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Healing today is big business. Hospitals get bigger and better, equipped with the latest technology science can invent and money can buy. New treatments, new drugs and new approaches are being pioneered all the time. But such breakthroughs take time and energy. The buildings, the medicines and the research are all expensive. State run medical services find it ever more difficult to fund the treatments which are needed and waiting lists grow longer. Practitioners suffer burn out or turn to other professions, frustrated by the limitations placed upon them. Many choose to work elsewhere, sometimes in more lucrative areas of the world. But others choose poorer countries where, with many fewer resources there can still be some sense of a job worth doing. Their patients can be met as full human beings ensuring dignity in often trying circumstances. Many people who I have spoken to recently have been so positive about the care received in hospital. However, sometimes people are often defined by their medical problem rather than as a person, an individual. They are reduced to feeling just the sum of their individual parts, like a car going in to a garage for servicing. Their emotional needs and spiritual needs being left to be dealt with by friends and family.

Jesus draws an essential connection between his preaching of the kingdom and the healing of the whole person. He calls the disciples together and gives them a special commission. He tells them that in order to preach about the kingdom, they must first of all offer spiritual and physical healing. They must offer healing of the whole person.

The Church has always been involved with the physical as well as spiritual healing. Medieval monasteries began the care which was later taken up by the great nursing orders, the forerunners of today's medical services. Since State and private business have taken over the provision of physical care, the Church's role has become more directed toward the 'inner' person through chaplaincy provision and visiting. Many people today turn to alternative methods of healing. Homeopathy, acupuncture, reflexology and others combine the two aspects of healing. The search for elements not provided by common medical practice may stem from people feeling that their whole

person is not being addressed, even though we know that mind, body and spirit interact all the time.

We could say that the kingdom is not being preached as Jesus intended. Society is sometimes failing to bring people the fullest healing available to them. So how do we remedy this? Surely it is by ensuring that we treat our brothers and sisters as whole people, precious in their totality not just the bits of them that we can cope with. To be true disciples of Christ we need to bring his wholeness to all people, regardless of difference, bringing the kingdom to all those that we meet, especially the poor, harassed and helpless in the world in which we live.

Every blessing  
Canon Dave

For your diaries!

DERBY CATHEDRAL CHOIR CONCERT

FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 7.30PM

CONDUCTED BY PETER GOULD

The choir will perform a varied programme of music and we do hope you will be able to support this event and enjoy some wonderful singing.

More information to follow!

FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY

WEDDING 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY

Bethany Erin Spencer & Dean Morris

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## Dates for your Diary - August

- 16** Chatsworth Horticultural Show, Cavendish Hall, Edensor doors open 3pm  
**23** Wedding at St. Peter's 2.30pm Alexander John Mitchell & Nicole Bell  
**24** Bakewell's Secret Gardens 2 - 6pm

### **Early Notice**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October** - St. Peter's Church, Edensor - Peter Gould and Derby Cathedral Choir concert. More details later.

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December** Johnny Coppin and his band - 'All on a Winter's Night' in concert at the Cavendish Hall, Edensor. 7.30pm. Proceeds to St. Peter's Church, Edensor. *Keep a look out for more details about this 'not to be missed' event.*

## EDENSOR VILLAGE DAY & OPEN GARDENS

A huge thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's event such a success, with special thanks to the Duke and Duchess for cutting the ribbon for the official opening and all those who came along to look round the 15 open gardens and buy from the various stalls, all this once again in glorious sunshine.

The amount raised on the day was just under £10,000, which was made up to that amount by a member of the St. Peter's congregation - thank you.

The date for next year's Village Day & Open Gardens is already set - Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June, so we look forward to seeing both old friends and new faces then.

### **St. Peter's Church 100 Club June Draw 2014**

1st Prize £30 - no. 55 Liz Bradshaw  
2nd Prize £20 - no. 80 Diana Walters

Funds to church this month - £49

We have a vacancy for 1 member.

If you would like to join please contact Ann Hall - 01246 583856.

'SPICE' SUNDAY - St. Peter's

'SPICE' SUNDAY on 13<sup>th</sup> July brought in £18 for church funds.

Many thanks to everyone who saves 5 pence pieces for us.

The next 'SPICE' Sunday will be on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October

# Bear All for Beeley

On Sunday 6th July, St Anne's held a teddy bear abseil to raise money for the new toilet extension. After a mass Blessing of the Bears by Canon Dave, nearly 40 teddies (and other creatures) were launched on a zip wire from the church tower, much to the delight of their waiting owners. The Duke and Duchess of Devonshire came along, with an elephant and a small pink bear lent to the Duke and Duchess being among the first animals to make the treacherous descent. First Aid was on hand for bumped paws and the children enjoyed putting plasters and bandages on to their cuddlies. It was a glorious afternoon, and the abseiling, together with raffle, teas and the sale of delicious home made cakes meant that £350 was raised for the church.

