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In St. John's Gospel Chapter 6 verse 35, Jesus says, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Bread as one of the oldest and most popular prepared foods around the world comes in many shapes and forms: chapattis, rotis and naans from South Asia; tortillas from South America; flat and unleavened breads, like the Jewish matso; and the wide variety of wheat and other grain breads of the North. Other ingredients can be added to the basics of flour and water, and entire meals can be based on bread, like pizza, bagels and sandwiches, or accompanied by bread in some form.

English-speaking cultures have attributed more than nutrition to bread, seen in phrases like "breadwinner" for the family wage-earner; "putting bread on the table", meaning providing the necessities of life; and "bread" as a synonym for money.

So what does it mean that, in John's words, Jesus called himself the bread of life? What is John trying to tell us about the person of Jesus Christ and what Jesus means in our lives? John's Gospel gives us descriptions of Jesus in seven "I am" statements. The light of the world, the door, the good shepherd, the resurrection and the life, the way, the truth and the life, the true vine and the bread of life, which I am writing about in this article. Jesus being described as the bread of life is linked to a miracle. It builds on the theme of Jesus feeding the five thousand. Jesus had broken bread to feed the crowd, and he had walked on water to be with his disciples. He had surely done enough to prove that he is the one who provides for people's needs, and to earn the understanding and respect of the people. Surely they should see him as the Son of God and king? But somehow they don't. They mutter and look back to the past, refusing to see the similarities between what God has done and what he is doing now in Jesus. As he describes himself as the bread of life, he is asking his hearers to recognise him as more than all they had ever felt they needed. The bread is for life. Not a life centred around our needs, but rather a life of dependency only on God, the life that Jesus has shown us. This

is a life in which God is God and nothing will be lost that God has given to Jesus. To find our life in Jesus is to receive life, eternal and real.

Finding God in the ordinary things of daily life is recognising God with us in simplicity, meaning and beauty. How many times will we eat and touch bread today? It may be the bread which breaks our night fast, the bread that accompanies other meals, nourishes and satisfies our need, or the bread we receive at the service of Holy Communion that speaks of mystery, sacrifice and holiness to our lives.

Even if just for today, allow God to speak and be with you as you take these breads. Ask for bread for others. Reflect on the goodness and provision of God. Thank God for all that you enjoy.

Every blessing
Canon Dave

For your diaries!

DERBY CATHEDRAL CHOIR CONCERT

FRIDAY 17TH 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.

Tickets available from Dave Perkins or the wardens. There will be no charge for entry to this concert but there will be a retiring collection.

Refreshments will be available during the interval

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St. Anne's	Wardens:-	Rupert Turner	01629 732794
		Fiona Swain	ex directory
	Treasurer:-	<i>to be confirmed</i>	
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		David Jackson	01246 583452
	Treasurer:-	Mark Titterton	01246 582245
		e-mail: mtitterton@btinternet.com	

Dates for your Diary -October

- 11 Visiting ringers at St. Peter's from Christchurch, Friezland 4.30 - 5.15pm
12 Bakewell & Ashford film Society 7.30pm Medway Centre 'About Elly'
14 **BEELEY WI Monthly Meeting 6.30***pm Village Hall
'Making Jewellery' Exploring new craft techniques to make a bracelet to be proud of - children welcome - Janet Fairley
***Note early start** Tea & raffle: Di
Beeley WI October cinema trip - Group outing to see one of the latest releases - date and venue to be decided nearer the time.
- 15 **CHATSWORTH WI Monthly Meeting 7pm Edensor Tea Cottage**
Quiz: Mary's Tin! Competition: Pumpkin Lantern
Tea: Mrs Adams Vote of Thanks: Mrs Haynes
- 17 St. Peter's Church, Edensor 7.30pm - Peter Gould and Derby Cathedral Choir concert. Tickets are available from Dave Perkins or the wardens. There will be no charge for entry to this concert but there will be a retiring collection. Refreshments will be available during the interval.
- 20 BEELEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7.30pm Village Hall - All welcome

Early Notice

Saturday 6th 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. Tickets £17.50 from Dave Perkins 01246 386385; Liz Bradshaw 01246 582421; David Jackson 01246 583452 - bar available.

