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November 2012

Dear Parishioner,

After I had my operation, and what a relief, I was given a bed by the window. Unfortunately there was a wide bar in the centre of the window. It prevented one seeing out at bed level. Apparently the hospital architect was a designer of prisons in America!

The hospital is only two years old but already two brand new wards are closed. What a waste of investment and what a lot of extra stress for an already overworked nursing staff as beds are relentlessly filled on the open wards.

As time goes on you get to know your fellow patients. Folk peep out of the side of a paper or book until eyes meet. Doug is very bent over and waiting to hear if his bladder needs to be removed. Yet he is cheerful and good for fishy stories. He caught a salmon weighing over 38 pounds! Bill is a painter and decorator. As he is self employed ill health is a big financial problem for him and the family. I am asked what I do for a living. After a silence people begin to talk and everyone on the four bed ward is talking God. They speak of spiritual strength and of love and care and compassion. 'That will do for me!' I think.

I am moved into another ward. Three had gone home so they wanted my ward for ladies only. I meet Jim. I had heard him over several days. A while ago he had a stroke which can make him difficult sometimes. The nurses are amazingly patient with him even though he calls them names and can be quite threatening. At 80 he has a partner. He dotes on her and calls out her name in the night. He tells me his story over and over again. At one point he comments that I know him better than himself! I love his joke about his uncle. 'He drank so much that he could float the Queen Elizabeth in dry dock'.

So much of our thinking can be locked up by fears from the past or hopes for the future that we miss the present moment. I worried so

much about getting out of hospital that I was in danger of not discovering the riches around both in patients and staff. I now respect the time spent there, and like all things treated with respect, it ceases to be a desert but flowers or blossoms (sort of) and God is there waiting for us as we wait for the doctor.

My farewell services are on Advent Sunday 2nd December. It would be lovely to see you there.

With love and prayer, David

All Souls Day at St. Peter's, Edensor
4th November

Loved ones departed will be remembered by name at this service. Please let the Vicar or churchwardens have the name or names beforehand or if this is not possible, give them to the sidesmen when you arrive.



FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

WEDDING - 5 OCTOBER

James Cammoile & Jacqueline Ann Marie Frances Lawless

BAPTISM - 23 SEPTEMBER

Matilda Grace Fish

ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

INTERMENT OF ASHES

18 August - Diana Christine Homer

2 October - David Thomas Allinson

BAPTISM - 16 SEPTEMBER

Albert Peter Hague

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY -NOVEMBER

- 13 Nov BEELEY WI - AGM 7.30pm - Village Hall
With Christmas table top sale
- 12 Nov St. Peter's Church Edensor, Social Event 7pm for 7.30pm
(Monday) Fish & Chip Supper at The White Lion, Great Longstone
The cost of the meal will be £9.50 per head
Everyone welcome (contact Liz Bradshaw)
- 25 Nov CHATSWORTH WI - AGM 7.30pm Edensor Tea Cottage
Competition: Handmade card - any occasion
Mystery Parcel: Mrs Read Vote of Thanks: President
HOT POTATO SUPPER
- 26 Nov BEELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm Village Hall
- 27 Nov Pilsley CofE School Christmas Fair 5 - 7pm - Cavendish Hall

Early Notice - Future Events

- 5 Dec Pilsley CofE School - *Flower Workshop* 7-9pm in school
Tickets £10
- 5 Dec *A Twilight Evening at Chatsworth* - Admission from 5.30 -
6.45 Tickets £18 (no concessions) available from
Christine Robinson 01246 582938 or 07835 561 489
- 11 Dec *Christmas Flower Demonstration* by Jonathan Moseley
(Tuesday) 2pm St. Peter's Church, Edensor. Tickets £10 available from
Christine Robinson 01246 582938 or 07835 561 489

St. Peter's Church 100 Club - September Draw 2012

1st Prize £30 - no. 28 David Garnett
2nd Prize £20 no. 90 Angie Walker
Funds to church this month - £50

'SPICE' Sunday
'SPICE' Sunday on 14th October
raised £69.20
for the Restoration Fund
Thank you for your support.