Huge thanks must go to Bob Damarell and Maurice Terry who spent the afternoon up the tower, and to Joy Damarell who was the key person on the ground. Many thanks also to The Smithy for their very kind donation of a voucher for the raffle, together with Roger Sherwood who donated a hairdressing voucher for his salon in Bakewell, the Devonshire Arms which donated a bottle of champagne and Build Ur Bear in Chesterfield who gave a bear.

The afternoon was also the launch of St Anne's Sponsor A Stone appeal. Work will begin shortly on the toilet extension, which will enable the church to be used for bigger events that require suitable facilities. In turn these events will raise more money for the church, thus preserving it for generations to come. The church is giving people who value St Anne's the opportunity to sponsor the cutting of a stone, either as individuals or as groups of friends. All the names of contributors will be recorded and shown on a plaque or roll to be displayed on the wall. If you are interested in sponsoring a stone (prices range from £25 - £100), please do contact Rupert Turner or Fiona Swain (Churchwardens), or Claire Cadogan (Treasurer).

*photograph shows Canon Dave Perkins blessing the bears*



## Can you help St Anne's Church spend a penny?

St Anne's Church, Beeley urgently needs to raise funds in order to keep the church viable with a very small regular congregation. It is a very old and interesting church and is well worth preserving.

In order to make this possible we need to encourage people to use it more – services are held every Sunday at 9.30am for Communion and it is available for weddings, funerals, christening, concerts and other events. There is a family service at 9.30am on the first Sunday of the month. However, we are hampered by not having any toilet facilities at the church or in the village!

We have obtained planning permission to build a toilet suitable for everyone, including disabled people. This will be situated next to the porch and, as the building has to fit in perfectly with the old church it will be built using the same stone.

The Duke's Charitable Trust has very kindly made a substantial donation and we have been granted a National Lottery Awards for All Grant. The Church will, of course, be using a great deal of its own funds too. Therefore we would be very grateful for contributions from people who value this church, and so we are offering the opportunity to sponsor the cutting of a stone, either as individuals or as groups of friends. All the names of contributors will be recorded and shown on a plaque or roll to be displayed on the wall.

The stones are as follows:

small stones at £20 each
medium stones at £40 each
larger stones at £75 each and
extra-large stones at £150 each

If you would like to sponsor a stone, please complete the form below or contact Canon Dave Perkins on 01246 386385, Claire Cadogan on 01629 732003 or Judith Fraser-Martin on 01629 733463, or any PCC member. You can also contact Claire Cadogan by email [Claire.cadogan1@gmail.com](mailto:Claire.cadogan1@gmail.com)

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I/We would like to sponsor a:

small stone at £20 each <input type="checkbox"/>	medium stone at £40 each <input type="checkbox"/>
larger stone at £75 each <input type="checkbox"/>	extra-large stone at £150 each <input type="checkbox"/>

and enclose cash or cheque for £.....(payable to Beeley Parochial Church Council\*)

I/We would like the donation to be recorded as a donation from -

.....

I/We would like Beeley Parochial Church Council to claim gift aid on my/our donation

Address-----

\*If you would like to make a payment online instead, or by CAF cheque, please contact Claire Cadogan. Please return to Canon Dave Perkins, Rupert Turner, Claire Cadogan, Gloria Sherwood, Vernon Mather, Judith Fraser-Martin or Sarah Porter.

## Pilsley Village Fair & Well Dressing

The theme of the main Pilsley Well Dressing this year was the First World War. We took the badge of the Sherwood Foresters as the central picture and the battles fought appeared in the side panels, with the Regimental Mascot in the top semicircle. The badge and panels were copied from the Roll of Honour and War Memorial in St. Peter's Church, Edensor and Revd. Canon Dave Perkins came to bless the wells on the Thursday evening. The Village Fair was well attended and enjoyed good weather. The village queen was crowned by the oldest man in the village, Stan Liddicot (who also happened to be the great grandfather of this year's queen - Olivia) and the Fair was opened by Canon Dave Perkins.

We had a wonderful afternoon, with an 'old fashioned' village fête atmosphere - people sitting in the sun listening to Tideswell Band, watching the children from Pilsley CofE School Maypole dancing and one of the biggest highlights being a demonstration by the Bonsall Red Barrows. If you haven't seen them I recommend them most highly.

The school well depicted Alice in Wonderland, which had been their summer play and the two smaller wells in the village consisted of the Scouts tribute to the First World War and the toddlers 'Air Ambulance' dressing.

A great day, which was enjoyed by many people and raised just over £2,500.



### **CHATSWORTH HORTICULTURAL SHOW SATURDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST CAVENDISH HALL, EDENSOR**

Doors open at 3pm

For a show schedule and entry form  
please email:

[mrselliott2114@gmail.com](mailto:mrselliott2114@gmail.com)



Brief Notes from Edensor Parochial Church Council Meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2014  
There were 7 members of the PCC present and apologies were received from two PCC members.

