thomas Cranmer in 1626. Tragically, 15 years later, his wife, seven children and mother-in-law all died. He retired to the countryside, publishing his book on the joys of fishing in 1653. It begins with a quotation from John 21: ‘Simon Peter said to them, ‘I am go a fishing’: and they said, ‘We also will go with thee.’ In the gospels we know that St Peter journeyed from doubt to faith with the catch of fish in Luke 5. Later in

Luke, the feeding of the 5000 with two fish and five loaves moved the disciples to a deeper faith. And with that quotation from John, it was fish that helped to open the eyes of the disciples to recognize the presence of the risen Lord.

Izaak Walton exhorts the reader to contemplate these truths in his book, which ends with a call to all lovers of virtue who trust in God's providence to 'be quiet and go a Angling.' He is shown in a window

with his rod by his side - like all anglers, who sit by the side of the river or canal, patiently waiting for a catch. We can sit and contemplate the carvings and windows in this peaceful chapel, waiting for God's love to find and inspire us. Angling, waiting for the fish to bite, requires patience and trust. Our prayer, in this cathedral or wherever we are, requires those same qualities as we wait for God to touch our lives.

Review

Poetry Emotion, 50 original poems to spark an imaginative approach to topical values

By Stewart Henderson, BRF, £6.99

Stewart Henderson's latest poems come from what he describes as: "the accumulated experience of watching children in classrooms throughout the UK draw shapes of words and thoughts on unlined paper, in some cases in illegible pencil. It is a privileged and heartbreaking exercise to view; the children not knowing how vulnerable they're being."

Poetry becomes their friend, says Henderson. "It gives voice to the small, the dented, the gagged On countless occasions I have observed children, irrespective of social background or ethnicity, making friends with poetry." He describes poetry for children as a place where "you can make up your own jokes and gleefully mix words together like 'marzipan chapati' and invent whistling butterflies."

Poetry Emotion is an attempt at a pastoral book, says Henderson, "with the poems seeking to explain to the 'tall shadows' world of adults what it's like to be a child in 'Big Society' Britain today... and to give that collective child his and her voice."

Poetry Emotion Competition

To celebrate the launch of Stewart Henderson's book, the Bible Reading Fellowship are launching the *Poetry Emotion* competition. Can you write an eight-line poem to express your emotions on why reading matters? Send your poem to kevin.ball@brf.org.uk. Competition closes 31 August 2012. The winner will be chosen by Stewart Henderson and will receive an autographed copy of *Poetry Emotion*.

Diamond Jubilee: Elizabeth pt 5. The New Queen and the New World

The reign of Elizabeth II began in the last shadows of post-War austerity - food rationing finally ended in 1954. But it quickly moved into a new world, largely born out of the traumas of the previous decades. The Commonwealth, of which she became Head, numbered among its 54 members many nations that now felt ready for independence from the old colonial relationship. The fifties and sixties were a major era of change everywhere in the so-called 'developing' world. Indeed, things 'developed' very fast - too fast, it sometimes seemed, for the Foreign and Colonial Office to keep up with them.

Queen Elizabeth stood, for the most part, carefully distanced from the more controversial developments. Her role, as she presently saw it, was to provide mortar to hold things together, not semtex to blow them apart. She and Prince Philip set out with youthful energy to visit many parts of the Commonwealth, as well as the United States and other friendly countries, seeing themselves as ambassadors of a renewed and forward looking United Kingdom. The 'wind of change' was blowing through Africa, as Prime Minister Harold Macmillan memorably put it, and the Queen was at pains to present herself not as the bastion of the old order but as a symbol of the new one.

At home, the nation became accustomed to its new Head of State. She followed her father's practice of

broadcasting to the nation on Christmas Day, a task which she approached with some trepidation - her nervousness was palpable - but quickly mastered. In those distant days many a family Christmas lunch was put on hold to listen to 'the Queen's speech' - my father ordered silence during it! Truthfully, the speeches usually said very little of consequence, and at that time the Queen's accent was almost painfully 'royal', but it was an annual opportunity for the people to see and hear her, and for the Queen herself to speak to her people not only in Britain but across the world.