Useful Telephone Numbers

St. Anne's	Wardens:-	Rupert Turner	01629 732794
		Fiona Swain	<i>ex directory</i>
	Treasurer:-	Gloria Sherwood	01629 732983
St. Peter's	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 Church Edensor

Social Evening - Fish & Chip Supper

The White Lion, Great Longstone

Monday 12th November

7 for 7.30pm

Tickets £9.50

Come and join us for some wonderful fish and chips
Good food and good company to brighten up a
November evening

For tickets or more information contact Liz Bradshaw
01246 582421 or email: liz.bradshaw@w3z.co.uk



Congratulations to Katie Hill, from Pilsley, who has recently received her Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Well Done Katie, good luck and best wishes with the Silver Award Programme.

2013 - Gift Aid Envelopes

With 2013 not too far away, now is the time to order your 52 week set of gift aid envelopes.

These are the small blue envelopes which are individually numbered and are personal to you for you to use for your weekly offering.

There is no need to write your details on the front and they are far more convenient than using the larger yellow envelopes which are really designed for visitors and non regular members of the congregation.

If you would like a set of envelopes for the new year, please ask either Liz Bradshaw or David Jackson.

St. Peter's Church, Edensor
Harvest Thanksgiving Service

Once again we had a full church for our Harvest Service on 7 October, which was taken this year by Rev. Richenda Leigh, Chaplain for the University of Derby. The decorations were suitably abundant with many autumn colours in the flower arrangements, thank you to those who helped with these and the fruit, vegetables etc. brought along on the morning was very welcome.



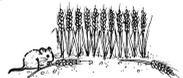
The children of Pilsley CofE School gave a 'performance' of the Little Red Hen and her gathering of corn to show how we should all share our harvests and also gave their help during the sermon - ably assisted by 'Maximus Mouse' aka David Jackson.

During the service a cheque for £2,000 was presented to Mrs Henson, Headteacher of Pilsley School, by Clive Williams, a donation from this year's Edensor Day & Open Gardens event. A cheque for the same amount has been sent to the Derbyshire, Leicestershire & Rutland Air Ambulance Service who were unable to be with us for the presentation.

Our auction of produce after the service raised £91 and this was followed by a 'bring & share' lunch, much enjoyed by those who were able to stay and take part.

At the first PCC Meeting of 2012 it was decided that the money from the coffee served after Sunday services during the year would be divided between the Padley Day Centre, Derby and Village Aid. At our PCC meeting on 8th October we decided to add the money from the Harvest auction to this and the cheques will be sent out at the end of the year to these two local charities.

St. Anne's Church, Beeley
Harvest Thanksgiving Service



The Harvest Thanksgiving service at St. Anne's took place on 14 October and was well attended, with about 30 visitors from Dore Methodist Church joining the regular congregation. Tea and cakes were served at the back of the church after the service. Thank you to those who helped in any way with this service.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS



via 'The Bridge'
Donations to the Organ Fund

If you would like to send Christmas Greetings to friends, family and other readers of this magazine please put your name on the list which will be at the back of church during the next few Sundays or telephone or email Liz Bradshaw.

As usual we would ask you to place your donation in an envelope marked 'Christmas Greetings' and place it on the collection plate on any Sunday during Advent.

St. Peter's Church, Edensor *Official 'Switch-on' of the new lighting scheme*

On Monday evening, 15 October, St. Peter's Church was 'lit-up'.

Only the background lighting was in use as guests arrived for the party and were served with champagne and canapés, deliciously made and served by Sam and his team from Edensor Tea Cottage. One lady, who had been to the Floral Fanfare in 2009, and her niece travelled all the way from Germany to be with us.