St. Peter's Church 100 Club August Draw 2014

1st Prize £30 - no. 31 Jean Tindale

2nd Prize £20 - no. 81 Sean Read

Funds to church this month - £50

Ann Hall

'SPICE' Sunday - St. Peter's

The next 'SPICE' Sunday will be on Sunday 12th October. Please remember to bring your 5pence pieces and remind anyone who collects them for you. Many thanks for continuing to support us with the fundraising scheme.

FROM THE REGISTERS

ST. PETER'S EDENSOR - WEDDINGS

23RD AUGUST - *Alexander John Mitchell & Nicole Bell*

6TH SEPTEMBER - *Michael David Forster & Stephanie Louise Hanson*

ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR- MEMORIAL SERVICE

19TH SEPTEMBER - *Arthur Thomas Lucas-Hill aged 73*

**ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY
HARVEST FESTIVAL**

*Sunday 12th October 6pm
Everyone Welcome*



*Tea or Coffee & biscuits will be served
at the back of the church after the service*

*Gifts of flowers & fruit to decorate the church would be appreciated and
should be taken to:*

Vernon Mather, 1 Devonshire Square, Beeley

Andrew Fletcher

Died 22nd August at Thornhill House Nursing Home,
Great Longstone aged 65 years

Donations to the PSP Association, in memory of Andrew,
should be sent to:

Peter Morton,
Long Orchard, Beeley, Matlock DE4 2NT

**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 **31st October 2014.**

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

The 'Young Ones'

Once again it's that time of year when there are about to be great changes in the lives of our young people. They may be starting a new school, moving on to higher education or perhaps retraining for a new career. Congratulations to everyone who has successfully completed exams this summer and best wishes for the future. Here is a list of those we know about and apologies to anyone we've missed.

G.C.S.E. Georgia Adams (9) now studying Sports & Exercise at Chesterfield College; Henry Belfiori (9) now going into 6th form to study for 'A' levels; Noah Evans (9) now going into 6th form at Lady Manners to study for 'A' levels Alexander Noble (11) Is continuing at Lady Manners in the 6th form to take his A-levels.

'A.S.' Level: Katie Hill (4) - continues her 'A' level studies at Lady Manners

'A' Level Alicia Noble (4); taking a GAP year before applying to university Rebecca James (3) She is going to do PPE (politics, philosophy and economics) at Durham University.

Further Education: Joseph Greaves - Distinction from Chesterfield College in Sports Development, Coaching & Fitness and also Pass > in FA Coaching. Now continuing to teach PE in Primary Schools in Chesterfield.

Joseph Shafie - Distinction from Chesterfield College in Sports Development, Coaching & Fitness. Staying on at College to do level 4 in the same subject.

University Tim Else has gained a 1st Class Masters Degree from Sheffield University in Accounting & Financial Management and is now going on to do an MSc in Logistics.

Sam James has gained a 1st Class Masters Degree in Chemistry from Durham University and is now applying for graduate schemes in motor industry on the production side.

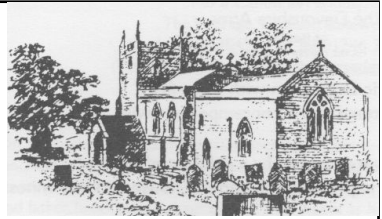
'Old Ones' - Tim Greaves - Gained 4 passes in Preparing to teach in the Life Long Learner section "PTTLS" with a view to teaching construction to school leavers.

St. Peter's, Edensor - MORE CLEANERS NEEDED

We urgently need more people to go onto the cleaning rota at St. Peter's. At the moment we have six couples on the list, which means they clean every six weeks. The ideal would be to have at least two more couples on the rota to make cleaning the church come round every eight weeks - the more people we have on the rota the less often each couple has to clean, so PLEASE CONSIDER adding your name to the list. If you are interested contact Dave Perkins or the wardens.



St. Anne's Church, Beeley



St Anne's Church, Beeley is still fundraising for the new toilet. Building work has already started on the project, with a substantial donation from the The Duke's Charitable Trust and a National Lottery

Awards for All Grant. However, we would still 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
- 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 any PCC member. You can also contact Claire Cadogan by email Claire.cadogan1@gmail.com

I/We would like to sponsor a:

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

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 or Sarah Porter.

Brief Notes from Edensor PCC Meeting held on 3rd September 2014

5 members of the PCC were present and apologies received from 4 others.

Canon Dave Perkins opened the meeting with a prayer and the minutes of the previous meeting were agreed and signed as correct.