The actual broadcasts were, of course, 'live' in those days, which placed a considerable responsibility on the speaker - and on the engineers, whose task it was to ensure that the royal words were not interrupted by technical problems. I once read with astonishment the lengthy brief given to them and the details of the back-up required in those days to ensure a trouble-free broadcast.

Slowly the aura of seclusion which had for centuries surrounded the monarch began to give way to a new accessibility. The British people felt comfortable with their Queen and her ever-attentive consort. As her children were born, there were informal family photographs - a million miles from the carefully posed portraits of earlier years. As Britain entered the Swinging Sixties the monarchy may not have been rocking and rolling, but it was dipping the royal toes into the waters of the incoming tide of change.

Blagodatni Dolina – a valley of blessings

Bosnia is still a troubled land. Ethnic and political tensions have slowed reform and investment. Unemployment and poverty are high. People struggle to find work and to raise their families.

One Christian who felt called to go to Bosnia, to do what he can to help, is Walter Goncalves, a Brazilian. Walter has lived in Bosnia for many years, and founded the Grace Valley Centre. Walter and his team at the Grace Valley Centre do humanitarian aid work in Zenica and central Bosnia. In the winter months this means distributing food parcels and wood for as many families as possible, knowing that people struggle to survive the bitter winter cold.

Grace Valley Centre is on farmland, a place they call Blagodatni Dolina. "It means a valley of blessings. We have created an association called 'pomirenje', which means reconciliation, and we run Bible camps for young people. We also established a farm that can train the villagers and provide them with the seeds and tools so they can farm back in their villages and feed their families."

Each December Walter is also busy with shoe boxes – lots of them. As the Bosnian contact for

Operation Christmas Child, last year he had the job of organising the delivery and then distribution of 72,000 shoe boxes - throughout the country. Walter admits: " It was a huge challenge to co-ordinate the logistics and to create all the paper work to get the trucks into the country. It was a good opportunity for us to be in several newspapers and on television explaining the purpose of Christmas and sharing God's love through the gifts. It was a big event in Bosnia, as the nation is facing an economic crisis."

Most of the 30 families directly involved with Walter send their children to Grace Valley's day care centre because of the food and warmth there. This past year winter temperatures reached 6F (-14C).

International Teams UK supports this ministry. It is a non denominational Christian mission organisation. You can read more about Walter at www.gracevalleycenter.org and International Teams at www.iteams.org.uk.

Anne Coomes, the editor of Parish Pump, paid a visit to central Bosnia several years ago, and met Walter. He soon had her helping him to carry ten pound bags of rice up a low mountain through heavy snow to an isolated Muslim village where several families were going hungry.

June is the month for ordinations in the Church of England. Paul Hardingham considers what it means....

So what's ordination all about?

Over the next few weeks, Ordination Services will be held across the Church of England, as men and women are ordained as deacons and priests. But what is this call to ministry all about?

Of course, every Christian is called to be a disciple of Jesus Christ and to live out that discipleship in ways which make the most of his or her unique blend of gifts, personality and situation. However, for some this is expressed in a call to ordained ministry within the wider church. A key to understanding this is found in Paul's words to the Ephesians:

'So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.' (Eph 4:11-13).

The role of leadership is to equip and enable all God's people to be actively engaged in the work of ministry, rather than simply the leaders.

In the Church of England, there is a 'threefold order' of ordained

ministry: bishops, priests and deacons. This reflects what we find in the Pastoral Epistles, where Paul identifies two roles within the church, 'presbyter' or 'bishop' (the terms being used interchangeably for leaders in the church), and 'deacon', involving being set aside (ordained) for a particular serving role. A person who is accepted for ordination as a priest is first ordained as a deacon. Then, after a period of normally a year, he or she is ordained to the priesthood. This reminds us that humble service is always at the heart of priestly ministry.