The Vicar welcomed everyone to St. Peter's and the Duke of Devonshire officially switched on the new lights.

The evening continued with a rousing concert by Bakewell Silver Band, which included both well-known tunes and some less well-known and in the second-half of the programme had the audience, if not quite singing along, at least La La La ing with some of the 'tunes from the shows'.

A thoroughly enjoyable evening and thanks to everyone who made it possible and to all those who have donated to the new lighting scheme since the appeal was launched with the Floral Fanfare nearly 3 years ago.

Spread a little happiness at Christmas.....

David Jackson and Susie Grottick have come up with a brilliant idea to help victims of domestic violence through a local charity, the Derbyshire division of W.I.S.H.

In years past this stood for Women In Safe Hands but as domestic violence has developed and now men and their children are a product of it, W.I.S.H has been developed. The thought process behind it, is that the victims 'wish' it to stop.

Susie says "I have spoken with Janet Goodinson at the Glossop sub division, as they cover the Bakewell and Hope Valley area, who is thrilled at the prospect of 'us' (members of the Health & Fitness Club and the church) offering food / treats at Christmas for those that are emerging from situations of domestic violence.

It appears that any dried / non-perishable goods would be gratefully received also deodorant, shower gel, soap as victims quite often leave home in just the clothes they stand up in!

Suggestions include tins of beans, soup, tuna/meat, packets of pasta, spaghetti, boxes of cereals, biscuits, tea bags, coffee. Home made jams & chutneys would also

be welcome. Seasonal treats like chocolates, Christmas pudding, mince pies, all the things that we enjoy during the festive period victims will do too!

If, when you are shopping you could pop something extra in to your basket or on the 'buy one get one free' offer donate the extra, David & Margaret Jackson will collect your donations at Church or the gym has 2 baskets and can be used as drop in centre. Collection starts from now until Friday 14th December".

Well done to Susie and David for bringing this worthwhile cause to our attention at a time when the feeling of goodwill should be in all our thoughts. I do hope that our congregations and the readers of this magazine will feel able to support them. Anyone from Pilsley who would like to donate goods can leave them with Liz Bradshaw if this is more convenient.

Let us spread a little Christmas Cheer to those in a position most of us, hopefully, will never have to experience.





A Twilight Evening at Chatsworth

Wednesday 5th December

A great opportunity to visit Chatsworth's beautifully decorated Christmas visitor route at twilight, enjoy a glass of wine and special Christmas entertainment, with time to purchase seasonal gifts in the Orangery gift shop at the end of the evening, and a discount of 10% on all purchases.

Admission from 5.30pm to 6.45pm. Cost £18 per person (no concessions), to include a glass of wine and a mince pie, and the evening will end at around 8pm.

Tickets are available from
Christine Robinson

01246 582938 or 07835 561 489

Proceeds to St. Peter's Church Organ Fund



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Tuesday 11th December 2pm

in St Peter's Church, Edensor

Be inspired...

Renowned flower arranger, Jonathan Moseley will delight his audience with a seasonal demonstration of flower arranging for Christmas. Jonathan is a member of both the North East and North Midlands Areas of NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arrangement Societies) and Chairman of the National Demonstrators' Committee. Jonathan's arrangements will be raffled off at the end of the demonstration, so you may even be lucky enough to take something home with you as well!

Tickets at £10 (no concessions) are available from:

Christine Robinson on 01246 582938 or 07835 561 489

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**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)

***Please note the above times as
we receive a lot of phone calls,
just asking what time we are
open to!***

New Surgery: The Practice is still negotiating with solicitors regarding the building of the new surgery. This is proving to be a long journey and we will let you know any news as soon as we know.

Failure to Attend

Appointments: The Practice is experiencing an increase in patients booking appointments and failing to attend. Please ensure that you cancel your appointment if you don't need it and allow others to see the doctor!

Closed for Training – The Surgery will be closed for training on the afternoon of Wed 14th Nov. 2012.