- A quote for work on the North wall received from Malcolm Sellors; it was suggested that a second opinion be obtained.
- The Treasurer gave his financial report which was mainly positive, but we must bear in mind that there will be the outlay for work on the North wall and the regular parish share payment etc.
- The state of the church path was discussed with a view to relaying the gravel once work on the trees had been done. Costings had been done for this and John Bowns had offered to do the work free of charge.
- Fundraising events were discussed - Derby Cathedral Choir Concert, Johnny Coppin Concert in December etc.
- Date of next meeting Thursday 27th November at 6pm

The Meeting closed with the Grace.

A Christmas Concert to prepare yourself for the festive season

'ALL ON A WINTER'S NIGHT'

with Johnny Coppin, Paul Burgess and Dik Cadbury

A feast of songs, carols, stories and folklore with material from three Christmas albums.

Johnny Coppin, one of England's finest singer/songwriters presents a fine mix of traditional carols and new songs together with stories, superstitions and folklore from all over the UK and beyond.

Johnny Coppin (*Guitar, Piano and vocals*)

Paul Burgess (*Piano, fiddle, recorders, vocals and stories*)

Dik Cadbury (*Guitars and vocals*)

Cavendish Hall, Edensor, *on the* Chatsworth Estate

Saturday 6th December 7.30pm

Tickets £17.50 ~ *available from:*

Canon Dave Perkins, Churchwardens (Liz Bradshaw 01246 582421;
David Jackson 01246 583452) and Edensor Tea Rooms.

October brings St Luke's Day, the gospel writer who was also a doctor. He is the patron saint of physicians and surgeons. Canon David Williams has been a chaplain in NHS Addiction Services for 16 years; first as whole-time chaplain of Thames Gateway NHS Trust, latterly, in retirement, in a voluntary capacity.

THE VALUE OF CHANCE ENCOUNTERS

A young man was sheltering for the night under one of the Thames bridges in London. He pulled his knees up under his chin, wrapped himself around with his blanket against the cold and watched the rain pouring off the sides of the bridge. He had been there before. But on this night he heard a voice in his head that said, accusingly, 'You should not be here'. 'I know,' he answered. And in the saying of it his resolve was kindled. Next morning he sought help to break free from his addiction, which led him to begin his recovery in an NHS residential detox programme in Kent.

That young man had been literally on the margins of society, but the moment he resolved to turn his life around he was coming in from the cold. Had it been God who spoke to him that night, drawing him back from the brink? Hopefully, after detoxing and some rehabilitation, he would be returning to the everyday world from which he had for so long been estranged. He would be vulnerable and unsure of himself. Who would encourage him? Hopefully, his family would gather him in. But supposing

you had bumped into that young man and he shared his startling experience with you? Or supposing he turned up at your church one Sunday. How would you respond?

Many of the people Jesus helped were chance encounters, like Bartimaeus, the blind man, whom Jesus met as he was leaving Jericho. (Mark 10:46-52) When Bartimaeus called out the disciples tried to shut him up. But Jesus was always alert to the needs of others, so he stopped and engaged this beggar at the roadside. Bartimaeus begged Jesus to help him, and we are told 'immediately he recovered his sight and followed him on the way.' Because of a chance encounter Bartimaeus's life was transformed. Jesus knew the value of chance encounters, what can happen when lives touch accidentally. Fleeting opportunities which come and soon are gone.

Those in recovery from addiction to drugs or alcohol, are, like Bartimaeus, turning their life around. Now they need the professional support of specialist addiction services. But they need the encouragement of strangers too. If they met us on the road, and engaged with us, would we pass by? In such fleeting encounters when someone reaches out to touch us, may be Christ will be touching them too.

The Way I See It : Kingdoms rise and wane

Canon David Winter ponders the Commonwealth...

Two hundred years ago this month a British historian, Edward Gibbon, was visiting Rome. He stood entranced as a group of friars sang their prayers on the Capitoline Hill in the city. Musing on the event afterwards, he reflected on the meaning of what he had seen - a group of devout men who had renounced wealth, power and status singing at the very heart of what had once been the world's greatest empire. The experience led him in due course to write his famous historical work (even those of us who have never read the book know its title) - *The Rise and Fall of the Roman Empire*.

