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Dear Parishioners,

Edensor Day was a great success, a tribute to the very hard work put in by so many of you. Over £8000 was raised: £2000 for the Air Ambulance, £2000 for Pilsley school, and £4000 towards the churchyard maintenance for St Peter's, the parish church for Edensor, Dunsa, Pilsley, Chatsworth and Calton Lees. There have been follow-up meetings with a determination to build for the future and to see the villages as part of the Church, and the Church as part of the villages and the wider community.

I also have to tell you that I will retire as Vicar on Advent Sunday, December 2nd this year. We have enjoyed the last five years here immensely but for health reasons I have been advised to retire. Your support, especially over the last two years, when my health has been less than wonderful, has been tremendous, but I do know I must retire. I am due to have another operation in Derby on September 11th, and will then be off duty for at least three weeks, perhaps longer as I convalesce.

My last Sunday will be Advent Sunday, December 2nd, the same Sunday I started five years ago. One thing I have been taught by recent illness is that we all need to receive as much as we give out. Sometimes we are forced simply to sit down and wait for Grace, which comes to us in the most unexpected ways.

With warmest good wishes to you all,

David

FROM THE REGISTERS



ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR - WEDDINGS

- 26th June Julian Alwyn Smith & Fiona Leanne Keeling
28th July Paul Mayfield & Heather Margaret Goodwin
3rd August Mark Jon Taylor & Anna Elizabeth Davie
10th August Adam John Austen & Evonne McKenzie Hill
11th August John Anthony Holah & Katharine Lucy Grimshaw

ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY -

FUNERAL SERVICE FOLLOWED BY BURIAL

- 24th July Lily Agnes Grindey aged 89 years

FUNERAL SERVICE FOLLOWED BY CREMATION

- 27th July Thomas David Allinson aged 69 years

BAPTISM

- 29th July William George Allinson

THE COUNTESS and EARL OF DEVONSHIRE [Edensor & Chatsworth] CHARITY

Young persons between school leaving age and under 25 years of age who are resident in the Parishes of Edensor & Chatsworth may apply for financial assistance towards the cost of preparing for entry into a profession, trade or calling. This may include provision for further education.

Applications are invited with immediate effect. The closing date for applications is **30th September 2012**.

All grants are at the discretion of the trustees and Application Forms for grants can be obtained from the clerk:

Mr I T Else, Estate Office, Edensor.
Tel: 01246 565300 /email: ian.else@chatsworth.org

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - SEPTEMBER

Professor John Tarn's lecture, which was to have taken place on **21 September** has been **cancelled** due to health problems.

8 Sept 'Ride & Stride' Sponsored event. St. Peter's Church will be open to welcome riders & striders as they walk and cycle across Derbyshire to visit as many churches as possible raising money for the Derbyshire Churches & Chapels Preservation Trust. If you would like to take part, sponsorship forms are available at www.derbyshsirehistoricbuildings.org.uk/bikeride.php

10 Sept BEELEY Parish Council Meeting
7.30pm Village Hall Everyone welcome

11 Sept BEELEY WI - 7.30pm Village Hall
Travel Talk - an illustrated talk on Gambia

15 Sept Wedding, St. Peter's, Edensor, 2pm - Kevan Flanagan & Lisa Mayfield

19 Sept CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting - 7.30pm Edensor Tea Cottage
Speaker: Cindy Blunt - Aloe Vera Competiton: A posy
Mystery Parcel: Mrs Machin
Tea Hostesses: Ms Grottick & Mrs Brewer
Vote of Thanks: Mrs Read

22 Sept Visiting ringers - Peak District Bellringers - 7-8.30pm

Early Notice - Future Events

12 November 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 if you are interested in joining us)

11 December Christmas Flower Demonstration by Jonathan Moseley
(Tuesday) 2pm St. Peter's Church, Edensor.
Tickets £10 available from Christine Robinson
(More information to follow)

5 December A Twilight Evening at Chatsworth
(Wednesday) *(More details and ticket price to follow)*

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

Bakewell and Ashford Film Society (BASH) start their new season with *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* on Sunday 9th September at 7.30 pm at the Medway Centre, New Street, Bakewell. Other films this season include:

October 14th - *My Week with Marilyn* (2011) – Cert 15

“Michelle Williams is sensationally good as the wilful, brilliantly gifted, deeply disturbed Monroe.”