Dr Hudson: Dr Hudson leaves the Practice on 31st Oct 12 to work at Ripley. Dr Waterfall will increase her sessions from 3 to 8, replacing Dr Hudson's rota.

Check our Website: Booking appointments and ordering your repeat prescriptions on-line. You can only access this facility from our webpage. You now need to put _902 at the end of your log-in ID. *Example: 1234_902* then your usual password.

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 – 4:00

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

ST PETER'S CHURCHYARD

At the time of the Very Reverend Ron Beddoes, a team was set up to survey the Churchyard of St Peter's to record the position of all the graves with names, size and type of stone. Many record books and maps were produced. It was a tremendous project to take on. The team was led by John Anderson and Owen Gregory. After many hours, and several years later, St Peter's has records which are on display today.

Yearly the new graves and cremation tablets are recorded. Margaret Thomas and Christine Bemrose took the project over some 10 years ago, with Richard Gregory recording the work on the computer. Christine Bemrose has moved away and Margaret Thomas has decided to retire; we all owe her a tremendous debt for her tireless work.

A new team has now taken over, Reverend Clive Thrower with Margaret & David Jackson, so if you have any queries regarding the graveyard please contact anyone in the above team.

ST PETER'S CRECHE

A new format is now in place regarding the Creche. Joy Thrower has instigated a very good idea of having Children's bags. Several people have very kindly knitted animals and figures to put into the bags. There are now 6 large bags with books, toys, puzzles and Church information contained within. Each bag has a separate theme e.g. Noah's Ark, Daniel etc.

The bags are offered to children as an alternative to going into the Cavendish Chapel, which enables families to stay together for worship. So far these have been very well received. At the end of the service please hand the bags and contents back. Thank you to everyone who has helped put these in place.

Bakewell Oxfam Supporters Group

Pre-Christmas Sale

Monday 12th November - from 9.30am-12noon

at Bakewell Town Hall

Christmas goods; home-made produce; books;
bric-a-brac; jewellery; *tombola and a Traidcraft stall, including the sale of
Christmas cards.

Refreshments available - Entrance 30p. All welcome.

**If anyone has any jewellery they would like to donate to Oxfam, please ring
01629 733545.*

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:

What's it worth?

Television is currently full of programmes whose major question is, very simply, 'What's it worth?' *Cash in the Attic*, *Flog it*, *Antiques Road Show* and several similar spin-offs parade before us people who own, or have acquired, something rare or beautiful, which they always vow they would 'never part with', yet are desperate to know its monetary value. One suspects that in many cases the next stop is the auction room. And in *Flog It* and *Cash in the Attic*, it always is.

In many ways it's a normal human reaction. After all, most of us aren't rich, but, well, that picture great-aunt Louise left in the cellar looks exactly like one we saw valued on TV last week at several thousand pounds. Of course, for sentimental reasons we ought to keep it, but then Rachel's off to Uni and we all know the difference a few thousand pounds would make where the tuition fees are concerned.

'What's it worth?' is a question that would have concerned St Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of Italy, where they celebrated his feast-day last month. But his answer wasn't in the auction room. He believed that poverty could be a blessing and riches a curse. Eight hundred years ago he and his friars, and their female counterparts, the Poor Clares, lived by their beliefs. Francis gave away all his

possessions (and he came from a rich family), lived in what he called a 'hovel', ate frugally, drank water, and preached the grace of a simple life-style.

Thousands flocked to follow him, and his message of 'godly poverty' had an enormous influence on the society of his time. Of course there were still rich and poor. Francis didn't have a social programme to create wealth for the poor, or a political programme to tax the rich. His message went deeper than that. 'What is it worth?' meant to him 'What is its *real* value?' He saw poverty, willingly embraced, as freedom from the chains of ambition, power and success. He took the words of Jesus literally: 'blessed are you who are poor, for the kingdom of heaven is yours' (Luke 6:20).