I'm writing this piece during the Commonwealth Games. I wonder what Gibbon would call his book had he been writing about the end of the British Empire, the most extensive and powerful the world has ever known - remember all those globes with the 'British' bits coloured red? It certainly 'rose', driven by explorers,

missionaries and trade - child of a strange combination of religious revival, nautical adventure and the industrial revolution. But it didn't exactly fall. Instead, in a wonderful way, it changed itself over a couple of fraught decades from an empire with an emperor, the British monarch, into a voluntary association of sovereign states. They were united in the values they stood for, in democratic governance, the rule of law and in a shared history. Many of those countries chose to retain the British monarch, not as an emperor but as their titular constitutional head of state.

Now I'm sure Britain has done many bad things in the past, and is probably doing a few now. But let us chalk up the Commonwealth as a wonderful and benign achievement of which our nation and all the members of it can be justly proud. As the only hymn* (so far as I know) to mention it prays: 'For young and old, for commonwealth and nation, Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer'.

* *'Lord for the Years'*, Timothy Dudley-Smith

Could you bear to be left alone with your thoughts?

How would you cope with doing absolutely *nothing* but being alone with your thoughts? It seems that most of us are unable to switch off, and struggle to spend even brief periods of time alone, with nothing to do but

think or daydream. In a research study situation, people who were deprived of access to music or smartphones even preferred to give themselves mild electric shocks rather than simply sit still and think for 15 minutes. The study was published in the magazine 'Science'.

Dress Code for Eternity

Preb Richard Bewes considers what it takes to get you to heaven...

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing wedding clothes. ‘Friend,’ he asked, ‘how did you get in here without wedding clothes?’ The man was speechless” (Matthew 22:11,12)

Ever gone to an evening’s celebration wearing the wrong gear – even turning up mistakenly in fancy dress.... perhaps a zebra skin? You either want to leave fast – or somehow brazen it out.

In this parable of Matthew 22, Jesus was speaking of the kingdom of heaven in terms of a great wedding banquet – for which the invitations were insultingly turned down. Clearly it was the refusal of Christ’s own people – the Jews – that he had in mind (see John 1:11). Accordingly the invitations get extended to ‘the street corners,’ to ‘anyone you find.’ Implication: The joy of heaven’s Kingdom Banquet is extended to the whole world.

But there is an extra turn-up in the second part of Christ’s story. With the banqueting hall full of guests, in comes a man who has got the dress code wrong! His ‘clothing’ – which stands for his character – is unfit for the occasion.

“Character,” said the preacher D.L. Moody, “is worth more than money.

Character is worth more than anything else in the wide world.” And it is our character that is the only thing we can bring with us, when confronted by the gates of heaven. Over the centuries, philosophers and religious leaders have aspired to improve and change human character. “But”, wrote Bernard Levin of The Times, “those who plan to sit around until it happens to all mankind had better bring a cushion and a very long book.”

The only valid solution to the dress code problem is for our ‘clothes’ (our character) to become spotless; washed and purified. The Bible’s good news is that this becomes possible through the free forgiveness of God. All that is required of any would-be banqueter is the acknowledgement that ‘all our righteous acts are like filthy rags’ (Isaiah 64:6), and that we are not fit for heaven’s company but for the shed blood of Jesus Christ that alone provides us with clean clothing (Revelation 7: 13,14).

*Just as I am without one plea
But that Thy blood was shed
for me,
And that Thou bidd’st me come
to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come!*



Traidcraft

Sales this month totalled £629

helped by £140 at the Oxfam Secret Gardens Day and £13 at Village Aid's AGM.

Last month I mentioned the new catalogue which has recently appeared. It features many seasonable items; Christmas cards, of course, but also wrapping paper, calendars, various nativity sets and Christmas decorations as well as a wide range of gifts. There are also Christmas food items, cakes, biscuits and puddings, three different hampers and, several special confectionary boxes.

There are a few new food items as well as the old favourites, including

the entire range of Divine Chocolate. Also some beautiful duvet covers and many new clothing items. Look out for the scarves in particular and the very interesting and unusual pairs of socks. Finally, don't forget the jewellery, necklaces, bangles and earrings and the rest, plus the children's toys.

There will be two sales in the Newark Room at All Saints' Church, Bakewell, on October 10th and November 8th, from 10.30am - 12noon, and also at Great Longstone Village Hall on November 12th. See you there, I hope.