November 11th - *Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows* (2011) Cert 12A
Sherlock Holmes is transformed into a man of action in Guy Ritchie's

latest reimagining of the Victorian sleuth.

December 9th Christmas Party & Film -*The Artist* (2011) Cert PG
The Artist, an utterly beguiling silent, black-and-white celebration of early Hollywood won Best Picture at the Oscars 2012

Membership of BASH costs £24.00 for all 10 films and social events.

Guest and temporary membership also available – see website www.bashfilms.org.uk

You may apply online or contact the secretary - Joy Thrower 01629

Remembering Alzheimer's

Alzheimer's is now considered such a serious problem that from this year, September 2012, the annual World Alzheimer's Day (21 Sept) has been transformed into World Alzheimer's Month. Throughout September, Alzheimer associations across the UK and world will offer a range of programmes for people with dementia and their carers.

There are currently nearly a million people in the UK with dementia, and this number is expected to rise to 1.7 million by 2050. Worldwide, the figure is closer to 40 million, projected to rise to a staggering 100 million by 2050.

Already, every church and community in Britain has people and families who are facing the horrendous challenges of this truly terrible disease.

Pam Rhodes, the BBC TV presenter of *Songs of Praise*, once put it like this: “Dementia is a cruel robber. It robs

people of their memory, their personality, their ability to recognise, it robs them of themselves and the life they've known. Confusion and strangeness replace the familiar and safe.

Caring for someone with dementia requires constant patience, and unending vigilance. As the dementia deepens, the emotional and practical strain of care can be almost overwhelming at times. In the early stages of dementia, a relationship with others is still possible. But as the disease progresses, the person loses touch with those around them, and can be unpredictable in their actions. There is increasing isolation, for both the sufferer and the carer.

It has been found that many Christians with dementia respond well to having the Bible read to them, or hearing familiar hymns. The peace and reassurance of the words often have a wonderfully steadying effect – on both the sufferer and the carer!

Parwich Hall garden open for Peak District charity

Countryside lover Isabella Stone is looking forward to spending a day in one of the Peak District's most attractive gardens on 8 September.

Isabella lives in Matlock and is Chair of local charity Friends of the Peak District. She is a keen gardener, and has organised an exclusive event at the grounds of the Grade II Hall in Parwich. Isabella says:

“The gardens at Parwich Hall are absolutely delightful at any time of the year, and we're hoping for a sunny September day so that people can really enjoy the late roses and vegetable garden in its full glory. There are some really fine views of the countryside from the terraces.

Our charity is committed to looking after the amazing landscapes of the Peak District. I love looking around fabulous gardens, so when the chance to combine my two passions came up, I grabbed it! We are so grateful to Robert and Alice Shields for opening Parwich Hall gardens to us.

We do hope that people will join us to enjoy some refreshments and get an insiders' peek into this beautiful place, while at the same time supporting a really worthwhile local cause.”

- Parwich Hall Open Garden: 11am - 4pm on Saturday 8 September at Parwich Hall, Parwich DE6 1QD.
- Tickets are available on the day and cost £4 for adults (three people for £10), £2 for under 16s, and free for under 5s.
- Tea, coffee and cakes will be on sale.
- All funds raised will go to Friends of the Peak District's work protecting Peak District landscapes.

To find out more, please ring 0114 266 5822 or go to:
www.friendsofthepeak.org.uk

Thank You!