Francis cared for the poor passionately and tried to improve their lot, but he also recognised the dangers of wealth - the kind of obsession with making money and always wanting more of it that has led the western world into our present financial mess.

He did not despise the rich, but nor did he envy them. He simply felt that there was a better way of living than measuring everything by its monetary value. Looking at much of our present-day society, one wonders whether we aren't ready for a widespread infusion of Franciscan values.

GOD IN THE ARTS

The Rev Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with a look at

THOMAS TRAHERNE'S VISION OF GLORY

Although it is one of our smaller cathedrals, Hereford is full of wonderful things: the Mappa Mundi, a 13th century map of the world, a beautiful Lady Chapel with its lancet windows, and some modern works of fine quality. These include an icon of Mary and Jesus by Aidan Hart, and twelve icons that tell the story of St Ethelbert, the boy-king who was martyred in 794. In the Audley Chapel stained glass windows, dedicated in 2007, celebrate the life and work of Thomas Traherne.

Traherne was a 17th century parish priest and poet who lived most of his life in the county of Herefordshire. His writings might have disappeared forever had they not been rescued from a book barrow and a burning heap of rubbish. Other works of Traherne have since been discovered in libraries around the land. They all express his vision of a transfigured world that celebrates the goodness of God and the glory of his creation. To have that vision, the poet says that we must see aright. We know from scripture that the human problem is that we cannot see properly. We are blind to that glory and goodness: the world

around us is only a resource for us to plunder and not a gift to cherish.

Traherne wrote: 'You will never enjoy the world aright, till the sea itself floweth in your veins, till you are clothed with the heavens and crowned with the stars...till your spirit filleth the whole world...till you are familiar with the way of God in all ages as with your walk and table...till you delight in God.' That vision and delight is expressed in the set of windows created by Tom Denny. He studied at the Edinburgh College of Art and since 1983 has designed windows for many church buildings, including Durham Cathedral, Malvern Priory and Tewkesbury Abbey. They all express the play of light and colour with often very subtle, graduated distinctions that intrigue and attract the eye. Tom Denny has said that he is trying to express in his work how 'nature expresses the glory of God.'

This is vividly shown in the second window of the set where the tree of nature becomes the cross of Christ, shining out from the stained glass. Traherne wrote in his 'Centuries': 'That Cross is a Tree set on fire with invisible flame, that illumineth all the World. The Flame is Love; the Love in His Bosom who died on it. In the light of which we see how to possess all the Things in Heaven and Earth.'

George Herbert has a verse in one of his poems: 'A man that looks on glass On it may stay his eye; Or, if he pleaseth, through it pass, And then the heav'n espy.' In Hereford Cathedral the poet Thomas Traherne and the artist Tom Denny call us to cultivate that vision - to look with the human eye and to look with the eye of faith. Poems and words, colour and glass draw

our eyes into seeing the world aright as we look at and beyond the beauty of the windows and the majesty of this cathedral to the world outside. Then in all things we can glimpse God's glory and goodness.

For copyright reasons, we do not show it here, but you can easily view it by googling images of it.

Blessing the milking parlour on a local farm

A request from a dairy farmer for a blessing at the farm's new milking parlour has resulted in the publication - via the CofE's national rural office - of an informal service which celebrates the importance of the dairy herd to the rural economy.

The service includes special words of thanksgiving for "the working cows, the dry cows and for the bulls and calves.... for the machines and the expertise that has gone in to producing this new equipment - which

takes some of the toil out of the labour". The prayer also allows space to name all the people working at the farm.