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

BAKEWELL & ASHFORD FILM SOCIETY

October 12th 'About Elly' (2009, Iran) No Cert., 119 minutes
Drama, mystery (Arabic with English subtitles)

A group of middle-class friends travel from Tehran to spend the weekend at the seaside. the children are playing in the sea and one mother asks Elly to watch them. Out of the blue, Sepideh's daughter calls to some men playing volley-ball to rescue one of the children from the water. After rescuing the little boy they seek out Elly, questioning whether she has drowned or returned to Tehran. What has happened to Elly?

Christian Aid Gaza Appeal

Following the recent fighting in Gaza, if you would like to donate to the Christian Aid Gaza Appeal, please visit: www.christianaid.org.uk or text HELP to 70007 to give £5.

The Brighton Bombing – 12th October 1984 – a night to remember

Harvey Thomas remembers that night...

30 years ago this month, as Director of Communications, I was producing the annual Conservative conference at the Grand Hotel Brighton. My wife Marlies was at home in London, '9 ¼' months pregnant!

Before major speeches, I would rehearse with Mrs Thatcher and we had been working in the Grand Hotel until 11 pm on 11th October. The Prime Minister had to leave and suggested that she might call me again around 2:30 am to do some more rehearsal. I went to bed in room 729 and she returned to the hotel about 2:30 and decided to go straight to bed. At 2:55 am I was asleep on the seventh floor. The 'Brighton Bomb', as it became known, was in room 629, immediately below me. When it exploded, five people were killed, many were injured and I went up through the roof of the Grand Hotel and crashed down three floors, coming to rest on a steel girder, just below the fifth floor. The firemen told me that ten tons of rubble landed on top of me.

As I was blown around and then buried, I had no doubt that I was

going to die. As a Christian, I knew I was going to be with the Lord – but that would leave Marlies and our baby (now a beautiful 30-year-old) without a husband and Daddy, and it was for them, not me, that I prayed. On the way up, believing I was going to die, 1 John 1:9 came to my mind – "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." I remember vividly saying to the Lord in all the kerfuffle, "If I've got any sins left unconfessed, please take them as read, because I don't think I've got a lot of time right now."

It was 2 ½ hours later – at 5:35 am, that the firemen were finally able to dig me out. They ignored their own safety, crawling around rubble, hanging out over a 5 storey drop with water pouring down on them from the tanks and live electric cables sparking everywhere.

Later that afternoon, the whole ledge and tons of rubble in which I had been buried, crashed down to the basement. The doctor at the Royal Sussex Hospital said that I had no bones broken and after six baths to clean the rubble off, I was able to be back in the conference hall by 9:45 am - thanks to Marlies rushing down by train from London with some clothes!

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The single item that survived from my room, other than me, was a hard-back Bible given to me as a 21st birthday present.

A year later, Patrick Magee was convicted of the Brighton Bombing and given eight life sentences. And time passed.

In 1998, speaking at a Reconciliation conference in Kentucky, I realised that I was preaching forgiveness but had not given it myself. I wrote to Patrick Magee saying that I forgave him – but that I only had the right to speak for myself and not on behalf of anyone else. We met in person when the Northern Irish prisoners were released in 2000. Pat, who has earned his Doctorate in Philosophy, believed that there was no other option for Nationalists in Northern Ireland, but to go to war with the British Government.

I believe that to be totally wrong!

It was however a genuine belief. Pat and I, Marlies and our two daughters, Leah and Lani have become good friends. We have done a number of seminars together, in which we have discussed my motives as a Christian for offering forgiveness and how reconciliation can be brought about in different areas of the world. Pat once commented, “you lose a little of your soul every time someone is hurt or killed through your action – even in war.” So this October, 2014, I can look back 30 years with both sadness for those who were lost or hurt – and thankfulness that for reasons I do not pretend to understand, I came out of that bomb without structural damage to my body. Others, especially Norman and Margaret Tebbit and John Wakeham, suffered horribly and have shown enormous courage and strength of character, as they fought to recover from that remarkable night 30 years ago.

Don't stop now!

Elderly people will live longer and be happier if they continue working instead of retiring at 65, the new Government ‘champion’ for older workers has said.

Too many people ‘write themselves off’ when they are still fit, according to Ros Altmann, a former director-general of Saga. Many people find they miss work because it not only reduces their income, but also gives them less contact with other people.