A big 'thank you' to everyone (16 people in total) who turned up at St. Peter's for our 'Spring Clean' on Monday 30 July - the cobwebs didn't stand a chance! At the end of the morning the church was considerably cleaner than those of us who had been doing the cleaning. Well done folks.

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 OpeningTimes

Monday 7.30am - 7.30pm

Tuesday - Friday 8am to 6.30 pm

Closed for Training – The Surgery will be closed for training on the afternoon of Wed 12th Sep; Wed 10th Oct & Wed 14th Nov. 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, Lesley Platt Membership Secretary – Tel: 01629 640065 lesleyplatt@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 totalled £669 helped by £61 at

the All Saints' Church Fun Day. The Autumn/Winter catalogue has now been published and I have copies so please ask for one. This contains the Christmas card and gift range and there will be two Coffee Mornings in the Newark Room at All Saints' Church, Bakewell where you can see the cards and place orders. These will be on Oct 6th and Nov 10th from 10.30am – 12noon. I know Christmas is far from our thoughts at the moment, but things do sell out sometimes so it is as well to place your orders early.

There are many new items in the catalogue including vastly improved

kitchen rolls and toilet rolls (OK, I know they are not very exciting but we all need them and there are many really exciting craft, gift and food items).

There are some interesting price comparisons in the latest Traidcraft bulletin between traidcraft items and the supermarket equivalents. Everyday tea bags, Earl Grey tea bags, granulated coffee, freeze dried coffee, dark chocolate, muesli, ginger cookies and kitchen rolls are all cheaper in the catalogue. Why not try them if you haven't already?

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

This little 'ditty' was given to me by Michael Collier and seems fitting as a tribute to the shorter outfits seen at recent weddings!

Half an inch, half an inch, half an inch shorter,
Skirts are the same for both mother and daughter.
And when the wind blows, each of them shows
Half an inch, half an inch more than they oughter!

Plant some weeds



If you have room for it in your garden, plant more weeds such as thistles next year. The Royal Horticultural Society say it will help declining bee populations.



Words for Worship - helping us take our heritage of Christian prayer to heart

A new book from Church House Publishing aims to re-establish some of Christianity's oldest words of worship into the heart of the nation. *Words for Worship* - compiled by members of the Liturgical Commission - explains the origin of some of the most popular prayers and liturgy used in *Common Worship* (2000) and the *Book of Common Prayer* (1662), some stemming from the Bible, others pre-dating the Church of England to medieval and early Christian times.

Words for Worship is ideal for those who already worship regularly and would like to know more about the origin of the words they say; for those who are new to Anglican worship and want a 'tour' of the most popular prayers; and for those

who would like a selection of prayers to learn by heart.

As well as unpacking some of the nation's most well-known prayers (such as the Lord's Prayer, Apostles' Creed, the Grace, and Glory to the Father...), *Words for Worship* includes chapters devoted to the responses and prayers used during Holy Communion (such as Kyrie Eleison, Sursum Corda and the Sanctus).

There are, in addition, explanations of the origins of the Nicene Creed, Gospel Canticles, modern collects, and Prayers from the *Book of Common Prayer*.

Words for Worship: Prayers from the heart of the Church of England, compiled by members of the Liturgical Commission of the Church of England, is available from Church House Publishing (£7.99) at www.chpublishing.co.uk

Reviews

The Lion's World - a journey into the heart of Narnia

By Archbishop Rowan Williams, SPCK, £8.99

In this, his latest book, Dr Williams explores the moral landscape of C.S. Lewis's *Chronicles of Narnia*. He sets about unlocking their Christian symbolism, and then exploring the moral and spiritual wisdom that C. S. Lewis intended to convey.

Occasions for Alleluia - By David Adam, SPCK, £8.99

David Adam, of course, is of Lindisfarne fame; a previous vicar of Holy Island. In this captivating book, he helps us recognize that there are moments in each day of our lives that are cause for thanksgiving, when we may pause and praise God. David Adam's hope is that a deepening awareness of the glories of the world around us will lead us, time and again, to delight in uttering 'Alleluia!'



Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport says

Can You Help Us?'

We currently provide a one to one transport option in your area which helps people who have a transport need due to age, illness, mobility or timetable restrictions.

Some of the places we take local residents are G.P.'s, podiatrists, opticians, dentists, hairdressers, solicitors, alternative and complementary therapists, hospitals etc., but we would like to be able to offer more.

We have an incredible band of volunteer drivers who give their time and support to our organisation – we would love it if you could join them!

This is a really flexible volunteering opportunity – all you need is a car, three year's driving experience and a bit of time. We ask for no regular commitment. We contact volunteers weekly to ask their availability. We need help with local journeys as well as trips to hospitals and towns.

In return you will receive reimbursement towards the costs of running your car, training and support from our office team and most of all the gratitude and thanks from people who otherwise would not be able to travel.

Please help us to support your local community.

For more information please contact:

Bakewell & Eyam Community Transport ,
Unit 4 Great Longstone Business Park,
Great Longstone, DE45 1TD

Telephone: 01629 641920 – Email: info@bect.org.uk

Reg Charity No: 1049389



Plant a tree

We need more trees. Less than 10 per cent of England is wooded, compared with the European Union average of 44 per cent. A recent study has recommended that swathes of woodland should be planted by the Government, in order to restore the number of trees to Domesday levels. The report, by the Independent Panel on Forestry, recommended that the trees be planted as part of a major overhaul of how forests are managed in England.



GOD IN THE ARTS

The Rev Michael Burgess continues his series on God in the Arts with a look at the Marc Chagall window in Chichester Cathedral. For copyright reasons, we do not show it here, but you can easily view it by googling images of it.

Treasures old and treasures new: **Marc Chagall in Chichester Cathedral**

Around 1400 a spire was added to the Norman cathedral of Chichester. In 1861, over 400 years later, a boy travelling by train to the city looked out of the window and saw the collapse of that very spire. It must have been an unnerving sight. Giles Gilbert Scott rebuilt it, and the cathedral, although modest by Norman standards, is a fine, welcoming building. Inside there are many testimonies to its long history, including two glorious Romanesque sculptures depicting the story of Jesus with Lazarus and his sisters. They were reused as building stones and amazingly recovered intact from behind the choir stalls in 1829.

In the 1960s and 70s Dean Walter Hussey built on an initiative of Bishop George Bell and commissioned a variety of modern works for the cathedral: a tapestry by John Piper, a painting of the risen Lord and Mary Magdalene by

Graham Sutherland, and a window by Marc Chagall. More recent works include a Virgin and Child by John Skelton, a bronze statue of St Richard by Philip Jackson, and a memorial to Gustav Holst. This was dedicated in 2009 and has a quotation from the composer's 'Hymn of Jesus': 'The heavenly spheres make music for us.'

The stained glass window by Marc Chagall of 1978 celebrates not heavenly praise, but thanksgiving offered here on earth. Chagall, who lived from 1887 to 1985, is regarded as the quintessential Jewish artist of the 20th century. He produced many stained glass windows – for the cathedrals of Metz and Rheims and the church of All Saints, Tudeley. They all celebrate the play and refraction of light on glass with intense, fresh colours, as in this window in Chichester Cathedral. It is based on Psalm 150 and is a kaleidoscope of colour and movement. We can see the instruments mentioned in the psalm: tambourine, pipe, harp and trumpet. There is movement and dance here: people and all creatures great and small uniting to make a joyful noise to the Lord.