Dr Jill Hopkinson the CofE's National Rural Officer said: "This lovely simple service shows God's presence in the heart of farming and food production. It is also a testament to the dedication of so many rural parish priests who develop deep relationships with rural people and the communities"

Details of the full blessing service can be found at www.arthurrankcentre.org.uk/worship-resources/item/8785-blessing-of-a-new-milking-parlour



Traidcraft

Sales this month totalled £853 helped by £124 at the Coffee Morning on Oct 6th and £67 at the Oxfam Jazz Breakfast. We had a good Coffee Morning at All Saints' Church when, in addition to the above, about £350's worth of orders were placed for cards and gifts. In case you missed it, there will be another in the Newark Room at All Saints' on November 10th from 10.30am - 12 noon. This time there will be a larger selection of Christmas cards to be purchased at the time. Don't forget to buy or order your Advent Calendars, with or without chocolate.

The recently introduced Traidcraft chocolate range had its first showing and the sample tasting was particularly appreciated. This will eventually replace the divine chocolate bars which, while still available, don't appear in the current catalogue.

The Palestinian cous-cous is selling well as are the two varieties of pasta with many repeat orders. If you haven't yet tried them you don't know what you are missing. See you on Nov 10th if not before. Peter Bird (01629 813087 - pabird@gmail.com)

Diamond Jubilee:

Elizabeth pt.10 :

THE DEATH OF DIANA

If 1992 was the Queen's *annus horribilis*, in some ways 1997 was even worse. Charles and Diana had finally divorced in 1996 - a public recognition of a personal tragedy. Diana, now to be known as 'Diana, Princess of Wales', had continued her work with good causes, including what looked like a dangerous one, publicising the menace of buried land-mines. She had also formed a friendship with Dodi Fayed, the son of the owner of Harrods, and it was while she was in Paris with him that she was killed in a late night car crash on August 31st 1997.

Most of us can recall where we were when major news broke. In this case, as it happened in the early hours of the morning, that probably meant bed. My wife woke me to tell me, first of the accident and the death of Dodi, and then of the death of the Princess. Shortly afterwards the phone rang. A producer from the BBC asked if I could go to London that day to present a programme for Radio 2 celebrating her life and achievements. It was a Sunday, but I was able to clear the day once the early morning communion was over, and I agreed to do it.

I went into the church at a quarter to eight to find a bunch of flowers on the altar, put there by some early riser who wished to honour Diana. No question there of 'copy-catting'! After breakfast I set off to London, making my way along the A40 just before the

road was closed as the plane bearing her body flew in to RAF Northolt. You could almost smell the adrenaline in Broadcasting House. This was the news story of the year, perhaps of the decade.

For the royal family, however, it was much more than a news story. The Queen reacted as one would have expected, mindful of protocol, outwardly calm. She was at Balmoral, and attended church service that morning as usual. But she also reacted as a grandmother, anxious to protect her two grandsons, then teen-agers, from the wave of public grief and the intrusive cameras of the media. Diana was no longer technically a member of the royal family, so the Queen opted to stay at Balmoral and the flag above Buckingham Palace was not lowered.

Hindsight suggests she got it both right and wrong. She was absolutely right to protect William and Harry, and to avoid exposing herself and the family to the intense scrutiny which turns grief into a media show. She was, though (most people came to think) wrong in her judgment of the mood of the nation. On reflection, she and the rest of the family abandoned their Balmoral holiday and travelled to London. The royal standard was then flown at half-mast, whatever protocol decreed, and they briefly joined the enormous crowds that had gathered along the Mall and Buckingham Palace to mourn their beloved Princess.

The funeral followed, held in the presence of the Queen. It was watched by a vast world-wide

television audience, and William and Harry followed the hearse. Crowds lined the route and gathered in front of a giant television screen in Hyde Park. You could literally smell the flowers which lay around the Palace and the Mall half a mile away. London had probably never seen anything like it.

Time has passed. The extraordinary outburst of grief which marked the

death of Diana has also passed, and any temporary criticism of the Queen's reaction is long forgotten. More importantly, Diana's elder son (and for that matter her less restrained younger one!) seem to have inherited many of the qualities in her life which made her so widely loved and admired. The future of our monarchy, it is generally recognised, is in good hands.