Most ordained ministers are priests or presbyters. Their work is to build up the Body of Christ in the Church and in the world through the celebration of the sacraments, teaching, preaching and pastoral care. It is a ministry of leadership and mission, enabling all Christian people to realize their potential as they witness to Christ in the world. It is also about living lives which point to the life of Christ crucified and risen, encouraging all God's people to show love, care and compassion and to strive for justice and peace.

It is a challenging and significant role within the life of the church. So do pray for those who are preparing for this significant step in their own lives in the near future.

How many friends do you really have these days?

These days most of us have more acquaintances – but fewer close friends. We are more lonely, with less contact with the people around us.

In 1982 nearly half of us said that we knew by name at least 11 of our neighbours, and a quarter of us knew 20 of our neighbours by name. These days, even the most neighbourly among us (those in Scotland) know, on average, only 8.4 neighbours. In 1982, 76 per cent of us said that we never felt lonely. By 2010, 68 percent of us said we DID feel lonely. Two years on, are we even more lonely?

The study, done by Co-operatives UK, examined how neighbourly and

friendly the British are. It concluded: “People seem to have a wider circle of acquaintances, but shallow friendships, particularly online. Different patterns of family life and work have all contributed.”

The Bible has a lot to say about neighbours. “Do not plot harm against your neighbour, who lives trustfully near you,” (Pr 3.29); “a generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed” (Pr 11.25) And of course there is the famous: “Love your neighbour as yourself.” (Lk 10:27). So next time someone wants to borrow a cup of sugar, or needs a lift into town...!

Are there any lonely people living near us that we could visit or shop for?

Why the Dean's wife sang about VAT on YouTube

The Dean of Wakefield's wife, Pamela Greener, has written and performed a campaigning ditty in the demolished nave of Wakefield Cathedral as part of the CofE campaign to halt Government VAT plans unveiled in the budget.

The YouTube recording has been sent to the Chancellor, George Osborne's Office and HMRC. You can watch it at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?>

The cathedral is one of thousands of CofE buildings that will be badly affected if the Government goes ahead with introducing VAT on listed building alterations. Campaigners are being urged to sign the two e-petitions to bring back zero rate VAT to alterations to the CofE's 12,500 listed churches. <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/32229> <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/32056>

P.S. Do watch this if you can!

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: Being in the spotlight

The old saying about London buses is that you wait half an hour for one and then two come at once. Well, this summer in Britain is a bit like that. No major national celebrations for ten years, and then, bang - a royal Jubilee and the Olympic Games come round the corner. All of a sudden, our little off-shore island will be in the world's most glaring spotlight.

One can only guess at the potential TV audiences for these two events, but they will certainly run into billions. In African villages, the vast urban sprawls of modern India and China, the chilly wastes of Greenland and Alaska and indeed wherever television and the internet have spread their ever-lengthening fingers, we shall be on the screens. As never before (it's safe to say), those billions will see our ancient Abbey shrine and our historic Christian rituals as well as our super-modern Olympic stadium and all the other splendid sites prepared for the Games. It's enough to make us shy.

But it's also enough to make us ask, What will the world think of us? A bit like the bride's mother at a wedding, we know we (that is, our island and its people) will be in all the pictures, but how will we come across? We certainly hope those pictures won't include shots of rioting young men and women, or of angry demos or billboards about crime, drugs and violence. More positively, we may hope that across the world the images will be of smiling faces, of a welcoming, hospitable land, of a people who have learnt over the long years the lessons of tolerance and respect.

I hope they will also reflect the Christian faith which - in a modest and often understated way - still underpins so much of our national character. The jubilee services will display this, of course, with pomp and ceremony, but more persuasive, perhaps, will be the sense of a nation that still 'fears' God - respects him and his laws, loves the neighbour and cares for the poor, the lonely and the destitute. Personally I'd swap that for any number of gold medals.

Did Noah fish?

The Sunday school teacher asked: "James, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?"

"No," replied James. "How could he? He only had two worms."



Turning bills into windmills

The Parish Pump's community reporter Philip Barron considers a new kind of energy company...

At a time when the 'Big Six' energy suppliers in Britain are coming under fire, a relatively small company is attracting the custom of increasing numbers of savvy consumers.