Too often our lives are cramped by being critical and negative about the world. Here in this window the mood is positive and creative for praise is at the heart of the Jewish tradition of prayer. In the Hebrew

prayer book God is praised and blessed for a variety of things: on drinking wine, on smelling fragrant woods, at the sight of the sea, on seeing trees in blossom, and on meeting wise people. Praise brings light and joy into human hearts. Chagall wrote, 'For me a stained glass window is a transparent partition between my heart and the heart of the world...To read the Bible is to perceive a certain light, and the window has to make this obvious through its simplicity and grace.'

George Herbert in his poem on church windows compares humanity to a 'brittle, crazy glass.' But through God's grace the poet says that we can be like windows where 'doctrine and life, colours and light...combine and mingle.' Chagall shows how that is possible for human life as we ponder his window of music, movement and light.

'LET EVERY THING THAT HATH
BREATH : PRAISE THE LORD.'

Psalm 150 v.6

'Childrenswork' magazine launches

A magazine aimed at helping Christians who work with children in churches across the UK has been launched by Premier Christian Media.

Childrenswork will aim to help children's workers to present the message of Jesus clearly to children. In America, a study has found that nearly half of all people who become committed Christians did so before the age of 13. The new magazine will also include 'advice panels' of leading experts, and news of developments in children's ministry. The aim is to 'nurture the incredibly deep, profound, yet fragile faith and spirituality of children'.

Try a copy of *Childrenswork* for free - log on to: www.childrenswork.co.uk.

Cathedrals to Coast Bike Ride; 22-23 September 2012

Do you enjoy a cycling challenge? Then why not consider joining Team Poverty on the inaugural Cathedrals to Coast Bike Ride!

Starting in London, this 147-mile challenge over two days will take cyclists past some of England's finest cathedrals and castles, and finish on Weymouth's seafront. Details at:

www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/events



Diamond Jubilee: Elizabeth pt 8 - A Matter of Security

1977 saw the first of a string of Jubilees - albeit stretched out over a period of 35 years - which the Queen would enjoy. This first one, her Silver Jubilee, honoured a mere 25 years on the throne. It was marked with public celebrations, though few, perhaps, would have suspected that we'd be doing it all over again in 2002 and 2012 - and may well be doing it once more in 2022! After all, the Queen's mother lived past her century, so the signs are promising.

The Irish Troubles had highlighted the need for efficient security for all public figures, including the Queen. In fact, she and the Duke of Edinburgh had never paid much attention to it, happily walking through crowds of well-wishers, accepting flowers and presents and generally looking relaxed and at ease. However, during the Trooping the Colour in 1981 a young man fired six shots at the Queen as she rode her horse, Burmese, down the Mall in London.

Happily, the shots were blanks, but the Queen needed to demonstrate her equestrian skills in controlling the frightened horse. The assailant was arrested, tried and imprisoned, but those responsible for royal security were alerted to the real dangers in

the modern world associated with such public appearances.

However, one might have assumed the Queen would be safe in her own home. Yet the next year, during the Falklands Conflict, an intruder, Michael Fagan, managed to make his way into the Queen's bedroom in Buckingham Palace. Despite her two phone calls to the Palace security desk, it took seven minutes for staff to arrive and arrest the intruder. In the meanwhile he sat on the end of her bed and they talked.

The Falklands Conflict saw her son Andrew serving as a helicopter pilot in the battle zone, so safety was also a family issue. The IRA had carried their bombing campaign into the towns and cities of England, and security at every level became a paramount issue. It's interesting to see how the Queen herself responded. Of course she had security officers standing nearby at public events, but she never allowed security issues to erect barriers, physical or psychological, between herself and the public. The impression she gave was of a woman of remarkable personal courage and calmness. And beside her, always, the calm, tall figure of her 'rock', the Duke of Edinburgh.

Do we want GM bread?

Philip Barron, considers genetic modification....

Opponents of genetically modified (GM) wheat have recently stepped up their campaign in Britain, but have not succeeded in getting the field tests at Rothamsted in Hertfordshire halted. The experimental plants emit an alarm chemical that aphids give out when they are under attack and this is said to drive aphids off the crop and draw aphid predators to the area.