Interest in church weddings up nearly 50 per cent

More couples have felt inspired to explore the option of a church wedding. Unique visits to the Church of England's 'one-stop' weddings website www.yourchurchwedding.org increased by nearly 50 per cent in 2011, to 410,044 (up from 273,746 unique visits in 2010).

This rise in interest, which follows a change in the law in 2008 to make it easier to marry in church, has also been seen at the Church of England stand at wedding shows around the country, with a noticeable increase in couples visiting the stand to ask questions about church weddings in 2011 compared to 2010.

The Revd Rosie Harper, who is part of the church weddings team, said: "Church of England weddings increased by four per cent in 2010 and it's great to see more couples wanting to find out all about marrying in church. We'd love to be a part of their big day, so we'd encourage everyone to come and talk to us."



The Church of England decision to ordain women.... 20 years on

Canon David Winter shares his memories of that memorable day...

I remember sitting in the living room of the rectory with my late wife on the afternoon of November 11th 1992. We were watching the televised debate of the General Synod of the Church of England on whether or not to admit women to the priesthood.

Both of us had, over a period of time, come to believe that St Paul meant exactly what he wrote when he said that 'in Christ there is neither male nor female' (Galatians 3:28), even if at the time he didn't himself see the full consequences of that belief in terms of the world and the Church of his day. Christine had been brought up in the Brethren, and in her childhood it would have

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been unthinkable for a woman even to say a prayer in a mixed gathering. I was a lifelong Anglican, and until probably the nineteen-eighties it would never have occurred to me that vicars could be anything but male.

Yet now we sat, in rapt attention, as a magnificent debate unfolded. If only Parliament could argue like this: no anger, no insults, a sensitivity to the views and principles of others, and all presided over with immaculate courtesy and restraint by the Archbishop. But how would the vote go? Experts predicted that it would be close, probably so close that the measure to ordain women would fail to reach the necessary 66% majority.

But it happened. There was prayer before the result, but unrestrained joy (at least outside the chamber) by those who had longed for this moment. And at the rectory in Ducklington the two of us literally wept with joy. Little did we think then that our own daughter, not long out of university and making a career in publishing, would fifteen years later follow in the steps of those pioneer women priests.

At the time, no one knew quite what to expect. Would church people welcome a woman curate (and later vicar)? Would the general public accept the idea? Would the advent of women in the ministry draw people

into the church, or possibly put them off? Well, now we know. The 'Vicar of Dibley' helped (yes, it really did!). But more important was the living impact of women, some young, some quite senior, working in parishes and chaplaincies up and down the land, until today nobody is even slightly surprised if the vicar who turns up to discuss a funeral, baptism or wedding happens to be female. The sky has not fallen in.

There are still, of course, people in the Church who cannot accept the priestly ordination of women, and who are now worried that soon there will be women bishops. Yet time and again parishes advertising for a priest choose a woman candidate, usually because they have seen the ministry of women in action. It's the 'proof of the pudding'.

In the very first chapter of the Bible it says that God 'created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them'. (Genesis 1:27). It's taken a long while for the Church to accept the fundamental truth of that, and also of those words of St Paul - even longer than it took it to accept the same principle regarding slaves.

The amazing thing is that it's now impossible to think of the Church of England *without* its women priests. That's quite a revolution in just twenty years!

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New member sought to help govern Peak District National Park

People are invited to apply to be a member of the Peak District National Park Authority's governing body for the next four years.

Defra* Secretary of State Owen Paterson is inviting applications from suitably-qualified candidates to take over when current member, Roger Clarke, comes to the end of his four-year appointment in March 2013.

People with experience of working with the voluntary sector, young people and strategic planning are particularly welcomed to apply.

There are 30 Authority members who take strategic policy decisions on conservation, recreation, access, land management, planning and resources, as well as dealing with planning applications throughout the Peak District National Park.

The Authority has responsibilities to look after the national park for the nation as well as for local communities, so the successful candidate will be expected to reflect both national and local interests.