Canon Dave Perkins opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the meeting held on May 12<sup>th</sup> were agreed and signed as correct.

- Bell ringing:* Canon Perkins said what a great success Edensor Day had been, but that he had received a complaint from an Edensor resident about the length of time that the bells had been rung (7 – 8.30pm). The meeting agreed to put a limit of 6pm on the time for the bell ringing. The secretary said that she will inform the Tower Captain, and Liz Bradshaw will inform visiting ringers.

- History of the Churchyard proposal:* Canon Perkins has received a proposal from Brian Edwards of Baslow, who is interested in doing a publication to tell the stories of the people in Edensor churchyard. The idea would be that the resulting publication would be on sale in Church to benefit Church funds. All were in favour of the idea, and Canon Perkins said that he will put Brian Edwards in touch with David Jackson to take the idea forward and arrange access to Church records for him.

- The Treasurer gave an update on church finances and whilst the bank balance appears fairly healthy at the moment, much of that is already earmarked for the new sound system, work on the north wall, parish share etc.

- The north wall and porch:* we are awaiting a report from Malcolm Sellors on the best way of dealing with the problem of the damp on the north wall and porch; this will then be sent to the architect for his approval/ suggestions.

- Various fundraising ideas were discussed; unfortunately, due to lack of ticket sales, the Midsummer Meander due to take place on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July had to be cancelled. Those who had bought tickets would be refunded.

- The churchwardens had received a quote from Anderson Treecare for two of the lime trees in the churchyard, which, for safety reasons, need to have their crowns reduced by up to 50%. The PCC agreed to accept this quotations and the work will be carried out later in the year.

- After a Health & Safety check it has been decided to purchase two new stepladders, both with safety rails.

- The new sound system will be installed on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> July. The Church will be closed to the public during this period.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

The meeting closed with the Grace.



## **Bakewell Oxfam Supporters Group**

*invite you to come and explore some of*

### **Bakewell's Secret Gardens**

*on Sunday August 24<sup>th</sup> from 2 – 6pm*

The garden trail will be in the North Church Street, Stanedge Road, Church Lane and Fly Hill area.

The gardens vary in size and character with a great variety of plants and some stunning views.

**One charge of £4 gives access to all gardens.**

A free shuttle bus to the neighbourhood of the gardens will be available from outside the Tourist Information Centre.

Delicious refreshments will be available in the Town Hall

There will be Traidcraft, jewellery and plant stalls

All proceeds will go to support the work of Oxfam

For more information ring 01629 812174 or 01629 812946

## **Ashes to ashes...**

Our ash trees are doomed. Ash dieback is now unstoppable, and could mean the end of 45 native species as well as endangering the habitats of nearly 1000 others. Hundreds of insect, mosses, lichens and birds are at risk.

Such is the warning of British ecologists, since ash dieback, or *Chalara fraxinea* was spotted in trees in Britain

in 2012. It has the potential to wipe out the country's 80 million ash trees. Sadly, "it really will matter if we start to lose one of our dominant tree species," said Dr Ruth Mitchell of the James Hutton institute of Aberdeen. A total of 955 species have been found to use ash trees, including wood mice, squirrels, bullfinches, wrens, blue tits, bats, beetles and moths. The warmer and more humid it gets, the more quickly the disease will spread.

## **Cut your water costs**

What uses most water in your home? Taking a shower, according to the Energy Saving Trust. An average shower lasts seven and a half minutes, and just cutting a minute off that time would save households £215m on energy bills a year. As for the kitchen, more than three quarters of us still

boil more water than we need in the kettle. That overfilling costs us £68m a year.

These three simple tips could save your household £22 on energy bills each year: install an eco-shower head to a mixer or power shower; wash your clothes at 30; and boil only the water that you really need.

## One thousand #NewRevs

*“a remarkable gift to both Church and Nation”*

The Church of England has been ordaining nearly 1000 men and women this summer to minister in churches across the country. With backgrounds ranging from the Army, banking, social media consultancy and racecourse management, these new deacons and priests have been celebrating their new roles as “Reverends” within the Church of England.

As part of the celebrations those being ordained (ordinands) their friends, family, congregations and clergy are being encouraged to use twitter to congratulate and celebrate these [#NewRevs](#).

As part of the ordination service, the new priests and deacons are addressed by a Bishop of the diocese in which they will serve who says: “They are to proclaim the gospel in word and deed,

as agents of God's purposes of love. They are to serve the community in which they are set, bringing to the Church the needs and hopes of all the people. They are to work with their fellow members in searching out the poor and weak, the sick and lonely and those who are oppressed and powerless, reaching into the forgotten corners of the world, that the love of God may be made visible.”