The protest group 'GM Freeze' says that this ruse may not work and that it would be better to encourage natural aphid parasites and predators like ladybirds, thus avoiding the risks of GM. Critics say that the trials going on are risky, as GM wheat may cross-pollinate with nearby wheat crops, or related grassy relatives.

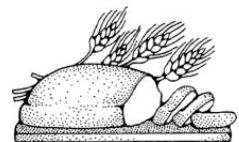
"The UK government and EU authorities insist that GM is 'one of the tools in the toolbox' needed to produce more food," Eve Mitchell, co-ordinator of 'GM Freeze', told me. "Wheat is extremely difficult to work with, as its genetics are very complicated. The tool-box approach also delays moving into a discussion about a more enlightened approach to food production, by simply assuming that doing more intensive

monoculture will work." Keeping GM out of wheat seed would be very difficult if GM wheat is grown, as the wind will always blow pollen and people will always make mistakes, Eve adds.

GM Freeze and its ally, the Real Bread Campaign, hold that we should work *with* natural systems rather than try to force them to comply. They claim that a large body of scientists agree that such a shift is overdue.

Although GM foods get safety testing, many independent scientists think that harmful products could still get through, as GM can be unpredictable and risk assessments do not fully test for long-term health impacts. Wheat intolerance is already a problem for many people.

Supermarkets currently don't want GM because they know their customers don't. But there are powerful lobby groups which are pro-GM. They say that some crops could be resistant to climate change. Food security (enabling countries to grow their indigenous food supplies) may become an issue. Meanwhile, there is no law in the EU to hold anyone liable for problems that may be caused by GM food or feed.



What's in your hand?

Paul Hardingham muses on what God has given each one of us to do...

September is the time when we get back to our normal routines after the summer break. It's a good opportunity to think how God could use us to make a real difference in our workplace, school, family, friends and community.

God equips us with everything we need to complete this work of showing love and establishing justice. In the film *Chariots of Fire* Eric Liddell, says, *'I believe God made me for a purpose, but he also made me fast. And when I run I feel His pleasure'*. If we are doing what God wants us to do, we can really feel the joy and power of the Holy Spirit.

When God gave Moses the job of bringing the Israelites out of Egypt, he asked the question, *'What is in your hand?'*(Exodus 4:2). Moses was holding his staff, which represented his livelihood (what he was good at); his resources (his flock represented his wealth) and his security (which God was asking him to lay down). God asks the same question of us: *What has God given you?* Our gifts, temperament, experience, relationships, mind, education can be used in the work he has given us to do. Are we willing to offer

them to him to make a real difference in the places where he calls us to serve him?

John Ortberg in his book *'It All Goes Back In The Box'* tells the story of Johnny the bagger. Johnny, 19 years old with Downs syndrome, worked at a supermarket checkout, putting people's items into bags. After a training event on how to make a difference, he decided that he wanted to do something special for his customers. His idea was to put a *thought for the day* into every bag; something positive about how good it is to be alive or how much people matter!

Every night his dad would help him carefully prepare the slips of paper and sign every one. Each time he bagged someone's groceries, he would put his saying on top of the last bag. Then he would look the person in the eye and say, *'I've put a great saying in your bag. I hope it helps you have a good day. Thanks for coming here.'* A month later, the store manager noticed that the line at Johnny's checkout was three times longer than anyone else's! People wanted to get hold of Johnny's thought for the day. He was doing more than filling bags with groceries; he was filling lives with hope!

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: Ordinary blessings

'The captains and the kings depart ...' They've gone: the Jubilee, the European Nations Cup, the Olympics. As a lady said to me at church last Sunday, perhaps one day the television will get back to normal. Well, this is 'normal'. It's also, funnily enough, what the modern Prayer Book calls 'Ordinary Time' - that means the bits in between all the great feast days and penitential seasons and so on. At the moment it's the seemingly endless 'Sundays after Trinity'.