Twenty-two of the Authority members are councillors from parish, district, borough, city or county councils within the national park, and eight are appointed by the Secretary of State for their specialist knowledge – this vacancy is for one of these seats.

The appointment will initially be for four years from April 2013, with the option of re-appointment for a total of up to eight years.

Members are entitled to claim an allowance, expenses and travel-costs to meetings, and they are expected to commit two or three days to the Authority per month. Applications are encouraged from younger people, disabled people and ethnic minorities.

Application forms and further details are available online at <http://www.defra.gov.uk/rural/national-parks/> or from Chris Buxton at Natural England, Foundry House, 3 Millsands, Riverside Exchange, Sheffield S3 8NH (tel. 0300 060 2745 or email: sos.appointments@naturalengland.org.uk)

The deadline for applications is Friday November 16. For more details about the Peak District National Park, go to www.peakdistrict.gov.uk

Chocolate!

If you like hot chocolate, go ahead: it seems that drinking a cup at bedtime can help stave off memory problems. Certainly a recent study in Italy found that people who indulge in cocoa drinks had better memories, higher scores in reasoning tests, and improved blood sugar control than those who did not. Cocoa contains high levels of flavonols, which are thought to protect brain cells from damage.



Horrible and happy sounds

What is the worst sound you can think of? Most of us say nails being scraped on a blackboard. That spine-chilling, teeth-clenching screech has been voted the worst sound in the world in a recent poll.

It is closely followed by the constant shrill of a car alarm, and the sound of your dentist's drill. A dripping tap and a squeaky shoe and someone who keeps snuffling and doesn't blow their nose are also likely to drive you quite mad.

As for happy sounds, we like waves crashing on a beach, the glug of a glass of wine being poured, bacon sizzling, and the sound of rain against windows (as long as we are on the inside). The study, by Drayton Manor Theme Park, found that sound is crucial in building up an atmosphere.



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ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

FLOWERS

4	9.30am	Holy Communion for All Souls Day	Mrs Turner
11	9.30am	Holy Communion	
		3pm Service of Remembrance	“ “
18	9.30am	Holy Communion	Mrs Mather
25	9.30am	Holy Communion	“ “

ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

SIDESMEN

4	10.45am	Holy Communion for All Souls Day	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters
11	10.15am	Service of Remembrance	Pilsley School Yard
	10.50am	Service of Remembrance	John Bowns/Michael Pindar
18	10.45	Holy Communion & Baptisms	Mrs Thomas/Susanne Garnett
25	10.45	Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Gordon

COFFEE

CLEANING

FLOWERS

4	M.Douglas/D.Maskery	Mr & Mrs Carter	Janet Cosgrove
11	No Coffee	Mrs Bateman/Mrs Robinson	“ “
18	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mr & Mrs Nelson	Cynthia Gordon
25	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	“ “

READINGS

ST. PETER'S

ST. ANNE'S
& SUNDAY SCHOOL

4	1 Peter 1: 3 - 9 John 6: 35 - 40 <i>Sunday School</i>	Diana Walters <i>All Souls - Commemoration of the Dead</i>	Sarah Porter Fiona Swain
11	Isaiah 11: 1 - 10 Matthew 22: 15-22 <i>Sunday School</i> Wisdom 3: 1-9	----- ----- Margaret Thomas <i>Remembrance Sunday: Trinity 23</i>	Fiona Swain <i>To be arranged</i> Sarah Porter
18	Isaiah 55: 6-11 Matthew 9: 18-26 <i>Sunday School</i>	Duke of Devonshire <i>Trinity 24 "I shall be whole"</i>	Judith Fraser-Martin Lynda Hinxman-Allegri
25	Jeremiah 23: 5-8 John 6: 5-14 <i>Sunday School</i>	Molly Marshall <i>Sunday before Advent - Stir Up Sunday</i>	To be arranged Sarah Porter

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