The Bishop of Sheffield, Steven Croft, Chair of the Church of England's Ministry Council, said:

“The ordination of nearly a thousand new deacons and priests in this season is a huge encouragement to see so many women and men in every age group responding to God's call to ordained ministry.” The total numbers of those ordained is 962, made up of 488 Deacons who have just completed their ministerial training, and 474 priests.

## Combatting the problem of social isolation

*Philip Barron considers loneliness.*

It may surprise you to learn that a million more people in the UK are living alone than in 1996 (7.6 million). About a third of these are elderly, while for a fifth of the total there is contact with family, friends or neighbours only once a week or less. Almost five million say that TV is their main source of company.

Evidence gathered by the American author Robert Putnam and others suggests that many know neighbours less well and see old friends less often.

The Department of Health finds that a significant amount of ill-health is connected with loneliness, so it is likely that modest expenditure on helping individuals could save large sums on social and health care. Human beings are social creatures and it's through relationships that we gain our sense of belonging. This enables us to build the network of friendship and support (social capital) that helps us to connect with one another. Several charities, such as Age UK, are now addressing this need to reduce social isolation. More can be done at the personal and local level to combat the problem.

## The Jason Factor – the small group

A brief extract from Richard Bewes' latest book:

### Equipped to Serve

When Communism was controlling parts of north Africa, a certain national church was officially shut down. No church services were permitted. At the time of the closure the church had numbered some five thousand members. But within a few short years, the church numbered fifty thousand – *without a single church service being held*. Home meetings had been the key.

The point is well taken. Certainly the New Testament Gospel became rooted in people's homes – including that of Jason (Acts 17: 5-9) – so causing reverberations across Thessalonica. The evangelist John Wesley knew of this successful pattern back in the eighteenth century, as he rode towns and villages in his remarkable establishing of 'societies' or 'class meetings' that became connected with wider Methodism. It was the Bible that did it. The power lies there. People were not meeting each other simply to discuss the political scene, or the price of corn.

Of the seventeenth century, the historian G.M. Trevelyan observed that the effect of the study of the Bible in homes –

*upon the national character, imagination and intelligence for nearly three centuries to come was greater than that of any literary movement in our annals or any religious movement since the coming of St Augustine. (History of England, Longman's Green & Co, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, 1942, p. 367).*

Yet accountability to the Church mother body is vital. A group that subsists only within its own walls - as a solitary Club of like-minded members - may well end up as an isolated igloo on the icy wastes of surrounding paganism. Any chance of engaging with society in the public square is reduced to zilch.

Repeatedly it is the mother body that, by experienced leadership, can provide resources in Bible study – complete with leaders' notes - common to every group.

A vicar in East Anglia reported, "With no trained leaders in our church, I was at my wits end. But one day a brochure popped onto my doormat. It highlighted a home group on-screen Bible course entitled Open Home, Open Bible\* - with study guides accompanying each 15-minute DVD. I played one of them at the church council, and somebody said, 'Seeing we have no trained leaders among us, this might work. Anyone can put a DVD on the TV, and presumably we then only have to open our Bibles and look at the

printed questions in the study guides. This looks as though it can run itself. Let's give it a try.'"

A few months passed. The minister was later to report, "From no home groups at all, we now have ten, and altogether we have 120 people studying the Bible, and saying, 'Don't stop the programmes; we want more!' And, now we have self-trained leaders!"

The advantage in a small group is that the members learn to dig out the truths of the Bible for themselves, meanwhile supporting and praying for each other.

If a member of the group falls ill, it need not necessarily be one of the church staff who makes the hospital visit, but instead one or more members of the group who go, equipped with the Bible – and grapes.

Become part of the Jason Factor.... it's happening world-wide!

\*More info on Open Home Open Bible, [www.trinityvision.co.uk](http://www.trinityvision.co.uk)

## **Exhibition of Dolls Houses, Dolls and Toys**

9th-25th August: Exhibition  
11.0am-4.0pm

### **The Newark Room of All Saints' Church Bakewell**

The Parish Church has been lent an extensive collection of dolls, dolls houses and toys for an exhibition in the Newark in aid of the Roof Appeal Fund. It will be an opportunity to see this unique collection which dates from late Victorian times through to the 1930's.

There will be a **Preview Evening on Friday 8th August** when Pat and Bill Bryant will be present to tell you about the exhibits.

**Tickets priced at £10 to include a glass of fizz on arrival and canapés, with a cash bar available, can be obtained from:-**

**Mary Chaplin telephone 01629 810323 or email: [r.ropes@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:r.ropes@yahoo.co.uk)**

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The exhibition is all of English dolls, dolls houses and toys, from a simple Victorian plain fronted house for the lower end of the market to more elaborate styles with staircases and beautifully turned balustrading to verandas and balconies. There is a house that was especially made for Hamleys and one that is a model of the Little House at Windsor given to Princess Elizabeth on her sixth birthday by the people of Wales.