Working longer, on the other hand, improves people’s health and wellbeing. They don’t waste their talents and experience. If everyone worked just one year longer, it would bring in an extra £16billion, or add one per cent to the economy. “Older workers have a huge amount to bring to any workforce and are a vast, untapped talent in the British labour market... it makes sense for employers to train someone in their fifties, as they are likely to stay on for 10 years.” The writer of Ecclesiastes points out that “everyone should eat and drink and take pleasure in all his toil – this is God’s gift to man.” (Ecc. 3:13)



THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918

THE WAR TO END ALL WARS: Part: 10 WWI: THE GREAT WAR:

The 'Conchies'

by *David Winter*

For the first two years of the Great War the British Army was made up entirely of volunteers. Urged on by wives and girl-friends, pressurised by public opinion and driven by patriotism, there was at first no shortage of young men willing to sign on and join the battle at the front. However, as casualties multiplied it became increasingly difficult to fill the gaps in the ranks. By 1916 the time had come, the Government decided, to introduce compulsory conscription.

Most men, even if reluctantly, complied. There was still a strong sense in the nation of a shared commitment to support our Allies and defend freedom. But there were some for whom military service raised fundamental moral, ethical and religious questions. In recognition of this, the Government agreed that those who could prove a genuine moral or spiritual objection to the very principle of war could register as 'conscientious objectors'.

Local boards were set up to interview men who wished to register as 'conchies', as they were popularly known, and up and down the land thousands of men appeared before them. Some were arbitrarily rejected, particularly those whose objections

were basically political. Some were required to serve in the Army, but in a non-combatant role. And some - a substantial number - were registered as genuine 'conscientious objectors'.

Of that number, probably a majority argued from a specifically Christian view-point. They felt that killing, even in a 'just' cause, was contrary to the teaching of Jesus. You can't 'love your enemies' by killing them, they said. Some of these were Quakers - members of the Society of Friends - who instead volunteered for the Friends' Ambulance Brigade, which did brave and dangerous work on the front line in France. No one could accuse them of cowardice.

The public as a whole were ambivalent about the 'conchies'. By now Britain was a sorrowing land, with most families experiencing the loss of a son, husband, fiancé or nephew. In this community of shared grief there was a feeling that all should be committed to the cause and all share the pain. However, there was also a detectable strain of admiration for those who had the courage of their convictions, especially if they also committed themselves in some way to the common cause.

This was an issue that did not go away with the end of the war. Indeed, it resurfaced even more powerfully as the Thirties drew to a close and the Peace Pledge Union began to gather strength. 'If anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn the other also', said Jesus. But what if the 'anyone' strikes not mine but someone else's cheek, or a

child's cheek, or my grandmother's cheek? Do I stand helplessly by?

Perhaps in the end it's good that there are people in the community to witness to the virtues of pacifism,

alongside the rest of us, who would (reluctantly) take up arms in a just cause. There seems to me honour in both positions.

Downsizing? Here's an idea...

David Shreeve of the Conservation Foundation considers an idea if you are downsizing anytime soon....

There is much written about downsizing, but what if you are a hoarder and have been for many years? It may have been a hobby or it might just have been a reluctance to part with things that might, one day, just possibly be needed. This is usually linked with believing that should you ever get rid of something, within days you will need it. And so the hoarding continues.

For many people it is often books - some never read - but they remain on shelves for that rainy day when there really will be time to read them. Some may be very old or very rare - but who will treasure them like you have over the years? If you are a book collector you will appreciate the problems of David Bellamy who has not only written many books, but bought books, reviewed books, written forewords and been given countless books as souvenirs and 'thanks yous' from all over the world.

David and his wife Rosemary decided to downsize this year mainly because their garden, created by them over almost 40 years, was demanding so much of their time. They have downsized to a house just a mile away, and not in France as many newspapers reported. David's collection of books could well be unique

and many are going to a new home at The Conservation Foundation in London, which David helped found back in 1982.

Since the 1970s there has been a considerable increase in environmental awareness and many students and researchers will want to read what happened during what was arguably the most important time in growing environmental concern encouraged partly by David Bellamy's television programmes, books and campaigning which encouraged thousands to learn and appreciate the wonders of creation.

David was following in the footsteps of a long line of environmental communicators - many who combined their love of nature with their work in the Church - Revd Gilbert White whose parish of Selborne is still a pilgrimage for nature and environmental book lovers, Reverend C A Johns whose *Flowers of the Field* ran to 28 editions, Andrew Young and W. Keble Martin who spent 60 years working on his *Concise Flora of Britain* which has qualified as being a 'best seller' featuring nearly 1400 species of wild plants found in this country.