Ecotricity was founded in 1996, when it started the UK's green electricity movement. A 'not for dividend' company with no outside shareholders, it now powers over 60,000 homes and businesses in the UK from its fleet of windmills and invests more per capita in building new sources of green energy than any other UK company. Customers include the dioceses of Gloucester, Bath & Wells and Exeter, as well as many parishes nation-wide as part of the CoE parish buying scheme (it is up to each parish to choose its supplier).

Dale Vince, who founded Ecotricity, says it's not hard to see why the public's mood has turned against the large companies. "They chase short-term profits and shareholder dividends. People are fed up with

unethical pricing, poor customer service and the lack of investment in new sources of green energy.

"But the real scandal in the energy industry is not how much profit the big companies are making – it's about what they are doing with that money. We could achieve energy independence and eradicate fuel poverty in a decade if all energy companies adopted Ecotricity's business model and used the bill money from British customers to build new sources of green energy." The Stroud-based supplier spends more per customer building new sources of green energy than all other UK suppliers put together.

The Parish Buying Service is now offering churches savings on £200 million worth of services each year. Besides gas and electricity, favourable deals include heating oil, photocopiers, stationery, IT software and fire safety. "This is not just about saving money," says Dr John Preston, National Stewardship Officer. "The service will help parishes to buy with confidence, knowing that contracts have been professionally negotiated, and to be better stewards of their spending."

June: Queen's Diamond Jubilee/ Prince William turns 30

It seems that the month of June this year is a month of several anniversaries for the British Royal Family. Consider the following:

175 years ago, on 20 June 1837, King William IV died, and was succeeded by his niece, Victoria, in the UK. 125 years ago, on 20 June 1887, Queen Victoria celebrated her golden jubilee. 30 years ago, on 21 June 1982, Prince William of Wales, second in line to the British throne, son of Charles and Diana, was born.

SERVICES & ROTAS FOR JUNE 2012

ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

FLOWERS

3	9.30am	Holy Communion		Mrs Hopkins
10	9.30am	Holy Communion	6pm Evensong	“ “
17	9.30am	Holy Communion		Barbara Hawksworth
24	9.30am	Holy Communion		“ “

ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

SIDESMEN

3	10.30am	Holy Communion		Mr & Mrs Wardle
6	10am	Midweek Communion		
10	10.30am	Holy Communion		R.S.Sherwood/Diana Walters
17	10.30am	Matins		John Bowns/Michael Pindar
24	10.30am	Holy Communion		Mrs Thomas/Susanne Garnett

COFFEE

CLEANING

FLOWERS

3	Mr & Mrs Bosett	Mrs Bateman/Mrs Robinson	Susanne Garnett
10	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	-----	“ “
17	M Douglas/Diana Maskery	Mr & Mrs Nelson	Wedding flowers
24	Mr & Mrs Carter	-----	Wedding flowers remain

NB The electrical work is almost finished and I think it has reached the point when cleaning could be done on a Friday if that is more convenient for you.

READINGS

ST. PETER'S

ST. ANNE'S & SUNDAY SCHOOL

3	Isaiah 6: 1-8 John 3: 1-15 <i>Sunday School</i>	Mavis Cunningham <i>Trinity Sunday : Jubilee</i>	Judith Fraser-Martin <i>Fiona Swain</i>
10	1 John 4: 7-end Luke 16: 19-31 <i>Sunday School</i>	David Jackson <i>Trinity 1 'God is Love'</i>	Rupert Turner/Lynda Hinxman-Allegri <i>Lynda Hinxman-Allegri</i>
17	Genesis 12: 1-4 Luke 14: 16-24 <i>Sunday School</i>	John Bowns <i>Trinity 2 'Go out into the Highways'</i>	Sarah Porter <i>Fiona Swain</i>
24	Isaiah 40: 1-11 Luke 1: 57-80 <i>Sunday School</i>	Bob Carter <i>St. John the Baptist</i>	Fiona Swain <i>Sarah Porter</i>

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

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