Almost all English dolls houses were made by G&J Lines, Lines Brothers or Triang.

The dolls are all soft character dolls made by Chad Valley, Deans Rag Book, Norah Wellings, and Merrythought – among them one depicting Princess Elizabeth; one a Mabel Lucy Attwell character and one Sonja Henie, Olympic ice skating gold medallist who became a film star.

The toys include a Punch & Judy theatre, a gypsy caravan, a Triang shop and a Triang water cart.

**Entry free. Donations appreciated**

## **The Way I See It : What's in a word?**

*Canon David Winter ponders the power in words...*

We were in the supermarket queue. The woman in front of me was greeted by a friend, who asked how she was. 'Well,' she replied, 'I've been under the doctor again with my legs'. Her friend knew what she meant. I knew what she meant and the woman at the till knew what she meant. But try translating that into, say, French: 'J'étais sous le medecin encore avec mes jambes'. Now it becomes utterly baffling, and possibly indecent.

Words are funny things and our use of them even funnier. Most languages, and even local areas, have ways of saying things that are peculiar (in the proper meaning of the word). I remember years ago driving past a scrawled sign at the side of a major road in the north-east where there had been several nasty accidents. 'Gan canny, hinnes', it advised. Clearly 'foreigners' were welcome to kill themselves if they chose.

Mostly our little misunderstandings of what is said or written don't matter, but sometimes they matter a great deal. We ask, in the Lord's Prayer, that God will not 'lead us

into temptation'. Why on earth would he want to do that? Later in the Bible we are told quite clearly 'God himself tempts no one. But one is tempted by one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it' (James 1:13). The word translated as 'temptation' in the Lord's Prayer really means 'tested' - but every time anyone has tried to change it we all complain. Familiarity always trumps accuracy!

It's also true of familiar sayings. 'The exception proves the rule' is commonly taken to mean that a single exception demonstrates the accuracy of the proposition. In fact, of course, it's the old meaning of 'proves', which is (again) 'tests'. The exception tests the theory. If there's a single exception, then there's no 'rule'.

In practice, we assume that people understand - and if they don't, they very quickly learn. Normally it doesn't matter. One could hear what the woman said in the supermarket queue and remain baffled by her meaning (as many younger people would be) without it affecting us at all.

But sometimes it's important. For instance, Jesus didn't 'come back from the dead'. He rose. Believe me, there's a big difference!

## From fisherman to rock man

Preb Richard Bewes considers how St Peter became 'The Rock'...

*'Blessed are you, Simon, son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it' (Matthew 16: 17, 18).*

Here is the hinge moment of Matthew's Gospel. The little company had reached Caesarea Philippi, at the source of the river Jordan. Part of it is a grotto – said to be the birthplace of the god Pan. Jesus would have been standing beside the ancient carved shrines to Pan - still visible today - as he addressed the disciples: "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

The answers came quickly: John the Baptist back again? A famous prophet from the past? But then it became personal. "But who do YOU say that I am?" *It is the sixty-four thousand dollar question.* Get it wrong – and even our very existence won't quite make sense. People sometimes say, "I don't understand about Jesus! God I can understand - but where does Jesus fit in?" It was that great theologian, Athanasius - Egyptian born and Greek trained - who gave the answer sixteen centuries ago. He

said, "The only system of thought into which Jesus Christ will fit, is the one in which He is the starting point!"

Get it right about Jesus, then - and everything else will begin to glow with significance. Get it wrong – and we'll be like the man who does up his shirt buttons in the morning, *starting with the wrong button!* He may say to himself, "Well, it'll probably work out if I just keep on" – No, it won't! It's the same with Christ. Get it wrong about him, and the very meaning of life and existence will always remain a puzzle. Jesus Christ, the first and the last, is the culmination of all God's saving purposes for our world; 'YOU... are the very Messiah of God!' exclaimed Simon.

Simon the fisherman had hit the jackpot and so became spokesman for us all. Jesus re-names him Peter - *Petros* 'the Rock.' That name – 'Peter' – would go world-wide. University colleges would be called by that name. Whole cities would be called after Peter – and countless thousands of churches, the same. Mums and dads all down history, by the million, would call their sons 'Peter,' and their dogs 'Caesar' – just one of the changes Jesus makes!

## GOD IN THE ARTS

*The Rev Michael Burgess surveys works of sacred art that can be found in the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam..... you can see the image by googling the title of the painting and the artist.*

### 'He gave us eyes to see them': **The Seven Acts of Mercy – by the Master of Alkmaar**

The number seven has always been regarded as a sacred, mystic number. In Hebrew the verb to swear means literally 'to come under the influence of seven things,' and in Scripture and the Christian tradition we have the number seven with the days of creation, the churches of Asia Minor, the deacons in Acts, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the joys and sorrows of Mary.