David Bellamy hopes that others will want to see their books joining his to form a national collection which will inform and inspire future generations.

If you have any environmental books you would like to donate or would like to support the project contact: info@conservationfoundation.co.uk Or telephone: 0207 591 3111.

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 Vision of St Francis'

by Ludovico Carracci

Saturday, 4th October is the feast day of one of the most loved saints of the Church: Francis of Assisi. His joy in God and his care of all creation have endeared him to Christians through the ages. At Christmas we remember St Francis with the cribs set up in our churches and homes. That tradition harks back to the nativity scene in a cave outside Greccio. St Francis wanted to remind people in that 13th century town of the love that came down at Christmas, and so he invited them to visit the cave.

As they peered in, they saw the first Christmas scene for there was a mother and a new-born child with St Joseph and the animals looking on. That love of the Christ-Child is at the heart of this month's painting from the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam: 'The Vision of St Francis' by Ludovico Carracci. Born in Bologna in 1555, he was one of three brothers who were all artists who made a great impact on the cultural climate of the 16th century.

This painting was created in the 1580s and is almost a triptych. At the left we see the wood and the wilderness. A brother monk who has been following the saint looks on from a distance. To the right we see

Mary robed in blue. And in the centre St Francis holding the babe with love and reverence. All the light in the canvas shines forth from our Lady and her child. For the rest, the world is in darkness waiting for the light of God's love to shine upon it.

When St Francis set up the crib scene at Greccio, he was not offering a pretty picture for people to visit. He was warning those in authority in state and church about power and service, and he was inviting them with ordinary Christians to 'Behold your God, a helpless child. Your God is of your flesh. And he lives in your neighbour.' The crib, the stigmata, the preaching to animals and birds, the dedication to Lady Poverty – they were all marks of the saint's life and were messages addressed to a medieval world where daily life was often a tumultuous mixture of warfare, unrest, hatred, envy and a lust for power. To that world and to our world St Francis proclaims the good news as a message of joy and love in the darkness, just as the joy and love of the Christ-Child lights up the darkness of this painting by Carracci.

God has come to dwell at peace with men and women everywhere. It was a gospel that transformed the life of St Francis, so much so that to many it seemed as if he was clothed with the sun. That truth continues to transform lives for good in our world. And it can transform us as we look on at this special visionary moment in the life of October's saint.

Do we take the Bible for granted?

Bible Sunday 26th October

When we approach Bible Sunday on the 26th October, we remember our debt to those who first translated the Bible into English. We have so many different translations and paraphrases to choose from today. But the Bible had never been in our vernacular until John Wycliffe's translation, completed with the help of others in about 1384. For this and criticism of the Church and its teaching, Wycliffe and his followers, the Lollard lay preachers, were condemned as heretics.

It was not until 1525 that William Tyndale's translation of the Gospels into English was completed and printed, though still in defiance of the law in England. For this Tyndale was condemned and eventually burnt at the stake, in Antwerp, where he had worked in exile. Miles Coverdale continued Tyndale's work and the whole Bible in English was printed in 1535, and eventually the English Bible became accessible to everyone who could read. It is a freedom we in Britain take for granted now. Though in parts of the world where Christians are persecuted minorities this freedom can still be denied.

Even in Uganda in 1972, a largely Christian country, a crisis arose in which the use of the Bible in public worship seemed under threat. President Amin had recently expelled all Israeli citizens from Uganda because

he suspected Israeli military advisors of subversive activity.

Soon afterwards a Bible reading during Thought for Today, on Radio Uganda, quoted from the Old Testament that the People of Israel were coming into their Promised Land. Amin saw this as a modern day threat, and banned the name 'Israel' from being spoken in Uganda.

The Archbishop of Uganda, Erica Sabiti (the first Ugandan to be Archbishop), went to confront the President in his Command Post. The President repeated that the name Israel was never to be spoken. The Archbishop replied, 'But your Excellency, the Children of Israel in the Bible is not the same as the State of Israel today.'

'I forbid it!' the President repeated.

'Your Excellency, if you forbid us to speak the name Israel, you are forbidding us to use this book. The name Israel is written in the Bible from beginning to end.'

'I forbid it!'

The Archbishop, who was small in stature and quite frail, held up a copy of the Bible in front of the towering form of the President. 'Your Excellency, down the centuries Christians have been willing to die to defend the right to read this book. We are ready again.'