'Ordinary' is such a lovely word, I think. Its root is that reassuring word 'order', and it encompasses ideas like orderliness, well-ordered, in order. Its opposite is strange, unusual, distinctive: extraordinary.

One of the odd things about human behaviour is that most of us most of the time don't want to look strange, unusual or even distinctive. Just look at the way we dress, following fashion, deliberately trying to look like those around us. Think of the teenage uniform, male or female. Their whole ambition is to look exactly like their peers. Or think of guests at a wedding, especially the males, all looking exactly alike in bow

ties and tails. Mind you, at times - perhaps at a party - we shall go to the other extreme and try to be as different and distinctive as possible - outrageous colours, pink hair, funny glasses.

Where the Gospels are concerned, our tendency is to remember the extraordinary bits - water turned into wine, storms stilled, lame people dancing and blind people seeing. Yet they are only extraordinary because their context is so utterly ordinary - women preparing meals, men sowing crops, feet being washed and food being eaten. The whole setting is so ordinary that the amazing acts of power that Jesus did stand out like beacons. But they happened - and this is important - in the ordinary world, to ordinary people, in the ordinary circumstances of life.

In 'Ordinary Time', when nothing special is happening, we have space and time to reflect on some of the wonderfully 'ordinary' events that have taken place in our lives - touches, I reckon, of the love and grace of God. I'm thinking of ordinary acts of kindness, generous words, quietly spoken prayers, memories too precious ever to fade away. I'm thinking of the 'ordinary' love of one human being for another, the 'ordinary' hand on the shoulder in time of need, the 'ordinary' serenity of a life well lived.

Or, perhaps, they're all extraordinary, really.

South Sudan needs your prayer

The world's newest nation, South Sudan, has recently celebrated its first birthday (9th July). There isn't a great deal to celebrate. In the disputed border regions many have fled their homes, fearing aerial attack and bombings. Now thousands are sheltering in caves, eating leaves and wild berries. Others have fled further south, into the burgeoning refugee camps.

The MAF (Mission Aviation Fellowship) team in Juba has been flying hard this year, in order to support a number of mission partners in their work. MAF worker, Adrian Went, explains:

'I've arranged many flights up to the camps near to the northern borders of South Sudan, where the bombings and battles are. We carry a lot of staff, medicines, water pumping and building equipment for the organisations that run the camps.

In other areas of South Sudan we fly for organisations such as Christian Mission Aid (CMA), who work with local churches on outreach, aid, relief,

health and community projects. I recently joined a flight going 280 miles north of Juba to Jaibor which was taking a team to help with the work there."

The team had to go in by air, because the only other way is by a Nile canoe on the river. The CMA staff live among the South Sudanese community in a square compound which is far from any town, and even a 10-mile journey to the next village can take many hours. So the materials needed to construct the hospital ward, day centre and eye clinic have been flown there by MAF planes.

Adrian writes: "Please join us in praying for the new nation of South Sudan. Pray for a resolution to the ongoing crisis in the disputed regions. Pray also that those who are suffering will find relief, and that aid will reach them." For more ways to pray, visit: www.maf-uk.org/prayforsudan

At St. Peter's we have a connection with South Sudan as Bishop Hilary of Yei has visited our church on several occasions and we have actively raised money towards their school project and donated clothing and other essential items for them.

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

1st Prize £30 - no.1 Michael Douglas
2nd Prize £20 no. 51 Margaret Rhodes
Funds to church this month - £50

'The Bridge' Parish Magazine - 60p per copy (£7.20 per year)

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Have your say on draft trails management plan

The Peak District National Park Authority would welcome people's views on its first management plan for four recreational trails used by thousands of walkers, cyclists and horse-riders each year.

A six-week public consultation on the draft five-year plan is now under way, and people have until September 17 to give their feedback on www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/looking-after/trailsplan

The trails, owned and managed by the Authority, are all former railway lines with a relatively flat terrain that offers easy access and traffic-free enjoyment.