This month we focus on the seven acts of mercy depicted in seven panels painted by the Master of Alkmaar in 1504. Now in the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam, this work was originally commissioned by the Holy Spirit Brotherhood of St Laurence's church in Alkmaar. The panels were badly damaged in the iconoclasm of 1566, but they survived and have been restored to show the power of their message.

The background to each of the panels is a typical city, and so at the very least it is a wonderful impression of Dutch life at the beginning of the 16<sup>th</sup> century. But

the pervasive theme is to show how we can live a good life by practising the seven acts of mercy. In chapter 25 of St Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the sheep and goats. He has already told his listeners to be ready and awake like the ten bridesmaids and to use our gifts and talents wisely. Now he stresses that the faithful disciple who feeds the hungry, gives a drink to the thirsty, welcomes the stranger, clothes the naked, cares for the sick or visits the prisoner is not only serving those in need around, but serves Jesus himself. To those six acts the medieval tradition added burying the dead, and that is the theme of the central panel where Jesus is shown depicted in the sky above on the Day of Judgement.

In the other acts of mercy, Jesus is there among the people. With the panel showing the feeding of the hungry, we see a couple handing out bread from a basket to those around. Jesus is behind the man giving out the loaves his wife has baked, looking on at this act of goodness. We who stand in front of the panel are reminded that in serving others, we also serve Christ. Follow these examples in the seven panels, the artist is saying, and you will be a faithful disciple. To drive that crucial point home, the inscription below says that good deeds on earth will be repaid a thousand-fold in heaven.

Dostoevsky in 'The Brothers Karamazov' tells a traditional Russian story of an old lady who, after a bad-tempered and selfish life, dies and is consigned to the lake of eternal fire in hell. As she floats in the lake, she looks up and sees the angels and the saved souls in heaven. She cries out to one of the angels for help. He leans down and tells her that if she can remember a good deed she did on earth, he will try to help. The old lady says that once she gave an onion to a beggar at the door. The

angel reaches down, holding the very onion, and tells her to take hold of it and be lifted up to heaven. She grasps the onion eagerly and is slowly lifted out of the lake. But others have noticed and start to hang on to her clothes and limbs to be lifted up as well. The old lady kicks them off, shouting, 'Get out of it. It is not your onion. It's mine.' And at the word 'mine', the angel lets go of the onion.

## **4<sup>th</sup> August – Time for Lights Out!**

Every householder in Britain is being asked to turn out their lights at 11pm on 4<sup>th</sup> August, to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the outbreak of the First World War.

The nationwide event is based on the famous comment attributed to Sir Edward Grey, the Foreign Secretary, on the eve of the conflict in 1914. He said: "The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our lifetime." He made the remark the day before war was declared, as he gazed across St James's Park from his window at the Foreign Office at the gas lamps being lit.

The switch-off is being called Lights Out, and is backed by the Government as "one of the most dramatic UK-wide events ever organised." Throughout the UK, everyone is being invited to "turn off their lights and to replace them with one single light, to remember a day that changed the world forever."

The 'Lights Out' will take place at the same time as a candlelit vigil of prayers, readings and music held in Westminster Abbey. There candles will be extinguished one by one until a single flame is snuffed out at 11pm. More details at:

[www.centenarynews.com](http://www.centenarynews.com)





THE GREAT WAR  
1914 - 1918

**THE WAR TO  
END ALL  
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GREAT WAR:  
The War Poets**

by David Winter

We have seen how the songs of the music halls mirrored - and even shaped - the public mood about the war. At the same time some of the finest young British poets were serving at the front, writing poetry that they never expected to be published, storing it in diaries or in letters home. Among them were probably the greatest of the war poets, Wilfred Owen, and the most widely known to generations of poetry lovers, Rupert Brooke. Laurence Binyon was not a soldier but an Oxford academic, who in the early months of the War wrote a poem which contains surely the best known lines of any poem in English:

*They grow not old, as we that are left grow  
old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years  
condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the  
morning  
We will remember them.*

Brooke's 'The Soldier' - 'If I should die think only this of me' - is a beautifully crafted and deeply moving sonnet, suggesting that had he lived he would have held a high place among English lyric poets. But today it is the anger, frustration and utter despair of his fellow poets in the trenches which has made their work memorable. Owen's

'Anthem for Doomed Youth', or his even angrier 'Dulci et decorum est' - a bitter rejection of the notion that it is 'sweet and honourable to die for your country' - powerfully capture the horror of war. Many of them, including Brooke, Owen and Rosenberg, were killed in action, Owen in the last few days of the War.

For the most part it was probably a decade after its end before their truthful but deeply disturbing work began to be fully recognised and honoured. It's not surprising that in the aftermath of war, with virtually every family in the country bereaved, the preference was to remember acts of valour and the hard-won victory rather than the slaughter and suffering that it entailed. The hymn 'O Valiant Hearts' was enormously popular at that time: 'In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land/ commits her children to thy gracious hand'.