The President backed down. Thought for Today, however, was banned.

31st October

All Hallows Eve – or Holy Evening

Modern Halloween celebrations have their roots with the Celtic peoples of pre-Christian times.

In those long-ago days, on the last night of October, the Celts celebrated the Festival of Samhain, or 'Summer's End'. The priests, or Druids, performed ceremonies to thank and honour the sun. For there was a very dark side to all this: Samhain also signalled the onset of winter, a time when it was feared that unfriendly ghosts, nature-spirits, and witches roamed the earth, creating mischief. So the Druid priests lit great bonfires and performed magic rites to ward off or appease these dark supernatural powers.

Then the Romans arrived, and brought their Harvest Festival which honoured the Goddess Pomona with gifts of apples and nuts. The two festivals slowly merged.

When Christianity arrived still later, it began to replace the Roman and Druid religions. 1st November - All Saints' Day - was dedicated to all Christian Martyrs and Saints who had died. It was called 'All Hallows' Day'. The evening before became an evening of prayer and

preparation and was called 'All Hallows' Eve', The Holy Evening, later shortened to 'Halloween'.

For many centuries, however, fear of the supernatural remained strong. During the Middle Ages, animal costumes and frightening masks were worn to ward off the evil spirits of darkness on Halloween. Magic words and charms were used to keep away bad luck, and everybody believed that witches ride about on broomsticks. Fortune telling was popular, and predicting the future by the use of nuts and apples was so popular that Halloween is still sometimes known as Nutcrack Night or Snap-Apple Night.

Today, Christians have learned to turn to prayer instead of charms to overcome the powers of darkness. And the deeper, true meaning of All Hallows' Eve, should not be forgotten. As Christians, we all draw closer to Christ when we remember and give thanks for our loved ones and for others who have gone before us through the gates of death.



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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

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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 15th Oct & 19th 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 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.

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SERVICES & ROTAS FOR OCTOBER 2014

<u>ST. ANNE'S, BEELEY</u>		<u>FLOWERS</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>
5	9.30am Holy Communion(CW)	Mrs Swain	Rupert & Liz 1 st - 4 th
12	9.30am Holy Communion	" "	
	6pm Harvest Thanksgiving Service		
19	9.30am Holy Communion	Mrs Turner	Claire & Di 15 th -18 th
26	9.30am Holy Communion	" "	
2Nov	9.30am Holy Communion	Mrs Mather	Sarah & Claire 29 th - 1 st
<u>ST. PETER'S, EDENSOR</u>		<u>SIDESMEN</u>	
5	10.45am Holy Communion	Jean Clarke & Mrs Jackson	
12	10.45am Holy Communion	Mr & Mrs Machin	
19	10.45am Matins	Mr & Mrs Wardle	
26	10.45am Holy Communion	R S Sherwood/Diana Walters	
2Nov	10.45am Holy Communion	J Bowns/M Pindar	
	<u>COFFEE</u>	<u>CLEANING</u>	<u>FLOWERS</u>
5	Mr & Mrs Carter	Mrs Day/Mrs Walters	Christine Robinson
12	Clive & Joy Thrower	Mr & Mrs Jackson	" "
19	Mr & Mrs Bosett	Mr & Mrs Grimshaw	Mrs Penrose/Margaret N.
26	Mr & Mrs Sherwood	Mr & Mrs Wardle	Margaret Nelson
2 Nov	M Douglas/Diana Maskery	Mr & Mrs Carter	" "
	<u>READINGS</u>	<u>ST. PETER'S</u>	<u>ST. ANNE'S & SUNDAY SCHOOL</u>
5	Revelation 21: 9-14 Matthew 21: 12-16	Bob Carter <i>Dedication Festival</i>	Annabelle Porter <i>Children in service</i>
12	Isaiah 25: 1-9 Matthew 22: 1-14	Roger Wardle <i>Trinity Seventeen</i>	Sarah Porter <i>S.S. Fiona Swain</i>
19	Isaiah 45: 1-7 Matthew 22: 15-22	Trevor Grimshaw <i>Trinity Eighteen</i>	Claire Cadogan <i>S.S. Sarah Porter</i>
26	Colossians 3: 12-17 Matthew 24: 30-35	Gloria Sherwood <i>Last Sunday after Trinity - Bible Sunday</i>	Rupert Turner/ Lynda Hinxman-Allegri <i>(no Sunday School)</i>

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