They are:

- Monsal Trail, 8.5 miles from Bakewell to Wyedale, near Buxton.
- Tissington Trail, 13 miles from Ashbourne to Parsley Hay, near Hartington
- High Peak Trail, 10.5 miles from south of Buxton to Longcliffe, near Wirksworth
- Thornhill Trail, a short two-mile stretch near the Upper Derwent Valley.

They are regarded as some of the best recreational routes in the country, passing through glorious countryside, rich in wildlife and historic interest. In addition, the Monsal Trail received a huge boost last year when four old railway tunnels were re-opened for walkers, cyclists and horse-riders.

The draft management plan was drawn up with the help of user-groups in a series of workshops over the past year, plus a Trails Saturday when trail-users were asked to fill in surveys.

It includes action plans for managing the trails and their verges, optimising their benefits and promoting people's awareness and understanding of their setting, history and habitats.

Trails manager Abi Ball said: "Given the importance of the trails to local people and visitors, we'd like to give people the opportunity to comment on the plan which is available to view and download from our website at www.peakdistrict.gov.uk/looking-after/trailsplan. Any comments should be emailed to me at abi.ball@peakdistrict.gov.uk"

SERVICES & ROTAS FOR SEPTEMBER 2012

ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

FLOWERS

2	9.30am	Holy Communion		Mrs Hopkins
9	9.30am	Holy Communion	6pm Evensong	Mrs Mather
16	9.30am	Holy Communion		“ “
23	9.30am	Holy Communion		Barbara Hawksworth
30	9.30am	Holy Communion		“ “

ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR

SIDESMEN

2	10.45am	Holy Communion		Mr & Mrs Machin
5	10am	Mid-week Holy Communion		
9	10.45am	Holy Communion		Mr & Mrs Wardle
16	10.45am	Holy Communion		R S Sherwood/Diana Walters
23	10.45am	Matins & Baptism		John Bowns/Michael Pindar
30	10.45am	Holy Communion		Mrs Thomas/Susanne Garnett

COFFEE

CLEANING

FLOWERS

2	Mrs Cooper/Mrs Clarke	Mrs Bateman/Mrs Robinson	Susanne Garnett
9	Mr & Mrs Bosett	Mr & Mrs Nelson	“ “
16	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mr & Mrs Harding	Wedding Flowers
23	Michael Douglas/ Diana Maskery	Mrs Sherwood/ Mrs Kembery	Margaret Nelson
30	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	“ “

N.B. We are now trying the weekly cleaning idea as we have 9 couples on the rota. Anyone else wishing to help just get in touch with the wardens.

There appears to be some confusion over when the cleaning is done, so for example the week beginning Sunday 2nd would mean that the cleaning should be done at the end of that week e.g. 7th or 8th, whichever is most convenient.

READINGS

ST. PETER'S

ST. ANNE'S
& SUNDAY SCHOOL

2	Jonah 3: 1-9 Luke 10: 23b-37 Sunday School	David Jackson Trinity 13 - The Good Samaritan	Fiona Swain
9	Galatians 5: 16-24 Luke 17: 11-19 Sunday School	Duke of Devonshire Trinity 14 - Thank You	Lynda Hinxman-Allegri Judith Fraser-Martin
16	Joshua 24: 14-25 Matthew 6: 24-end Sunday School	John Bowns Trinity 15 - Have no anxiety	Sarah Porter to be arranged Fiona Swain
23	Ephesians 3: 13-end Luke 7: 11-17 Sunday School	Bob Carter Trinity 16 - Arise!	Rupert Turner/Lynda Hinxman-Allegri Lynda Hinxman-Allegri Sarah Porter
30	Ephesians 4: 1-6 Luke 14: 1-11 Sunday School	Roger Wardle Trinity 17 - Humility	to be arranged