This year many people are turning again to the Great War poets - several new collections have been published. There are a few women among them - Muriel Stuart's 'Forgotten Dead, I salute you' - and powerful poetry by men like Siegfried Sassoon ('Everyone Sang'), Isaac Rosenberg ('Returning, we heard the larks') and A.E. Housman ('Here dead we lie').

It may be that only now, a century later, can we see the strange paradox that the most brutal of wars could also produce wonderful acts of valour and self-sacrifice, and the muddy trenches of battle some of the finest poetry of modern times.

# KNOWN TO GOD

Remembering those who died in the Great War? These are the words of the tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Westminster Abbey

BENEATH THIS STONE RESTS THE BODY  
OF A BRITISH WARRIOR  
UNKNOWN BY NAME OR RANK  
BROUGHT FROM FRANCE TO LIE  
AMONG  
THE MOST ILLUSTRIOUS OF THE  
LAND  
AND BURIED HERE ON ARMISTICE  
DAY  
11 NOV: 1920, IN THE PRESENCE OF  
HIS MAJESTY KING GEORGE V  
HIS MINISTERS OF STATE  
THE CHIEFS OF HIS FORCES  
AND A VAST CONCOURSE OF THE  
NATION

THUS ARE COMMEMORATED THE  
MANY  
MULTITUDES WHO DURING THE  
GREAT  
WAR OF 1914 - 1918 GAVE THE  
MOST THAT  
MAN CAN GIVE, LIFE ITSELF,  
FOR GOD  
FOR KING AND COUNTRY  
FOR LOVED ONES HOME AND  
EMPIRE  
FOR THE SACRED CAUSE OF  
JUSTICE AND  
THE FREEDOM OF THE WORLD

THEY BURIED HIM AMONG THE  
KINGS BECAUSE HE  
HAD DONE GOOD TOWARD GOD  
AND TOWARD  
HIS HOUSE

Around the main inscription are four Bible texts:

THE LORD KNOWETH THEM THAT  
ARE HIS (top) 2 Timothy 2:19

UNKNOWN AND YET WELL  
KNOWN, DYING AND BEHOLD WE  
LIVE (side) 2 Corinthians 6:9

IN CHRIST SHALL ALL BE MADE  
ALIVE (base) 1 Corinthians 15:22

GREATER LOVE HATH NO MAN  
THAN THIS (side) John 15:13

These four Bible verses were chosen because many of those who fought and died 100 years ago believed:

- God exists
- We are known individually by him
- Jesus Christ made it possible for us to know God
- Because of Jesus, we can have life after death

When we are silent, sometimes we can become more aware of God's presence. Just as troops on the battlefields called out to God, you can talk to him about the big issues in your life.

Most people pray at some time in their lives. In war and in peacetime, throughout history, men and women have called out to God. Prayer connects us with God. You can use your own words or the following words of King David, written around 3,000 years ago.

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*Hear my prayer... When I am in distress, I call to you, because you answer me.*  
Psalm 86 verses 6 & 7.

Many soldiers and their families found comfort and strength in Psalms like these and in talking to the God who promises: *'You will seek me and find me*

*when you seek me with all your heart.'*

Jeremiah chapter 29 verse 13.

This is an extract adapted from 'Silence' - a booklet for the World War I commemorations produced for Hope14 by CPO – find out more at [www.hopetogether.org.uk/greaterlove](http://www.hopetogether.org.uk/greaterlove)

*Tim Lenton remembers a very special young lady, who went to her death in Bergen-Belsen*

## **70 years since Anne Frank's diary ended – abruptly**

Many people think of Anne Frank as a Dutch girl, but she was born – and died – in Germany. It's now exactly 70 years since she recorded the final entry in her diary while hiding from the Nazis in a secret annex in Amsterdam, which had become her home town after her Jewish family had fled the Nazis.

Her full name was Annelies Marie Frank, and that last entry in the diary given to her by her father was made on 1<sup>st</sup> August, 1944. She was 15 years old. Three days later her hiding place was raided following a tip-off. She and her family were taken to Auschwitz concentration camp. Anne and her sister were later transferred to Bergen-Belsen, where they died of typhus.

Their father Otto, a former German soldier and businessman who was

the only member of his family to survive the death camps, was impressed and deeply moved when he discovered what his daughter had written. He arranged for parts of it to be published, and it is now known universally as *The Diary of Anne Frank*. It has been filmed many times, adapted for the stage and translated into many languages.

It tells the inspiring story of how eight people survived the Nazi occupation of Amsterdam by living for over two years in a dark, concealed part of Otto's company building, protected and fed by – among others – two Christians who ran the company on the owner's behalf.

Throughout the diary runs a thread of faith, hope and love, tinged with despair. A fortnight before she was captured, the teenager wrote: "I feel the suffering of millions. And yet, when I look up at the sky, I somehow feel that everything will change for the better, that this cruelty too shall end, that peace and tranquillity will return."

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

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

### **New Patients Welcome**

**GP Appointments:** can be booked up to 2 weeks in advance via the Internet and 1 week in advance via telephone/reception. **Nurse appointments** can be booked up to 3 months in advance, via telephone/reception.

### **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 (07:30 until 19:30) Tuesday to Friday 08:00 to 18:30 (closed Bank Holidays)

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

**Surgery Closure** – Our next half day closure for training is Wednesday afternoon 17<sup>th</sup> Sept; 15<sup>th</sup> Oct. & 19<sup>th</sup> Nov..

**Email-** Please contact the reception and give us your email address if you would like to have the option of being contactable via email and

receive the Practice and the Patient Participation Group newsletter.

### **Patient Participation Group (PPG)**

– If you want to be kept up to date and have the opportunity to express your views please consider joining Baslow's PPG. Contact Keith Maslen on [kmaslen@aol.com](mailto:kmaslen@aol.com) 01246 582274 Virtual members welcome.

### **Ordering Repeat Medication**

All requests for repeat prescriptions must be:-

- In writing or with our on-line 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

**Samples** – if you need to leave a sample with us please ensure it is labelled with your name and date of birth and returned in the bag.

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

**For Urgent Calls: -  
01246 582216 or 111**

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July solution  
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August Sudoku ☞

## Tea and a chat can be better than a care visit

If you volunteer to simply have a cup of tea with a lonely pensioner, you could be doing them more good than a visit from a professional care worker. That is the view of Norman Lamb, the Care and Support minister, who holds that there is “no substitute for companionship” and urges people to “reach out to someone” in their local community.

Writing recently in the Easter Daily Press, Mr Lamb said: “Helping a lonely older person could be something as simple as popping round for a cup of tea, or helping them to do their grocery shopping. We can all take small steps to reach out to someone in our community.”



## Do you believe the motoring myths?

Many of us drivers waste money and risk damaging our cars because of the ‘motor myths’ going around. For example, do you think that premium fuel is good for cars every now and then? False. High-grade fuel is suitable only for high-performance cars.

What about the idea that it’s best to fit new tyres to the front axle? False. Having more grip on the REAR axle improves stability on slippery roads.

Should your car be warmed up before driving off? No. The engine will warm up more quickly, use less fuel and pump out fewer carbon emissions if you drive at once.

Finally, what about running the fuel tank near to empty in order to help clean it? False. Fuel tanks do not ‘self clean’, and driving with little or no fuel can be almost as damaging to your vehicle as putting in the wrong fuel.

*(Tips from car supplier Lex Autolease)*

## SERVICES & ROTAS FOR AUGUST 2014

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
<b>3</b>	9.30am Holy Communion	Mrs Mather	Sarah & Judith 6 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>
<b>10</b>	9.30am Holy Communion	Mrs Fearn	
<b>17</b>	9.30am Holy Communion	" "	Lynda & Di 20 <sup>th</sup> - 23 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>24</b>	9.30am Holy Communion	Mrs Hopkins	
<b>31</b>	9.30am Holy Communion	" "	
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
<b>3</b>	10.45am Holy Communion	Mrs Thomas + I	
<b>10</b>	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Gordon	
<b>17</b>	10.45am Matins	Jean Clarke & Mrs Jackson	
<b>24</b>	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Machin	
<b>31</b>	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Wardle	
<u>COFFEE</u>		<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
<b>3</b>	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	Wilma Day
<b>10</b>	M Douglas/Diana Maskery	Mr & Mrs Wardle	" "
<b>17</b>	Mr & Mrs Harding	Mr & Mrs Carter	Liz Bradshaw
<b>24</b>	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mr & Mrs Nelson	Wedding flowers
<b>31</b>	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	To be confirmed
<u>READINGS</u>		<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S &amp; SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
<b>3</b>	Isaiah 55: 1-5 Matthew 14: 13-21	Diana Walters <i>Trinity Seven</i>	Sophia Hinxman-Allegri <i>Children in service</i>
<b>10</b>	1 Kings 19: 9-18  Matthew 14: 22-33	Margaret Thomas  <i>Trinity Eight</i>	Rupert Turner/ Lynda Hinxman-Allegri <i>No Sunday School</i>
<b>17</b>	Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8 Matthew 15: 21-28	Molly Marshall <i>Trinity Nine</i>	Claire Cadogan <i>No Sunday School</i>
<b>24</b>	Acts 5: 12-16 Luke 22: 24-30	Christine Robison <i>St. Bartholomew the Apostle</i>	Fiona Swain <i>No Sunday School</i>
<b>31</b>	Jeremiah 15: 15-21 Matthew 16: 21-end	Mavis Cunningham <i>Trinity Eleven</i>	Lynda Hinxman-Allegri <i>No Sunday School</i>

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